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▲1227-1, Takagishi Kō, Futami-chō, Iyo-shi ☎089-986-0358

A café where you can just zone out gazing at the sea. This place has a charmingly "almighty," all-inclusive feel, offering lunch options as well as sweets, plus takeout dining, and even miscellaneous goods for sale. While I rarely do my work in cafés due to concerns about maintaining distance from other people, the way this space was set up made me feel really comfortable – a place I hope to return to, even right away soon!



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JMB Shikoku Paragliding School

☎089-907-0014 (Meeting location: Michi-no-Eki Futami bordering Futami Seaside Park)

Paragliding is one thing I'd always wanted to try. And while I thought I was already well acquainted with the Seto Inland Sea, I have to say it looked entirely different from the sky. I felt so high up, and it looked so broad and expansive, with such an emerald green hue. I felt as if a stunningly beautiful movie was playing before my eyes the whole time. Just an extraordinary, unbeatable experience – 15 minutes I'll never forget!



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Vacation rental house: Libertà & shioji

▲1213-31, Kushi Kō, Futami-chō, Iyo-shi ☎080-8048-7289

Occasionally I'll take a trip as a treat for myself. I'll just play cards with friends, chat, strum the guitar... It's fun to cook dinner and share time with them like that. Libertà is a guesthouse where you can enjoy the finer things Elime has to offer. The sea is right there in front of your eyes! You can chill on the terrace and watch the setting sun sink down into it. The absolute best.



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A sealoover's coffeehouse with lodging: Popeye

▲956-5, Takagishi Kō, Futami-chō, Iyo-shi ☎050-6870-5413

I love kissaten coffeehouses, the way they offer a space for "in-between" time, like after I've finished some work and before I'm about to play music, where I can sort out my thoughts and feelings. Popeye has a curious air to it that feels somehow in between Japanese and Western, in between old and new. One particular draw for me was the inclusion of *chūka* soba – a Chinese-style noodle dish I love – in their menu. It was really gently flavored, featuring *inko* broth made with little dried fish.

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futami terrace

▲1632, Okubo Kō, Futami-chō, Iyo-shi ☎070-8416-5368

With work and singing and just zoning out, I feel like it's important to find the right balance between them, rather than just doing one. Sachio-san who manages futami terrace, a guesthouse with lodging for one group at a time, describes it as "a place where you can return to your very favorite self," which sounded really appealing to me. I thought I'd just spend my time here as I liked, taking in its nice view of the sea. Natural wine can be bought here, too.



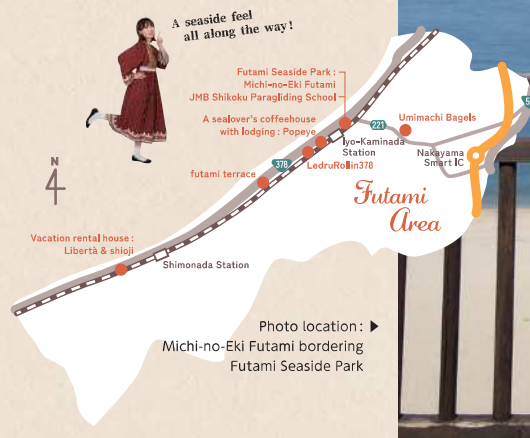
Such nice conversation, too!

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Umimachi Bagels

▲4627-2, Kaminada Kō, Futami-chō, Iyo-shi ☎089-994-8654

The bagels here are made by a special husband-and-wife team, drawing on her many years of experience apprenticing at a bagel shop and his previous career as a chef at an Italian restaurant in Osaka. Oh, how I love bagels, too... Even one can be enough to make a meal out of, which makes the bagel a food item that can really provide emotional support on super busy days. And the bagels here are so filling! Their springy, chewy texture and yummy flavor was just to my liking.



Overwhelmingly Welcoming: A Neighborhood Conducive to Sharing of Joy

I associate Futami with an impression of openness. Everyone here has love for the neighborhood, and the level of hospitality is incredible as well. It even made me wonder, "How can everyone be this kind...?" I think it might be this proximity to the sea, the way it sparkles in the daylight, takes on a pink hue at sunset, even the way its waves get a little choppy at times... The lives of Futami's residents are intertwined with these varying faces the neighboring sea reveals. Coming in contact with the warmth people have and all the lovely scenery just naturally puts you in the frame of mind to share with others. I think that's got to be part of what makes Futami such a popular neighborhood for sightseeing.



Excursions All Along the Seaside

Landscapes & people to set the mind at ease

