

Most drama series feature at least one or two *special* places connected to an important element of the plot, and the fact that PGSM has more than a dozen of those places is just one more proof of it's masterpiece status.

Among those special places, Kamogawa Beach (Act 13 & 43) means quite a lot to hopeless ,beach atmosphere' romantics like myself. I like the ocean, its view, sound and smell, and I definitely love beaches, so I just had to visit **that** beach. If you feel the same, you should go there, too. Otherwise – don't. It will take you a whole day to get there and back, and its a quite boring trip for your non-PGSM travel companions, unless they happen to be surfers (as far as I can tell, the waves are great).

KAMOGAWA BEACH TOUR



Time: 1 day
Accessibility: ☆
Overall Immersion: ☆☆☆☆
Overall Attractiveness: ☆

If you are one of those maniacs who constantly go beyond the call of duty to follow their princess into the mouth of hell, you can use one of the following links to get you to a great Japanese train information site:

<http://www.hyperdia.com/>
<http://grace.hyperdia.com/cgi-english/hyperd01.cgi>

Here you enter „Tokyo“ (which means the Tokyo Main Station) as start point and „Awakamogawa“ (which is the Awa Kamogawa Station about 5 minutes walk from the beach) as destination. Using the Limited Express Wakashio will get you from Tokyo Station directly to Awa Kamogawa in about 2 hours and costs 2,210 ¥. Once you arrive at the Awa Kamogawa Station, just follow the sound and smell of the ocean to find the beach within minutes.

Every tour description starts with four values: time, accessibility, immersion and attractiveness. Here's what they are about:

Time

The approximate amount of time for the tour, including the time to get back to the starting point.

Accessibility

This rating shows how easy you can get to the location, both in means of time and effort.

- ☆☆☆☆☆ Practically lies by the way, with no trouble finding it whatsoever
- ☆☆☆☆ Needs a little detour, but still very easy to find without much time to get there
- ☆☆☆ Closeby, but needs some effort and orientation skills to find
- ☆☆ A real challenge to find, even with this location guide at hand
- ☆ Only recommended if you have a lot of time and at least basic language skills

Immersion

This is a very subjective rating of mine, judging who deeply one feels drawn into the World of Sailor Moon by visiting that location.

- ☆☆☆☆☆ Perfect immersion - a must for every diehard PGSM fan
- ☆☆☆☆ Feels very much like the real deal, with very little distractions
- ☆☆☆ As long as you close your eyes and block out any distractions, you can still get a scent of PGSM
- ☆☆ Only recommended, if this location is part of your favourite scene
- ☆ Going there is hardly worth it

Attractiveness

Another important rating that tells you if the location holds attractions beyond PGSM that allow you to take your travel companions with you, even if they're not into PGSM

- ☆☆☆☆☆ Full fledged tourist spot - nobody will even notice why you're really there
- ☆☆☆☆ Very nice place to go for everyone, not just PGSM fans
- ☆☆☆ Quite nice, but only if you're into this kind of location
- ☆☆ You will have to make up a very good story to lure your folks there
- ☆ Better go there on your own



To the Imperial Palace

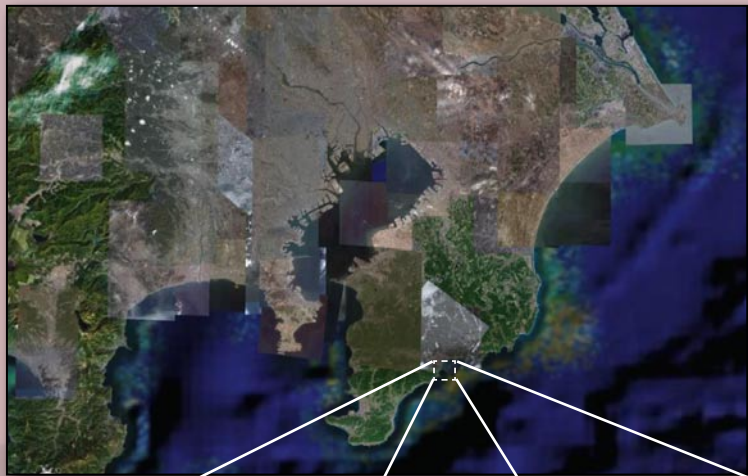
Tokyo Station



Point of Destination: Awa Kamogawa station



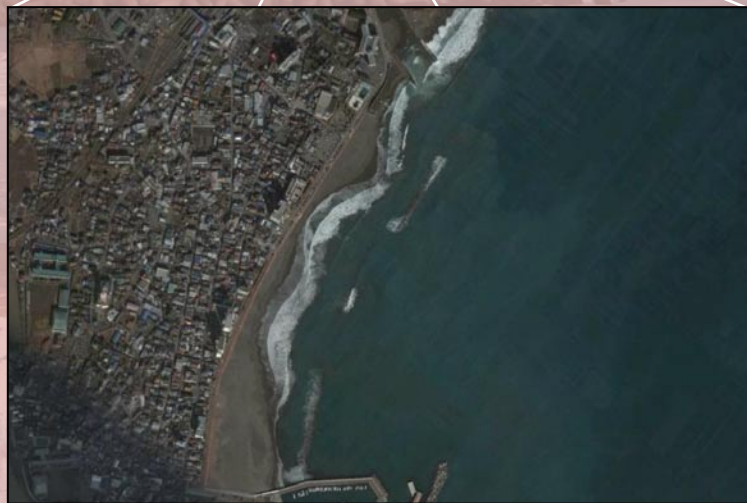
132,5 Km from Tokyo



Google Earth Coordinates

Latitude: 35° 6' 4.98"N

Longitude: 140° 6' 17.20"E





„Crazy things to do in Kamogawa“, Part I



A surfer's paradise (and more!)



„Crazy things to do in Kamogawa“, Part II



Meet Usagi and Mamoru here!



View from the train