



# Echizen Coast

Shikaura District, Echizen-cho; Takasu District, Fukui City

The power of the rough seas and sheer scale of the unique rock formations sculpted by them over thousands of years are an unforgettable sight for anyone who was visited the Echizen Coast.



Kochōmon (Nashi ga Daira, Echizen-cho)

The submerged shoreline of the Echizen Coast stands in stark contrast to that of Wakasa Bay, a rising shore along the Kaburagi Fault. Assailed by surging waves, various unique formations, such as the *Kochōmon* and *Kurikusoiwa*, have been slowly carved into the rocky coast through gradual erosion over countless years.



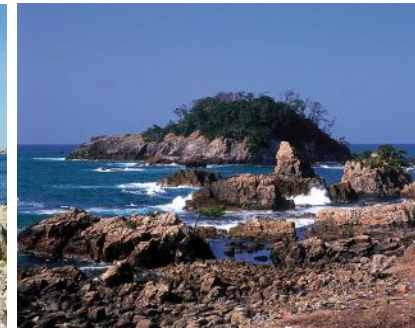
Torikusoiwa (Nashi ga Daira, Echizen-cho)<sup>①</sup>

Approaching the *Kochōmon*'s natural tunnel, a structure resulting from high winds and powerful waves, is an awe-inspiring experience.

Located nearby is the 100m sheer cliff face of the *Torikusoiwa*, which marks the extremity of the shoreline's above-water section.



Hokojima, an island of pillared joints (Minami Sugō-cho, Fukui City)



Gamejima (Matsukage-cho, Fukui City)

Other famous geological formations include Echizen-cho's *Futami ga Iwa*, consisting of two rocks of equal proportion; Minami Sugō-cho (Fukui City)'s *Hokojima*, an island formed of pillared rocks jutting from the shore; and Matsukage-cho's *Gamejima*, so called for its resemblance to a *kame* (turtle). From Fukui City's Takasu district to Echizen-cho's Shikaura district, the Echizen Coast boasts a number of unforgettable geological wonders.

Many resort facilities along the coast offer outdoor baths from which to view the sunset, as well as a number of beaches and other vantage points from which to watch the sun slowly disappear across the Sea of Japan.



Futami ga Iwa, a frequent resting place for birds (Umeura, Echizen-cho)



Sunset over the Japan Sea viewed from an outdoor bath (Kuriya, Echizen-cho)<sup>②</sup>

