

The rabbit island  
that was erased from maps

# A Journey through the Hidden Light and Shadow of Okunoshima

– Guided by a Local Expert –

Lured by the Rabbit,  
Encountering the Light and Shadow  
of Okunoshima

Do you know the story of the island  
that was “erased from the map” ?

The Seto Inland Sea has a mild climate and a beautiful landscape dotted with numerous islands.

Among the more than 700 islands in the Seto Inland Sea, there is one that was once erased from maps—Okunoshima, the site of this tour.

How did this island meet such a unique fate?

Its history is tied to the tragedies of past wars, and in some ways, it is no longer the island it once was.

Today, however, as you step onto Okunoshima, you will be greeted by its stunning natural scenery and the many rabbits that bring comfort to visitors.

Though uninhabited, Okunoshima preserves its wartime historical sites while quietly revealing the island’s true beauty.

There is something here that questions light and shadow—perhaps even the essence of things. With a local guide and a rabbit as your companions, let’s embark on a journey through the story of Okunoshima.



## Tour plan (2 hours)

**TIME** ① 10:30~12:30  
② 13:30~15:30

**PRICE** 9,000 yen / per person  
\* from 2 participants per tour

**COURSE** We will explore the island’s history by cycling through various sites, including wartime landmarks, shrines, and scenic seaside roads.

Image Video

Cycling  
guide tour





- \* Please cover your own transportation expenses to the meeting place.
- \* If you would like to arrange a private tour, please let us know.

- We provide bicycles for children between 110cm and 145cm in height.
- Children aged 15 or younger receive a 50% discount.
- In case of rain, the tour will be changed to a walking tour for safety reasons.

## Voices of those who experienced it



 Our lovely tour guide showed us gorgeous views of the island alongside some furryfriends as well as help me understand the sad yet important history of Okunoshima!

 A detailed and absolutely fascinating tour through a beautiful island with a history unlike anywhere else in Japan.

## Reservations and inquiries

**080-8417-2146**

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## Episode1

The wild rabbits serve as gentle companions, appearing throughout your journey on the tour.



## Episode5

If there had been no war at that time, and we had never created poison gas... Many people may have such thoughts.

However, that is precisely why this island, with both light and shadow, may carry important messages that serve as a guidepost for the future.

## Episode2

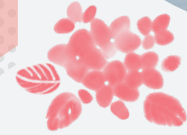
How was the Seto Inland Sea formed? We will reflect on the rich culture that has developed across its islands.

## Episode3

What great shadow fell over Okunoshima during the war? We will explore the reasons why this island is no longer considered "normal."

## Episode4

Okunoshima has been shaped by the shifting tides of history. Amid these changes, has anything remained the same?



For the rabbits  
Please don't pick up or touch the rabbits. It's better not to feed the rabbits.



※ Please understand that these rabbits are not pets—they are wild animals and may bite.

【Okunoshima】

Okunoshima Island, a national park with a circumference of about 4km, was once home to a poison gas factory. Today, it is known as "Rabbit Island," with around many rabbits roaming freely. The island attracts many visitors who enjoy staying overnight or exploring by bicycle.

