

Yaku Shima
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Kumage Branch Office
The reverse side features Tanegashima.
Jomon cedar

Yakushima is a nearly circular island with a circumference of about 132 kilometers, and located approximately 60 kilometers south-southwest of Cape Sata, the southernmost point of the mainland of Kyushu.

- At the center of the island rises a range of mountains over 1,500 meters high, including Mt. Miyanoora, the highest peak in Kyushu, earning Yakushima the nickname the "Offshore Alps".
- Home to ancient Yakusugi cedar trees, which are thousands of years old, Yakushima preserves a globally rare natural environment and was designated a Natural World Heritage Site in 1993. It is also designated as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and a Ramsar Site, earning the distinguished honor of being a UNESCO Triple Crown site.
- The island's major industries include the scenic Tourism takes advantage of the island's natural scenery. The cultivation of ponkan and tankan oranges makes the island one of the top producing areas of the fruits, as well as flying fish and mackerel fishing.
- Kuchinoerabu Island, a gourd-shaped volcanic island with a circumference of about 50 kilometers, lies approximately 12 kilometers northwest of Yakushima, and its highest peak, Mt. Shindake, rising 657 meters, still emits fumarolic gas.

[Yakushima Tourist Information]

- Yakushima Tourism Association: Administrative Office & Anbo Tourist Information Center
197-1 Anbo, Yakushima-cho, Kumage-gun, Kagoshima (Inside the Yakushima Town General Center)
Phone: 0997-46-2333
- Yakushima Tourism Association: Kuko-mae (Airport) Tourist Information Center
310-1 Koseda, Yakushima-cho, Kumage-gun, Kagoshima
Phone: 0997-49-4010
- Yakushima Tourism Association: Miyanoora Information Center
823-1 Miyanoora, Yakushima-cho, Kumage-gun, Kagoshima (Inside the Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Center)
Phone: 0997-42-1019

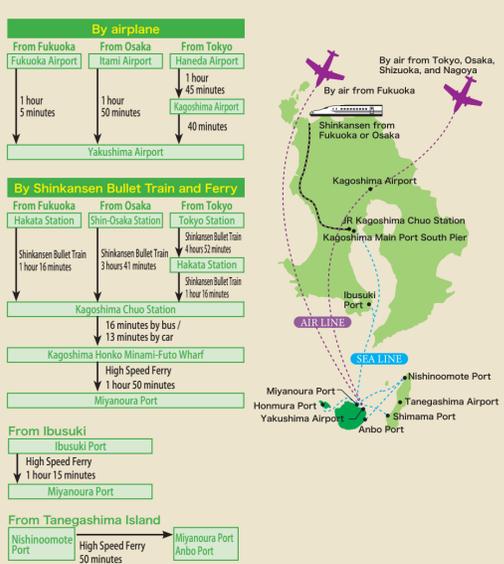
[Kuchinoerabu Island Tourist Information]

- Kuchinoerabu Island Tourist Information Center
372 Kuchierabujima, Yakushima-cho, Kumage-gun, Kagoshima



Website of the Yakushima Tourism Association Website of the Kuchinoerabu Island Tourist Sites (Created in February 2026)

Getting to Yakushima Island



Island Transportation

Car rental

Company	Location	Phone etc.
Matsubanda Rent-A-Car	Miyanoora	0997-43-5000
ORIX Rent-A-Car	Airport	0997-43-5888
TOYOTA Rent a Car	Miyanoora	0997-42-2000
Yakushima Airport Car Rental NAVI	Airport	0997-43-5180
Times Car Rental Yakushima Airport	Airport	http://www.times-car-rental.com/en/
Destino Rent-a-car	Miyanoora	0997-42-1100
Nippon Rent-A-Car	Airport	050-1712-2397
Anbo Shinjyama Rent-A-Car	Anbo	090-4341-6632
Yuko Rental	Miyanoora	0997-42-2285 ※ Light vehicles only
Hatake Shokai	Kuchinoerabu Island	0997-49-2281

Taxi

Company	Location	Phone
Matsubanda Transportation Taxi	Anbo	0997-43-5555
Yakushima Transportation Taxi	Miyanoora	0997-42-0611
	Anbo	0997-46-2321

Bicycle & Motorcycle Rental

Company	Location	Phone	Type	URL
You Shop Nangoku	Anbo Miyanoora	0997-46-2705	Bicycles, motorcycles, scooters, e-bikes	
Yuko Rental	Miyanoora	0997-42-2285	Bicycles, scooters	

Chartered Bus

Company	Location	Phone	Type
Tanegashima-Yakushima Transportation Co., Ltd.	Anbo	0997-46-2221	Large / Medium / Small
Matsubanda Transportation Inc.	Koseda	0997-43-5000	Large / Medium / Small
Yakushima Michinoeki Kankou (Kumage Transport Inc.)	Koseda	0997-47-1230	Large / Medium / Small

Tour Bus Services

① Yakushima Sightseeing Bus (Reservation Required)
"Transit Bus Services Connecting Major Sightseeing Destinations in Yakushima"
Tanegashima-Yakushima Transportation Co., Ltd. Yakushima Branch Office Phone: 0997-46-2221

General Info	Overview	Major Tourist Sights
Route A (Shiratan Unsui-kyo Ravine)	Anbo District 8:15 Departure Adult: 3,000 Yen, Child: 1,500 Yen	Anbo District → Onoaida District → Anbo District → Airport → Miyanoora District → Miyanoora Port → Shiratan Unsui-kyo Ravine (Additional Charge 500 Yen) → Yakushima Tourist Center (Lunch at an Additional Charge) → Miyanoora Port
Route D (Round the Island)	Miyanoora Port 14:00 Departure Adult: 3,000 Yen, Child: 1,500 Yen Full-day Tour (A + D) Adult: 4,500 Yen, Child: 2,500 Yen	Yakushima Tourist Center → Miyanoora Port → Nagata Inakahama Beach → Seibu-rindo (Views Along the Route) → Oko Waterfall → Nakama Gajamaru Banyan → Onoaida District → Anbo District
Route B (Yakusugi Land, Kigen-sugi)	Anbo District 8:15 Departure Adult: 2,500 Yen - 3,000 Yen Child: 1,500 Yen ※ Fares vary depending on the drop-off location.	Anbo District → Onoaida District → Front Morihasa Shrine (Connection for reservations) → Yakusugi Land (Separately 500 Yen) → Kigen-sugi Cedar → Supi syou (Lunch at an Additional Charge) → Anbo Port → Airport
Route C (Senpiro Waterfall)	Anbo Port: 13:10 Departure Miyanoora Port: 15:20 Departure Adult: 2,000 Yen, Child: 1,000 Yen	Anbo Port → Airport → Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Center (Separately 430 Yen) (On the Center's closed days, stops at Yaku Shrine instead.) → Miyanoora Port → Senpiro Waterfall → Onoaida District → Anbo District

*Guided tours are available in Japanese only.
*The latest information on fees and other details is available on the website.

② Yakushima Round Trip Bus - Yakuzaru (Reservation Required)

Matsubanda Kotsu TEL: 0997-43-5000

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Route A	Full Day Sightseeing (lunch included) Adult: 5,500 Yen, Child: 5,500 Yen ※ 8,000 yen for single participants (Two seats required)	Miyanoora District → Koseda District → Anbo District → Senpiro Waterfall → Onoaida District → Nakama Gajamaru Banyan → Oko Waterfall → Seibu-rindo Forest Path → Inakahama Beach → Lunch and souvenirs/Furusato Ichiba Market (Miyanoora District) → Yakusugi Land → Kigen-sugi → Anbo District → Onoaida District → Koseda District → Miyanoora District
Route B	Morning Half-Day Course Adult: 4,000 Yen, Child: 4,000 Yen ※ 5,000 Yen for single participants (Two seats required)	Miyanoora District → Koseda District → Anbo District → Senpiro Waterfall → Onoaida District → Nakama Gajamaru Banyan → Oko Waterfall → Seibu-rindo Forest Path → Inakahama Beach → Furusato Ichiba Market (Miyanoora District)
Route C	Afternoon Half-Day Course Adult: 3,000 Yen, Child: 3,000 Yen ※ 5,000 yen for single participants (Two seats required)	Furusato Ichiba Market (Miyanoora District) → Yakushima Airport → Anbo Port → Yakusugi Land → Kigen-sugi → Anbo District → Koseda District → Miyanoora District

③ Yakushima Relaxation Enjoyment Ticket

Tanegashima Yakushima Kotsu, Yakushima Branch Office TEL: 0997-46-2221

Ticket	1 Day Ticket	3 Day Ticket	4 Day Ticket
adult	2,500 Yen	4,000 Yen	5,000 Yen
child	1,250 Yen	2,000 Yen	2,500 Yen

Activities

- Nature Experience**
Authentic mountain climbing, trekking, and various activities in rivers and the sea, assisted by professional guides for a more enjoyable and safer experience.
 - Mountain Climbing (Mountaineering Mt. Miyanoora and Mt. Kurumi, etc.)
 - Trekking (Shiratan Unsui-kyo Ravine, Yakusugi Land, West Coast Forest Road, etc.)
 - River Kayaking (Anbo River, Miyanoora River, etc.)
 - Sea Kayaking
 - Snorkeling, Diving, Stand-up Paddleboarding (SUP)
- Yakusugi Craft Experience Studio**
At this workshop, you can experience carving Yakusugi wood and make your very own chopsticks or accessories.
- Nagare-bune (River Cruise Boat)**
In summer evenings, you can enjoy a "nagare-bune" (a covered boat called yakatabune) ride on the Anbo River, letting you enjoy the night sky and the natural scenery along the river.
 - *For details, please reach out to the Yakushima Tourism Association. (Phone: 0997-46-2333)
 - *For activities on Kuchinoerabu Island, including hiking Mt. Furudake and Mt. Shindake, snorkeling, or fishing, please contact the Kuchinoerabu Island Guides Association.
 - *Kuchinoerabu Island Guide Association Phone: 0997-49-2133

Guided Town Walk

Yakushima Villages Tour
Experience the history, culture, and lifestyle of Yakushima's villages! Local storytellers will guide you through villages' highlights, from historic sites to local industries.
(Inquiries/Reservations) Yakushima Villages Tour Promotion Council (Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Center)
Phone: 0997-42-2900
URL: http://www.yakushima.jp

Local Specialties

Yakushima offers an abundant variety of appealing local specialties, including crafts made from Yakusugi cedar, tankan and ponkan fruits, flying fish (Yakushima boasts the highest flying fish catch in Japan), mackerel fillets, and shocho.

- Agricultural Products:** Ponkan Orange, Passion Fruit, Zedoary, Turmeric, Tankan Orange, Yakusugi Wood Crafts.
- Processed Food Products:** Yakutoro Yam, Sweets, Tea, Rakkyo (Pickled Japanese Scallion), Yakushima Shocho, Mineral Water.
- Crafts:** Yakushima Pottery, Plant-based Dyeing.
- Marine Products:** Flying Fish, Kubero Blue Mackerel, Bigfin Reef Squid, Red Frog Crab, Tokobushi Abalone, Japanese Tiger Prawn.

Yakushima (Natural World Heritage) Mountains Conservation Fee
Since March 2017, visitors have been asked to pay the Yakushima Mountains Conservation Fee to preserve the Natural World Heritage area. This fee helps preserve Yakushima's beautiful natural environment and pristine waters, which are recognized as a UNESCO Natural World Heritage site, as a shared treasure for future generations. It also supports efforts to provide hikers with a safe and secure experience in nature. Although payment of this fee is voluntary, this request is based on the Natural World Heritage Yakushima Mountain Area Environmental Conservation Cooperation Fee Ordinance, which has been approved by the Yakushima Town Council, upon the agreement among the relevant organizations on the island. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

What is a portable toilet?
On Yakushima, hikers are encouraged to use "portable toilets" and carry their own waste with them to help reduce the labor costs associated with transporting human waste from pit toilets. Portable toilets are available in packs of two for 780 yen at Yakushima Tourist Information Centers, accommodations, etc.

Travel time Shows the driving time

Circumference 132km

The Island Closest to Carbon Neutrality
With nearly all electricity coming from CO₂-free hydroelectric power, Yakushima is considered the closest island to achieving carbon neutrality.

Legend

- Prefectural Road
- Municipal Road
- Hiking Trail
- River
- Swimming Beach Area
- Diving Area
- Sea Turtle
- Eel-Laying Site
- Coral Reef
- Onsen Hotspring
- Evacuation Shelter (Espaces with toilet)
- Flush toilet
- Bio-toilet
- Portable toilet wooden booth
- Portable Toilet Tent Booth (Installable only from March to November)
- Portable Toilet Collection Box (Disposal)
- Public telephone
- Free Wi-Fi
- Notable Cedar Trees
- Waterfall
- Ferry
- High Speed Ferry
- Plane
- Yakushima Environmental Conservation Association Donor's Declaration

Major Tourist Sights

- Shitoko Gajamaru Banyan Park
- Yakushima History and Folk Museum
- Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Center
- Nagata Inakahama Beach
- Yakushima Lighthouse
- Seibu-rindo Forest Path
- Oko Waterfall
- Kohano-ogoe
- Shiratan Unsui-kyo Ravine
- Wilson's Stump
- Mt. Miyanoora
- Kohano-ogoe
- Yakusugi Land
- Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Training Center
- Yakushima World Heritage Conservation Center
- Senpiro Waterfall
- Hirauchi Kaichu Onsen
- Yudomari Onsen
- Honmura Onsen

③ Shitoko Gajamaru Banyan Park
Yakushima is the northern limit of the natural growth of banyan trees (gajamaru). The Giant Gajamaru, believed to be more than 500 years old, is an iconic natural sight on among Yakushima's lush tropical nature.
Operating Hours: 8:30-17:00
Admission Fee: General: 240 Yen (180 Yen), Elementary, Junior High & High School Students: 120 Yen (90 Yen)
*Figures in parentheses indicate group rates (20 or more people).
*Admission will be free starting April 1, 2026.
[30 minutes by car from Yakushima Airport]
[15 minutes by car from Miyanoora Port]
[40 minutes by car from Anbo Port]

④ Nagata Inakahama Beach
Yakushima sees the highest number of sea turtles coming ashore in Japan. Their nesting can be observed from May to August. Among other beaches on the island, Nagata Inakahama and Nagata Maehama have the highest concentration of loggedhead turtle nesting.
[1 hour by car from Yakushima Airport]
[40 minutes by car from Miyanoora Port]
[1 hour 15 minutes by car from Anbo Port]

⑤ Yakushima Lighthouse
First lit in 1897, this lighthouse has been guiding ships safely through the waters around Yakushima for over a century.
Operating Hours: 9:00-17:00 (Last admission is at 16:30)
Admission Fee: General: 600 Yen (500 Yen), High School & University Students: 400 Yen (300 Yen), Elementary & Junior High Students: 300 Yen (200 Yen) *Figures in parentheses indicate group rates (20 or more people)
*Closed: First Tuesday of every month (except May and August) and December 29th - January 1st.
Phone: 0997-46-3113
[20 minutes by car from Yakushima Airport]
[40 minutes by car from Miyanoora Port]
[5 minutes by car from Anbo Port]

⑥ Seibu-rindo Forest Path
A primeval forest spreads across an uninhabited area facing the East China Sea. The panoramic view shows the magnificent vertical distribution of Japan's largest evergreen broadleaf forest, which formed the basis for Yakushima's designation as a Natural World Heritage site. It is possible even to encounter Yakushima macaques or sika deer (yakushika).
[1 hour 10 minutes by car from Yakushima Airport]
[50 minutes by car from Miyanoora Port]
[5 minutes by car from Anbo Port]

⑦ Oko Waterfall
A waterfall with a drop of 88 meters, selected as one of Japan's Top 100 Waterfalls.
[1 hour 10 minutes by car from Yakushima Airport]
[1 hour 30 minutes by car from Miyanoora Port]
[50 minutes by car from Anbo Port]

⑧ Shiratan Unsui-kyo Ravine
Located at elevations between 600 and 1,100 meters, and covering 424 hectares, this natural recreation forest allows visitors to enjoy primeval forests, including Yakusugi. There are three scenic courses, taking from 60 to 240 minutes.
[50 minutes by car from Yakushima Airport]
[30 minutes by car from Miyanoora Port]
[1 hour 5 minutes by car from Anbo Port]

⑨ Wilson's Stump
With a circumference of 13.8 meters, it is said to be the oldest stump, felled around 400 years ago.
[45 minutes by car from Yakushima Airport]
[15 minutes by car from Miyanoora Port]
[5 minutes by car from Anbo Port]

⑩ Mt. Miyanoora
Mt. Miyanoora rises from the center of Yakushima to 1,936 meters, making it the highest peak in Kyushu.
[1 hour 10 minutes by car from Yakushima Airport]
[40 minutes by car from Miyanoora Port]
[5 minutes by car from Anbo Port]

⑪ Kohano-ogoe
At an elevation of 1,620 meters, this wetland, set against withered Yakusugi trees (shranken, skeletonized cedar trunks), evokes the serene landscapes of traditional Japanese gardens.
[1 hour 10 minutes by car from Yakushima Airport]
[40 minutes by car from Miyanoora Port]
[5 minutes by car from Anbo Port]

⑫ Yakusugi Museum
This museum is dedicated to the full story of Yakusugi. It provides detailed explanations using models and panels to showcase the history of Yakusugi and its logging, the relationship between Yakusugi and local people, and crafts made from Yakusugi wood.
Operating Hours: 9:00-17:00 (Last admission is at 16:30)
Admission Fee: General: 600 Yen (500 Yen), High School & University Students: 400 Yen (300 Yen), Elementary & Junior High Students: 300 Yen (200 Yen) *Figures in parentheses indicate group rates (20 or more people)
*Closed: First Tuesday of every month (except May and August) and December 29th - January 1st.
Phone: 0997-46-3113
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[40 minutes by car from Miyanoora Port]
[5 minutes by car from Anbo Port]

⑬ Yakusugi Land
At an elevation of 1,000-1,300 meters, this natural recreation forest allows visitors to enjoy primeval forests, including several thousand-year-old Yakusugi trees. There are five scenic courses, taking from 30 to 210 minutes.
[55 minutes by car from Yakushima Airport]
[1 hour 15 minutes by car from Miyanoora Port]
[40 minutes by car from Anbo Port]

⑭ Yakushima World Heritage Conservation Center
This facility allows visitors to explore through all five senses the depth of Yakushima's natural environment and its World Heritage sites. There is also a corner where you can enjoy the sounds of Yakushima.
Operating Hours: 9:00-17:00 (Last admission is at 16:30)
Admission Fee: Free
*Closed: Year-end and New Year Holiday Season (December 29th - January 3rd)
Phone: 0997-46-2924
[20 minutes by car from Yakushima Airport]
[40 minutes by car from Miyanoora Port]
[5 minutes by car from Anbo Port]

⑮ Yakushima Environmental Culture Training Center
This environmental learning and training facility is set in the natural surroundings of Yakushima, helping visitors understand the importance of nature, and the relationship between humans and the environment. It offers a variety of environmental learning observation sessions.
Operating Hours: 9:00-17:00
*Closed: Mondays (The following day if Monday falls on a national holiday). The facility is open daily during Golden Week and from July 20th through August 31st (December 28th - January 3rd)
Phone: 0997-46-2900
[20 minutes by car from Yakushima Airport]
[40 minutes by car from Miyanoora Port]
[5 minutes by car from Anbo Port]

⑯ Senpiro Waterfall
A dynamic waterfall with a drop of about 60 meters, cascading behind a massive granite monolith.
[1 hour 10 minutes by car from Yakushima Airport]
[50 minutes by car from Anbo Port]

⑰ Hirauchi Kaichu Onsen
A rare hot spring that appears at low tide. It is accessible only twice a day, for about two hours before and after low tide.
[45 minutes by car from Yakushima Airport]
[15 minutes by car from Miyanoora Port]
[30 minutes by car from Anbo Port]

⑱ Yudomari Onsen
An open-air hot spring that emerges on the beach. It is accessible for bathing at any time. There is also a separate bath located 30 meters away.
[50 minutes by car from Yakushima Airport]
[1 hour 10 minutes by car from Miyanoora Port]
[15 minutes by car from Anbo Port]

⑳ Honmura Onsen
A hot spring offering spectacular views of the active volcano Shindake and beautiful sunsets from the beach. The water is a simple hot spring with a light brown color due to its high iron content.
[10 minutes by walk from Kuchinoerabu Honmura Port]

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