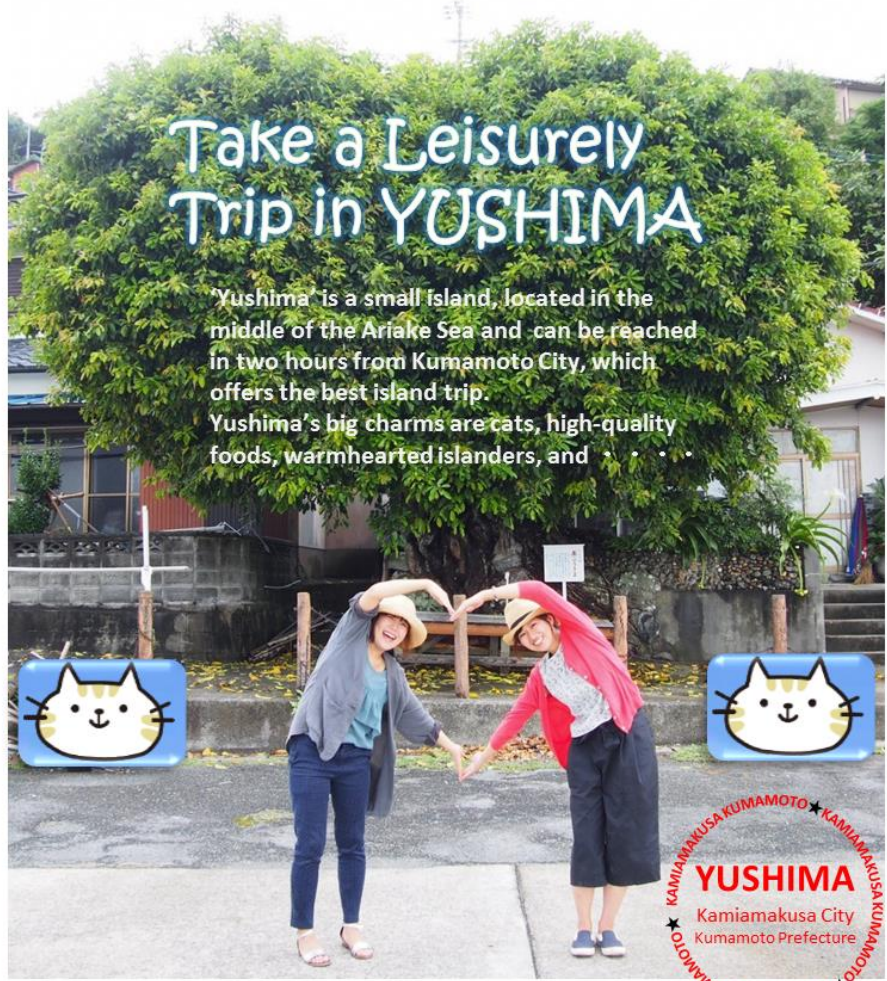


Charming Island

# YUSHIMA



Take a Leisurely Trip in YUSHIMA

Yushima is a small island, located in the middle of the Ariake Sea and can be reached in two hours from Kumamoto City, which offers the best island trip. Yushima's big charms are cats, high-quality foods, warmhearted islanders, and



## Access



**By car** Approx. 50 minutes to take from Matsubase IC of Kyushu Expressway toward Amakusa via Route 266  
**By public transportation** Take a bus "Express Amakusa" at Sakuramachi Bus Terminal (Approx. 90 minutes to take). Get off the bus at Roadside Station "Kamiamakusa Sun Pearl" and 5 minutes by walk to Ebito Port.

**Take a Ferry at Ebito Port** near Roadside Station "Kamiamakusa Sun Pearl"

5 round-trips in a day  
 30 minutes required  
 600 yen for one way

Ferry Schedule	
Ebito Dep	Yushima Dep
8:15 AM	7:30 AM
10:00 AM	9:00 AM
1:15 PM	12:00 PM
3:00 PM	2:00 PM
5:30 PM	4:00 PM

※ No need to purchase a ticket but you must pay the fare by cash while you are seated.  
 ※ For the details, please call the following phone numbers.  
 ◆ Showa-maru ☎0964-56-4060 ◆ Kikusei-maru ☎0964-56-4063

## Amakusa Shiro Tourism Association

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**Precautionary Statement**

- There is no convenience store, 2 grocery stores and 1 liquor store are open. There are not as many selections as convenient stores, so please bring what you need yourself.
- Please make a reservation in advance for restaurants, cafes, or accommodations even you just want to take a bath or shower.
- We don't accept credit cards. Cash only.
- There is no public transportation in Yushima. You have to walk.
- Please take your own trash home with you.

Facilities	
Kamiamakusa City - Yushima Branch Office	☎0964-56-4111
Clinic	☎0964-56-4161
Post Office	☎0964-56-1131
Accommodations	
Hinode-so	☎0964-56-4075
Ariake-so	☎0964-56-4101
Kiku	☎0964-56-4375
Otohome-tei	☎080-5604-4292
Restaurants & Cafes	
Otohome-ya	☎080-5604-4292
Haedomari	☎090-6631-8799
Hamayu	☎090-4984-5277
Bonyari Cafe	☎090-4984-5277
Nekorobi Cafe	☎090-4984-5277
Transportation	
Yushima Shosen "Showa-maru"	☎0964-56-4060
Yushima Shosen "Kikusei-maru"	☎0964-56-4063

## Phone List



It takes about 30 minutes by liners from Ebito port, Oyano Town, Kamiamakusa City. You will feel excited to explore Yushima. The island is a little far away from the main land. Why don't you take a "leisurely trip to Yushima". It can make you feel relaxed and you will have an extraordinary experience.

How to make a successful traveling plan in Yushima.

- Go for a leisurely walk while watching the beautiful sunset and sunrise.
- Have a delicious seafood dinner.
- Make a toast under the star-filled sky.
- You are able to go fishing late at night or early in the morning.
- Challenge yourself to make a round trip of Yushima by walking which is good for your exercise.
- You are able to see the spawning of sea turtles if you're lucky.
- You can just take it easy without doing anything.

## 3 Two-Day Trip - have a relaxing time

- 10:00-10:30am Ebito Port → Yushima Port
- 11:00am-1:00pm Spend time at the beach
- 1:00-2:30pm Take a shower, have lunch & take a rest (reservations required)
- 2:30pm- Take a walk
- or spend time at a cafe
- or make a round trip of Yushima
- 4pm-4:30pm Yushima Port → Ebito Port

## 2 Day Trip - spend time at the beach

- 10:00-10:30am Ebito Port → Yushima Port
- 10:40am- Take a walk with the following plan (while interacting with some cats)
- 12:30-1:30pm Have delicious lunch (reservations required)
- 2:00-2:30pm Yushima Port → Ebito Port

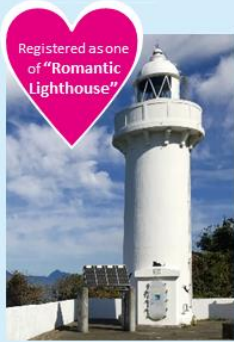
## 1 Day Trip - with lunch

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- 10:40am- Take a walk with the following plan (while interacting with some cats)
- 12:30-1:30pm Have delicious lunch (reservations required)
- 2:00-2:30pm Yushima Port → Ebito Port



We suggest the following model courses that you can fully enjoy Yushima. Please refer to the samples below.

※ The times noted below are estimated required time after leaving Ebito port.



Registered as one of "Romantic Lighthouse"

**A Lighthouse of Yushima**

was built in 1916 and it remains in the same condition as it was. It stands for marine coastal navigation in between Shimabara Bay and Yushima.

Please note that it is a very steep slope and rugged path to get to the top of the lighthouse.

Top of the island is flat and agricultural fields are expanding on there.

It's the best walking course which is connected to the lighthouse and you can see panoramic views from the shoreline.



West Coast



**Nishinohama Beach** is like a private beach and the best place to see the beautiful sunsets.



Beautiful Sunset

You can't see this beautiful sunset without spending a night.



**A Cat Statue of Yushima**

There are many cats welcoming visitors around the statue.



**Mine Park** Located at the top of Yushima, and there are an observation deck, agricultural fields, the graves for Christian missionary, and the monument of Dango jima in the park.

After going up the long slope, you will feel such a sense of accomplishment when you reach here.

We found a Cat relaxing on the beach.



**Yushima Elementary and Junior High School**  
Bonyari Cafe

Cute guardian dog!



You'll see it from the ferry on your way.

**Suwa Shrine** is the only shrine in Yushima which was enshrined the divided deity of Nagasaki Suwa Shrine. There is a swordsmith basin, used to be a tool for making weapons in order to prepare for the 'Amakusa-Shimabara Rebellion'

**Hinode-so Inn**

**Ariake-so Inn**

**Post Office**

**Nekorobi Cafe**

**Shop**

**Clinic**

**Ferry Waiting Room**

**Harbor**

**Otohime-ya**

**Koga Shop**

**Hamayu**

**Koga Liquor Store**

**Haedomari**

**Community Center**

**The Heart Tree**

is an Ako tree which used by swordsmith to make weapons for the strong wind and is also popular as a photo spot for couples.



Underneath the heart tree, there is a pleasant breeze that makes it perfect for a break.

**Higashinohama Beach**

is a beautiful marine blue sea in which sea turtles sometimes come to lay eggs during spawning season.



This is a sign that represents a place where cats gather and is placed all over the island.

Charm 1

**Relaxing Cats Island**

It is said that there are more cats than people in Yushima. You can stroke cats, feed them, or take their pictures. Please enjoy your stay with your own plan.

**Lovely Cats**

You feel calm just by looking at them



Charm 2

**Fascinating Cuisine**

It is essential for your trip to have delicious meals, isn't it? You can enjoy authentic seafood menu with full of local delicacies which are affordable. You need to make a reservation for the restaurants in advance.

Dinner



※ a sample dinner menu for overnight stay plan for two people

Lunch



※ a sample menu for a person. The plate of assorted sashimi is for two people

**Hinode-so**

☎0964-56-4075  
◆ Check in 3pm~ ◆ Check out 10am~  
◆ Charge 8,000 JPY~ ※ tax excluded  
- per a person with dinner and breakfast  
- in case you stay over 2 people together in a room

Hinode-so provides the finest relaxation as if you are at home and is located on the hill offering the great view of Nishinohama Beach. You can enjoy an authentic menu full of local delicacies, made with local seafood and vegetables.

We'll provide the best service for you.



Hinode-so Staff

**Otohime-ya**

☎080-5604-4292  
◆ Open 10am~  
◆ Ama-cyan Combo 1,000 JPY~ ※ tax excluded

Ms. Himeno is a diver for collecting seafood, which is called "Ama", and she offers excellent seafood dishes which you must try at least once. In fact, Otohime-ya has been listed on the OChelin guide. You don't know what is coming out until the day you get there because they serve fresh seafood caught on that day.

Charm 3

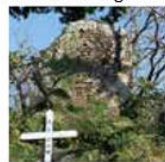
**Feel a sense of history romance**

Yushima is also called "Dango jima" because a meeting used to be held (called Dango in Japanese) of the Amakusa and Shimabara rebellion (1637-1638) and made weapons. The reason why Yushima had been chosen was that the top of the hill is flat-shaped and good for monitoring the surrounding area. Why don't you take a look at Mt. Unzen, Shimabara and Amakusa archipelago from the Mine park as you feel like you're Shiro Amakusa who was a general at that time.



**A swordsmith basin**

The basin was said to have been used by swordsmith to make weapons for the Amakusa and Shimabara rebellion. It was once placed outside of the island, but it returned to the island in the early Showa period and placed back in Suwa Shrine.



**The monument of Dango jima**

It is located at Mine Park. This monument shows that the leaders of uprisers gathered here to hold a meeting which has been called Dango. In 1637, Shiro Amakusa became a general and they took part in the attack of Shimabara Castle.

Charm 4

**Abundant foods from the sea and the mountain**

As far as you can see is the sea... There are many fishing spots for the people who like to fish. Rich soil yields good crops, such as Yushima radishes, sweet potatoes, and baby's breaths. If you find them, you should purchase one, and you'll know the reason why they're popular among people.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
						Sea Urchin					
		Red Sea Bream			Turban Shell & Abalone				Red Sea Bream		
			Seaweed			Octopus			Horse Mackerel		
			Squid		Hijiki Seaweed					Squid	
		Yushima Radish								Sweet Potatoes	Yushima Radish
					Baby's Breath (Gypsophila)						Baby's Breath

Why don't you give Baby's breath for your present?

Charm 5

**People respect their duties and humanity**

People who live in Yushima are kind and welcome you with a smile. When they see you, they'll talk to you and you'll have a nice chat with them. Please enjoy interacting not only with cats but also with the islanders.

**Yu-Yu Guide**

He is a professional guide who teaches us about the history and culture of Yushima. You would be able to have a more satisfying time if you go around with him.

【Book now】  
☎0964-56-4075 (Hinode-so)

◆ Charge - 1,000 JPY for a group (up to 5 people with no extra charge) / add 100 JPY per person for more than 6 people  
※ It might be canceled due to rain.

Yu-Yu Guide Mr. Watanabe



**Nekorobi Cafe**

If you get tired of walking, drop in here and make yourself comfortable by reading a book, chatting, or just relaxing. You can purchase some souvenirs here.