Make Miyako your second hometown



Im relieved to be here for the first time,

I feel nostalgic for the first time. There's nothing. There's everything. Smiles welcome.

Miyakojima is your second hometown.

Welcome back

## • What kind of place is Miyako?

Miyako is a small flat triangle shaped island.

The island has an average yearly temperature of about 23 degrees celsius, making it easy for people and insects to inhabit.

The main city, Hirara, is filled with the hustle and bustle of people 24 hours a day. Even then the countryside for the most part remains calm and quiet, especially after the sun goes down.

With most of the country being rural, having few skyscrapers and lights, the night sky is filled to the brim with bright, beautiful shining stars.

Surrounded by a bright peculiar emerald-green transparent

ocean, which many call the most beautiful ocean in Japan. Many of the roads are in the middle of farming development land (mainly sugar cane fields, etc.)

Those visiting the island will be treated like family by the local population.

With no mountains or rivers of its own, the island of Miyako is said to be nothing more than a flatland.

The island looks plain, you might think, but that is the Miyako Charm.

When you visit, you will become instantly attached to this natural charm and beauty. Welcome to the island of Mivako!!!

## 🔵 What is farm-stay in Miyako?

Farm-stay in Miyako means you get to stay the night in the house of a real life farmer while also experiencing the agriculture, local cuisine, tourist sites, and the beach. While experiencing the cultural traditions in the countryside you will feel and come to appreciate the slow and relaxing lifestyle. Most importantly, you will get to meet and interact with the kind locals, who will make you feel like a part of their family. After your farm-stay is over you will want to call Miyako your second home. But don' t fret, you will always be welcome back!!!

## Basic Schedule

[First Day] Opening Ceremony - 14:00 Go Home with Your Host Family Experience the Family Business Bath time Dinner with Your Host Family Bed Time [Second Day]

Breakfast

Wake Up

**Experience the Family Business** 

Lunch

Closing Ceremony - 14:00







### Experience Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

Agriculture and Livestock is difficult work! Not a single day goes by without having to go out in the hot sweltering fields and work. While the humble locals have no choice but to work seven days a week, they do it with pride. With all the comforts and convenience of modern society it's easy to take for granted how much actual real work goes into being able to easily go to the store and buy all the food we want One of the many things you will learn during your farm-stay is

all the real back breaking work that goes into putting all that food on your table. Experience and treasure the reward of hard work yourself. You will come to appreciate all the sweat and tears it takes to get something simple, yet indispensable, as food in your stomach.



Learn the process of shipping tomatoe



Taste sugarcane fiber



Pollinate Goya



Plant sugarcane



Take photos with the farming equipment



Harvest the sugarcane

### Experience Animal Husbandry



Feed the cows!



Pet the goats!

Animal husbandry is one of the many different branches of farming in Miyako. Get a first hand experience of what it's like to properly take care of a real life farm animal. And learn how important, difficult and rewarding it can truly be.

Wear farm boots just like the locals!

### Relaxing Stroll Around the Local Region

Take a leisure walk with the cool island breeze. Wouldn't it be nice to feel this all day long? Get to experience all the beautiful scenery miyako offers, including the sunrise, sunset,

and the cool starry night sky. See for yourself how even time slows down while experiencing everything the countryside has to offer.









Use the local coral and seashells to make items like: photo frames, necklaces, or bracelets.













### Experience the Region's Natural Resources

Visit natural occurring sites, such as the Tomori Yamagaa, the Uipia Mountain, and more. Also visit and learn the importance of the Miyako underground water dam.







#### Experience the Local Culture

"shamizen"

one song.

passed on for many generations.

Some regions of Okinawa call it the

After only two hours of practice, even complete beginners can play at least

Learn the chords and start practicing

on your own. The more you practice

the more songs you can play!

The culture and arts of Miyako Island have been passed down for centuries and are rooted in a rich historical tradition. Learn this tradition and experience what it's really like to be a local. Play the traditional Okinawan instrument known as the "sanshin" (Okinawan Banjo).

The sanshin is a small threestringed banjo looking instrument, which has been





## Cook the Local Food

Participate and learn how to cook the local foods and snacks. It will leave your mouth watering!

The deep, rich, natural flavors will bring a smile to your face!















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#### Student group private home experience program

Start Finish

14:00  $\sim$  10:00 next day

Stay/ 1 night. 2meals. ¥10,500 (Tax not included) Price includes experience fee and food costs

Start Finish

14:00 ~ 10:00 in the morning 2days after arrival Stay/ 2nights. 5 meals ¥19,500 (tax not included) Price includes experience fee and food costs



Gusukube Community Center



Aragusuku Coast



Yoshino Coast



Cape Higashihennazaki

#### Visit experience program

Experience time 4 hours ¥6,000

Price included experience fee and food costs I Extra charges apply after hours consult with us in advance for options

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