

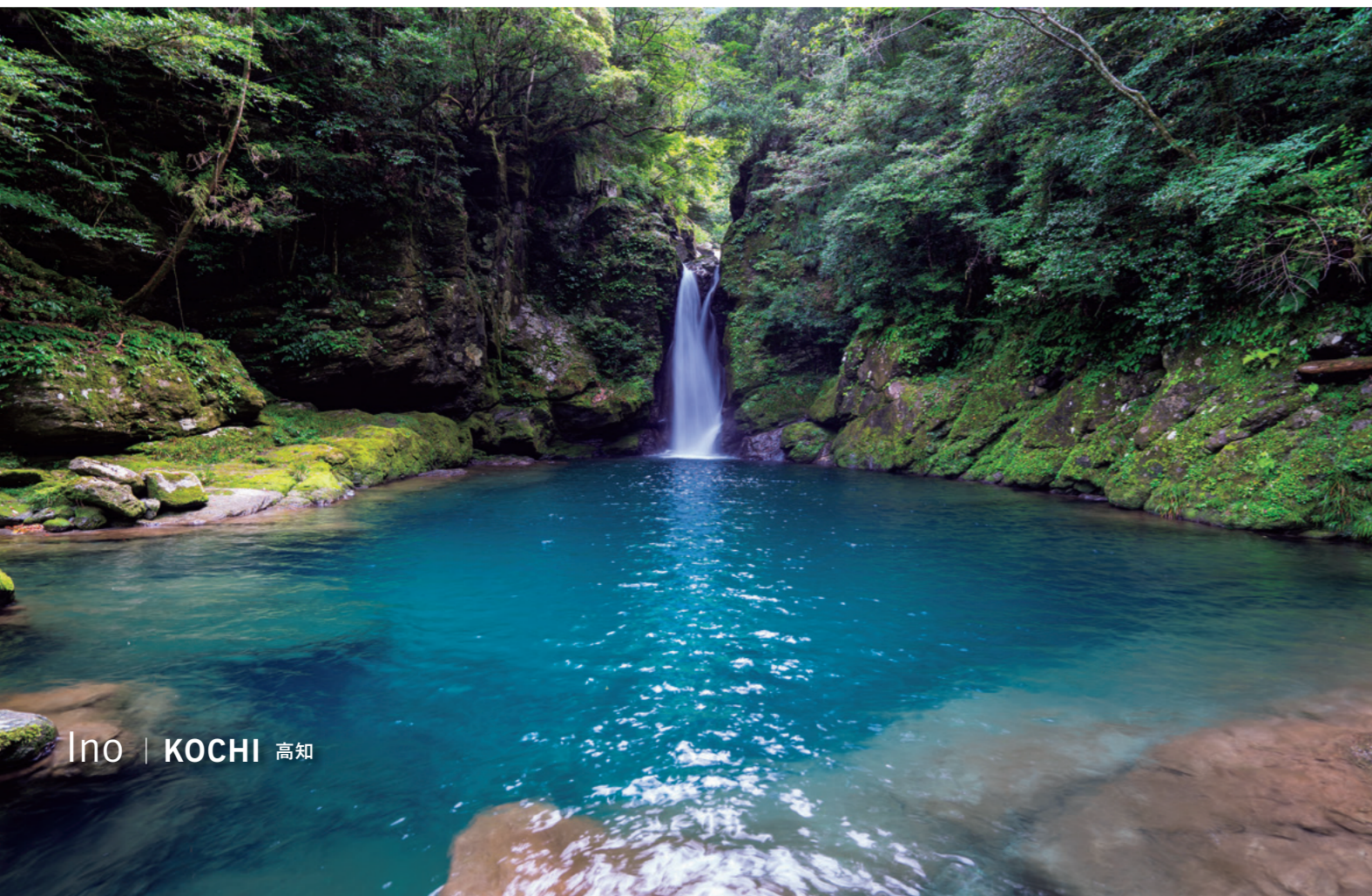


Concerto of Early Summer Blue

With much of its land blessed by bountiful forests, Japan offers many sites, easily accessible on a short trip, where a person can be surrounded by vibrant natural beauty. Read about and discover these exceptional sceneries of blue.



Katsuragi | WAKAYAMA 和歌山



Ino | KOCHI 高知

Flower garden in refreshing blue

Wakayama Prefecture is located close to Kansai International Airport, the gateway to western Japan. From Mount Koya, designated as a World Heritage Site, a popular scenic road runs along the mountain ridges at an altitude of about 1,000 meters, stretching to the south for 43km. In Katsuragi, a town along the road, 3,500 hydrangeas, planted in a park of 7,500m², cover the hillside. The floral blue sparkling in the sunlight, skies of clearest blue, dazzling verdant hills, and refreshing breezes blowing through the highlands—a pleasant welcome to visitors to the hilltop.

<https://en.visitwakayama.jp/>

Sacred blue plunge pool

The Niyodo River, running through Kochi Prefecture in the southern part of Shikoku, is known for some of the highest quality water in Japan. The blueness of the water, transparent down to the riverbed itself, is known as "Niyodo Blue." This blueness seems intensified in one tributary flowing through Ino Town. A particularly magical blueness radiates from a mysterious plunge pool—Nikobuchi, a deep pool beneath a stunning waterfall. Legend tells of a water deity, in the form of a great serpent, living in this sacred place. Bathed in the sunlight that filters through the tree branches, a jewel-like glitter dancing over the water's surface, perfectly surrounded by a vibrant yet solemn tranquility.

<https://visitkochijapan.com/>

