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Ukai

Yamaguchi Iwakuni
Kintaikyo Bridge

夏の錦川に
舟浮かべ
鵜の鮎漁に
歓げん
川面に映るけ
錦帯橋
殿様も愛した
景色かな

What is Ukai (cormorant fishing)?

Ukai is a traditional fishing method to catch fish by using the cormorant bird. It is known as a very unique fishing style and it has been practiced in Japan since the Nara Period 1300 years ago. It is said that famous shogunates such as Nobunaga Oda and Ieyasu Tokugawa enjoyed watching the Ukai.

Kintaikyo Bridge and Ukai (cormorant fishing)



Ukai is documented in the literature of the early Edo period 400 years ago. The feudal lord of the Iwakuni Clan during that time was Hiroyoshi Kikkawa. During his rule, the bridges over Nishiki River were destroyed many times because of frequent flooding. Hiroyoshi devoted himself to the study of building strong bridges. Finally he succeeded in establishing Kintaikyo Bridge, the bridge that would not get carried away by floods. If Hiroyoshi were alive today, he would be so proud to see Ukai fishing taking place in front of the Kintaikyo Bridge.

Excursion Boats

Spring Excursion Boat "Sakura-bune"

Spring is one of the most beautiful seasons in the Kintaikyo area. Taking a boat ride, you can enjoy the beautiful view of the Kintaikyo Bridge and sakura (cheery blossoms).

Public Boat Ride

Period: Late March to May 31st
When: Sat, Sun and Holidays
※Everyday in Cherry Blossom Season
From 11:00 to 17:00
Ride Time: About 20 min



Private Boat Ride

※Reservations Required (minimum number of passengers: 8 people)
Period: Late March to May 31st When: From 11:00 to 21:00
Ride Time: Reservation must be made for at least one hour and more

Summer Excursion Boat "Ukai Excursion"

Ukai (cormorant fishing) is one of the special summer time attractions at Kintaikyo Bridge. You can watch the traditional cormorant fishing up close from the boat.

Shared Ride or Private Ride

※Reservation Required
Period: June 1st to September 10th
When: From 19:00 to 21:00
Ride time: About 2 hours



Autumn Excursion Boat "Momiji-bune"

Kintaikyo Bridge is famous for its beautiful momiji (Japanese maple) tree leaves in fall. Take a boat ride and look at their many colors.

Public Boat Ride

Period: September 11th to November 30th
When: Sat, Sun and Holidays
From 11:00 to 14:00
※Everyday while the leaves are changing color.
Ride Time: About 20 min



Private Boat Ride

※Reservations Required (minimum number of passenger: 8 people)
Period: September 11th to November 30th When: From 11:00 to 14:00
Ride Time: Reservation must be made for at least one hour or more

Points to Note for All Excursion Boats

- You need to make a reservation for all excursion boats except public rides on "Sakura-bune" and "Momiji-bune".
- Depending on the situation, cancellation fee may apply.
- Due to stormy weather or flooding, the boat schedule might be changed or cancelled.

Ukai Excursion Boat Price List (Tax included)

Shared Boat

Adults(junior high school student and above)	2200 yen
Children(elementary school students and below)	1100 yen

※500 yen for children under 5 and free for those under 2.
※You need to make a reservation for Ukai Excursion Boats.
However, you can buy ticket just before the ride if there are seats available.

Spring and Autumn Excursion Boat Price List (Tax included)

Private Boat

Adults(junior high school student and above)	1200 yen per hour
Children(elementary school students and below)	600 yen per hour

Public Boat (20min)

Adults(junior high school student and above)	500 yen
Children(elementary school students and below)	300 yen

※ You can make reservations for meals served on the boat also.
If you plan to bring your own meal, you will be charged for 200 yen per person(junior high school students and above)
Please contact us for further information.

Ukai Excursion Boat , Spring and Autumn Excursion Boat / Boarding Place·Parking·Transportation



Access to the Ukai Excursion Boarding Place To Kintaikyo Bus Terminal

- From Shin-Iwakuni Station(Shinkansen/bullet train)10 min by taxi / 15 min by bus
- From Iwakuni Station(JR Sanyo Line)15min by taxi / 20 min by bus
- From Sanyo Highway Iwakuni I.C. / 10 min by car
- From Iwakuni Kintaikyo Airport / 20 min by taxi

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