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Welcome to **KANOU JINJYA** in Higashi-Uraga, very close to Tokyo, Yokohama and Yokosuka. **Kanou Jinjya** is a Japanese "Shinto" Shrine. (It is different from a Buddhist Temple.) Shintoism is the traditional religion of the Japanese people. Shinto means "way of the gods." A "Kami" (god) can be found throughout nature, as a mountain, a river, a very old tree, or even as an animal. **Amaterasu**, the sun-goddess, is the ancient ancestor of the Japanese Emperor and, today, Amaterasu can be seen as the red-circle on the Japanese flag.

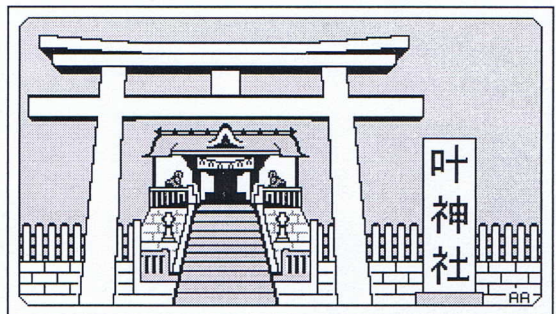
Locally, each shrine is respected for its resident-god and many times for a famous historical event or special activity. **Kanou Jinjya** is the home of the mountain-god, **Myojin**. Mt. Myojin was also an important observation-point for the Shoguns of old Japan, to protect Tokyo Bay. The famous Japanese sea-captain, **Katsu Kaishu**, stayed and prayed, at **Kanou Jinjya**, before he sailed to San Francisco, California.

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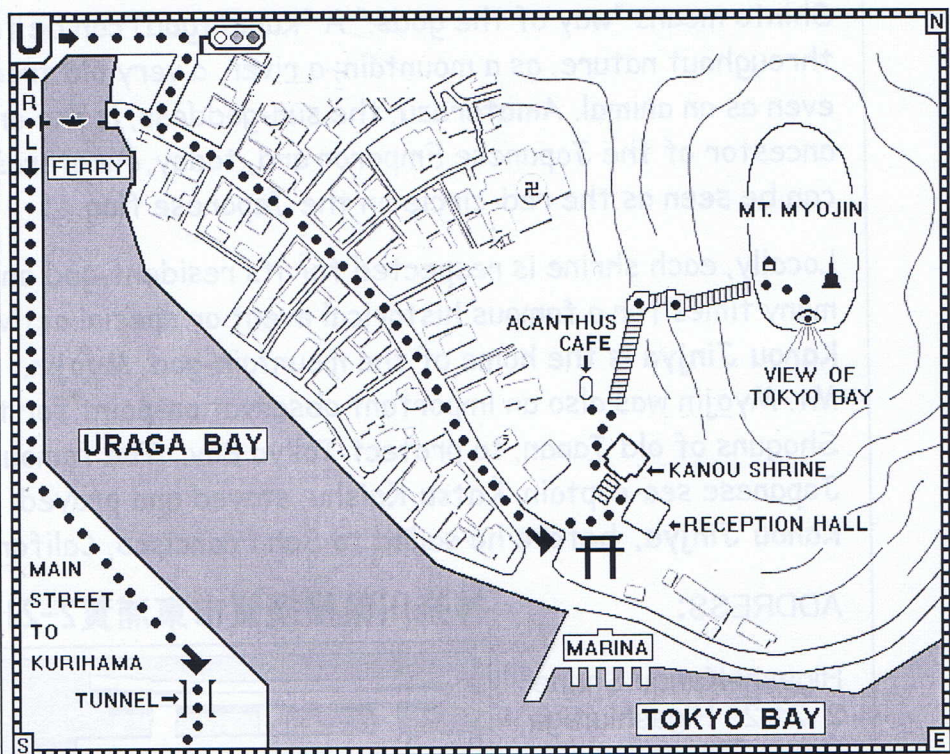
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Kanou Jinjya can be reached from Tokyo's Shinagawa Station or Yokosuka Station on the KEIHIN-KYUKO "local" train with the destination "URAGA." At Uruga, exit the station, you can  
1. take a taxi for a 10 minute ride to the Higashi Kanou Shrine

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or, 2. at the exit "U", turn left, walk 5 minutes, to the signal light, then, turn right (see map below, follow the dots) and then, a short ten minute walk to the Higashi Kanou Shrine.



The ministry at Kanou Shrine can be traced back to 1508. The current shrine building was re-built in 1929 after the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923, that destroyed much of Tokyo and Yokohama. The annual "mikoshi" festival is held in September.



## MT. MYOJIN

Behind the shrine is Mt. Myojin, which rises more than 150 ft. (50 meters). At the top, there is a commanding-view of Tokyo Bay. Viewers can see ships, from all-over the world, passing below. At the summit, is the shrine-home of the god, Myojin.

Also, there is a large memorial dedicated to the souls of those who died in maritime accidents or conflicts.

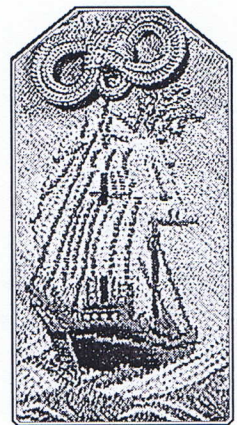
In 1858, a trade-treaty was signed between Japan and the United States. In 1859, the Shogun decided to send a ship, the Japanese "**Kanrin-Maru**" to San Francisco, in 1860, as an ocean-sailing training adventure.

## KATSU KAISHU

A young samurai, named **Katsu Kaishu**, was chosen to be the captain of the ship. This adventure would be very dangerous. It was the first-time for a Japanese ship to sail across the vast Pacific Ocean.

Katsu Kaishu went to the Kanou Shrine, to pray for a safe journey. His prayers were answered. On February 10, 1860, Captain Katsu sailed from Uruga to San Francisco, and returned on June 23, 1860.

Today, the Kanou Shrine, offers a traveler's amulet, the "**Katsu-Omamori**" to visitors for a small donation. The amulet helps travelers feel more confident and secure about their journey.



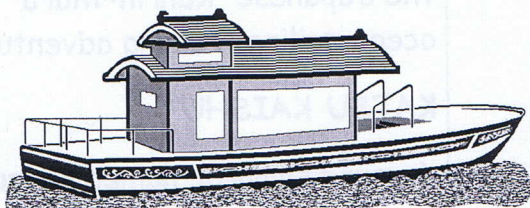
## ACANTHUS TEA CAFE ★★★★★

Next to Kanou Shrine is a café, called **Acanthus**. It is very unique because of its design. The café is a conservatory that was imported directly from England. The building is similar, in design, to the famous London KEW Royal Botanic Garden Conservatory and the Victorian-era Crystal Palace. A visit to the café is like a visit to London for "afternoon tea."



## ATAGO-MARU FERRY

From the Kanou Shrine, walk to the ferry-landing. If the ferry is not there, press the call-button and the ferry will return from the other side of the bay. After the ferry-crossing, turn **Right**, to walk back to Uruga Station (train to Yokosuka, Yokohama & Tokyo).



## COMMODORE PERRY PARK and MUSEUM

If you would like to visit Perry Park and museum in Kurihama, turn **Left**, and walk for 30 minutes. The walk is along flat-land, downhill and through a short tunnel. Also, at Kurihama, there are two stations with trains going to Tokyo & Yokohama.

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