

**Kuroshima Island has a tropical feeling  
and is surrounded by an atmosphere of  
historical significance.**





## 【The landing place of Anjin Miura and the museum of the De Liefde】

The island, which is a short boat ride from Sasiu suburb in Usuki, has a coastline of just 2 km, but is teeming with nature. This island is a very popular place because William Adams, also known as Anjin Miura, arrived in Japan at this spot. He was a key figure in the Sengoku Era and played an important part in that period of Japan's history.

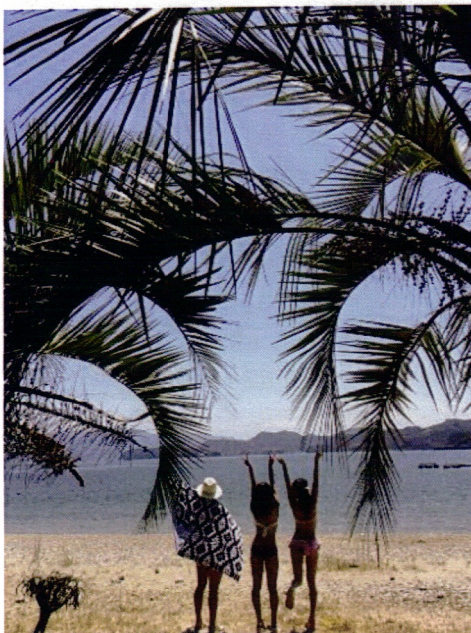
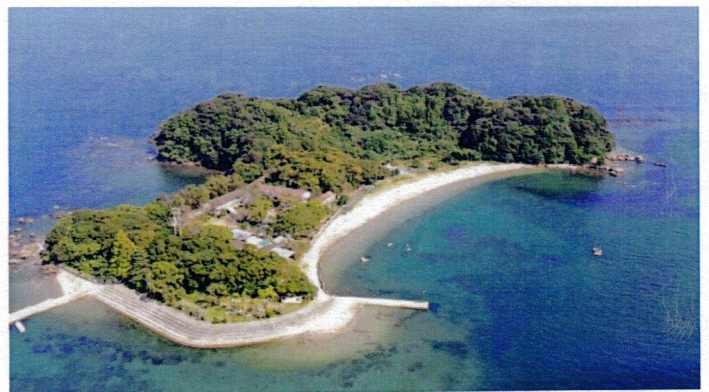
Not only can we learn about the story of William Adams, but Kuroshima has also taught us a lot about the formation of islands through its geology. Further, historians have found remnants of early civilizations on the island.



## 【The ocean surrounding Kuroshima is some of the purest in Oita

The Kuroshima Beach was listed in "the 100 best beaches in Japan" by the Ministry of Environment Japan in 2006. The water has been given a AA rating every year through the Oita prefecture research.

If you step onto the island, you feel like you have arrived in the tropics not a small island of Japan.



## 【The combination of untouched nature and human settlement】

Kuroshima Island may be small, but if you arrive on the island, you can experience nature which is undisturbed by human activity, including huge trees called sudaji.

On the other hand, it is a unique place because part of this island is a grove where locals grow mandarins

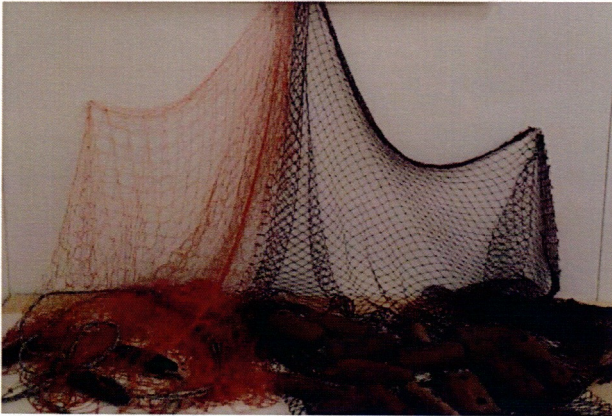






## 【Remains from the Kofun era (early 4th to mid 6th century)】

Remains can be found of structures built between the 4th and 6th century. These include very rare remains of a stone room where the entrance was made in the wall a style unique to the Bungo area .



## 【Huge fishing weights made from mud.】

People used these weights to submerge the net when fishing in the Yayoi era (Nearly 2000 years ago)

These weights are 5 times bigger than those believed to have been used in daily life and are thought to have been made for ceremonial purposes.



## 【Fresh water for Shogun landlord.】

There were tea houses where the Shogun would stop on his way to Tokyo.

Water was drawn from this well to make the tea for the Shogun during the Edo period.

It is a very precious place because people can get very fresh water here.



## 【The Sashiu Fault】

On the other side of this island, you get a different impression compared to the main beach in Kuroshima. While the main beach is very calm, with nice white, sandy beach, this beach faces the open ocean directly, so has a more rugged, rocky shoreline and choppy waters. It is special place geologically also.

Due to a local fault line, we can see a transition between sandstone and volcanic layers which have been brought to the surface.

## Additional part of Kuroshima

- ① Open Season is July and August, if you will go to Kuroshima Island out of this season, Please contact Kuroshima sou before hand
- ② During the season people can hire camp sites (you need to bring your own tent). There are also bungalows for hire. The bungalow size is 6 tatami mat size (comfortable for 4 to 6 people) a 30 tatami mat size room is also available.
- ③ During the off season, the vending machines are not operating and you will need to bring your own food for meals.





During the season(July and August) Parking fee ¥500/day  
 Parking site : 12 Omoto,Sasiu Usuki-Shi,Oita Pref.

Web site:[www.awing.co.jp/sasiu/kuroshima](http://www.awing.co.jp/sasiu/kuroshima)

Boat fee (return trip) Adult 500 yen, children under 12 are 250 yen.

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