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The Most Beautiful
Bays
in the World



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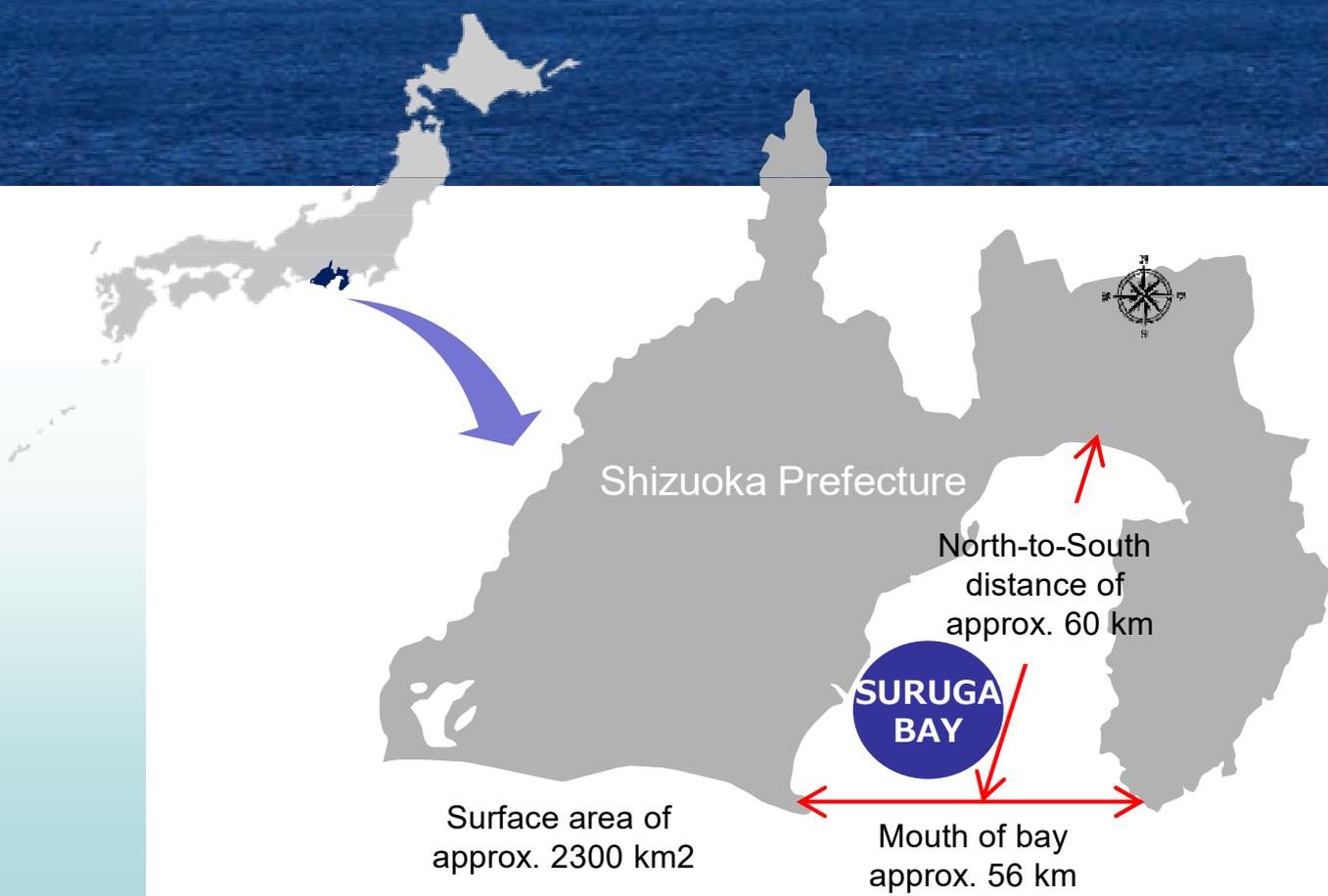
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The sea scenery that symbolizes Japan

Shizuoka Prefecture's beloved mountain and sea, Mount Fuji and Suruga Bay.

The World Heritage site Mount Fuji, and Suruga Bay, a member of The Most Beautiful Bays in the World club, make for stunning scenery worthy of being called a "symbol of Japan."

This bay has coexisted with and been loved by people since ancient times. What is it that makes Suruga Bay so charming and special?



THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BAYS IN THE WORLD /LES PLUS BELLES BAIES DU MONDE



The Most Beautiful Bays in the World Club is an NGO whose headquarters are located in Vannes, France.

41 bays, including World Heritage sites Mont Saint Michel in France and Halong Bay in Vietnam, from 25 different countries are members.

Shizuoka Prefecture's own Suruga Bay became a member of the club in November 2016.



Aims of the Club

To favor the conservation or improvement of each bay's environmental conditions and their protection while ensuring that the objectives of economic development can be attained.

It is the obligation of members to respect the traditions and ways of life in the areas surrounding the bays.

The club hopes to obtain local, national and international recognition and to use this publicity to help address problems created by the influx of tourism, create added value to the bay and protect the scenery. The club also favors multilateral exchange between the Most Beautiful Bays in the World Club members on environmental, social, economical and tourism related themes.

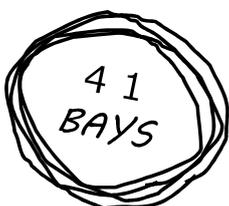
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- BAY OF ROSES / SPAIN
- BODRUM / TURKEY
- BOKA KOTORSKA / MONTENEGRO
- GRIKOS BAY-PATMOS / GREECE
- SAKARUN BAY / CROATIA
- SANTANDER / SPAIN

ASIA

- HALONG BAY / VIETNAM
- BAIE DE LAN CO-HUE / VIETNAM
- NHA TRANG / VIETNAM
- CAMBODIA BAY / CAMBODIA
- MATSUSHIMA / JAPAN
- MIYAZU-INE / JAPAN
- SURUGA / JAPAN
- TOYAMA / JAPAN
- PENGHU BAY / TAIWAN
- PUERTO GALERA / PHILIPPINES
- QINGDAO / CHINA
- YEOSU / SOUTH KOREA

*Member bays are listed based on the club's list since December 2016





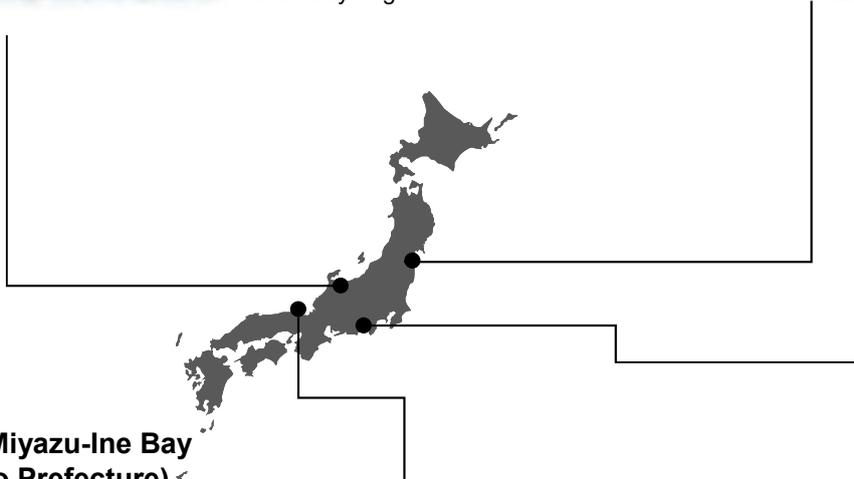
Toyama Bay (Toyama Prefecture)

A bay with a magnificent view of the Tateyama Mountain Range from the sea, a unique and rare scenery in the world. It is blessed with diverse species of fish such as Japanese amberjack, firefly squid and white shrimp. The coastline has a beautiful scenic cycling route.



Matsushima Bay (Miyagi Prefecture)

A bay that continues to mesmerize a lot of people and has been designated as one of the "Three Most Scenic Views of Japan". It is well known for its oysters and rich marine life. You can enjoy sightseeing around the bay by taking a boat tour.



Suruga Bay (Shizuoka Prefecture)



Kyoto Miyazu-Ine Bay (Kyoto Prefecture)

Miyazu Bay, where one of the three most scenic views in Japan, "Amanohashidate" is located, and Ine Bay, a place famous for its funaya boat houses. It has captured people's hearts as a sacred place of worship since ancient times. The bay is the gateway to "Kyoto by the Sea" with its charming array of cultural landscapes.



Member Bays in Japan

Aside from Suruga Bay, Matsushima Bay in Miyagi Prefecture (Since 2013), Toyama Bay in Toyama Prefecture (Since 2014), and Miyazu-Ine Bay in Kyoto Prefecture (Since 2016). Suruga Bay and the other bays have beautiful landscapes and rich distinctive characteristics.

AFRICA

- AGADIR / MOROCCO
- AL HOCEIMA / MOROCCO
- DIEGO SUAREZ / MADAGASCAR
- MINDELO / CAPE VERDE
- PEMBA BAY / MOZAMBIQUE
- SINE SALOUM / SENEGAL

THE AMERICAS

- BANDERAS BAY
- PUERTO BALLARTA / MEXICO
- BAY OF CHALEUR / CANADA
- TADOUSSAC / CANADA
- SAMANA AND RINCON / DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- SAN FRANCISCO / UNITED STATES
- SAINTES BAY / FRANCE
- ALL SAINTS BAY / BRAZIL
- PRAIA DO ROSA / BRAZIL
- CARTAGENA DE INDIAS / COLOMBIA



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The Bay at the Foot of Mount Fuji

A picturesque landscape combining Fuji and the sea

Mount Fuji is visible from the 7 cities and 4 towns along the perimeter of the bay. This is one of the things that make Suruga Bay unique. Search for your favorite viewing spot and take in the splendid scenery of Mount Fuji and the sea.

History of Suruga Bay

Development of Japan's Deepest Bay

The Birth of Suruga Bay

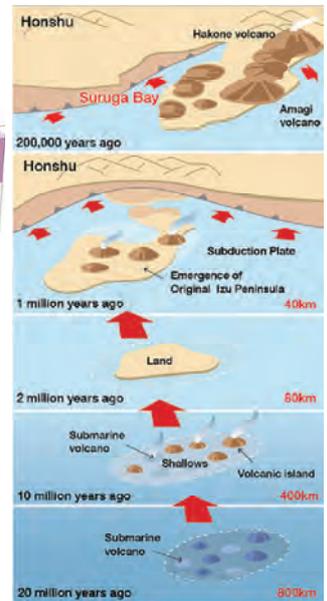
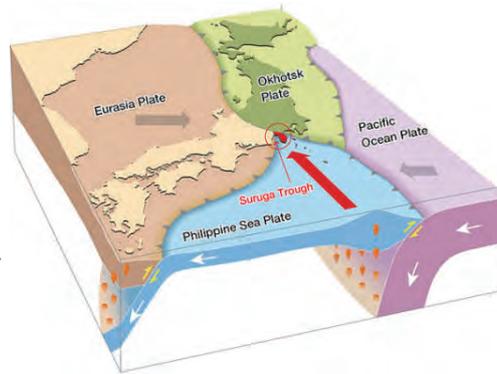
Suruga Bay's origins can be traced back to six hundred thousand years ago. A chain of underwater volcanoes, the predecessor of the present-day Izu Peninsula, were carried by tectonic movement from the southern Pacific Ocean hundreds of kilometers north into Japan, causing a collision that led to the bay's formation.

The bay is also the location of the dividing line between the Philippine Sea Plate and the Eurasia Plate. This divider, known as the Suruga Trough, accounts for Suruga Bay's extraordinary depth. The deepest part of the bay is around 2,500 meters making it the deepest bay in Japan.

Were one to completely drain Suruga Bay of water, it would provide a glimpse into the dynamic topography of the seabed. The floor of Suruga Bay is characterized by its extremely sharp slopes, plunging five hundred meters below sea level a mere two kilometers from the coast.

The interior part of the bay features a submarine canyon of one thousand meters in depth, which runs through the mouth of the bay all the way to the Mariana Trench.

The total height difference between the deepest part of the bay and the peak of Mt. Fuji at 3,776 meters, amounts to an impressive six thousand meters, giving Shizuoka Prefecture a unique juxtaposition of high and low.



Deep Sea

The vivid contrast with majestic Mount. Fuji continues from the bottom of the ocean.

This jagged landscape forms part of the basis for Suruga Bay's life-giving attributes. As a result of these conditions, the parts of the bay close to the shore feature three types of deep ocean water: those from the Kuroshio Current, the Subarctic Zone, and the Pacific Ocean.

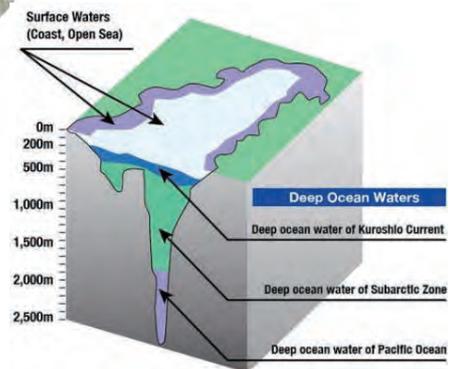
The deep ocean waters are essentially devoid of sunlight, making photosynthesis impossible even for phytoplankton, and stay completely separate from the water from shallower areas. As a result, these waters exhibit an isothermal cold temperature while also remaining highly pure and rich in nutrients.

In addition to providing sustenance to a broad range of marine organisms, these properties also give Suruga Bay the potential for use in commercial products.

Shizuoka Prefecture is currently working to harness the waters of the Kuroshio Current in particular for food, pharmaceuticals, and other fields. This is one of the many blessings from Japan's deepest bay.

Three Characteristics of Deep Ocean Waters

- Unvarying cold temperature
- High level of purity
- Rich in nutrients

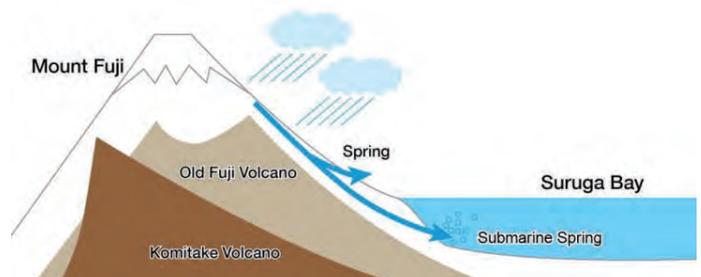


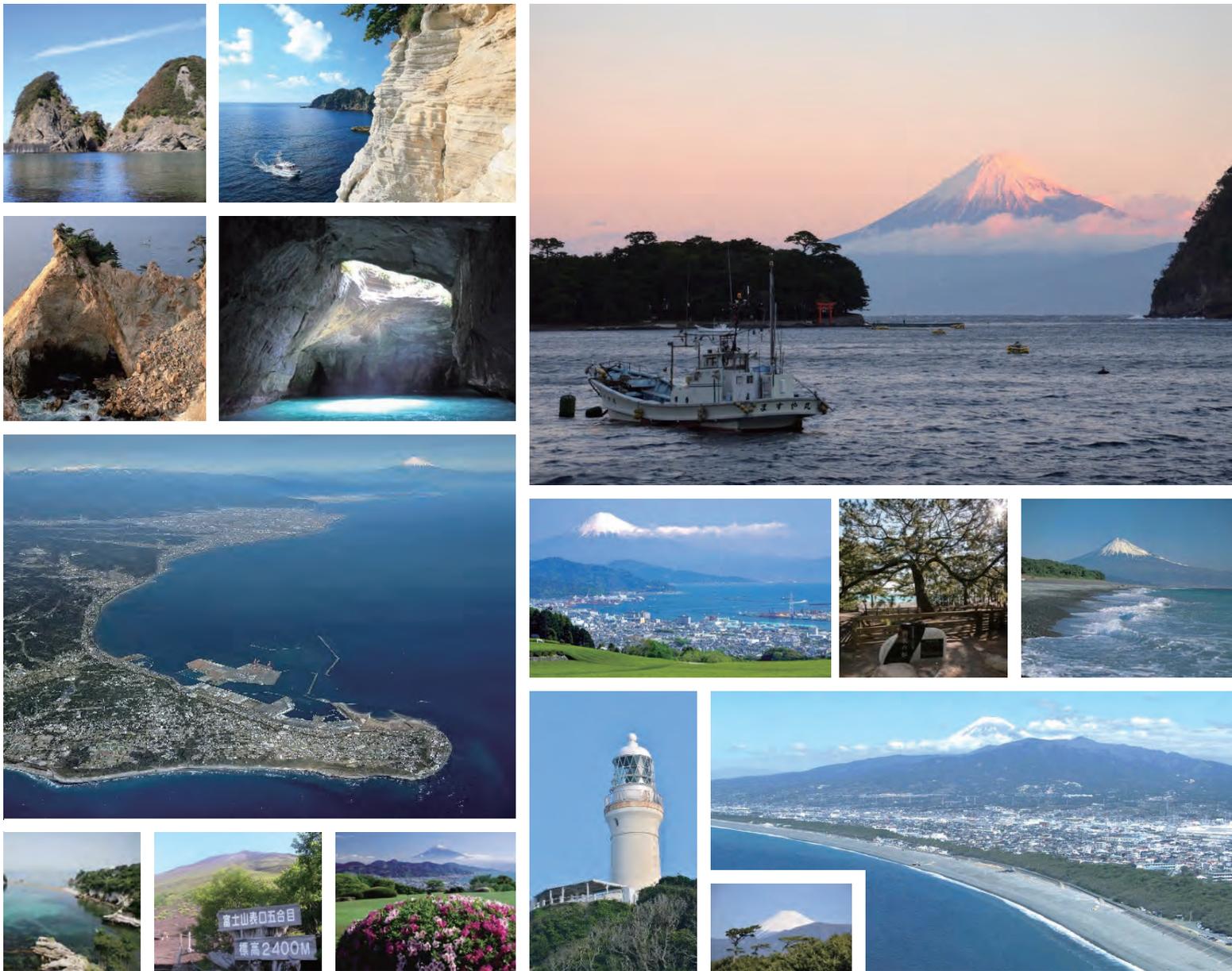
Mount Fuji's Springs and Suruga Bay

Precipitation on Mount Fuji is approximately 2.5 billion tons annually. This seeps into the earth and becomes groundwater, then reemerges from springs at the surface.

Owing to this process, the coast of Suruga Bay is home to numerous famous springs. These waters provide nourishment to their rich natural surroundings as they flow into the bay, where they provide an optimal environment for sakura-ebi shrimp and other forms of life.

Scientists have also confirmed the presence of springs at the bottom of Suruga Bay and are currently working to learn more about them. Suruga Bay and Mt. Fuji are connected by this spring water.





The Natural Bounty of Suruga Bay

Blessed with stunning scenery that symbolizes the beauty of Japan

Suruga Bay stretches out as far as the eye can see with its dynamic ria coasts, 4 nature and national parks, and numerous pine groves. Suruga Bay's unique, splendid scenery is blessed with abundant natural scenery that represents the beauty of Japan.



A Treasure Trove of Living Things

Japan's Deepest Bay, a Cradle of Life

Suruga Bay forms the habitat for approximately one thousand different species of fish, representing about 40% of Japan's indigenous species. Suruga Bay contains an undersea plateau called Senoumi, which is well known as a rich fishing ground. The coast of Omaezaki is known as an egg-laying site for loggerhead turtles, and many other precious sea creatures call the bay home. Suruga Bay supports an endless variety of marine organisms, making it truly a cradle of life.



Culture of Suruga Bay

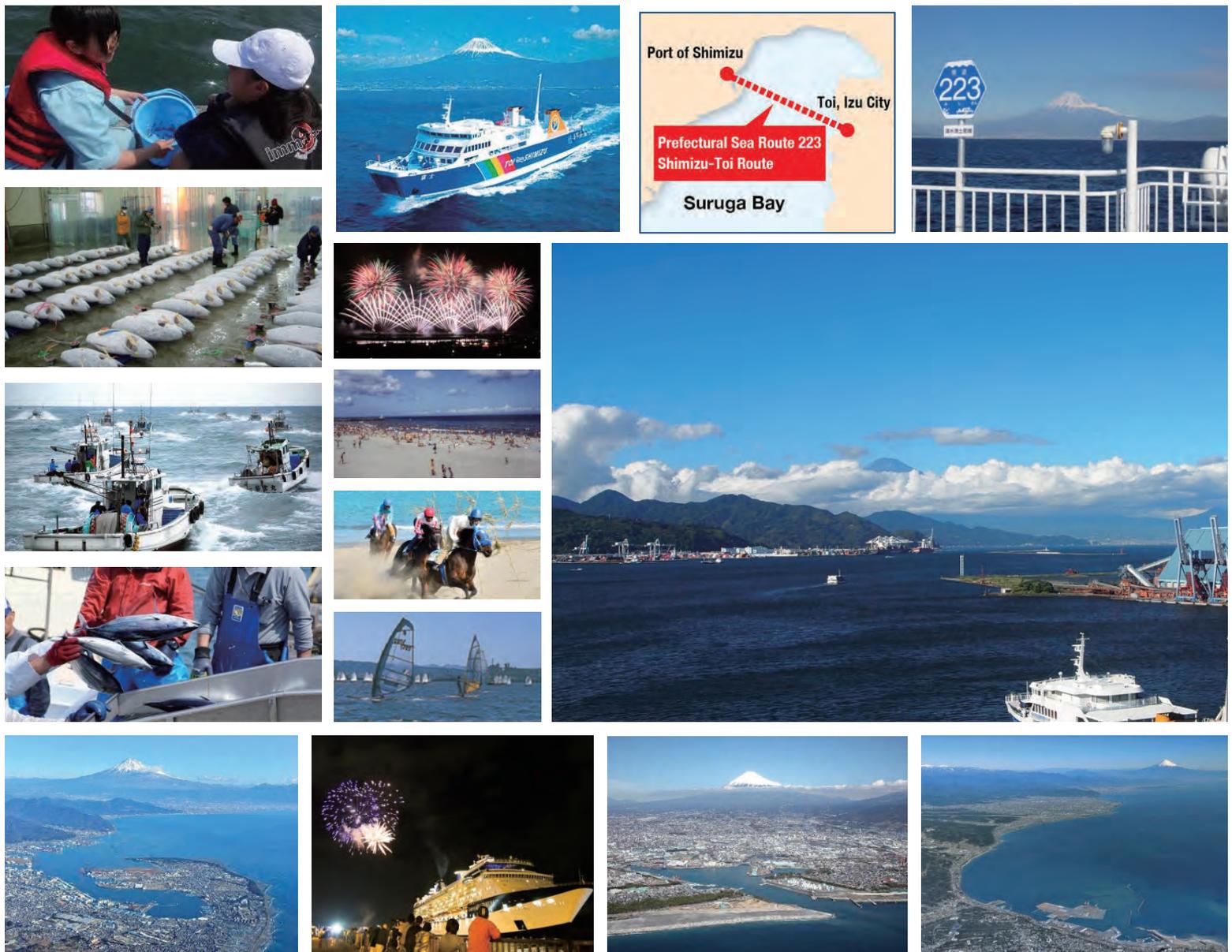
A beloved bay and a rich cultural heritage

Suruga Bay, along with Mount Fuji, has been a local favorite for eons.

It is often depicted in Ukiyo-e woodblock prints and Man'yōshū, Japan's oldest anthology of waka poems.

The bay is the setting for numerous traditional rituals such as the annual grand festival and religious festivals in colder season.

The bounties of the sea have deeply influenced the rich culinary culture of the region and have produced a lot of local specialities.



Living in harmony with the Bay

Ecologically sustainable development of Suruga Bay

Suruga Bay has been the platform of a vibrant fishing industry and in recent years, projects on sustainable fishing are actively undertaken. Focus has been placed on tourism in the area through the designation of the ferry as "Prefectural Sea Route 223 (fu-ji-san when the numbers are read in Japanese). Promotion of marine cargo transport and stronger utilization of ports as cargo distribution hub and passenger transport hub are also being planned. Indeed, Suruga Bay is deeply intertwined with the local people's lives.

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