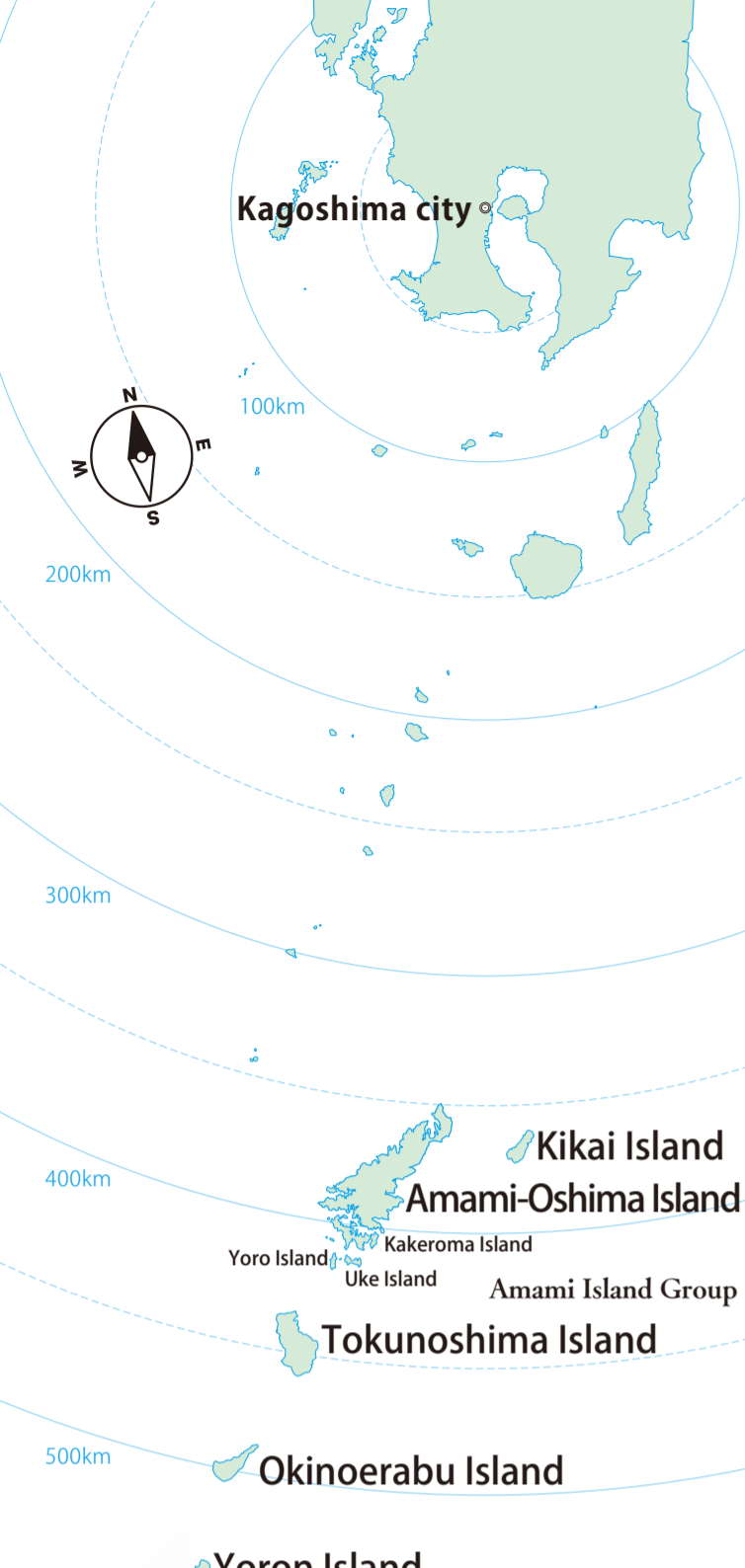


Amami Island Group

Find Out More About Amami Islands' Nature and Charms!



Amami Nature Observation Forest
A facility where visitors can feel free to enjoy Amami-Oshima's nature. The large park makes the most of the natural environment, and it has trails and an observation deck where you can explore while observing Amami's indigenous plants, wild birds, and insects.



Amami Park
The tourist center showcases the nature, history, and culture of the Amami Island group. It has an annex with Amami no Sato, a communal lounge, and the Tanaka Isson Memorial Museum dedicated to the solitary artist who depicted Amami.



Kikai Island
The flat island is made by raised coral reefs. It is rising at the world's fastest average rate of 2 mm a year and is an extremely important island for scientific purposes. Various flora and fauna such as the tree nymph butterfly and giant banyan tree, coral walls, and historical sites are in harmony with nature and history.



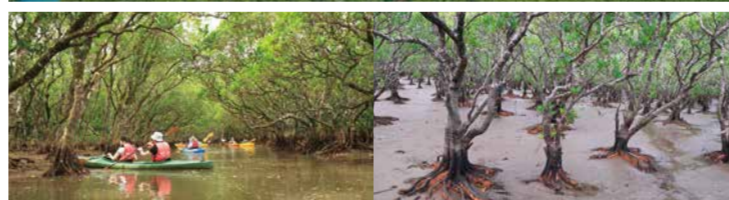
Kinsakubaru
The forest primarily consists of broadleaf evergreens such as *Castanopsis cuspidata* and *Schima wallichii*. Subtropical plants such as the *cyathea lepifera* grow densely, and rare species such as the lidth's jay and Ryukyu robin (National natural Monuments) inhabit the forest. Those who wish to enjoy the nature must be accompanied by an Amami Islands certified eco-tour guide (fee-charging).

Amami-Oshima Island

- World Natural Heritage property
 - Buffer zone
 - Amami gunto National Park (land area)
 - Amami gunto National Park (sea area)
- *The World Natural Heritage area and buffer zone are primarily designated as Amami gunto National Park.



Mangroves of Sumiyo
(Amami-Oshima Island World Heritage Center is under construction)
A virgin mangrove forest spreads across the brackish waters where seawater and freshwater mix in Sumiyo town, Amami city. You can enjoy exploring the area on a canoe. The roadside rest stop Amami Oshima Sumiyo's Mangrove House keeps and exhibits Ryukyu ayu (sweetfish), and the Amami Oshima World Heritage Center is under construction.



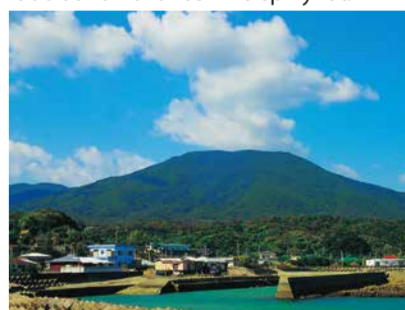
Mushiroze
The coastlines are lined with massive granite rocks, rare in the southwestern islands south of Yakushima. The trail is well-maintained, and you can walk among the rocks.



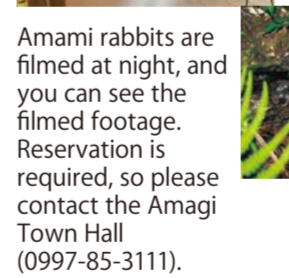
Mt. Amagi dake
At 533 meters high, it is the third tallest on the Amami Island group, next to Mt. Yuwan dake and Mt. Inokawa dake. Rare creatures such as the Amami rabbit and Tokunoshima spiny rat inhabit the mountain. Access is restricted on the Yamakubiri Forest Road running along the hillside of Mt. Amagi dake and Mt. Sansontsuji dake (497 meters high), under Tokunoshima town's Forest Road Management Ordinance. Those who wish to enjoy nature of the Yamakubiri Forest Road must be accompanied by an Amami Islands certified eco-tour guide (fee-charging).



Mt. Inokawa dake
The 645-meter mountain is the highest in Tokunoshima and the second highest on the Amami Island group, next to Mt. Yuwan dake. It is a National Park Special Protection Area and home to rare species, including the Amami rabbit and Tokunoshima spiny rat.



Amami Rabbit Observation Hut
Amami rabbits are filmed at night, and you can see the filmed footage. Reservation is required, so please contact the Amagi Town Hall (0997-85-3111).

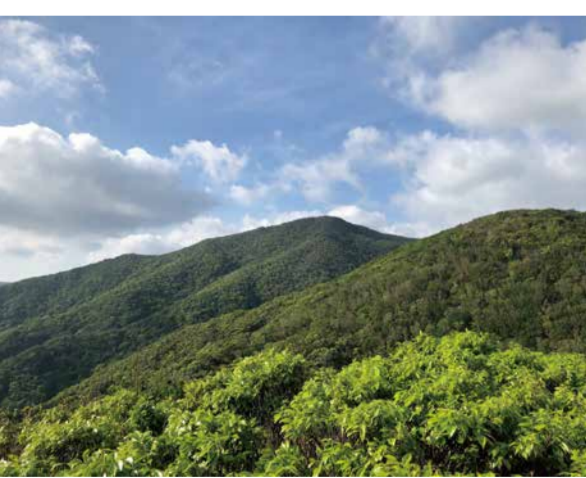


Tokunoshima Island

Cape Inutabu Misaki
The cape has distinctive sea cliffs formed by the erosion of raised coral reefs, and the cliff landscape is the largest on the Amami Island group.

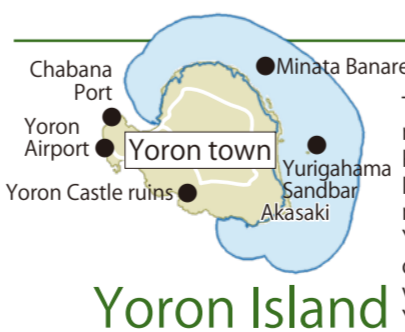
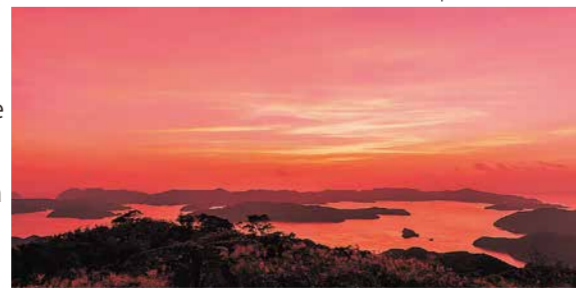


Amami Wildlife Conservation Center
A base facility for promoting research, conservation, protection and recovery program, and public awareness of rare wildlife. It presents various exhibits on Amami Island group's nature, and visitors can learn about the characteristics and creatures of each island.



Mt. Yuwan dake
At 694 meters above sea level, it is the highest mountain on the Amami Island group. Legend has it that the two gods who created Amami-Oshima Island descended on the mountain. It is a special protection area of the national park, and rare creatures such as the Amami rabbit inhabit the mountain.

Mt. Yui dake Observatory
The deck offers a 360-degree panorama and so much to appreciate, including both sunrise and sunset. It offers a sweeping view of the Oshima Strait and Kakeroma Island.



Yoron Island
The small island formed by raised coral reefs is at the southernmost tip of Kagoshima Prefecture. It has a distinctive culture that is a mixture of Amami and Ryukyu. Yurigahama Beach, introduced as one of the most beautiful places to visit before you die, and the clear, Yoron-blue sea captivate visitors.



Okinoerabu Island

The ocarina-shaped island is made of raised coral reefs. There are nearly 200 to 300 limestone caves dotted under the island, and tourists from across Japan visit the island for caving. Various flowers are cultivated on the island, including Easter lilies (*Lilium longiflorum*) and spray mums.

