

Yambaru National Park

A diversity of life thrives in the subtropical Yambaru forest, its mountains, and in the lives of the people who call this home.

Yambaru National Park, located in the northern part of Okinawa Island was designated as the 33rd National Park in Japan on September 15, 2016. The park displays a diverse and varied natural environment from its subtropical evergreen laurel forest making it Japan's largest of its kind and a reflection of the process of forming the Ryukyu Islands. Its wide variety of unique plants and animals, such as Okinawa rail under a backdrop of the geological history that formed the islands, the rare animals and plants living in the park, the sea cliffs and karst lime-

stone formations, and mangrove forests all add to the diversity of its environment. Another feature alive in the cultural landscape is the day to day living, nurtured, traditions that are special to Yambaru in this natural environment. Visitors can enjoy at this great natural subtropical stage in Yambaru National Park, drives through the park, tours of scenic spots, trekking, canoeing, and animal watching. The park offers visitors an opportunity to interact with the tremendous natural beauty the area offers.

Date of Designation :
September 15, 2016

Area : 17,352 ha (land area)

Related Prefecture :
Okinawa Prefecture



Enjoy the ocean, rivers, and other water scenery



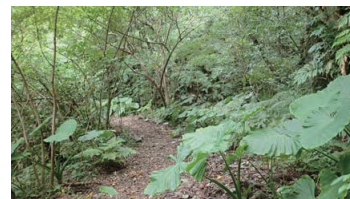
Shioya Bay



Cape Hedo



Enjoy the mountains and flora



Mt. Yonahadake



ASMUI Spiritual Hikes



Experience culture and local life



Shinugu of Ada Hamlet



Ungami of Shioya Bay



Meet the wildlife



Okinawa Rail



Ryukyu Long-haired Rat

Itinerary

EV tour to explore the history of the secluded Yambaru Forest, home to countless species found nowhere else on earth

The forest of Yambaru, which means the area where mountains and forests unfold, is a treasure trove of countless rare and endangered flora and fauna found nowhere else on Earth such as the Okinawa rail and Okinawa woodpecker. The unique ecosystem is established by a close relationship among diverse species. Explore the laurel forest in the subtropical zone, walk on a tropical karst terrain, which is the northernmost in the world, to witness the history of the land since ancient times when the island was part of the continent, and find out how the island became home to unique species on the guided tour. A guided night nature watching tour includes an activity to protect the forest species in addition to meeting mysterious nocturnal creatures. Learn about the local culture of living in harmony with nature and immerse yourself in the charm of Yambaru through this rare experience.

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Day 1

Observe one of the largest mangrove forests on the main island of Okinawa by canoe and take a night tour of the mysterious forest

- 10:00 ● Naha Airport
 EV rental car
 Lunch
- 14:00 ● Explore Higashison Fureai Hirugi Park (Yambaru National Park)
- 14:30 ● Mangrove canoe experience
- 17:30 ● Hotel and dinner
 EV rental car
- 19:00 ● Nature walk
 Experience yambaru (World Natural Heritage Site) protection activity is optional
 EV rental car
- 22:00 ● Hotel

Day 2

River trekking and meeting with Yambaru's unique creatures and local culture

- 10:00 ● Meet in hotel lobby
 EV rental car
- 10:40 ● Michi no Eki Ogimi Roadside Station Yambaru Forest Visitor Center 360 degree dome theater lunch (or purchase of takeout lunch box)
 EV rental car
- 12:30 ● Taa Falls river trekking
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 14:30 ●  EV rental car
- 15:00 ● Guided nature tour
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 18:00 ● Three courses to view the nature and flora and fauna in the Yambaru forest
 EV rental car
- 18:30 ● Cooking local farmer's dish for dinner
 EV rental car
- 21:30 ● Hotel

Day 3

Enjoy deep nature worship and blessings of nature in Okinawa and imagine how the Ryuku Islands were formed

- 10:00 ● Hotel lobby
 EV rental car
- 10:30 ● Daiseki Rinzan ASMUI Spiritual Hikes (Old Daiseki Rinzan)trekking
 Enjoy the great nature of yambaru to the fullest through observing karst in the subtropical zone and watching the wild fauna and flora
- 12:30 ●  EV rental car
 Lunch (Jizakana Shokudo in Kunigami Village/Local Okinawa cuisine using fresh local ingredients of Ogimi Village)
- To Naha Airport (Enjoy the night in Naha during an overnight stay and head to Keramashoto National Park by high-speed boat)

Inquiry

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