

KUMAMOTO



【 Access 】

By Car Approx. 50 min. from Matsubase IC (Kyushu Expressway) via Route 266 toward Amakusa.

By Bus Take the "Rapid Amakusa-go" bus (approx. 90 min.) Get off at SanPearl Bus Stop and walk 10 min. to Ebito Port.

Take the **Regular Ferry** from Ebito Port.

No tickets required. Please pay on board (cash only).

5 round trips daily

Approx. 30 min.

One-way Fare: **¥800**
Junior High School Students and Above)
※Elementary School Students ¥400

【 Ferry Timetable 】

Ebito Dep.	Yushima Dep.
8 : 15	7 : 30
10 : 00	9 : 00
13 : 15	12 : 00
15 : 00	14 : 00
17 : 30	16 : 00

Facilities

Kamiamakusa City Hall
Yushima Branch Office ☎ 0964-56-4111
Clinic ☎ 0964-56-4161
Post Office ☎ 0964-56-1131

Accommodation

Ryokan Hinodeso ☎ 0964-56-4075
Otohime-tei ☎ 080-5604-4292
Yugafu ☎ 090-5735-3533

Restaurants & Café

Ama-chan Shokudo Otohimeya※ ☎ 080-5604-4292
Hae-domari※ ☎ 090-6631-8799
Yushima Café (Self-service café) @neko.ritou.yushima
※Advance reservation required. (Instagram)

Ferry Service

Showa Maru ☎ 0964-56-4060
Kikusei Maru ☎ 090-3199-4752

Visitor Information



- There are no convenience stores on the island. A liquor store and a small general store are available, but their selection is limited. Please bring any essential items with you.
- Cash is recommended, as electronic payments may not be accepted everywhere.
- There is no public transportation; walking is the main way to get around.
- Please take all trash with you when you leave.
- Many cats on the island are accustomed to people, but they may scratch or bite. Please be careful when approaching or touching them.

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Slowly, freely, like a cat

Yushima — Where Japan's History Took a Turn



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1 Jinbe Koba

A site where a stone monument is believed to have stood in secret honor of Yokota Denbei, a local hero who was executed after petitioning the authorities to save villagers suffering from unfair tax increases following the uprising.



2 Yushima Lighthouse

Retaining its original Taisho-era charm, Yushima Lighthouse quietly watches over the waters between Amakusa and Shimabara.

3 Icchobaka Memorial

A memorial to those who were washed ashore by the tsunami triggered by the 1792 eruption of Mt. Unzen-Fugendake. It stands as a symbol of the kindness and compassion shown by the people of Yushima.

4 Yushima Cat God Statue

Welcoming visitors beside the ferry terminal waiting room, the Cat God Statue is one of Yushima's beloved landmarks. Nearby a handmade cat house built by local residents makes this a favorite gathering place for the island's cats.



5 Suwa Shrine

The island's only shrine, established in 1817 and dedicated to a deity from Nagasaki Suwa Shrine. The shrine is also home to a magnificent ginkgo tree estimated to be over 300 ears old.



6 Blacksmith's Water Basin

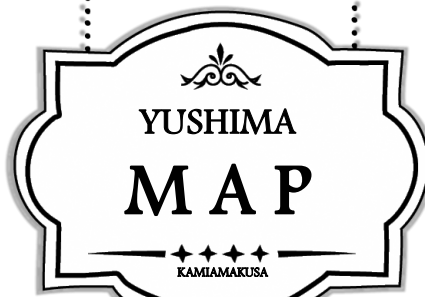
This water basin is said to have been used in the manufacture of weapons such as spears and swords. It was once kept outside Yushima, but was returned to the island in the early Showa period. Today, it is located within the grounds of Suwa Shrine.



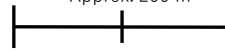
Nishinohama Beach (West)



A quiet, secluded beach and a perfect spot to watch a breathtaking sunset.



Approx. 200 m



Look for the Cat Spot Signs located around the island! (Mostly in the southern part of the island.)

7 Mine Park

A park located at the summit of Yushima Island, 104 meters above sea level. The hexagonal observation deck offers panoramic views of Unzen, Shimabara, and the islands of Amakusa.



8 Site of Tomizuka

According to local tradition, Amakusa Shiro had weapons made on Yushima Island in preparation for the Shimabara-Amakusa Rebellion. This site is believed to have served as a lookout point, where guards watched for ships and relayed information to surrounding areas.



9 Dango-jima Monument

It is said that Amakusa Shiro and other rebel leaders gathered on this island to discuss their strategy before the Shimabara-Amakusa Rebellion. For this reason, Yushima is also known as "Dango-jima" (Discussion Island).



10 Christian Gravestone

This gravestone is believed to be that of a Japanese Christian missionary who died on Yushima. A cross is carved into the rounded gravestone.

11 Yushima Daikon Radish

Yushima Daikon Radish is grown in the fertile soil of Yushima. It is known for its large size, sweetness, juiciness, and delicious flavor. (Available in winter only.)



Higashinohama Beach (East)



Beautiful turquoise waters. Sea turtles have even visited this shore to lay their eggs!



Scattered across the island, Ako trees have long protected residents from strong winds. The heart-shaped Ako tree is one of the island's most popular photo spots!



Please note that the trail to the lighthouse and the summit is steep and challenging!



Baby's breath is widely cultivated on the island.



The coastal path leading to the lighthouse offers spectacular ocean views and is perfect for a relaxing walk.



Don't miss the adorable cat mailbox holding Yushima radishes and the exclusive pictorial postmark!

