

自然がつくった神秘的洞窟

A mysterious sea cave created by geological forces



周辺には龍宮窟だけでなく、いくつもの海食洞がある。 There are a number of sea caves in this area, aside from the Ryugu Cave.

伊豆と本州の衝突により、数 100 万年前の海底火山の噴出物が隆起し、地表に姿を現しました。地表に姿を現した地層には波が打ちつけ、地層の弱い部分が削られて洞窟（海食洞）ができました。やがて、洞窟の拡大にともない、天井の一部が崩れ、この大きな天窓ができました。

龍宮窟を上からのぞく展望台からは、2 方向に分岐した海食洞がハートのような形に見え、かつての海食洞の様子を想像することができます。

龍宮窟は、太陽の差し込む方向や潮の満ち引きによって、さまざまな表情を私たちに見せてくれます。

Submarine volcanic landforms became uplifted in the process of the collision between the Izu block and Honshu across several million years. The landforms exposed due to upliftment then underwent erosion by wave action, and the weaker sections were washed away quickly. This process created sea caves. Subsequently, as the erosion expanded and the cave grew bigger, the roof partially fell off, creating this large open topped cave.

From the watch point above the Ryugu Sea Cave, it can clearly be seen how erosion proceeded in two directions. This appears like the shape of a heart, and you can probably imagine how this sea cave looked like in ancient times before erosion brought it to its current shape.

You can also enjoy different appearances of the cave depending on the direction of the sunlight or high and low tides.

龍宮窟の作り方

Formation of Ryugu Sea Cave

