

TARAMA



Tarama Island
Minna Island



Tarama Village

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A spot that continues to entrance all who love remote island travel

Situated nearly at the center point between Miyako and Ishigaki islands to the southwest of Okinawa's main island, Tarama Village consists of the two islands of Tarama and Minna. It once flourished as an important nautical station during the Ryukyu Dynasty, and has developed a foundation over the years for its current core industries of agriculture and livestock. Despite being located in the Sakishima Islands, which hosts many tourists from Japan and across the globe each year, visitors can still find untouched nature and traditional island living in Tarama Village. Although there are no major tourist spots or landmarks, it has captured the hearts of travelers who love visiting remote islands. They say that its charms are different from other islands, and that they can't wait to visit again and again. This location offers body and soul the chance to take a contented sigh of relief. Come kick back, relax, and enjoy an island travel experience you'll only find in Tarama Village.



Tuburi - Paths to the Ocean



In Tarama Village, small paths that lead to the ocean are known as "tuburi." There are 47 named tuburi, each offering different scenery and personalities. Come follow in the footsteps of the pioneers who watched over these paths and find your very own favorite tuburi.



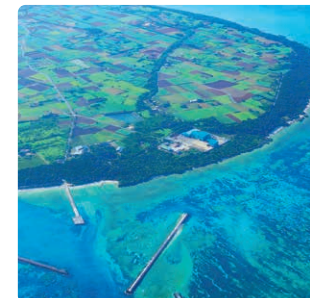
One of the Most Beautiful Villages in Japan



Thanks to the rows of Fukugi, or happiness trees that dot the islands, the many traditional events, and unique form of Ryukyuan feng shui that remains down to this day, Tarama Village is the only location in Okinawa certified as one of the Most Beautiful Villages in Japan. Don't miss the chance to experience this location that has evolved over the years thanks to a symbiotic relationship between man and nature.



TARAMA BLUE



The ocean around Tarama Village is popularly known as "Tarama Blue" thanks to its color and incredible clarity, even among other spots in Okinawa. The ever-changing ocean, influenced by the seasons, weather, the tides, and the height of the sun, teaches about beauty and the joys of once-in-a-lifetime moments.



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Travel Bookmark

Experience Ryukyuan Culture

Utaki is the collective name for sacred sites in Ryukyuan Shinto, and it is here that the kami, or gods, and ancestors are enshrined. Shiokawa-utaki, located in the eastern part of Tarama Island, is one such site, and has been venerated as holy ground since ancient times. A sacred atmosphere surrounds even the happiness trees that line the approach to the utaki.

Learn About Island History

Tarama Island, also known as the "Island of Ancient Writings," is home to many rare historic documents that have not been found even on the main island of Okinawa. Visit the Tarama Village Furusato Folklore Museum and historic sites around the island and explore the history of its ancient people.

Enjoy a Cycling Tour

With a circumference of about 20 km, Tarama Island is the perfect size for a leisurely cycling tour. Visit some tuburi, take a break on a quiet beach, and gaze at goats munching on grass. A relaxed tour while taking in idyllic scenery will ease you into the slow pace of island time.

Get the Most Out of Nature

Diving and snorkeling are some of the most popular ways to experience Tarama Blue. Head out with a local instructor who is an expert on the ocean around Tarama and will point out the unique island geography, creatures, and breathtaking scenery.

Savor Local Dishes

Tarama Village is home to a flourishing trade in goats and cattle, and each family has enjoyed eating goat and beef stews since long ago. Both dishes are known for making the most out of their ingredients for a delicious flavor. Visitors can also try various beverages and handmade sweets crafted with brown sugar.

Lodging

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A variety of plans are available from lodging only to lodging with two meals a day. Consider the option that best suits your style!



Yume patio Tarama

Wi-Fi

This village-run lodging facility offers single rooms for rent inside a multi-room cottage.

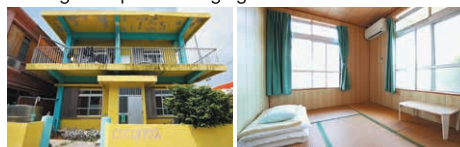


18 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
0980-79-2988
8:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. (telephone reception hours)
CLOSED None
2 Japanese-style rooms, 12 Western-style rooms /
Shared shower and toilet / Washing machines are free /
Dryers available for a fee / Meal plans available

COCO House

Wi-Fi

Visitors here can wash their marine sports equipment, making it the perfect lodging for divers.



153 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
0980-79-2133 / 080-6497-4231
9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.(telephone reception hours)
CLOSED None
8 Japanese-style rooms / Shared shower and toilet /
Washing machines are free / Dryers available for a fee /
Meal plans available / Car and bicycle rentals available

COCO Land

Wi-Fi

This is a shipping container-style hotel. It also offers a free gym for guests.



175 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
0980-79-2133 / 080-6497-4231
9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.(telephone reception hours) CLOSED None
12 Western-style rooms / Shared shower / Includes bath /
Washing machines are free / Dryers available for a fee /
Meal plans available / Car and bicycle rentals available
Note: Same website as COCO House

Pension (B&B) Adan

Wi-Fi

Lunch is available with reservations one day in advance. The goat stew is popular.



528 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
0980-79-2088
9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.(telephone reception hours)
CLOSED Year-end and New Year holidays
12 Japanese-style rooms / Shared shower and toilet /
Washing machines are free / Dryers available for a fee /
Meal plans available / Car, motorcycle, and bicycle rentals available

Yugapu Land

This cottage-style lodging facility is surrounded by trees. It can accommodate large groups.



703 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
0980-79-2088
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.(telephone reception hours)
CLOSED Year-end and New Year holidays
3 cottages / Includes shower and toilet /
Includes kitchen / Washing machines are free /
Meal plans available / Car rentals available

Guesthouse Hamasaki

Wi-Fi

This guest house is equipped with a shared kitchen including dishes and a rice cooker, making it great for longer stays.



271 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
0980-79-2239 / 080-6485-7474
9:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.(telephone reception hours)
CLOSED Year-end and New Year holidays
6 Western-style rooms / Shared shower and toilet /
Washing machines are free / Air conditioning available for a fee /
Car and bicycle rentals available

Guesthouse Daitoku

Four to five guests can stay in a single room. Even visitors can rent bicycles.

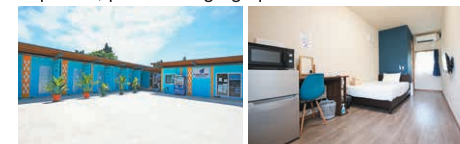


95 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
090-9780-0069
8:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.(telephone reception hours)
CLOSED Irregular
6 Japanese-style rooms / Includes shower and toilet /
Washing machines are free / Bicycle rentals available

Taramanta INN

Wi-Fi

This shipping container-style hotel offers, separate, private lodging spaces.



139 Aza Nakasuji Tarama-son, Miyako-gun Okinawa
090-8294-0121
9:00a.m.- 6:00p.m.(telephone reception hours)
CLOSED None
5 Western-style rooms / Includes bath and toilet /
Washing machines and dryers available for a fee /
Car and bicycle rentals available

Pension (B&B) Big

Wi-Fi

Located adjacent to Oshokujidokoro Big, a nighttime Japanese-style pub. This is a great place for guests who like to eat.



527 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
0980-79-2118
8:00a.m. - 10:00p.m.(telephone reception hours)
CLOSED None
2 Japanese-style rooms, 2 Western-style rooms /
Shared shower and toilet /
Washing machines are free / Meal plans available

Shopping

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You can purchase daily necessities at the supermarket, but because quantities are limited, it's best to bring all the travel necessities with you when visiting the island.



Chuo Supermarket

This local supermarket also offers Tarama souvenirs.



113 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
0980-79-2850
9:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m. CLOSED Irregular

A Coop Tarama

This is a JA Group supermarket. ATM also available.



158 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
0980-79-2339
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. CLOSED Weekends

Sumamunu Tarama [Tourism Association]

This souvenir shop offers local village specialties including handcrafted items.



445-1 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
0980-79-2828 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
CLOSED Wednesdays, year-end/New Year holidays

Note: Information is current as of July 2023, and is subject to change without notice. Please contact each facility for the latest information.

Cuisine

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Before heading out to eat, make sure to check restaurant hours and holidays. Reservations are required for bento shops, so planning your meals in advance is a must.



Tanebi Shokudo

Don't miss the opportunity to try the Tarama Soba noodles with soup made of island ingredients.



📍 511-2 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
☎ 0980-79-7104
🕒 11:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. **CLOSED** Sundays
🍴 Prepared foods and fresh fish are also available on a reservation basis
Prepared foods are also available at Chuo Supermarket from Tuesday to Saturday (see photo on right)



Oshokujidokoro Big

A wide variety of dishes with big portions and alcohol can be found here.



📍 527 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
☎ 0980-79-2118
🕒 7:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m.
CLOSED Sundays
🍴 **Sample menu:**
Sashimi of the day, sochan, awamori, cocktails



toco+moca

This is a bento shop that offers different handmade bentos every day.



📍 139 Aza Nakasuji Tarama-son, Miyako-gun Okinawa
☎ 080-6497-3875
🕒 11:30 a.m.~12 noon
(Reservations required one day in advance)
CLOSED Irregular
🍴 Takeout only
*See photo for sample



Izakaya Nagi

This local izakaya, or Japanese-style pub, offers a warm atmosphere where both locals and tourists are welcome.



📍 187 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
☎ 0980-79-2750
🕒 6:30 p.m.- 12 midnight
CLOSED Sundays
🍴 **Sample menu:**
Miyako beef gyoza, tofu champuru, awamori, highball



Sumamunu Tarama [Tourism Association]

This café also features a working space and serves sweets.



📍 445-1 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
☎ 0980-79-2828
🕒 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
CLOSED Wednesdays, year-end/New Year holidays
🍴 **Sample menu:**
Brown sugar coffee, ice cream, Tarama brown sugar curry



Café Hemingway

This café offers coffee with homemade Tarama sun-dried salt. Salt is also available to purchase.



📍 Inside Tarama Airport Tarama-son, Miyako-gun Okinawa
☎ 0980-79-2500
🕒 Before and after airplane arrivals
CLOSED Irregular
🍴 **Sample menu:**
Kuganimashu salt, fleur de sel, salt coffee

Activities

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Learn about history and culture and enjoy the crystal clear Tarama Blue while you make memories of unique experiences only Tarama can offer.



Tarama Village Furusato Folklore Museum

Here you'll find rare documents and artifacts on display showcasing the history and culture of Tarama Village.



📍 1098-1 Aza Nakasuji Tarama-son, Miyako-gun Okinawa
☎ 0980-79-2223
🕒 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.(Final entry: 4:30 p.m., closed for noon break)
CLOSED Mondays, national holidays, Okinawa Memorial Day, year-end/New Year holidays
🍴 **Admission:** Adults ¥200, children ¥100 (wheelchair accessible)



Taramanta INN

Enjoy a wide variety of unique experiences including a tour of Minna Island.



📍 139 Aza Nakasuji Tarama-son, Miyako-gun Okinawa
☎ 090-8294-0121
🕒 9:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.(telephone reception hours)
CLOSED None
🍴 **Sample activities:**
Snorkeling, jet skis (tubing), EV scooters



Kyodo Marine Service JAWS II

This is the only diving service spot on the island, and is run by veteran staff.



📍 514-1 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
☎ 0980-79-2452 / 090-2437-8198
🕒 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.(telephone reception hours)
CLOSED None
🍴 **Sample activities:**
Scuba diving, free diving, snorkeling, equipment rentals



Tarama Island Sightseeing Concierge

Local guides with an eye toward sustainable tourism provide detailed information on the islands.



📍 397 Aza Nakasuji Tarama-son, Miyako-gun Okinawa
☎ 090-6858-6268
🕒 10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.(telephone reception hours)
CLOSED None
🍴 **Sample activities:**
Electric scooters, mystery-solving tour in a Ryukyuan feng shui village, history walking tour, Tarama-style barbecue



Tarama Island Sightseeing Service

Plans offer visitors the chance to learn about island history, living, and food.



📍 105 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gunOkinawa
☎ 090-9785-0639
🕒 9:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.(telephone reception hours)
CLOSED Irregular
🍴 **Sample activities:**
Stroll in a feng shui village, collect and cook wild herbs, make accessories



Tarama Island Sightseeing Coordinator

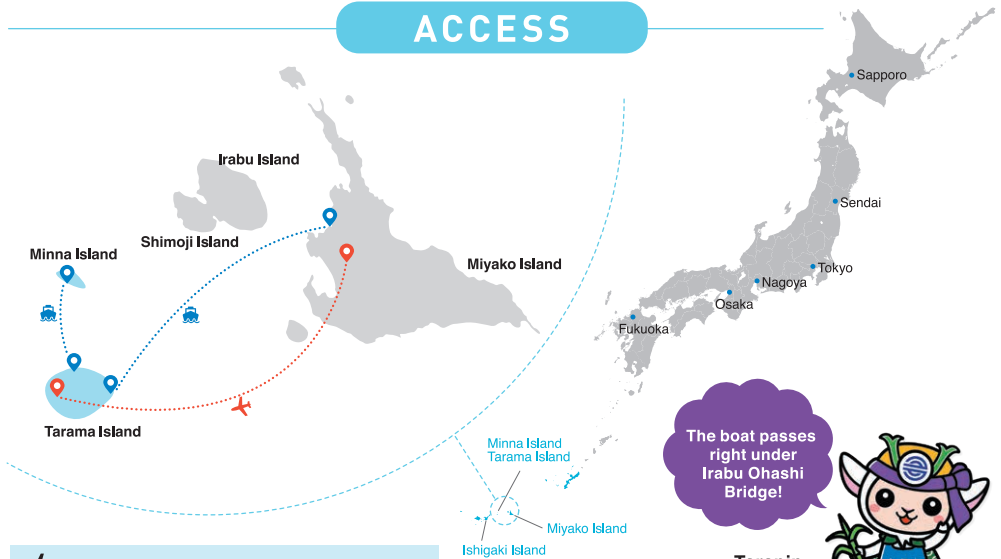
Enjoy a cycling tour of Ryukyuan feng shui villages with a guide.



☎ 090-9955-9847 (Nobori)
🕒 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.(telephone reception hours)
CLOSED Irregular
🍴 **Sample activities:**
Ryukyuan feng shui cycling guide (includes drink)
Contact us for other requests

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ACCESS



✈ Access to Tarama Island and Minna Island

From Miyako Island to Tarama Island

✈ By Airplane About 20 minutes - 2 round trips per day

● Inquiries : **RAC**(Ryukyu Air Commuter)

<https://rac-okinawa.com/> **RAC**

🚢 By Boat About 2 hours - 1 round trip per day (no service on Sunday)

● Inquiries : **Tarama Kaiun**

<http://www.taramakaiun.com/>

❗ Tarama Island Port: Maedomari Port in summer, Futenma Port in winter

The boat passes
right under
Irabu Ohashi
Bridge!

Tarapin,
the Tarama Village
mascot



From Tarama Island to Minna Island

🚢 By Boat About 20 minutes - Reservations required

● Inquiries : **Mr. Takahira MIYAGUNI**(TEL.0980-79-2773)

● Inquiries : **Kyodo Kaihatsu**(TEL.090-1947-1674)

● Inquiries : **Taramanta INN**(TEL.090-8294-0121)

● Inquiries : **Mr. Masayuki ISHIHARA**(TEL.090-3796-5466)

❗ **There are no regularly-scheduled liners.** Please use one of the above means of transportation or reserve a chartered boat.

❗ Note that phone calls sometimes have difficulty connecting. Thank you for understanding.

🚗 Traveling Around the Island



Car rentals



Bicycle rentals



Local bus service



There are no taxis
on the island.
Please book a car
rental, etc.,
before arriving
at the island.

Visitors to Tarama Island and Minna Island



Natural Environment

We recommend enjoying outdoor activities in Tarama Village based on the "LNT (Leave No Trace)" philosophy of ethical tourism. Doing so helps minimize the impact on and protect our natural environment. Thank you for cooperation.



Food and Shopping

It may be difficult to purchase food and beverages depending on the time you arrive on the island and when activities end. If anyone in your party needs special foods, such as baby food, make sure to bring them with you. Some shops and restaurants only accept cash, so it's best to have enough before arriving.



Mobile Phone Service

Mobile phone service may not be available on some parts of the island depending on your carrier or phone. Before arriving on the island, it's best to download map data for offline use and contact your place of lodging ahead of time while a signal is available.

Inquiries

Tarama Village Fushanufu Tourist Association 0980-79-2828 (Hours:10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., closed Wednesdays)

445-1 Aza Shiokawa Tarama-son, Miyako-gun Okinawa 906-0601 ✉ welcome@tarama-kankou.jp

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