



Sotomo Arch

Ugu/Tagarasu, Obama City

Caught between two peninsulas like the pincers of a crab, Obama Bay is a tranquil body of water. A trek outside to the Sotomo Arch, however, reveals a piece of geological art carved by the rough waves of the Japan Sea.



The Big Gate and Little Gate that comprise the Sotomo Arch (Nation Scenic Spot)^①



Wakasa Bay and Tagarasu's terraced rice fields (Tagarasu, Obama City)



Harvesting oysters

Obama City faces the open ocean from Wakasa Bay and the inland sea of Obama Bay. Nearby Uchitomi Peninsula stretches 6km into Wakasa Bay, and is home to a rare rias coastline which includes the caves and monumental rock formations of Sotomo Arch. The inlet of Obama Bay, markedly calm by comparison with the rough Wakasa Bay, is an ideal location for cultivating oysters.



Homes and lodgings along Obama Bay^②



Watching the sunset from Mermaid Terrace

Known as “Nara with an ocean view,” Obama City boasts excellent sunset vistas, such as that from its Mermaid Terrace. The statue at the terrace’s edge glows red as the sun sinks behind it, creating a magical evening view. Out in the Bay sits Aoshima, a National Scenic Spot and home to various rare species of flora.



Aoshima (National Natural Monument)

