

Enjoy beautiful flowers that change seasonally.

#### ⑫ Water Iris



early May

#### ⑬ Hydrangeas



early June

#### ⑪ Tidal Pond

Yosui-en is a nationally recognized Japanese garden featuring a unique "shioiri" system that introduces seawater into the garden. By controlling the flow of seawater through two sluice gates, the pond, spanning approximately 3,500 tsubo, becomes a brackish water habitat. This unique ecosystem attracts various aquatic life including mullet, goby, eel, and migratory birds such as ducks and herons.



#### ⑨ Himon Gate

The water level of the tidal pond is controlled by two sluice gates: the Yagen-hi and the Miura-hi. These gates are used to let water in or out depending on the tide. The Yagen-hi also served as a boat warehouse during the Edo period, allowing visiting ships to dock.



#### ⑧ Obaba-ato

This is the Former Parade Ground, which served as the gathering place for processions before their departure. While such grounds are usually situated near the main gate, this one was positioned here to accommodate visitors arriving by boat.



#### ⑦ Pruned Pine

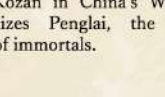
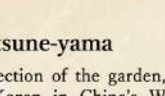
This shaped pine tree marks the former site of a kumquat orchard.



Bus parking lot



Bay



#### ⑥ Kitsune-yama

This section of the garden, modeled after Kozan in China's West Lake, symbolizes Penglai, the mythical home of immortals.



#### Black Pine

Yosui-en is a grand Japanese garden primarily featuring pine trees. Approximately 1,100 black pine trees adorn the grounds. The tranquil atmosphere of Yosui-en is enhanced by the reflection of the pine trees in the large pond, creating a picturesque scene that has captivated visitors for centuries.



#### Incorporated Natural Landscape

Despite its coastal location, the garden is designed to minimize ocean views. Instead, it focuses on a large central pond and incorporates the surrounding mountains into its landscape.

#### Ao-ishi(Kishu Blue Stone)

Kishu blue stone has been a favored material for centuries in the region. Its use extends to a variety of structures, from bridges and seawalls to building foundations and garden paths. Its unique ability to be easily split into flat slabs has made it particularly suitable for garden landscaping.



#### ① Yodomari-ishi

This stone arrangement, commonly found in Japanese gardens, is an abstract representation of a group of ships docked in a harbor after their nighttime journey to the mythical Mount Penglai.



#### ② Mitsuhashi Bridge ③ Taikobashi Bridge

Two bridges span the pond: Taikobashi and Mitsuhashi. The pond is shaped like the West Lake in China. The artistic design of Yosui-en is such that the characteristic straight lines of the Chinese-inspired pond contrast beautifully with the curves of these bridges.

Both were converted from earthen to concrete structures by the 15th head of the family, Tokugawa Yorimichi.



#### ④ Guardian Deity Island

In the middle of the pond lies an island called "Shugoshintou" (Guardian Deity Island), home to Inari Shrine and Benzaiten Shrine. It is said that Harutomi frequently visited and prayed at this shrine, and it is believed to be a place of good fortune. According to legend, the deity was invited from Fushimi Inari. The view of the garden from this island is also beautiful.



#### ⑤ Kamo-yose

The part of the pond that extends out into the water was set aside in this garden as a hunting spot for wintering ducks.

