Shikoku 21.09.13 - 20.11.13

60 days from Tokushima via 88 temples to Tokushima

Average length of walking 20 km/day

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Pagenumbers refer to the travelguide "Shikoku Japan 88 Route Guide", 3rd print, May 2013

•	M. Ishida	very good	3 right	
•	Hotel Oike	very good	4 right	
•	Sudachi-kan	simple, but very friendly people	5 left	
•	Kadoya Ryokan	decent	6 left	
•	M. Chiba	decent	8-b	
•	Kaneko-ya	decent	9-a left	
•	Sakaguchi-ya	very good, recommendable	10 right	
•	Sazanka	very good, recommendable	11 left	
•	Azuma	not recommendable, landlady has mental problems 14 top left		
•	Harurutei	very good	14 lower right, left area	
•	Lodge Ozaki	very good, Internet	15-b	
•	Misaki Hotel	very good, ancient seaside hotel	15-b lower right	
•	Kurakukan Sakan	very good, renovated antique japanese	e building 16 top left	
•	M. Kinsho	decent, simple, nice people	18 right	
•	Tamai Hotel	good Business Hotel	19 lower left	
•	Marukome Ryokan	decent	21 right	
•	Hotel CHRES	very good	22 left and/or 23 right	
•	Kochi-ya	decent	24 left and/or 25 rechts	
•	Shiraishi-ya	decent	26 left	
•	Kokumin Shukusha Tos	sa very good, Internet	27 right	
•	Hikari	good, very nice people, Internet	28-a	

•	Mima Ryokan	very good	29-b	
•	Uchida-ya	very good	30-b	
•	West Nest Garden Tosa	very good, Internet	31 right	
•	Kumomo	very good, very nice people	33 left two overnight	stays
•	Hotel Hatto	decent, sumptuous dinner	33 top right	
•	Kuro-usagi	very good, very nice people	34 top right /35 lower	right
•	Yone-ya Ryokan	very good, very nice people	36 lower left	
•	Yamashiro-ya Ryokan	decent, Internet	37 righ	t
•	Myoshi Ryokan	decent	38-b	
•	M. Toube-ya	simple, very nice people	40-b	
•	Uwa Park	good Business Hotel, Internet	42 -a	
•	Ozu Plaza	good Business Hotel, Internet	42-b	
•	Ose-no-yakata	wonderful building, belonge no breakfast, no dinner	d to Kenzaburo Oe	(Nobel-Price), 43 right
•	Omogo Ryokan	decent		44 lower right
•	Chochin-ya	large pilgrim hostage, very goo	d, Pilgrims´s Shop	46 left
•	Sen Guest House	good, Backpacker atmosphere,	Internet, no meals	48 right
•	Ota-ya Ryokan	decent, simple		50-a
•	Shofuku Ryokan	decent, nice people, old and ch	arming	51 right
•	Yunosato Komachi Spa	good, large pilgrim hostage, or	nsen	53-b
•	B.R. Komatsu	decent, simple		53-b/54-a
•	Business Hotel Misora	good, breakfast only		55 right
•	B.R. Rondon-so	simple, no meals		58 left
•	M. Okada	without any alternative, old bu	ilding, very nice people	59 lower right
•	M. Aozora	very good, very nice people, hig	ghly recommended	59 top right
•	Ichifuji Ryokan	very good, very nice people, cla	assical japanese	61 right
•	Yamamoto-ya Ryokan	very good, very nice people		63 right
•	Kawakume Ryokan	good, very nice people		65 center left

•	Ebisu-ya	simple, nice people	66 right/67 left
•	Seto Kokumin Ryokan	good	67 left
•	Momotaro Ryokan	very good, exclusive, awesome food	69 right
•	Nagaoji	decent	71-b
•	Yasokubo	good, without any alternative	72 rechts

- ❖ Always keep in mind: this a Japanese area and nearly all people of Shikoku are very friendly to pilgrims. But they don't want to argue with you about food or rules in the minshukus or ryokans. If western people will ignore those facts, the problems for foreigners will increase to book overnight stays, because the landladies are still reluctant to accept reservations for pilgrims from abroad due to uncomfortable experiences with needless negotiations about the japanese way to organize life
- **Stopover in Tokushima**: Hotel Avanti, inexpensive, simple, decent
- Call the minshukus and ryokans (two or three days) in advance, by all means. Never just show up. Especially there, where there are only some or no alternatives resp. you have to stay twice
- ❖ Be sure to arrive early enough to use the bath (ofuro) and/or the washing machine (sentaki) before dinner time, which is usually 6.00 p.m. Very often the landlady will fix the succession of pilgrims who gain admission to clean themselves or their clothes
- ❖ Be aware of **snakes** (especially after cold and/or rainy hours at sunny (rock) areas), even in urban areas (very special own experiences)
- ❖ Warning! M.Shikoku, 49 right. Two verbal reports by pilgrims, who where cheated and threatened!
- Look at the map, plan in advance and provide a water supply (Konbini, Vending Machine)
- Marks are good nearly throughout the henro michi. Some problems especially in the periphery of Kochi and in the city of Uwajima
- Reflectors for rucksack: helpful for tunnels
- ❖ Good and solid net of **Konbinis (e.g. Lawson, Family Mart, Circle K):** a real help in many conditions of life from clean toilets to ATM (western Credit Cards are not always accepted!!)
- ❖ Cash is very important. Minshukus and ryokans accept nothing else. Withdraw cash from the ATMs in post offices, but be sure the office is not closed on the several holidays and on weekends. Western Credit Cards are accepted mainly there and nowhere else
- ❖ If possible, be equipped with **two different Credit Cards**. MasterCard is not always the best choice, because some shops in the cities prefer Visa resp. there was trouble between Japanese banks and MasterCard in 2013

❖ It is our experience, that **basal Japanese language skills** are really helpful to improve the well-being oft he pilgrims (**and** the people of Shikoku) as well as the quality of the pilgrimage

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