

# Yakushima Announcement on Tourism Safety

July 18, 2019

On behalf of the people of Yakushima, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for your support and concern in regard to the heavy rainfall on Yakushima and Kuchinoerabujima on May 18, 2019. Fortunately, we had no serious injuries. The roads going to Arakawa trail entrance and Yodogawa trail entrance were damaged and temporarily closed. They have been repaired and are in use as of June 8, 2019. Please be assured that travel and all outdoor activities are back to normal.

Come to Yakushima and be energized by Jomonsugi cedar and other yakusugi cedars thousands of years old. Rejuvenate your mind and soul in Yakushima's lush green primeval forest. Yakushima is not only renowned for its beautiful mountains, but also for its water. There are several marine activities such as swimming, kayaking, SUP, and snorkeling that can be enjoyed while visiting Yakushima. Traveling around Yakushima you will see picturesque sceneries of rivers and waterfalls, and if you are lucky you may see Yaku-monkeys and Yaku-deers. There will also be many wonderful places to stop and take pictures of the setting sun over the ocean, to rest and have a nice cup of coffee made with Yakushima's delicious water, or to enjoy our hot springs.

Yakushima has a wide variety of accommodations. You can choose from cozy Japanese Inns to luxury hotels that can satisfy your needs. Your stay on Yakushima can be customized to meet your wishes. Yakushima has many mountain, sea, and river activities for you to enjoy or you can just relax and take it easy.

There are direct flights to Yakushima from Kagoshima, Osaka (Itami), and Fukuoka. You can also use marine transportations, Jetfoil (high speed boat) and ferries, between Kagoshima and Yakushima. Reservation can be made through the Internet.

I am sure that visiting Yakushima will not only be an unforgettable fun experience for all but will also bring joy to the people of Yakushima.

We hope to see you this summer.

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