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To know them is to love them: find out what’s so great about the Miyako Islands!

The Miyako Islands are 8 inhabited islands of various sizes located about 300 km southwest of Okinawa Main Island. Miyako Islands offer exquisite sightseeing spots like Maehama Beach, which is chosen as the most popular beach in Japan by “Trip Adviser’s Choice”; Higashi-Hennazaki which is counted among Japan’s one hundred most beautiful views, the bridges to Ikema and Kurima Islands and more; Irabu Island offers unique culture and hideaway swimming spots; Ikema Island is rich in natural beauty such as the rare Yabiji coral reefs and the Ikema Wetland; the mystical Oogami Island has long been said to be the home of the gods and the secret hiding place for the privateer Kidd’s treasure; Kurima Island offers untouched nature and plentiful agriculture and fruit; Tarama Island has traditional buildings which have gained it the title of the most beautiful village in Japan; and little Minna Island, where just one family lives, is surrounded by coral reefs. Enjoy your slow-paced travel around Miyako Islands and feel warmth welcome as if you were part of the island people.

Miyako Islands Enlarged Map

Miyako Island
Ikema Island
Oogami Island
Kurima Island
Minna Island
Shimoji Island
Irabu Island
Miyako Island

Miyako City Mascot
Miya
This character represents the spirit of Miyako Island. The hat symbolizes beauty of the ocean and waves. The design of the hat comes M for Miyako City. The two leaves on the hat express the island’s eco-friendly bases. Miya holds famous Miyako Island mango in one hand. The body represents the Miyako City.

Okinawa Miyako Islands Pavilion

Miyako Island
Ikema Island
Oogami Island
Kurima Island

The center of the Miyako Islands. Start your island travels here!

Ikema Island

The entire island is a national wildlife protection area including the central Ikema Wetland, which are paradise for wild birds.

Oogami Island

Legends say that the privateer Kidd’s treasure is hidden on this mystical island.

Shimoji Island

Lots of ocean sightseeing, such as the Sawadano hama and Toguchi no hama beaches.

Minna Island

Old buildings and streets are still to be found on this island, with its plentiful traditional arts.

Tarama Island

Surrounded by a coral reef, it lies north of Tarama Island.
Take the whole family on an exciting trip around the islands, or revel in ocean fun with dear friends. Make the most of a relaxing journey to the sunbathed Miyako Islands!
Take a leap into summer in the islands

While the most part of Japan still is chilly, it’s summer already in the Miyako Islands. Refresh yourself in the glorious sunshine and abundant nature here. Forget your daily grind and enjoy your relaxing trip!

**Recommended Course**

Active trip around the Miyako Islands, experiencing year 'round of nature

2 nights 3 days/Miyako Island, Irabu Island, Shimoji Island

**Day 1**

1. **Miyako Airport**
   Welcome to the airport, with its red tile roof evoking the spirit of Kagisuma (“beautiful island” in dialect).

   - **Ikema Great Bridge**
     The bridge between Miyako and Ikema Islands, it will give you a sense of driving on the surface of the sea.

   - **Ikema Island**
     Heart Rock, on Ikizu Beach where the soap opera “Jun and Ai” was filmed.

   - **Ikema Island**
     Underwater Park

   - **Ikema Island**
     Yukishio Saltworks

   - **Ikema Island**
     Miyako Island

   - **Ikema Island**
     Shimoji Island

   - **Ikema Island**
     Tarama Island

   - **Ikema Island**
     Kurima Island

   - **Ikema Island**
     Underground Dam Museum

2. **Miyako Island**
   
   - **Makjyama Observatory**
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   - **Shimoji Island**
     Makiyama Observatory

   - **Shimoji Island**
     Underground Dam Museum

3. **Irabu Island**
   The local cooking experience using island ingredients is fun for the whole family!

   - **Irabu Island**
     Underwater Park

   - **Irabu Island**
     Shirakawa Great Bridge

   - **Irabu Island**
     Public Market

   - **Irabu Island**
     Miyako Island

   - **Irabu Island**
     Underground Dam Museum

4. **Day 3**

   - **Shimoji Island**
     Local cooking experience

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   - **Shimoji Island**
     Miyako Island Tropical Botanical Garden

   - **Shimoji Island**
     Underground Dam Museum

   - **Shimoji Island**
     Public Market

   - **Shimoji Island**
     Miyako Island

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   - **Shimoji Island**
     Miyako Island

   - **Shimoji Island**
     Underground Dam Museum

**Other sights**

Nagaki (rock weirs)

A traditional method of on-shore fishing, in which a rock wall is built on the beach to trap fish washed up by high tide. Designated and protected as a tangible folklore cultural asset of the former Irabu Town.
Let the gently warm sunlight lead you on a thrilling trip around the islands of the south

Swimming begins in late March in the Miyako Islands. Luxuriate in the season, enjoying ocean fun in the midst of fresh greenery. The warmth of the sun, different again from full summer on the island, gives you a sense of summer come early.

Easter lilies

Easter lilies are at their best from April through May, one of the flowers of early summer. Miyaki-hennazaki, one of Japan’s “hundred most beautiful sights,” displays a field of lilies blooming brilliantly white.

Yabiji Coral Reefs

This large coral reef community is stretching between 5 and 22 kilometers northward from Ikema Island. Appearing on the sea surface at high tide, it is called “the vanishing continent.”

Shisa

The lion and panthers of Okinawan households, the “shisa” are also very popular as souvenirs. Make your own, tough-looking or cute as you please. Wouldn’t you like your very own shisa to guard your house or decorate its rooms?

Pinda Aasu Goat Fight Tournament

Tarama Island hosts this tournament, of not bullfighting but goatfighting. The spectacle of two big goats, nearly 100 kg apiece, locking horns is stunning. “Pinda” in Tarama dialect means “goat” and “aasu” means “fighting.” The championships are divided into the 40 to 70 kg and 70 kg and up divisions.

Sunflower fields

Sunflower fields

The sunflowers open to announce the coming of summer. Miyako General Vocational High School’s Farm #2 includes a giant sunflower maze within its sunflower fields.

Underground Dam Museum

Images and narration provide information on the structure and construction technology of the world’s first underground dam, the mechanism of underground water, and Miyako Island’s water.

Mega-Solar Demonstration Research Facility and Wind Power

Aiming to provide ecological power supply with natural energy.

Find “Miyako Island Mamoru-kun” here

“Mamoru-kun” are the police statues who protect Miyako Island! Each of the 18 statues have a different face; look for them all!
All Japan Triathlon Miyakojima

The All Japan Triathlon Miyakojima is Miyako Island’s biggest event. The second oldest among Japanese triathlons, it is the first to have been broadcast live by NHK. Powerful runners, swimmers, and bicyclists assemble.

Miyakojima Underwater Park

The Miyako Island Miyakojima Underwater Park opened in April 2011, with 24 acrylic panels making the beautiful depths of the sea visible. Come to this popular spot to observe fish and coral at leisure.

Soothe yourself with a trip through the beautiful islands, experiencing the graceful scenery of people and nature

Miyakojima City has declared its intention to protect the nature, lifestyles, and culture of the island in its “Declaration of Eco Island.” Also selected for Prime Ministerial approval as an “eco-model city,” it offers a variety of ecological tours.

Kingdom of flowers, Miyako

The Miyako City Tropical Botanical Garden features the blooming plants of the subtropics. In early summer, any number of plants are at their colorful peak. Enjoy the elegance within the gardens as well.

Ride a horse around Miyako Island

Try riding the indigenous Miyako horses. With a height of just 120 cm, they are a good bet for children as well.

Try kayaking

For an activity without a swimsuit needed, try kayaking. Paddle through the glories of nature!

Experience traditional Miyako weaving

Experience traditional Miyako weaving. You can even take the cloth you’ve woven home with you.

With take-out island ingredients in the warm southern sunlight...

In the freedom of nature, try out ingredients you never eat as a rule—this is part of the delight of traveling. And your friends at home will be thrilled to hear about it afterwards!

Tarama beef soup

The soup makes ample use of meat from Tarama cattle raised free-range on the nature-rich island, developing freely without stress. Don’t miss the tender, delicate meat.

Island banana smoothies

Smoothies made from fresh island bananas grown without chemicals. The unadorned taste is the true sweetness of fruit.

Brown sugar sata andagi buns

Sata andagi is a traditional Okinawan pastry. The popular sata andagi made with Tarama Island brown sugar are richly flavorful, fluffy and fragrant! The crisp outside of a fresh sata andagi will blow you away.

Taragawa Sake Brewery

Founded in 1948, its motto is “You don’t make Awamori, you bring it up.” They bring up the best Awamori on these principles. Taragawa Sake Brewery’s “Ryukyu Ocho” has maintained steady sales as a popular Miyako Island brand.
**Recommended Course**

The irresistible Miyako blue: experience ocean fun

2 nights 3 days/Oogami Island, Irabu Island, Shimoji Island, Miyako Island

**Approx. 45 min.**

Irabu Great Bridge

→ Maipari Miyakojima Island

Tropical Fruit Park

→ Other sights

**Okagani crab spawning**

Okagani crabs usually live on land, but on nights when the moon is full from June through October, they go down to the sea to spawn, returning to the land when they have finished. You might be lucky enough to witness this mystical natural phenomenon.

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The blue sea and the wide sky go on forever.

Fling yourself into summer!

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The islands and their blue sky will appeal to all five senses!

The surrounding seas have blessed the Miyako Islands with marvelous beaches. Choose your favorite and relax at leisure, or bustle around the sightseeing spots as you prefer. Make the most of your Miyako Islands summer.

Irabu Island
Irabu Island’s geography makes it ideal for all kinds of ocean fun.

Aragusuku Coastline
A snorkeling spot as popular as the Yoshino Coast. Ideal for first-timers.

Heart Rock (Ikema Island)
Heart Rock on Ikema Beach where the soap opera “Jun and Ai” was filmed.

Irabu Island Toguchi-no-hama Beach
About a 10- minute drive from Miyako Island, this beach is a representative of the 6000-person Irabu Island. The arc of white sand spreads over a kilometer or so.

Kurima Island
Located southwest of Miyako Island and connected to it by Kurima Bridge. To the northwest, Nagamahama Beach is famous for its sunset views. The fine-grained white sand and clear waters spread before you.

Makiyama Observatory
Spectacular views “Irabu Great Bridge”

Relaxation
Relaxing on easy-going island time is pure bliss.
The whole island is a sight to see, nature’s grandeur refreshing mind and body

Everywhere you go, everything you see, in the Miyako Islands is a sight worth remembering. Perhaps there’s some strange power in nature that makes visitors want to come back again and then again… See the sights, eat your fill of island gourmet, or wander as you please. The island gives you the choice, which is its greatest luxury.

Cape Higashihennazaki

This stunning cape is one of Japan’s hundred most beautiful views. A major sightseeing spot, it is also designated as one of Japan’s historic sites, places of scenic beauty and natural monuments. Look out to the horizon from the lighthouse, or in spring admire the field of blooming Easter lilies.

Ikema Island

Located north of Miyako Island, Ikema Island can be reached by the Ikema Great Bridge. It is the nearest island to the “vanishing continent” Yabiji coral reefs. At its heart are the Ikema Wetlands, the largest wetland in Okinawa.

Tarama Island

Located between Miyako and Ishigaki Islands, it can be reached by plane or ferry. The August Dance Festival, designated as a national significant intangible folk cultural asset, is just a part of the traditional culture that permeates the island.

Tooriike Pond

It is located to the west of Irabu Island, and a bridge connects the two. The nationally designated place of scenic beauty and natural monument “Tooriike Pond” is its most famous sightseeing area, appearing as two ponds from above but in fact connected underground and even linked to the sea.

Apple mangos

With no mountains, Miyako Island is open to the sunlight all day long! Apple mangos have an unusually high sugar content. A bite will fill your mouth with sweetness, and two bites will make you happy all day.

Fresh-baked waffles

Waffles served with island bananas and mangos. Enjoy the island breeze as you savor the flavor.

Spiny lobster

The fishing season for spiny lobster begins in July, making this their peak season. Try rich, meaty lobster caught by divers the night before as sashimi, miso soup ingredient, or an oven roast. Go to town on lobster!

Summer in the south is a treasure house of island gourmet

You haven’t tasted the islands until you’ve eaten your fill of cooking and sweets made with unique island ingredients. Some of the sweets are available only in this season. Because the spiny lobster (ise-ebi) fishing season begins in July, earlier than elsewhere in Japan, you can get your start on it here.
Surrounded with the grand nature of this little island, your summer isn’t over yet!

The southern islands have an autumn charm all their own. Linger over ocean fun and relaxation with good friends, and make the most of traditional arts or unusual island flavors on your journey.

Recommended Course: Spin out a journey of easy-going relaxation
2 nights 3 days/Miyako Island

Day 1
1 Miyako Airport
2 Miyako Island
3 Takenakayama Observatory Park
4 Buggy
5 Beauty treatment
6 Miyako Island
7 Jet ski
8 Snorkeling

Day 2
1 Miyako Island
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Paantu Festival
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- Beauty treatment: Refresh soul and body at one of Miyako’s renowned beauty treatment clinics, notably Tottori’s salt and shellflower.

- Pumpkin Hole: Find mystical power at this limestone cave, reachable only from the sea at certain times only!

- Snorkeling: Recommended even for beginners, who can encounter colorful fish and coral in Miyako Island’s shallow waters.

- Hot springs: Comfort your tired body in a natural hot spring while you admire the night sky.

- Make your own ramie strap: Try unusual island foods

- Miyako Airport: Welcome to the airport, with its red tile roof evoking the spirit of Kagisuma (“beautiful island” in dialect).
August Dance Festival

The August Dance Festival, a nationally designated significant intangible folk cultural asset, is held on Tarama Island during August by the old calendar. It bustles with visitors, enjoying the colorful costumes and daring dancing.

Tarama Island

Takenakayama Observatory Park

Lose yourself in the view of the island from Takenakayama Observatory.

Yonaha Maehama Beach

Have Yonaha Maehama Beach, said to be the most beautiful in Asia, all to yourself.

Miyako Jofu cloth

Once used as tax goods, Miyako Jofu cloth is highly valued as traditional art. You can weave your own while on the island.

Quicha Festival

Held to celebrate the centennial of the elimination of the Head Tax, the Quicha Festival showcases Quicha, Miyako Island’s traditional dance. Traditional and innovative Quicha dances are performed by region and by group at the festival, for large audiences.

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Folksong “Nariyama Ayagu”

“Nariyama Ayagu” is one of Miyako Island’s most famous folk songs, passed down for three hundred years. Singing vocals resonate through the special event area set up on the coast. At night, the whole area glows fantastic with lanterns.

Tarama Ungusu-utaki

Ungusu-utaki is just one of the many places around Tarama said to be mystical power spots.

Myakuzutsu

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Kaizoku Festival

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Pumpkin Hole

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Journey through the human warmth of the Miyako Islands!

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Marine leisure (Clear Kayak)

Paddle out into the ocean in a clear kayak to get your fill of the cute little fish and beautiful coral reefs underwater. This could only happen in the clear waters of Ikema Island.

Eco Island Miyakojima Marathon

The Eco Island Miyakojima Marathon began in 2010, with eager support from participants who created the course along the shore. Run Miyako Island while enjoying the emerald green waters of the sea.

Glass bead making

Try making your own original glass beads as a souvenir of your journey.

Unique southern hot springs

What could be better than a hot spring with the blue sky above and tropical plants around you? Find a whole new way of enjoying hot springs in the southern islands.

Rough Water Swim in Miyako Island

The Rough Water Swim in Miyako Island is held at Yonaha Maehama Beach, where the All Japan Triathlon Miyakojima kicks off. As well as individual and group events, there is the RWS Aquathlon with beach running, swimming, and running, popular with ironman competitors proud of their strength.

Eco-Island Miyako Island, making the future beautiful with homemade energy

Miyako Island, surrounded with glorious nature in the form of emerald green seas and colorful plants, is involved in environmentally friendly energy development like wind power and solar power, preserving the beautiful island and its beautiful sea.

Mangroves

The bay between Irabu and Shimoji Islands is overgrown with beautiful mangroves. Wild and migratory birds make their homes here.

The ideal season for unusual island foods and hard-to-find ingredients!

Autumn is when your appetite picks up, so make the most of seasonal island vegetables and sea grapes. The rich flavor of coconut crabs will grab you, perfect with famous island sake.

Milk sake

Milk sake is popular in the Ikema area, made of awamori and condensed milk. Women will love how easily it goes down! Milk sake is an inherent part of the Ikema Island Myakuzutsu Festival.

The legendary Keitt mango

The sweetest, biggest, rarest fruit, tempting mango lovers. Bigger than apple mangos, a single fruit will feed four.

Lunch featuring island vegetables

Have a peaceful lunch at a café offering the riches of nature.

The autumn meal at the lakeside restaurant.

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On a journey for adults, staggering views are something special that only the winter of the south will give you.

The warm southern winters are ideal for relaxation or activity, making your journey a thrill whether it’s traveling through island history or exploring the nature of small islands. Let the island breeze take you where it will.

Recommended Course

Traveling for adults in the southern winter: Learning the Miyako Islands from history

2 nights 3 days/Miyako Island, Tarama Island

Day 1

Miyako Airport

Welcome to the airport, with its red tile roof evoking the spirit of Kagisuma (“beautiful island” in dialect).

Golf

Winter, still warm on Miyako Island, is the best season for golf. Enjoy a lavish game amid stunning views.

Poll Tax Stone

There is an old story that the person who reached the height of this stone was subject to taxation.

Hot water wells up from the island underground. The circulating water will soothe you as it washes away the sweat.

Utaki are sites of ritual island belief; here the creator gods of Miyako Island, Koitsuno and Koitama, are worshipped.

Harimizu Utaki

Approx. 14 min.

Every December, the Ueno German Culture Village is illuminated, the largest such event on the island.

Ethnographic Learning Center

Displays include valuable old documents and traditional crafts, teaching visitors about culture and folkloric arts.

Try making aroma water

You’ve heard of aroma water, now try your hand at it! Among other things, it’s said to be great for the skin, good for the soul, and great at keeping off bugs.

Day 2

Tarama Island

Tarama Island, roughly halfway between Miyako and Ishigaki Islands, is officially “the most beautiful village in Japan.”

Day 3

Miyako Airport

Other sights

Cherry blossoms come to Miyako Island in February, just a little after Okinawa Main Island! Relish the deep pink blossoms all over the island.

Viewing spots: Kamama-mine Park, Miyako Island Tropical Gardens

Miyako Island cherry blossoms

Minna Island

Minna Island

Irabu Island

Irabu Island

Shimoji Island

Shimoji Island

Oogami Island

Oogami Island

Ikema Island

Ikema Island

Tarama Island

Tarama Island

Kurima Island

Kurima Island

Miyako Island

Miyako Island

Irabu Great Bridge

Irabu Great Bridge

Poll Tax Stone

Harimizu Utaki

Kamama-mine Park

Miyako Island Tropical Gardens

Miyako Airport

Miyako Airport

Tarama Island Beach sunset

West Coast Beach sunset

Morning market

Take a good walk

Try making aroma water

With the fresh agricultural products and special produce, this area’s ideal for buying souvenirs as well.

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The good old islands, wrapped in eternal history

Miyako Island is rich in relics of history and tradition. Enjoy a leisurely walk through the Hirara Port neighborhood, the traditional entrance to the island, where relics and cultural treasures speak of the island’s history. Touch the sad history of the island and the histories of its people for yourself.

1. **Poll Tax Stone**
   - There is an old story that the person who reached the height of this stone was subject to taxation, but in fact all people between fifteen to fifty years old were subject to taxation.

2. **Upunui Utaki**
   - 

3. **Yamatoga**
   - This well is said to have been dug around 1720. Its name, meaning the Yamato or mainland Japanese well, apparently comes from the Satsuma domain officials who used it, forbidding its use to the common people. The well is made with sophisticated stone construction techniques.

4. **N’nushu-utaki**
   - This utaki is dedicated to the two brothers who introduced potatoes from China. Choshin-uji Shioku is worshipped here as the god of potatoes. Shioku was blown off course by a storm on his way home from the Ryukyu Kingdom, ending up in China, from where he eventually brought potato plants home.

5. **Funatatedo**
   - Utaki is the word for a sacred place honoring a god. Upunui means “big forest.” Made by a lay doctor as a village utaki, it has a shrine to the chief of the gods, Matsukama.

6. **Sho’unji Temple Stone Wall**
   - A stone wall built at the word of the Satsuma domain officials. The stone wall is thought to have been used for the construction project in the early 17th century.

7. **Sumyaa Ruins**
   - The remains of a village which existed from the late 12th through the early 17th century. The remains of early-15th century pottery and many imported potsherds have been found.

8. **Nakasone Tuyumya Grave**
   - The grave of Nakasone Tuyumya, mayor of Miyako from the 15th through the early 16th centuries. This stone step structure is unusual even in Okinawa, designated as a national tangible cultural property.

9. **Harimizu stone-paved road**
   - This street was paved with good-quality stone during the major construction of the early 17th century. It once ran from Harimizu Utaki to Sho’unji Temple, but war and road expansion projects have reduced it to a third of its former length.

10. **German Monument To Commemorate Goodwill In Miyako**
    - In 1873 the German merchant ship Robertson was shipwrecked near Miyako after being caught in a typhoon. The islanders rescued the sailors, helping them return to Germany. The German Emperor sent this stone in gratitude for the islanders’ charity.

11. **Chirimara Tuyumya Grave**
    - The grave of Chirimara Tuyumya, third son of Nakasone Tuyumya. It is also known as “the grave of Niyama Tuyumya.” Stone construction sophisticated for its time is used.
The island’s grandeur of nature satisfies heart and body alike.

Enjoy a grownup journey with the chance to encounter abundant nature and warm-hearted people. There’s nothing quite like golf or ocean fun set against the spectacular scenery. Relish the adult chance to travel in this season for the diverse charms of the Kagisuma (beautiful islands).

Try warm island stew (oden) or the island vegetables of the season.

Island vegetables are plentiful in the Miyako Islands winter. Enjoy them as tempura or simmered in a stew. Island stew (oden) with slow-cooked trotters is another seasonal delicacy.
# Miyako Calendar

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### Seasonal dress

- **Winter**: Long sleeves or long pants are a must. Nighttime can be cold.
- **Spring**: Long sleeves are recommended. Lightly dressed is possible for beach and outdoors.
- **Summer**: Thin long sleeves or short sleeves are most comfortable.
- **Fall**: Jackets or light sweaters are needed in the morning and evening.
- **Winter**: Light jackets, sweaters, or cardigans are recommended. Night temperatures can be very cold.

### Seasonal flowers/foods

- **Winter**: Winter melon, Mozuku seaweed, Pineapple
- **Spring**: Golden trumpet, Starfruit, Poinsettia, Camellia
- **Summer**: Hibiscus, Bougainvillea, Sanitsu Beach Carnival
- **Fall**: Orchid, Tropical Rd, Crape myrtle
- **Winter**: Mangosteen, Sanichi Beach Carnival

### Average monthly temperature

- **March**: Max. 20.9ºC / Min. 16.3ºC / Average 18.3ºC
- **April**: Max. 25.0ºC / Min. 20.8ºC / Average 22.7ºC
- **May**: Max. 27.8ºC / Min. 23.6ºC / Average 25.4ºC
- **June**: Max. 29.9ºC / Min. 25.2ºC / Average 27.2ºC
- **July**: Max. 31.6ºC / Min. 26.6ºC / Average 28.7ºC
- **August**: Max. 31.2ºC / Min. 26.3ºC / Average 28.5ºC

### Average humidity

- **March**: 70%
- **April**: 72%
- **May**: 75%
- **June**: 80%
- **July**: 82%
- **August**: 84%

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*Note: The monthly average temperature and humidity correspond to means of monthly records for 30 years between 1981 and 2010.*

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*Some festivals and events may be changed. See the back cover for inquiries for each island.*

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*As well, traditional events are held according to the old calendar. Please confirm in advance.*
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Naha Tel. 098-861-8800

By bus/taxi

**Bus**

- Miyako/Miyako Kyoei Bus TEL: 0980-72-2414
- Miyako/Yachiyo Bus TEL: 0980-72-0677

**Taxi**

- Miyako/Miyako Taxi Association TEL: 0980-72-4123
- Miyako/Maruchiku TEL: 0980-72-2055
- Miyako/Maruchi Taxi TEL: 0980-72-2244
- Miyako/Maruta Taxi TEL: 0980-72-2230
- Miyako/Kyowa Taxi TEL: 0980-72-9150
- Miyako/Kyoei Taxi TEL: 0980-72-0798
- Miyako/Minato Taxi TEL: 0980-72-2200
- Miyako/Taihei Taxi TEL: 0980-72-2717

**Rental Car**

ORIX Rent-a-Car TEL: 098-885-5151

By ferry

**Miyako – Oogami**

Oogami Kaiun TEL: 0980-72-5477

**Miyako – Tarama**

Tarama Kaiun TEL: 0980-72-9209

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