

Amami World Heritage Trail

The Amami World Heritage Trail is a long trail which links the eight inhabited islands of the Amami Islands between Kyushu and Okinawa. They include Amami-Oshima and Tokunoshima, which have World Heritage sites; Kakeromajima Island, with its beautiful rows of Indian coral trees; Ukejima Island, where rare insects and flowers are found; Yorojima Island with coral stone walls; Kikai Island, one of the fastest rising coral reefs in the world; Okinoerabu Island, known for its flowers and limestone caves; and Yoron Island, with its white sand beaches and Yoron-blue sea. Together with the locals, we have selected routes on eight characterful islands, where you can experience Amami's unique nature and the culture that has been nurtured there.

Basic Information about the Amami Trail

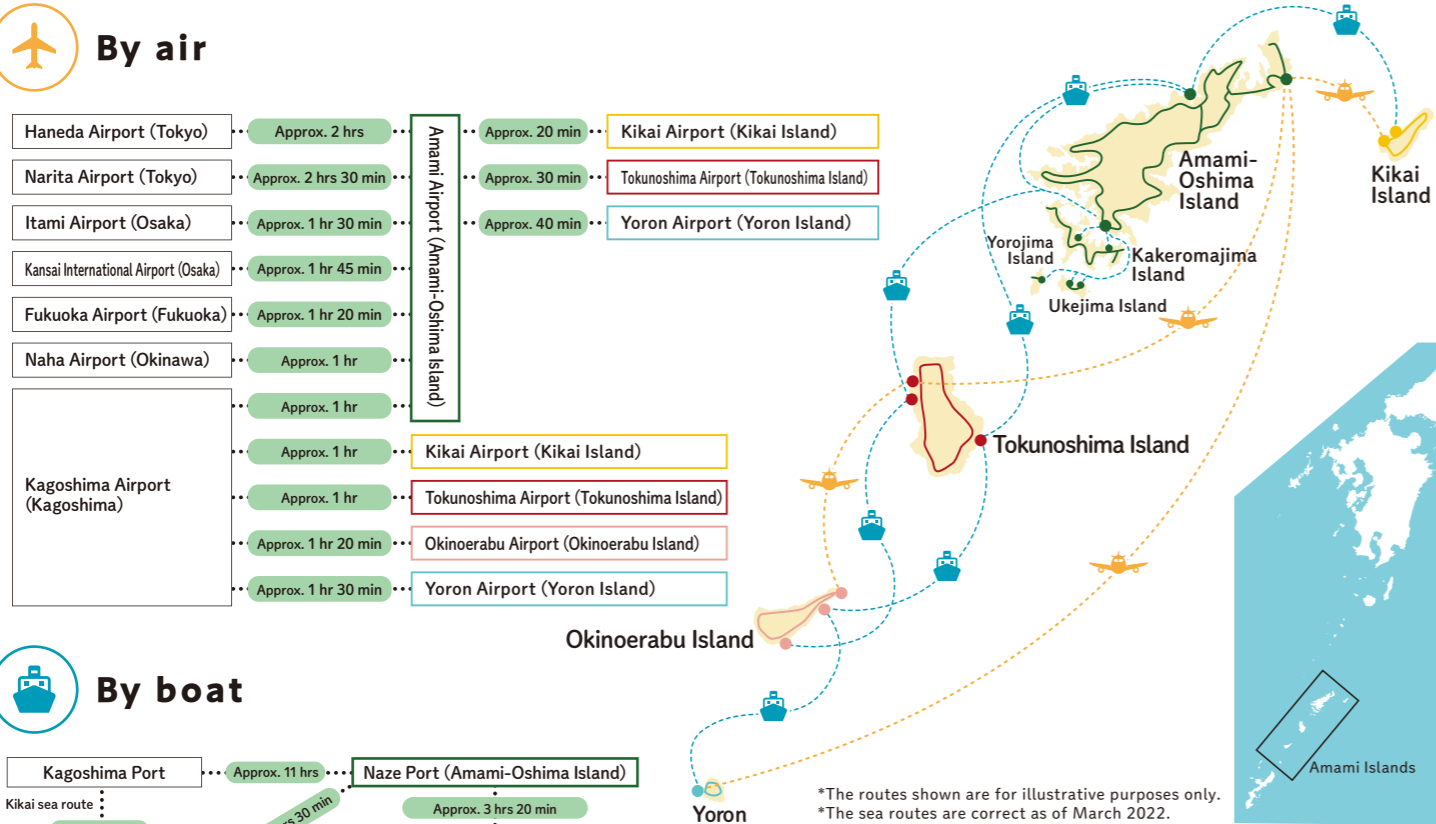
Range
Eight islands in the Amami Islands (12 cities, towns, and villages)

Area
14 areas (51 routes)

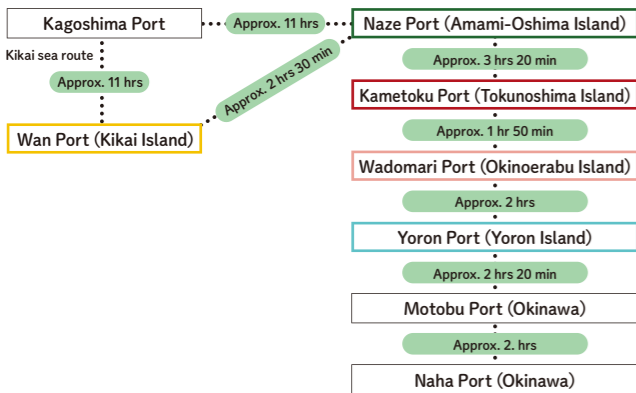
Total length
Approx. 550 km

There is a map (at a fee) for each area featuring its routes and highlights. (Call the contacts below on how to obtain the maps)

By air



By boat



*The routes shown are for illustrative purposes only.
*The sea routes are correct as of March 2022.

Rules

- 1. Look after nature.**
Leave the animals and plants as they are and enjoy them in your memory and photos.
*Rare species in the Amami Islands are protected by law. Catching or picking such species is punishable by law.
- 2. Do not leave your trash.**
Be sure to keep trash with you on the trail. Also, try to pick up trash left by others so that everyone can enjoy the trail.
- 3. Stay on route.**
Entering a grassy area causes damage to the plants and puts you at risk of being bitten by a Habu viper.
* Habu viper inhabit Amami-Oshima, Tokunoshima and Kakeroma islands.
- 4. Be thoughtful.**
Behave considerately towards other trail users. Be respectful toward the local people, remember that the villages are places where they live.

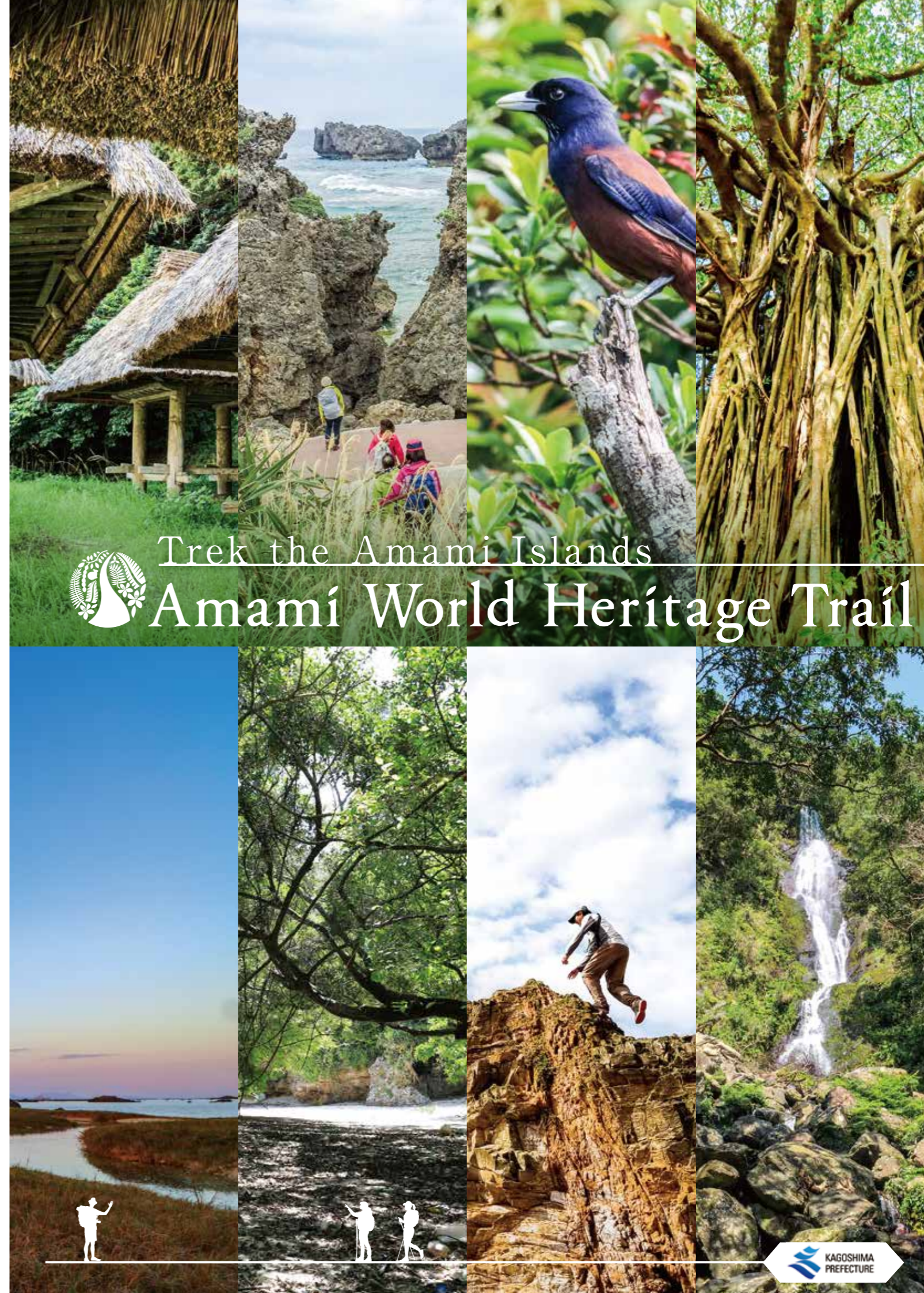
! Your safety is your responsibility.

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- ▶ Tokunoshima Tourism Organization (Tokunoshima Airport) ☎ 0997-81-2010
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Trek the Amami Islands Amami World Heritage Trail



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.

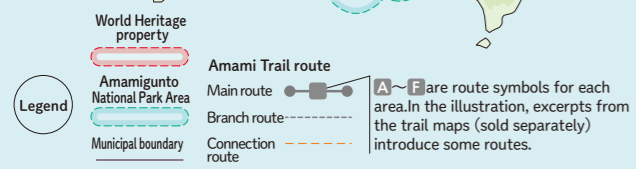


Grey-faced buzzard

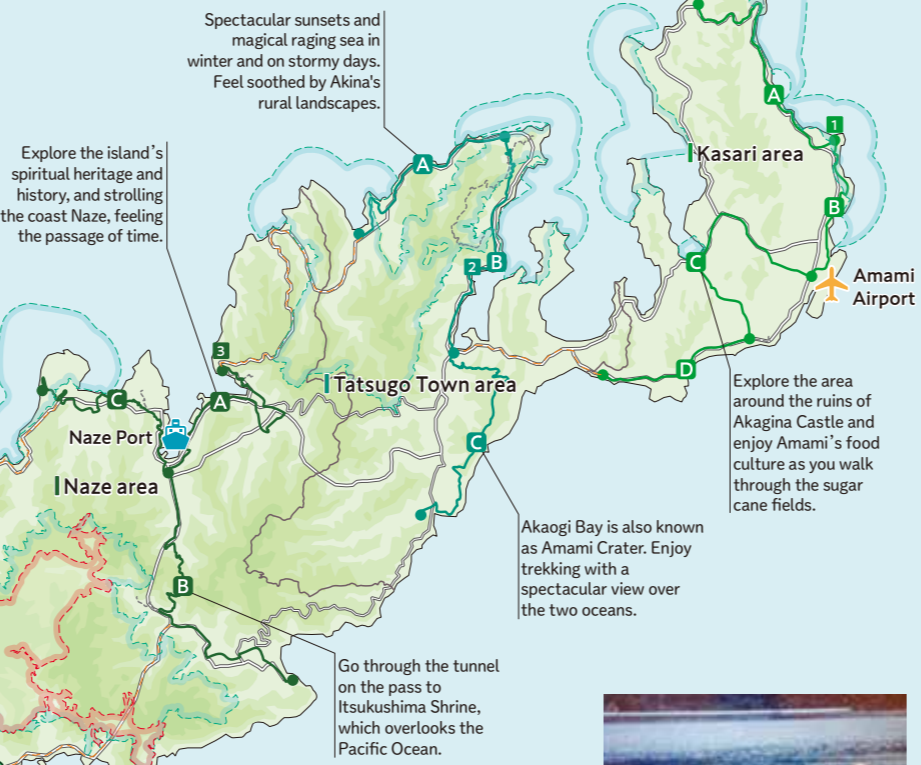
Amami-Oshima Island

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 |



8 Syodon Shibaya, Japan's Important Intangible Cultural Property



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



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



6 Sumiyo's life-nurturing mangrove forest

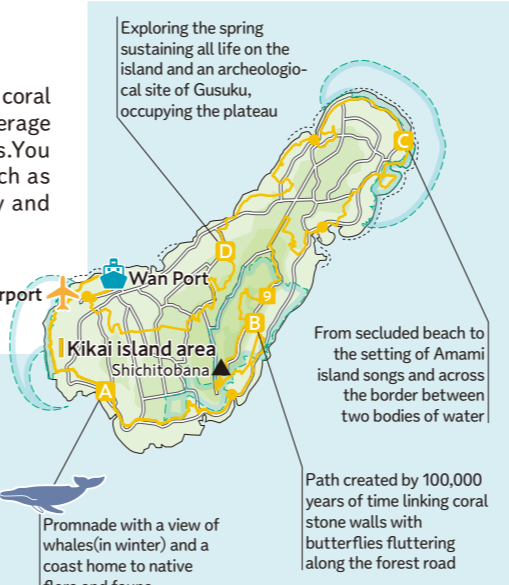
Kikai Island

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.

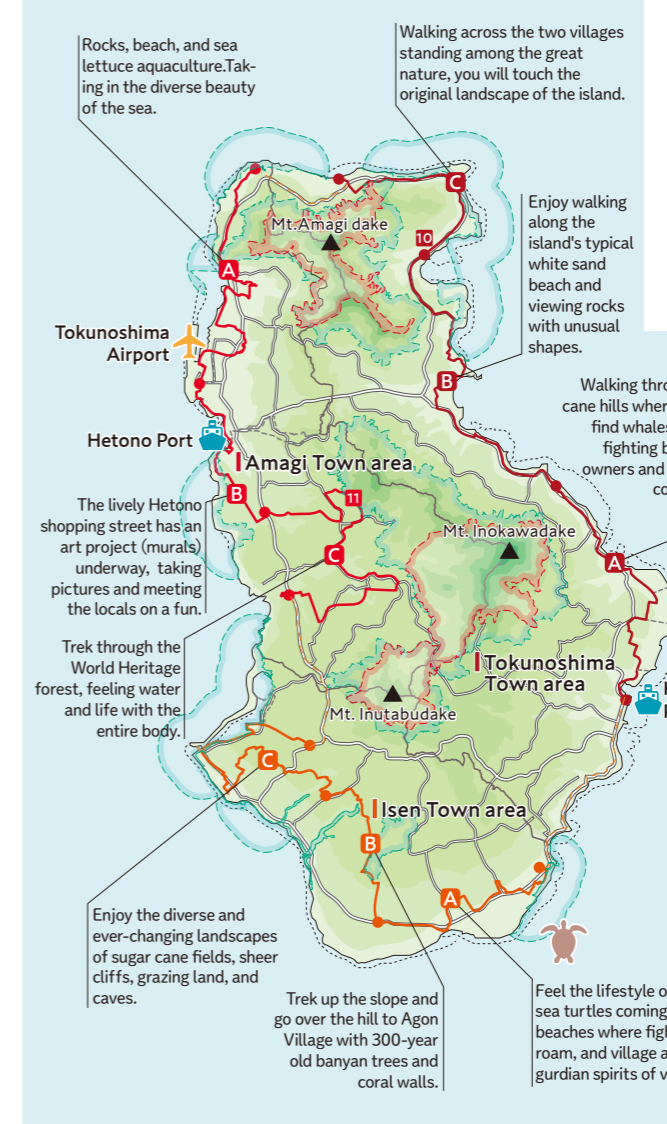
| Kikai Town |
| 4 routes / 65 km |



9 View from Hyakunodai



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



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 |



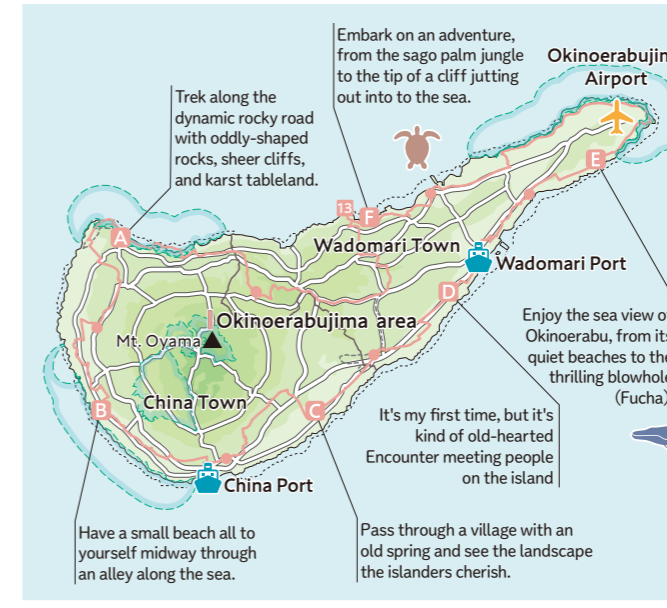
10 Village of San at the foot of Mt Amagi



11 An expansive view from Minada Forest Road toward the sea



12 Exciting fighting bulls



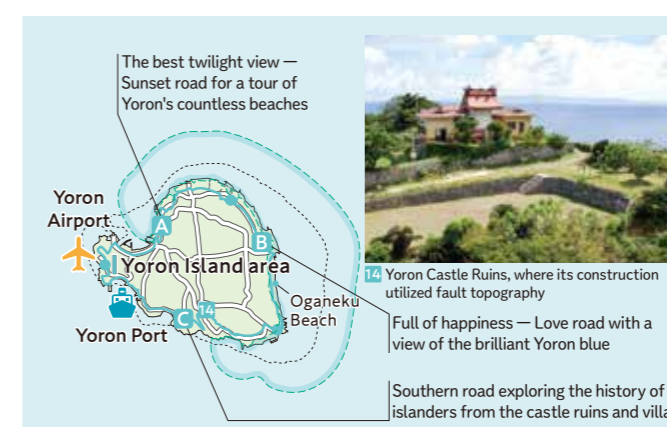
Okinoerabu Island

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



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.

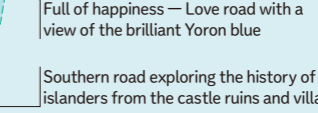
| Yoron Town |
| 3 routes / 24 km |



14 Yoron Castle Ruins, where its construction utilized fault topography



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



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