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Guidebook

# YAKUSHIMA

Welcome to Yakushima,  
the first World Natural Heritage site in Japan



Immerse yourself in Yakushima's nature and forget time

For all information about tourism, please visit our HP or contact us directly.

## Yakushima Tourism Association

Address: 310-1 Koseda, Yakushima-cho, Kumage-gun,  
Kagoshima, 891-4205, Japan

TEL 0997-49-4010 FAX 0997-49-4011

HP:<http://yakukan.jp/> E-Mail:[info@yakukan.jp](mailto:info@yakukan.jp)

fb:<https://www.facebook.com/8940KankoKyokai/>

Anbo Information Center / TEL 0997-46-2333

Miyanoura Information Center / TEL 0997-42-1019

Airport Information Center / TEL 0997-49-4010

Yakushima Town is involved in promoting eco-tourism  
and developing tourism as its main industry.

### Yakushima Town, Commerce and Tourism Section

Address: 1593 Miyanoura, Yakushima-cho, Kumage-gun,  
Kagoshima, 891-4205, Japan

TEL 0997-43-5900 FAX 0997-42-1505

HP:<http://www.yakushima.kagoshima.jp>

E-Mail:[kankou@yakushima-town.jp](mailto:kankou@yakushima-town.jp)

Pamphlet  
with map

Yakushima Town, Kagoshima Pre.

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# Walk in the Forest

Start your journey by entering the enchanted forest of Yakusugi cedar trees with its green carpet of moss



Yodogawa River (Mt. Miyanoura Route)

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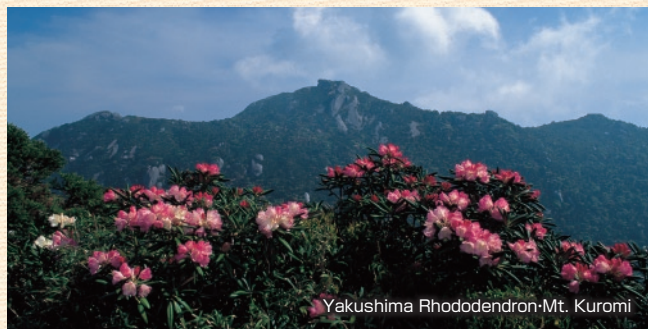


Mt. Miyanoura



Jomon-sugi Route

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Yakushima Rhododendron-Mt. Kuromi



Shiratani Unsui-kyo Ravine

# Intertwine with the rivers



Be comforted by the tranquilizing flow  
and sound of the rivers

# Be mesmerized by the waterfalls

The power and magnificence of the waterfalls  
will overwhelm you



River kayaking on Anbo River

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Senpiro Waterfall



River Kayaking

4



Ohko Waterfall



Torohki Waterfall



Stand Up Paddle Board



Shower Climbing

# Frolic in the ocean

Experience the island's waterfalls  
and the abundant blessing of the Kuroshio Current  
with its sea turtles and fish



Overlook Kuchinoerabujima from Inakahama Beach



Scuba divers and a sea turtle



Sea Kayaking



Scuba Diving



Snorkeling



Tide pool-watching



Playing on the seashore

# Relaxing in the hot spring waters

There are many "Onsen", hot springs, on Yakushima. For more detailed information, please contact Yakushima Town Office, Commerce and Tourism Section (TEL: 0997-43-5900)

## "Onsen", hot springs of Yakushima

### 1 Open air seaside hot spring

#### Yudomari hot spring

- Type of hot spring: Simple, sulfur hot spring
- Opening hours: 24 hours
- Fee: donation 100 yen
- a 7 minutes walk from Yudomari bus stop

### 2 A rare undersea hot spring

#### Hirauchi kaichu onsen, under sea hot spring

- Type of hot spring: Simple, alkaline sulfur hot spring
- Time: Twice a day, around 2 hours before and after the low tide
- Fee: donation 100 yen
- a 8 minutes walk from Hirauchi kaichu onsen bus

### 3 Very popular hot spring not only for the locals but also for tourists and mountain climbers

#### Onoaida hot spring

- Type of hot spring: Simple, sulfur hot spring
- Opening hours: 7:00 - 21:00 (Monday 12:00 - 21:00)
- Fee: 200 yen for adults 100 yen for children
- a 7 minutes walk from Onoaida onsen Iriguchi bus stop

### 4 A typical hotel onsen

#### Yakushima hot spring (JR Hotel)

- Type of hot spring: Simple, alkaline hot spring
- Opening hours: 15:00 - 19:00 (Entrance 15:00 - 18:00)
- Fee: 1,400 yen for adults 700 yen for children
- JR Hotel bus stop

### 5 A typical hotel onsen

#### Iwasaki Hotel

- Type of hot spring: Simple, sulfur hot spring
- Opening hours to the public: 15:00 - 17:00
- Fee: 1,296 yen for adults 648 yen for children
- Iwasaki Hotel bus stop

### 6 A typical hotel onsen with many types of bath

#### Jomon-no-yado Manten Hotel's hot spring

- Type of hot spring: Simple, alkaline hot spring
- Opening hours: 11:00 - 22:00
- Fee: 180 yen for adults / 100 yen for elementary school students / 50 yen for children from 3 to 6 years old / Children under three years old are free of charge
- a minute walk from Kuko bus stop

### 7 Small heated onsen

#### Kusugawa hot spring

- Type of hot spring: Simple mineral, lukewarm alkaline hot spring
- Opening hours: 9:00 - 22:00
- Fee: 300 yen for adults / 150 yen for elementary school students / 100 yen for children from 3 to 6 years old
- a 3 minutes walk from Yunokawa onsen bus stop

### 8 "Goemon-buro", traditional Japanese bath tub, heated with firewood

#### Yunokono-yu hot spring

- Type of hot spring: Simple, sulfur hot spring
- Opening hours: 12:00 - 19:00
- Fee: 400 yen for adults / 150 yen for children
- Reservation required Closed: Mondays
- 8 minutes by car from Miyannoura Port

# Touring the Villages, "Village Tours"

## ~ Touring the villages with local storytellers ~

Why not join the village tours?

You can experience the lives and culture of the local people and learn the history of each unique village. You will have opportunities to visit historical spots and local industries, which are not in any tourist guidebooks.

Nagata

Yoshida

Miyanoura

Hirauchi

Need a reservation

Isso

Harumaki

Nakama

Inquiry & Reservation

Yakushima Village Tour Promotional Association Administrative Office

1F, Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Center,  
823-1 Miyanoura, Yakushima-cho, Kumage-gun, Kagoshima Prefecture 891-4205  
Telephone 0997-42-2900 FAX 0997-49-1018 HP <http://www.yakushima.jp>

## Method of transportation

### ●Route and Chartered Bus

Company Name	TEL	Route
Tanegasima-Yakushima Kotsu	0997-46-2221	Nagata-Kurio, Hirauchi-Yakusugi Museum, Miyanoura-Yakusugi Museum, Shiratani Unsuiyō Ravine, Yakusugi Land/Kigensugi
Matsubanda Kotsu Bus	0997-43-5000	Miyanouda-Anbo, Hirauchi-Yakusugi Museum, Miyanoura-Yakusugi Museum, Shiratani Unsuiyō Ravine, Yakusugi Land/Kigensugi
Michinoeki Kanko	0997-42-0012	Chartered Bus only

### ●Taxi

Company Name	TEL	Route
Anbo Taxi	0997-46-2311	Anbo
Matsubanda Kotsu Taxi	0997-43-5555	Miyanoura/Airport/Anbo
Yakushima Kotsu Taxi	0997-42-0611	Miyanoura/Anbo/Onoaida

### ●Rental car ●Rental bicycle

Some rental car and bicycle shops have several approved locations for leaving your rented cars or bikes. For further information, please contact the car or bicycle rental shop for services provided.

You may also check Yakushima Tourism Association homepage.

## For the climbers to Jomon-sugi.

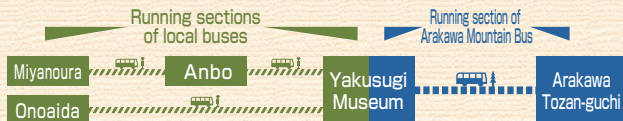
We appreciate your cooperation in following all traffic regulations on Jomon-sugi Arakawa Route.

Regulation periods	From March 1 to November 30 (275 days)
Regulation time	24 hours (set up a gate at the Arakawa san-saro)
Regulation zone	From the gate at the Arakawa san-saro to Arakawa tozan-guchi

Please purchase in advance the Arakawa Mountain Bus ticket/Jomon-sugi Arakawa Route Usage Ticket.

### Information about local buses that are connected to the Arakawa Mountain Bus

There are local buses operating from Yakusugi Museum to Miyanoura and to Onoaida.



- Please transfer at Yakusugi Museum.
- The Arakawa Mountain Bus fares are separate from the local bus fares.

### Operating and tickets sale Information

Yakushima Mountain Environmental Management Council

TEL.0997-46-3317

HP:<http://yakushima-tozan.com>

Yakushima Tourism Association

TEL.0997-49-4010

HP:<http://yakukan.jp/>

## Event information

### Cycling Yakushima Event

On the third Sunday of February



Cycling Yakushima is a bicycle event. Participants can enjoy the abundant nature of Yakushima along the 100 km course.

You will be treated to the hospitality, 'omotenashi', of the local people, a good opportunity to try some local foods.

### Yakushima Open Water Swimming Event

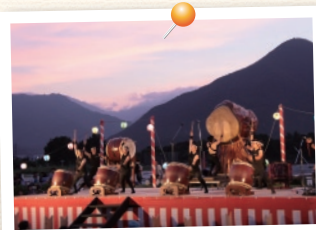
On the first Saturday of July

YOWS is held at Isso Beach located in the northern part of Yakushima. The event is carried out on a white sandy beach and clear open waters of Isso. One of the enjoyments of the event is a farewell party held for the participants. The participants will be treated to the hospitality of the people of Yakushima and many local cuisines.



### Yakushima Goshinzan Festival

On the first Saturday and Sunday of August



Yakushima Goshinzan Festival is the largest festival in Yakushima. There are many activities such as "Goshinzan-daiko" Japanese drums and stage performances, local resident talent show, a great fireworks show and lottery drawing, you can enjoy during this festival.

### Yakushima Yumematsuri Festival

On the first Saturday of November

Yakushima Yumematsuri Festival is a lantern festival. About fourteen thousand lanterns are lit up by people of all ages with a wish or dream in mind.

Let's spend a heartwarming moment looking at all the lanterns and thinking of Yakushima's past and future during this mystic autumn night.







The date of the events above may change.

There are more festivals and traditional events held in each village on Yakushima.

For more details information, please contact Yakushima Tourism Association or visit our website.

## Foods in season / Seasonal foods

Spring	March	Tankan citrus fruit	Wild turmeric, Turmeric, Zedoary	Fish pole bamboo, shoot	Bonito (fish)	Mackerel · Flying fish	Deer meat	Kaimete, Japanese goose barnacles
	April		First harvest tea	Matake, Giant timber bamboo, shoot				
	May	Passion fruit	Loquat (fruit)					
Summer	June							
	July							
	August							
Autumn	September	Ponkan citrus fruit						
	October							
	November							
Winter	December			Wild turmeric, Turmeric, Zedoary				
	January							
	February	Tankan citrus fruit						

## Taste and specialty of Yakushima



raw mackerel  
Kubiore Saba sashimi



Deep-fried flying fish



Kakaran dango and Tsunomaki,  
local confections



Local shochu



Yaku-sugi cedar products

# Volcanic island, "Kuchinoerabujima"

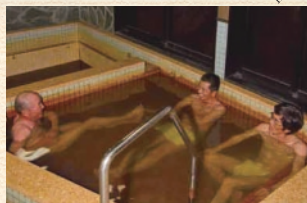


It is about one hour 40 minutes by Ferry Taiyo from Miyanoura Port to Kuchinoerabujima. Kuchinoerabujima will make you feel that you are spending your time preciously. Why not come and experience nature's blessings.



## Hot springs

- ① Yumugi hot spring
- ② Nemachi hot spring
- ③ Nishinoyu hot spring
- ④ Honmura hot spring



## Land products

- Daimyo-chiku, bamboo shoot
- Wild berries
- Shima Banana, wild banana etc



## Sea products

- Japanese spiny lobster
- Indo-Pacific sergeant (fish)
- Green fish (fish) etc



## Yakushima ◀ ▶ Kuchinoerabujima

FERRY TAIYO フェリー太陽

Timetable

	Kuchinoerabu Port	Miyanoura Port	Kuchinoerabu Port	Miyanoura Port
Even days	9:50	8:10	10:30	12:10
Odd days	14:40	13:00	15:10	16:50

Inquiry

Public ocean vessel Unit, Property Administration Section, Yakushima Town Office  
TEL / 0997-43-5900

## We would appreciate your cooperation with the World Natural Heritage Site Yakushima's Mountain Environmental Conservation Donation program.

The purpose of this fund-raising program is for the conservation of the mountain's environment and to assure user safety by maintaining the trails and the facilities in the mountains.

Minimal donation for a day 1,000 yen per person

Minimal donation for more than one day 2,000 yen per person

\*If you would like to help preserve the mountain's environment, any donation would be appreciated. You may give a donation at the tourist information centers.

## Donations received will be used for...

- maintaining the mountain outhouses.
- inspection and minor repairs on the mountain trails and trolley railroad.
- programs and activities related to mountain safety.
- operation for Arakawa route traffic regulations
- fund-raising administration and other activities related to the conservation of the mountain's environment.



If you donate at least 1,000 yen to this program, you will receive a small gift. This gift can be used as proof of the donation and you will be entitled to some services from participating business around Yakushima. For more detailed information, please check our HP: <http://Yakushima-tozan.com>

## How and where to donate

### <at Yodogawa Trail Entrance>

- You may make your donation with a staff member at the entrance.

### <at Shiratani Unsuikyo>

- You may make your donation at the building at the entrance of Shiratani Unsuikyo.

### <at Arakawa Trail Entrance>

- Donation can be made at Yakushima Tourism Association, Miyanoura and Anbo information center, and Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Center, when purchasing the Arakawa Mountain Bus tickets.
- Donation by bank transfer is possible. For more information, please contact Yakushima Town Office, Environmental Planning Section. (Any donation would be greatly appreciated.)

Inquiry

Yakushima Town Office, Environmental Planning Section  
TEL / 0997-42-0100 FAX / 0997-42-1505

## Official Certified Guide of Yakushima

The Official Certified Guide of Yakushima is the general term for certified guides. It is promoted by Yakushima Town. Yakushima Town recommends the use of the certified guides for your safety and enjoyment.

The website of the Official Certified Guide of Yakushima  
<http://www.yakushima-eco.com>



## Information for Yakushima mountain climbing

### Mountain climbing notification is for your safety.

We ask all climbers to submit a mountain climbing notification. If you were not able to return from a climb, it will increase the possibility in locating you.

### Place to receive and turn in climbing notifications

Organization Name	Address	TEL
Yakushima Tourism Association	310-1 Koseda, Yakushima-cho	0997-49-4010
Yakushima Police Station	304-42 Anbo, Yakushima-cho	0997-46-2110
Yakushima Town Office, Miyanoura Branch	1593 Miyanoura, Yakushima-cho	0997-42-0100
Other places	Accommodations, small police stations, Yakushima Airport, Miyanoura and Anbo ports, tourist information centers, ferry boats, Yakushima World Heritage Conservation Center, Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Center, Yodogawa tenguichi, Arakawa tenguichi, and Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine	

Airplane	Japan Air Commuter	Yakushima Airport	0997-42-1200
Jet foil	Toppy & Rocket	Reservation center	099-226-0128 099-223-5688
Ferry	Ferry Yakushima 2	Reservation center	099-226-0731
Ferry	Ferry Hibiscus	Reservation center	099-261-7000

**Kuchinoerabujima**

Map of Kuchinoerabujima showing various locations, peaks, and ports. The map includes the following labels:

- Locations:** Nozakitategami, Kamegaura, Nagase, Shinmura, Takasaki, Banyagamine, Honmura, Gokyo, Nemachi, Tashiro, Yumugi, Jogahana, Nanakama.
- Peaks:** Banyagamine (▲291), Shindake Peak (▲626), Furudake Peak (▲657).
- Ports:** Nageshi Iwaya-domari Port, Kuchinoerabu Tashiro Port, Yumugi Port, Yoshida Fish Port.
- Other:** Orisaki, Kuchinoerabu Tashiro Port, Yumugi Port, Yoshida Fish Port.

\* Please see the page 11 for details.

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# Yakushima

## Map of Yakushima & Kuchinoerabujima

## Duration Guide

- ## Environmental and cultural learning places in Yakushima

- ### 1 Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine

Shirataní Unsuikyo Ravine is a Natural Recreational Forest which offers an opportunity to see evergreen trees, Yakusugi cedars, moss covered forests and clear streams. There is a promenade course which makes it easy to experience the nature of Yakushima.

- ## ② Yakusugi Land

Yakusugi Land is a Natural Recreational Forest with many clear streams flowing through it. There are several promenade courses that you may easily take to get to know Yakushima's nature.

- ### 3 Shitoko Gajumaru Banyan Park

Shitoko Gajumaru Banyan Park resembles a subtropical jungle with its rare tropical plants, gajumaru banyan, and giant elephant's ears plant are growing. There are promenades that visitors can use to walk around the park in about 10 minutes.

- #### 4 Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Center

Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Center is a center for visitors to learn about Yakushima. You will learn about the nature of Yakushima, and the culture and the life of islanders. The center has many interesting presentations and a movie which you can see on a large-scale screen.

- ### 5 Yakusugi Museum

Yakusugi Museum mainly focuses on Yakusugi cedars and the relationship between the people and the forest of Yakushima. One of its main exhibits is "Jomon-sugi Millennium Branch", a branch that broke off due to heavy snow.

- 6 Yakushima World Heritage Conservation Center**

Yakushima World Heritage Conservation Center is a facility of the Ministry of the Environment introducing the World Natural Heritage Site of Yakushima. In addition to the permanent exhibition, many special exhibitions are held in the multi-purpose hall. Monthly photo exhibition is also on display.

- ### 7 Yakushima Town History and Folk Museum

Yakushima Town History and Folk Museum is focused on the inhabitants of Yakushima and its history from the Jomon period to the present.

- ## 8 Yakushima Comprehensive Nature Park

Yakushima Comprehensive Nature Park, a Yakushima Town park, has a large botanical garden park and a recreational area. During the summer season, you may see many fireflies around the clear flowing stream.

- ### 9 Nakama Gajumaru Banyan

Nakama Gajumaru Banyan is designated as a natural monument of Yakushima Town Cultural Assets. This arch-shaped gajumaru tree which is estimated to be over 300 year's old. This tree is famous for its natural tunnel which is big enough to drive a small car through.

- 10 Yakushima Umigame Kan,  
Sea Turtle Museum**

Yakushima Sea Turtle Museum has many informative and interesting displays on exhibit.

## Campsites in Yakushima

Camping in Yakushima is limited to the only authorized campsites. If you are planning to camp in the mountains, you will need to use the appointed sites near the mountain huts. There are some authorized campsites around Yakushima.



**Ocean View Campsite (Miyanoura)**  
0997-42-0091 (Yakushima Kanko Center)

**Yakushima South Village**  
0997-47-3751

**Banyamine Campsite (Anbo)**  
0997-46-3210

**Kairakuen Campsite (Miyanoura)**  
0997-42-0269

**Isso Oura Campsite (Isso)**  
0997-41-2034 (Isso Local Community Center)

**Yakushima Youth Travel Village (Kurio)**  
0997-48-2871 (Kurio Local Community Center)

## Jomon-sugi Arakawa Route

Traffic regulation periods / Mar. 1–Nov. 31

- Arakawa Mountain Bus / One-way 690 yen
- Yakusugi Museum (Departure)  
(by bus) 40 minutes
- Arakawa Tozanguchi (Arrival)  
(by foot) about 40 min. (2.6 km)
- Site of Kosugidani Village  
(by foot) about 1 h 40 min. (5.5 km)
- Ohokabu Trail Entrance  
(by foot) about 40 min. (0.6 km)
- Wilson's Stump  
(by foot) about 40 min. (1.1 km)
- Daio-sugi Cedar  
(by foot) about 30 min. (0.8 km)
- Jomon-sugi Cedar
- Anbo ————— Arakawa
- TAXI / One-way / 35 minutes  
4550 yen ~ \*A reservation is required

## Using the Walking Trails

The ancient Japanese term “hodo” is translated into English as **“walking trail”** on this map and denotes hiking trails.

Yakushima Youth Travel Village

Remember to come adequately prepared for any walking trail.

### Attention

The following Walking (Hiking) Trails are not suitable for novice walkers. To use these trails you must have sufficient experience and equipment.

- ※Nagata Walking Trail
- ※Hanayama Walking Trail
- ※Kurio Walking Trail
- ※Yudomari Walking Trail
- ※Onoaida Walking Trail

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