

**Akiyoshidai Plateau**

Akiyoshidai is Japan's largest karst plateau, and is designated as a quasi-national park (4,502 ha) and national natural monument (1,384 ha). The limestone that forms its majestic landscape was created about 350 million years ago as coral reefs in the southern sea, which over many years formed the karst plateau that we see today. It is a wonderful place to go for a drive to enjoy the view of the mysterious natural sight.



**Akiyoshido Cave**

One of Japan's best limestone caves, 'Akiyoshido Cave' is a national natural monument. In 1926, Emperor Showa, then the Crown Prince, visited the cave and named it. The sightseeing course within the cave is about 1km (whole length of the cave being 11.2 km), and the difference in height from the front entrance to the entrance to Kurotani is about 40 meters. Since the temperature is at a steady 17 Celsius throughout the four seasons, it is comfortable inside as it is cool in the summer and warm in the winter. There are many notable sights within the cave, including the Hyakumaizara and the Koganebashira. Enjoy viewing this mysterious space created by underground water.

Category	Akiyoshido Cave admission charges			
	Adult	High School Student	Junior High School Student	Elementary School Student
Individual	¥1,600	¥1,600	¥1,300	¥850
20~99	¥1,350	¥1,100	¥950	¥650
Group 100~199	¥1,300	¥1,000	¥900	¥550
Over 200	¥1,250	¥950	¥850	¥500

Prices may vary during peak and off-peak seasons (individual customers only).

#### ACCESS

- Drive from Ogorihagi Road 「Akiyoshidai IC」about 5 min

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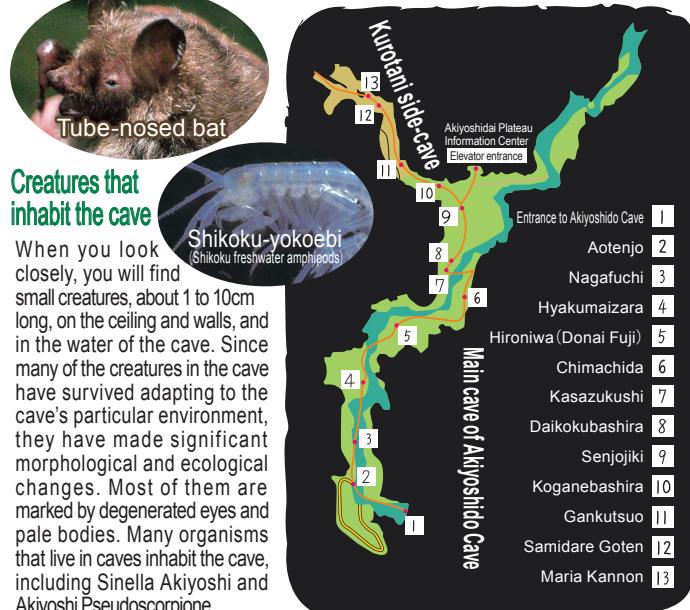
#### OPEN HOUR

March -November	8:30 ~ 16:30 Closes at 18:30 Entry from Front Entrance ends at 17:30
December -February	8:30 ~ 16:30 Closes at 17:30



#### Creatures that inhabit the cave

When you look closely, you will find small creatures, about 1 to 10cm long, on the ceiling and walls, and in the water of the cave. Since many of the creatures in the cave have survived adapting to the cave's particular environment, they have made significant morphological and ecological changes. Most of them are marked by degenerated eyes and pale bodies. Many organisms that live in caves inhabit the cave, including Sinella Akiyoshi and Akiyoshi Pseudoscorpione.



Miné-Akiyoshidai Karst Plateau Geopark offers geotours conducted by certified geoguides. Geotours that can be booked on the day are available for both Akiyoshidai and Akiyoshido Cave. Why not experience the excitement of seeing these with a geoguide?

#### Contact

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Mine City Tourism Association
- Inquiries relating to admission  
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Quasi-National Park  
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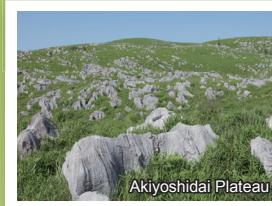


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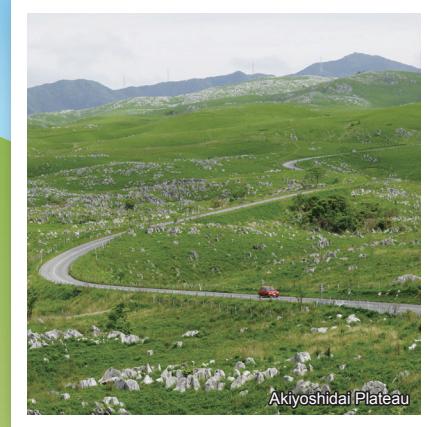


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# Akiyoshidai Plateau Akiyoshido Cave Map



Hagi / Nagato / Taishodo Cave / Safari Land



Legend

	Public restrooms
	Parking
	Bus stop
	City operated parking lot (¥500 per entry)
	Public facility
	435 National Route
	Accommodation
	242 Prefectural road
	Stairs
	Traffic lights
	Wheelchair rental
	Electric car rapid charger
	Area accessible by wheelchair (accompanied by care)
	School
	Hospital
	Steep incline
	Small steps
	GS Gasoline station
	Promenade
	Tunnel
	Shrine

## Guide to the Adventure Route

The route takes you up the cave from the left side of the Aotenjo area near the front entrance. Put the admission charge in the box and enter with a flashlight. Though the distance is short, you can experience the feeling of an exciting adventure, as you go up ladders and pass through limestone stalactites. It is open to the paying public as long as the water level in the cave is not too high.



Adventure route admission

Akiyoshido Cave admission + ¥300 for both adults and children. Flashlights are available to rent. The route takes about 20 minutes to explore.

### Advice for wheelchair users

Accompanied by a carer, you can view up to Hyakumaizara from the front entrance of the cave (about 300m). Please proceed carefully as the slope from the entrance is quite steep.



300 Million-Year Time Tunnel



Koganebashira



Hyakumaizara



Front entrance to the cave

Sightseeing course about 1 km  
about 40 min is required



Adventure route

Entrance

Exit

