

Yoron Island Official Travel Guide

☆Yoron Map



☆About Yoron

Yoron Island (also called a Therapy Island) is a small island located in the southernmost part of Kagoshima Prefecture. It has warm weather surrounded by the sea and white beach and coral reefs. “Yurigahama”, which appears in the sea only during low tide in the spring tide or middle tide is an amazing sand beach. The transparency is beyond your expectation.



☆Directions



Yoron Island is one of the Amami archipelago. It is located 23km from Okinawa, so you can easily get there by airplanes or ferries.

☆Beaches



Yoron Island is made of coral reefs (the coral reefs in the sea upheaved thousands years ago). Its white sand and highly transparent sea is sometimes called “Oriental Pearl”. Yurigahama is like a paradise with the sea of emerald green and white sand, which fascinates a lot of visitors.

☆People and Culture

Though Yoron Island is a part of Kagoshima prefecture, the culture is deeply influenced by that of Okinawa Prefecture, too. Therefore, it has created its own unique culture coming from both Ryukyu (traditional name for Okinawa) and Satsuma (traditional name for Kagoshima). Traditional performing arts, “Yoron Jugoya Dancing”, has been designated as a significant intangible folk asset and passed down from generation to generation. You will feel the gentleness of “Shimanchu” (the island folks) in their slow lives.



☆Traditional Dishes

You can enjoy simple, homely traditional dishes such as “Sa-ta-andagi” (fried flour ball made of brown sugar), “Mozuku” (a kind of seaweed). Also, colorful tropical fruits and vegetables grown on the Island and fish caught around the Island will fascinate you.

