

大島紬

Oshima Tsumugi is the Amami Island' s traditional craft. It is exquisite and graceful, and one of the three great textile in the world. We weave the warp and woof that dyed patterns, and then make the beautiful pattern textile fabrics. The Tsumugi which weaved with only silk thread is the excellent article that luxurious all about color and luster and texture, pleasant feel.



9 Manufacturing process tour

In the factory, you can see the process of dyeing and hand weaving. All processes are done manually, and every work requires craftsmanship. There are more than 30 processes to make the fabric, so it takes 1 or 2 years to complete some difficult pattern textile.



10 Tokiemon museum

Tokiemon is a founder of our company and Oshima Tsumugi craftsman. We display the representative art works of Tokiemon, who dedicated himself into the Oshima Tsumugi.



12 Shop

We offer a variety of Oshima Tsumugi products that cloth, tie, stole, wallet and small articles. Also, we assort many kinds of souvenir that "Amami Island' s Brown sugar sweets" and "Kagoshima' s sweet potato shochu".

11 Experience corner

You can fun experience even for beginners because the staff is guidance carefully. If you reserve in advance, we can guide you more smoothly.

- The vegetable dye (It takes about 40 min)
You can dye the handkerchief "happy yellow" with "Tree of happiness".
- Hand weave (It takes about 90 min)
You can make an original Oshima Tsumugi product to use the handloom.
- The Braid (It takes about 50 min)
You can make the braid strap with Oshima Tsumugi thread. In the center of the strap, you can put a paper string that write your wish.



- Kimono wearing experience
(Up to 120 minutes)
It only takes 5 min to wear!
Please enjoy walking the Japanese Garden with Kimono.can put a paper string that write your wish.

11 Restaurant



健美和楽 花ん華 (HANANNKA)
You can enjoy the Amami' s hospitality dishes "chicken soup rice" and Amami Island' s dishes.

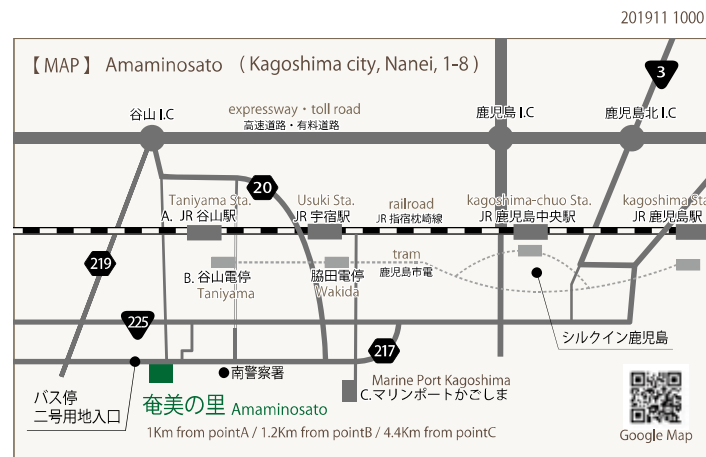
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resort restaurant IL MOLE
Please enjoy Grill and Continental cuisines in a space like a tropical resort.

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※ Last call is 1 hour before closing time.



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- Amaminosato -

Amami Islands are called "Islands of Road" because the culture of north and south come and go.

Amami' s grand forest.
The lifestyle that nurtured Oshima Tsumugi.

The place that Amami' s history and culture are alive.



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Open / 9:00~17:00 [open all year round]

Parking place / Car 200 • Large bus 10 [free of charge]

Admission fee / Adult: 400 yen, 16~18 years old: 300 yen, 6~15 years old: 200 yen

ACCESS

- 30 minutes by car from JR Kagoshima-Tsuo-Station
- 60 minutes by car from Ibshuki
- 15 minutes on foot from JR Taniyama Station
- 20 minutes on foot from Municipal Streetcar Taniyama Station

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— Amami Islands, the birthplace of Oshima Tsumugi —

Our company was founded in 1929 and has produced Oshima Tsumugi. You can see the manufacturing process of Oshima Tsumugi at our facility.

There are the “Road islands garden” which expresses the Amami archipelago. We display the nature, culture and life of Amami. We want you to experience Amami Oshima. Please enjoy your stay.



1 The certificate stamp of Oshima Tsumugi

The Oshima Tsumugi is pasted the certificate stamps of each locality when it meet the criteria and pass the inspections. Our company’s original certificate stamp is a mark of the sun. In Kagoshima, the Tsumugi association’s certificate stamp is a mark of flags. In Amami, the mark is the earth.

2 Amami Island style garden

Amami Islands natural style garden. Large trees form a tunnel-like forest. Away from the daily hustle and bustle and please enjoy the abundant nature.



3 Amami Island’s life museum “Private house”

It is reproducing the living environment of the early Showa era in Amami Islands. At the time, the typical houses were separated by a guest room and a kitchen/living room, and were connected by the passage.



“Takakura” Takakura is the grain warehouse to store rice, wheats, and cycad nuts. Takakura’s thatched roof is well ventilated and prevent the rain. That’s pillar is covered by a thin metal plate in order to protect crops from mouse. Under the Takakura is good for workplace because relatively cool.

“Museum” Various tools used for work and daily life are on display there. You can see the various things such as old lunch boxes, and tools used to make the Oshima silk.

4 Cycads hill

Amami Islands and Okinawa Islands are only natural habitat of Cycad in Japan.

At Amami, there was a food culture where crush the seeds of Cycad to make porridge and make Miso. The motif of “Tatsugo-pattern”, that traditional pattern of Oshima Tsumugi, is Cycads leaves and red fruits.



5 Mud dyeing

The craftsmen make a brown solution from Te-chi [a kind of Rosales] wood chips that boiled more than 10 hours in a large caldron. They dye the silk yarn by this solution about 20 times, then dyed with mud. This process is repeated 4 or 5 times. And then, tannic acid of Te-chi wood reacts with iron of mud. The silk’s color is changed brilliant black by this chemical reaction. Amami Oshima’s mud is very fine-grained, so not damage the fiber of the thread and keep the smooth texture of silk.



6 Dyeing factory

We compound chemical dye powder and create various colors. It takes several hours to a half day to create one color.



7 Japanese garden

Between the southern end of Kagoshima and Okinawa, there are more than 30 islands. At the end of Edo period, these islands were called “road islands” because the islands in a row looks like a road. In this garden, we liken the pond to sea, and liken the stones to Amami islands, Yakushima Island, and Tanegashima Island in order to express “road islands”. Also, this garden have image of “Niraikanai”, paradise across the ocean that Amami and Okinawa’s folk belief.

8 Satsuma Fuji

This artificial hill imitate “Kaimon Mountain”, a volcano located south of the Satsuma Peninsula. Mt. Kaimon has beautiful conical shape, so sometimes called “Mt. Satsuma Fuji”.

