



## Prefectural Nature Park Excursion MAP

This map was completed with the cooperation of the people of Mishima Village.  
We hope you will enjoy their "personal sights" on the island.

### Transport Information

**Transportation to the Port**

- Approx. 50 min by bus from Kagoshima Airport
- Approx. 15 min on foot from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta.
- Approx. 10 min by bus from Kagoshima Main Port



### HOW TO GET HERE

Traveling from outside the prefecture

**Flying** (required time to Kagoshima Airport)

- Tokyo (Haneda) ... Approx. 1 hr 50 min
- Chubu (Centrair) ... Approx. 1 hr 15 min
- Osaka (Itami) ... Approx. 1 hr 15 min

**Shinkansen** (required time to Kagoshima-Chuo Sta.)

- Tokyo ... Fastest 6 hrs 29 min
- Nagoya ... Fastest 4 hrs 50 min
- Shin-Osaka ... Fastest 3 hrs 41 min
- Hiroshima ... Fastest 2 hrs 19 min
- Fukuoka ... Approx. 55 min
- Hakata ... Fastest 1 hr 16 min
- Kumamoto ... Fastest 42 min

**Village-Operated Ferry Mishima Timetable**

Between Kagoshima and each island	Normal services		One-way day-trip services	
	Outbound	Inbound	Outbound	Inbound
Kagoshima Port	Dep. 9:30	Arr. 14:05	Dep. 9:30	Arr. 19:50
Takeshima Port	Arr. 12:30	Dep. 11:05	Arr. 12:30	Dep. 12:45
Iwojima Port	Arr. 13:25	Dep. 10:10	Arr. 13:25	Dep. 13:40
Kuroshima Osato Port	Arr. 14:50	Dep. 8:45	Arr. 14:50	Dep. 15:05
Kuroshima Katadomari Port	Dep. 15:35	Dep. 8:00	Dep. 15:35	Dep. 15:30

\*Times are subject to change depending on the weather.

**Cessna plane service (NJA)** [Must be reserved]  
There are scheduled flights from Kagoshima Airport to Iwojima Ferry Mishima waiting area  
For details, please call New Japan Aviation (TEL: 0995-58-2211).

**Mishima Village Hall** ..... Phone: 099-222-3141

**Mishima Village Tourism Information Center (Iwojima)** .... Phone: 09913-2-2370

Mishima Village website <http://mishimamura.com/>



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## Mishima Village, Kagoshima Prefecture

### Mishima Prefectural Nature Park

Mishima Village, where Mishima Prefectural Nature Park is located, is in the northernmost part of the Southwest Islands. The islands consist of Takeshima and Iwojima, about 94 km south of the city of Kagoshima, and Kuroshima, Mishima, the uninhabited Showa Iwojima, and reefs about 50 km southwest of Bonomisaki Cape. Takeshima, Iwojima, and the surrounding reefs belong to the Miocene Ryukyu volcanic arc and form the north-western rim of the Kikai Caldera, which erupted 7,300 years ago. They exhibit topographic features that tell the story of how the Kikai Caldera formed. Kuroshima, along with Uji and Kasagaki islands, belongs to the old Ryukyu volcanic arc, where forests with unique flora are found.

## Takeshima

## Iwojima

## Kuroshima

## Takeshima

## Takeshima Island

Relax and unwind in an island surrounded by bamboo groves.

The island has a cir. of 12.8 km.

With 'take' meaning bamboo in Japanese, the entire island is accordingly covered with Ryukyu (tootsik) bamboo. Most of the island's black soil farmlands are planted with grass, and cows graze peacefully in the pasture stretching across the gently undulating hills. Nearly all coastlines are cliffs, and the sea surrounding the island is a clear marine blue. If you look in, you will see schools of colorful tropical fish swimming in the water, making the sea perfect for fishing and diving.



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## Iwojima

## Iwojima Island

An island overflowing with the energy of an active volcano steeped in the history of the Heike clan.

The island has a cir. of 19.1 km

Iwojima, in the center of the three islands and home to the white-steam-billing Mt. Iwo, is an island filled with the energy of an active volcano and majesty of nature. One of the submarine volcanoes that erupted along the Kirishima Volcanic Belt, Iwojima, is located on the outer rim of the Kikai Caldera. Its coastline stained in various colors by mineral-dissolving groundwater has a mysterious aura. The rustic open-air baths on the shore, with ceaselessly gushing hot spring water, are also a gift from the volcano.



## Driving (required time to Kagoshima Main Port)

- From Dazaifu I.C. .... Approx. 3 hrs 40 min
- From Nagasaki I.C. .... Approx. 4 hrs 40 min
- From Saga-Yamato I.C. .... Approx. 3 hrs 40 min
- From Oita I.C. .... Approx. 4 hrs 30 min
- From Mashiki-Kumamoto ... Approx. 2 hrs 30 min
- From Miyazaki I.C. .... Approx. 2 hrs

\*Traveling times are approximate.

## Kuroshima

## Kuroshima Island

An island of deep verdant forests that nurtures a variety of flora and fauna.

The island has a cir. of 20.1 km

The largest of the three islands has two hamlets called Osato and Katadomari. It is richer in vegetation and fauna than the other islands, and various migratory birds and insects can be found in its diverse natural habitat. Freshwater gushing from the forests forms a waterfall on the coastal cliff, giving Shirataki Falls a fine appearance. Many excellent fishing spots are scattered around the island with numerous jutting rocky shores, attracting anglers from both in and out of the island.



## Ferry Mishima waiting area

Ferry Mishima waiting area 099-813-7751  
Large cargo, cars, etc., require a reservation.

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Life Nurtured by Nature  
A Tale of Three Islands

Students from  
the islands paid a visit.

## Mishima Events

### Mishima Village Festivals and Events

#### Takeshima

February 3: Setsubun (The traditional end of winter) Ceremony to drive away evil spirits  
August 13: Bon Dance  
August 15, 15th day of the lunar month: The fifteenth night  
September 8: Yoimiya Festival, September Festival.

#### Iwojima

January 7: Toidon-no-Karaidon (Kusembu) Ceremony to drive away evil spirits  
Late April: Port Festival  
May 5: Annual Festival  
End of July: Mishima Cup Yacht Race  
August 15: Hashitamatsu Fire Festival  
August 1 & 2, 1st and 2nd days of the lunar month: Hassaku Drum Dance  
September 10 & 11, 10th and 11th days of the lunar month: September Dance  
Mid-December through February: Blooming of camellia blossoms

#### Kuroshima

January 7: Ceremony to drive away evil spirits  
February 10: Ancestral Festival  
Early May: Kuroshima Tokko Heiwa Kinensai: a ceremony to commemorate and pray for the island's Special Attack Units  
June 23, 23rd day of June of the old lunar month: Ibadon  
August 15: Bon Dance  
September 1: Hassaku Dance  
November: Hi-no-Kami (god of fire) Festival  
November 11: Ancestral Festival

#### Scan to see the movies!

- Download the AR app COCOROAR (free)
- Scan the QR symbol
- Start watching the movies!

\*Depending on your device model or communication environment, the movies may not be viewable.  
[Download the app here](#)



See the AR movies of the initiatives taken in 2022.

Scan the QR code above to read the e-book.

\*The codes for the AR movies and E-book will connect to external websites for viewing.

The area around Mishima Prefectural Nature Park is blessed with soothing scenery and unspoiled nature. There are stories of the islanders who have made good use of their surroundings over the years. Island students visited experts, who have passed on their wisdom and skills in various fields, such as farming, fishing, and mining, to hear their stories.

Shochu Mishimamura & Shochu Mendon  
The luscious aroma of the sweet potato "Beni-Otome" produced in Mishima Village's Iwojima and Kuroshima make these shochus rare and limited productions.

Hamagi Gyoza (Hamagi = coastal hog fennel)  
Students of Takeshima Gakuen make delicious gyoza with coastal hog fennel growing wild on the island. Even the label of this special product is designed by the students. Since sales are limited, contact the Mishima Village Office for details.

Mishima Tsubaki Udon  
Kuroshima Mandarin Chiffon Cake

The Award for Excellence winner in the Kagoshima Prefecture Regional Specialties Competition, Regional Limited Production Category (August 2010). The chiffon cake contains a luxurious amount of Kuroshima mandarin's pulp and zest. It is also subject to Hometown Tax deductions.

Mishima Village's Food & Gifts  
Warm and hearty, choice products from Mishima. Rustic, but infused with the heart of the island.

Daimyo bamboo  
Also known as the king of bamboo shoots, daimyo bamboo shoots are characterized by their rich flavor and crunchy texture. Scan the QR code to visit the dedicated website for information on when they are available and how to cook them.

Camellia Oil  
Domestically produced additive-free camellia oil has long been used for cooking and moisturizing hair and skin. High-quality oil is used to produce various processed products.

Camellia Shampoo & Conditioner  
Also available at Mishima Village Tourism Association's official store. Contact the Mishima Village Tourism Association for details.

Mishima Village Tourism Association 099-222-3141  
Mishima Village Tourism Association online shop  
Sells Mishima Village specialties and merchandise.

Mishima Shochu Muko-no-Kura online shop  
Sells the distillery's shochu.

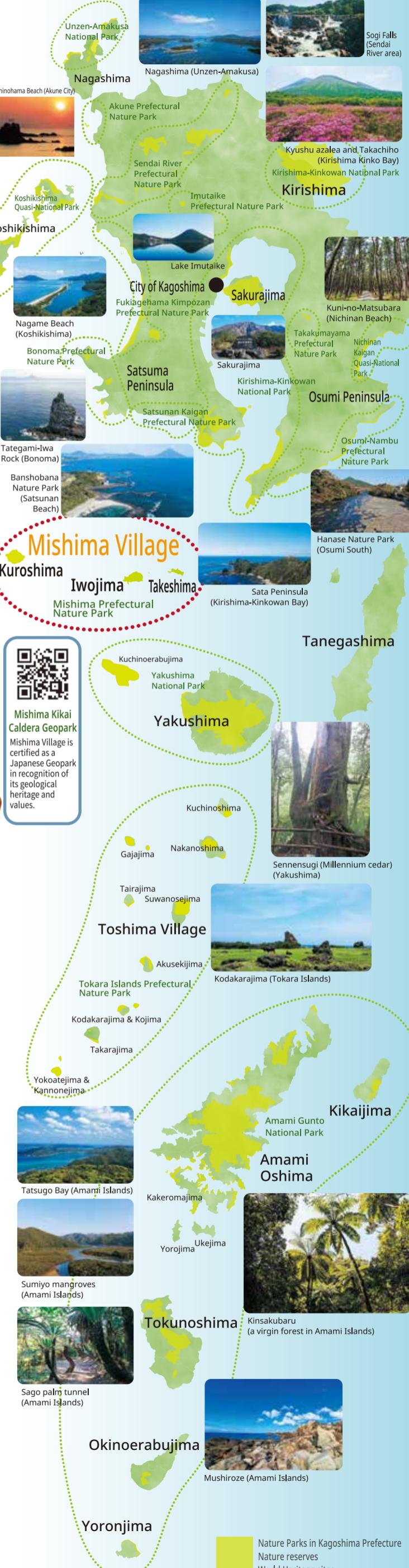
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Information on Accommodations in Mishima Village

There are no convenience stores or restaurants in Mishima Village, so we recommend staying at an inn. Visitors are also advised to make a reservation before they arrive at the village, as they may not be accommodated on the day of their visit. Scan the QR code on the right for information about each minshuku inn.



Visit Kagoshima Prefecture's national parks, quasi-national parks, and nature parks to enjoy the great outdoors



Nature Parks in Kagoshima Prefecture  
Nature reserves  
World Heritage sites

