

New Hashima Island

Off the southern coast of Japan lies Hashima Island, an abandoned coal mining facility that goes by several grim nicknames such as "Ghost Island", "Battleship Island", and "The Island without Green." Now, it is reborn as New Hashima Island, a place where humanity is celebrated and shared among family and friends.

Join the experience and explore a small world made for recreation and relaxation. Visit the museum to learn about the history of the UNESCO World Heritage site, or observe some of the preserved areas on the island to get an idea of what life was like on "Ghost Island". For families and friends, there are thrilling attractions to ride and a variety of authentic Japanese and other recreational dining options. For quieter moments, there are several areas to take a pleasant stroll or have a seat and appreciate the beautiful scenery all around.

An exciting and dynamic feature enhancing your experience at New Hashima Island is Kokoro, Hashima Island's spirit, as well as your personal companion and tour guide. Every visitor at New Hashima Island will receive a "Kokoro Smartband," which can be used to interact with the environment in many fun and historically educational ways.

The Kokoro Smartband can also be used to pay for all goods & services on the island; you can link a credit card to the smartband or deposit money into the account at any information station. Special 'Kokoro Connection Spots' can be activated to provide information about the island, its history, and the many services that it provides now for all visitors. At the preserved areas of the island, activating certain Kokoro Connection Spots will unveil a 3D Hologram show that displays what life was like in 20th century Hashima Island.

The Hashima Memorial contains the preserved ruins of a coal mining conveyor belt from this island's past. Here, visitors can enjoy the island's closing ceremony: a stunning firework show overlooking the ocean, which we hope provides a moment of recollection about this island's past and present.

Team Member	Major/ Minor	Contribution
Participant #1	Mechanical Engineering	Team Leader, Illustration, Storyboard
Participant #2	Computer Science	Video Editing, Storyboard
Participant #3	Interdisciplinary Computing and the Arts	Video Editing, Illustration
Participant #4	Cognitive Science and Interaction Design	Presentation, Storyboard, Research

Story behind the design

Years ago, coal was discovered on Hashima Island in Japan. Sweeping views of the ocean and the promise of success quickly attracted miners and their families to the island. For nearly 100 years, the community thrived until one day, the coal had all but diminished. Just as quickly as they had come, the people left. Little did they know, the wonderful memories they created were also shared by the island. The island, who loved all of its inhabitants, was heartbroken, and began to fall apart from weariness.

One day a young explorer visited the lonely, defeated island. The island watched her carefully -- she was so curious and thoughtful that it was reminded of what it was missing -- the warm touch of humans! The island's spirit glimmered and wished for the girl's return. The spirits of the ocean heard its request, and soon after, the young explorer came back with friends! She had already noticed the wondrous beauty of the island and was inspired to breathe new life into it by building a place for everyone to enjoy.

Just like the young explorer, we invite you to discover the joys and secrets of New Hashima Island.

User/ Guest Experience

Guests travel to New Hashima Island with a short ferry trip from mainland Japan, which will have an on-board preshow that presents the story of the island. They will dock at the tip of the island and have the choice to explore the island's Japanese-inspired restored buildings and labyrinth-like alleyways, which host restaurants, various dark rides, and walk-through attractions, or to enjoy the colorful, greenery-filled boardwalk's family rides and memorial park. Alternatively, guests can choose to skip straight to the back of the island and enjoy an assortment of thrill rides. The island will also feature dining along the waterfront, as well as a museum towards the front of the park that shares the story of Hashima.

"Kokoro" is a spirit character that lives on Hashima. Every visitor will be given a magic "Kokoro smartband" that will allow them to trigger special events and interactions at "Kokoro Connection Spots" throughout the island as they further explore the island's spirit and deep history.

As it gets dark, guests will enjoy a spectacular firework show over the water next to the Memorial Park. The show will celebrate the history and rejuvenation of the island as the night comes to an end.



JOURNEY TO THE ISLAND

The New Hashima Island experience begins as soon as guests set foot on the ferry! During the 15-minute trip to the island, guests are seated in a theater on the boat, where a short film will play, explaining the unique history of the island, and telling the story of the island's spirit. The animated film will captivate both children and adults with its clever humor and colorful, abstract style.

For guests wanting to get a better view of the island as they approach, the film will end 5 minutes before arrival, giving everyone a chance to take photos of the memorable moment.

ISLAND MAP

The island map is arranged in sections, to provide guests a quick look at what each part of the park offers.

Each area of the park offers a dynamic themed experience, with attractions and restaurants changing to fit their locations.

Restaurants are given dollar signs according to how pricey their menus are, allowing guests to pick their own prices.

Essential services are clearly listed in black, so guests can get what they need in the case of an emergency.



THE BOARDWALK

As guests arrive to Hashima, they will be dropped off at the beginning of the boardwalk, which wraps around the entire southern end of the island. As classic summer/beach tunes play, guests bathe in the warm sun and feelthe gentle breeze of the ocean while they explore the boardwalk, offering a fun and enjoyable experience. As guests enter, they may choose to hurry to the nearby Dynamite Mountain for a thrilling start to their day, or enter the Memorial Museum to learn more about the history of Hashima and how it became a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Towards the eastern end of the island, the boardwalk breaks off to Adventure Avenue, the area of the park offering with more-thrilling experiences, such as the Wicked Twister roller coaster, the Mad Miner Adventure Ride, or The Haunted Hospital walkthrough.

Even on repeat visits, guests will always be able to enjoy themselves on the boardwalk. There is always something to do at Hashima Island.



Hungry guests will be greeted by a host as they look to enjoy a meal at one of the world-class dining options Hashima Island has to offer. The Club 87 Restaurant, overlooking the southern ocean, boasts a 2-star Michelin rating, serving a special of deep sea snow crab with panfried noodles and truffle-tossed vegetables, and house-made black sesame ice cream to finish.

THE CLASSICS

Guests of heights 40 inches and over will have a blast riding the family-friendly flat rides and snacking on classic boardwalk treats, such as cotton candy and ice cream, located near the memorial.







The Hashima Memorial Central Park serves as the main gathering area on the island and contains the preserved ruins of the main coal conveyor belt from the island's past. As the night comes to an end, guests are invited to gather in the park on the boardwalk to witness Kokoro's Super Special Firework Spectacular, a stunning firework show over the ocean, with the goal of providing a moment of remembrance for the island's past and present. The finale of the fireworks show will be a breathtaking visual tale of Kokoro finding peace as New Hashima Island once again becomes a place of love and joy.

As the island closes for the night, guests are invited to spend an additional hour shopping around the main port and town square. Team members will begin to funnel guests out of attraction areas towards the main roads and ferries.

