

HOSHINOYA Taketomi Island (Taketomi Island, Okinawa)

## **Iribana Date Night**

From March 1st to May 31st, 2020, HOSHINOYA Taketomi Island, located on Taketomi Island in Okinawa, will offer the Iribana\* Date Night. Guests can watch the sunset while enjoying a cocktail on a sabani, a traditional wooden boat from the Ryukyu Islands. After enjoying the sunset, dinner will be served for the couples at HOSHINOYA Taketomi Island's dining hall to create special memories together on the Island.

\*Iribana means "sunset" in the Taketomi Island dialect.



Sabani is a type of traditional Ryukyuan wooden boat that was once used for transport and fishing on Taketomi Island. Today, there are only three places in all of Japan that offer sabani rides. HOSHINOYA Taketomi Island developed a program for guests to gaze at the sunset while riding a sabani in the pleasant southern breeze of springtime in Taketomi Island. The ferry to/from Ishigaki Island doesn't run during the sunset. That means, only the Taketomi Island residents and guests staying overnight can see this special view. Among the cocktails while enjoying the sunset, the dinner at the dining hall, and more, there will be many special memories made between just the two of you.

### **A quiet place to savor the sounds of nature**

During the daytime, Taketomi Island is packed with day trip tourists, but when sunset comes, those who are still on the island can enjoy a quiet, relaxed atmosphere. Aboard the sabani, which is powered by the wind in its sails rather than by an engine, one can spend the time to take in the sound of the waves, the wind, and other sounds of nature. While listening to the natural environment off the coast of Taketomi Island, participants can experience a once-in-a-lifetime sunset. The sabani will be operated by a guide, guests can feel free to relax.

### Original cocktails inspired by the sunset

While on the sabani, original cocktails inspired by the sunset will be served, made with a base of passionfruit juice and awamori, distilled spirit only made in Okinawa prefecture. Experience the island lifestyle and culture by drinking from handmade “Tiwaza Handcraft Glasses,” made with Taketomi Island materials.



### Bask in the afterglow with dinner at the dining hall

After watching the sunset, guests can enjoy a full course meal in the HOSHINOYA Taketomi Island dining hall that combines Okinawan ingredients with the techniques of French cuisine. The table is decorated with flowers in colors inspired by sunset, such as red and yellow. There will be a dish with a special message to enlighten the special experience until the very end.



### Iribana Date Night

- Dates: March 1st – May 31st, 2020 (Closed during: Island events/festivals)
- Time: 6:30 pm – 10:30 pm \*Time may be changed slightly to match the sunset.
- Fee: ¥49,000/group (excl. tax/service fees/accommodation)
- Included: Sabani ride during sunset, rental of sabani boarding equipment, cocktails, course meal dinner
- Capacity: One group per day (two people per group)
- Booking: Book at least 14 days prior via the official site (<https://hoshinoya.com/taketomijima/en/>)
- Notes: May be canceled in case of unfavorable weather or tides.

