

"There's a gentle, low stakes quality to **The Island Closest to Heaven** that feels very much in tune with some of the anime films put out by **Studio Ghibli**."

—Derek Smit, *Slant Magazine*



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THE ISLAND CLOSEST TO HEAVEN

DIRECTED BY
NOBUHIKO OBAYASHI

Japan / Color / 103 Mins / 1984 / 1.85:1
LPCM 2.0 Mono
DTS-HD 2.0 Mono
Japanese Language w/
Optional English Subtitles



Based on **Katsura Morimura's** 1966 best-selling travelogue, **Nobuhiko Obayashi's** paradise-laden coming-of-age tale is an island retreat to the white sands of New Caledonia. Fulfilling her late father's (YMO's **Yukihiro Takahashi**) dream to take her to "the island closest to heaven," bookish teen Mari (**Tomoyo Harada**) ventures solo to the archipelago's indigo waters in search of this mythic locale. Taking in the island's sites, Mari journeys off the beaten path, befriending a host of friendly locals in the process, from islander Taro (**Ryoichi Takayanagi**) to footloose tour guide Yuichi. One of **Obayashi's** breeziest features, filled with a sense of old school Hollywood romanticism, **THE ISLAND CLOSEST TO HEAVEN** forms an affecting portrait of a young girl's journey to self-discovery and her own piece of heaven deep within.

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