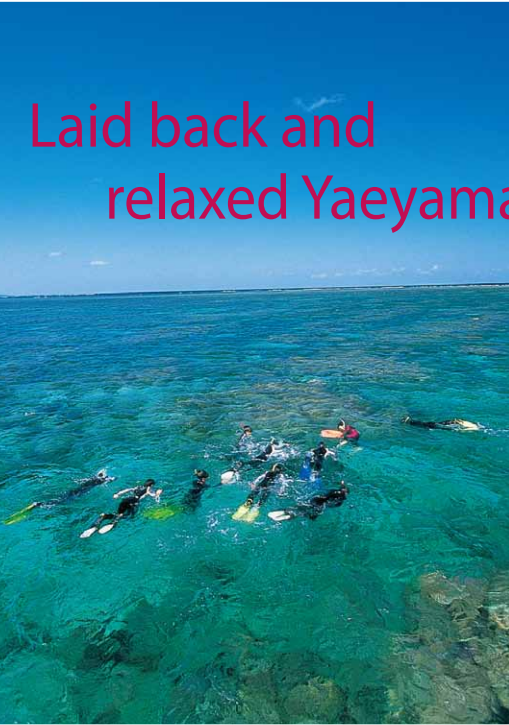


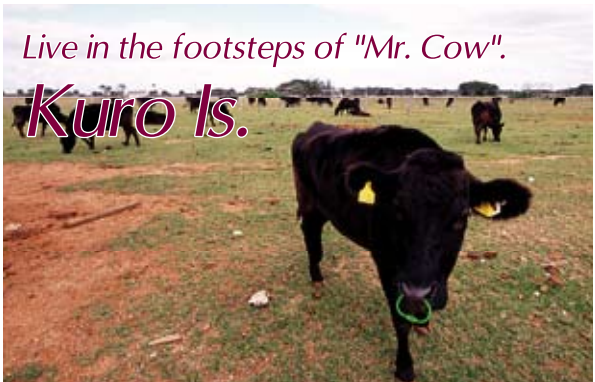
# Yaeyama Islands



Laid back and relaxed Yaeyama time



Experience  
Program  
**Yaeyama**





Searching for "Hoshizuna" (star sand) is one of the enjoyments of this island. Find some Hoshizuna while taking a walk along the quiet Kaiji Beach where even the kittens doze off to sleep.



### Barefoot Experience

After learning some background information about the nature, culture and performing arts at "Yugafu Kan" change into some Zori sandals, take a fan and take a stroll around the village.

#### 1 Learn about the island's culture, "Yugafu Kan", Taketomi Island.

"Yugafu Kan, Taketomi Island", introduces the nature, traditional culture and performing arts of Iriomote National Park, Taketomi Island. With such things as big screen theatres, live recordings of traditional music, and artistic objects, you can enjoy learning about the spiritual culture, performing arts, and nature of the people that live on the island. The barefoot experience begins here.

## Optional Plan

After finishing the barefoot course, there are still things you can enjoy on the island. As optional plans, the microbus tour, the water buffalo ride, the rent-a-cycle, the glass boat, and the pottery experience are available.



#### The only tour bus on the island

The only micro tour bus on the island also provides a wheelchair tour. A very friendly driver will take you around the island. Of course the right of way is to the people and the water buffalo wagons.



#### A tour around the island with water buffalo

There are no rent-a-cars or rent-a-bikes on the island. Go around the villages of the island on a water buffalo wagon. While listening to the sound of the wind, go around the island in the path of the water-buffalo, trying not to wake up the napping cats.



#### A Cycling Tour

If you want to visit all of the small paths on the island, a rent-a-cycle would be a good idea. You can easily enjoy a loop around the island and conveniently keep your belongings on it if you want to go take a dip in the water. It'll be hot so don't forget your water bottle and cap.

#### 3 Learn about the history and the culture from a Shimanchu (Islander's) guide.

If you want to take your time in visiting the sacred places and ruins, try taking a stroll around the island with a local tour guide from the island. While harmonizing with the island's largest "Tanedori Festival" and nature, you can get an idea of what life on the island is like through many different stories.



**T**aketomi Island, which is approximately 9.2km in periphery, is an island that has developed its own distinct history and culture, cherishing the worship of nature and a faith paying respect to the ancestors, which are practices that have been handed down for generations since ancient times. The red-tiled roofing, the stone walls made by piling up coral reefs, and the Fukugi trees which have been planted for the protection from the wind and tides. This beautiful stillness has been preserved and inherited in the form of a national park.

The barefoot experience is a program in which you can leisurely walk around the island with "Oji" and "Oba" as tour guides, visiting various sacred places called "Utaki" and treasure collection museums where you can find tools and folk art materials used by the local people. In one of these programs you can sit on a porch of one of the local homes and hear stories about the island while chatting with the local people. A sandy path where you can feel the wisdom and beautiful lifestyle of the local people runs through the villages, so try walking on the path with your bare feet and experience the touch of the sand.



#### 5 Looking at the history and customs at Kihouin Collection Center

The Kihouin Collection Center is a historical and cultural collection center of Taketomi Island and was built directly next to Japan's southern-most temple. The center has about 4000 items on display, which were collected by priests: tools, arts and crafts, and valuable historical documents from the "Jintouzei" period. Learn about the history of the island here from the curator.

### The Taketomi Island Barefoot Experience

Date / Every day ( Sometimes canceled due to the weather)

Where to sign up / Tedoun Kariyushi Center

Sign-up on the day / Until 9:30am

Number of participants / 2~20 people

※Dates and contents of programs may change. For details, contact the following.

#### [Inquiries]

Reception / Visitor's Center Taketomi Island Yugafu Pavillion

Tel / 0980-85-2488

E-mail / info@taketomijima.jp

Address / Taketomi Township, Taketomi

Hours / 8:00-17:00

Closed / 12/29~1/3

#### 4 Chat with the grandmas on the porch of a home

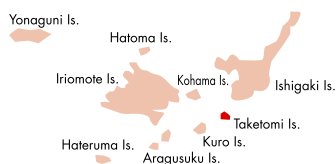
The history and lifestyle of the people of Taketomi Island is in the heart of the traditional folktales and folk songs of the island. Sit on the porch and listen to a local grandma talk while she mixes in some of the island's dialect.



In the morning, as the sea breeze passes through the freshly awakened white path, the bougainvillea flowers flutter up in the air. Change into some Shimazouri sandals, and begin your day on the island with a leisurely walk.

#### 2 Walk on the sandy soil with "Shimazouri" Sandals

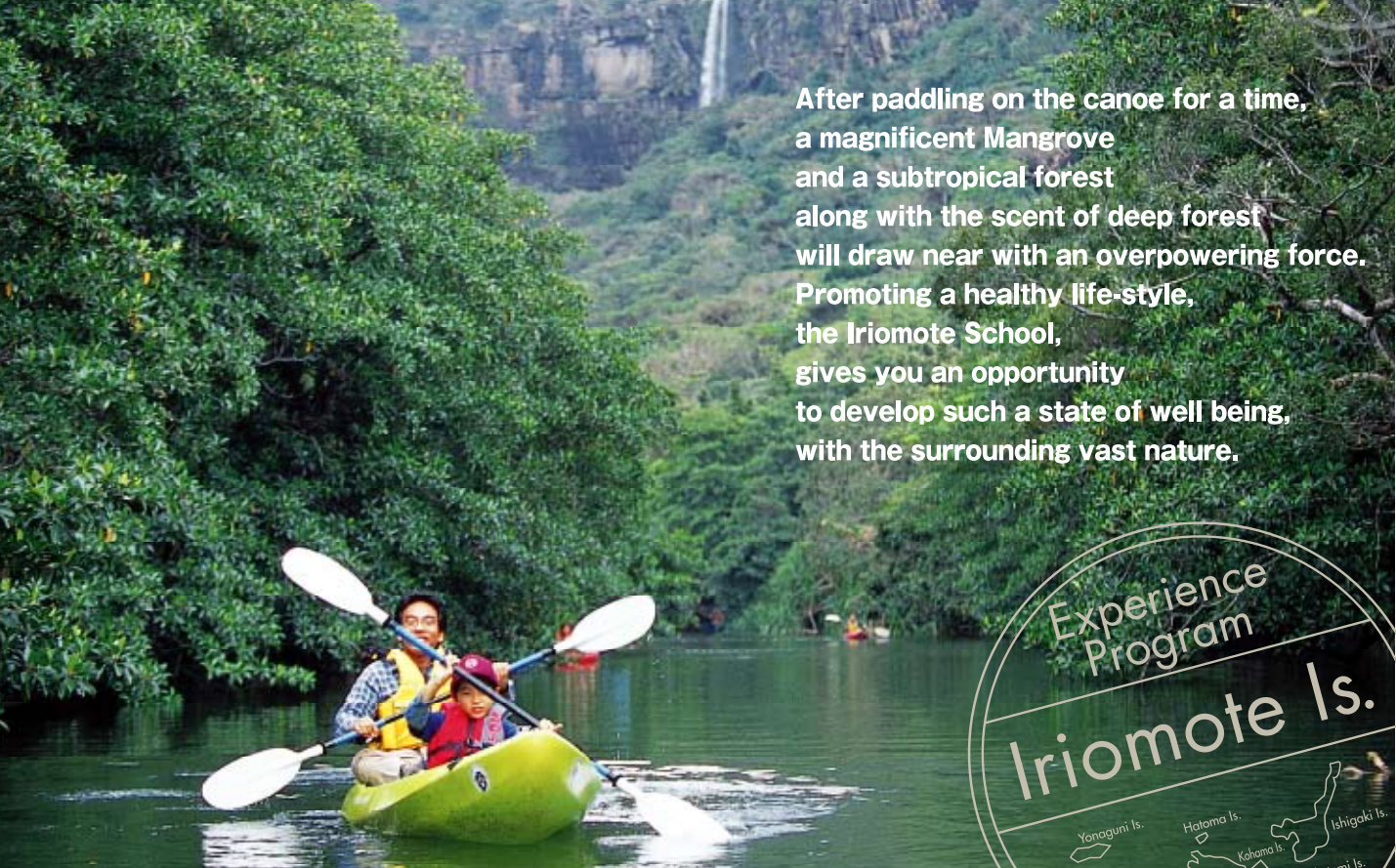
The sandy path which is said to have good rainwater infiltration, and appears white from the moonlight even at night when there are no lights, continues throughout the village. It's a small path that represents the wisdom and beautiful lifestyle of the people of the island. Experience the soft touch of the sandy path under your bare feet.



Feel it with your bare feet

# Taketomi Is.



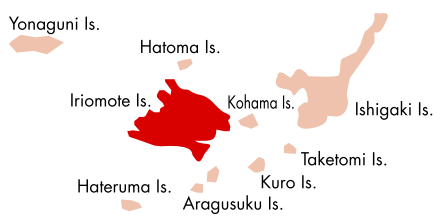


After paddling on the canoe for a time, a magnificent Mangrove and a subtropical forest along with the scent of deep forest will draw near with an overpowering force. Promoting a healthy life-style, the Iriomote School, gives you an opportunity to develop such a state of well being, with the surrounding vast nature.



# What the subtropical nature can teach us

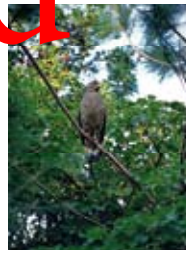
# Iriomote Island



## The Nature Experience

Canoe & Trekking/ Night Tour/ Diving / Snorkeling /Fishing

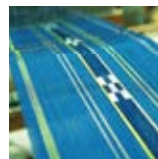
The Nakama River, which harbors the biggest mangrove forest in Japan, and the Urauchi River, which is the longest river in Okinawa, flow through the island. The programs in which you can enjoy canoeing across the river at the entrance to the deep forest and trekking through the virgin forests have become very popular. In addition, diving and snorkeling programs where you can see colorful fish and the night tours where you can enjoy observing fireflies under the stars, are also available.



## The Agricultural Experience

The Sugarcane Harvesting Experience/ The Tropical Fruit Harvesting Experience

The harvesting of sugarcane, which is one of the main staples of the island, begins around November. Tropical fruit such as Mangos and Passion Fruits are harvested in the summer. Experience the daily life of the island through this agricultural experience.



## The Cultural Experience

The Pottery Experience/ The Weaving Experience / The Glass Making Experience

The plants on the island are used as dye material for colorfully dyeing cloth and the soil of the island turns into very good quality clay that can be used for making pottery. The textiles and pottery that are made from natural ingredients and traditional handcrafted glass. Try using your hands while enjoying talking to the people of the island.



## Optional Plan

Iriomote Onsen / Underwater Tour Boat (Umieru)/ Yubu Island Tour / Nakama River Tour / Iriomote Wild Animal Protection Center/ Tool Making



**Take a bath in the Forest**  
In the middle of the subtropical forest surrounded by "Hego" trees is Japan's southern most hot spring, "Iriomote Onsen". It is complete with such facilities as the "Observation Bath", the "Rock Bath", and the "Jacuzzi Pool". The observation bath under the moonlight is spectacular



Free time



## Go in to Yubu Island Paradise

You can get to Yubu Island, which floats on the sea about 400 meters west of Iriomote Island, aboard a wagon that takes you across the shallow waters, towed by a water buffalo. The island is full of tropical flowers year round and there is a tropical plant garden that contains a butterfly garden and a fruit garden.



**Look at Corals on an Underwater Tour Boat**  
In the area around Ishigaki and Iriomote Islands, there are 356 types of beautiful corals living in the sea. Look at some Table Corals aboard the underwater tour boat.



**Learn about the endangered species**  
If you go to the Iriomote Wild Animal Protection Center, you can take your time in learning about the nature and daily lives of the people of Iriomote, as well as the ecology of such endangered species as the Iriomote Wildcat.



## Build toys at an old traditional home

Try building some hand made toys, learning from some local people at an old, traditional residence. Such things as snakes, horses and insect cages made of Kuba and Adan leaves make great souvenirs.

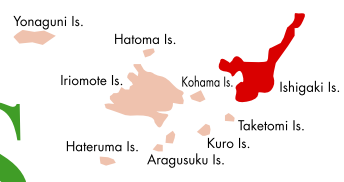


The crops that grow while taking in the powerful rays of the sun and the fish and seashells that grew up in the vast ocean line up on the dinner table in Ishigaki Island. The ingredients of the island cooking which can all be collected locally, is the secret to the healthy and good life on Ishigaki Island.



## A journey of savory discoveries

# Ishigaki Is.



### The Cooking Experience

Learn how to cook authentic Okinawan food from the local people using such vegetables as Fuchiba (Mugwort), Green Papaya, Shima Rakkyou (Island Shallot) and ingredients that you can get from the ocean such as Aosa and Mozuku. You can learn how to make such dishes as "Fuchiba Soba", "Yushi Dofu" and "Sataandagi", dishes that may be great for when guests come to visit.



**A**mong the 19 islands of Yaeyama, large and small, Ishigaki Island which holds 80% of its population, is the island which serves as the center of politics, economy and culture of the Yaeyama archipelago. Although it has added some urban facilities to increase the accessibility to the neighboring islands of Taketomi and Iriomote, once you go past the city, there is nothing but beautiful greenery that spreads across the land. In the central region of the island is the highest mountain in Okinawa, "Omotodake", in the northern region is the "Hirakubo Peninsula", a range of green hills jutting out into the Pacific Ocean, and in the western region are a number of scenic sites such as "Kabira Bay", a lookout point that is known as a culturing spot for Black Pearl. In such a way, a superb landscape meshed by nature on the island, spreads across the land.

The challenge in such an island, Ishigaki, is the "Slow Food Program", a program in which you can learn about the healthy food of the island by actually trying to farm, fish, and cook on the island. Go out on a fishing boat with a local fisherman to try to catch some fish, or enjoy harvesting Goya in a Goya field with some local farmers while working up a sweat. Then, with the fresh ingredients, you can be taught how to make numerous Okinawan dishes which are known as "Chojyu Shoku", food that is known as the secret to longevity.

Complete your journey by looking up at the stars of the beautifully clear evening skies, to make this an unforgettable experience.



### The Fishing Experience

In Ishigaki where fishing thrives, there are currently about seventy "Sabani" fishing boats out at sea. Get on a Sabani boat that real fisherman steer and try to catch some fish. Sometimes you can catch Moray or Swellfish, fish that you may not ordinarily see at your supermarket. In addition you can experience dynamic fishing such as Payao and Tuna fishing.



### The Farming and Cooking Experience

At places such as Kabira, in Ishigaki City and Taketomi Town, on Iriomote Island, you can experience harvesting sugar cane all year round. From December through April, enjoy making brown sugar using traditional Japanese firewood stoves. At Kabira's sightseeing sugar-cane plantation, experience making mochi (rice cakes) with akaimo (Okinawan purple sweet potato)—enjoying the sweet fragrance as it's steamed with getto (Japanese shell ginger) leaves.



### The Star Observation Experience



In addition to the fact that Yaeyama, which is in Japan's southern-most point, has more constellations visible here than any other region of Japan, it is also possible to view some of the most beautifully clear evening skies without any effects of the westerly winds. If you tell us the location and time that you prefer in advance, we can plan out a star observation program with supersensitive cameras and telescopes that fit your requests.

### Farming, and Cooking Experience Menu

- [Farmer's Café Ishikawa Farm]
  - Making Yushi Tofu
- [Nakafushijo Farm]
  - Harvesting/ tasting Island vegetables
  - Harvesting/tasting pineapples
- [Mirogama]
  - Making one or a pair shisa(Okinawan lion statues)
- [Ishigakijima Foods Satoya]
  - Making miso Nanto/ abura-miso
- [Marutaka Farm]
  - Cooking island vegetables;Bittermelon, sponge cucumber, white gourd, Okinawan spinach, winged beans, bitter greens, and otaniwatari (asplenium antiquum).
  - Making Okinawan sweet potato dumplings
- [Morii Gardening]
  - Tropical flower arrangement
  - Making herb tea (including a herb cultivation course)
- [Maeo Farm (Iriomote Island)]
  - Harvesting/ cooking Okinawan shallots
- [Kabira Sightseeing Farm]
  - Extracting sugar cane juice
  - Making sugar cane honey
  - Making brown sugar (sugar cane harvest)
  - Making mochi (rice cakes) with Okinawan sweet potato
  - Making brown sugar/herb soap
  - ※ All experiences include Yaeyama soba making
- [Omoto Garden]
  - Harvesting Ginger, Heliconia and various other tropical flowers
- [Farmer's guest house Yuwamura]
  - Harvesting sugar cane (includes tea and cake refreshments)
  - ※ Tools are available at the farm.
  - ※ Raingear and rubber boots may be borrowed.

### Fishing Experience Menu

- [Sabani Cruise Ishigakijima]
  - Ishigaki umnichu experience by Sabani (Okinawan traditional fishing boat)
  - Snorkeling, fishing with baskets, etc.
- [Uminchu Taiken Churaumi]
  - Fishing & Snorkeling
  - Fishing (Full day or half day)
  - Turban/ giant clam hunting
- [Daigozenkomaru]
  - Payao(reef fishing) course(Full day or half day)
  - Gurukun(Caesio Diagramma) fishing course(Full day)
  - Fishing and snorkeling(Full day)
- [Umiwaza Kanko]
  - Family sea bathing
  - Family offshore fishing
- [Tamashiro Marine Service]
  - Payao(reef fishing) course(Full day or half day)
  - Bait fishing course(Full day or half day)
  - Jigging course(Full day or half day)
  - Troll fishing course(Full day or half day)
  - Fishing (One person per day or one person per half day)

Weather and season dependant: please enquire beforehand for opening times.

### [Inquiries]

Farming and Cooking Experience:  
 Reception / Yaeyama Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Promotion Center  
 Agricultural Development and Extension Division  
 Tel / 0980-82-3497  
 Address / 438-1 Maezato, Ichigaki City  
 Hours / 9:00~16:00  
 Closed / Sat. Sun. & National Holidays

Fishing Experience:  
 Reception / Yaeyama Fishing Co-op Tourism Fishing Dept.  
 Tel / 0980-82-1930  
 Address / 83 Shineicho, Ishigaki City  
 Hours / 8:30~17:30  
 Closed / Sat. Sun. & National Holidays

Star Observation:  
 Reception / NPO Yaeyama Star Organization  
 Tel / 098-88-6558  
 Address / 2F, 522 Okawa, Isigaki City  
 Hours / 9:00~17:00  
 Closed / Sat Sun & National Holidays

To the Island where the sugarcane fields spread across the land, gently swaying in the wind. Being invited by the sound of the loom that echoes from the house or the smiles of the local people working up a sweat out in the sugarcane fields, you will gradually feel the island's kindness as you experience the everyday life on the island.



## Weaving Experience

The women on the island weave Kimonos for their families which include Splash Patterns and Jyoufu Linen. The people of the island wear kimonos as a ceremonial dress for festivals and other celebrations. Try this lovely experience of using your hands to bring health and happiness to your family.

Location / The Kohama People's Reference Center  
 Number of people / 1~3  
 Time / 10:00~16:00  
 Time needed / 1 hour  
 Season / January~December  
 Days Open / Monday~Tuesday  
 Sign-up deadline / 3 days in advance.

### [Inquiries]

Kohama Island Traditional Textiles,  
 Sugarcane Juice, Brown Sugar Making  
 Reception / Kohamajima Kankou Co. Ltd.  
 Tel / 090-5939-3418  
 Address / 3208-11 Kohama, Taketomi Township  
 Hours / 7:00~19:00  
 ※ Appointments required and accepted until noon the day before.

The house of Eri, the heroine in the drama "Churasan", was a beautiful house with a red tiled roof, overflowing with the Kohama mood.

**K**ohoma Island, which was the stage for Eri's homeland in the NHK drama, "Churasan" is a calm, quiet island where sugarcane fields spread across the land. On this island where the flow of time is gentle and relaxing, the custom of wearing extravagantly woven kimonos such as Konjigasuri and Jyoufu for festivals and ceremonial events still remains. It is for this reason that the women on the island continue to weave while they pray for the happiness of the family. Experience the work of such elegant and loving women by trying your hand at small coaster weaving.

In addition, in November there is a sugarcane harvest that most of the men and women of the island participate. Experience making fresh juice and brown sugar with the sugarcane that you harvested.

## Optional Plan

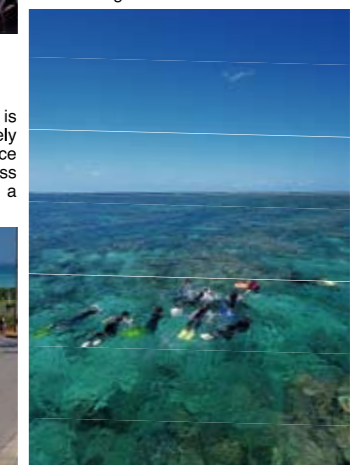
### Experience Snorkeling on the Kayama Island Shore

There are many different types of corals living in the ocean between Kohama Island and Kayama Island. By snorkeling in the ocean, you can observe coral reefs and subtropical fish so beautiful it's breathtaking.



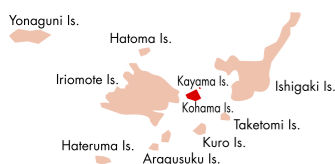
### Ride through the island while feeling the island breeze

The best way to get around the island is riding a bicycle so that you can leisurely cut through the salty sea breeze. Once you go up the gentle slope with endless sugarcane fields you can hope for a beautiful view of the ocean.



# Kohama Is.

## The gentle "island time"



On the island, there are lodges where the locals treat you with great hospitality, and private beaches and resort hotels where you'll find peacocks, and also subtropical flowers that bloom profusely.



### Sugarcane Juice

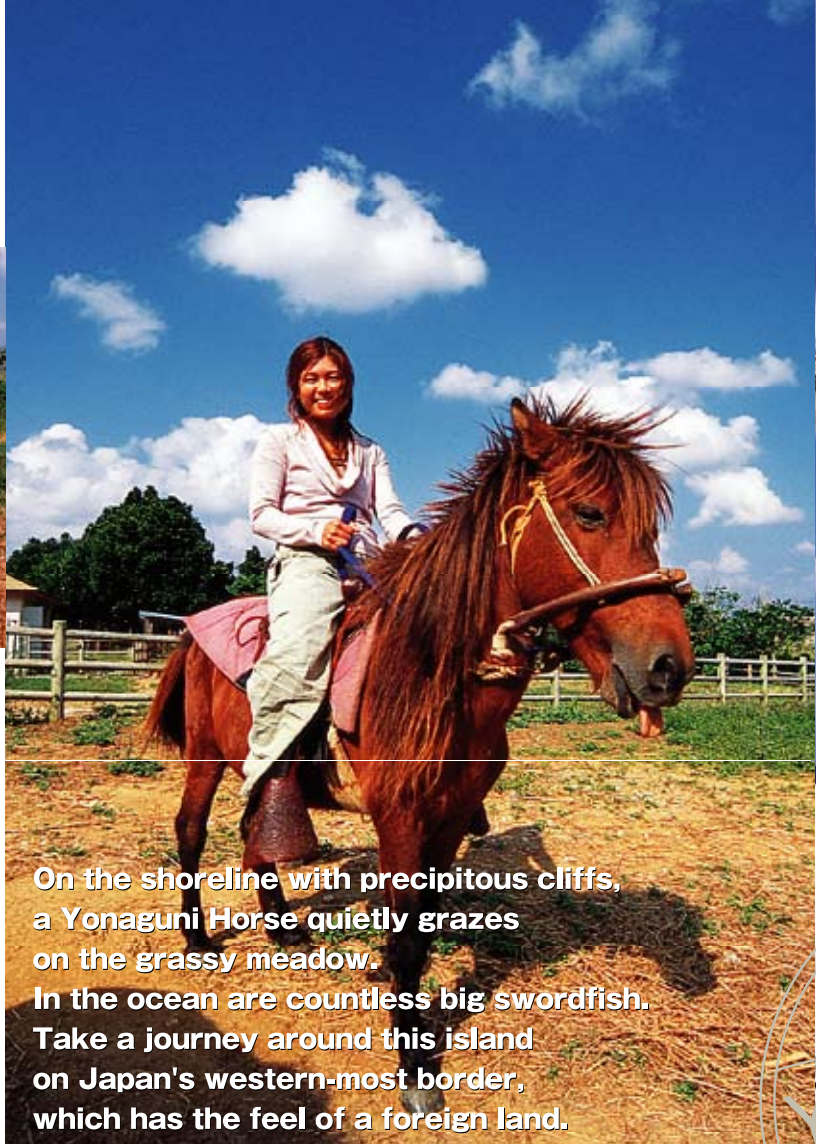
### Making Brown Sugar

Harvesting sugarcane is one aspect of the island life. The sugarcane which grow to be about 2 meters long are cut down by the root after chopping off the leaves. In the experience, after harvesting the sugarcane, you can squeeze the stalk and quench your thirst with its sweet refreshing juice. In addition you can take this juice and boil it down and pour it in a mold to make "brown sugar".

Location / Kohamajima Farm  
 Number of people / 1~10  
 Time / 10:00~15:00  
 Time needed / 1 hour  
 Season / November~May  
 Days Open / Everyday  
 Sign-up deadline / 1 day in advance

### The horse riding experience

It is said that there are about 100 of the Yonaguni Horses on the island, which have been named as a special natural treasure. Because of its friendly and quiet nature anyone can try riding it with ease.



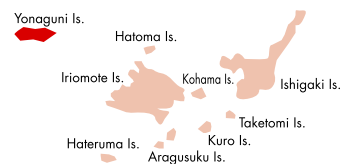
On the shoreline with precipitous cliffs, a Yonaguni Horse quietly grazes on the grassy meadow. In the ocean are countless big swordfish. Take a journey around this island on Japan's western-most border, which has the feel of a foreign land.

### Yonaguni Textiles and Dye

For the Harvest Festival that takes place every summer, "Dyutati" with a lattice design is worn. This is the traditional Kimono pattern of Yonaguni Island. In the textile experience, you can try making coasters using colorful cotton thread.



Yonaguni is the last place in Japan that the sun sets. Beginning with the precipitous cliffs, Tategami Rock (middle), which divinely stands in the raging waves of the ocean, and Tyindahanata(right), a walk route with a steep cliff as its ceiling. It is quite enjoyable to walk around while looking at such beautiful scenery.



### Payao Fishing

This island, which is known as the best Swordfish fishing spot in Okinawa, is only a 15 minute boat ride from Payao. If you make a reservation in advance, even a novice can experience catching fish any time of the year, like bonito, tuna or coelacanth.



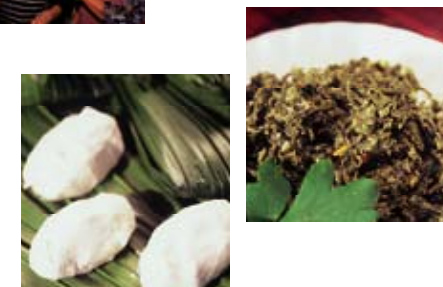
### Just as the famous scenes: Location where Dr. Koto was filmed



Yonaguni Island was the location where the drama "Dr. Koto Shinsatsujyo" was filmed. Visiting the old beat up examination office and the area where the drama was filmed might make you feel like you might be able to meet Dr. Koto.

### The cooking experience

As a memory of your visit to Yonaguni, learn how to make homely and delicious traditional dishes such as rice cakes wrapped with Kuba leaves and "longevity grass" mixed with Miso, from the elderly women.



**Y**onaguni Island, which is located in the western-most point of Japan, being only 111 kilometers from Taiwan, is truly an island that is on the country border. Kuroshio currents flow in the neighboring waters and it is known as a great fishing point where you can catch large migratory fish such as swordfish and tuna. It is said that you do not have to be a fishing enthusiast to be able to catch something and it is possible for even a beginner to catch a fish that is over 100kg in weight. Fishing is one of the great pleasures that you can enjoy on Yonaguni Island.

In addition the Yonaguni Horse, a special natural treasure that grazes on the vast meadow, is a great tourist attraction. Because it is friendly and quite small, children can also enjoy its company. Also try experiencing the "Yonaguniori", a textile which is made by making geometrical designs with threads of very splendid colors.

Contact us for dates and **[Inquiries]** number of participants.

Reception / Yonaguni Town Tourism Association  
Tel / 0980-87-2402  
Address / 2114 Yonaguni, Yonaguni Town



Most of the island is pasture where the cows live. The calm and quiet mood spreads all across the island.

**Kuro Island Research Center**  
Green Sea Turtles, Loggerhead Turtles, and Tortoises come up to the island to lay their eggs. You can observe the ecological research and preservation activity for these. A tortoise egg-laying tour is also available, so make a call.



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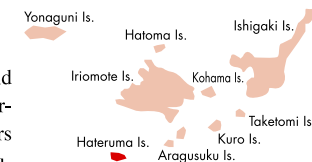
*Where the stars,  
the sea,  
and the sun sing.*

Nishi no Hama

# Hateruma Is.

A trip looking up at the sun and the starry night

This island, which long ago was called "Hate No Uruma" (an island of coral reefs at the far end), is somewhat separated from the neighboring islands by rough water currents. Quite contrary to the rough waters of the ocean, the red tiled roofs surrounded by stone walls and the Fu-kugi trees which block the sunlight, provide a surprisingly tranquil atmosphere to the island. And when the sun goes down, you can enjoy a spectacular view of stars and from winter to spring, a constellation known as the "Southern Cross", shines brightly on the island.



**Awanami Ice**  
A type of ice cream with a refreshing taste, made by kneading "Awanami", which is known as a rare kind of Awamori (Okinawan liquor), into vanilla ice cream. In addition, "Gettou" and "Beniimo", very popular flavors among the children on the island are also available.



**Star Observation Center**  
Look at the stars in Japan's southern-most point, from an outdoor stage with a planetarium equipped with a computer operated 200mm refracting telescope.



**A monument in Japan's southern-most point**

Under the monument, there is a sign engraved in stone that says "65 kilometers, 530 meters to the Tropic of Cancer". It makes you feel as though you are in a far away land.



**The Kunari Peninsula**

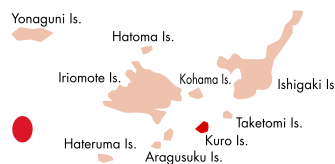
A precipitous cliff continues across the coastline in front of the monument on Japan's southern-most point. The magnificent sight is breathtaking.



**The Hamashitan Colony**

The Hamashitan plants spread its roots on the rock where the waves hit, just as Bonsai plants. The salt-water does not kill the plants, and they have been gazing at the beach since long ago.

# Kuro Is.



## Live in the footsteps of "Mr. Cow"

Kuro Island, which floats approximately 19 kilometers southwest of Ishigaki Island on top of the transparent blue ocean, is mostly an island of cow pastures. Compared to the island population of 232, there are 3042 cows on the island. Beyond the Kuro Island Fishing Port, a paradise for the cows grazing under the radiant sun spreads across. The continuous pastoral scenery of the land is what brings out the kindness in all of the visitors.

**Kuro Island is the best place for cycling.**

There is a small village among the cow pastures. In the mornings and at sunset, some cows come to the front yard for their daily walk. Ride around such a calm and quiet island with your bicycle at your own pace.



**Ikosanbashi**

Long ago, the people of the island went to Ishigaki and Iriomote Islands from this bridge. It is no longer being used but it is still adored as a tourist spot.



HATERUMA

NISHIHAMA

NishiHama



# The Regional Specialty Products of the Yaeyama Archipelago, attracting your vacation mood

The regional specialty products, which include the rich blessings of the surrounding waters of the Yaeyama Archipelago, and also the blessings from its mountains, make perfect souvenirs. Awamori, which is a popular island gift, is in package that is full of the refined island flavor, so you can enjoy starting your own collection.

The Adan Dream  
(Kyusyu Commercial Corp. Yonaguni Factory)



Ishigaki salt, Honnigari  
(Isigaki no Shio, Corp.)

Pure Natural Nigari  
(Kyusyu Commercial Corp. Yonaguni factory)



The Angama Mask  
(Marta Handcrafts)

Ishigaki Island All Natural Mozuku  
(Ryukyu Marine Products Association)



The Yonaguni Prawn  
(Yonaguni Township Fishing Association)



Octopus Mental  
(Yonaguni Township Fishing Association)



Yonaguni Hot Peppers  
(Yonaguni Produce)

Ishigaki Island Sukugarsu  
(Ryukyu Marine Products Processing Factory)

Yonaguni  
(Sakimoto Brewery)

Donan  
(Kokusen Awamori Unlimited)



Genuine Awamori Yaesen (30% alcohol) and  
Ryukyu Awamori Yaesen (43% alcohol)  
(Yaesen Brewery, Co., Ltd.)



Passion Fruit Jam,  
Pineapple Jam (Kawahira Farm, Co., Ltd.)



Longevity Green Tea  
(Higashi Mukai Herb Garden)



Ishigaki Island Made  
Concentrated turmeric  
(Kariyushi)



Minsa Textiles,  
Table Cloth  
(Minsa Handcraft Center)



Donan Kuba Mochi  
(Nodake Mochiya)

Pure Brown Sugar  
(JA Okinawa Yonaguni Office)



Hateruma Organic  
Mochi Kibi  
(Kariyushi)

Yonaguni Dried Food,  
Dried Sea Weed  
(Yonaguni Township Fishing Association)



Pipachi  
(Kariyushi)

Taketomi Island  
Piyashi  
(Takanarisoku)



Taketomi Island  
Specialty Piyashi  
(Takenoko)

Yaeyama Taketomi Island  
Specialty Island Pepper  
(Nohara Sou)



Original Rice from Mr.  
Sakihara's House  
Made in Iriomote Island  
(Kokushimai) (Sakihara Bun)



Ishigaki Island Specialty Homemade Ginger Brown Sugar  
Homemade Uchin Sugar  
Homemade Peanut Sugar  
(Shimoji Brown Sugar Manufacturing Co.)



Shisa



Brown Sugar  
made in Hateruma  
(Hateruma Sugar Manufacturing Corp)

Iriomote  
Brown Sugar  
(Iriomote Sugar Corp.)



Ishigaki Island Made  
Fresh Made Pure  
Brown Sugar  
(Shiraharu Co., Ltd.)

Teidan Brown Sugar  
(JA Okinawa Yonaguni Office)

A Tourist Guide Map of the Yaeyama Archipelago

# Yaeya-Map

Your journey from island to island will also be one of the great pleasures of your trip to Yaeyama. Take a sea voyage while looking at white water spraying up as you cruise through the waters or a journey in the sky while looking down at the beautiful blue corals. With Ishigaki Island as your starting point, go from island to island and enjoy the colorful beauty of each island.

### YONAGUNI ISLAND

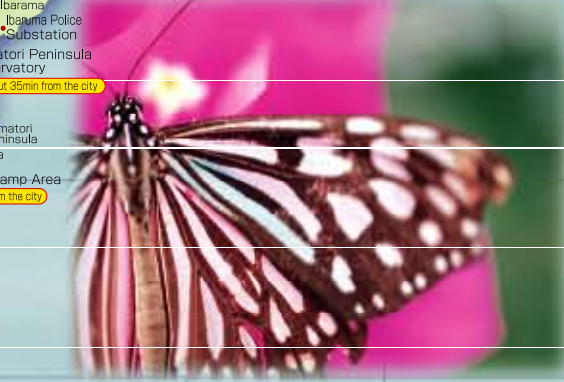
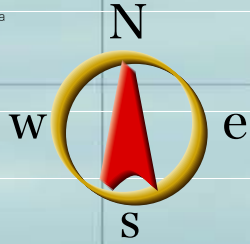
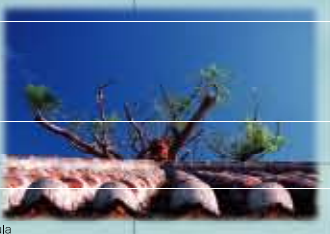
**YONAGUNI ISLAND**  
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### HATERUMA ISLAND

**HATERUMA ISLAND**  
 Hateruma Fishing Port, Shimusuke, Tonama Peninsula, Nishi Hama Beach, Pe Beach, Hamasaki, Nagata, Hateruma Elementary Middle School, Nubi Peninsula, Hamashitan Colony, Mozaiki, Takana Seashore, Takana Peninsula, Monument of Japan's Southern-Most Point, Pemuchi Beach.

**Map of the Yaeyama Archipelago**  
 The map displays the islands of Yonaguni, Hatoma, Iriomote, Kohama, Aragusuku, Kuro, and Taketomi. It includes numerous landmarks such as Iriomote National Park, Iriomote Island Hot Springs, and various animal farms and observatories. Major bays like Urauchi Bay, Uchibanari Bay, and Miyara Bay are labeled. A flight route is indicated from Naha on the main island of Okinawa to various islands in the archipelago.



### Island Data (as of May, 2009)

<b>Ishigaki City</b>	●Area/222.63km <sup>2</sup> ●Population/47,690
<b>Taketomi Township</b> (Iriomote Island, Kohama Island, Hatoma Island, Taketomi Island, Kuro Island, Aragusuku Island, Hateruma Island)	●Area/Iriomote Is. 289.27 km <sup>2</sup> , Kohama Is. 7.84 km <sup>2</sup> , Hatoma Is. 0.96 km <sup>2</sup> , Taketomi Is. 5.42 km <sup>2</sup> , Kuro Is. 10.02 km <sup>2</sup> , Aragusuku Is. 3.34 km <sup>2</sup> , Hateruma Is. 12.77 km <sup>2</sup>
	●Population/Iriomote Is. 2,264, Kohama Is. 643, Hatoma Is. 60, Taketomi Is. 322, Kuro Is. 222, Aragusuku Is. 10, Hateruma Is. 562
<b>Yonaguni Island</b>	●Area/28.91km <sup>2</sup> ●Population/1,618

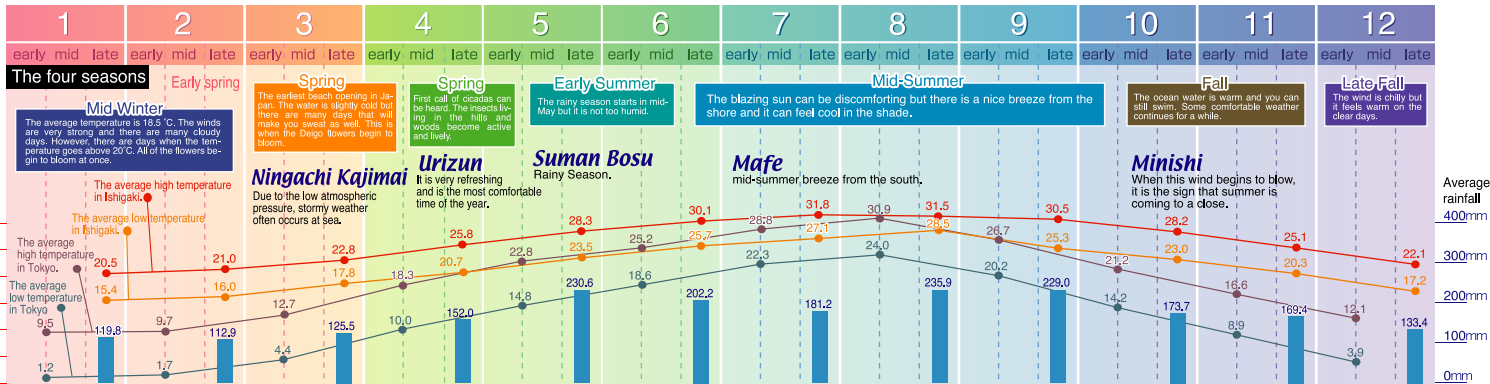
# Island Festivals

## Events

### Seasonal Traditions

The Yaeyama Archipelago, which consists of nineteen islands, is surrounded by rich coral reefs, floating between the Euro-Asian Continent and the Pacific Ocean. Although the islands are small, they each have their own distinct language, history and culture and have preserved culturally rich performing arts and festivals.

#### Yaeyama Season Calendar



**seasonal words**

- Wildcat Marathon** [Iriomote Island, Uehara]
- Oritori Flower Carnival** [Ishigaki Island] (Mid January to early May)
- Kuro Island Cow Festival** [Kuro Island]
- Ishigaki Island Marathon** [Ishigaki Island] late february
- Ishigaki Island Triathlon** (Late April ~ early May)
- Sanisu** [Ishigaki Island] (3/3 Lunar Calendar)
- The Earliest Summer in Japan!** Beach Opening in Japan's southern-most point, Yaeyama.
- Hatoma Island Music Festival** [Hatoma Island]
- Hari-Sea God Festival** [All regions of Yaeyama] (5/4 Lunar Calendar)
- Yonaguni Island International Marlin Fishing Contest** [Yonaguni Island]
- Harvesting Festival** [Various Regions of Yaeyama] (June ~ July Lunar Calendar)
- Southern Island Star Festival** (7/7 Lunar Calendar)
- Toubarama Contest** [Ishigaki Island] (Night of August 13th Lunar Calendar)
- Ishigaki Angama** (Obon:Lunar Calendar) [Ishigaki Island] (7/13-15th Lunar Calendar)
- Densa Bushi Contest** [Iriomote Island]
- Bushi Festival** [All regions of Yaeyama] August ~ September Lunar Calendar
- Tanedoril Festival** [All regions of Yaeyama] September to October Lunar calendar
- Ketsugan Festival** [All regions of Yaeyama] August ~ November Lunar Calendar
- The Mushama on Hateruma Island** [Hateruma] (7/14 Lunar Calendar)
- Japan's western-most point, Yonaguni Island Marathon** [Yonaguni Island]
- Yaeyama Industry Festival • Ishigaki Island Festival** Early November

#### Flights:

Routes	No. of flights per day	Airline
Tokyo - Ishigaki	2	JTA
Nagoya - Ishigaki	1	JTA
Osaka - Ishigaki	1	JTA
Kobe - Ishigaki	1	JTA
Fukuoka - Ishigaki	1	ANA
Naha - Ishigaki	21	JTA ANA
Naha - Yonaguni	4/week	RAC
Miyako - Ishigaki	3	JTA
Yonaguni - Ishigaki	1 or 2	JTA RAC

#### Inquiries

JAL	JTA	RAC	ANA
Tokyo TEL03-5460-0522	Nagoya TEL052-962-6211		
Osaka TEL06-6344-2355	Osaka TEL06-6534-8800		
Naha TEL098-863-8522	Fukuoka TEL092-752-8800		
	Naha TEL098-861-8800		

\* Flight dates, times and frequency are subject to change, monthly. Please confirm beforehand.

#### Bus / Taxi :

**Bus**

- Ishigaki/Higashi Yunu TEL0980-82-2054,2055
- Taketomi/Taketomijima Koutsu TEL0980-85-2154
- Kohama/Kohama Koutsu TEL0980-85-3830
- Iriomote/Iriomotejima Koutsu TEL0980-85-5303,5305
- Yonaguni/Sainantan Koutsu TEL0980-87-2037

**Taxi**

- Ishigaki/Kyodo Musen TEL0980-83-3355
- Yonaguni/Sainantan Koutsu TEL0980-87-2037

#### By Boat :

**Boats to islands of Yaeyama**

- Ishigaki ~ Taketomi • Kohama • Kuro • Hatoma • Iriomote
  - Anei Kankou Ishigaki Reservation Center TEL0980-83-0055
  - Yaeyama Tourist Ferry TEL0980-82-5010
- Ishigaki-Hateruma
  - Aieikankou Ishigaki Reservation Center TEL0980-83-0055
  - Hateruma Kaiun TEL0980-82-7233
- Ishigaki-Yonaguni
  - Fukuyama Kaiun TEL0980-82-4962

Ishigaki City Tourist Association <http://www.yaeyama.or.jp> TEL 0980-82-2809  
 Ishigaki City Hall <http://www.city.ishigaki.okinawa.jp/> TEL 0980-82-1535  
 Taketomi Town Office <http://www.taketomi-islands.jp/> TEL 0980-82-6191  
 Taketomi Town Tourist Association <http://painusima.com/> TEL 0980-82-5445  
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TEL 098-859-6123(Main Line)
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150 Kagamizu, Naha-city, Okinawa, 901-0142  
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- Naha International Airport Tourist Information**  
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- Okinawa Convention & Visitors Bureau Tokyo Office**  
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- Okinawa Convention & Visitors Bureau Osaka Office**  
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TEL 06-6344-6829
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