



**Takara Residence**

Designated as a Japanese Important Cultural Property, the Takara Residence is a traditional Okinawan home that offers a glimpse into the region's architectural past. The red-tile roof and stunning stone walls are a few of the building's striking features. The residence was formerly that of a trading-ship captain and is alternatively known as "The Captain's Estate."

**Amashiru-Gusuku**

Amashiru-Gusuku is a mythical fortress located near the Ama Beach Campground. Amashiru-Gusuku is known by the story of "Shimaru-Hya," a giant who allegedly built the fortress to thwart invaders by hurling rocks in an effort to sink their ships.

**Kerama Deer**

Kerama Deer are a rare, nationally protected species of deer that currently inhabit only three islands: Aka, Geruma, and Fukaji. Smaller and sporting darker fur than their Japanese Deer counterparts, Kerama Deer descend from the mountains only in the morning and evening in search of water around the islands' wetlands.



**Mt. Takatsuki-Yama**

The park and observation deck atop Mt. Takatsuki-Yama offers arguably the most picturesque scenery in the Keramas, with views of the islands dotting the Kerama Inland Sea as well as Aguni, Tonaki, and Kume islands in the distance. Visitors can reach the top in about 20 minutes by foot and 5 minutes by car. Those who make the ascent in the end of March and beginning of April will be greeted by blooming Kerama Azalea.



**Mt. Bandokoro-Yama**

During the reign of the Ryukyu Kingdom, Mt. Bandokoro-Yama was the site of a lookout and signal fire to inform Naha upon the sighting of Chinese trading vessels. The peak of Mt. Bandokoro-Yama hosted a lighthouse built in 1958 by aid from the Government of the Ryukyu Islands. The lighthouse was followed by a radio-broadcast facility for the fishing industry and eventually cellular-telephone antenna towers in recent years. Mt. Bandokoro-Yama continues to serve as Zamami Village's communication hub today as it was in the past.

**Heiwa-no-To Peace Monument**

During the Second World War, Zamami Island provided the United States Military with a launching point for eventually landing on Okinawa Island. The Kerama Islands were the stage of a tragic battlefield and subject to intense bombardment from air and sea. The monument stands as a prayer to comfort the spirits of the civilians who were lost to mass suicide and the 1,200 soldiers who gave their lives for their respective countries.



## Getting to Zamami Village

### By Sea

Reservations & Inquiries:  
**Zamami Village Office Naha Branch (Tomari Port) 098-868-4567**

Ferry Departures and Arrivals:  
**Tomari Port (in front of Tomarin Bldg. & "Hokugan" North Side of the port)**

Fares & Timetables:  
**Queen Zamami (50 minutes)**

Tomari Dep.	Aka Arr.	Zamami Dep.	Aka Arr.	Tomari Dep.	Aka Arr.
09:30	15:50	16:00	16:10	16:20	17:10

**Ferry Zamami (90~minutes)**

Tomari Dep.	Aka Arr.	Zamami Dep.	Aka Arr.	Tomari Dep.	Aka Arr.
10:00	11:30	11:45	12:00	14:00	14:15
				14:30	16:00

	Adult	Child
Standard Fare One-Way	¥3,140	¥1,570
Round-Trip	¥5,970	¥2,990
Disabled Persons One-Way	¥1,570	¥790
Round-Trip	¥3,140	¥1,580
Group Fares (15 or more) One-Way	¥2,830	¥1,420
Round-Trip	¥5,660	¥2,840

	Adult	Child
Standard Fare One-Way	¥2,120	¥1,060
Round-Trip	¥4,030	¥2,020
Disabled Persons One-Way	¥1,060	¥530
Round-Trip	¥2,120	¥1,060
Group Fares (15 or more) One-Way	¥1,910	¥960
Round-Trip	¥3,820	¥1,920

\*Child Fare: ages 1~11 years old (One child 5 years or younger per adult may travel for free)  
 \*The Disability Discount applies to those with Type I designated disabilities (and their caretaker) as well as those with Type II designated disabilities.  
 \*Disabled persons must display proof of their disability to receive the discount.  
 \*Ferry timetables change each month.

### By Air

Inquiries: **EXCEL AIR SERVICE INC.**  
 Chartered flights between  
 Naha Airport and Kerama Airport.  
 Max. 5 passengers  
 Fare: **¥63,000**

**Inter-Island Ferry Timetable & Contact**

Trip	Zamami Dep.	Aka Arr.&Dep.	Aharen Arr.&Dep.	Aka Arr.&Dep.	Zamami Arr.
1	7:45	8:00	No stop→	→	8:15
2	8:30	8:45	9:05	9:25	9:40
3	11:45	12:00	No stop→	12:15	12:30
4	14:30	14:45	No stop→	→	15:00
5	15:30	15:45	16:05	16:25	16:40
6	17:20	17:35	No stop→	→	17:50

\*The blue-colored trips 2 and 5 constitute the Kerama Route and go to Aharen Port, Tokashiki Village.  
 The Kerama Route runs by reservation. If no reservation has been made for either trips 2 or 5, then the ferry will not run at those times.  
 Inquiries: Zamami Village Office Ferry Division Tel. 098-987-2614

## Okinawa Prefecture Zamami Village

Zamami Village Office: 901-3402 Okinawa-ken, Zamami-son, Zamami 109 Tel. 098-987-2311

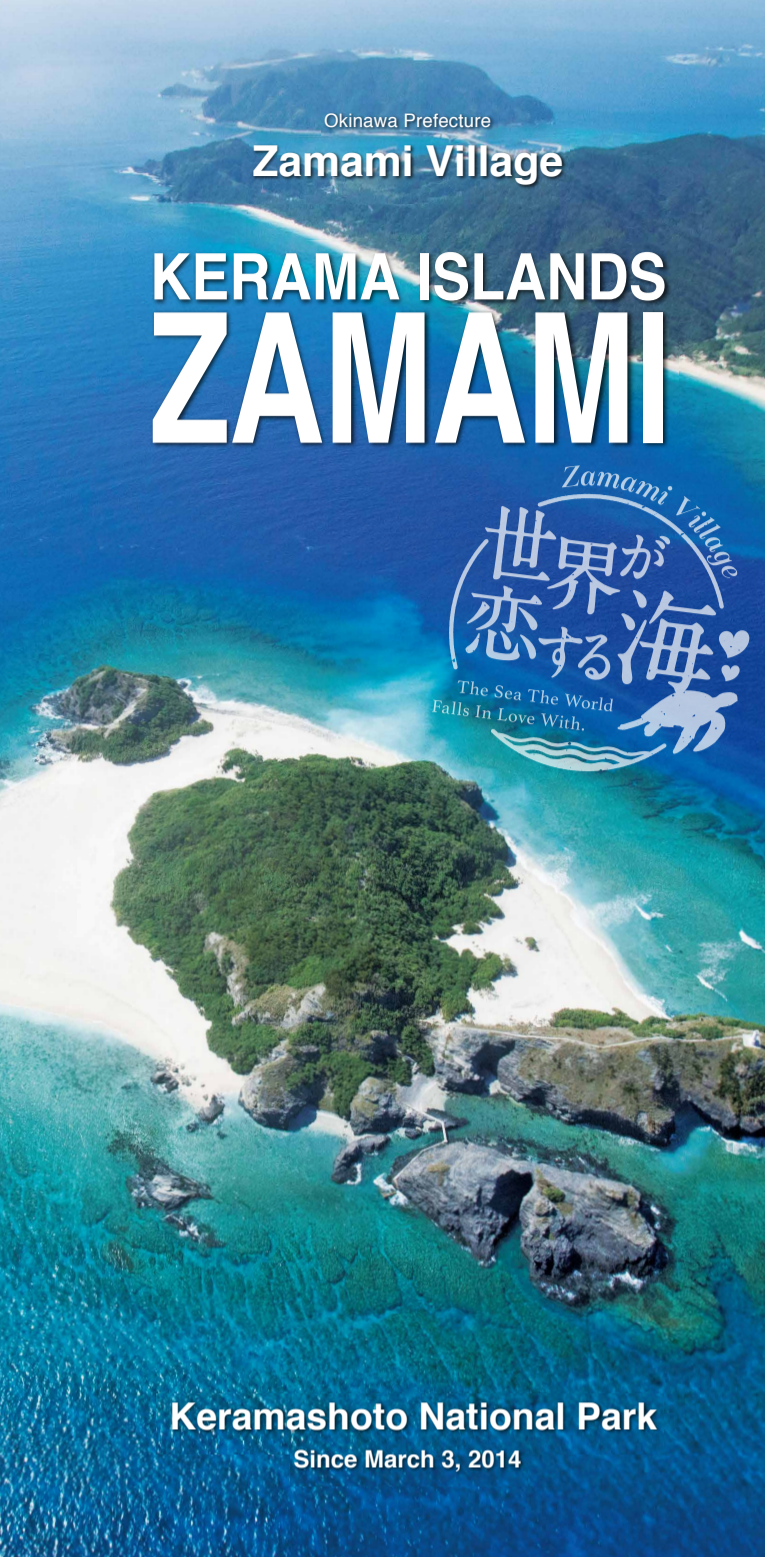
**Tourist Information** Zamami Village Tourism Association  
<http://zamamitouristinfo.wordpress.com/>  
 Tel. & Fax. 098-987-2277 contact\_zamami@vill.zamami.okinawa.jp

**Ferry Reservations & Inquiries** Zamami Village Office Naha Branch  
 Tel. 098-868-4567  
 900-0016 Okinawa-ken, Naha-shi, Maejima 3-25-1 (Tomarin 1F)

**Useful Information**

- Police: Naha Police Department, Zamami Police Station (Zamami Island) Tel. 098-836-0110 (ext. 533) \* Call 119 for emergencies
- Medical Facilities: Zamami Clinic (Zamami Island) Tel. 098-987-2024, Aka Clinic (Aka Island) Tel. 098-987-2002 \* Call 119 for emergencies, on weekends, on holidays, and after hours
- Ferries: Reservations: Zamami Village Office Naha Branch Tel. 098-868-4567 Inter-Island Ferry: Tel. 098-987-2614
- Tourist Information: Zamami Village Tourist Information Center (Zamami Port Terminal) Tel. 098-987-2277 <http://zamamitouristinfo.wordpress.com/>
- Financial Institutions: Zamami Post Office (Zamami Island) Tel. 098-987-2221 Aka Post Office (Aka Island) Tel. 098-987-2101

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## Keramashoto National Park

Since March 3, 2014

**Standup Paddleboard**

Standup paddleboard originated as a sport among Waikiki surfers and involves standing on a long board while using a paddle to propel oneself through the water. Zamami's young residents first brought the sport to the village and it has been gaining in popularity since. Although a quiet inland sea, Zamami's waters do hide fast currents and are used by various boats. Please be sure to both wear a lifejacket and to venture out to sea only when accompanied by a local guide.

**Camping** Get your fill of nature at our beautiful beachside campground!

There is one campground in the village located next to the beach in the Ama Area. We ask for campers' cooperation in preserving the village's natural environment. Your beachside campsite awaits tucked away as a part of island's landscape.

**Fishing** Serious anglers will find themselves in the zone from morning until night.

A majority of fish found around Zamami can be caught year round and include bonito, parrotfish, and yellowfin tuna to name a few. Those who come to fish in Zamami can lose track of time in the grandeur of nature while listening to the soft sound of waves tapping the shore. Fishing tackle can be rented on the island.

**Snorkeling** Zamami Village—a snorkeling mecca.

From the Beach Opening Ceremony in April until the end of October, visitors can have fun snorkeling wearing just a one with nature—just make sure not to hurt the coral or fish.

**Nordic Walking**

Nordic walking was originally devised by a Northern-European cross-country skier as a means for maintaining strength and endurance during the winter. The sport began as a form of trekking through snow-covered fields and mountains with ski poles and shoes. The activity has gained popularity in recent years due to its extremely high effectiveness as a form of exercise. The Zamami Village Tourism Association runs Nordic-walking tours that range from climbing to mountain-top observation decks, to walking along the beach, and even visiting scenic bridges between islands.

**Walking** Covered by mountains, fields, and old-growth forests, Zamami Island's plentiful greenery and nature is great for leisurely enjoying the outdoors.

Zamami Island has many observation decks including cross-country skiing, hiking, and cycling. Along the way, these viewpoints are roads of varied walking terrain and even an occasional taste of nature's bounty from wild strawberries to Japanese bayberries. Kerama azaleas bloom in full glory from the middle of January until the beginning of March, and the hikan-zakura cherry blossoms distinctive of Okinawa make their appearance along the way. The mountainous roads leading up Takatsuki-Yama and the hazaki whale observation deck provide quite the workout.

**Sea Kayaking** sea kayaking. Beginners and experts alike can enjoy incredible island-dotted seascapes.

Visitors can try their hand at various forms of kayaking and thrilling paddling through swift currents under the watchful eye of local guides. From the numerous islands large and small that dot the marine topography, to water transparent enough to see tropical fish swimming below, even the bright white sand that fringes the uninhabited islands... sea kayaking offers visitors a chance to discover a new view of Zamami Village.

**Diving** Zamami's stunning waters fascinate divers from around the world.

The sea surrounding Zamami has been gaining recognition as one of the top diving points in the world. The crystal clear ocean takes on a variety of forms through the said to be over 330 species of reef-building corals and over 1000 species of exotic fish that inhabit its reaches. Waiting your visit are schools of colorful reef fish, the migratory "dogtooth" tuna, encounters with manta rays, whales that sing songs of love, and much, much more!



**White Beaches and Vibrant Waters**

The color contrast of Zamami's picturesque coastline is sublime.

A majority of Zamami's beaches feature calm and shallow waters that allow for families and groups to enjoy the ocean at ease. Visitors can enjoy the vibrant contrast of white shores and turquoise waters against a green mangrove-forest background during the day, to scarlet-stained skies and early stars in the evening. Cottages are available at the Ama Campground as well as in the Uhana Area, which faces a bay with waters as quiet as a lake.

Uhana Cottage Reservations & Inquiries: 098-987-2277  
 Ama Campground Reservations & Inquiries: 098-987-3259



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**Zamami Village Whale Watching Association**

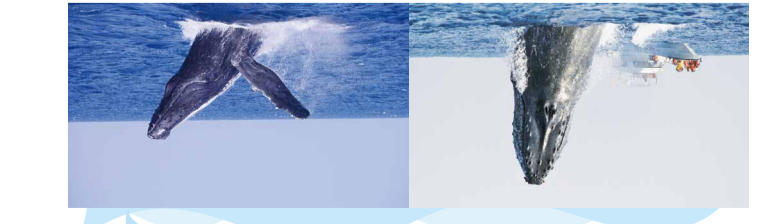
Upon its establishment in 1991, the Zamami Village Whale Watching Association enacted and has self-enforced its own set of whale-watching regulations. All Zamami Village Whale Watching Association affiliated boats adhere to these regulations and carry out whale-friendly watching activities. Whale Watching Season: end of December until beginning of April (only as long as whales can be seen)  
 Tel. 098-868-4141 (Ohtsawasa Inquiries: Tourist Information Center Tel. 098-987-2277)  
<http://www.vill.zamami.okinawa.jp/whale/>



Zamami Village whale watching starts with staff who search for whales from the islands' various observation decks. The staff contact the whale-watching boats upon locating whales and proceed to guide the vessels by radio to prime whale-watching locale. Coordination between staff on land and the whale-watching captains at sea guarantees participants the best chance of encountering a whale. Officials restrict excessive numbers of boats from gathering around or approaching too close to the whales thereby ensuring as little environmental burden as possible. Participants can enjoy whale watching that is both entertaining and conscientious of the whales themselves.

Normally migrating around the northern Pacific, humpback whales return to warm Zamami every winter in order to breed and to raise their young. Zamami-Village visitors thus have a chance to encounter new-born whale calves, male whales fiercely competing for the attention of females, and even whales that sing songs of love. The whales at times leap from the water or strike their pectoral and tail fins against the surface providing visitors with a variety of performances.

Humpback whales are 13-15 meters long and weigh 25-30 tons. They can be recognized by their bumpy heads and lengthy pectoral fins that reach as far as a third of their total body length—the longest pectoral fins among all whale species. Individual whales can be identified by the pattern on the underside of their tail. The Whale Watching Association has verified a large number of whales that return to Zamami every year, and regular returnees have even been given nicknames.



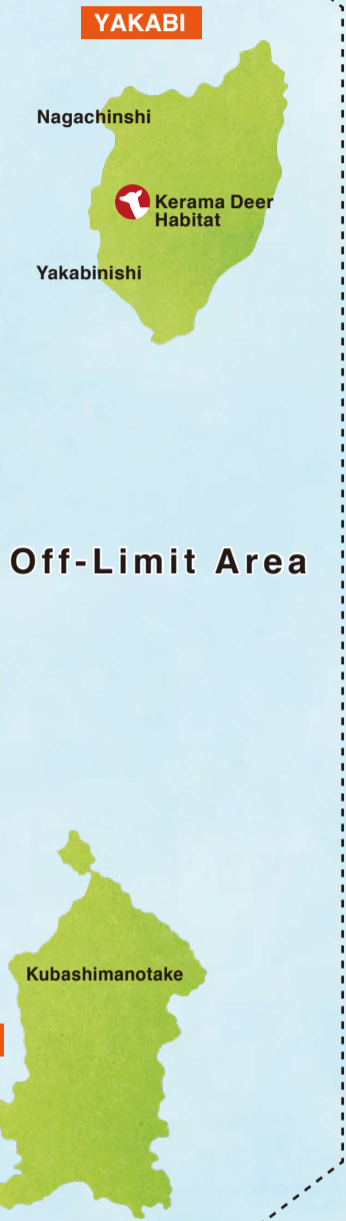
**Whale Friendly**

**Returning to Zamami Village year after year, humpback whales entertain watchers with stunning performances.**



# KERAMA ISLANDS ZAMAMI VILLAGE GUIDE MAP

- Observation Deck
- Beach
- Kerama Deer Habitat
- Smoking Area (Smoking on beach prohibited)



## Off-Limit Area



**Keramashoto National Park**  
 Along with neighboring Tokashiki, Zamami Village was designated as the "Keramashoto National Park" on "Coral Day" March 5, 2014. Among other factors, Zamami was designated for having some of the best seascape scenery and views in the nation as well as for the abundance of coral surrounding the village. As a national park, Zamami Village is unique in its role as a breeding area for humpback whales and in the extensiveness of its designated marine area.

## Island-Beautification Ordinance

On 1 October 2016, Zamami Village implemented the "Island-Beautification Ordinance" in order to ensure an environment suitable of national-park status through planned improvement of the village's aesthetic as a whole. New rules have been created through the ordinance such as prohibitions on littering and smoking outside of the designated smoking areas (including while walking). We ask for all visitors' understanding and help in creating an even better Zamami Village.  
**Please visit the Zamami Village Homepage for more information:**  
<http://www.vill.zamami.okinawa.jp/>

## Ramsar Convention Designated Wetland of International Importance

Wetlands are home to various forms of life from microorganisms to fish, shellfish, insects, birds, and even larger animals. The Ramsar Convention was established as an international treaty for the conservation of wetlands and shallow-ocean areas, particularly with a focus on habitat preservation for waterfowl that fly across national borders. Zamami and Tokashiki villages gained recognition in November 2005 for their "extensive coral reefs and abundance of marine life." In May 2015, the designated area under the Ramsar Convention was expanded to encompass the entirety of the Kerama Islands.  
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## Mensore! Welcome to Zamami Village! Notices and Requests for Visitors

- Take care to prevent sunburn and heatstroke  
 The sun is extremely strong at sea and at the beach. Please drink plenty of water and take measures to prevent sunburn.
- Be wary of your physical condition while swimming  
 Please do not swim either when you feel unwell or after consuming alcohol. Bringing alcohol to the beach is prohibited.
- Do not stand on the coral  
 Zamami Village is home to many species of coral. When coral is damaged all kinds of sea creatures lose their homes. Please do not stand on or kick the coral while snorkeling or swimming. Please be especially careful during low tide as the water's depth dramatically decreases.
- Please help us save water  
 Each island constantly faces a serious shortage of water. Please conserve water when showering and washing equipment.
- Always wear a shirt and shorts (swimwear is only acceptable at the beach)  
 Zamami Village is a residential area and we ask for your cooperation in maintaining an environment suitable of a residential area.
- Do not feed the fish (it disrupts the ecosystem)

For the safety of yourself and others, please follow the instructions of the lifeguards and swim only in the designated swimming area.



With around 24km of coastline, Zamami Island is known as even one of Okinawa's top diving destinations. The transparent waters host a variety of sights that fascinate visiting divers. Divers from beginner to veteran can fully enjoy their time thanks to the island's large number of shops. Both Furuzamami Beach and Ama Beach, the site of the island's campground, boast a beautiful contrast between their white sands and emerald waters. On land, Zamami Island offerings include stunning views from the peak of Mt. Takatsuki-Yama as well as the island's other various observation decks. In recent years Zamami Island has come to be known as a whale-watching destination. During the winter season whales migrate to the waters around Zamami, and visitors have the opportunity to view the whales and their miraculous performances.



Furuzamami Beach



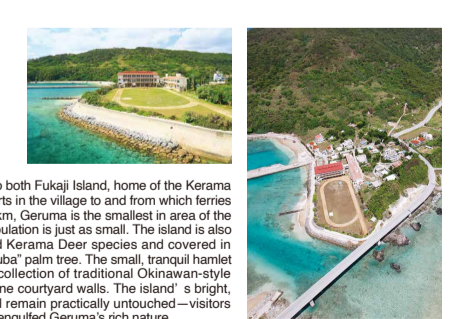
Sakubaru Rock Formations

Aka Bridge



Nishibama Beach

Covered primarily by forests and fields, Aka Island is blessed with abundant nature and even inhabited by Kerama Deer, a nationally protected species. The observation deck at the peak of Mt. Nakadake offers 360-degree panoramic views of the village's vibrant turquoise waters. A stopping point for Chinese trading vessels during the reign of the Ryukyu Kingdom, Aka Island too has gained popularity in more recent years as a diving locale. In addition to all of the enjoyment possible at the beautiful Nishibama Beach, travelers can with each visit experience new discoveries and awe across Aka's diverse set of untouched diving points.



Geruma is a small island connected to both Fukaji Island, home of the Kerama Airport, and Aka Island, one of two ports in the village to and from which ferries regularly travel. With a perimeter of 5km, Geruma is the smallest in area of the village's inhabited islands and its population is just as small. The island is also inhabited by the nationally protected Kerama Deer species and covered in old-growth forests of the Okinawan "kuba" palm tree. The small, tranquil hamlet on the south of Geruma Island is a collection of traditional Okinawan-style homes sporting red-tile roofs and stone courtyard walls. The island's bright, white beaches and surrounding coral remain practically untouched—visitors have the chance to be heart and soul engulfed Geruma's rich nature.



Almost entirely an airport, Fukaji Island is the Kerama Islands' gateway to the sky. Passengers can make their way to Zamami Island via village-run ferries. The coastline of this uninhabited island is known to host many sea turtle egg-laying sites, and Mukaraku Island to the south is considered to be the best diving point.

