

# Kagoshima Sports Tourism Guide



**Sakurajima (Kagoshima City)**  
Certified Japanese Geopark



**Shiratani Unsuikyo (Yakushima)**  
Certified World Natural Heritage



**Mangrove Forest (Amami Oshima)**  
Candidate Site for World Natural Heritage





# Sport Events

## MARATHON

### Kagoshima Marathon (March)

S-1



A marathon with Sakurajima and Kinko Bay to guide you along the way. Held every year in March, there is also an 8.9km fun run held around the downtown area. Feel the history of Kagoshima while running past famous sites such as the Bronze Statue of Saigo Takamori and Sengan-en.



Spot



Sengan-en

Event



Kagoshima Kinko Bay  
Summer Night Fireworks Display

## CYCLING

### Tour de Minamisatsuma "8 Scenic Views of the Sea Route"

S-2

October



A cycling event that circles around the "8 Scenic Views of the Minamisatsuma Sea Route" held every year in the Autumn. Every year, participants from both domestic and foreign locations travel to fully enjoy the nature of Minamisatsuma.



Spot



Kamegaoka East China Sea Observatory

Spot



007 Filming Site Monument

## WALKING

### Ibusuki Nanohana March (January)

S-3



Held on the 4th Saturday and Sunday of January every year, this casual event takes a stroll through yellow blanketed fields of the nanohana flower to provide a feeling of the new year. Please enjoy the beautiful views of Ibusuki, as well as the wonderful local specialties.



Spot



Ibusuki steam sand bath

Gourmet



Kuro satsuma dori(chicken)on rice bowl

## HIKING

### Kirishima Hiking (year-round)

S-4



The Kirishima Mountain Range consists of 20 mountains formed from volcanoes and stretches along the Kagoshima and Miyazaki border. Hiking can be enjoyed year-round with different scenery each season. There are beginner courses available for people of all ages to enjoy casually.



Spot



Kirishima Onsen Area

Spot



Kirishima Jingu Shrine

# Activities

Lake Ikeda Flyboard,  
Wakeboard, Mega SUP,  
Wake surfing (A-1)  
(Ibusuki City)



Forest  
Adventure  
Outdoor Park  
(Soo City) (A-2)



Sakurajima  
Sea Kayaking  
(Kagoshima City)

A-4



Paragliding  
(Yusui Town)

A-3



Horse  
Trekking  
(Yusui Town)

A-5



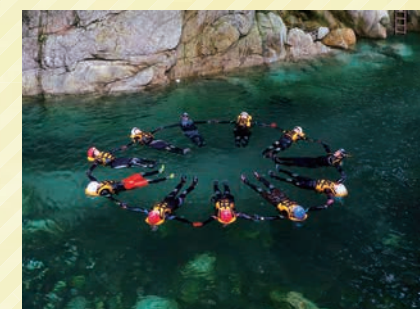
Kitesurfing  
(Minamisatsuma City)

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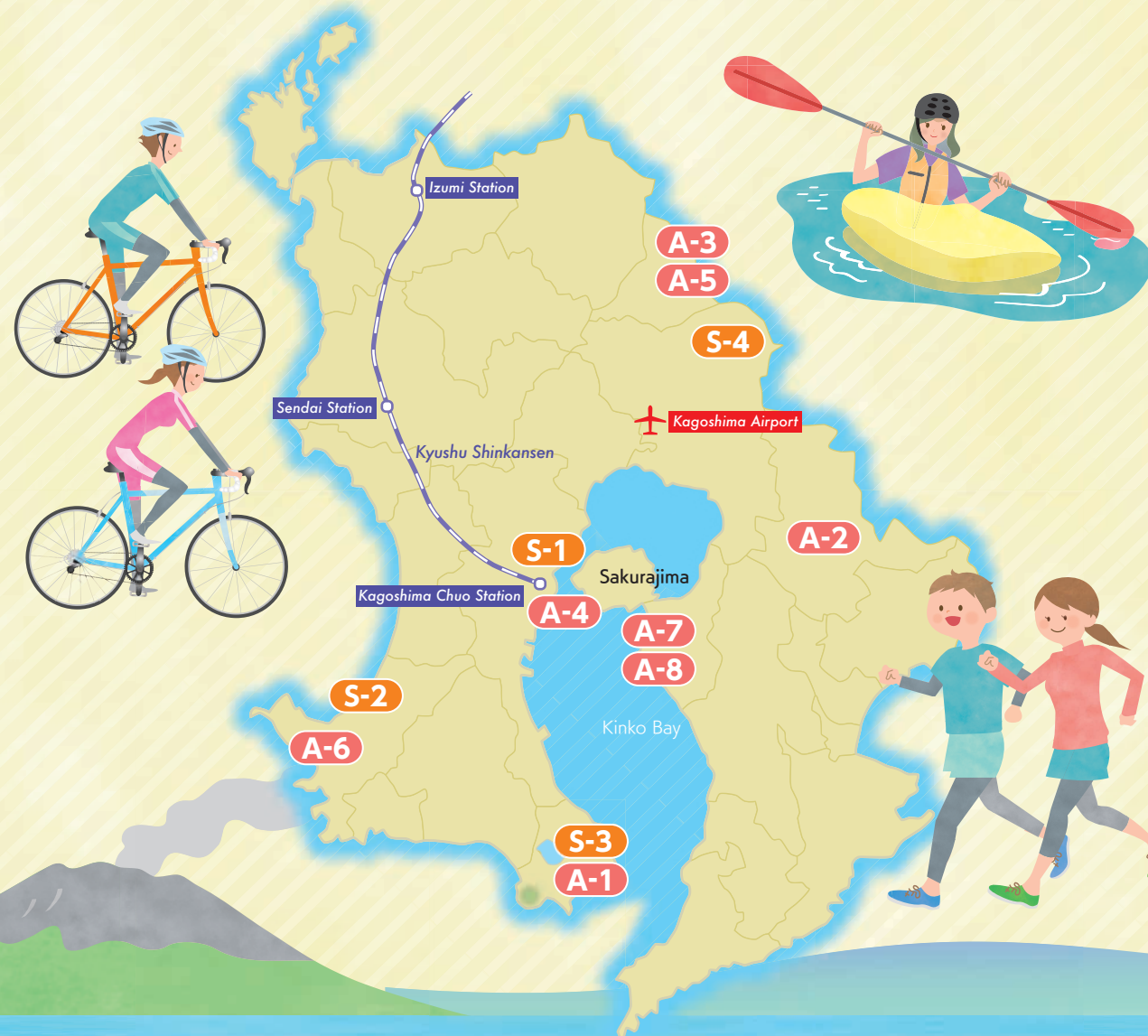
Canyoning and  
Ziplining  
(Tarumizu City)

A-7



SUP  
(Tarumizu City)

A-8





# Yakushima / Amami Islands

## Yakushima

### The World Natural Heritage Site in Japan

Yakushima Island's unique forest of Sugi cedar trees, the Japanese indigenous plant, and the vertical distribution of vegetation ranging from a subtropical zone to a subarctic zone were recognized for its outstanding value. In 1993, Yakushima, together with Shirakami mountain range, were registered as the first World Natural Heritage Site in Japan. An area of 10,747 hectare (about 20 % of Yakushima) was registered as a World Natural Heritage Site by UNESCO.



Citrus Tankan



Cycling



Jomon Sugi

Yakushima

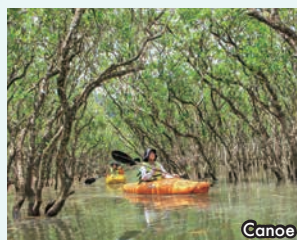
## Amami Islands

### World Natural Heritage Site Candidate



The Amami Islands lie between Kyushu Island and Okinawa. It includes 8 inhabited islands, Amami Oshima, Kakeromajima, Ukejima, Yorojima, Kikaijima, Tokunoshima, Okinoerabujima, and Yoronjima. The subtropical islands are full of abundant forests, beautiful coral reefs, and much more.

Many rare species inhabit the islands, especially Amami Oshima and Tokunoshima, such as the Amami rabbit. These two islands are aiming to become a World Natural Heritage Site that also includes northern Okinawa Island and Iriomote Island.



Canoe



Keihan (chicken rice soup)



Kokuto Shochu



Amami Oshima



Kikaijima

Tokunoshima

Okinoerabujima

Yoronjima



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