

TANEGASHIMA YAKUSHIMA Travel Brochure



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Rear: Information on Yakushima Island

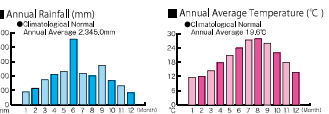
Tanegashima Island - From Matchlock Rifle to Space Exploration

Learn

Tanegashima Island is located about 40km southeast of Cape Sate, 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) with the highest point of elevation at 282m, the island is mostly 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, Bus and Ferry	
From Fukuoka	From Osaka	From Fukuoka	From Osaka
Kagoshima Airport 15 minutes	Kansai Airport 1 hour 10 minutes	Shinkansen to Naha 1 hour 15 minutes	Shinkansen to Naha 1 hour 15 minutes
Kagoshima Airport 40 minutes		Shinkansen to Naha 1 hour 15 minutes	Shinkansen to Naha 1 hour 15 minutes
Tanegashima Airport		Shinkansen to Naha 1 hour 15 minutes	Shinkansen to Naha 1 hour 15 minutes

For more details on latest updates, kindly check with the respective transportation organizations. Travel time on various transportation modes shown are the shortest time available.

- Enquiries on Tanegashima Tourism**
 - Tanegashima Tourism Association
TEL: 0997-24-1111
http://www.tanegashima-tourism.jp
 - Nishinoomote City Economic and Tourism Division
TEL: 0997-24-1111
http://www.city.nishinoomote.kagoshima.jp
- Nakata Town Planning Division**
 - TEL: 0997-24-1111
http://www.nakata-town.kagoshima.jp
- General Affairs and Planning Division, Kagoshima Prefectural Government Kumage Branch Office**
 - TEL: 0997-24-1111
http://www.kagoshima-pref.jp
- Kagoshima Prefecture Website Tourism Guide**
 - TEL: 0997-24-1111
http://www.kagoshima-pref.jp

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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: 0997-24-9244

● 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 potteryware by hand or using the potter's wheel.

● Akagomenka Tour

Explore the vicinity of the Akagomenka (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 more information regarding the above tours, contact the Tanegashima Green Tourism Promotion Association (within Tanegashima Tourism Association).
 TEL: 0997-23-0111 FAX: 0997-23-0770
 URL: http://tanegaki.jp

City Tour by Foot

Volunteer guides will show you around Nishinoomote 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 "Taro Iaro"
 TEL: 0997-23-3215
 FAX: 0997-23-3250

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

For further details pertaining to the tours marked with *, kindly check with the Tanegashima Green Tourism Promotion Association (TEL: 0997-23-0111)

● Recommended Tour (approx. 5 hrs 40 min)		*Visiting duration (low tide recommended)	
Nishinoomote Port 5min	Teppokan (Mar. 30) 5min	Gessotai (Mar. 30) 80min	Kadokura Cape (Mar. 30) 20min
Tanegashima Airport 25 min	5min	80min	Tanegashima Space Centre (Mar. 30) 20min
			Chikura-no-Iwaya Shoreline Cavern (Mar. 30) 30min
			Obuchi and Mibuchi Waterfall (Mar. 30) 10min
			Nishinoomote Port 30min

● Historical Walk (approx. 7 hrs)

Nishinoomote Port 5min	Teppokan (Mar. 30) 5min	Gessotai (Mar. 30) 80min	Kadokura Cape (Mar. 30) 20min	Tanegashima Space Centre (Mar. 30) 20min	Chikura-no-Iwaya Shoreline Cavern (Mar. 30) 30min	Obuchi and Mibuchi Waterfall (Mar. 30) 10min	Nishinoomote Port 30min
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● Forest and Sea Tour (approx. 4 hrs)

Nishinoomote Port 70 min	Tanegashima Space Centre 45 min	Sea Kayaking 10min	Chikura-no-Iwaya Shoreline Cavern (Mar. 30) 30min	Tanegashima Airport 35min
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● Shochu Tour (approx. 2 hrs 20 min)

Nishinoomote Port 15min	Pottery Experience (with quiz questions) 15min	Shochu Distillery Tour (with quiz questions) 15min	Tanegashima Space Centre 35min
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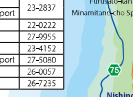
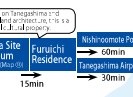
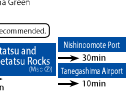
Tanegashima - Island Transportation

■ Car Rental

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Toyota Rent-A-Car	Nishinoomote	23-5111	Nissan Rent-A-Car	Nishinoomote	23-2837
Nissan Rent-A-Car	Tanegashima Airport	23-7077	Nissan Rent-A-Car	Tanegashima Airport	23-2837
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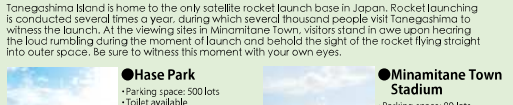
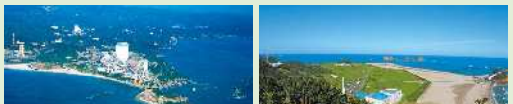
■ Taxi

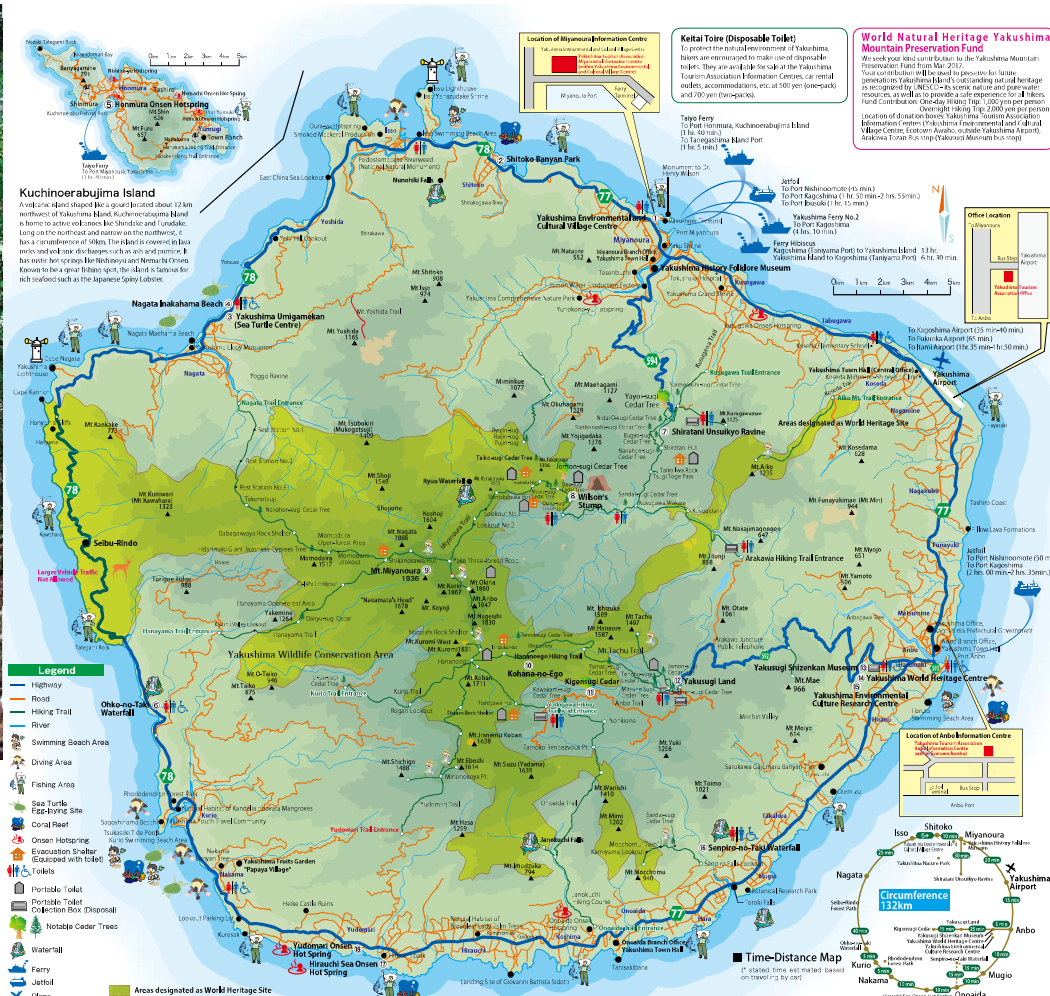
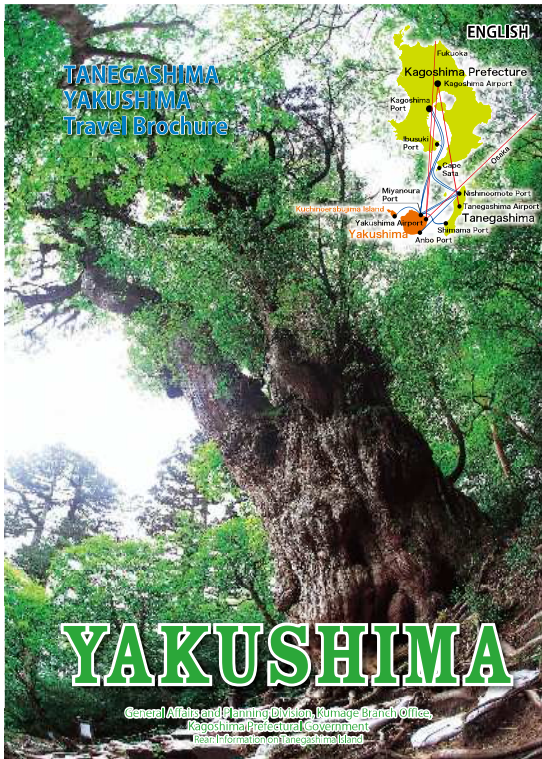
Company Name	Location	TEL: (0997)
Chimaru Taxi	Nishinoomote	22-1010
Hayashi Taxi	Nishinoomote	22-1010
Shimomo Taxi	Nishinoomote	22-1010
Daiwa Kanko Taxi	Nishinoomote	22-1010



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Tanegashima Island is famous for the first arrival of Western guns to Japan. It is also home to the "Tachikiri Ski Remains" where items suggesting civilization from more than 30,000 years ago (the oldest in Japan) were unearthed. In conjunction with age old history is the presence of the one and only space station in Japan for launching satellites.





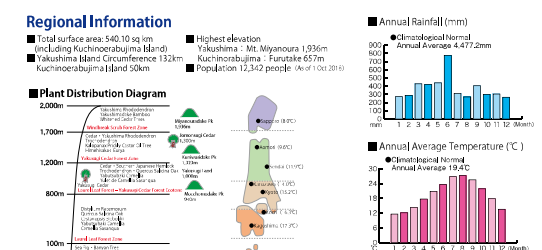
Yakushima - From Full-Scale Hiking to Marine Sports

The "inner mountains" of Yakushima Island is comprised of a series of peaks such as Miyanouradake Pk. (the highest in Kyushu at 1,936m). Negatadake Pk., Kurindake Pk., etc. Near the sea, coastal areas are lined with hibiscuses, bougainvilleas, and other subtropical flowers as well as tropical fruit trees like banana trees, papaya trees, etc. As an island that offers natural hot springs, great fishing grounds, and ideal diving spots, Yakushima lives up to its name as a leisure paradise.

Yakushima Regular Tourism Bus		Yakushima - Island Transportation	
<p>① Yakushima Yaman Bus (Reservation Required)</p> <p>② Yakushima Round Trip Bus "Yakushima" (Reservation Required)</p> <p>③ Yakushima Island Transportation</p>		<p>④ Yakushima Island Transportation</p> <p>⑤ Yakushima Island Transportation</p> <p>⑥ Yakushima Island Transportation</p>	

Yakushima - "The Alps of the Sea" and Home to Miyanouradake, the Highest Peak in Kyushu

Yakushima Island is located about 60km south-southwest of Cape Sata on the Osumi Peninsula, the southernmost tip of mainland Japan. The island shape is circular with a circumference of about 132km. Nicknamed "the Alps of the Sea", the central area of the island is a mountain range of peaks standing 1800m+ in elevation - the highest of which is Miyanouradake Pk. Also, the island offers a wide array of flora and fauna distributed throughout the subtropical zones near the coast to the cold subalpine zones within the mountains.



Getting to Yakushima Island	
<p>By airplane</p> <p>From Fukuoka</p> <p>From Osaka</p> <p>From Tokyo</p>	<p>By Shinkansen Bullet Train and Ferry</p> <p>From Fukuoka</p> <p>From Osaka</p> <p>From Tokyo</p>

Yakushima - The First Site in Japan to be Inscribed as a World Heritage

The World Natural Heritage site Yakushima Island is covered with pristine, ancient virgin forests. The famous Yakusugi cedar trees on this island are more than a thousand years old, with the most impressive of them all being the Jomonsugi, an old cedar tree reputed to be about 7,200 years of age. Tourists can also visit the many great waterfalls on the island, as well as witness sea turtles laying eggs along the coast. Exploring the mountains, seas, rivers and hot springs, one will fully enjoy this paradise.

1 Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Centre

2 Shikoto Banyan Park

3 Yakushima Umigakasan (Sea Turtle Centre)

4 Nagata Inakabana Beach

5 Hommura Onsen Hot Spring

6 Ohko-no-taki Waterfall

7 Shiratani Unsuiyko Ravine

8 Wilkon's Stump

9 Mt. Miyanoura

10 Kijomugi Cedar

11 Yakusugi Land

12 Yakushima World Heritage Centre

13 Yakushima Environmental Culture Research Centre

14 Yakushima Museum

15 Senjiro-no-taki Waterfall

16 Hirachi Onsen Hot Spring

17 Yodumori Onsen Hot Spring

Major Hiking Trails

- Jomonsugi Trail (Time needed: About 10 hrs. / Entrance: Arakawa Entrance)
- Miyanoura Trail (Time needed: About 10 hrs. / Entrance: Yodogawa Entrance)
- Shiratani Unsuiyko (Taiko Iwa) Trail (Time needed: About 4 hrs. / Entrance: Shiratani Unsuiyko)

Activities

- Nature Experience
- Yakusugi Cedar Woodwork Experience
- Nagabune Boat Ride

Yakushima - Blessings from the Mountains and the Sea

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Specialty Product

Handicrafts

Processed Food

Agricultural Product

Fisheries