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The Nature & Experience Promotion Campaign, held by Kochi Prefecture from February 1st, 2019 to December 31st, 2020, promotes tourism to all regions of Kochi. Building on the previous campaigns that focused on Kochi's history and food, the current campaign focuses on Kochi's nature and experiential activities.

Nature & Experience Promotion Campaign

自然&体験キャンペーン

Kochi's Nature through Data

The unique characteristics of Kochi's nature are apparent even in the data. 84% of Kochi's land is covered in forest, the highest percentage of all prefectures in Japan. The Niyodo River, flowing through the center of the prefecture, has been ranked as having the best water quality of all the class A rivers in Japan (rivers important to the national economy), multiple times. Kochi also produces the largest amount of precious coral, commonly used in jewelry and ornaments, in the world. With all these, it is clear that Kochi's mountains, rivers, and ocean are all world-class.

Wide Variety of Activities

We are only able to introduce a few of the many activities found around Kochi, due to TosaWave's limited space, but Kochi boasts a wealth of activities such as hiking, fishing, and swimming, that get you outside and enjoying the mountains, rivers, and the ocean. There are also activities such as paper making, where you can learn how the traditional industries are tied to the

natural resources and environment in Kochi. We hope that the information found here will provide you with the resources to select your own activities as you experience Kochi!



Lush forests and Niyodo River ***
豊かな森林と仁淀川



Sea-kayaking at Kashiwajima in the western part of the prefecture

県西部の柏島でシーカヤック

データでみる高知の自然

バラエティに富む体験活動

リーワンの体験活動を考案する上で一助となれば幸いです。

Let's do some whale watching this summer!

Kochi Prefecture CIR Valerie Teo

It's summer.

When we talk about summer, the sea comes to mind.

For those who cannot get enough of the sea and would like to try some unusual fun activities, why not try whale watching on the open sea?

The whale watching season arrives with the end of the rainy season! There are five whale watching tour operators in Kochi,

夏にホエールウォッチングでもしよう!

こう ち けんこくさいこうりゅういん 高知県国際交流員 テオ ヴァレリー

夏。

夏といえば、海ですね。

海遊びでは飽き足らず他にも楽しいことをやってみたい欲張りな方、沖に出てホエールウォッチングなんてものは如何でしょうか?

った。 梅雨も明けたので、今まさにホエールウォッチング季節到来!! Ogata Whale Watching caught our attention with their snazzy, multilingual website, so we decided to head there.

On normal weekdays, there is only one whale watching tour a day. However, during the summer holidays, participants can choose from one of three tour times each day, not only on weekends but on weekdays as well. For this report, a KIA staff member and I participated in a tour with six other people, including a group from Hong Kong.

We left Kochi City at 5:30 and reached the whale watching center a couple of minutes before 7:30. Soon after, we listened to the staff explain the important information regarding the tour, and proceeded to get our Ryoma Passports (**) stamped. The briefing was done in Japanese, but they provided us with paper copies of the briefing translated into English and Chinese. Besides advising us on safety procedures, the staff also shared with us lots of interesting and useful information, such as what to look out for when trying to find the whales, and the size of dolphins.

(**) The Ryoma Passport is an item that gets you special perks simply by showing it at various tourist facilities, hot spring

it at various tourist facilities, hot springs, road stations, and restaurants serving local dishes.

It's 08:00. Time to board the boat!

The fisherman's boat that we boarded could seat approximately 10 passengers. I assumed that the front of the boat would get shaky, so I settled in the middle. After we got our life jackets on, it was time to depart! Our whale watching tour was a four hours course. During the hour-and-a-half boat ride out to the open sea we enjoyed the sea spray on our face, and caught sightings of flying fish above the sparkly sea surface. At exactly 10:45, we saw something that looked like the blow of a whale!

Time to board the fishing boat and head out!

この漁船でいざ出発!

But, according to the boat captain, it was just a school of tuna. Aah, what a pity.

Three hours into the tour, and we still had not spotted any whales. The staff member must have felt that this would not do, as she asked, "If everyone is okay with their time, would you all like to stay a little longer to search for the whales?". Okay, let us

all hang in there a little longer!

At about 11:40, just as we were beginning to get tired, we spotted a whale's blow in the distance! Its dorsal fin also peeked up from the sea surface to say hi! With hopeful hearts, we tried to find the actual position of the whale, but to no avail. Then, suddenly, a dolphin leaped up into the air. It was fast! That moment was so quick that there was no time for blinking! Although I wish we could have seen them up close, it was better than not spotting them at all. There was not even



Listening to the staff explaining points to note スタッフから注意事項の説明を受ける



高知にはクジラ観察ツアーが5か所ありますが、中でも英語と中国語のホームページがある『大方ホエールウォッチング』に行ってみることにしました。

通常の平日出航予定は一日一便だけですが、夏休みの今は土日と同じく3つの出航予定から選ぶことが出来ます!今回、私はKIAスタッフと香港からの観光客など含めて計8名で参加しました。

8時になったので、船へゴー!

私達の乗った船は漁師さんの所有する漁船で定員 10名ほどの大きさ。船首は少し揺れるかと思い真んがに座りました。ライフジャケットを着用したら、いざ出発! 今回のホエールウォッチング4時間コースでは、クジラに出る。えるポイントまでゆったり1時間半。時折飛沫を浴びつつ水面に輝くトビウオに見とれていたらあっという間。106時を45分刻んだその時、クジラのブローを想わせる動きが海面に現れました!が。船長さん曰く、マグロだ

Searching for whales on the great ocean 大海原でクジラを探す

The whales here are about this big 出会えるクジラはこれくらいの大きさかも

そ が間 ジ こ さiv思 う い時 う を とうい出い経 ラ の ん っ 、が間 ち ix探 スー、らix未 え で せ のix様 あ っ ま ッー、らix未 え で せ のix様 あ っ ま ッー、らix未 え で せ のix様 あ っ ま ット が より まが帰 たな皆 あ っ ま ット か しし、 ジ か のの は な で も ば ク ん フの か しし、 ジ か が のの は な で も ば ク ん フのか いかし し 、 ジ か のの は な で も ば ク ん フのか に れ と せ フ の ix方。

 time to snap photos before the shy sea animals swam away to wherever the water takes them.

Exhausted after being at sea for four hours, we decided to head back to shore. Well, I guess that's that.

Fun time spent searching for whales with the other passengers on board? Check. It is time to look for my next summer adventure!

いました。写真を撮ることも間に合わず、シャイな海洋動物は さっと行ってしまいました。

4時間を過ぎた頃、とうとう私たちは精魂尽き果て、大人しく 港へ帰ることにしました。そんなこともあるよね。

クジラを乗船者みんなで探すことも楽しい思い出となり、素晴 らしい夏の経験になりました♡

自然&体験キャンペーン「ぶどう狩り」

Nature & Experience Promotion Campaign "Grape-picking"

The theme this time is "Nature and Experience Promotion Campaign", so after examining several activities which fit the theme, we decided to go to Kyohoen, where you can experience grape-picking with minimal materials close to Kochi City.

Since we were visiting on a weekday morning in late August, and possibly because there weren't that many customers, we were taken to a field right next to the building where we checked in. According to their website, it seems like there are other fields as well.

We grabbed some scissors and a can to collect trash like grape skins before walking along the road behind the building. The vineyard soon came into view. As we went in further, we could see numerous white bags covering the grape clusters.

Asagrapepicking novice, I was finding clusters where I could see the grapes from the gap in the bag and picking those and eating them. I think the correct waymayhave been to cut off the entire cluster, put it on a board, take off the bag and eat it. I think this way there's more excitement as you proceed to open the

There were two families with small children when we were there. The grapes were large, tender, juicy, and very sweet, so I think it is enjoyable for families with small children.



こんかい 今回のテーマが「自然&体験キャンペーン| ということで、テーマにふさわしいアクティ ビティをいくつか検討したところ、高知市か ら近くにあって、手軽にぶどう狩りを楽しむ ことができる巨峰園に行くことになりました。

ホヒデ 訪れたのが8月下旬の平日の朝ということ また。 もあり、お客さんの数が少ないためか、受付 まどぐち 窓口のある建物のすぐそばの畑を案内されま した。当園HPによるとブドウ畑は他にもあ るようです。

を手に持ち、建物の脇の道を進むと曽の前にブドウ畑が見えてき ました。奥に進むとブドウの房を包む白い袋がいくつもツルから ぶら下がっている光景が削に入ってきました。

Grapes covered by a bag 袋に覆われたブドウ



It is packed with large grapes once the bag is removed

すと中に芳粒の実がびっしり詰まっています



Grapes separated by type after harvest 収穫後、品種ごとに選別されたブドウ

and even for adults as well. Their website states that grape picking goes on until mid-September, however, according to the manager, grape picking can be enjoyed until December.



They are sold at the location 現地では販売もしている

ぶどう狩りが初体験 の私は、ツルからぶら さ 下がった袋の隙間から ずの実が見える涙を見 つけてはその実をつま んで食べていましたが、 おそらく正統な食べ方 は、袋に覆われたまま のブドウの房を茎から 切り離し、それを板の シネ c置き、袋を取り外 して中の実を食べるの でしょう。多分、こう したほうが、袋を開け るまでのワクワク感が あって楽しさがより増 すのではないかと思い

取材時には小さい子 ども連れの家族が2組 いました。果肉が大き くて柔らかく、果汁も たっと 糖度も十分あったので、 子ども連れの家族はも

たいけんかつどう ちろん、大人も十分楽しめる体験活動ではないでしょうか。当園 HPではぶどう狩りの期間は9月中旬までと書いてありますが、 ネム セきにんレャ セ がっごろ たの 園の青仟者に聞くと12月頃まで楽しめるようです。

OKyoho-en Details

Address: 1185-1 Hataeda, Nankoku City

Entry fee: Middle school and older ¥1000, elementary school ¥800, toddlers

older than three years old ¥400

Business hours: 9:00~17:00 (reception open until 16:00) Access: (by car) 30 minutes from Prefectural Office

(train and bus) take the train to Toden Gomen Station, transfer to bus

and get off at Kyoho-enmae stop

Website: https://www.kyoho-en.com (Japanese only)

きょほうえん

開園時間:9:00~17:00(ラロコロ 16:00まで) アクセス:(マイカー)県庁から約30分

(電車&バス)とでん後免町駅でバスに乗り換え、巨峰園前下

車

Website: https://www.kyoho-en.com(日本語のみ)

Kochi Lifestyle Q&A:

- Q. I want to try out various activities in Kochi! Is there any way I can easily gather information and make reservations?
- A. Yes there is! In fact, Kochi just started its Nature & Experience Promotion Campaign. Thanks to this campaign, finding information and reserving activities has gotten much easier.

高知の生活Q&A:

- Q. 高知で色んな体験をしてみたいです!情報収集や体験の予約を簡単にできる方法 はありますか?
- A. ありますよ!今年の2月1日から、高知県では「自然&体験キャンペーン」を始めたばかりです。このキャンペーンのおかげで、情報収集や体験の予約がしやすくなりました。

First, if you understand Japanese, you can search for activities at https://kochi-experience.jp/. This is the perfect place to collect information. On it are suggested itineraries, information on different places and events in Kochi, and even tour packages by various travel companies such as Jalan and Asoview all gathered together. Plus, when you find an activity you would like to try, you can reserve a place on the spot!

Not confident in your Japanese language skills? Don't worry! Kochi's tourist information website, http://visitkochijapan.com/, is available in English, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean, and Thai. Information such as each facility's address, contact details, operating hours and more are all just a click away. To search for activities and make reservations, check out https://en.activityjapan.com/search/shikoku/kochi/. You can filter your search by price, mode of payment, difficulty level, and more, to find the activity best suited for you.

If you are a visual person, take a look at Kochi Prefecture's Instagram "visitkochijapan". Just tap on the pictures to explore local quirks and sites that are just not the same when described using words. The captions also provide a wealth of information.

Let's head out on a voyage, wading through the rapids of information to enjoy the mountainous volume of fun activities in Kochi!

まず日本語が分かる方向け → https://kochi-experience.jp/というホームページで体験プログラムの検索が可能です。また、参考となるモデルコースや各エリア、イベントの情報が豊富に記載されています。旅行予約サイトじゃらんやレジャー予約サイトasoview などとも連携していて、様々なツアー会社の情報をまとめて見ることができます。情報収集にはピッタリ。好きな体験を見つけたら、その場で直ぐ予約!

日本語が分からなくても心配不要。高知の観光を整大いていて http://visitkochijapan.com/では、英語、中国語(簡体字、繁かり、神経、道語、タイ語に対応しており、施設の住所、連絡を失、営業時間などがすぐ分かります。そして、体験の検索や予約は https://en.activityjapan.com/search/shikoku/kochi/から行えます。検索する際は色々なフィルターをかけるだけで、予算や支払方法の他、ご希望のレベルに合わせて好きな体験に絞ることができます。

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