# Islands and Dolphins

## **Enjoy the playful** behavior of a pod of dolphins

#### Dolphins represent the diversity of life in the seas of Amakusa

In the beautiful blue waters off the shores of Tsuji-Shima Island near Itsuwa-machi live about 200 wild Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphins.

Tidal currents and rolling seabeds are a fertile environment for an abundance of small fish, creating rich feeding grounds for the dolphins.

Dolphin herds also prevent sharks from entering this area, which, in turn, allows free diving - the method of choice for local fishermen.

Without the nets usually associated with fishing, dolphins and humans coexist in harmony among these Treasure Islands.

#### The Soothing Experience of **Dolphin-Watching**

Local boatmen and guides have a thorough knowledge of both the sea and marine life, giving you a 98% chance of encountering a dolphin herd at any

time of the year. The boat approaches so close to the dolphins, you almost feel as if you are right in the water with them.





### Dolphin-Watching Inquiries and Reservations

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¥2.500 for junior-high students and older, ¥1.500 for elementary school students 500 for children age 2 yrs to elementary school approximately  $\bigcirc$  0969-26-4500 (8:00  $\sim$  20:00)

●Dolphin Club

Maruken Suisan ☎0969-33-1131

Dolphin-pal Center Megumimaru **☎**0969-33-0388

**2**0969-33-1633

Codes with your cell-phone

●Dolphin Marine World ●Amakusa Kaisen-Kura

●Tourist Home Izumi ●Itsuwa Tourist Boats ●Island Lodge Amakusa ●Itsuwa-machi Dolphin Tourist Boat Landing

**☎**0969-32-0034

**☎**0969-33-1643

**☎**0969-33-0881 **☎**0969-33-0748 ●Tourist Home Hikarihama-so ●Dolphin-Watching Booking Center ●Sea Cruise ☎0969-32-1771

●Tsujishima Island Dolphin-Watching Office 
■Kozuka Rod and Line Store **☎**0969-33-1249

boat as you are, and, during the one-hour trip you' Il be able to watch dolphins to your complete satisfaction. The experience of watching these beautiful creatures will.

hope, be a moving one, and I also hope that this opportunity helps raise awareness about environmental issues.

For the future, I would like to train special guides for Amakusa Dolphin-Watching and offer eco-tourismbased dolphin-watching activities in order to preserve this rich marine ecosystem for generations to

#### Premium Dolphin-Watching with a Guide

A guided cruise among the beautiful islands of Amakusa with a special program featuring the ecosystems and dolphins of the area, makes for a precious and memorable experience for young and old. With a group of 15 or more, the boat will depart at a time you request (reservation required).

\* Please note that any cruise may be cancelled due to

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