

The islands of Kagoshima : culture, society, industry and nature

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Right Photos: Various Island Views in Kagoshima Prefecture.

A-D: Various landscapes in the islands. **A:** Yakushima Is., Second largest island in Kagoshima Prefecture. **B:** Kuchinoerabujima Is., active volcanic island in Osumi Islands. **C:** Takeshima Is., a small and flat island with less than 100 inhabitants. **D:** Tokunoshima Is., an island surrounded by coral reefs and part of the Amami Islands.

E-G: Characteristic island-views at the mountain and coastal areas. **E:** One of the beautiful waterfalls “*Senpiro-no-taki*” and laurel forests in Yakushima Is. **F:** Mangrove forest in the estuary of Sumiyo river, Amami-Oshima Is. **G:** Beautiful coral lagoon in Yurigahama Beach, Yoronjima Is.

H-N: Daily island life and local communities. **H:** Sugarcane field in Kikaijima Is. **I:** A yellowtail aquaculture farm in Nagashima Is. facing Yatsushiro Bay. **J:** Auction of the fresh fish at the fishermen’s harbour, Yoronjima Is. **K:** A rice cake scattering ceremony for local people to celebrate a newly bought fishing boat in Takeshima Is. Almost all inhabitants in the islands, around 70 people, attended. **L:** Arrival of the municipal ferry boat “*Ferry Toshima*” in Nakanoshima Is., Toshima Village, the only public transportation to the island. **M:** Local people who say goodbye to their friends on board in Kuchinoshima Is., Toshima Village. The arrival and departure of the ferry boat is one of the most important event in daily life. **N:** Kikaijima Airport. A domestic airline company operates inter-island passenger services in the islands except for some small islands including Toshima and Mishima villages.

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