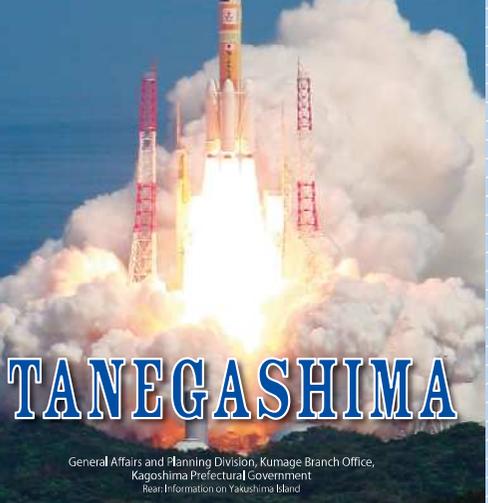


TANEGASHIMA YAKUSHIMA Travel Brochure



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Rear: Information on Yakushima Island

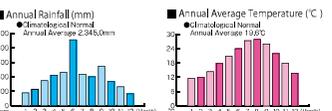
Tanegashima Island - From Matchlock Rifle to Space Exploration

Learn

Tanegashima Island is located about 40km southeast of Cape Seto, the southernmost tip of Kyushu mainland. It has a circumference of about 1.65km and stretches 58km from north to south, and 12km (greater width) and 6km (lesser width) from east to west. With the highest point of elevation at 292m, the island is generally flat and elongated.

The island is known as the location where guns first arrived in Japan, as well as home to the only space station in Japan for launching satellites.

The matchlock rifle arrived in 1543 through Portuguese sailors. Together with the excellent iron-crafting techniques of Tanegashima, the very first Japanese-made rifles were created, and later on greatly affected the history of Japan. Tanegashima Space Centre is located on the south of the island surrounded by beautiful natural scenery, and is known as the most beautiful rocket base in the world. Playing an important role in Japan's space exploration programme, this is where satellites are regularly launched. In recent years, about four to five rockets are launched annually.



Getting to Tanegashima Island

By Airplane		By Shinkansen		Bullet Train and Ferry	
From Fukuoka	From Osaka	From Fukuoka	From Osaka	From Fukuoka	From Osaka
Kagoshima Airport 15 minutes	Kansai Airport 1 hour 45 minutes	Shinkansen 1 hour 15 minutes	Shinkansen 1 hour 15 minutes	Shinkansen 1 hour 15 minutes	Shinkansen 1 hour 15 minutes
Tanegashima Airport		Kagoshima Chuo Station		Kagoshima Station	
		20 minutes by car / 15 minutes by taxi		15 minutes by car / 10 minutes by taxi	
		High Speed Jetfoil 1 hour 5 minutes		High Speed Jetfoil 1 hour 5 minutes	
		Ferry 1 hour 5 minutes		Ferry 1 hour 5 minutes	
		Shimada Port		Shimada Port	

For more details on latest updates, kindly check with the respective transportation organizations. Travel time on bullet train transportation is shown as the shortest time available.

Encquiries on Tanegashima Tourism
 • Tanegashima Tourism Association (TEL: 0997-24011) <http://www.tanegashima.jp>
 • Nishinozumi City Economic and Tourism Division (TEL: 0997-24111) <http://www.city.nishinozumi.kagoshima.jp>
Nakatake Town Planning Division
 • Nakatake Town Planning Division (TEL: 0997-24111) <http://www.town.nakatake.kagoshima.jp>
 • General Affairs and Planning Division, Kagoshima Prefectural Government Kumage Branch Office (TEL: 0997-24111) <http://www.pref.kagoshima.jp>
 • Kagoshima Prefecture Website Tourism Guide (TEL: 0997-24111) <http://www.kagoshima-tourism.com>

Play

Activities

- Tour of the Tanegashima Space Centre**
Tour of the Tanegashima Space Centre will be conducted by a professional guide (free-of-charge).
Tour Time: 11:00 - 12:15 HRS
Closed On Mondays (closed on Tuesday if Monday is a national holiday), Dec 29 to Jan 1, and days of rocket launch. In general, open throughout August.
(Service Hours: 09:00 - 17:00 HRS)
TEL: 0997-26-9244
- Surfing School**
Surfing lessons for beginners to experienced surfers. Surf board rental available.
- Anno-Imo Sweet Potato Harvesting**
Learn harvesting techniques from the farmers and harvest your own Anno-Imo sweet potatoes. Tour participants may bring home the self-harvested sweet potatoes.
- Sea Kayaking**
Enjoy sea kayaking with experienced instructors. Mangrove Kayaking Tours are available too.
- Making Brown Sugar**
Experience the process of brown sugar manufacturing, beginning from squeezing fresh sugarcane juice. Sugarcane harvesting is also available.
- Pottery Experience**
The upland Tanegashima style pottery uses iron-rich clay from the island. Fashion your original pottery ware by hand or using the potter's wheel.
- Akagomeken Tour**
Explore the vicinity of the Akagomeken (Red Rice) with a voice guide pen and map, answering quiz questions along the way. A downloadable smart phone application allows you to take photos with original characters during the tour.

For further details pertaining to the tours marked with *, kindly check with the Tanegashima Green Tourism Promotion Association (TEL: 0997-24-0111)

For more information regarding the above tours, contact the Tanegashima Green Tourism Promotion Association (within Tanegashima: Tourism Association).
TEL: 0997-24-0111 FAX: 0997-23-0770
URL: <http://tanegashima.jp>

City Tour by Foot

Volunteer guides will show you around Nishinozumi city, visiting historical sites such as those related to matchlock rifle manufacturing, the Tanegashima family, etc.
Size: 1 - 10 people (for groups, kindly check in advance)
Required Time: 1 - 2 hours
Fee: 500 yen per person * 1,000 yen for a one-person tour
Available all year round

Tanegashima Tourism Volunteer Guides *Tare Iaro
TEL: 0997-23-3215
FAX: 0997-23-3250

Roundabout Trips

(Estimated travelling time is calculated based on movement by car)

● Recommended Tour (approx. 5 hrs 40 mins)

Nishinozumi Port 5min	Teppokan (Machi) 5min	Gessotai (Machi) 5min	Kadokura Cape (Machi) 80min	Tanegashima Space Centre (Machi) 20min	Chikura-no-Iwaya Shoreline Cavern (Machi) 20min	Onatsu and Metatsu Rocks (Machi) 30min	Nishinozumi Port 10min
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● Historical Walk (approx. 7 hrs)

Nishinozumi Port 5min	Teppokan (Machi) 5min	Nishinozumi City Tour by Foot 25min	Kadokura Cape (Machi) 80min	Tanegashima Akagomeken (Red Rice Centre) (Machi) 15min	Hirota Site Museum (Machi) 15min	Furuchi Residence (Machi) 15min	Nishinozumi Port 60min
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● Forest and Sea Tour (approx. 4 hrs)

Nishinozumi Port 70min	Tanegashima Space Centre 10min	Sea Kayaking 45min	Chikura-no-Iwaya Shoreline Cavern (Machi) 10min	Nishinozumi Port 60min	Tanegashima Airport 35min
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● Shochu Tour (approx. 2 to 20 mins)

Nishinozumi Port 15min	Pottery Experience (with an instructor) 10min	Shochu Distillery Tour (Takasaki Shozo (25min)) 15min	Nishinozumi Port 15min
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Tanegashima - Island Transportation

● Car Rental

Company Name	Location	TEL (0997)	Company Name	Location	TEL (0997)
Toyota Rent-A-Car	Nishinozumi	23-2837	Nishinozumi	Nishinozumi	23-2837
Nissan Rent-A-Car	Nishinozumi	23-5050	Nishinozumi	Nishinozumi	23-5050
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Fukuoka Rent-A-Car	Nishinozumi	24-8056	Nishinozumi	Nishinozumi	24-8056
Hayashi Rent-A-Car	Nishinozumi	24-1800	Nishinozumi	Nishinozumi	24-1800
	Nishinozumi	24-0772	Nishinozumi	Nishinozumi	24-0772
	Minamitane	26-1164	Minamitane	Minamitane	26-1164

● Taxi

Company Name	Location	TEL (0997)
Ichimaru Taxi	Nishinozumi	22-0101
Hayashi Taxi	Nishinozumi	22-0111
Shimmo Taxi	Minamitane	26-4231
Daiwa Kanko Taxi	Minamitane	26-3666



See

- ① Urua Coast**
Selected as one of the 100 best beaches of Japan. Campfire is prohibited in the ocean.
① 5 minutes by car from Tanegashima Airport
② 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port
- ② Cyatheaceae Natural Forest**
The largest spot of natural water in the island. The forest is a natural monument.
① 10 minutes by car from Tanegashima Airport
② 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port
- ③ Amamagaura**
One of the 100 best spots in Japan. The water is clear and the view is beautiful.
① 10 minutes by car from Tanegashima Airport
② 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port
- ④ Tanegashima Development Centre Gun Museum (Teppokan)**
The museum is a historical site. It is a must-visit for those interested in the history of the island.
① 5 minutes by car from Tanegashima Airport
② 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port
- ⑤ Akagi Castle Cultural Museum (Gessotai)**
The museum is a historical site. It is a must-visit for those interested in the history of the island.
① 5 minutes by car from Tanegashima Airport
② 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port
- ⑥ Kanehashi Coast**
A beautiful coastline with a clear view of the sea.
① 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port
- ⑦ Onatsu and Metatsu Rocks**
A natural monument. The rocks are a beautiful sight.
① 10 minutes by car from Tanegashima Airport
② 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port
- ⑧ Injo Coast and Matate-no-Iwaya Shoreline Cavern**
A beautiful coastline with a clear view of the sea. The cavern is a natural monument.
① 10 minutes by car from Tanegashima Airport
② 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port
- ⑨ Largest Cycad (Sago Palm) in Japan**
A natural monument. The cycad is a beautiful sight.
① 10 minutes by car from Tanegashima Airport
② 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port
- ⑩ Tanegashima Mangrove Park**
A natural monument. The mangrove is a beautiful sight.
① 10 minutes by car from Tanegashima Airport
② 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port
- ⑪ Tanegashima Mangrove Park and Hamada Beach**
A natural monument. The mangrove is a beautiful sight. The beach is a beautiful sight.
① 10 minutes by car from Tanegashima Airport
② 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port
- ⑫ Chikura-no-Iwaya Shoreline Cavern and Hamada Beach**
A natural monument. The cavern is a beautiful sight. The beach is a beautiful sight.
① 10 minutes by car from Tanegashima Airport
② 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port

- ⑬ Hirota Site Museum**
A historical site. The museum is a beautiful sight.
① 10 minutes by car from Tanegashima Airport
② 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port
- ⑭ Tanegashima Akagomeken (Red Rice Centre)**
A historical site. The museum is a beautiful sight.
① 10 minutes by car from Tanegashima Airport
② 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port
- ⑮ Kadokura Cape**
A natural monument. The cape is a beautiful sight.
① 10 minutes by car from Tanegashima Airport
② 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port

- ⑯ Tanegashima Space Centre**
A historical site. The museum is a beautiful sight.
① 10 minutes by car from Tanegashima Airport
② 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port
- ⑰ Aerospace Science Centre**
A historical site. The museum is a beautiful sight.
① 10 minutes by car from Tanegashima Airport
② 10 minutes by car from Nishinozumi Port

Information on Viewing Sites

- Hase Park**
- Parking space: 500 lots
- Toilet available
- Countdown Audio Broadcast / Live broadcasting on TV monitors
- Uchuugaoka "Space Hill" Park**
- Parking space: 250 lots
- Toilet available
- Countdown Audio Broadcast / Live broadcasting on TV monitors
- Minamitane Town Stadium**
- Parking space: 80 lots
- Toilet available
- Countdown Audio Broadcast
- Ebino Observatory Park**
The nearest park to the rocket launch complex, you can see the rockets rise above Tanegashima Island's beautiful sea.

Eat

Tanegashima Island has a rich agriculture and aquaculture which in turn yields quality products. The island is famous for dishes utilizing seasonal vegetables such as early-harvested rice, saffron and creamy Anno-Imo sweet potatoes, and fresh seafood throughout the year such as Small abalone, Bigfin Reef squid, etc.

Specialty Product

- Agricultural Product**
Koshikubi Rice (Early Harvested) Akagomeken (Red Rice) Bamboo Shoot Braised Snail Pot White Turnip
Mango Ancho Reyes Breadfruit
- Fisheries**
Ribbon Red Spotted Grouper Higo Purple Spotted Spiny Lobster Higo Blue Spotted Snapper Higo Yellow Tail Snapper
- Handicrafts**
Sweet Cooked Things Green Ice
- Processed Food**
Small abalone Bigfin reef squid

