

Travel in Yakushima

Rent a car

It takes anywhere from 3 to 4 hours to drive around the island, without detours. Most tourists choose to rent a car for convenience and there are many rental car companies on the island. Most are situated near the airport and ports. Local companies are cheaper than the national ones (from about ¥4500 for 24 hours including insurance). You must hold an international drivers license and it is advised to book before you arrive in Yakushima. If you book in advance a rental car staff will meet you at the port with a name board when you arrive. We are happy to book your car.

Public bus

Public buses cover about 70% of the main roads in Yakushima and there is about 1 bus per hour. And bus fares are paid when you leave the bus, not when you get on. Take the ticket when you board and keep an eye on the display at the front of the bus. This corresponds to the number on your ticket, and tells you how much you need to pay when you disembark. Fares must be paid in exact money, to which end there is a charge machine at the front of the bus. And exchange machine next of the charge machine you can exchange 1000 yen, 500 yen and 100 yen, not 10000 yen, 2000 yen and 5000 yen.

An unlimited bus ticket is a convenient method (¥2000 for 1 day, and ¥3000 for 2 and 3 days and ¥4000 for 4 days) which can be bought from the information center or ticket desk at any port and JR hotel. Check the latest bus time table.

Taxi

About 60 Taxis are available in Yakushima.

	Miyanoura	Airport	Anbo	Onoaida
Miyanoura	-	2570	4640	8330
Airport	2570	-	2390	5540
Anbo	4640	2390	-	3830
Onoaida	8330	5540	3830	-
Shiratani-valley	2750	4730	6890	11080
Yakusugi-Land	8420	5450	3560	7790
Arakawa-trail	8510	5900	4010	7250
Yodogawa-trail	10580	7250	5180	8510

English Hiking Guides

A few guides that speak English are available. They can help with your hiking and trekking in the mountains. They know a variety of information about Yakushima including geology, geography, history ecology as well as lots of interesting local information.

We can help with your booking if you require it.

Yakushima Experience: This is a small local guiding company run by a New Zealand and Japanese husband/wife team. They operate small custom tours which can be tailored to suit your time on the island. Whether you want an easy full island tour by van to see the more accessible famous spots, you want to see our famous `Jomonsugi` tree, or you want to spend a couple of nights deep in the Yakushima mountains, they can help. Also, if you are looking for something unusual Cameron can design a one-off custom tour to suit your needs.

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