

## INFORMATION

- Opening hours / 9:30~21:30 (No entry after 21:00)
- Opening period / open seven days a week (note: closed 4th Saturday in January)
- Entry fee to observatory / Adults: ¥600 (including high school students)  
Children: ¥300 (elementary and junior high school students)
- Group discount / Groups of 30 or more  
... 10% discount  
Groups of 100 or more  
... 20% discount
- Car park capacity / 150 cars; 13 buses  
<Shimonoseki Hosoe-cho car park (with 500 car capacity) is located nearby>

## ACCESS

- ✈ Yamaguchi Ube Airport  $\longleftrightarrow$  connecting bus  $\longleftrightarrow$  Shimonoseki Station ■ 1hr 10min
- ✈ Kitakyusyu Airport  $\longleftrightarrow$  connecting bus  $\longleftrightarrow$  Shimonoseki Station ■ 1hr 10min
- ✈ Fukuoka Airport  $\longleftrightarrow$  bullet train / standard train  $\longleftrightarrow$  Shimonoseki Station ■ 1hr 50min
- 🚉 Shin-Osaka Station  $\longleftrightarrow$  bullet train  $\longleftrightarrow$  Shin-Shimonoseki Station ■ 2hr 30min
- 🚉 Hakata Station  $\longleftrightarrow$  bullet train  $\longleftrightarrow$  Kokura Station  $\longleftrightarrow$  standard train  $\longleftrightarrow$  Shimonoseki Station ■ 35min
- 🚗 From the Shimonoseki Interchange on the Chugoku Highway ■ 15min by car
- 🚗 From JR Shin-Shimonoseki Station ■ 20min by car
- 🚶 From JR Shimonoseki Station ■ 7min on foot
- 🚢 Shimonoseki Port International Terminal ■ 5min on foot  
(Kampu Ferry · Orient Ferry)



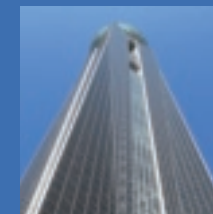
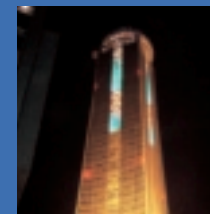
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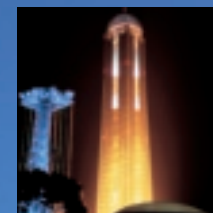
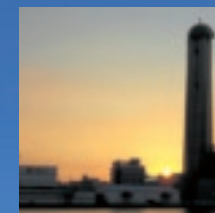
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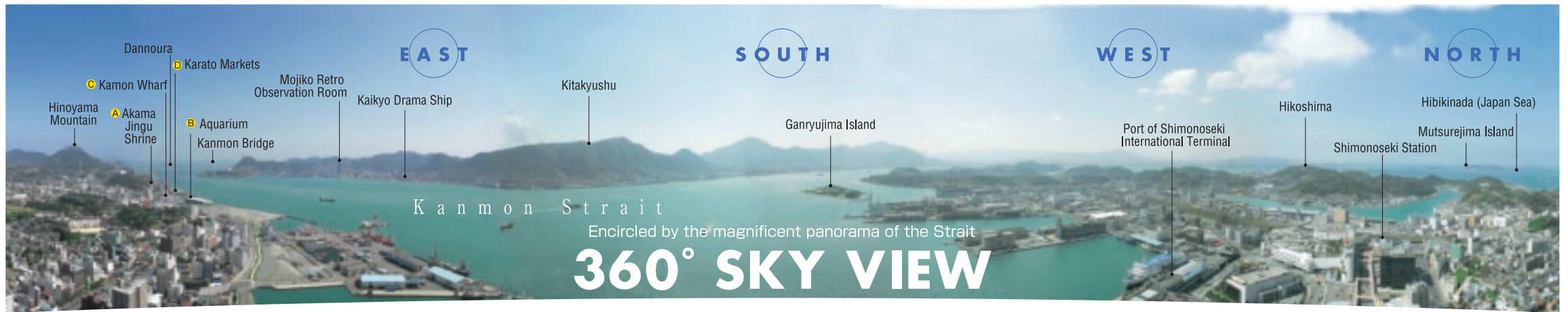


Encircled by the magnificent panorama of the Strait

360° SKY VIEW

KAIKYO YUME TOWER  
SHIMONOSEKI





# 360° SKY VIEW

## Kaikyo Messe Shimonoseki Summary

- Tower
  - Third level, 30th floor (143m)
  - Second level, 29th floor (139.25m)
  - First level, 28th floor (135.5m)

## DATA

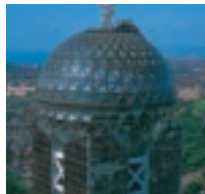
Interesting facts about Kaikyo Yume Tower

- The spherical glass-covered observatory at the apex is the first of its kind in the world.
- Diameter of the tower's sphere ..... **21m**
- Amount of glass used in construction ..... **8,700 sheets**
- Number of lights ..... **611**
- Speed of transparent elevator ..... **120m/min**

Opened 20 July 1996 Owned by Yamaguchi Prefecture

## Kaikyo Yume Tower

● Highest Point 153m



Movement of the tower due to the effects of the wind is reduced by 1/2 to 1/3 with a stabilizing device set in place at the bottom of the sphere. The tower can stand a maximum instantaneous wind velocity of 120m/s. Be sure to take a look at the current degree of sway and wind speed, both of which are displayed in front of the restrooms on the 30th floor observatory.

## “Kaikyo Yume Tower”, glittering landmark of the Kanmon Strait

Created in July 1996, this landmark of the Kanmon Strait sparkles like crystal, towering up towards the distant sky. Morning, noon and night, the Kaikyo Yume Tower reflects the ever-changing scenery of the Strait.

The ride to the top takes 70 seconds in the transparent elevator. The top floor within the third level, a spherical observatory, boasts a height of 143m. One of the towers which Japan is proud. From here stretches a spectacular 360° panorama which takes in the Seto Inland Sea, the Kanmon Strait, Ganryujima Island, the Kyushu Ranges and the Japan Sea. As the day ends, watch the changing dance of light and shade, the sun sinking over the Japan Sea, and the lights of the twinkling night landscape suffusing the Strait.

With every visit, you will discover yet another of the Strait's many facets to enjoy.

## Spot Nearby Sight-Seeing Locations



### A [Akama Jingu Shrine]

This shrine is dedicated to the emperor Antoku, who drowned himself in the battle at Dannoura between the Genji and Heike clans. The shrine contains the imperial mausoleum of the emperor Antoku, the Nanamorizuka graves of the Heike clan, and Hoichido, where the wood statue of "Earless Hoichi", made famous in the ghost story by Lafcadio Hearn (Japanese name Yakumo Koizumi), is held. There is also a treasure house which stores such valuable records as the Nagato Hon Heike Story and the Gen-Pei Gassen Zu (picture of a battle between the Genji and Heike clans). Akama Jingu Shrine is the center of the famous Sentei-Sai, the grand festival held on 3rd May, where Joro Sanpai takes place.  
Time from Kaikyo Yume Tower ▶▶ 5 min by car



### B [Shimonoseki Aquarium - Kaikyokan]

The Kaikyokan was opened in April 2001, and is crammed with sights you won't be able to see anywhere else. Here you will find on display Japan's first exhibit of one of the world's largest blue whale skeletal specimens, a corner for Fugu, the fish nearly synonymous with Shimonoseki, a giant 900 ton capacity "Kanmon Strait Tidal Aquarium", and an Aquastage where you can enjoy watching dolphins performing against the backdrop of the Kanmon Strait.  
As the nearby coast is used by passenger liners, even the mooring posts were made to harmonize with the surrounding scenery, providing a beautiful night landscape.  
Time from Kaikyo Yume Tower ▶▶ 3 min by car



### C [Kamon Wharf]

Opened in April 2002, Kamon Wharf was built on the site of the old Karato Fish Markets and adjoins the new markets. Here you will find a restaurant area where you may enjoy the fresh flavors of Shimonoseki specialties such as "Fugu" (blowfish) and "Uni" (sea urchin). There is also a shopping area which features a plentiful array of fresh seafood, packaged foods and souvenirs. As a tourist-centered fish market fussy about its fish, and with a stunning location overlooking the Strait, this popular new spot boasts much appeal.  
Time from Kaikyo Yume Tower ▶▶ 4 min by car



### D [Karato Markets]

Karato Markets, a well-known central market with a long history and strong connections to the western Yamaguchi and Northern Kyushu areas, was remodeled and reopened in April 2001. Seafood is a specialty of the fishing city, Shimonoseki, so you are bound to enjoy your shopping experience in this bright and open space, with the "Osakana Center" (fish market) and sea food restaurants using fresh seafood in abundance. There are a number of community spaces accessible to the public, such as parks along the wharfs and open grass spaces on top of buildings, bustling every day with energetic activity and many visitors.  
Time from Kaikyo Yume Tower ▶▶ 4 min by car

## Shop Dining and Shopping

### View Cafe

● Kaikyo Yume Tower 29F

