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Recommended Tourist Spots!

Discover the Best of Yoron Island!

Yoron Island is the southernmost point of Kagoshima Prefecture, but it is located just 23 kilometers north of Okinawa Island, giving it a unique atmosphere that blends both Kagoshima and Okinawan vibes. It is also the northernmost place in Japan where you can see the Southern Cross. With few streetlights and clear air, the Milky Way is beautifully visible. Be sure to explore and discover some hidden spots!

MAP C5 Yoron Castle Ruins (Kotohira Shrine)



In the early 15th century, the castle was built as a satellite fortress of the Northern Kingdom of the Ryukyu, but it is said to have remained unfinished due to the fall of the main dynasty. The stone walls, believed to resemble a dragon at rest, still remain in part today.

MAP C5 Yoron Jugoya Odori (Full Moon Dance)



The Yoron Jugoya Odori is held every year on the fifteenth day of March, August, and October in the lunar calendar. It is performed to comfort the islanders and to pray for rain, a bountiful harvest, and lasting peace on the island. This festival has a history of over 460 years. The Yoron Jugoya Odori is designated as an Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Japan.

MAP D5 Ajinitchee Shrine



Ajinitchee Shrine is a sacred site dedicated to the legendary hero Ajinitchee, who fought to protect the island from enemy forces of the Ryukyu Kingdom about 800 years ago. Ajinitchee was highly skilled in martial arts and is revered as the god of combat and competition, as well as the island's guardian deity. The legend of Ajinitchee has been passed down through generations in Yoron, and many historical sites related to him can still be found across the island.



A Wish on Wood

An ema is a wooden plaque with a picture on it, offered at Shinto shrines or Buddhist temples when making a wish or expressing thanks after a wish has been granted. This shrine features a unique ema shaped like Yoron Island, each one hand-painted.

MAP C3 Hajipiki Panta



This place is said to be the birthplace of Yoron Island. According to legend, long ago, two gods, Shiniguku and Amamiku, went out fishing when the rudder of their boat got caught on a reef. As they stepped onto the reef, land emerged from the sea, forming an island. From the hilltop, you can see Okinawa and Ie Island to the south, Iheya and Izena Islands to the west, and Okinoerabu Island to the north.

MAP E5 Yuino Oka



Yuino Oka is designated as one of the Ten Scenic Views of Amami. It is located at the southern edge of Ohganeku Beach, offering a beautiful view. In November 2017, the former Japanese Emperor and Empress also admired the view from this spot.

MAP A4 Yoron Station

The official name of Yoron Station is "Milky Way Galaxy Railway Main Line, Yoron Station". As the name suggests, it is also an ideal spot for stargazing. Although there are no railways on Yoron Island, it is called "Yoron Station" because Kagoshima and Okinawa are connected by National Route 58. This station was established in 1979 to promote tourism in Kagoshima and Okinawa.



MAP E6 Akasaki Limestone Cave



Yoron Island is an island formed by the uplift of limestone and coral reefs. The Akasaki Limestone Cave is a natural masterpiece shaped over the years by groundwater erosion. It is said that it takes more than 100,000 years for a limestone cave to become large enough for people to enter. Therefore, this limestone cave is probably around 1 million years old.



MAP E6 Yoron Folk Village



This open-air folk museum preserves traditional houses and everyday tools just as they were in the past. Hands-on workshops, such as natural dyeing with plants, are also offered for a fee. The souvenir corner features a wide variety of original products, including traditional Yoron foods like pickled papaya and pork miso, Bashofu items, original polo shirts, and local crafts.



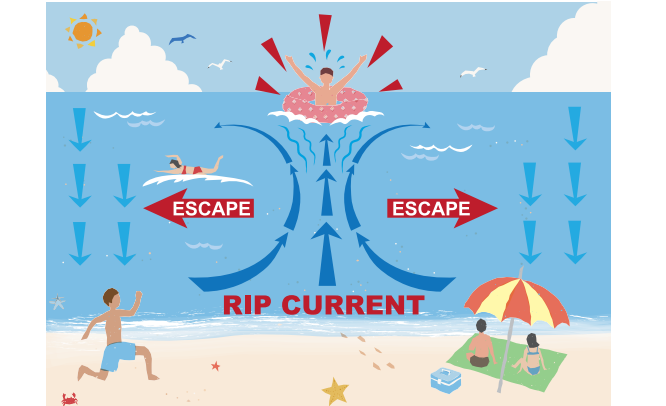
Ocean Safety Tips

1. Do not act alone.

Natural beaches do not have lifeguards, so snorkeling or swimming alone can be dangerous. Whenever possible, join a tour or hire a guide.



2. Be cautious of rip currents.



Strong rip currents may form, pulling you away from the shore. If you get caught in a rip current, don't try to swim straight to the shore. Instead, swim parallel to the shore. Once you no longer feel the current, slowly swim back to the shore.

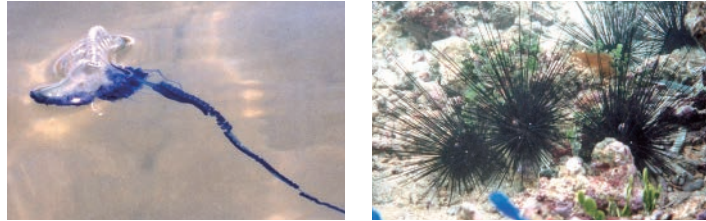
3. Do not bring alcohol to the beaches.



4. Be careful! The harbor slopes are slippery.



5. Stay away from dangerous marine creatures.



Portuguese man-of-war

If stung by the blue tentacles, you will feel a sharp pain, like an electric shock. Rinse the tentacles off with seawater.

Long-spined sea urchin

The spines are fragile and break easily. If touched carelessly, they can pierce your skin and remain inside your body, causing prolonged severe pain.

Heatstroke Prevention Tips

Prevention Measures

1. Replenish water and salt frequently! The key point is to replenish not only water but also salt.
2. Wear cool clothing and protect yourself from the sun! Use items like a parasol, hat, and sunglasses to shield yourself from the strong sunlight.

First Aid

- Call emergency services** – If someone shows signs of heatstroke, such as confusion, fainting, or a body temperature above 40°C (104°F), seek medical help immediately.
1. Move the person to a cooler place
 2. Cool the body
 3. Hydrate if conscious
 4. Monitor their condition – If they lose consciousness or stop breathing, begin CPR.

Cycling Safety Tips

1. Follow all safety rules (includes prohibitions on drinking and riding, riding with two people, and riding side by side)
2. Wear a helmet—Protecting your head is crucial in case of a fall or collision.
3. Turn on your lights at night—Ensures visibility, especially in low-light conditions like Yoron, where there are few streetlights.
4. Ride on the left side of the road—Helps avoid conflicts with vehicles and ensures adherence to traffic flow.
5. Slow down on curves and in areas with limited sight—Prevents sudden crashes due to unexpected obstacles or poor visibility.
6. Bicycles must generally use the roadway; the sidewalk is an exception—Sticking to the road ensures predictable interactions with other vehicles.

Since Yoron Island has many hills, please be careful not to go too fast when going downhill.

Other Important Tips

1. Camping outside of designated campgrounds is prohibited.
2. Foreign currency exchange is not available on Yoron. However, you can withdraw Japanese yen using a credit card at the post office ATM.
3. For information about cashless payment services linked with PayPay, please search online.
4. Since Yoron has limited accommodation options, please make sure to book your stay in advance.

Discover Places to Stay, Eat & Explore

We provide useful information via QR code to help you enjoy your trip to Yoron Island.

Dining & Drinks

Looking for local flavors? Here you'll find restaurants where you can enjoy popular Yoron Island dishes, regional specialties, and cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients.

Shops & Stores

Looking for daily essentials? Find stores offering groceries, prepared foods, household items, clothing, medicine, baby products, and more here!

Please note: There are no 24-hour stores on the island. There are no major convenience store chains either.

Attractions

Looking for things to do? Find all of Yoron Island's sightseeing spots, marine activities, hands-on experiences, souvenir shops, and more here!

Tours & Activities

Looking for a unique experience? Discover popular tours and activities on Yoron Island—from island walks and stargazing to eco adventures and marine fun, all led by expert local guides!

Accommodations

Looking for a place to stay? Find Yoron Island accommodations by area or type, with details on facilities and booking information.

Practical Information

Emergency Contact Numbers

- For accidents and incidents: 110
For fires and ambulances: 119
For marine accidents and incidents: 118

Post Offices & Banks

AREA1 Yoron Post Office	Chabana 68-6	0997-97-2042
MAPD5 Asato Post Office	Asato 1575	0997-97-2016
AREA4 Amami Oshima Credit Union	Chabana 37-6	0997-97-3181

Emergency & Public Services

MAPC3 Police Substation	Chabana 2092-1	0997-97-2803
MAPB3 Yoron Tokushukai Hospital	Chabana 403-1	0997-97-2511
MAPC2 Panaour Clinic	Nama 2747-1	0997-97-2073
MAPC3 Town Hall	Chabana 1418-1	0997-97-3111
AREA4 Town Library	Chabana 257-1	0997-97-4910

Transportation to Yoron [Airplane]

JAL・JAC (Reservation Center)
0997-97-2476

Marix Line
0997-97-3151

Transportation to Yoron [Ferry]

***Two companies operate alternately**

A"LINE
0997-97-3251

Marix Line
0997-97-3151

Getting Around

Car Rental Motorcycle Rental

Nangoku Car Rental 0997-97-2141	Nangoku Car Rental 0997-97-2141
Yoron Car Rental 0997-97-3633	Yoron Car Rental 0997-97-3633
Coro Car Rental 0997-97-2533	Yoron Ocean Car Rental 0997-85-1666
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Bicycle Rental Taxi

Nangoku Car Rental 0997-97-2141	Minami Taxi 0997-97-3331
Yoron Car Rental 0997-97-3633	

Bus

The bus starts from Minami Bus Mae and makes a full loop around the island. Operates on the North Route (clockwise) and the South Route (counterclockwise). Travel time: Approximately 40 minutes.

Adults: 200 yen,
Children (11 years old and under): 100 yen (flat fare)
One child under 6 years old rides free with each accompanying adult.

2-Day Unlimited Ride Pass
Adults: 500 yen, Children (ages 3-11): 300 yen

On Yoron Island, you can wait at a bus stop or wave like you would for a taxi to board the bus even outside of designated stops.

The back of the "2-Day Unlimited Ride Pass" conveniently features the bus timetable. You can purchase it at Minami Rikuun office or directly on the bus!

Driver-Guide

Explore Yoron with our certified Driver-Guides—licensed ecotour and interpreter-guides offering private vehicle tours. Services available in Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean.

