

For people who are planning to visit Kozushima Island

Kozushima Island has been designated by the International Dark-Sky Association as an International Dark Sky Island on 1st December 2020.

We hope that this will drive more people to visit us not only during the summer high season when you can enjoy activities in and around the beautiful sea, but also for the other seasons when every aspect of Kozushima's nature can be enjoyed.

However, we have been facing the need to change the way in which we welcome guests, since it is impossible to foresee when the COVID-19 pandemic will be contained.

Unfortunately, even now some visitors still arrive on the island without pre-arranged accommodation and in some cases, without masks. This is upsetting the local community due to the potential increase in the risk of infection.

For the time being, camping is not allowed anywhere on the island. Sleeping outside is prohibited by local bylaws. All visitors must have confirmed reservations for accommodation prior to their arrival. Lodgings are not available on the day of arrival. In such a case where a guest has no planned accommodation, the assumption will be that they are on a day trip.

We've decided on the following policy and measures, so that visitors will feel safe to visit us even under the current circumstances.

The tourism policy of Kozushima Island in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Levels of restraint	Conditions
Restraint level - severe	We request tourists to <u>refrain from coming to Kozushima Island, unless they are urgently required to</u> , while a state of emergency is declared and <u>business is suspended at the request of both Tokyo and national government</u> .
Restraint level - caution	We accept visitors <u>with conditions</u> until a declaration of safety is issued. OR... The number of new COVID-19 cases nationwide stays at <u>less than 100 per day</u> . <i>The conditions are subject to change depending on circumstances. Please keep yourself posted with the latest information.</i>
Restraint level - lifted	When a <u>declaration of safety is issued</u> by both Tokyo and national government, we will <u>lift our restraint request completely and accept visitors without conditions</u> .

● About “Restraint level – caution” and conditions requested as of

21st June, 2021

As of today, the state of emergency has been lifted. However, **we will keep “Restraint level – caution”**. Please check the revised conditions below.

1	Accommodation has to be booked and confirmed by the day before your arrival. You will not be able to find lodgings on the day of arrival. In which case, it will be assumed that you are on a day trip.
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2	Some of the food & beverage vendors on the island have limited menu options and/or have modified their opening hours. Please check opening times or book restaurants in advance.
3	Make sure that you haven't exhibited any symptoms (fever, fatigue, no sense of taste, nor smell etc.) for at least two weeks prior to departure.
4	<p>We request that groups of 5 or more people refrain from coming to the island. <u>However, this condition does not apply to people who live together in the same residence.</u></p> <p><u>Please contact your accommodation provider or KOZU island tourist association if a party of 5 or more people is desired.</u></p>
5	<p>Please strictly adhere to the following guidelines:</p> <p>Always wash your hands thoroughly and use hand sanitizer often. Make sure to wear a mask in public. Maintain social distancing and avoid enclosed spaces. Do not form crowds.</p> <p>● A group of 5 or more must refrain from dining together (During the period of "Semi-emergency Spread Prevention Measures": A group of 3 or more must refrain from drinking alcohol together. / A group of 5 or more must refrain from dining together.)</p> <p>● A group of 5 or more must not enter shops together. (During the period of "Semi-emergency Spread Prevention Measures": A group of 3 or more must not enter shops together.)</p> <p>On Kozushima Island, campsites are closed at present, and sleeping outside is prohibited by bylaw. <u>NOTE: Night fishing will not be accepted as a reason for not securing accommodation.</u></p> <p>Regulations and rules of the village have to be followed strictly.</p> <p>Bear in mind the vulnerability of the island's health service.</p>

*Notes: These conditions are subject to change. Please keep yourself posted with the latest information.

* Effective as of 21st June 2021 till further notice 【The period of "Semi-emergency Spread Prevention Measures" in Tokyo is **from 21st June to 11th July 2021.**】

Like many other places, the Islands' lifestyle changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will take time until the Corona virus is brought under control and managed similar to that of a seasonal virus, such as the flu.

Meanwhile, we would like to continue accepting visitors under the outlined levels of restraint and their associated conditions. We are sorry for the inconvenience that this new way of welcoming guests may cause. We ask for your understanding and cooperation in these difficult times.