

Amami World Heritage Trail The Routes

A journey to enjoy the Amami Islands, home to World Heritage sites.

– Discover the island's unique nature and culture and encounters with its peoples –



3 Scenic view of Naze's town and port



1 Cape Ayamaru Misaki has a café



4 Amami Forest Polis, Materiya Falls



2 History and romance, the place where Saigo landed.



Grey-faced buzzard

Spectacular sunsets and magical raging sea in winter and on stormy days. Feel soothed by Akina's rural landscapes.

Explore the island's spiritual heritage and history, and strolling the coast Naze, feeling the passage of time.

Start through a tunnel of fukugi trees in Kuninao, and explore the sea, villages, and mountains while unraveling the local history.

Listen to the babbling stream and climb to the Amami Islands's tallest peak of Mt. Yuwandake

Explore the area around the ruins of Akagina Castle and enjoy Amami's food culture as you walk through the sugar cane fields.

Akaogi Bay is also known as Amami Crater. Enjoy trekking with a spectacular view over the two oceans.

Go through the tunnel on the pass to Itsukushima Shrine, which overlooks the Pacific Ocean.

Funangyo Falls cascades down in the World Heritage forest - follow the clear river water to the inland sea.

Trek along one of the largest mangrove forest in Japan and Sumiyo Bay, cradles of life.

This course allows you to fully experience the ocean just by following on foot. Walk barefoot and feel the three different beaches (Sokaru, Katetsu, and Seisui)!

Amami-Oshima Island

Endemic flora and fauna, including subtropical broad-leaf and the virgin mangrove forests, inhabit and thrive in this environment. It also has a distinctive culture, including Oshima Tsu-mugi and island songs.

| Amami City, Yamato Village, Uken Village, Setouchi Town, Tatsugo Town |
| 8 areas / 29 routes / 296 km |

Following the road around Yakeuchi Bay in the quest for the heritage and vista of the mountain and the sea

Taking in the spectacular ocean view with the Three Tachigami Rocks leading to Neriya Kanaya

Enjoy traveling across the remote Kakeromajima Island while experiencing the beautiful unspoiled landscape and village culture.



Legend

- World Heritage property
- Amami Trail route
- Amami Trail National Park Area
- Municipal boundary
- Main route
- Branch route
- Connection route
- A-F are route symbols for each area. In the illustration, excerpts from the trail maps (sold separately) introduce some routes.



8 Syodon Shibaya, Japan's Important Intangible Cultural Property

Kikai Island

The flat island formed of elevated coral reef and continues to rise at an average annual speed of a few millimeters. You will also find flora and fauna, such as the giant wood nymph butterfly and giant banyan trees.

| Kikai Town |
| 4 routes / 65 km |



9 View from Hyakunodai

Exploring the spring sustaining all life on the island and an archeological site of Gusuku, occupying the plateau

From secluded beach to the setting of Amami island songs and across the border between two bodies of water

Path created by 100,000 years of time linking coral stone walls with butterflies fluttering along the forest road

Promenade with a view of whales (in winter) and a coast home to native flora and fauna



5 Aken's set net fishing (fishing experience is available)



6 Sumiyo's life-nurturing mangrove forest



7 View of the Oshima Straits and Koniya area from the Mt. Kochi Observatory

Rocks, beach, and sea lettuce aquaculture. Taking in the diverse beauty of the sea.

Walking across the two villages standing among the great nature, you will touch the original landscape of the island.

Enjoy walking along the island's typical white sand beach and viewing rocks with unusual shapes.

Walking through the sugar cane hills where you can find whales (in winter) or fighting bulls with their owners and over 2km long coral reef coast.

The lively Hetono shopping street has an art project (murats) underway, taking pictures and meeting the locals on a fun.

Trek through the World Heritage forest, feeling water and life with the entire body.

Enjoy the diverse and ever-changing landscapes of sugar cane fields, sheer cliffs, grazing land, and caves.

Trek up the slope and go over the hill to Agon Village with 300-year old banyan trees and coral walls.

Feel the lifestyle of Isen, with sea turtles coming ashore, sandy beaches where fighting bulls roam, and village alleys where guardian spirits of village pass.

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Tokunoshima Island

The three mountain ranges and deep forests are home to wild fauna and flora. The island is also blessed with large arable land area and blessed children and longevity, where the whole island revels in spectacular bull-fightings.

| Tokunoshima Town, Amagi Town, Isen Town |
| 3 areas / 9 routes / 98 km |



10 Village of San at the foot of Mt Amagi



11 An expansive view from Minada Forest Road toward the sea



12 Exciting fighting bulls

Embark on an adventure, from the sago palm jungle to the tip of a cliff jutting out into the sea.

Trek along the dynamic rocky road with oddly-shaped rocks, sheer cliffs, and karst tableland.

Enjoy the sea view of Okinoerabu, from its quiet beaches to the thrilling blowhole (Fucha).

It's my first time, but it's kind of old-hearted Encounter meeting people on the island

Pass through a village with an old spring and see the landscape the islanders cherish.

Have a small beach all to yourself midway through an alley along the sea.

Okinoerabu Island

The area has well-developed limestone landforms such as cliffs and sinkholes and is dotted with 200 to 300 limestone caves below ground. The fresh ground water has been supplying water to the people.

| Wadomari Town, China Town |
| 6 routes / 71 km |



13 Dynamic Hanzaki with sheer cliffs

The best twilight view — Sunset road for a tour of Yoron's countless beaches

Yoron Castle Ruins, where its construction utilized fault topography

Full of happiness — Love road with a view of the brilliant Yoron blue

Southern road exploring the history of the islanders from the castle ruins and villages.

Yoron Island

Kagoshima Amami's southernmost island has a white sandy beach with a reef stretching far out to sea. The island culture represents a unique blend of Amami and Ryukyuan.

| Yoron Town |
| 3 routes / 24 km |