

Tottori Prefecture's Mt. Daisen Celebrates 1300 Years of History in 2018

# TOTTORI DAISEN











Kaike Hot Springs (Yonago City)



Tottori Hanakairo Flower Park



Shirakabe Storehouses (Kurayoshi City)



Ueda Shoji Museum of Photography



Mizuki Shigeru Road (Sakaiminato City)



Firefly Viewing



Mt. Mitoku Nageiredo Hall (Misasa Town)



Kagikake Pass & Oku Daisen



Nariishi no Hama (Kotoura Town)



Kamochi Shrine



The Tulip Marathon (Hiezu Village)



Jyuun Temple (Daisen Town)

JR Train	
Tokyo to Yonago (Shinkansen/Hakubi Line)	5h20m
Hakata to Yonago	Express
(Shinkansen/Hakubi Line)	4h
Hiroshima to Yonage (Shinkansen/Hakubi Line)	2h51m
Shin-Osaka to Yonag	0 Express
(Shinkansen/Hakubi Line)	2h50m
Kyoto to Yonago	Express
(Shinkansen/Hakubi Line)	3h7m
Okayama to Yonago	Express
(Hakubi Line)	<b>2h</b>
<b>Izumo to Yonago</b> (San-in Honsen)	Express 49m (approx.)

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Osaka to Yonago (Via Chugoku Highway/Yonago Highway )	3h
Nagoya to Yonago	Approx
(Via Chugoku Highway/Yonago Highway )	<b>5h</b>
Hiroshima to Yonago	Approx.
(Via Matsue Highway/San-in Highway)	<b>3h</b>
Fukuoka to Yonago (Via Chugoku Highway/ Matsue Highway/San-in Highway )	Approx. <b>6h</b>
Okayama to Yonago	Approx.
(Via Okayama Highway/Yonago Highway )	<b>2h</b>

(Via Chugoku Highway/Yonago Highway )	5h
Hiroshima to Yonago (Via Matsue Highway/San-in Highway)	Approx. 3h
<b>Fukuoka to Yonago</b> (Via Chugoku Highway/ Matsue Highway/San-in Highway )	Approx. <b>6h</b>
Okayama to Yonago (Via Okayama Highway/Yonago Highway)	Approx. <b>2h</b>
<b>Izumo to Yonago</b> (Via San-in Highway)	1h20m (approx.)

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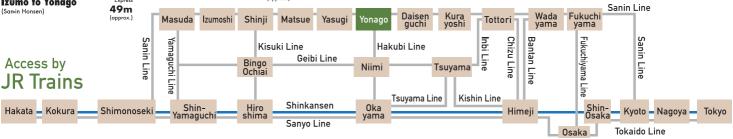
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Tokyo to Yonago(Night Bus)	10h45m
Osaka to Yonago	3h35m
Kyoto to Yonago	4h25m
Hiroshima to Yonago	3h20m
Fukuoka to Yonago(Night Bus)	8h40m
Okayama to Yonago	2h15m (approx.)

Haneda to Yonago(ANA) 1h20m

#### Mt. Daisen is only a 30 minute drive from Yonago Station

The Daisen Loop Bus provides convenient service between April 29th and November 5th on weekends, national holidays, and during Golden Week, summer vacation, and the fall foliage season. Please visit the website below to check the operation time table

http://www.pref.tottori.lg.jp/120712.htm



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A Japan Heritage - Japan's Largest Livestock Market **http://daisen-japan-heritage.jp** 

http://www.hoshitori.com

http://www.facebook.com/daisen1300/

Since time immemorial a world of Eastern mysticism has thrived here. For 1300 years Daisen Temple has stood at the center of it.

## **History of Daisen Temple**

### The Foundation of Daisen Temple

Daisen Temple was established by a hunter named Yorimichi who came from a place called Tamadukuri in Izumo Province (Eastern Shimane Prefecture). According to Daisen Temple history. Yorimichi was out on a hunt and had tracked a golden wolf into the

forests of Mt. Daisen. Closing in for the kill, he drew an arrow and aimed it square at the golden wolf. Then, just before letting his arrow fly, Jizo Bodhisattva appeared before him.

This appearance suddenly awoke a sense of strong faith in Yorimichi and he tossed aside his bow and arrow as a sign he would no longer take the life of another living creature. Seeing this, the golden wolf transformed into an aged nun and addressed him directly. This experience inspired Yorimichi to lead a life of spiritual devotion. He changed his name to Kinren and enshrined Jizo Bodhisattva on Mt. Daisen thus establishing Daisen Temple in the year 718. (Taken from the Daisen Temple Pamphlet)

607: Nara Horyu Temple 712: Kojiki (Records of Ancient Matters

718: Daisen Temple 720: Nihon Shoki

733: Izumo Province Report

759: Manyoshu Japanese poetry

788: Enryaku Temple 816: Kongobu Temple

919: Tenman Shrine



tery for a sect of Shugendo (a religion based on mountain worship involving belief in enlightenment through harsh ascetic practices amid nature) called Daisen Shinko. From the Heian era (794-1185) Daisen Shinko was gradually transformed into Buddhism and, as this shift occurred, more and more temples were constructed in the complex at Mt. Daisen. At the height of its power, Mt. Daisen was home to over 100 temples and 3,000 warrior monks.

From ancient times the people of the Daisen area worshiped the mountain itself as a god. As such, logging was forbidden and the mountain remained off limits to the general public until recent times. For this reason, the forest surrounding the foot of Mt. Daisen has spread out over the centuries and become the largest old-growth beech forest in Western Japan. The rain and snow that pours down upon the widespread forest canopy seeps slowly into the ground and brings forth an abundance of life as it flows through villages, farmlands, ranches, and finally out into the sea.

Today there are a wide variety of popular outdoor activities to engross all five senses in this outdoor paradise. Visitors can work up a sweat while climbing through pristine beech forests to the mountain summit, enjoy leisurely walks along ancient trails, or explore one of the many different cycling routes. Also, the stars as seen from Mt. Daisen shine so clearly that it seems as if an outstretched arm would suffice to pluck one right out of the night sky. The nightscape at the mountain's foot is faintly illuminated by the distant brilliance of electric lights on fishing vessels out at sea as well as the warm glow of summertime fireflies. Here, the light from both heaven and earth unite in harmony.

The clean water, abundant food, unspoiled nature, and spectacular night sky are considered a benefit of the primeval beech forest which, in turn, owes its health to the mountain worshippers that have long served as its stalwart protectors. Here, near the heart of Mt. Daisen, it might even be said that a natural life of overflowing health spilled into a perennial appreciation and veneration that has long enabled the possibility of such a life to continue.

#### The Creation Myth of Shimane Peninsula

The deity Yatsukamizu Omizununo Mikoto that appears in this myth as recorded in the Izumo Province Report of 733 felt displeasure at the narrowness of the Izumo Province. He therefore tore chunks of land away from the Korean peninsula, the Oki islands, and parts of the Hokuriku region and then, using the long shorelines of present day Yumigahama in Tottori Prefecture and Sonononagahama in Shimane Prefecture as ropes, pulled all of these land masses together to form the Shimane Peninsula. Finally, in order to prevent the newly formed land from coming apart, he pegged it in place using Mt. Sanbe and Mt. Daisen as piles.

### Daisen Shinko in the Sanyo Region

Daichimyo Gongen is a manifestation of Jizo Bodhisattva. Daisen Shinko and Shugendo practitioners blended in aspects of both Buddhism and Shintoism in their worship of this deity. The resulting faith, originally unique to Mt. Daisen and termed Daisen Shinko, began to spread around the Sanyo region from the Kamakura era (1185-1333) and, as evidenced by extant temples with ties to Daisen Shinko in both Hiroshima and Okayama Prefectures, still remains strong to this day.



1500km

Since the earliest

chronicles of history

Mt. Daisen has stood

at the center of Japan



### Japan's Largest Livestock Market Fostered by Daisen Shinko

Jizo Bodhisattva is a deity believed to offer salvation to all living organisms. As such, a high priest of Daisen Temple named Kiko decided to distribute paper obusing divine protection for the local livestock while also encouraging their grazing in the pastures around the mountain. This soon resulted in the flourishing of a form of livestock worship in the Daisen area. These well-feed horses and cattle raised in Mt. Daisen's pastures caught the attention of visiting pilgrims and they began to bring their own livestock. Soon livestock competitions were being held during the spring festivals at Daisen Temple. This marked the beginning of a flourishing livestock trade that rapidly developed from the Kamakura era (1185–1333) into Japan's largest livestock market with over 10.000 horses, cattle, and other animals changing hands every year by the middle of the Meiji era (1868–1912).

## Special Buddhist Services at Daisen Temple for Mt. Daisen's 1300 Years of History

開白法要 Inaugural Service for Celebration Period: May, 2017

開創法要 Daisen Temple's 1300th Anniversary Services Sunday, May 20th, 2018

結願法要 Closing Service for Celebration Period: October, 2019

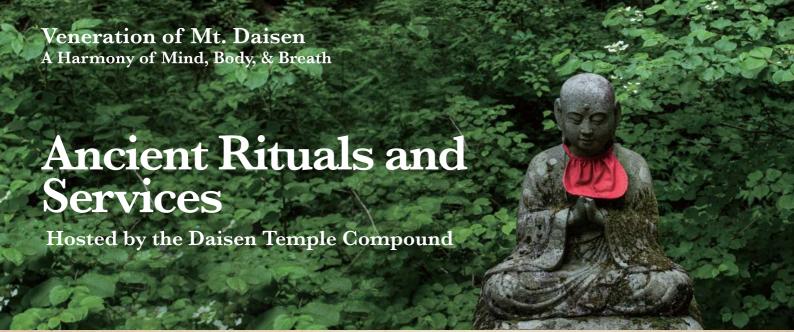
10:00 Main Hall of Daisen Temple 13:30 Special prayer meeting (reservation necessary)

#### Harmony (Totonou)

Mt. Daisen provides the necessities for fostering the harmonic operation of mind, body, and breath.

The local people have always held a profound sense of gratitude for Mt. Daisen for the harmony it brings to their lives. Water nurtured by the beech forests flows down the mountain into villages and then out to sea in a cycle that begets the locality with lush greenery, abundant crops, and large catches of fish. These natural gifts in turn provide the perfect setting to foster a harmony of mind, body, and breath.

These special services to commemorate Mt. Daisen's 1300 years of History will bring fortune and luck to all who participate



#### 御輿行列 The Mikoshi Procession

The Mikoshi Procession is a traditional Buddhist ceremony featuring intricately decorated portable shrines that dates back to the Heian era (794-1185). This year's Mikoshi Procession will mirror those that occurred a thousand years ago in celebration of Mt. Daisen's 1300 years of history.

When: Sunday, May 20th, 2018 Where: Bakuroza Parking Lot -Daisen Temple Main Hall



### 開創法要 Daisen Temple's 1300th Anniversary Service

May

This special Buddhist sermon to commemorate 1300 years of history will bestow blessings upon all participants.

When: Sunday, May 20th, 2018 10:00 Daisen Temple Main Hall

Special Prayer Service\* offered from 13:30 \*(For a fee of 10,000 yen receive the services of a Buddhist monk who will chant sutras to invoke fortune and luck)



### 特別版もひとり神事

## Daisen Mohitori Shinji A National Intangible Cultural Heritage

July

The Mohitori Shinji ritual has been designated as an Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property. "Mohi" refers to a vessel used to serve water used in ancient times. "Tori" refers to the act of taking something. The Mohitori Shinji occurs every year on July 14th to 15th and consists of an evening festival at the Ogamiyama Shrine's Okunomiya followed by a climb up the mountain by a mohi bearer. A ritual is then performed at a pond near the peak of the mountain. After, the bearer draws blessed water from the pond with the mohi and picks herbs.

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To celebrate 1300 years of history there will be a special performance of Kagura (Shinto theatrical dance) on July 14th and a distribution of blessed water to visitors on July 15th.



#### 大山秋季大祭・秋のご縁日 Mt. Daisen Autumn Festival

October

A procession of children dressed in Heian era (794-1185) costumes lines the cobblestone path leading to Daisen Temple under a forest canopy stained in autumn colors. Within the temple grounds an alter featuring a consecrated fire is set up as part of a votive ritual where offerings thrown into the fire are carried up to heaven in exchange for blessings. Later, a tossing of celebratory rice cakes as well as a drum performance by Daisen warrior priests caps the festivities



#### 1300 Years of History Special Buddhist Service\* \*(Reservation Required)

The Daisen Temple Kitofuda talismans were a determining factor for the designation of Matsue Castle as a Japanese National Treasure. Special Buddhist services to invoke fortune and luck will be held from the first day of the opening ceremony until the end of November.

The Daisen Temple Main Hall is situated at an altitude of 900 meters and enshrines a temporary manifestation of Jizo Bodhisattva called Daichimyo Gongen. A special Buddhist ritual that has been carefully preserved as it passed down through 1300 years will be performed here during the celebration period.

The pictures are of annual memorial prayer cards. To celebrate the 1300 anniversary of Daisen-Ji, we have created a special commemorative prayer card.

Date: Sunday, May 20th, 2018 - Friday, November 30th, 2018 Location: Daisen Temple Main Hall Fee: 10,000 yen



#### 1300 Years of History Commemorative Seal Stamps

Visitors can receive special Shuin (a seal stamp given to visitors and worshippers at Buddhist temples or Shinto shrines) commemorating the 1300th anniversary of Daisen Temple. To commemorate Daisen's 1300 Years of History, special books for collecting Shuin using the traditional handcraft Yumihama weaving style are for sale. Also, limited to 2018, the Shuin feature new designs for the 1300 Years of History celebration.

Date: Sunday, May 20th, 2018 - Friday, November 30th, 2018 Location: Daisen Temple Main Hall Shuin Stamps: 300 yen Shuin Stamp Book: 5,000 yen

### Experience the History of Mt. Daisen



Ogamiyama Shrine's Okunomiya

Ogamiyama Shrine's Okunomiya sits at the top of the cobbled path leading up from the Main Hall of Daisen Temple. The structure ranks among Japan's most impressive examples of gongenzukuri (a style of Shinto architecture in which the main hall and worship (a style of Shinto architecture in which the main hall and worship hall stand beneath a single roof and are connected by a passageway) and is designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan. Originally called the Daichimyo Gongen Shrine, it served as the central hub for a form of mountain asceticism that merged aspects of both Buddhism and Shintoism and flourished as the largest regional shrine in the Chugoku Region. In the late 1800s Shinto was forcefully separated from Buddhism which led to the abolishment of Daisen Temple and the removal of all aspects of Buddhism from the complex including the name of the shrine which stemmed from a bodhisativa. The shrine was then decreed as the Okunomifrom a bodhisattva. The shrine was then decreed as the Okunomi-ya (literally "inner shrine") of the Ogamiyama Main Shrine located at a considerable distance in Yonago city.



Daisen Temple

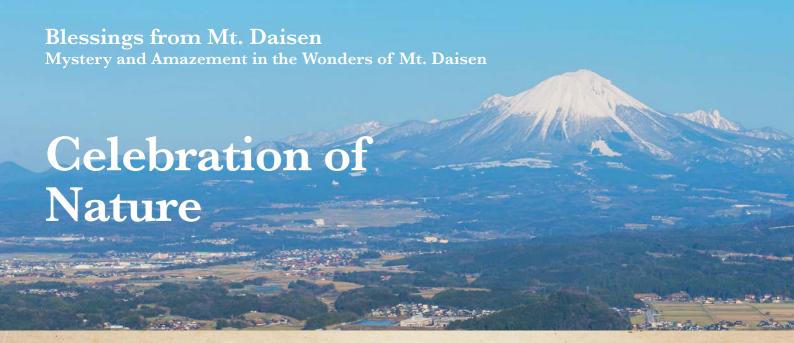


Amida Hall

Daisen Temple prospered as a monastery for Shugendo monks devoted to a form of mountain worship. From the Heian era onwards the number of temples in the compound increased alongside the growing Buddhist influence. At the height of its prosperity the complex consisted of more than 100 temples and over 3,000 warrior monks making it a seat of influence comparable to that of the famously powerful Buddhist complexes at Koyasan, Hieizan, and Yoshino.

However, it fell into decline in the late 19th century due to the forced separation of Shinto from Buddhism as part of a movement to expel Buddhism from Japan. Today, only four halls of worship and ten sub-temples remain. The original main hall of Daisen Temple burned down in 1928 and was rebuilt in 1951.

The Amida Hall is the oldest extant building in the Daisen Temple complex. Established at the beginning of the Heian era (794-1185) and completed in its later half, a landslide destroyed the hall in 1552. It was rebuilt at its current location in 1592. Inside sits a 2.79 meter wooden statue of the Amida Buddha (the Buddha of limitless light) flanked by the Kannon and Seishi bodhisattvas (the bodhisattva of mercy and of the power of wisdom, respectively) created by the Buddhist sculptor Ryoen which, grouped with the hall, has been designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan.



## Celebrating Clean Water and Fresh Food

1300年祭 記念料理・おもてなし料理 A Culinary Celebration of 1300 Years of History



Mt. Daisen is blessed with an abundance of fresh clean water which serves as the essential ingredient in the production of a wide variety of regional delicacies. Visitors to the region are invited to take their taste buds on a culinary journey by sampling a variety of the commemorative dishes carefully prepared to emphasize the quality of the Daisen brand.





#### たたらんち TATA LUNCH

Ironwork masters have long gathered in the Hino district thanks to the abundancy of wood, water, and mineral reserves. For centuries they have put their finely honed skills to use in taming flame to create high quality Tamahagane steel. At Tata Lunch the flashing dance of flames under cast-iron pans and the sound of sizzling meats and vegetables within them will transport guests back into this ancient world of iron-making.



#### 地BeerFest大山 Daisen-G Beer Festival

June

Craft breweries from all over Japan gather for the Daisen-G Beer Festival to showcase their refreshing masterpieces. Set in the great outdoors, the Daisen-G Beer Festival features live music and other stage entertainment. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy your fill of Japan's best craft beer in most magnificent of settings.



August

Date: (Sat/Sun), June 9th and 10th, 2018 Location: Daisen Masumizu Highlands Parking Area, Hoki Town

## Exclusively Mt. Daisen

「大山山麓の至宝」~「大山」ゆかりの刀を中心に~

The Crown-Jewels of Mt. Daisen Featuring the Swords of Mt. Daisen

July and August

The Japanese sword is characterized by its trademark elegant curve. Hoki Yasutsuna, a local of this region, was among the earliest master craftsmen of this world famous design.

Date: July 29th to August 26th, 2018 Location: Yonago Museum Fee: TBA

Other sword-related events are also planned.



Authentic Yasutsuna Japanese Sword On loan from Ogamiyama Shrine to Yonago Museum 1300年祭記念 クラシックコンサート 1300 Years of History Commem<u>orative Concert</u>

Mt. Daisen's natural perfection provides the ideal stage for this classical music concert featuring guitar, cello, and flute.

Date: Sunday, August 12th, 2018 Location: TBA



#### 謎解き宝探しゲーム Mt. Daisen Treasure Hunt

July to September

Will you discover the treasures hidden at the foot of Mt. Daisen? Fun for participants of all ages, this game has participants following a map and attempting to solve riddles in their hunt for hidden treasure. Following on the success of last year's inaugural hunt, this year's hunt will feature an even larger search area. A draw featuring spectacular prizes awaits those who manage to complete the hunt.

Date: Sunday, July 1st to Sunday, September 30th, 2018 Fee: Free



#### 1300本のたいまつ行列 The Parade of 1300 Torches

September

Participants have their torch ignited in the sacred fires inside Ogamiyama Shrine's Okunomiya. Then, torch in hand, they take part in a procession of 1300 torch bearers that slowly descends the shrine's stone-paved path to the Bakuroza parking lot. The sight of and emotions evoked from this mystical river of fire flowing down the mountainside through the night will surely prove unforgettable.



Date: Sunday, September 30th, 2018 Location: from Ogamiyama Shrine's Okunomiya to Bakuroza Parking Lot



### **Outdoor Activities**

皆生・大山 SEA TO SUMMIT10th アニバーサリー大会

Kaike to Daisen SEA TO SUMMIT 2018

May

The Sea to Summit is an athletic event that originated here at Mt. Daisen. Participants begin this non-traditional triathlon by kayaking in the sea, move to cycling up the foothills of Mt. Daisen, and end by running and climbing to the peak of Mt. Daisen. Now in its 10th year, the Sea to Summit encourages participants to reflect on the connection between sea, village, and forest while providing an ecological method for enjoying Mt. Daisen.



Date: (Sat/Sun), May 19th and 20th, 2018 Location: Kaike Onsen, Yonago - Mt. Daisen

第3回「山の日」記念全国大会 in 鳥取

The 3rd Annual Mountain Day National Convention in Tottori

August

Mountain Day was designated as a national holiday in 2016 with the goal of providing an opportunity to connect with and foster appreciation for the many benefits mountains bring to our lives. In 2018, the Mountain Day National Convention will be hosted in Western Japan for the first time here at Mt. Daisen, Tottori Prefecture.

Date: (Fri/Sat), August 10th/11th, 2018. Location: Daisen Town and Yonago City.





大山紅葉満喫ウォーク Mt.Daisen Autumn Forest Hike

October

This event promoting a "see, know, and feel Mt. Daisen" awareness features a leisurely walk through the beech forest at a moment in time when the leaves feature their most brilliant autumn colors.

Date: Saturday, October 27th, 2018 (tentative) Locations: Daisen Temple, Masumizu Highlands and Oku-Daisen



山ガールサミット in鳥取大会

Yama Girl Summit At Mt. Daisen

September

This event links participants with locals through the shared enjoyment of outdoor activities. Events include group hiking, a talk show, and a Yama Girl fashion show.

Date: Sunday, September 16th and Monday 17th of September, 2018 Location: Daisen Temple Bakuroza Parking Area



新しい「大山詣り」ホーリー・トレイル大会 A New Way to Worship at Mt. Daisen Hiking the Holy Trails

September

The ancient pilgrimage paths of Mt. Daisen were later improved and maintained during the Edo era (1603–1868) in order to facilitate the movement of livestock. In 2018, several of these ancient roads will serve as the stage for a Holy Trail hiking event.

Date: Sunday, 30th of September, 2018 Location: The Yokote-michi, Kawadoko-michi and Odaka-michi paths leading up Mt. Daisen



奥大山古道ウォーク Oku-Daisen Ancient Path Walk

November

Go for an autumn stroll along the ancient paths of Oku-Daisen. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional Shinto Kagura performance as well as a bowl of the dumpling soup once offered by locals to the exiled emperor Go-Daigo as he passed through this land.

Date: Saturday, 10th of November, 2018 Location: Kagikake Pass, Kofu Town



## Celebrating the Great Outdoors

大山「星」のフェスティバル

#### The Mt. Daisen Festival of the Stars

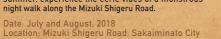
True to its reputation as the place to "Catch a Star". the Milky Way features brilliantly in the night sky as seen from any part of Tottori Prefecture. There are many superb stargazing sites thanks to the clean mountain air at Mt. Daisen and many of the surrounding municipalities hold star-viewing events throughout the year.



- Projection of the Night Sky via Mobile Planetarium
- Stargazing via Astronomical Telescope and Binoculars
- Starry Sky Talk Show (Japanese only)
- Starry Sky Music Concert.

水木しげるロードリニューアル 妖怪ナイトウォーク Mizuki Shigeru Road Redesign A Monstrous Night Walk

The Mizuki Shigeru Road receives approximately 2 million visitors per year. Currently undergoing construction, it will reopen in July 2018 after having undergone a complete makeover. Not only will the Yokai (monsters) be scarier than ever but there will also be an additional 21 bronze monster statues bringing the total number to 174 as well as spooky new night lights illuminating the entire stretch. This summer, experience the eerie vibes of a monstrous night walk along the Mizuki Shigeru Road.





ほんのり灯る夏の幻想彩色 大山の大献灯 Fantastic Colors of Summer

Daisen Wagasa Fantasy Nights

August

Wagasa (Japanese traditional umbrellas made from Japanese paper) have found a role doubling as prayer lanterns in this recent summer festival hit. At night, illumination gives the hundreds of colorful wagasa lining the approach to Daisen Temple a fantastical glow creating an out-of-this-world atmosphere. Usually held only during the Obon holidays, in 2018 the Wagasa Fantasy Nights will be held August 10th to 13th, 24th to 25th, and September 22nd to 24th in celebration of Daisen's 1300 Years of History.



Location: Path to Daisen Temple as well as the Ogamiyama Shrine's Okunomiya

Tickets go on sale at 5 pm on the day/each day, advanced purchase is also possible. Tickets are limited to ensure safety.

#### ダイヤモンド大山鑑賞 Diamond Daisen

March and September

Mt. Hatsuka is said to be the tomb of Izanami, the goddess believed responsible for creating Japan. Frequented by photographers for the panoramic view spanning from Mt. Daisen to Yumigahama, the spot also provides an ideal location for witnessing the beautiful natural phenomenon called Diamond Daisen that occurs when the rising sun aligns with the peak of Mt. Daisen causing the whole mountain to shine bright like a diamond.



Date: March and September, 2018 Location: Mt. Hatsuka Observatory Parking Lot, Nanbu Town

CLIMAX EVENT

The Peak of

a Mountain of Appeal

Tottori Prefecture - The Food Capital of Japan in association with Farm and Food Fiesta in Seibu Proudly Presents:

The Mt. Daisen Wonder Forum
A Celebration of the Mystery and Wonder of Mt. Daisen

「食のみやこ鳥取県 農と食のフェスタ in せいぶ」タイアップ 大山ワンダーフォーラム

Date: Sat/Sun. October 20th/ 21st. 2018 Yonago Convention Center Big Ship 294 Suehiro-cho, Yonago city, Tottori Prefecture 683-0043 TEL +81-859-35-8111 FAX +81-859-39-0700