



# Uchiura Bay

*Hibiki, Takahama and Elsewhere*

Travelling toward Uchiura from Nabae Beach, the breathtaking Uchiura Bay slowly comes into view. The terraced fields that border it become part of the natural landscape, adding to its already ample beauty.

Uchiura Bay, an ocean inlet on the border between Fukui and Kyoto Prefecture, is dotted with cliffs slowly carved by ocean waves over countless years, including the 260m-tall Otomi Cliff. On the eastern-facing slope of the coastline are Hibiki's terraced rice fields, selected as one of the best 100 terraced rice fields in Japan.

Life in the Hibiki district centers on both its farming and fishing industries, and nearly 200 fields, fishing ports, settlements, and rafts used in cultivation dot the landscape.

For centuries locals have preserved their terraced field rice agriculture, and visitors can view this traditional form of farming when in Hibiki.



Hibiki's terraced rice fields (100 Terraced Fields of Japan)



Old traditions of drying rice are alive and well



Uchiura Bay and Hibiki's terraced fields<sup>①</sup>



Fishing boats and terraced fields<sup>②</sup>



Otomi Cliff<sup>③</sup>