

# About the MinamiShimabara Farm Stay Experience

## What does a MinamiShimabara Farm Stay entail?

Live a Japanese lifestyle as one of the members of your homestay family and experience country life, food making and farming/fisheries. Spend time with your host family and deepen your cultural exchange experience.

### <Dear Guest>

- The place you are staying at is not a hotel, but a regular family home. As such facilities e.g., heating/cooling equipment availability will depend on each household.



Depending on the house Western or Japanese style toilets could be available.

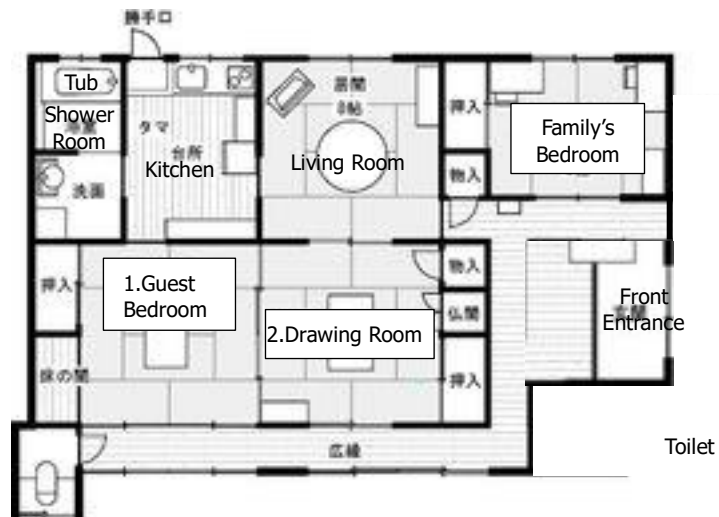


- Please prepare and eat meals with your host family and learn about Japanese homestyle meals. Alcohol, soft drinks and juice is BYO. You can bring whatever drinks you'd like.



- Bedrooms are traditional tatami rooms.

«Example»



\* When 2 groups are staying in the same household, it's common for both room 1 and 2 to be used.

- Please don't drain the hot water from the bathtub. Your host family will also use this water.
- Please don't wash yourself in the bathtub. Use the connecting shower room/shower space.
- Your host family can only speak Japanese, so please try to communicate using hand gestures etc.
- While staying with your host family, please don't head off on your own. Move around with your family.
- The homestay family will not be held responsible for the loss or damage of valuables or property.

## <To the Travel Agent>

★Please understand the following points in relation to "Minami-Shimabara Homestay Experience" and explain these to your customers.

★For a proper "MinamiShimabara Homestay Experience", we would like guests to deepen their connection with their host families by staying at their houses and doing various activities together.

★The lodgings are not hotels, but a regular Japanese household and facilities will be different per household.

During the homestay experience, please live as one of the family members and follow their rules.

★During the homestay experience, guests will prepare meals, ready their futons, and perform work activities (farming/fishing, etc.) together with their host family.

(It's a requirement to prepare/clean up after meals and make/pack up bedding together with the family.)

★Meals will vary depending on each household. Please enjoy making and eating Japanese style home cooking together.

★Please provide a list of guests' names at least one week before arrival.

**Capacity : 3~5 people**

The list should provide the following details:

① Name (phonetic guide for name pronunciation in Japanese)

② PassportNo

According to the Inns and Hotels Act, it is compulsory for passports to be held at the place of accommodation for safekeeping.

③ Date of birth

④ Allergy information (food/animal etc) \*Allergies can be life threatening, so please confirm with guests

⑤ Group relation (family/friends/colleagues etc.)

※ After the guest list has been submitted, homestays will be allocated and a finalized accommodation list returned to the travel agent. Please make sure the accompanying tour guide has a copy of the list.

Travel Agent submits list to Tourist Association



After homestays arranged, list is sent to the travel agent



Travel Agent gives list to attending tour guide

★The attending tour guide (interpreter) needs to accompany a member of the MinamiShimabara Tourist Association and visit each household by car.

We will go around to make sure there hasn't been a mismatch between homestay house and guest and to confirm that there is no problem. During this check, we would like the guide to interpret. By being meticulous in following up, we can increase the quality of our homestays. We receive good feedback from guests from this.

★Please bring clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting dirty for use during farming/fishing experiences.

If you are unable to arrive in MinamiShimabara by 2~3pm, it may be hard to join in the farm/fishing experience.

★If the period of stay is short, spending time with the family will become the main focus.

★Booking of accommodation for the tour guide and bus driver will be taken care of by the travel agent.

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