

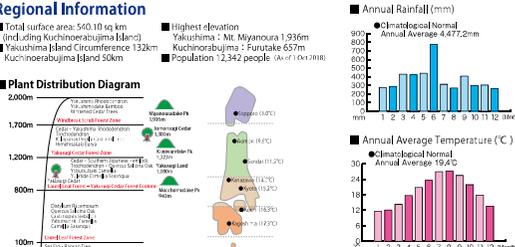


YAKUSHIMA

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Yakushima – “The Alps of the Sea” and Home to Miyanouradake, the Highest Peak in Kyushu

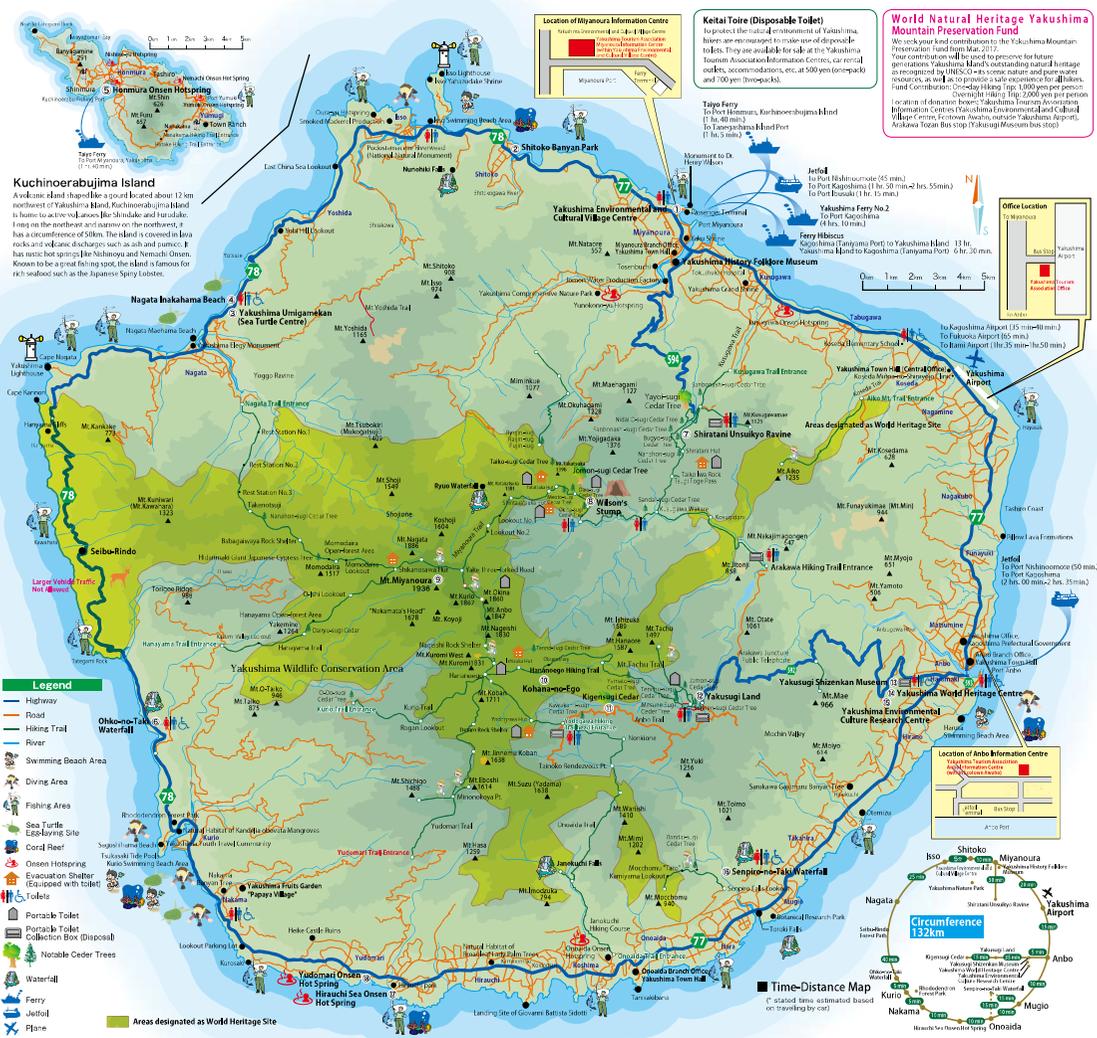
Learn Yakushima Island is located about 60km south-southwest of Cape Sata on the Osumi Peninsula, the southernmost tip of mainland Japan. The island shape is circular with a circumference of about 132km. Nicknamed “the Alps of the Sea”, the central area of the island is a mountain range of peaks standing 1800m in elevation -the highest of which is Miyanouradake Pk. Also, the island offers a wide array of flora and fauna distributed throughout the subtropical zones near the coast to the cold subalpine zones within the mountains.



Getting to Yakushima Island

By Airplane	By Shinkansen Bus, Train and Ferry
From Fukuoka (Nankai Airport) to Tanegashima (Tanegashima Airport) 1 hour 50 minutes	From Fukuoka (Nankai Airport) to Kagoshima (Kagoshima Station) 1 hour 15 minutes, then Kagoshima to Tanegashima (Tanegashima Station) 1 hour 15 minutes
From Tokyo (Haneda Airport) to Tanegashima (Tanegashima Airport) 1 hour 40 minutes	From Tokyo (Haneda Airport) to Shinjuku (Shinjuku Station) 1 hour 15 minutes, then Shinjuku to Kagoshima (Kagoshima Station) 1 hour 15 minutes, then Kagoshima to Tanegashima (Tanegashima Station) 1 hour 15 minutes

- Enquiries on Yakushima Island**
- Yakushima Tourism Association
 - Yakushima Tourism Association Anbo Information Centre
 - Yakushima Tourism Association Miyaura Information Centre
 - Yakushima Tourism Association Tanegashima Information Centre
 - Yakushima Town Tourism and Community Planning Division
 - General Affairs and Planning Division, Kagoshima Prefectural Government Kumage Branch Office
 - Kagoshima Prefecture Website Tourism Guide



Yakushima – From Full-Scale Hiking to Marine Sports

Play The “inner mountains” of Yakushima Island is comprised of a series of peaks such as Miyanouradake Pk. (the highest in Kyushu at 1,936m), Nagatadake Pk., Kuromidake Pk., etc. Near the sea, coastal areas are lined with hibiscuses, bougainvilleas, and other sub-tropical flowers as well as tropical fruit trees like banana trees, papaya trees, etc. As an island that offers natural hot springs, great fishing grounds, and ideal diving spots, Yakushima lives up to its name as a leisure paradise.

Yakushima Regular Tourism Bus

Yakushima - Island Transportation

Line	Route	Frequency
1	Shiratanisaki - Shiratanisaki	10 minutes
2	Shiratanisaki - Shiratanisaki	10 minutes
3	Shiratanisaki - Shiratanisaki	10 minutes

Yakushima Yurt/Manga Bus Ticket

Route	Yurt/Manga Bus	Yakushima Yurt/Manga Bus
Shiratanisaki - Shiratanisaki	10 minutes	10 minutes
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- Major Hiking Trails**
- Jononsugi Trail** (Time needed: About 10 hrs. / Entrance: Arakawa Entrance)
 - Miyaura Trail** (Time needed: About 10 hrs. / Entrance: Yodogawa Entrance)
 - Shiratanisaki (Taiko Iwa) Trail** (Time needed: About 4 hrs. / Entrance: Shiratanisaki)

Activities

- Nature Experience**: Professional guides ensure a safe and fun experience in mountain trekking, hiking, and other outdoor activities.
- Yakusugi Cedar Woodworking Experience**: Hands-on experience with crafting Yakusugi cedar wood to fashion one's original chopsticks and other accessories.
- Nagarebune Boat Ride**: Take a ride on a traditional Japanese Yakatabune boat and cruise along Anbo river and Miyaura river to enjoy the night sky during sunrise.
- Sea kayaking**

Yakushima – The First Site in Japan to be Incribed as a World Heritage

The World Natural Heritage site Yakushima Island is covered with pristine, ancient virgin forests. The famous Yakusugi cedar trees on this island are more than a thousand years old, with the most impressive of them all being the Jomonsugi, an old cedar tree reputed to be about 7,200 years of age. Tourists can also visit the many great waterfalls on the island, as well as witness sea turtles laying eggs along the coast. Exploring the mountains, seas, rivers and hot springs, one will fully enjoy this paradise.

See

- Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Centre**: A place where you can learn about the nature, history, and culture of Yakushima Island.
- Shitoko Banyan Park**: A park with many old banyan trees and a hot spring.
- Nagata Inakahama Beach**: A beautiful beach with clear water and white sand.
- Honmura Onsen Hot Spring**: A hot spring with a view of the sea.
- Ohkono-taki Waterfall**: One of the 100 best waterfalls in Japan.
- Shiratanisaki Ravine**: A beautiful ravine with many old trees.
- Wilson's Stump**: A hot spring with a view of the sea.
- Kohana-no-Ego**: A hot spring with a view of the sea.
- Kigensugi Cedar**: A hot spring with a view of the sea.
- Yakushima World Heritage Centre**: A place where you can learn about the World Heritage site.
- Yakusugi Museum**: A museum with many old Yakusugi cedar trees.
- Yakushima World Heritage Centre Research Centre**: A research center for the World Heritage site.
- Shiratanisaki Waterfall**: A beautiful waterfall with many old trees.
- Hirauchi Sea Onsen Hot Spring**: A hot spring with a view of the sea.
- Yudomari Onsen Hot Spring**: A hot spring with a view of the sea.

Eat

On Yakushima Island, one can experience seasonal cuisine prepared with a large variety of fresh ingredients from the mountains and the seas, including delicious seafood like Tobiko flying fish and Soba mackerel, edible wild plants like Warabi, Zenmai, etc., and subtropical fruits like passion fruit, bananas, etc. Yakushima is also the top producer of Ponkan and Tankan tangerines in Japan.

Specialty Product: Yakusugi cedar wood products, sea salt, etc.

Handicrafts: Yakusugi cedar wood products, sea salt, etc.

Processed Food: Yakusugi cedar wood products, sea salt, etc.

Agricultural Product: Yakusugi cedar wood products, sea salt, etc.

Fisheries: Yakusugi cedar wood products, sea salt, etc.