

Kamogawa River in Yonago

# Jizo Tour

The Old Kamogawa River still has the atmosphere of the Edo period. Many kinds of Jizo stand quietly while looking at people's lives and listening to people's wishes. Now let's go on a Jizo tour and walk around the town. You will surely have better luck...maybe.



## Japan Heritage

“Japan's largest Daisen Gyuba (horses and cows) Market born of Jizo Bodhisattva Worship”

— Daisen, Hoki, Kofu, Yonago —

“Daisen's favor” – “Jizo Worship” born in the “Mountain where deity resides” –

Daisen has been an emotional support for people who live at the foot of mountain as the mountain where the deity lives. One day, Jizo Bodhisattva appeared on top of the mountain. Jizo Bodhisattva saves all living things. The Daisenji Temple became a destination for Jizo worshippers who took their cows and horses there in order to ask for divine protection for their livestock. As the number of cows and horses gathered at Daisen increased, people started holding Gyuba Market. It became the largest Gyuba Market in the Meiji era.

Gyuba Market eventually closed but on the old road “Daisen Road” that leads to Daisen Temple, the stone-paved road and townscape remain. Traditional food such as Daisen Okowa (rice boiled together with beans) and Daisen soba noodles, and events and customs related to the water of Daisen have been passed down to this generation. People who live at the foot of mountain always look at Daisen with feelings of appreciation thinking everything is “Daisen's favor”. The story “Japan's largest Daisen Gyuba Market born of Jizo Bodhisattva Worship” which focuses on the history, building, people's lives and customs of Daisen was acknowledged as an example of Japan Heritage in April, 2016.

Among cultural properties that appear in the story, Yonago has

- Daisen Road (Odaka Road): Main road to Daisen Temple in Edo era
- Jizo of old Kamogawa River: It represents how Jizo Worship was known right down to the skirts of the mountain
- Daisen okowa and Daisen soba noodles: They are traditional food of the Daisen foothills

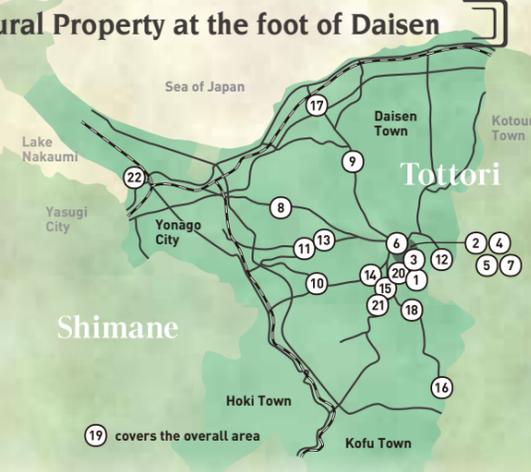
## About Japan Heritage

Japan Heritage is the system established by the Agency for Cultural Affairs in 2015. It acknowledges the stories that represent the culture and tradition of our country with the historic allure and characteristics of local areas. It aims to vitalize the local area with the power of locals through the use and organization of these stories.

- 1 It needs to be one that sufficiently conveys the allure of our country while showing the historical characteristics and features of local area.
  - 1.Uniqueness 2. Rarity 3. Locality 4. Interest 5. Appeal
- 2 It needs to be one that shows the future image or policy for regional development using Japan Heritage.
- 3 It needs to be one that allows the progression of regional vitalization through Japan Heritage.

## Configuration of Japan Heritage Cultural Property at the foot of Daisen

1. Daisen 2. Iron shrine (Nationally-designated Important Cultural Property (art works)) 3. Rear Shrine of Ogamiyama Shrine (Nationally-designated important Cultural Property (building)) 4. Main hall of Daisenji Temple 5. Daisen Imperial Visit (“Hakkaku Portable Shrine” is a Daisen-designated Cultural Property) 6. Bakuroza 7. Rear Shrine of Ogamiyama Shrine (Stone-paved road of a nationally-designated important cultural property (building)) 8. Daisen Road (Odaka Road) 9. Daisen Road (Boryo Road) 10. Daisen Road (Mizoguchi Road) 11. Daisen Road (Maruyama Road) 12. Daisen Road (Kawadoko Road) (“100 Historic Roads” designated by the Agency for Cultural Affairs) 13. Pond of Jizodaki and Jizodaki Jizo 14. Masumizu Jizo 15. Daisen Road (Yokote Road) (“100 Historic Roads” designated by the Agency for Cultural Affairs) 16. Townscape of Sagarikaya 17. Daisen Tokorogo Preservation District for groups of Traditional Buildings 18. Monjudo nationally designated Important Preservation District for groups of Traditional Buildings 19. “Daisen Okowa” and “Daisen soba noodle” 20. Mohitori Shinto Ritual (Tottori-designated Intangible Folk Culture Asset) 21. Ikesan Shinto Ritual (Suzurigaikie) 22. Many kinds of Jizo of Old Kamogawa River



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## About Jizo Worship

In the Edo period, Jizo Bodhisattva Worship was integrated into local religions and people started to make various wishes. So Jizos started miraculously making people's wishes come true, such as health, a good harvest and curing of disease that they are respectively responsible for. Enmei Jizo (life-prolonging Jizo), Koyasu Jizo (guardian of childbirth Jizo) and Ibotori Jizo (wart removing Jizo) are among them. People's worship of blessed Jizo Bodhisattva that appeared in Daisen has spread over the foot of Mount Daisen and it is being done vigorously by believers today. People made various types of wishes and also wished for happiness for the deceased.

## Origin of the Jizo Tour in the old Kamogawa River

You can often find families placing amulets on Jizos located along the old Kamogawa River and in Teramachi one by one. This is called “Fudauchi” and when there is a death in the family people go on a Jizo tour every 7 days in order to console the soul of the deceased and to ask Jizos to protect him/her on the way to heaven. People place white papers with the word “Namu Amida Butsu” on Jizos for the first 48 days and place red papers on the final day (49th day). This is different from the ones at the sacred places of Saigoku and Kannon, and is the custom from the western part of Hoki to the eastern part of Izumo. Each Jizo located along the old Kamogawa River is for a particular wish such as a prolonged life and better fortune. Let's go on the old Kamogawa River Jizo Tour which is one of the stories of Japan Heritage.

## List of Jizos

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|---|--|--|
| 1 Hyotan Shoji Jizo (for good childbirth)     | 10 Warai Jizo (for a life filled with a smile)     | 18 Nakantanabashi Jizo (for business prosperity) |
| 2 Enoki Jizo (for hope)                       | 11 Shutsugen Jizo (for good reorganization)        | 19 Tsukatohashi Jizo (for a good relationship)   |
| 3 Enmeiin Jizo (for a longer life)            | 12 Kawamori Jizo (for child protection)            | 20 Hashimori Jizo (for traffic safety)           |
| 4 Koyasu Jizo (for good friendship)           | 13 Tsunagi Jizo (for a good match)                 | 21 Hashiban Jizo (for asking forgiveness)        |
| 5 Hosshojimachibashi Jizo (for enlightenment) | 14 Teramachi Jizo (for better fortune)             | 22 Misoname Jizo (for removing warts)            |
| 6 Dobashi Jizo (for bridge-building)          | 15 Yotaro Jizo (for better fortune at a new place) | 23 Shinkoji Jizo (for childcare)                 |
| 7 Yugado Jizo (for protection against theft)  | 16 Enmei Jizo (for a long life)                    | 24 Aoishi Jizo (for health)                      |
| 8 Zenkoinbashi Jizo (for good deeds)          | 17 Tenjinbashi Jizo (for academic fulfillment)     | 25 Minato Jizo (for child protection)            |
| 9 Yabunebashi Jizo (for good child-raising)   |  | 26 Seidoji Iwa Jizo (for peace)                  |

Event schedule Jizo Bon Festival 8/24 Evening Festival 8/23

Kamogawa Festival will be held on August 23rd with the Evening Festival. There will be many fun events! Please come and enjoy the festival.



# Kamogawa



# Jizo

Tour of Jizos that watch over the town

## Introduction

Jizo 1-26

There are many other attractive points, too!!

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<http://www.yonago-navi.jp/>

**3 Enmeiin Jizo**  
1-chome Kojimachi Jizo, Kojimachibashi Jizo  
L: 1-chome Kojimachi



The center is made of black tuff and it's one of the best Jizos among the Kamogawa Jizos. It overflows with an elegant expression.

**8 Zenkoinbashi Jizo**  
Zenkoin Jizo, Jizo in Yokkaichimachi  
L: Yokkaichimachi

This name derives from the Zenkoin Temple located near here.

**11 Shutsugen Jizo**  
L: Nishikurayoshimachi

It is the great Jizo that appeared from the well of Kamogawa

**13 Tsunagi Jizo**  
L: Odakamachi



Jizo was donated by Ryozenji Temple.

**15 Yotaro Jizo**  
L: 1-chome Tatemachi

It is usually located at the north-west corner of Honkyoji Temple. It is moved to the amusement park of Tatemachi during the Kamogawa festival and Jizo bon festival on August 23rd.

**17 Tenjinbashi Jizo**  
L: 1-chome Tenjinmachi



Tenmangu shrine and Inariyashiro shrine were located next to each other but they were integrated into Kamo Shrine in 1962.

**19 Tsukatohashi Jizo**  
Tsukatohashi Jizo, Gojunimachi Jizo  
L: 2-chome Tenjinmachi



There are bannisters with ornamental caps of the old Kyobashi Bridge placed at the entrance of the amusement park. Jizo is located at the center of the park.

**23 Shinkoji Jizo**  
L: Teramachi



Quaint Jizos are gently watching over children.

**4 Koyasu Jizo**  
Kojimachibashi Nishi Jizo  
L: 2-chome Kojimachi Nishi

In 1956, a succession of children died at 2-chome due to a traffic accidents. So the two Jizos were carved out of one mass of stone and enshrined.

**9 Yabuneshashi Jizo**  
Child-raising Jizo, Dotesumida 7 Jizo  
L: Higashikurayoshimachi

It used to be the Jizo of Dotesumida, but due to land reclamation, it moved to the foot of Yabuneshashi bridge and then finally moved to the foot of Kakushoinbashi bridge.

**12 Kawamori Jizo**  
Magari Jizo  
L: Nishikurayoshimachi

It is enshrined in one of the best halls in Kamogawa. In front of the shrine, a pomegranate is planted as a talisman.

**14 Teramachi Jizo**  
Kitamuki Jizo  
L: Odakamachi



It protects the castle town at the entrance of Teramachi street where nine temples are located while facing North.

**16 Enmei Jizo**  
Jizo of Ryozenji Temple  
L: Iwakuramachi

Enmei Jizo, Kosodate Jizo and Roku Jizo were built when Ryozenji Main Hall was renovated in 2015.

**18 Nakantanabashi Jizo**  
Nakantana Jizo, Nakantana no Hashiban san  
L: 2-chome Tenjinmachi



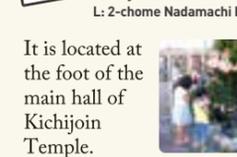
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**20 Hashimori Jizo**  
Kyobashi Jizo, Kyobashi Drinking Jizo  
L: Uchimachi



A boy called Takezo tried to take revenge for his parents but was killed instead. Jizo was made for this poor child.

**24 Aoishi Jizo**  
Kichijoin Jizo  
L: 2-chome Nadamachi Higashi



It is located at the foot of the main hall of Kichijoin Temple.

**5 Hosshojimachibashi Jizo**  
Hosshojimachi Jizo  
L: Hosshojimachi

Two Jizos with black granite and ship-shaped mandorla are enshrined.

**10 Warai Jizo**  
L: Higashikurayoshimachi



It was enshrined at the foot of Kakushoin in 1984 wishing for the happiness of people.

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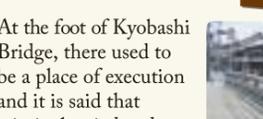
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**1 Hyotan Shoji Jizo**  
2-chome Doshomachi Jizo  
L: 2-chome Doshomachi

The only Jizo with tile-roofing has an elegant atmosphere.

**6 Dobashi Jizo**  
Dobashi Jizo  
L: Hosshojimachi

Two Jizos with circle-shaped natural stone and ship-shaped mandorla are enshrined.

**2 Enoki Jizo**  
Sendan Tree Jizo, 1-chome Kojimachi Jizo, Kojimachi 2 Higashi Jizo  
L: 2-chome Kojimachi Higashi

It used to be a landing field called "Itoba". Enoki Jizo was named after the big hackberry tree located right behind the Jizo temple.

**7 Yugado Jizo**  
Yugadobashi Jizo, Yugasan  
L: Koyamachi

It's called "Yugasha" or "Yugain" and is worshipped by Yonago residents.



There is more to see!!

### Other Jizos

- A. Shiomachi Jizo**  
Shiomachi Daishido  
L: Shiomachi
- B. Roku Jizo of Fukugonin Temple**  
L: Teramachi
- C. Roku Jizo of Zuisenji Temple**  
L: Teramachi
- D. Roku Jizo of Ankokuji Temple**  
L: Teramachi
- E. Jizo of Shiroyamadaishi**  
L: Kumecho

There are also Jizo made of wood wool (Fujimicho), Jizo of the ruined temple (3-chome Bakuromachi), Jizo of Kosaiji Temple (1-chome Bakuromachi), Mizuko Jizo of Suirai (Kumecho), Jizo of Ryushunji Temple (2-chome Bakuromachi) and Jizo of Hojoji Temple (2-chome Bakuromachi)