**Access to Each Venue**

- **Awaji Island in Hyogo Prefecture**
  - Located in the southern part of Hyogo Prefecture, Awaji Island has a population of approximately 130,000, and is connected to the mainland and Shikoku Island by bridges.
  - In Kojiki, a collection of ancient Japanese myths, Awaji Island is depicted as the first island created in Japan, thus marking the beginning of Japan’s history. Blessed with a wide variety of regional resources, such as its, cuisine, nature, and hot springs, along with its culture and history, Awaji Island is an attractive tourist destination, as it is easily accessible from urban areas — for example, Osaka, which is only one hour away.

- **Awaji Island Cuisine**
  - Due to its warm climate and rich nature, Awaji Island is well known as a “treasure chest” of food, enjoying an abundance of blessings from both the sea and mountains. Appreciated as miketsu-kuni (a region that produces food for the emperor), Awaji offered food items to emperors and the Imperial Court from ancient times to the Heian period (794-1185). The island’s local specialties include such seafood as hami (pike conger), fugu (pufferfish), sea urchin and whitebait, along with onions and beef.

- **Awaji Flower Festival in Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the Awaji Flower Exhibition**
  - In the northern part of Awaji Island, a huge amount of soil was removed from an area to construct a reclaimed land for Kansai International Airport and other facilities, leaving the area deforested and its natural environment substantially impaired. Afterwards, many trees were planted at the deforested site and turned it into a park to host the international Gardening and Landscaping Exhibition, Japan Flora 2000 (commonly known as the Awaji Flower Exhibition). The event was held under the theme of the “Communication between People and Nature.”
  - Marking the 20th anniversary of this exhibition, the Awaji Flower Festival in Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the Awaji Flower Exhibition will be held with the aim of passing on and further developing the philosophy of co-existence between people and nature, which was promoted by the exhibition two decades ago.
  - Incorporating even more attractive features of Awaji Island than those you can usually appreciate, a wide variety of programs, from the ones related to food, flowers, and greenery to night-time illumination, await you on the island.
Awaji Flower Festival — Outline of the Event

1. Theme
Awaji, the Island of Flowers, Greenery, and Food that Connects Everyone

2. Term
Spring: March 20 (Sat./Holiday) - May 30 (Sun.), 2021 (72 days)
Autumn: September 18 (Sat.) - October 31 (Sun.), 2021 (44 days)

3. Venue
[Main venues]
Awaji venue: Awaji Yumebutai and Awaji Island Akashi Kaikyo National Government Park
Sumoto venue: Sumoto Central City Area
Minamiawaji venue: Awaji Farm Park England Hill Area

[Satellite venues]
Many tourist facilities on the island which have agreed to cooperate to make the event even more enjoyable

Partial List of Scheduled Events
*Please note that the details may change.

**Awaji Venue**
Spring/Autumn Carnival
Seasonal flowers vividly decorate the garden. Enjoy tulips in spring and cosmos flowers in autumn.
- Venue: Awaji Island Akashi Kaikyo National Government Park
- Period: Throughout the spring term

Kanrin-maru Cruise from Koryu-no-Tsubasa Port
Hop on a special cruise onboard the Kanrin-maru, a large sightseeing boat, to enjoy views of the “Awaji Flower Island” and Akashi Kaikyo Bridge, the world’s longest suspension bridge. A cruise guide will show you scenery not to be missed.
- Venue: From Koryu-no-Tsubasa Port to the water off the Awaji venue
- Period: Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and two to three weekdays during the spring term

TAKI TAMADA Cardboard Art — Exhibition & Children’s Workshops
This exhibition features cardboard creations by Taki Tamada, a three-dimensional artist from Hyogo Prefecture. Workshops for children will also be held.
- Venue: 2F Visitors Building, Awaji Island Akashi Kaikyo National Government Park
- Period: April 10 (Sat) and 11 (Sun.), 2021

**Sumoto Venue**
Umizora Film Festival 2021 on Awaji Island
In this festival, visitors will enjoy movies projected on a large screen hung over the sea.
- Venue: Omaha Beach
- Period: Spring 2021

Awaji LOHAS Picnic ALOHAS
Various programs will be offered in Sumoto City, a sister city to Hawaii County. To encourage visitors to learn about LOHAS (lifestyles of health and sustainability) while watching hula dancing and browsing Hawaiian sundries.
- Venue: Sumoto Civic Square
- Period: Autumn 2021

**Minamiawaji Venue**
Kanrin-maru Cruise from Koryu-no-Tsubasa Port
A pop-up cafe will be opened to feature the shima sweets unique to Awaji Island. Visitors can enjoy a variety of sweets created by the island’s pastry chefs using plenty of fresh ingredients nurtured by the rich nature of the island.
- Venue: 2F Visitors Building, Awaji Island Akashi Kaikyo National Government Park
- Period: Throughout the spring term

SHIMA SWEETS Garden (Island Sweets Garden)
A pop-up cafe will be opened to feature the shima sweets unique to Awaji Island. Visitors can enjoy a variety of sweets created by the island’s pastry chefs using plenty of fresh ingredients nurtured by the rich nature of the island.
- Venue: Visitors Building, Awaji Island Akashi Kaikyo National Government Park
- Period: Throughout the spring term

**Satellite Venues**
Uzushio (Whirlpool) Cruise
At a spring tide, some of the world’s largest whirlpools exceeding 20 meters in diameter are formed in the sea. Visitors can observe the powerful whirlpools close up from a boat.
- Venue: Fukura Port in Minamiawaji City
- Period: Throughout the Festival

Gallery Over the Flower Fields in the Sky
Seasonal flower fields spread out from a plateau at an altitude of 300 meters toward the sea. Indulge in a relaxing, calming, and healing atmosphere.
- Venue: Hyogo Prefectural Park Awaji Hanasakijima
- Period: Throughout the Festival

Spring/Autumn Carnival
Seasonal flowers vividly decorate the garden. Enjoy tulips in spring and cosmos flowers in autumn.

**Awaji Gibier* Fair**
In tribute to the historical fact that Awaji Island used to offer such game meat as deer and wild boar to the Imperial Court, a gibier fair will be held. During the fair, visitors can savor a wide variety of gibier dishes from around Awaji Island and Hyogo Prefecture. (“French word for game meat”)
- Venue: Awaji Farm Park England Hill
- Period: Autumn 2021

**Attractive Night Events**
Umizora Film Festival
Visitors can observe the powerful whirlpools close up from a boat.

**Puzzle-solving Game "The Beginning Island"**
Enjoy a puzzle-solving game featuring characters from the role-playing game, “The Beginning Island,” which renders the myth of Japan’s creation.
- Venue: Awaji Farm Park England Hill
- Period: Spring 2021