

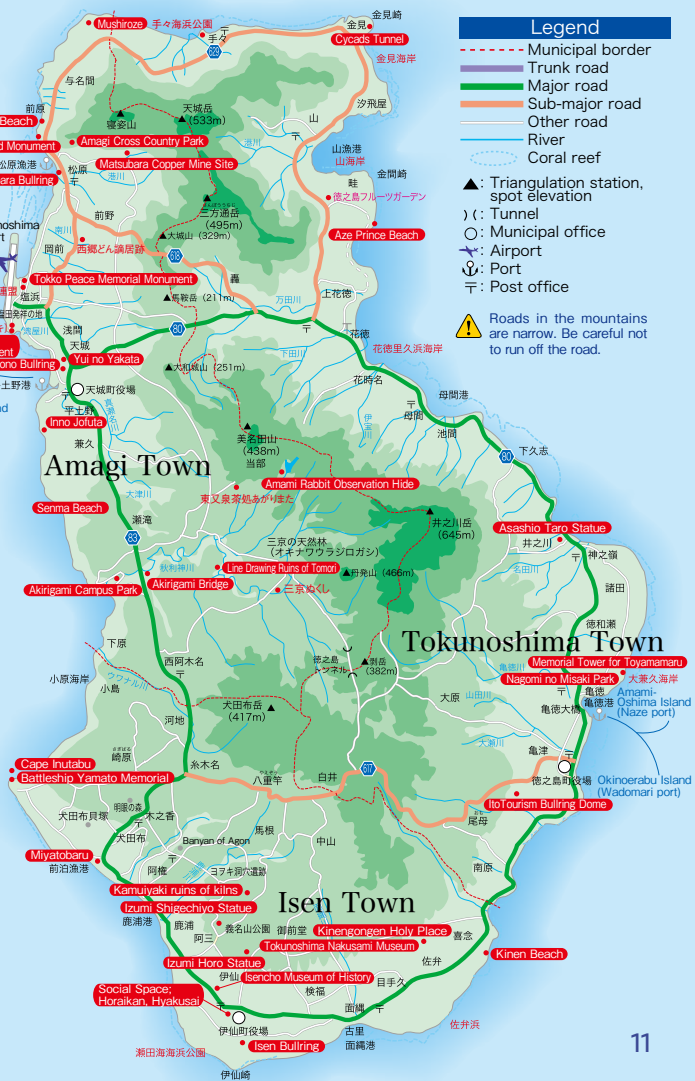
Must-see Nature Map Kikai Island

Located 25 km northeast of Amami-Oshima Island, Kikai Island, formed of uplifted coral reef, is still being raised up at one of the fastest speeds in the world.



Tokunoshima Island

Tokunoshima Island has abundant ever-green broad-leaved forests, which are home to precious animals and plants and cover 45% of the island.



Legend

- Municipal border
- Trunk road
- Major road
- Sub-major road
- Other road
- River
- Coral reef
- ▲ Triangulation station, spot elevation
- (): Tunnel
- : Municipal office
- ✈: Airport
- ⚓: Port office
- 干: Post office
- ⚠ Roads in the mountains are narrow. Be careful not to run off the road.

Must-see Nature Map Okinoerabu Island

There are 200–300 limestone caves under the ground of Okinoerabu Island. Abundant fresh underground water is called *Kurago* (underground river) and has been supporting the lives of local people since ancient times.



Yoron Island

Yoron Island is a flat island surrounded by coral reefs. It has been known as a tourist's destination.



From island to island



Amami World Heritage Trail

The Amami Trail is a long trail where you can discover Amami's unique nature and culture such as subtropical forests, white beaches, and villages with coral stone walls.

The routes selected by the locals are about 10 km each and allow you to enjoy Amami's charms to the fullest. Please respect the four rules to preserve the wonderful nature and culture.

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Rules of the Amami Trail



1 Look after nature.

Take no animals and plants, only take photos of them.

2 Do not leave your trash.

Be sure to keep trash with you on the trail.

3 Stay on route.

Venomous Habu vipers may be in the bushes.

4 Be thoughtful.

Behave considerably toward other trail users and local people.



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Amami World Heritage Trail

Charms of the Amami Trail

Let's walk!

Forest



Ishago Waterfall (Amami-Oshima Is.)

In Amami's forests, roadside streams, waterfalls and unexpected encounters with unique creatures entertain the hikers. In islands with deep forests, feel the breathing of evergreen broad-leaved forests which are nominated for a World Heritage property. In flat islands, walk through the forests to reach the mountain top which offers a panoramic view.

Beautiful beaches will make you want to take off your shoes. Steep cliffs which face the East China Sea may make you feel weak at the knees. There are coastlines where sea turtles can be seen and the sun sets on the horizon. On the Amami Trail you can enjoy such charms of the sea. Go on the trail while listening to the sound of waves.

Sea



Oganeku Coast (Yoron Is.)

Village



Tunnel of banyan trees (Okinoerabu Is.)

The Amami Trail goes through many villages, where you can interact with the locals and observe the wisdom and culture developed by their interaction with nature. You can also participate in guided tours organized by the locals.