

Cross the Sandbar to Chiringashima Island

Chiringashima is the largest island in Kinkowan Bay, located off the coast of Tarahama Beach. From March to October, at low tide a sandbar creates a temporary path to the uninhabited island. This natural phenomenon lasts between two and four hours, allowing visitors to cross the 800-meter sandbar to explore Chiringashima. As the sandbar resembles a bridge, the island is considered a matchmaking spot for couples, and is even nicknamed “marriage island.”

The island has an observation deck with views of the coastline and bay, as well as places where visitors can fish, gather shellfish, or relax on the pristine white sand. Botany fans can enjoy looking for some of the endangered plants that grow on the island.

Near the beach there is a fully equipped campsite for those who wish to linger. In nearby hills you will find a viewing platform with an excellent bird’s-eye view of the island, which is also a popular spot for viewing cherry blossoms in the spring.