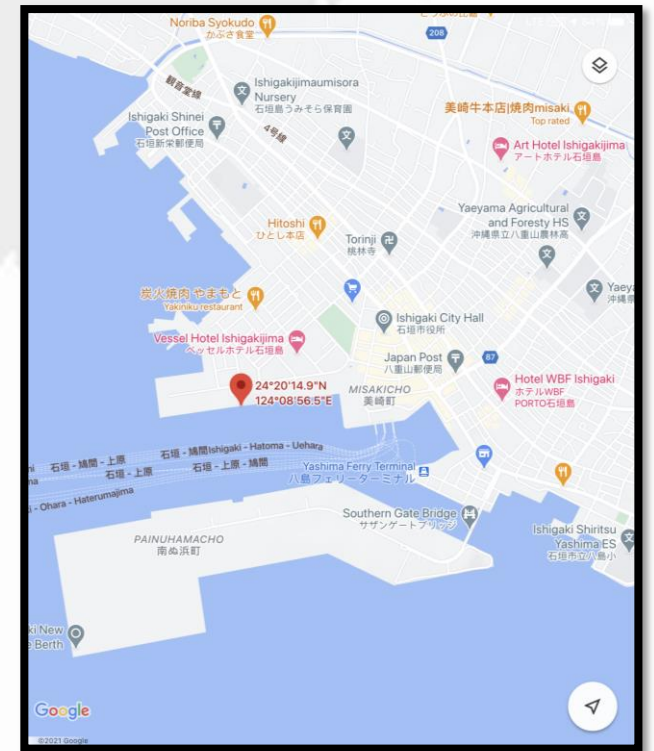
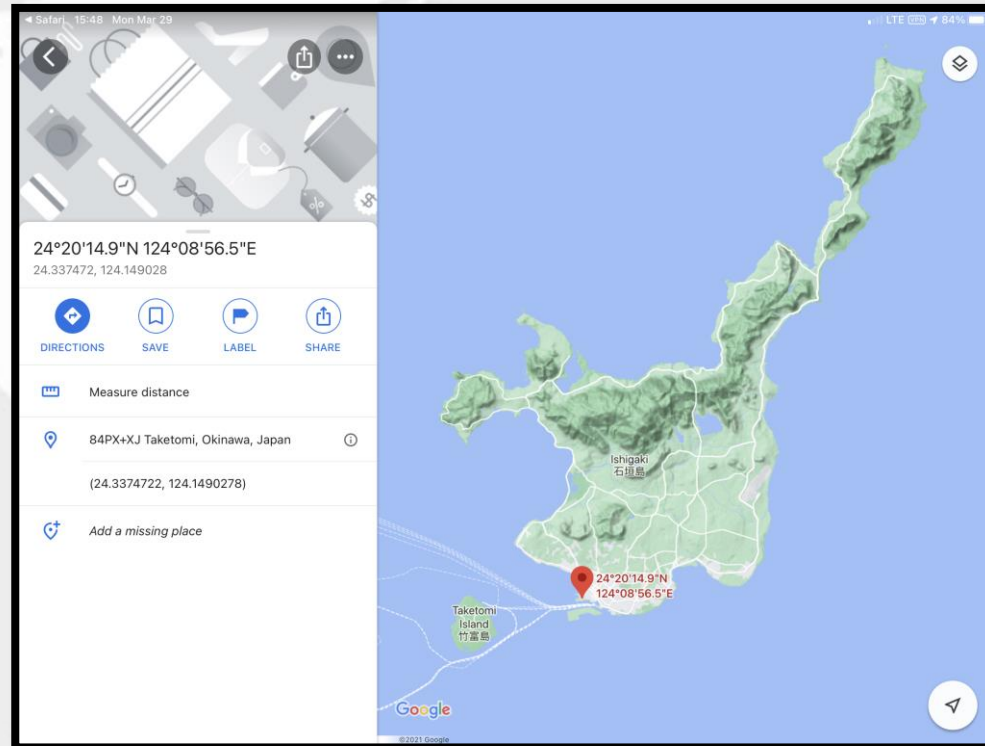


HAL World Cruise 2022  
Ishigaki Japan  
Thursday February 24, 2022  
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM



# Overview

- Ishigaki Island (Okinawa Prefecture)
  - Main island of the Yaeyama Islands
  - Ishigaki City is Japan's Southernmost City
  - Due East of Taiwan
  - 86 sq miles area and 22 miles long



# Basics

- Weather (Monthly Averages)
  - Temperature: Low 65°F (18.2°C), Avg 67°F (19.5°C), Hi 69°F (20.6°C)
  - Rainfall: 5.2 in (131mm)—12 days avg/Feb
  - Humidity: 71%
- Port
  - New cruise terminal finished in 2019
  - Walkable to town??
- Getting around
  - Port authority provides free shuttle to ferry terminal which is near the city
  - Azuma Bus operates services throughout the island
    - Terminal on Sanbashi-dori just across from the cruise terminal
    - Buses can make many stops going around the island though
  - Taxis: Same General Rules as Naha
  - Rental Cars: Requires Passport and International Driver's License



# Basics

- Some High Points
  - Lots of beaches and nature preserves
  - Kabira Bay—Famous for Black Pearls—you cannot go diving for these pearls yourself!! No diving is permitted in Kabira Bay and beach
  - Tamatorizaki Observatory—high elevation for viewing island, beaches, and ocean
  - Beach Activities—snorkeling, paddleboarding, kayaking etc. Didn't see any snorkeling etc. offered on HAL tours, but available through TripAdvisor, Viator etc.
  - Ishigaki Island Limestone Cave
  - ATMs at Japan Post and Family Marts
  - Multiple grocery stores in town



# What To Do

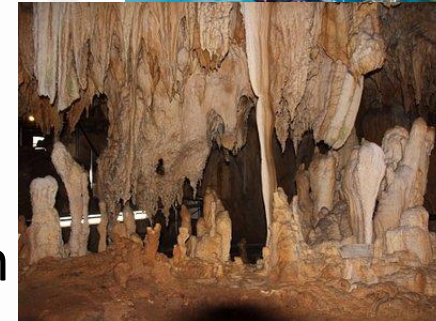
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- Highlights of Ishigaki            \$189.95            6hr (M) 08:30
  - Tamatorizaki Observatory
  - Yonehara--Yaeyama Palm Tree grows here—Natural National Treasure designation
- Irimote Island                        \$279.95            6.75hr (M)        08:30
  - Japan's Largest Mangrove area on the Nakamagawa River
  - Yufu Island—subtropical floral paradise—**accessed by water buffalo ride!!**
- Ishigaki Half Day                    \$109.95            4hr (M) 08:30
  - Banna Park—nature preserve couple of miles north of Ihaigaki
  - Kabira Bay—high rating in Michelin Green Guide—famous for Black Pearls
- Taketomi Island                      \$199.95            4.5hr (M)        08:30
  - Living Museum of Ryukyu Culture—red tiled houses, lion statue to ward off evil spirits
  - Note—another **water buffalo ride!!**



# What To Do (cont.)

- Okinawa Herb Smudge Stick Making
  - \$18.65/PP (1 hr. tour)
  - Craft original to Ishigaki Island
- Couture Perfume Workshop
  - 139.86/PP (2 hr. tour)
  - Create your own fragrance as a memory of your trip 😊
- Ishigaki Limestone Cave
  - \$10.88/PP admission—just under 2 miles from town
  - ~660m Long



## Water Buffalo Rides ☺

- Was really excited about this until I found this!!!

