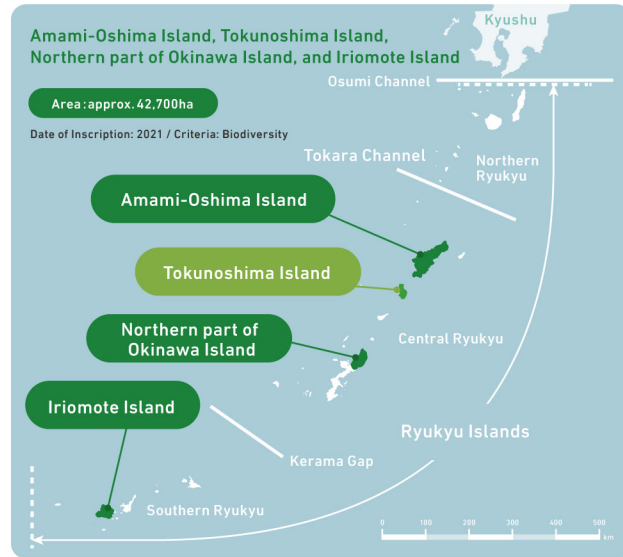


World Natural Heritage Site

Amami-Oshima Island, Tokunoshima Island, Northern part of Okinawa Island, and Iriomote Island

These 4 regions have been home to many endangered and endemic species. The area's biodiversity is prominent even in Japan, one of the world's biodiversity hotspots, resulting in its registration as a World Natural Heritage Site on July 26 2021.



Island of mountains and plateaus

Tokunoshima Island is the second largest island among the Amami Islands. Subtropical rainforests covering mountains, such as Mt. Inokawadake(645m), Mt. Amagidake(533m), and Mt. Inutabudake(417m), are inhabited by rare and endemic animals and plants, including the Amami rabbits, which are also found in Amami-Oshima, the Banded ground gecko, the Tokunoshima spiny rat, and the *Arisaema kawashimae*.

Plateaus, whose base rock is Ryukyu limestone, harbor forests consisting of plants favoring such environments, and this is one of the important factors characterizing the nature of this island.



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Admission free of charge

Hours 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.)

Closed Tuesday except holiday Tuesdays and New Year's holidays (Dec. 29 to Jan. 3)



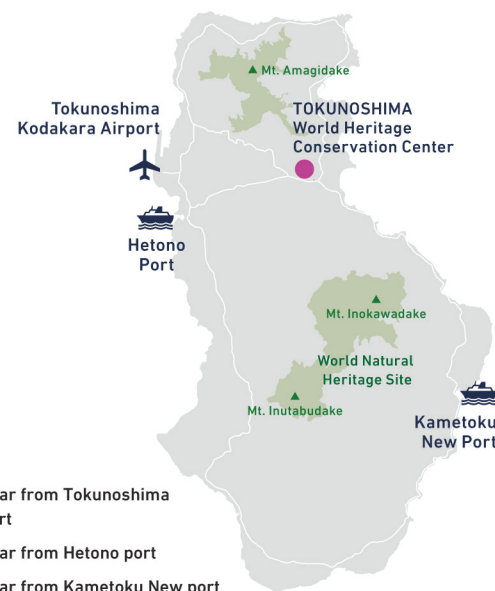
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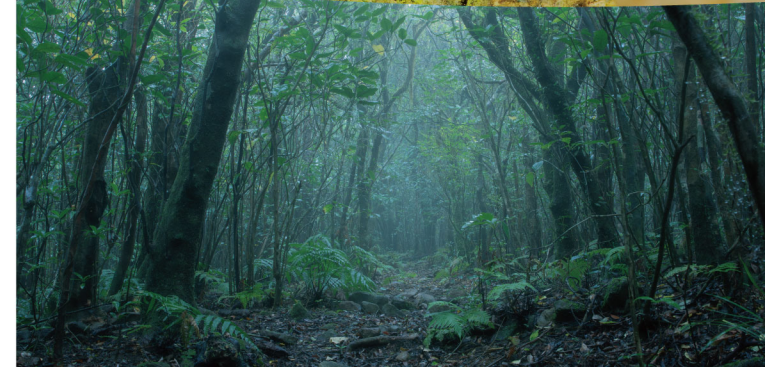
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Welcome to Tokunoshima Island, a World Heritage Site where nature and people live side by side.

The World Heritage forest stretches outside the window. Nature and wildlife found nowhere else in the world, and people's everyday life developing closely nearby. A priceless encounter awaits you here.

Spark of life area

Spark of life; Miniature landscape garden

In the nature of Tokunoshima Island, the signs of living creatures can be felt strongly both day and night. Here, the nature of Tokunoshima Island is concentrated into a miniature garden, where you can find approximately 150 species of wildlife.



Let's travel around Tokunoshima Island

Diverse terrain and geology are characteristic of this island. Over a long time, many animals and plants have called here their home. Why don't you immerse yourself in our 360° videos and aerial footage to get a glimpse into our various ecosystems?



Look closely at living things

Forests are teeming with wildlife. Some of them are very elusive. Let's find animals and plants in the forests, and observe them on the big screen.



Nature living room

A wide range of displays

This is the center's living room, where you can relax while admiring the world heritage mountain view. A wide range of displays are sprinkled about to engage your interests in nature.



Field map of Tokunoshima living room museum



Donguri Kids play area

Kids can play and enjoy the warmth of wood through a Donguri play pool filled with wooden acorns shaped like *Quercus miyagii* acorns and building blocks.



World Heritage mountains beyond the window

