

BEACHES

SAND SURF AND SUN



Summertime is here and the beaches are just waiting to grace thousands of people with many hours of swimming and breathtaking scenery. During the peak summer months you can expect the beaches to be fairly crowded with sunbathers and other beach-lovers. The Yokosuka Naval Base is located in an ideal spot and as such we have decided to take advantage of it by listing a few places of interest for your convenience.

MONKEY ISLAND 猿島 (SARUSHIMA)

The closest beach from the base is Monkey Island (SARUSHIMA). Although the island is quite small it has proven to be quite interesting and extremely enjoyable for all those who have ventured upon its shores. The island is very close to the base and easy to reach by a short ferry ride. To get there, turn left after exiting through Womble Gate and you will see the ferry landing at the Mikasa Battleship monument. Ferry fare ¥1,200/adult, ¥600/child (round-trip).

MIURA-KAIGAN BEACH 三浦海岸

The largest and most popular beach on this peninsula is Miura-Kaigan. Getting there is also very simple. Take a GREEN or RED KANJI train from YOKOSUKA CHUO Station. Catch a train traveling in the southern direction and get off at MIURA-KAIGAN Station. Along the beach you will see restaurants, coffee houses, and an outdoor stage that provides various types of entertainment.

HAYAMA BEACH 葉山海岸

For the tireless beach stompers Hayama also has a lot to offer. There is a long stretch of white sandy beach that forms the foreground of the Emperor's summer place making this beautiful coastline the ideal spot. Getting to this lovely area is very easy. Go to the JR Yokosuka Station and catch the train to Zushi Station. In front of Zushi Station take a bus from pole #3 (bus #12) to ISSHIKI KAIGAN一色海岸. On a clear day you will command a beautiful view of Mt. Fuji.

YUIGAHAMA BEACH (KAMAKURA) 由比ガ浜海岸

Kamakura was once a bastion of ruling lords that controlled Japan more than 8 centuries ago. Today it provides a historical snapshot of the past and gives an excellent beach and coastline view that we felt was noteworthy. If you are interested in viewing the epitome of historical preservation and walking along a white sandy beach among a throng of beach-goers, read on and follow these directions: Go to JR YOKOSUKA Station and take the JR YOKOSUKA Line to KAMAKURA Station which is about twenty minutes away. Then take the ENODEN Line to YUIGAHAMA. The beach is a few minutes from the station.