

Okinawa Region

Iriomote-Ishigaki National Park

Primeval Subtropical Forest and Ocean with Coral Reefs.

Iriomote-Ishigaki National Park is the southernmost national park in Japan. The park is characterized by its natural landscape typical of the subtropical zone--a dynamic and abundant natural environment comprising near-primeval subtropical broad-leaved evergreen forest as well as Japan's largest mangrove forest, and coral reefs--and its human landscape imbued with a traditional Okinawa-ness that has been nurtured through everyday living within this environment. Another major characteristic is the numerous rare animal species unique to Yaeyama that can be found here, represented by the

Iriomote wild cat and Sakishima grass lizard, which has evolved independently as the archipelago separated from and rejoined the continent repeatedly. Iriomote-Ishigaki National Park provides visitors with places and opportunities for high-quality nature experiences, offering a wealth of marine leisure activities such as canoeing, snorkeling, scuba-diving, and mangrove cruises as well as land leisure activities such as trekking, animal watching, and driving against the backdrop of the vast subtropical wilderness.

Date of Designation :
May 15, 1972
Incorporation of Ishigaki-jima
Island Region: August 1, 2007

Area : 40,658 ha (land area)

Related Prefecture :
Okinawa



Enjoy the ocean, rivers, and other water scenery



Mariyudu-no-Taki Falls



Nakama River



Enjoy the mountains and flora



Yonchara



Mt. Omoto



Experience culture and local life



Tanadui Festival (Taketomijima Island)



Utara Coal Mine



Meet the wildlife



Iriomote Cat



Crested Serpent Eagle

Itinerary

Relax in the sea and river unique to the subtropical zone and experience traditional culture and customs based on a harmonious coexistence with nature

Located in the southernmost tip of Japan, the park offers Japan's largest mangrove forest, coral reefs, and many other landscapes unique to the subtropical zone. The park is perfect for marine and other outdoor activities to fully enjoy nature such as kayaking, snorkelling, scuba diving, and trekking. A twilight tour is also available. Don't miss the starry sky of the island, which was recognized as Japan's first International Dark Sky Place. The great nature of the island is part of the tradition and culture of the island. Enjoy the sounds of a three-stringed instrument called the sanshin and traditional folk music passed down to the present since the time when the Ryukyu Kingdom ruled. Immerse yourself in nature and experience ancient customs and appreciate the awe-inspiring nature in ancient times.

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Day 1

One group per day only private Ishigaki guided tour and Taketomi twilight tour

-  By air
- 11:00 ● Painushima Ishigaki Airport
- 11:00 ● Lunch
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- 11:45
- 12:00 ● Ishigaki private tour
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- 16:00 ● One group only private tour to offer the opportunity to experience the wilderness of nature and culture of the island
-  Regularly operated boat
- (To Taketomi Port)
- 17:20 ● Taketomi twilight tour
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- 17:40 ● Enjoy the relaxing sounds of the waves and music of the sanshin under a starry sky
- 20:45 ● Chartered private boat
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- 21:00 ● (To the Euglena Ishigaki Port Remote Island Terminal)
-  On foot
- Overnight stay in Ishigaki (Hotel)

Day 2

Diving in Japan's largest coral reef area to view the endless coral and marine creatures

- 6:30 ● To Euglena Ishigaki Port Remote Island Terminal
-  Regularly operated boat
- (To Iriomote Uehara Port)
- 6:50 ●
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- 7:50
- 7:50 ●  Pick-up by car
- (To Diving Team Unarizaki)
- 8:10 ● Diving in Iriomote, World Natural Heritage
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- 16:00 ● Meet Japan's largest coral reef and diverse creatures dwelling in the Iriomote Blue ocean
-  Pick-up by car
- Overnight stay in Iriomote (Guesthouse)

Day 3

Kayaking at a river, trekking to a waterfall, and pondering the impact on nature from marine litter

- 9:10 ●  On foot (To Uehara Port)
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- 9:30
-  Pick-up by car
- 9:30 ● Beach clean-up and canoe
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- 15:30 ● Collecting garbage on the beach and learning about the impact on the nature
-  Pick-up by car
- (To Uehara Port)
- 15:30 ●
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- 15:40
- 16:30 ●  Regularly operated boat
- (To Euglena Ishigaki Port Remote Island Terminal)
- 17:20
-  Direct bus
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- 17:30
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- 18:00
- 18:00 ● Painushima Ishigaki Airport

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