



The Miracle Forest 'Yanbaru'. New encounters in Ogimi Village





Ogimi Village located in the northern part of Okinawa Prefecture
The northern part of the main island of Okinawa, where nature remains strongly,
is called Yanbaru and Ogimi Village is located within it.
Various precious creatures live in the forest of Yanbaru.
It is nurtured by nature, and is a place where people and culture coexist.
Forests, Rivers, Seas, Creatures, People, Culture
Encounter different experiences during your time in Ogimi.



Okinawa Woodpecker
©OCVB



Yanbaru Kuina
(Okinawa Rail)



Hego Primeval Forest ©OCVB

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Konoha Butterfly

Access to Ogimi Village

Ogimi Village is located in the northern part of the main island of Okinawa, Yanbaru (Ogimi Village, Higashi Village, Kunigami Village) and in the green, deep mountains and beautiful sea. The population consists of 17 settlements facing a bright and lively village with about 3,200 residents.



Access and Travel Time (Car)
Naha Airport (Naha City) →
Okinawa Expressway Kyoda IC (Nago City)
About 1 hour 30 minutes

A map of the Naha Airport area. It shows the Naha Airport Expressway (green line) and the Nakachi Interchange (green circle). The Naha Interchange is also marked. The map includes labels for Naha Interchange, Naha Airport, Nakachi IC, and Okinawa Expressway.



Come to Ogimi!



By car

Distance / Time

About 90 km; About 100 minutes from Naha City (Naha Airport)

About 30 km; About 50 minutes from Churaumi Aquarium

Distance / Time

About 20 km; About 40 minutes from Nago City (Kyoda IC)

About 100 km; About 130 minutes from Itoman City (Peace Memorial Park)



Shikuwasa (local citrus fruit)

The Japanese name of this fruit is Hirami Lemon. When the fruit ripens, it becomes yellowish orange (golden, Kugani) and is eaten raw, but most of them are harvested in the green-cut state. It has a sour taste and is used as a seasoning.

Yanbaru Inobuta
(boar-pig hybrid)

As the name suggests in Japanese, it is a cross between a boar and a pig. It has a light flavor and no odor, making it easy to eat.



A kind of lizard found in the Amami Islands and the Okinawa Islands. Located in the northeastern part of the tree lizard family.



- about 50 minutes



Pineapple

Pineapple cultivation is popular in Yanbaru, as people take full advantage of the acidic soil. In particular, Higashimura boasts the largest production volume in Japan.



Southern Japanese Mudskipper

They can be observed in Higashi Village's Gesashi Bay Mangrove Forest. They are adorable when they are jumping forward.



Ogimi Map



- Shioya Bay Cycling Course
- Kijoka Cycling Course
- Lake Buyagaya Cycling Course

**NPO Ogimi Marugoto
Tourism Association**

There are so many
places to visit!

Igimi Homestay

The Complete Experience

Enjoy the nature. Chat with the locals. Create unforgettable memories in your second hometown, Ogimi.



Learn the lifestyle and culture of Yanbaru by getting to

\ Igimi Homestay /

You will learn the secrets to longevity and gain a deeper appreciation for food when you eat Ogimi's traditional dishes that have sustained the good health of its residents for a long time. Enjoy communicating with our elderly people who are even more active as they age, and experience Yanbaru's agriculture, dairy farming and craft-making. You will certainly find many moments to treasure when you experience Ogimi's rural lifestyle with your host family. Learn the preciousness of nature while learning to farm. We hope you find your Japanese mother and father in your second hometown, Ogimi.

1-Day Farm Stay

Overnight farming experiences in Ogimi Village vary in terms of courses and plans, ranging from a day trip to a maximum of two nights three days. It'll be a very valuable experience to have a farming and interacting with local people in Yanbaru. Here is a model plan from the entry ceremony to the leaving ceremony.



1 Homestay (1 night, 2 days, 2 meals) (1 night, 2 days, 3 meals)



[Time] All year round

[Required time] 1 night 2 days

[Number of people] 180 people

[Receiving private houses] 40 houses / 180 students
(Maximum of 6 people, based on 4 people per private house)

*Pick-up and drop-off for the private lodging experience will be provided by each farmer.

*Ogimi Village, Higashi Village, Kunigami Village, and Haneji are for private lodgings that accept more than 180 people.

3 Igimi Day Trip Experience

Half Day Experience

[Time] All year round

[Required time] 3 hours

[Number of people] 180 people

[Accepting farms] 40 / 180 students

(Up to 7 people, based on 4 people per private house)

Model Itinerary

Time	Content
9:00	Meet at the Bunagaya Hall parking lot *Toilet
9:10	Irimura Ceremony
9:30	Arriving at the farm house, farming experience, cultural exchange time with local farmers
11:40	Meet at Bunagaya Hall parking lot
11:50	Leaving ceremony (say goodbye to your farm family)
12:00	Depart from Bunagaya Hall parking lot

*Please contact us for the details of the above plans.

know the local residents!

2 Igimi Homestay (2 nights, 3 days, 5 meals)

[Time] All year round

[Required time] 3 days and 2 nights

[Number of people] 180 people

[Receiving private houses] 40 houses / 180 students

(Maximum of 6 people, based on 4 people per private house)

*Pick-up and drop-off for the private lodging experience will be provided by each farmer.

*Ogimi Village, Higashi Village, Kunigami Village, and Haneji are for private lodgings that accept more than 180 people.

A day-trip to experience the fun and hardship of farming while helping local famers.

1-Day Farming Experience

[Time] All year round

[Required time] 6 hours

[Number of people] 180 people

[Accepting farms] 40 / 180 students

(Up to 7 people, based on 4 people per private house)

Model Itinerary

Time	Content
9:00	Meet at the Bunagaya Hall parking lot *Toilet
9:10	Irimura Ceremony
9:30	Arriving at the farm house, farming experience, cultural exchange time with local farmers, lunch
15:40	Meet at Bunagaya Hall parking lot
15:50	Leaving ceremony (say goodbye to your farm family)
16:00	Departure from Bunagaya Hall parking lot

Welcome Ceremony



After arrival to the village, the first thing to experience is the entrance ceremony. At this point, each participant will go with their respective host families.

Sample Plan Day

Farm Experience



The farming experience will start soon. You will learn how the vegetables you usually eat grow and how to harvest them.

Dinner



Eat vegetables that we have harvested and dishes that use local ingredients. You'll discover the tastes of Okinawan food.

Interactions with the locals



After the meal, you will interact with the farmers. Undergo a sanshin experience where you will sing and dance using music from traditional Okinawan culture.

Breakfast



Enjoy breakfast made by your host family. Absorb the beautiful nature of Okinawa and amazing flavors of the local home-style cooking.

Farewell Ceremony



For the final part of your short, but meaningful farmstay, you'll participate in a farewell ceremony. Don't be surprised if you see a few tears, or shed some yourself as you are bound to make deep connections with your family.

Ashibina - Ogimi Night!!

Ashibina ~ Ogimi Night is a concentrated private lodging experience, and by holding a private lodging and an exchange meeting for all members in Ogimi Village, teachers, agents, and farmers who do not interact with each other until they leave the village. You can have a social gathering at night. Please enjoy the interesting Ashibina ~ Ogimi Night to make better memories of your school trip.

Teachers, Students, and Locals! Join a cultural exchange with everyone while enjoying local performing arts together.

[Time] All year round

[Required time] About 2 hours

[Number of people] Consultation required

[Contents of exchange meeting] Ogimi Eisa performance, lion dance performance, Ryukyu dance appreciation, starry sky observation

Optional: Surprise fireworks (30-50 shots)

- * Transportation to the venue will be provided by the secretariat and each private house.
- * In case of rain, the event will be held at the Ogimi elementary and junior high school gymnasium.
- * In principle, dinner will be taken at the private house before coming to the venue. It is possible to bring your own lunch box for dinner.

At night in Yanbaru, the sky is full of stars!
You can observe the Milky Way and many stars.



*Fireworks are optional.





Enjoy local performing arts together!



Sample Plan Schedule

Time	Content	Location
12:00	Arrive in Ogimi Village	Yanbaru Forest Visitor Center, etc.
12:10	Entrance ceremony	Farm stay
12:40	Participants will be taken to their respective farms Agricultural experience, family business experience	
18:30	Transfer to the venue by private house Stargazing Exchange event (Eisa, Ryukyu dance, Lion dance)	Shioya fishing port square *In case of rain, the event will be held at the gymnasium of Ogimi Elementary and Junior High School.
20:30	*Surprise fireworks (optional)	
21:00	Arrive at each farm, take a bath, go to bed	Farm stay



Yanbaru is a registered
World Natural Heritage site!

Ogimi Nature Experience



A6 Cycling Experience

A1 Ta Waterfall Trekking & Playing Around the Basin



Look on your
cell phone!

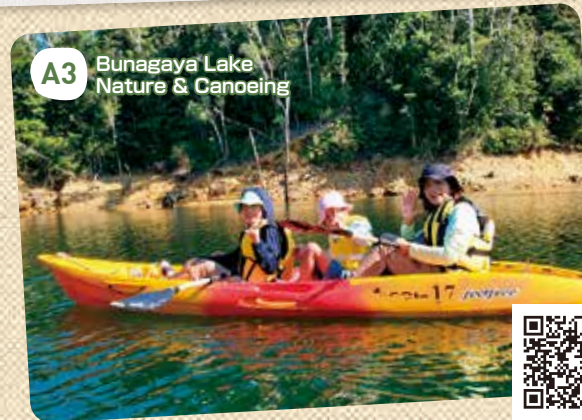


No.	Program	Experience	Duration	No. of people
A1	Ta Waterfall Trekking & Playing Around the Basin	A local guide will take you to the 15-meter high Ta Waterfall where men and women of all ages can enjoy playing in the water. Have a nice and relaxing time in the tranquil forest of Yanbaru.(Guide fees, insurance fees, and tax are included)	2 hours	2 to 20 people
A2	Forest & Lakeside Nordic Walking	Enjoy a light Nordic walk along the shores of Taiho Dam (nicknamed Lake Bunagaya) while feeling the deep green breeze. Absorb the energy of nature. (Instructor fee, pole fee, insurance fee, consumption tax included)	2 hours	4 to 20 people
A3	Bunagaya Lake Nature and Canoeing	Paddle through water trees as you admire the crystal-clear, mirror-like surface of the lake. You will find small waterfalls and nests of Okinawa woodpeckers in the trees.(Guide fee, canoe fee, insurance fee, consumption tax included)	2 hours	4 to 20 people
A4	Limestone Mountains & Forest Mountain Trekking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Bujimui course (Beginner to Intermediate) Distance: 1km ●Nekmachiji course (Beginner to Intermediate) Distance: 1.5km ●Bunagaya course (Beginner to Intermediate) Distance: 2km ●Shioya Fuji course (Intermediate) Distance: 3km (In each course, guide fee, insurance fee, consumption tax included)	1 hour and 30 minutes 1 hour and 30 minutes 2 hours 3 hours	4 to 15 people
A5	Canoe Trip Around Miyagi Island	Travel around the island at the entrance of Shioya Bay by canoe. Enjoy a wonderful experience and the pleasant sea breeze.	2 hours	2 to 20 people
A6	Cycling Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kijoka Village ● Shioya Bay ● Bunagaya Lake You can choose one of 3 courses. There are also electric bicycles available as well.	2 hours	2 to 20 people
A7	Houkake Sabani Boat (Shioya Bay) & Manufacturing Experience	Ride on a traditional Okinawan wooden boat, Fukake Sabani!	3 hours	4 to 20 people
A8	Boat Fishing Experience	Catch some fish on this exciting boat fishing experience. You don't need to bring anything, we have the supplies!	4 hours	6-8 people
A9	Starry Sky Observation	The quiet night of Ogimi and the perfect starry sky are sure to impress you!	2 hours	4 to 20 people

A4 Limestone Mountains & Forest Mountain Trekking



A3 Bunagaya Lake Nature & Canoeing



Ogimi no Churaumi (Beautiful Sea) Experience



Check videos of the marine activities from the QR code!



Snorkeling Experience



Marine Experience Program #2 Sea Kayaking/SUP



Banana Boat Experience

No.	Program	Duration	No. of people
B1	Marine Experience Package Program (Snorkeling + Banana Boat + Free Time for Swimming)	About 2 hours	Number of people negotiable
B2	Marine Experience Package Program #2 (Snorkeling + SUP + Sea Kayaking + Free Time for Swimming)	About 2 hours	Number of people negotiable

*Please select from the above experiences.

*If there are more than 100 people, the experience will be divided between the morning and afternoon.

*Please contact us if you would like to experience multiple experiences.

Ogimi Life and culture Experiences



C2 Eisa Performance



C3 Paper Clay Shisa Making Experience



C4 Seashell Lampshade Making Experience



C1 Peace Learning



C5 Shikuwasa Wood Chopsticks and Spatula Making Experience



C6 Gel Candle Making Experience



C7 Environmental Conservation Learning

No.	Program	Experience	Duration	No. of people
C1	Peace Learning	During World War II, Keiko Taira (Maiden Name: Miyagi) was 9 years old. She boarded a ship, Tsushima-maru, chartered to evacuate school children and headed for Nagasaki. On the way, however, the ship was struck by a torpedo launched from an American submarine and blown to pieces... She will tell you, in person, how she developed her strong emotion to care for others and her desire to live life to the fullest after this tragic experience.	2 hours	10 to 170 people
C2	Eisa Performance	Enjoy the traditional lion dance performance.	2 hours	10 to 60 people
C3	Paper Clay Shisa Making Experience	Make a beautiful souvenir of Shisa, the traditional guardian deity of Okinawa, with paper clay! It's easy to take home with you and will help you remember the beautiful memories you make in Okinawa.	2 hours	10 to 60 people
C4	Seashell Lampshade Making Experience	Make a beautiful lampshade using seashells picked from Ogimi's beautiful beaches. (Cost of materials, instruction fees, insurance fees, and tax are included.)	2 hours	5 to 40 people
C5	Shikuwasa Wood Chopsticks and Spatula Making Experience	Learn how to make your own chopsticks and cooking spatula with Shikuwasa tree branches. It's good for the environment, too!	2 hours	5 to 40 people
C6	Gel Candle Making Experience	Create a gel candle in your image of the sea of Okinawa. You could also use the Yanbaru forest as inspiration! Make your own souvenir to take home with you.	2 hours	5 to 20 people
C7	Environmental Conservation Learning (SDGs)	Learn about the community development that utilizes the nature of the world natural heritage Yanbaru. The rich forest of Yanbaru, which can only be found in Okinawa, is a treasure that should be handed down to future generations. Deepen your understanding and interest in nature and other living things. We are promoting awareness-raising activities for the conservation of the natural environment and the protection of wildlife.	2 hours	10 to 170 people



Nature that nurtures longevity, history, people and life.



Ogimi Village, the Gateway to Yanbaru



(Kijoka Local Market)



(Ito Basho Field)



(Kijoka Himba Forest)

Yanbaru is a registered World Natural Heritage site located in the northern part of the main island of Okinawa. In Ogimi Village, which is the entrance to the area, which consists of three villages, a diverse group of plants that are internationally acclaimed, and the culture that remains. Learn the wisdom and thoughts of the elders that live in the village.

You can enjoy a special time in Ogimi Village by experiencing nature through activities and getting to know the warmth and climate of the people who live together through interactions, rather than just sightseeing.

Reservations for tours and plans can be made from our website.

Please contact us at: <https://yonna-ogimi.com/>



Spend 2 days and 1 night in Yanbaru's "Village of Longevity" Ogimi (Activities Included)

Outline

Experience: Guided E-Bike Tour + Yanbaru Starry Night Observation

Interaction: Have fun with a local woman with sanshin and kachashi

Meals: For dinner on the first day, we will prepare a BBQ of local ingredients.

- Rice is served in a rice bowl. You will also be served nakami* soup.
- Prepare your own breakfast on the second day.

Accommodation: Select "camping night" or "minpaku" at Miyagi Community Center Lawn Square

- WC is a public hall facility specification (showers are used at nearby elementary schools, 5 minutes by car)

*Nakami refers to pig's internal organs, or offal, and "nakami soup" is offal soup!

Schedule for 1 night 2 days

■ Day 1: 13:00-23:00 (Base: Meet at Miyagi Community Center Plaza and Shioya Bay)

13:00	Meet at Shioya/Miyagi Community Center Plaza (self-introduction/general staff explanation) · Prepare for camping with everyone (set up tents, etc.)
14:00	Staff Guided Village Tour by E-Bike (choose from Kijoka Village or Shioya Village)
17:00	Return to Miyagi Community Center Square! ~free time~
18:00	BBQ and dinner preparations start! · BBQ dinner while watching the sunset · Cultural exchange with local women (sanshin, kachashi, etc.) · Yanbaru starry sky night
23:00	Get ready for bed

■ Day 2 9:00-11:00 (Miyagi Community Center Square)

8:30	Wake up (each person prepares breakfast) · Clean up camping equipment
10:00	Everyone cooperates in beach cleaning (SDGs) in front of Miyagi Community Center!
Ends at 11:00 (Thank you for your hard work!)	

***If you would like to experience various activities from the afternoon, please consult the staff and enjoy sightseeing in Ogimi!**

Highlight 1

A local guide takes on a leisurely cycling through the village. If you're lucky, you might even be able to get your host grandfather and grandmother to join you as you explore the stories and spots related to the village.



Highlight 2

Barbecue using local ingredients while watching the sun set over the sea. Listen to the sound of the sanshin and watch the bonfire, sing and dance together, and spend a night that can only be enjoyed here. Learn about the stars of Yanbaru! Discover the charm of the stars while using an astronomical telescope.



Highlight 3

Ogimi Village is full of nature activities. Enjoy the nature of Yanbaru by canoeing around Miyagi Island or trekking through jungle-like subtropical forests and rivers!



Operating period: February to November *Excluding December and January

Group size 2-5 people

* Up to 5 sets of tents for 5 people (up to 25 people)

* Up to 20 people for minpaku

Activities: Cycling, Canoeing around Miyagi Island, Ta Waterfall Trekking

* Canoeing and Trekking are optional

* EV cycle can also be selected

Plan 1

Leisurely Tour With a Local Guide

Kijoka Village Cycling Tour: Explore The Real Life of Okinawa

In Ogimi village, which is located in the northern part of Okinawa's main island, at the entrance of the world natural heritage area, you can experience the nature where the precious ecosystem remains and local life and culture.



Plan 2

Yanbaru World Natural Heritage

Cycling Tour of the Central Village of Okinawa's Traditional Event "Ungami"

A local guide will share with you the stories and spots related to the festival in the center of Ungami in Shioya Bay, which is designated as a nationally designated important intangible folk cultural property.



Plan 3

Camping

Cultural Exchange & Overnight Plan with Local Grandparents

A stay plan where you can enjoy a barbecue while interacting with the local grandparents and stay overnight at a camp in Ogimi Village, which is the entrance to the World Natural Heritage area in the northern part of the main island of Okinawa.



Plan 4

Minpaku (homestay)

Cultural Exchange & Overnight Plan with Local Grandparents

A stay plan where you can enjoy a barbecue while interacting with the local grandparents and stay overnight in private lodging in Ogimi Village, which is the entrance to the World Natural Heritage area in the northern part of the main island of Okinawa.



Plan 5

Ta Waterfall Trekking & Playing Around the Basin

Ta Falls in the upper reaches of the Heinan River is a little-known spot where you can fully embrace the nature of the subtropical climate. This is a tour where you can enjoy the natural beauty of Yanbaru while learning about flora and fauna that you might not notice just by visiting.



Plan 6

Miyagi Island Sea Kayak Tour

Kayak a complete lap around Miyagi Island which has a circumference of 2.8 kilometers. Facing the calm Shioya Bay, you can paddle your kayak. This adventure is suitable for all levels, beginners included.



Workshops & training to host our guests safely and responsibly.

The Ogimi Marugoto Tourism Association offers various types of workshops, lectures, and training for guides and farmers to enhance their motivation and improve their capacity to be safe and reliable guides and host families.



Safety Measures

Potential safety risks include more than just corona/the flu. Other risks include natural disasters such as: typhoons, earthquakes, landslides, and tsunamis. It is important for us to identify all potential safety risks so that we can provide a safe and fun experience for guests.



- Emergency and Critical Care Training Courses
- Fire Prevention and Extinguishing Drills
- Small Animal Handling Workshops
- Hosting International Tourists Language Classes • Hazardous Materials Workshops

■ Host Families

- Meetings to Promote the Installation of Fire Extinguishers
- Promotion of Obtaining the Certificate of Approval by the Fire Services Act • Information Sessions about the Hotel Business Law by the Hokubu Regional Public Health Center
- Okinawan Cuisine Workshops
- Allergy Prevention Classes

The items listed above are just some of our workshops and training classes.



Allergy Prevention Class



Inspection Training



Fire Extinguishing Training



Emergency and Critical Care Training Courses



Okinawan Cuisine Workshops



Regular Meeting



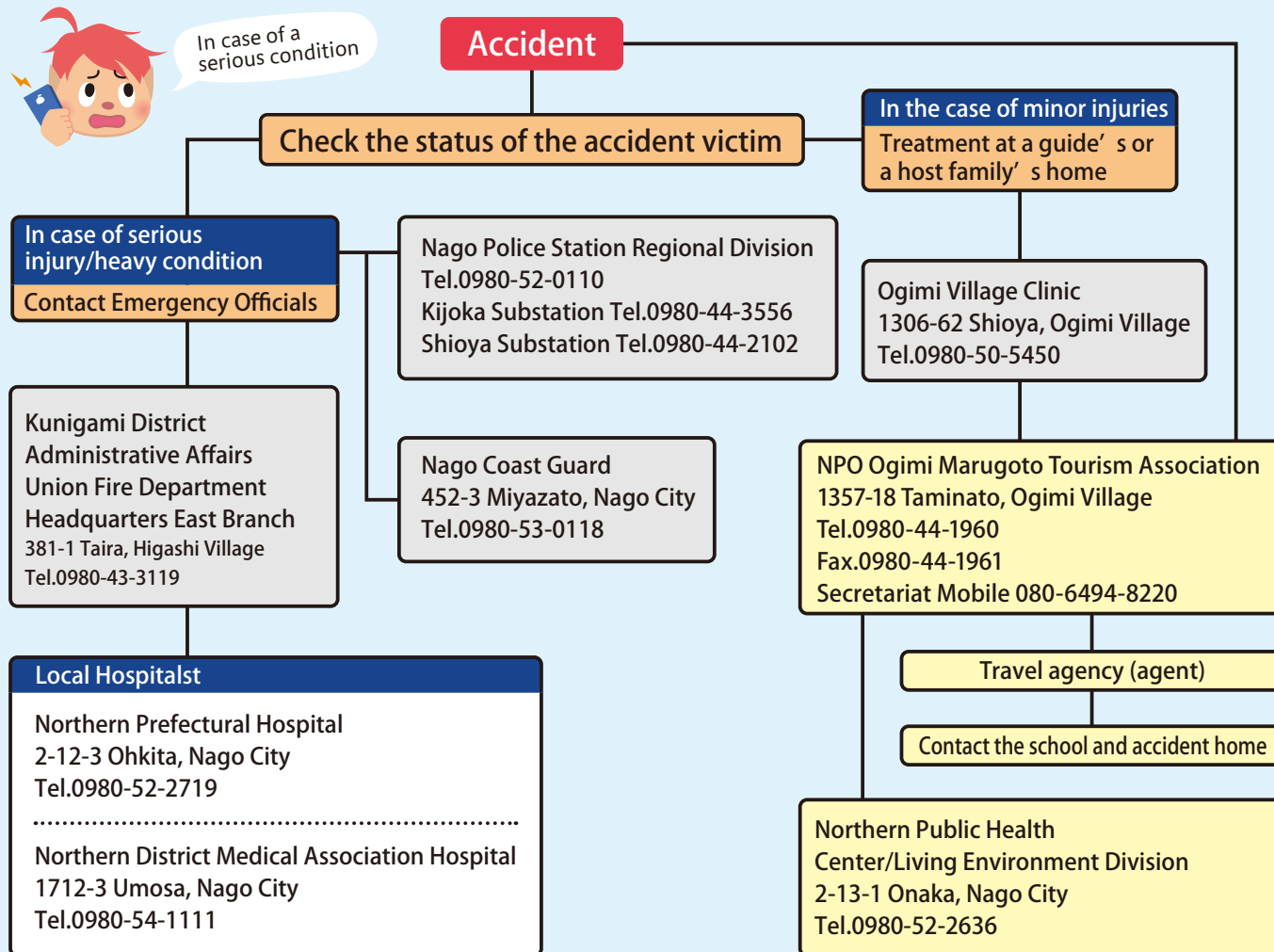
Food Sanitation Act Classes by the Hokubu Regional Public Health Center

In addition to the above classes and services, we offer many more culture classes, Experience Programs Guide training sessions, information sessions about obtaining approval by the Hotel Business Law and Fire Services Act, as well as other kinds of workshops and classes.

Emergency Procedures in Case of an Accident

Emergency Contact System Chart

● In case of an accident, we will follow the emergency contact network chart below.



About Insurance

In the case of an accident, tour participants are covered by accident and liability insurance. The insurance fees are included in the tour price. Please refer to the chart on the right for coverage details.

Insurance Coverage

Accident Insurance	Liability Insurance
Death/residual injury insurance amount: 10 million yen	Bodily Injury Liability 70 million yen per person
Daily amount for hospitalization: 5,000 yen	Accident Liability 100 million yen
Daily amount for hospital visit: 3,000 yen	Damage Liability 1 accident 5 million yen

Attractive Japan Award



Regional Culture and Identity Award

We provide programs that allow visitors to interact with local residents at camps and private lodgings, as well as guides to introduce them to nature and culture.

Ministry of the Environment 9th Ecotourism Award



Special Award

A total of 57 applications from all over the country were screened, and Attractive Japan was awarded the award in recognition of its efforts to revitalize local communities through its core business of vacation rentals and its environmental conservation activities.

Tourism EXPO Japan 2017 The 3rd Japan Tourism Awards

Category Award Winner

● Selection points

The use of the rich natural environment of Okinawa and the culture of the island as tourism materials, and the region cooperation to provide a system of private lodging to increase the number of visitors.



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