Discover your own island paradise with Kerama blue seas, pristine sandy beaches, and whales waiting offshore

Located in Japan’s far-flung tropical southern islands Keramashoto National Park is situated approximately 40 km west off Naha City, Okinawa Prefecture, and consists of more than 30 large and small islands and countless rock reefs. It was established on March 5 "Coral Day", 2014, as the 31st national park in Japan.

The park offers a diverse landscape characterized by a combination of sea and land, featuring exceptionally transparent waters, reefs densely populated by a variety of species of coral, breeding waters for humpback whales, numerous small islands and inlets, white sandy beaches, sea cliffs, and vegetation unique to such a windy island environments. With a land area of 3,520 hectares and a sea area of 90,475 hectares, the national park is actually mostly covered by sea.

However, the park’s main feature is its beautiful sea, referred to locally as “Kerama blue” with its unique, glimmering color that captivates all who gaze upon it. The sea area around the Kerama Islands, which has been designated a Ramsar wetland site, boasts some of the clearest waters in the world, enabling divers and snorkelers to see a variety of marine wildlife with absolute clarity.

The Kerama Islands not only offer a chance to enjoy marine activities but also an opportunity to experience traditional island customs and culture. Beyond delicious local food, Okinawans have a custom called yuntekku where family and friends gather in shaded places such as under a tree to chat and relax, and visitors can experience their own "island time" as they admire the idyllic landscape.

Access routes are given as examples. Times indicated for each route section are approximate only. For more details, please visit the counters or websites of the transportation providers.

Information counter
[Tokashiki Village] Tourism Industry Division, Tokashiki Village Hall
Phone: 098-987-2333 Email: kankou@vill.tokashiki.okinawa.jp
[Tokashiki Village] Zamami Village Tourism Association
Phone: 098-987-2277 Email: [email protected]
Website: https://www.vill-zamami.okinawa.jp/english-information/
[Tokashiki Village] Zamami Whale Watching Association
Phone: 098-896-4141 (December through April) Email: zwa1991@gmail.com
Website: http://zwa.okinawa/englishinformation
Keramashoto National Park

Activity 01
Enjoy floating on the crystal-clear ocean known as the Kerama Blue

A stand up paddle boarding experience where you can admire the beauty of the Kerama Blue glowing in the evening sun under a gentle sea breeze.

Get a fantastic view of the sunset at Kerama Islands during what is known as the magic hour. Not many people are out at sea during the sunset hours, giving you an opportunity to enjoy the view all to yourself. On this tour, you will be stand up paddle boarding in the relatively calm waters of the bay which are perfect for novices.

Season: All year round
Time: Held during the sunset hours
Fee: Adults and children: 6,000 yen *Children aged 5 to 10 who are not scared may participate for half price if accompanied by an adult.
Reserve: info@acousticlife-tokashiki.com
Website: http://www.acousticlife-tokashiki.com

Activity 02
Encounter a sea turtle almost every time, on this guided snorkeling tour!

Snorkeling with sea turtles in a dream world of the Kerama Blue and coral reef.

The sea turtle population is declining due to loss of habitat, among other reasons. However, thanks to the Kerama Islands’ natural coasts and conservation activities, the area is home to numerous sea turtles. In this snorkeling tour led by a local guide with extensive knowledge and experience in sea turtle behavior, you can almost certainly encounter a sea turtle every time. As long as you follow the guide’s instructions and rules, you can swim with the sea turtles. Remember that you are a guest in their home!

Season: All year round 120 min
Fee: Adults (junior high school students and older; for foreign tourists aged 12 and over); 6,000 yen, children 4,000 yen *Minimum number of participants: 2
Reservation: Islands Trip (098-896-4522)
Website: http://www.islands-trip.com

Activity 03
Whale watching at a rare breeding ground for humpback whales!

Observe mother whales raising their calves and their impressive performances from aboard a boat.

A whale watching tour in Zamami where you can experience the energy and beauty of nature in the ocean waters of the Kerama Blue.

The sea around the Kerama Islands is one of the few breeding grounds for humpback whales in the northern hemisphere, and you can get a close look at the whales raising their young. Our tour offers a good probability of seeing humpback whales because our staff monitor the sea from an observation on the island and inform our boats immediately after finding one. In the unlikely event of no whales being spotted before setting sail, we will go on a one-hour tour of the Kerama Blue Island for half price.

Season: December 27 to April 5 (planned)
Fee: Approximately 120 min
Adults 6,000 yen, children (6 to 12): 3,000 yen *Families cannot participate. *Groups of 15 people or more receive a 10% discount on the booking fee. Note that the discount does not apply to customer transportation fees charged by travel agencies. *Minimum number of participants: 2
Reservation: 088-19199 (Japanese) 088-494-4011 (English)
Website: http://www.ownisea.com

Activity 04
A walking tour where you can enjoy the fabulous scenery of the Kerama Islands

Enjoy the white beaches, the Kerama Blue, and many more features of Zamami Island.

A walking tour of a two-star Michelin island while admiring the Kerama Blue.

Mountain roads full of greenery and flowers, green islands floating on the blue sea—on this tour, enjoy the magnificent scenery of the Kerama Islands. We offer the following three courses: the beginner course (04:1), in which we will leave Zamami Port and head to Furenazumi Beach, the intermediate course (04:2), in which we will head to the Kaminohama Observatory; and the advanced course (04:3), in which we will climb up a steep hill for a panoramic view from the Takatsuyama Observatory.

Season: Late October to May
Fee: Adults (12 years old and over): 3,850 yen, children (6 to 11 years old): 1,925 yen *Minimum number of participants: 2
Reservation: 088-881-2277
Website: http://www.zamamiokinawa.jp/en/language.html

Activity 05
Experience the spectacular view of the Kerama Blue from Aka Ohashi Bridge and Geruma Bridge!

Geruma Island, Geruma Island, and Fukaji Island: a walking tour of three islands that form part of the Kerama Islands.

This course is a roughly 6km round trip, leaving from Aka Port and heading to Kerama Airport by crossing Geruma Island via Aka Ohashi Bridge. Spectacular scenery includes Rhododendron scarab in the early spring, mountain roads full of Japanese lavender, and the Kerama Blue viewed from Aka Ohashi Bridge and Geruma Bridge. You may also encounter Kerama deer, and other mammals as well as humpback whales, sea turtles, and other marine life on your journey.

Season: Late October to May
Fee: Adults (12 years old and over): 3,850 yen, children (6 to 11 years old): 1,925 yen *Minimum number of participants: 2
Reservation: Zamami Village Tourism Association (088-881-2277)
Website: http://www.zamamiokinawa.jp/en/language.html

Activity 06
Enjoying the lush green mountains, lagoons, and the diverse landscapes of Tokashiki Island

Get back to nature on this hiking tour and walk across two adjacent beaches at low tide.

A nature tour of lagoons while enjoying a green environment with a sub-tropical atmosphere and a great view of the archipelago.

Although only extending 10 km north to south, Tokashiki Island features a diverse landscape, including lush green mountains, wind-exposed areas, beaches, and lagoons. In this tour, you will walk across two adjacent beaches at low tide and head to Ahanen Enchi Observatory. The coastal area along the tour route is home to various plants and animals, and you can view the marine wildlife in the tide pools. As you approach the south end of Ahanen Enchi, the vegetation changes to that which is characteristic of wind-exposed areas, making the area look a lot different from the typical tropical beach.

Season: All year round
Fee: Held on Thursdays 150 min "Early morning course available: adults 3,000 yen and children 1,500 yen or over 400 yen for Полевой тур". *Minimum number of participants: 2
Reservation: SUNNYCORAL (090-3632-9329)
Website: sunny.335.com@gmail.com
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- **Recommended Activities**

**Activity 07**

A barbecue featuring a grilled head of tuna freshly caught in Tokashiki Island’s waters

Enjoy a lively dinner of lobster, steak, local fish, and more.

A fun-filled barbecue at Kerama featuring a huge grilled tuna head and other local island ingredients!

Amahin is a traditional Okinawan custom where young men and women gather at a beach at night and sing and dance while playing a sanshin (traditional three-stringed instrument). Enjoy a lively barbecue party featuring ingredients gathered from Tokashiki Island and its surrounding area while reflecting on the history of the Okinawa Islands, which have experienced the era of the Ryukyu Kingdom, U.S. occupation, and now contemporary Japan.

- **Schedule:** All year round
- **Duration:** Approximately 120 min
- **Price:** Adults: 2,500 yen (including tax); children 7 to 12 years old: 1,500 yen (including tax); infants (3 years old and over): 1,500 yen (excluding tax). Includes a free non-alcoholic drink.
- **Conditions:** For groups of 10 people or more/Minimum number of participants: 2

*Note: The barbecue is held at sunset. The venue can be changed depending on the weather.

**Contact:**
- **Phone:** 090-3632-9329
- **Email:** sunny-325.coral@gmail.com
Acquaint Yourself with Island Nature and Kerama Blue Seas on Tokashiki Island

- Snorkeling with sea turtles in the Kerama Blue sea, explore the bay by paddleboard, and enjoy the leisurely flow of island time.

**Activity 01** Stand-up Paddle Boarding at Sunset

**Activity 02** Snorkeling with Sea Turtles

**Day 1**
- In Naha City
  - 10:00 a.m. Tomari Port* (Ferry) 110 min.
  - 11:10 a.m. Tokashiki Port (Courtesy car) 240 min.

- Akunai or Tokashiki district: Stroll Around the Beach and Village (Experience the leisurely flow of island time) (Courtesy car) 240 min.

- Evening Activity 01: Stand-up Paddle Boarding at Sunset
- Accommodation in Aharen district or Tokashiki district

**Day 2-4**
- Accommodation in Aharen district or Tokashiki district (Courtesy car) 200 min.
- Activity 04: Snorkeling with Sea Turtles (120 min).
- Activity 05: Nature Tour Around the Lagoon (150 min).
- Activity 06: United Tuna Head Barbecued with Local Ingredients (120 min)

- Activity 02: Akunai or Tokashiki district Explore the Island (Discover your favorite observation platform!)

**Day 3-5**
- 3:30 p.m. Tokashiki Port (Ferry) 110 min.
- 4:40 p.m. Tomari Port 240 min.
- To Naha City

* For ferry and high-speed boat timetables and prices, please refer to the village homepage.
Sample course using the recommended activities

Enjoy whale Watching in the Kerama Blue Seas of Zamami Island

**Notes**
- Enjoy outdoor activities, including whale watching from both boat and observatory, on Zamami Island.

**Trail map**

**Day 1**
- In Naha City
  - 10:00 a.m. Tomari Port (Via Aka Port)  (Ferry) 120 min
  - 12:00 p.m. Zamami Port (Courtesy car or bus)

**Day 2-4**
- Stroll Around Furuazami Beach and the Village (Make the most of your time and try out as many activities as possible)
- Accommodation in Zamami district or Ama district (Accommodation)
- Guided Walking Tour to a Michelin Green Guide 2-star Island (120 min)

**Day 3-5**
- Accommodation in Zamami district or Ama district (Accommodation)
- Stroll Around the Beach and the Village (Ferry) 110 min
- Zamami Port (Ferry) 110 min
- Tomari Port (Ferry) 120 min
- To Naha City

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Sample course using the recommended activities

**Season** Winter (January - March)  **Duration of stay** Free stay

Whale Watching, Star Gazing, Kerama Blue Seas and Wildlife: Experience the Best of the Zamami Islands

- By day, observe wildlife including whales, Kerama deer and sea turtles.
- By night, relax under star-filled skies.
- Island-hop your way to an unforgettable holiday.

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**Notes**

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**Trail map**

**Day 1**
In Naha City  
10:00a.m. Tomari Port (Via Aka Port* (Ferry) 120 min)  
12:00p.m. Zamami Port (courtesy car) or (Taxi)  
Zamami district or Ama district Stroll Around the Beach and the Village (Make the most of your time by trying out as many activities as possible) (courtesy car) or (Taxi)  
Accommodation in Zamami district or Ama district [Accommodation]

**Day 2-4**
Activity 04: Guided Walking Tour to a Michelin Green Guide 2-star Island (120 min)
Activity 03: Funzumami Beach Course
Activity 05: Kaminohama Observatory Course
Activity 06: Takatohiyama Observatory Course

**Day 3-5**
Accommodation on Aka Island or Geruma Island or (Ferry)  
Aka Island or Geruma Island or Fukaji Island Explore the Island or (Ferry)  
Learn About Coral While Enjoying the Cafe at the Sango Yuntakukan Visitor Center
Relax at Nishibama Terrace or (Ferry)  
Aka Port* (Ferry)  30 min  
Tomari Port  
To Naha City

* For ferry and high-speed boat timetables and prices, please refer to the village homepage