

Yakushima (Island) National Park

Japan's finest mountainous island where giant trees over 1,000 years old grow and a volcanic island teeming with life nurtured by the heat of earth and the raging waves.

Yakushima Island and Kuchinoerabu-jima Island framed Yakushima National Park and are located on the bountiful sea where the Japan Current flows. Even though the distance between the islands is only 12 km, they were created from different processes and have very different natural landscapes. Yakushima Island has a steep terrain with mountains of the highest peaks in Kyushu along with remarkable natural landscapes of the forest with giant trees like Japanese cedars over 1,000 years old. The natural beauty of the island is recognized as an

outstanding universal value of the World Heritage. On the other hand, Kuchinoerabu-jima Island is the largest volcanic island among the Satsunan Islands where fumaroles activities continue. The eastern part of the island exhibits volcanic landscapes while the coastal region maintains unique natural landscapes with coastal cliffs and sea caves eroded by strong wave action. Additionally, although it is a volcanic island, it is covered with rich vegetation, and endemic species not found on Yakushima Island, like the Erabu flying fox, can be seen.

Date of Designation :
March 16, 2012

Area : 24,566 ha (land area)

Related Prefecture :
Kagoshima



Enjoy the ocean, rivers, and other water scenery



Nagata Beach



Okono-taki Falls



Enjoy the mountains and flora



Shiratanisui-kyo Ravine



Mt. Miyanoura



Experience culture and local life



Yumugi Onsen



Takemairi



Meet the wildlife



Cervus nippon yakushimae



Pteropus dasymallus dasymallus

Itinerary

Walk the forest of Yakushima where 1,000-year-plus old yakusugi trees tower and learn the history of the forest and people passing the forests down to the future

Journey to Yakushima where over millenium-old gigantic trees reside to experience the long history of living in harmony with nature. In Kosugidani, which was once a bustling forestry settlements, learn about the history of cedar felling for improvement of life of the island residents and relationship between people and forests from a local guide, stroll the trolley road, and try some woodworking. Bathe in laurel forests and enjoy the feel of being inside a tunnel of trees. You may be greeted by wild Yakushima macaque and the Yakushika deer. Experience the diverse value of the island and ponder the symbiosis with nature that continues into the future.

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Day 1

Learn about the uniqueness and characteristics of the nature of Yakushima and harmonious life of nature and people

11:00 ● Miyanoura Port or Yakushima Airport



Rental car

12:00 ● Lunch

13:00

13:00 ● Yakushima World Heritage Conservation Center

14:00



Rental car

15:00 ● Yakusugi trekking
Trekking to enjoy many Yakusugi
*Visit to Yakusugi Museum when it rains

17:00



Rental car

18:15 ● Hotel (Onoaida area, Yakushima)

Day 2

In the Kosugidani Village, feel the deep relationship between the daily lives of the locals and yakusugi

8:00 ● Hotel departure



Rental car

8:30 } Stroll and yakusugi woodworking experience
Learn about the background of tree felling and relationship between the people and the forests

17:00



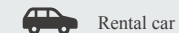
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● Overnight stay in Onoaida area, Yakushima

Day 3

Explore the dense laurel forests to enjoy the primitive natural landscape of Yakushima

8:00 ● Hotel departure



Rental car

8:30 } Forest bathing in a laurel forest
Wild flora and fauna viewing in the western area, which is designated as a Special Protection Zone from the coast to the peak of the mountain

12:30

12:30 ● Lunch

13:30



Rental car

14:00 ● Miyanoura Port or Yakushima Airport

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