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KUME ISLAND TOWN GUIDE 2018





Sightseeing around the “water of the ocean”

Many have not been able to resist the sea of KUME Island. Crystal clear water calls out to you and a silky white sand beach softly beckons you. Visitors exclaim, “KUME Island is beyond description.” Yet, suddenly they cannot resist saying, “It is so beautiful.”



You cannot talk about KUME Island, if you do not come here!?
A small paradise covered with a white sand beach.

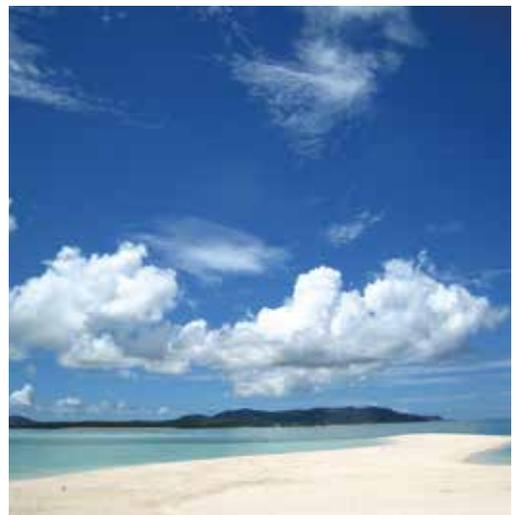
Hatenuhama Beach

Like a scene from a movie, this is a “natural studio” of emerald green. The restless waves scatter the light from the water’s surface and dance up the white sand beach. Once in a lifetime meeting! It is a marvelous view.



Left / The most beautiful uninhabited island in the East. A white sand beach extending 7 kilometers.

Right / A magnificent and endless sea dressed in various blues fills your heart.



Speaking of KUME Island, this beach is the best!



● website for reservation ▶

JAPA WALK

<http://www.japawalk.com>



Go around the white sand beach with a native horse

Kumejima Horse Farm

Various walking tours are provided, such as a walk around EEF Beach, which has been selected as "Japan's 100 Most Beautiful Beaches", a walk with horses in the sea, to a walk toward superb view.

Address / 457 Uezu, Kumejima

Tel / 080-6491-1950

Business hours / 10:00 ~ 17:00

Closed / no scheduled holiday

kumejima-uma@kyi.biglobe.ne.jp



※ You should wear clothes easy to move and clothes you can get dirty



Highly transparent sea water and a white sand beach are outstanding even in OKINAWA

Come and see this beautiful world-class beach!

EEF Beach

A clear blue world spreading out from a white sand beach. As you gaze out onto the ocean's blue gradation, feel the luxury of a beach so private like in its natural splendor. This 2-kilometer beach is recognized as one of "Japan's 100 Most Beautiful Beaches." You can enjoy many activities including a variety of marine sports.

Address / Janadou, Kumejima



Feel the healing and energy-producing power of the salt water pool filled with deep sea water drawn from a depth of 612 meters off Kumejima.

Bade Haus Kumejima

At this spa facility, Bade Haus, enjoy the blessings of deep ocean water. The spa, popular among islander as well as tourists, offers visitors a water pressure massage and negative ion baths. Professional baseball players visit the spa during their spring training.

Address / 170-1 Ou, Kumejima

Tel / 098-985-8600

Business hours / 10:00 ~ 21:00 (last reception 20:00)

Fee / Bade pool / adults 2,160 JPY · children 1,080 JPY

Discount after 17:00 / adults 1,944 JPY · children 972 JPY

Sauna and Outdoor hot tub / adults 1,080 JPY · children 540 JPY

Pool and Sauna / adults 2,700 JPY · children 1,350 JPY

※ Swimsuit and Swimming are prohibited.



You can relax the whole day!



Left / You can see the ocean of Kumejima.
Right / Deep ocean water is beneficial to your health.



Go around “crafts and blessing”

A traditional culture is still alive. Blessing of deep sea water supports the development of KUME Island. Touching the craft and blessing of the island throughout the journey.



Mud dyeing produces the unique coloration of “Tsumugi.”
“Tsumugi” is a fine pongee made on KUME Island

Tsumugi Village on KUME Island, “Yuimar House”

KUME Island “Tsumugi” is a traditional craft which is popular nationwide. This pongee also uses “water” in the manufacturing process of “mud dyeing”. Enjoy the distinctive Tsumugi colors.

Address / 1878-1 Majya, Kumejima

Business hours / 9:00 ~ 17:00

Fee / adults 200 JPY junior high school students or younger 100 JPY

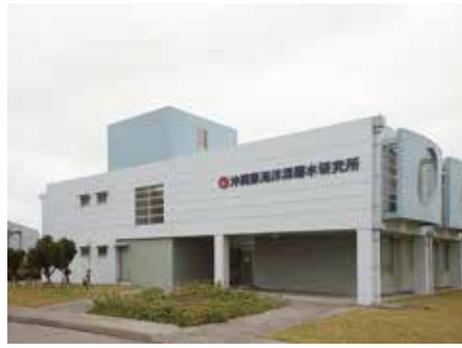


Pick up and feel
the nice fabric of
the Tsumugi.

Shop Staff /
Miwa Uehara

Smartphone case / large
3,240 JPY (tax included)





Deep ocean water contributes to the development of KUME Island.

Okinawa Prefecture Deep Sea Water Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) Demonstration Facility

A unique business model using deep ocean water is called "The Kumejima Model." Deep sea water ocean thermal power generation is a basis of the model. Unlike the traditional types of experimental facilities, the color of the Kumejima building shines in the blue sky symbolizing the bright future of "the Kumejima model." This demonstration facility welcomes visitors. (Reservation required Open weekdays only Please make a reservation as early as possible.)

Address / 500-1 Majya, Kumejima
Tel / 098-896-8655
<http://otecokinawa.com/en/index.html>



Explanatory panels and mini models are also displayed in the deep sea water research institute. (Visit required before reservation)

We will show you around!



Coordinator /
 Left: Martin Benjamin
 Right: Hibino Tokiko

Yachimun Doenbo

Yachimun, such as vessels/Shisa (Okinawan lion dog), is made of 100% soil in KUME Island. Why don't you make an Yachimun work of the soil of KUME Island for your memory.

Address / 790-7 Yamagusuku, Kumejima
Tel / 098-985-7457
Business hours / 9:00-18:00
Fee / Shisa 3,000 yen (tax included)
Coloring 2,050 yen (tax included)



You can find deep ocean water related goods here.

Kumejima Deep Ocean Water Communication Facility

A lunch buffet is served on weekdays. The menu changes every day! Lunch sold by the gram, so please have as much as you like!!

Address / 500-7 Majya, Kumejima
Tel / 098-985-7705
Business Hours / Weekdays 12:30 ~ 17:00
Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays
10:30 ~ 17:00 ※ Lunch 11:45 ~ *closed as soon as the buffet is sold out
Closed / Tuesdays

A coffee made of deep water is delicious. Do not miss it.



Try the delicious sea grapes of KUME Island, grown in deep ocean water?

KUME Island Ocean Deep Sea Water Development Sea Grape Farm



Speaking of Kumejima is a sea grape. This sea grape has been growing in the deep ocean water, while controlling sunlight and temperature. You can enjoy picking and tasting the sea grapes (reservation required).

Address / 486-11 Majya, Kumejima
Tel / 098-985-7822
Business hours / Monday - Friday afternoon
nakamichi@kumejima-kaiyoshinsouei.co.jp

Admission / visit only (free of charge)
Picking and tasting: Adult 1,080 yen (tax included) Child (high school student or less) 760 yen (tax included)

Including 80g of sea grape for takeaway



EVENT
&
FEEL NATURE

Go around
“mountain, sea, and culture”

The name of KUME Island came from “KUMI Island” which means the most beautiful island in Ryukyu area. It has been attracting visitors. Why don't you touch and feel the nature Island “KUME Island”.



Upper left / “Water of the mountain” creates rich green fields.
Bottom left / An ecosystem of small living creatures co-exist in this forest.
Right / You will be guided through this region, filled with traces of long ago inhabitants, which has been registered under the Ramsar Convention.



A guided tour around the wetlands which are registered in the Ramsar Convention.

KUME Island School “Shima no Gakko”
NIBUTI Forest Walk

A program with expert and knowledgeable KUME Island tour guides. Enjoy hiking on mountain trails with guides filled with expert knowledge and humor. Discover the ruins of an ancient rice paddy with the help of an expert tour guide.

Tel / 098-851-7973 (reservation required)
Number of participants / 2 (for elementary school students and above) at minimum
Fee / 4,320 yen (tax included)
Meeting point / Daruma Mountain Park parking



I learned a lot from NIBUTI Forest!

KUME Island School / Shoukin Hokumura

※You should

- know that your clothes may get wet
- wear clothes which allow ease of movement
- wear sneakers or athletic shoes
- bring cover and protection for your legs
- be aware of the possibility of heat stroke
- bring a towel

You can see me and all the waterside creatures of the forest!



Clear water and clean air provide a safe home for the “Kumejima firefly,” a Natural Treasure.

KUME Island Firefly Pavilion

The Firefly Pavilion is the entrance to a sanctuary (Ramsar swamp) which protects the Kumesima firefly and the crayfish squirrel. Learn how to protect the environment of the headwater (a protected area) that mother and people have produced, and also enjoy river activities. “Firefly Rangers” (the children of the island) are working for the protection of the environment.

Address / 420 Ota, Kumejima
Tel / 098-896-7100
Business hours / 10:00 ~ 17:00
Closed / Monday • Tuesday
Fee / adults :100 JPY children: 50 JPY
saiyousyazinn@gmail.com



Upper left / The area behind the river is a good playground.
Bottom left / You can meet the various creatures of KUME Island.
Right / The beautiful stained glass sparkles like the light of the firefly.

Come and enjoy the Firefly Pavilion!



Hexagonal shaped rocks make you feel in touch with the earth.

Ou Island / Tatami Stones

Tatami stones can be found on Ou Island in the southwestern part of KUME Island. Fascinating all who visit there, the unbelievably beautiful geometric pattern of the stones is a product of nature. Please feel the breath of the earth from the Tatami stone, which is designated as a national natural treasure.

Address / Ou, Kumejima



The surface of these rocks spreads out like the shell of a turtle. They are also called tortoise stones. (Seen at low tide)

Why don't you lie down on the lawn and feel KUME Island!



Stand upon a hill of grass and look across the peaceful sea of KUME Island

SHINRI Beach Park

A beautiful scene as the sun sets in the shallow waters of the SHINRI Beach Park. The campground at SHINRI Beach Park welcomes all visitors.

Address / 113 Ohara, Kumejima

Learn about the endangered sea turtle which is faced with extinction!

Sea Turtle Museum of KUME Island

Located on Ou Island, the Sea Turtle Museum has a large aquarium and a mini theater. Everyone, young and old, will enjoy touring the museum and a close-up view of turtles. The "turtle encounter tour" opens during Golden Week and the summer holidays. 10 visitors (maximum) a day. (Reservations required, extra charge)



Come and see me ♪



Address / 170 Ou, Kumejima
Business hours / 9:00 ~ 17:00

Fee / Adults (high school students or older) 300 JPY

Children (junior high school students or younger) 200 JPY

※ English version is available.



The peaceful sea is so restful. You can feel free to let go and relax. Gaze upon the wonderful ocean from a well-manicured lawn.

A power spot for prayers by those who wish to have a baby.

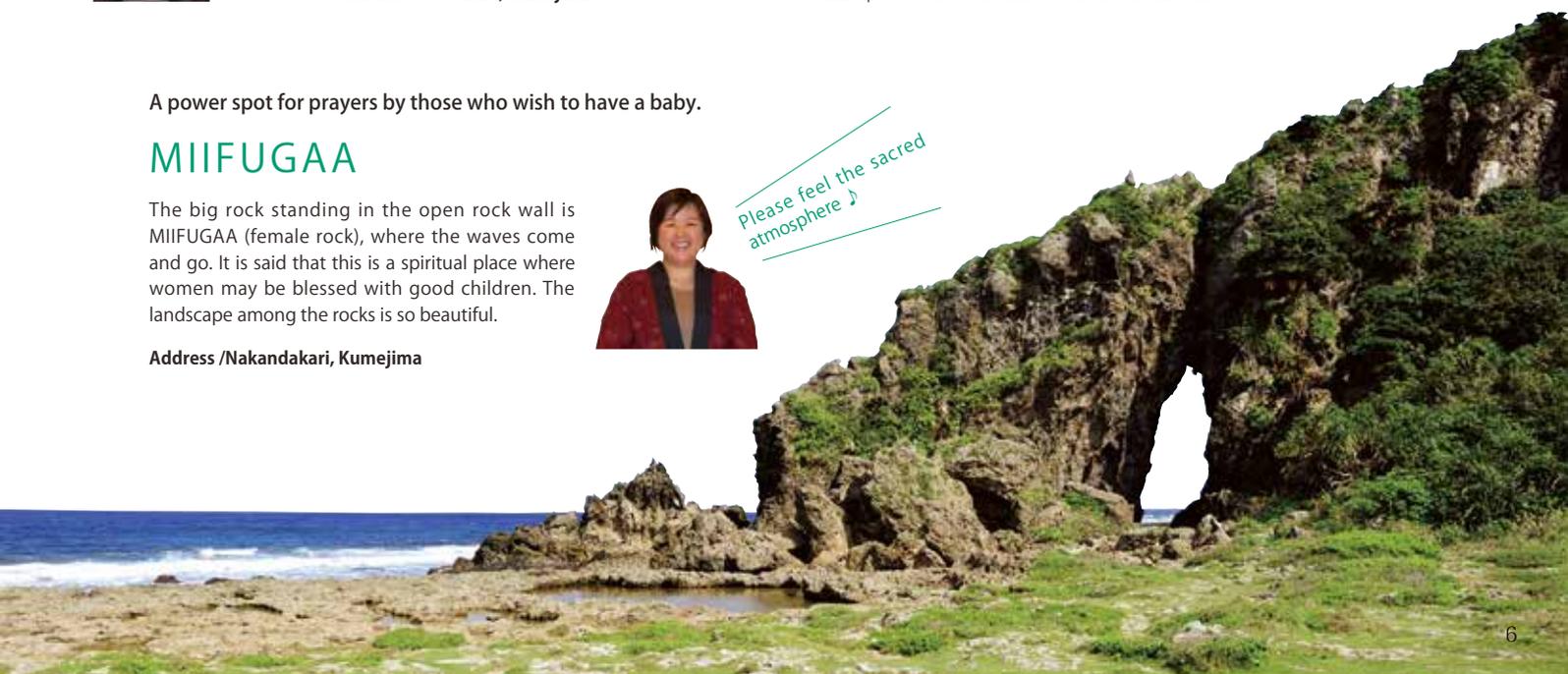
MIIFUGAA

The big rock standing in the open rock wall is MIIFUGAA (female rock), where the waves come and go. It is said that this is a spiritual place where women may be blessed with good children. The landscape among the rocks is so beautiful.

Address / Nakandakari, Kumejima



Please feel the sacred atmosphere ♪





Nishime Eisa

You can meet the traditional dance during the Bon Festival

Eisa (dance)

The Bon festival takes place in August in Okinawa. It is a time when Buddhists remember people in their family who have died. During the Bon Festival, "Eisa", a memorial dance, is provided, in order to send back the ancestral spirit to the heaven. Because the way of dancing depends on each region, Eisa lovers enjoy watching around.



Gima Eisa



Old bon Eisa

Chondara

It is a clown in Eisa, who do not only plays a role in comedy and dancing but also plays an important role in performance progress, lining up, fixing losting in dress style.



Okinawa Sumo

The Okinawa Sumo has been a traditional from the Ryukyu dynasty period. It is called "Shima". An enthusiastic fight attracts the audience with a distinctive technique different from judo. If you are experienced judo, or self-confidence in power boast, why do not you challenge? You can resist when you want.



Kanagusuku Shishi-mai (Lion dance)

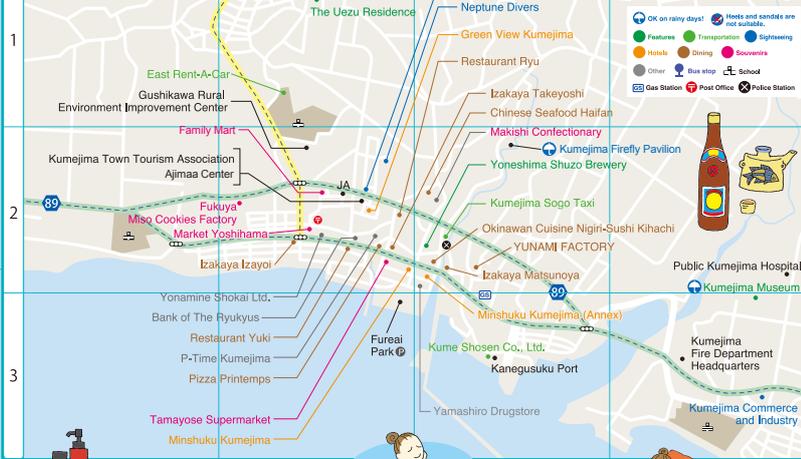
Every year, traditional celebrations takes place on 15th August in the old calendar. Invited by the sound of Dragon Bell, Taiko drum, Sanshin, features lion and hatchaburo dance. For 200 years, Kanagusuku Shishi-mai has exorcized on disaster and pestilence of the village. It starts hoping for huge heavett, and go around the village.



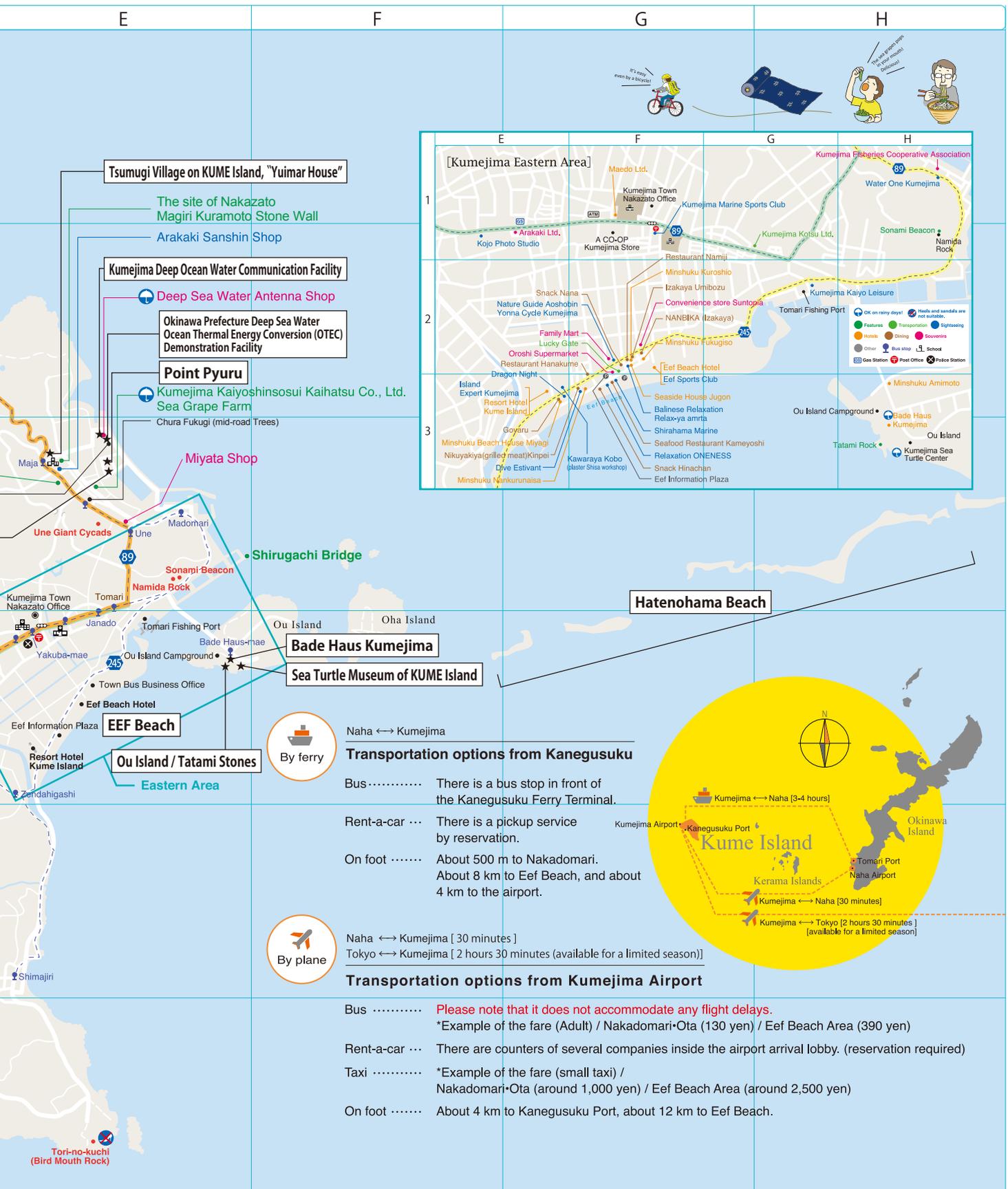
[Kumejima Large Area Map]



[Kumejima Western Area]



- ⓘ OK on rainy days! ⚠ Heels and sandals are not suitable for this activity.
- Special Feature ● Transportation ● Sightseeing
- Hotels ● Dining ● Souvenirs ● Other ● Bus Stop
- ⚪ School GS Gas Station 〒 Post Office 🚓 Police Station



Tsumugi Village on KUME Island, "Yuimar House"

The site of Nakazato Magiri Kuramoto Stone Wall
Arakaki Sanshin Shop

Kumejima Deep Ocean Water Communication Facility

Deep Sea Water Antenna Shop

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Point Pyuru

Kumejima Kaiyoshinsouei Kaihatsu Co., Ltd. Sea Grape Farm
Chura Fukugi (mid-road Trees)

Miyata Shop

Shirugachi Bridge

Bade Haus Kumejima

Sea Turtle Museum of KUME Island

EEF Beach

Ou Island / Tatami Stones

Eastern Area

Hatenohama Beach



Transportation options from Kanagusuku

- Bus There is a bus stop in front of the Kanagusuku Ferry Terminal.
- Rent-a-car ... There is a pickup service by reservation.
- On foot About 500 m to Nakadomari. About 8 km to Eef Beach, and about 4 km to the airport.



Naha ↔ Kumejima [30 minutes]
Tokyo ↔ Kumejima [2 hours 30 minutes (available for a limited season)]

Transportation options from Kumejima Airport

- Bus **Please note that it does not accommodate any flight delays.**
*Example of the fare (Adult) / Nakadomari•Ota (130 yen) / Eef Beach Area (390 yen)
- Rent-a-car ... There are counters of several companies inside the airport arrival lobby. (reservation required)
- Taxi *Example of the fare (small taxi) / Nakadomari•Ota (around 1,000 yen) / Eef Beach Area (around 2,500 yen)
- On foot About 4 km to Kanagusuku Port, about 12 km to Eef Beach.



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