

#Buckwheat Field in Saredani

#Autumn #Nakayama #BuckwheatField

The famous buckwheat fields of Nakayama will be at their most stunning around October. When the field of buckwheat on the hill next to the Saredani Kiln is in its full-blossom glory, it's so lovely it almost feels like you're in a picture-book world.



Buckwheat Field

Pointers for Getting Your Best Shot

When shooting in places with relaxed, open feels, like fields of flowers, it's a good idea to include a broad view of the sky in the shot. It will give it more impact, making people wonder where it might have been taken. A fashion look that can work well for the model is something like this, a white dress with a straw hat. Try to get a shot that looks like it's out of a picture-book world.

#Autumn Leaves at Ōtani-ike Pond

#Autumn #Iyo #AutumnLeaves

Ōtani-ike Pond, the largest reservoir in Ehime Prefecture, is famous for its wild birds and beautiful autumn leaves. The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has selected it as one of the 100 Famous Reservoirs of Japan.

It's so fun to get really lovely shots♪

Pointers for Getting Your Best Shot

Subject matter like autumn leaves and cherry blossoms can disappear overnight. The best is if you can shoot them at just the right time, of course, but that can be pretty tough. Even if your timing isn't optimal, though, you can adjust the density in your shots by pulling a little farther back or stepping a little closer in. Try shooting from a wide range of different angles.



Autumn Leaves

#Huge Ginkgo Tree in Shimomitani

#Autumn #Iyo #AutumnLeaves

Along an embankment in the Iyo City neighborhood of Shimomitani is a sort of hidden photo destination where I came across this great big ginkgo tree.

Pointers for Getting Your Best Shot

Ginkgo leaves tend to grow higher up on the tree, so I recommend standing back and getting a shot of the whole tree! You can also get fun, cute shots doing things like picking up piles of fallen leaves and throwing them, or taking shots of the leaves underfoot♪



Ginkgo biloba

Check!



Be sure to check the Iyo City Sightseeing website for the continuation of this feature! ▶▶▶



Fireworks

#Fireworks Display at Iyo Sai Matsuri

#Summertime #Iyo #Fireworks

Every year, a big fireworks display takes place as part of the Iyo City residents' summertime festival, the Iyo Sai Matsuri held on Iyo Port Pier on the last Saturday and Sunday in July.

Pointers for Getting Your Best Shot

If you're shooting with an iPhone, try putting it in Live mode and using the AF Lock feature and you'll get shots that look completely different than anything you've taken before! With cameras, I recommend shooting in Bulb mode. Also try using a remote shutter release to prevent blurring.



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The COVID-19 crisis made me realize how we can't take anything for granted. My focus is on taking family and event photos with a concept of memorializing the present moment. My specialty is getting shots that are #BrimmingWithFeeling!

So relaxing, so photogenic!



Exploring Iyo City's Camera-Friendly Allure

There are so many spots in Iyo City naturally suited to picture-taking that I want to recommend.

Keep in mind that the highlights change from season to season and plan a visit to see what appeals to you most.

Capturing the Highlights of Iyo City's Four Seasons

I love taking pictures and having my own picture taken as well. Iyo City has spots that are fun to photograph in each season, so I try to aim for optimal timing with my visits. The Yellow Hill at Inuyose Pass and Futami are spots in particular that draw a lot of people from other parts of Ehime and farther afield to view and photograph the charming yellow rape blossoms. The exact time when they'll be in full blossom varies from year to year depending on the weather, though, so it's a good idea to check social media or other sources first. I'm only showing a portion of the highlights here, so be sure to do some research of your own as well when you visit!

Photo location: Ehime Forest Park
We snapped the cover photo here, too!

#Cherry Blossoms at Futami

#Springtime #Futami #FutamiShiokazeFureaiPark

Futami Shiokaze (Sea Breeze) Fureai Park is a sports and recreation facility with trees and flowers to enjoy in each of the four seasons.

Pointers for Getting Your Best Shot

Photographing cherry blossoms against a blue sky or a backdrop of the sea makes their color really stand out, so you get more ambience in the shot. When you take your photo, try to keep in mind that if you make your main subject stand out with more contrast, you'll get more impressive results!



Cherry Blossom

#Mimosa Blossoms on Yellow Hill

#Springtime #InuyosePass #Mimosa

At Inuyose Pass is a hillside with about 2 hectares (5 acres) of rape blossoms. Every year in March, there's a Mimosa Matsuri festival, too.

Photogenic charm can be made♡

Pointers for Getting Your Best Shot

Having your model peek out toward the camera from between clusters of mimosa blossoms makes for charmingly photogenic portraits. I also recommend having them hold something like a camera or other small object. Photographing their hands together with the blossoms is another classic approach! Getting sunlight in the shot adds a more emotional touch, too!



Mimosa