

YANBARU Diversity of Nature

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Okinawa, Japan



Paradise of Adventures

We will carry out various nature experience **eco-tour** programs where you can fully enjoy the nature of Okinawa in the Yanbaru area, and discover the diversity full of power.



Fascinate - Hiking



- Explorer River Trekking
- Mangrove Kayaking
- Challenge Cycling





World Natural Heritage Site

Yambaru National Park was registered as a World Natural Heritage Site on July 26, 2021.One of the largest subtropical laurel forests in Japan spreads, and a wide variety of endemic and rare flora and fauna inhabit and grow against the background of the geological history of the islands formed reflecting the formation process of the Ryukyu archipelago. It has various natural environments such as topography and mangrove forests.

Where is it ?

The Yanbaru region makes up the northern part of the Okinawa Main Island.

Most tourist attractions in the Yanbaru region are nature-related and include walking trails through the forest, observation points and small museums devoted to the local fauna and flora.

Duration approximately from Naha Airport : 60-90min by car







Endemic Species of Okinawa

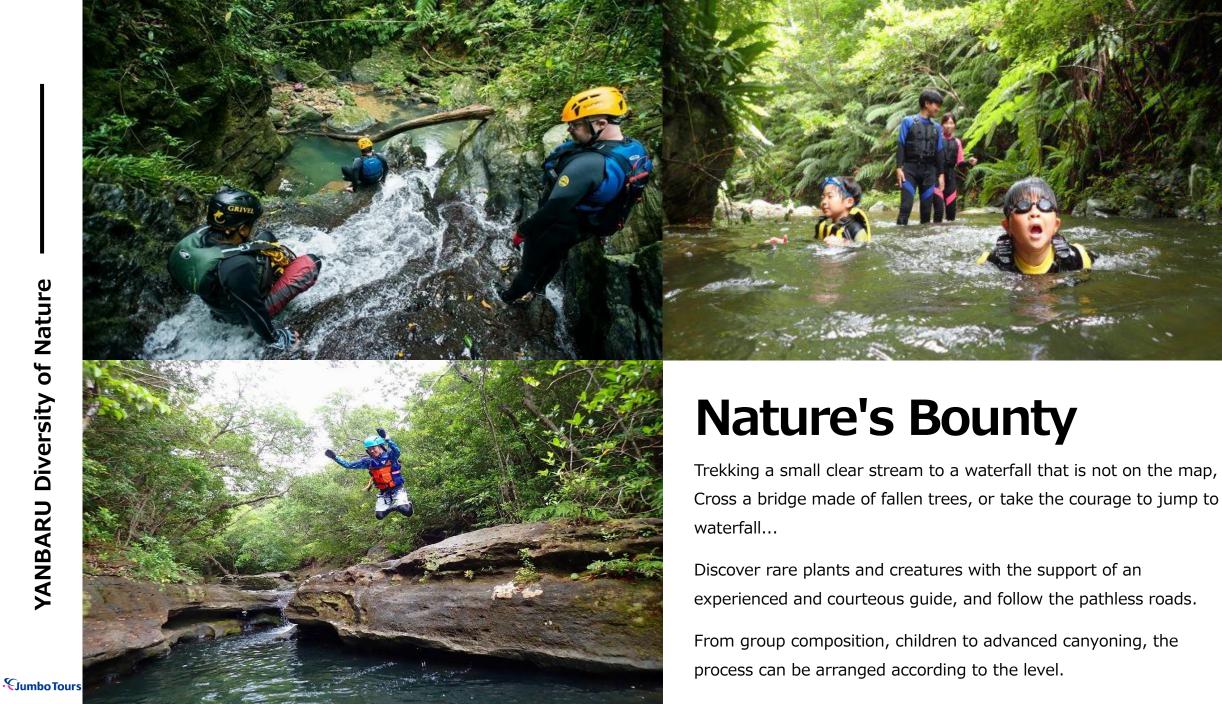


Adventure Yanbaru Hiking

Each village in the Yanbaru area strives to preserve both local culture and the surrounding nature from which much of it has been derived. The Higashi Village Tourism Promotion Council, an organization of local tour guides, is pioneering eco-tourism activities in the area. Their efforts, however, were born of necessity as Higashi Village hosts an extensive mangrove ecosystem, and the dramatic rise in tourist numbers in recent years was putting it at threat of over-tourism. They gained permission to take visitors to previously inaccessible spots of great natural beauty.

Popular amongst these new destinations is a river trekking course where guides take small groups up one of the many streams that feed into the dam. The dam is fenced and locked, but the guides' have access to the keys, and the dam entrance serves as an easy tour departure point. While physically challenging in some parts, tours can be tailored to participant's levels. The guides make sure that everyone is aware of the nature of the activities, such as walking in cold water streams and over slippery rocks. The guides are all very experienced, and there is pre-departure instruction, and appropriate clothing, such as wetsuits and special river shoes are available for rent before departure.









Northern Limit of Mangrove Habitat

"Higashimura Fureai Hirugi Park" near Gesashi Bay, which is also designated as Yambaru National Park, is a park full of greenery where you can feel the natural mangrove peculiar to the tropics.

The stretched respiratory roots and prop roots provide an important space where many fry can live with peace of mind, and a food chain centered on mangroves is established. When the tide goes down, many crustaceans such as crabs appear.



Captivating Tropical Bike Ride

Okinawa is a beautiful island that should not be missed by bike and offers a variety of sights and places to ride. There is something so distinctly Japan about this place that is not lost despite the truly island feel of Okinawa.

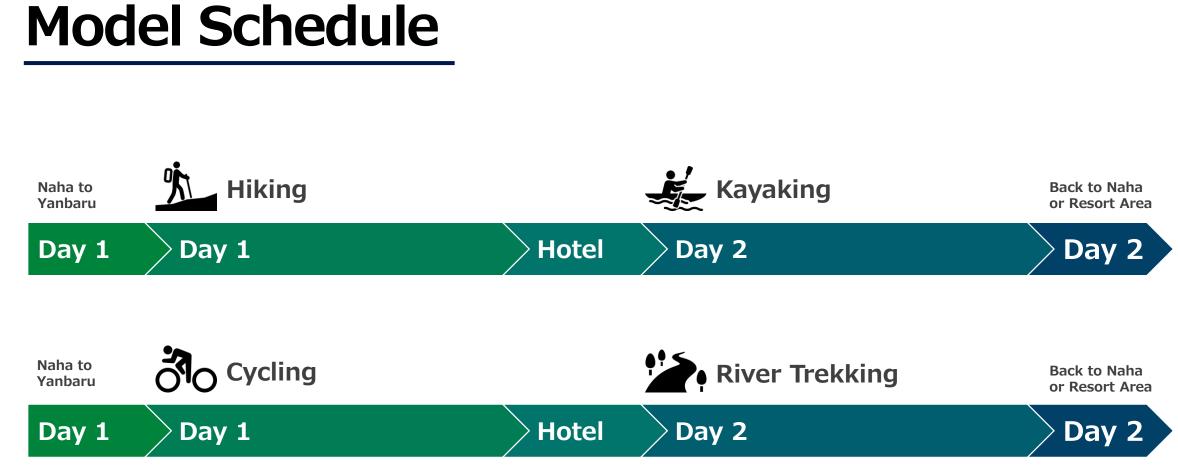


GIANT ESCAPE RX-E+ DRIVETRAIN : SHIMANO TIAGRA TIRE : MAXXIS RE-FUSE 700x32C SPEED : 10 Speed ASSIST : Max 225km



Cycling guide certified by JCA





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