

## Sophia University - GENV

### Ogasawara Trip Day 3 - 2016/03/03

The third day started with a Japanese style breakfast in a small restaurant. My group had the whole morning of this day free, so we went out to climb the stairs up the temple on the mountain right next to the city.



It was a beautiful sight from up there, you could nearly see the whole city clearly.





After the mountain climbing we took a bus to one of the close by beaches. We enjoyed a wonderful time at the beach and took lots of pictures for our envious friends, who had to stay in Tokyo.



In the afternoon we had a guide who took us to one of the highest mountains of the island. On the way up to the top he explained much about the local flora and fauna, which is totally different from the rest of Japan. There was only a steep small path, but it was a great fun to climb up there.







At the top of the mountain we could see the whole island. We took a break and enjoyed this really extraordinary sight.

For the second part of this day's trip our guide took us to the "Sanctuary". A special protected place on the island where the native species can survive without the dangers of getting eaten by the invasive species.





Today's night we had our night tour. We were taken to an isolated beach in the south of the island, had a view of the stars which is impossible to have in populated areas.



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The second night activity was to look for the Ogasawara Fruit Bat, an endangered species which only exists on the Ogasawaras.



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We were lucky and found a couple of them eating fruits up in the trees.

