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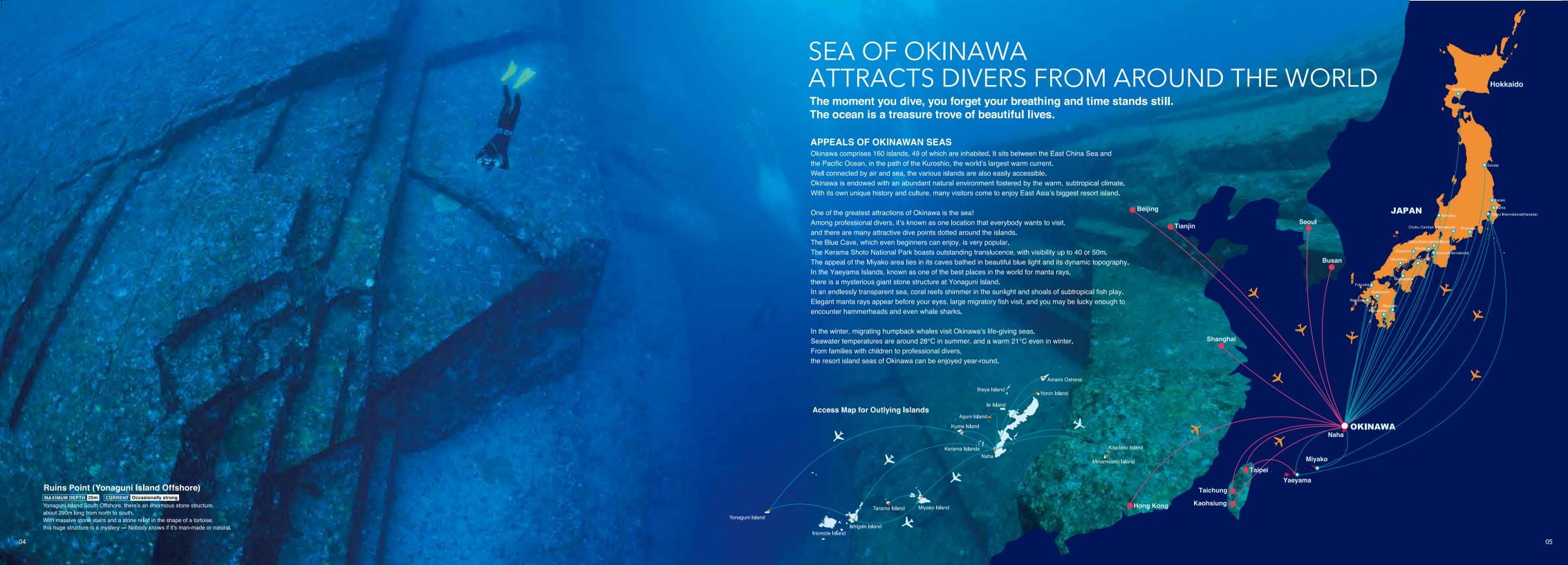
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KERAMA SHOTO NATIONAL PARK







Coral Spawning, Mesmerizing Mystery of Life

The spawming of precious corals can be seen on only a few nights of the year!

During early summer between May and June, on the night of before and after full moon, the corals begin spawning all at once as if by signal.

The instant when new life is born presents a moving and mysterious scene.

The Kerama Islands are known as the home of coral.

There are many points such as Aharen Beach and Aka Island Offshore where you can experience a fantastic undersea world in night dives!

4 Undersea Desert

5 Uminchu (Fisher man)

MAXIMUM DEPTH 25m CURRENT Occasionally strong

is is a great point for encountering lots of fish.

/arious living creatures gather in these blocks of fish reef sunk on the sea floor.

MAXIMUM DEPTH 20m CURRENT Calm

At this popular point, the pure white sandy floor spreads out as far as the eye can see like a desert.

The sparkling light of the sun and ripples of the surface kindle the sandy floor in this fantastic, expansive blue world.

6 Kamigusuku (East of Tokashiki Island MAXIMUM DEPTH 35m | CURRENT Occasional Melithaea flabellifera grow in colonies on a rock pierced by a hole, and longfin batfish and sea goldie shoal around it. It presents a fantastic, beautiful scene like the Dragon King's castle.

8 Gina (Aka Island)

MAXIMUM DEPTH 25m CURRENT Calm

This point has a sandy floor and coral, and many signs of fish.

There's a good chance of encountering green turtles and hawksbill turtles.

If you come across turtles sleeping or eating, just watch them quietly without disturbing them.



7 Paraiso (Mae Island) MAXIMUM DEPTH 35m | CURRENT Occasionally strong

Cute garden eels poke their faces from the pure white sandy floor. Whitetip reef sharks can be seen in the gaps under rocks, and you can sometimes enjoy encountering black spotted ra



9 Hanari Island

This uninhabited island is located about 1km from Aharen Beach on Tokashiki Island. You can get there by boat, and there are also sea kayak and banana boat tours. With very translucent water and tropical fish even in the shallows, this point is ideal for snorkeling with small children.



MAXIMUM DEPTH 30m CURRENT Occasionally

This is the place in the Kerama Islands where divers most likely to encounter manta rays. This is a cleaning point for rays, and you can watch them hovering while fish clean them, as well as watching them feed. Summer tides are the best time to see manta rays.

OKINAWA MAIN ISLAND

Naha, the gateway to Okinawa, is located in Okinawa main Island. Diving spots are dotted along the west coast, and there's great diving on the outlying islands with their exotic topography. There are many dive spots that are accessible from the beach, which is perfect for beginners.





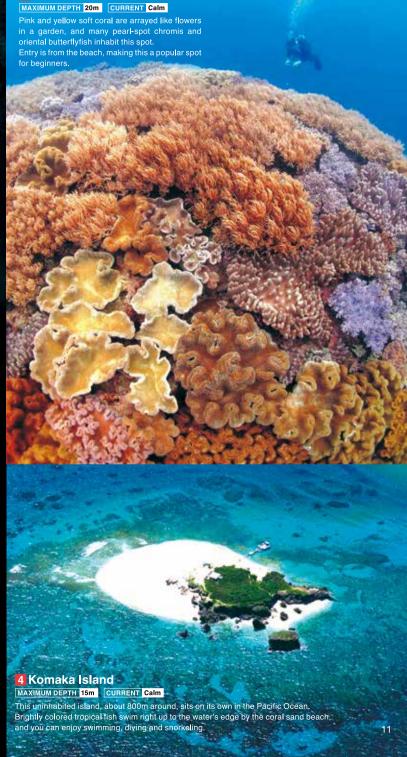


Kamiyama Island

5 Kamiyama South Labyrinth







3 Sunabe No.1



8 Imazuni (Kume Island) MAXIMUM DEPTH 30m CURRENT Occasional

At this popular spot you can see large, dynamic schools of bigeye trevally year round, and in summer there's a high probability of encountering schools of migratory fish such as barracuda, dogtooth tuna and giant trevally.

Access is good — it's about five minutes by boat from the port. You can enjoy an undulating topography of holes, drop offs, and crevasses.

9 Minna Island Cable (Northern Okinawa Main Island) MAXIMUM DEPTH 30m | CURRENT Occasional

This little crescent-shaped island is found among the coral reefs around the Motobu Peninsula in Northern Okinawa Main Island. The water is very clear and full of garden eels and colorful tropical fish. The coral that grow in colonies on the reefs in the shallows are some of the best in Okinawa

10 Cape Kyan Underlight (Itoman) MAXIMUM DEPTH 30m CURRENT Occasional There are several crevasses formed when the coral reef developed, and you can enjoy the topography and the panorama of coral.

11 Sesoko Island Labyrinth (Northern Okinawa Main Island MAXIMUM DEPTH 12m CURRENT Occasionally Strong

Sesoko Island in Motobu Town, Okinawa, has several crevasses running through the ree and this point resembles a huge labyrinth of tunnels and caves.

Enjoy the beautiful and ever-changing scenery produced by the natural light penetrating the labyrinth.

MIYAKO AREA

Dive amidst fascinating topography! Miyako Island is perfect for divers with a spirit of adventure. Mesmerizing blue light pours into a cave formed from magnificent coral reefs.

Miyako Area Diving Seasonality Average Minimum Temperature 16.0 16.2 17.7 20.2 22.7 25.2 26.6 26.3 25.3 23.6 20.8 17.0 Wind Direction North-northeast to northeast South to southwest Northeast 5mm full suit / 5mm one-piece suit / 3mm one-piece suit / 5mm full suit Manta Yabiji and east coast diving season Giant cuttlefish spawning Ocean Attractions Giant trevally and dogtooth tuna Red barracuda and slender sprat

Babenoya 8-Cross Hole -Overhang -

Triple Three -Panata -Wall Cave -Toriike Pond -Mini Toriike 7 Antoni Gaudi 9

Room of Queen —

Sea Whip Reef

Nakanoshima Hole -

Naruhodo-the Cave

Marine Lake -

Coral Hole -

Ichinose Hole 4-

Yabiji In summer you can dive around Miyako Island's premier coral reefs Crimson Sea Bream Arch 3 Kijaka Paradice - Yabiji Turtle Point 1 Cape Nishihennazaki W Arch Irabu Island Tsuha Drop Dasis 5 Rock Beauty **South coast and East coast** ●Fish Garden Enjoy untouched coral reefs Crystal Park Miyako Island Shimoji Island and Irabu Island Experience dynamic topography



Tarama Island and Minna Island





2 Demon King's Palace

MAXIMUM DEPTH 27m CURRENT Occasionally Strong Dive lights are required. The entrance at a depth of about 20m leads into complex,

maze-like topography that presents a mysterious scene. The beam of light descending straight down from the ceiling creates a solemn atmosphere as if the Demon King is right there. There are fissures here and there, creating a beautiful curtain of light.



YAEYAMA AREA The Yaeyama Islands include wonderful Islands such as Taketomi Island, Iriomote Island, Yonaguni Island and Phontom Island (Hama Island) with Ishigaki Island at their center. You can enjoy an undersea world teeming with life, Crimson Sea Bream Reef Coral Color Yonehara W Reef Southwest from the therapeutic spots around outlying islands Yonehara W Reef East Ibaruma Offshore Reef to dynamic topography. Kabira Ishizaki Manta Scramble — There are many points that attract divers from around the world. Chair of King -White Wave Nagura Bay Small — Sukuji Bananafish Reef — Sukuji Out — Sakieda Big Arch — Itona Waterway Hatoma Island Sakieda Labyrinth onahara W Reef Southeast 9 North of Hatoma Island Coral Wave -Yonehara W Reef South Uganzaki Bluefin Trevally Reef -Urasoko Beach Uganzaki Lair of Shrimp — Uganzaki Turtle Kiss — Cape Yarabuzaki — Yonehara Camp Site-mae Osaki Hanagoi Reef -Arakawa W Arch Yanbare Reef - Yanbare Tower of Indian Phantom Island(Hama Island) -- Sakieda Flower Farm Iriomote Island Sakiyama Azami Coral — Secret Garden -Sakiyama Offshore Reef Ritori Sand Paradise -Taketomi Island South Damselfish Reef Blue Labyrinth -Shikano River Oguricap Taketomi Island Sand Rock — Cape Uteimijisaki Taketomi Island South Red Bream Reef Shikano River, Wreck Taketomi Island South Dolly Square **Iriomote Island** Known as the Galapagos of the East, the wild proliferation of nature is overwhelming Kuro Island Yonaguni Island Hateruma Island Yaeyama Area Diving Seasonality Mysterious underwater Ruins Point and a point famous for hammerhead sharks Japan's southernmost island where the Southern Cross sparkles



Interuma Island apan's southernmost island where the Southern Cross sparkles Irigochi 3 Reef Nishihama Beach 3 Tranquility Reef



1 Kabira Ishizaki Manta Scramble MAXIMUM DEPTH 25m CURRENT Calm This spot has a global reputation as a place with a high probability of seeing manta rays. If you're lucky, you could be surrounded by ten mantas or more! Their elegant swimming motion as if they're flying is





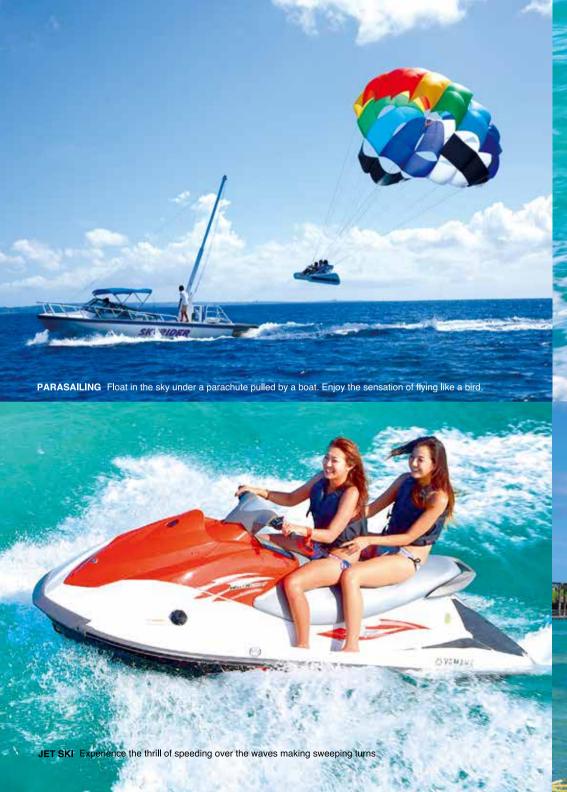




Enjoy Resort Activities MARINE LEISURE

From thrilling, scream-inducing rides to easy-going fun, Okinawa offers a full menu of marine leisure. Enjoy the sea of Okinawa with your family and friends for lasting happy memories!









Underwater observation with your family

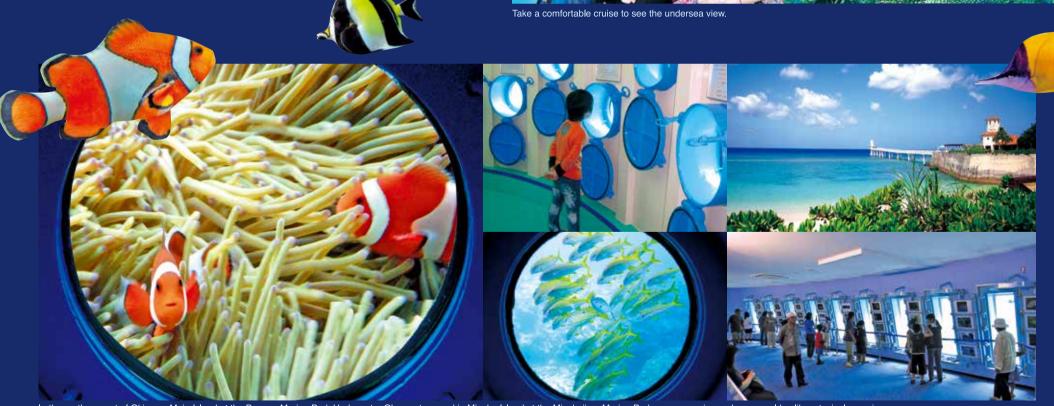
MARINE PARK & GLASS-BOTTOM BOAT

WELCOME TO OUR NATURAL AQUARIUM!

Enjoy Okinawa's ocean through glass in this underwater observatory tower.

Take a pleasure trip out to sea in a glass-bottom boat or semi-submersible. Everybody from children to seniors can enjoy the coral reefs and tropical fish of Okinawa's undersea world in safety without getting wet.





In the northern part of Okinawa Main Island at the Busena Marine Park Underwater Observatory, and in Miyako Island at the Miyakojima Marine Park, you can enjoy undersea world unlike a typical aquariu



THE HEAT OF THE DRAGON BOAT RACE

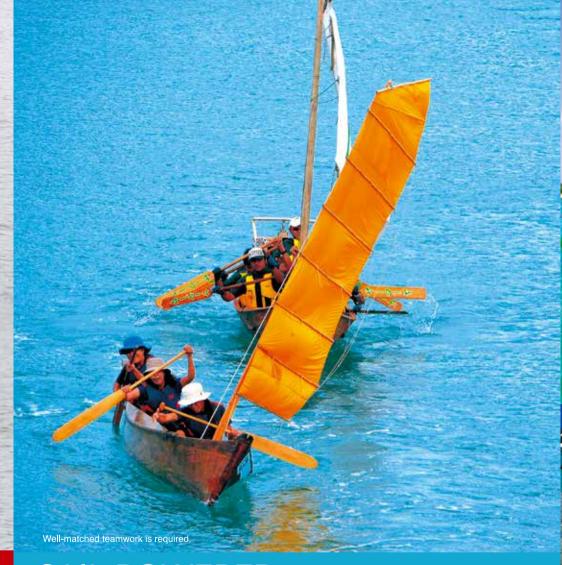
Heralds the Arrival of Summer

The dragon boat race on May 4 of the old calendar heralds the arrival of summer

The dragon boat race is an event held by Uminchu (fishermen) to pray for a large catch and safety at sea, using boats called "hari" in the local dialect. Feel the power of Okinawa's seafaring culture in this exciting race!

Look forward to this event that heralds the arrival of summer in Okinawa, where visitors and the local people encourage the Uminchu with cheering, clapping, gongs, drums and whistles.





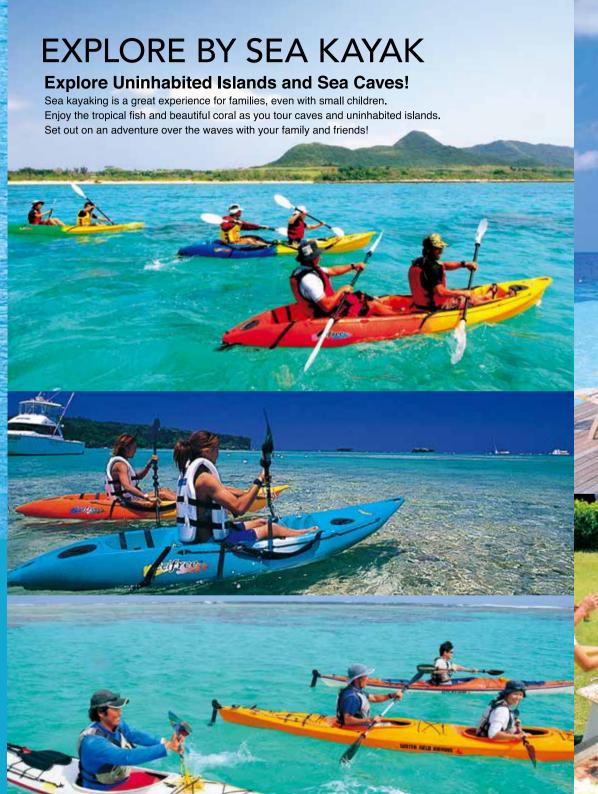
SAIL-POWERED **SABANI BOATS**

Experience Okinawan Tradition

Try your hand at sailing a traditional Okinawan sabani sailing boat. Sabani boats are traditional wooden boats used by Okinawan

Race is also held from the Zamami Islands to Okinawa Main Island, and there is a popular tour that you can take part in as a group.





BBQ Fill Your Heart and Stomach The people of Okinawa love beach parties. Barbecue on the beach is an opportunity to enjoy time with family, friends and colleagues from work. Eating meat, seafood and vegetables from Okinawa and drinking local beer with sights and sounds of the sea are sure to delight anyone. Beach party is the ideal way to end a day fraternizing after enjoying marine activities.





WHALE WATCHING

Encounter Humpback Whales. Okinawa's Ultimate Winter Season Attraction!

From late December to late March, humpback whales visit the seas of Okinawa to give birth and raise their young. These enormous animals are about 15m long and weigh about 30t. They're the biggest mammals on earth. Seeing these huge whales breaching is the highlight. Enjoy the various expressions of these magnificent creatures.











See Powerful Leaps of Whales Up Close!

Okinawa is a great destination in winter for families with young children.









Gently Enveloped by the Sunrise and the Sound of the Surf. Refresh Your Mind and Body with Beach Yoga!

Spread your arms, look up into the sky, take a deep breath.

Let the sound of the waves, the scent of the ocean and the caressing breeze calm your mind.

Beach yoga at sunrise is a great way to prepare your body rhythm for the day.

It also helps to relieve jet lag.

THALASSO THERAPY

Gift to Your Body from the Ocean

Thalassotherapy is a therapeutic approach using deep ocean water, seaweed and mud for health, beauty and relaxation.

Why not try relaxing far from daily life in this beautiful natural resort, restoring your mind and body to health,
in the exuberant tropical environment of Okinawa.

*Deep ocean water is seawater that has slowly circulated around the world for 2,000 years in the deep ocean where the sunlight doesn't reach. It's known as a miracle of the natural world.





A Emerald Beach (Okinawa Main Island)

In Ocean Expo Park, you will also find a beautiful beach surrounded by lagoon.
Opening Hours: (Apr.-Sep.) 8:30-19:00 (Oct.) 8:30-17:30

Facilities: Shower room, Bathroom, Locker, Kiosk,



COnna Municipal Beach (Okinawa Main Island)

Onna Seaside Civil Park also has the beach popular with local

Opening Hours : (Apr.-Oct.) 10:00-19:00

: Shower room, Bathroom, Locker, Kiosk Jellyfish prevention net



(Okinawa Main Island)

The beach located in Chatan, popular with local young people.

Also, there are plenty of good spots around the beach. Opening Hours: (Apr.8-Nov.30) 9:00-19:00 *Varies according to the season

Facilities

: Shower room, Bathroom, Locker, Kiosk, Jellyfish prevention net



Okinawa Main Island

Sesoko Island in northern part of Okinawa Main Island, has the beach whose water is known as the clearest on the Okinawa Main Island.
Opening Hours: (Jul.-Sep.) 9:00-17:30 (Apr. 28-Jun.30 and Oct. 1-10) 9:00-17:00 : Free(Parking 1,000 yen)

: Shower room, Bathroom, Locker, Kiosk, Jellyfish prevention net



D Cape Zanpa South Beach Lifeguard Snorkeling (Okinawa Main Island)

Near Cape Zanpa, Yomitan Village, you will find a very beautiful beach with clear view of ocean and sand.

Opening Hours: (Apr.-Oct.) 9:00-18:00

Facilities

: Shower room, Bathroom, Locker, Kiosk, Jellyfish prevention net



F Ginowan Tropical Beach Lifeguard Snorkeling Marine Leisure (Okinawa Main Island) Even next to the Okinawa Convention Center, you can enjoy

the beach popular with locals. Opening Hours: (Apr.17 -Oct. 31) 9:00-19:00 *Varies according to the season

Admission

Shower room, Bathroom, Locker, Kiosk,

Jellyfish prevention net

Olanam

There are many beautiful beaches in Okinawa. Here we introduce some of the main beaches from north to south.

Iriomote Island - Taketomi Island Hateruma Island



G Toyosaki Churasun Beach Lifeguard Snorkeling Marine Leisure (Ókinawa Main Island)

This is the beach closest to Naha Airport. Arbors provide you plenty of shade in sunny days.

Opening Hours: (Jul-Aug.) 9:00-19:00 (Sep.-Oct. and Apr.-Jun.) 9:00-18:00

Facilities : Shower room, Bathroom, Locker, Kiosk, Jellyfish prevention net



K Hatenohama Beach Lifeguard Snorkeling Marine Lei [Kume Island]

Kume Island Offshore lavs an island that consists of just a sandy beach. Feel the luxury of nothing at all.

Opening Hours: Year-round : Free (Boat from Kume Island, Charges required)

Kondoi Beach [Taketomi Island]

Gently shelving beach in calm atmosphere. Perfect beach to bring your families.

Opening Hours : Year-round : Free

Facilities : Shower room, Bathroom, Kiosk



H Azama Sun Sun Beach Lifeguard Snorkeling Marine Leisure Okinawa Main Island

Near Azama Port on the Chinen Peninsula, there is the beach

where Kudaka Island can be seen across the sea.

Opening Hours: (Jul-Aug.) 10:00-19:00 (Sep.-Oct. and Apr.-Jun.) 10:00-18:00

Admission : Free(Parking 500 yen)

Facilities : Shower room, Bathroom, Locker, Kiosk,

Jellyfish prevention net



Yonaha-maehama Beach Lifeguard Snorkeling Marine Leisure [Mivako Island]

Experience beautiful white sand beach. It's said to have the finest and whitest sand in the East.

Opening Hours: Year-round

Facilities : Shower room, Bathroom, Locker, Kiosk, Jellyfish prevention net



P Hama Island

The sands on this beach are coral pieces, and the sea is a beautiful color too. The island disappears at high tide. Opening Hours : Year-round Admission Free



【Zamami Island】

The white sand like powder snow is famous, and its natural

The Islands formed through the sedimentation of coral pieces,

known as good snorkeling and diving spot.

: Shower room, Bathroom

Unparalleled beautiful and perfect beach for snorkeling. Opening Hours: Year-round

Facilities : Shower room, Bathroom, Kiosk

M Sunayama Beach

Opening Hours: Year-round

Admission · Free

Q Baras Island

Opening Hours: Year-round

form is beautiful.

Facilities

[Mivako Island]



J Aharen Beach

[Tokashiki Island]

Since it has exceptionally clear water, this beach is ideal for snorkeling in the shallows.

Opening Hours: Year-round Admission: Free

Facilities : Shower room, Bathroom, Kiosk



(Ishigaki Island)

This gently shelving white sand beach is great for swimming, and the sunsets are beautiful.

Opening Hours: (May.-Sep.) 9:00-18:00 Admission : Free

: Shower room, Bathroom, Locker, Kiosk, Jellyfish prevention net



R Nishihama Beach [Hateruma Island] Lifeguard Snorkeling Marine Leisure

The fine white sandy beach and emerald sea are definitely exquisite.

Opening Hours: Year-round

Admission : Free

Facilities : Shower room, Bathroom, Kiosk

GUIDE TO SEA CREATURES IN OKINAWA

The water around Okinawa is known worldwide for its transparency, and it provides the environment necessary for the formation of coral reefs that maintain marine ecosystems. It's a paradise of colorful, jewel-like fish, worthy of the name "Churaumi" — beautiful sea.

Cooperation: Ocean Expo Park, Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium



Clown anemonefish (Okinawan Dialect : Inubi) Scientific Name: Amphiprion ocellaris



Scientific Name : Hemitaurichthys polylepis



Potato grouper (Okinawan Dialect : Aramibai) Scientific Name : *Epinephelus tukula* Humphead wrasse (Okinawan Dialect : Hirosa) Scientific Name : Cheilinus undulatus



Saddle butterflyfish

Scientific Name : Chaetodon ephippium

Green sea turtle (Okinawan Dialect : Mijigami) Scientific Name : *Chelonia mydas* Bluefin trevally (Okinawan Dialect : Gara) Scientific Name : Caranx melampygus



Scientific Name: Pomacanthus semicirculatus



Okinawan Dialect : Obacha, Gennoirabucha) Scientific Name : Chlorurus microrhinos



Blue damselfish (Okinawan Dialect : Oiyu) cientific Name : Chrysiptera cyanea

Green humphead parrotfish (Okinawan Dialect : Gujirabuttai)

Sea goldie (Okinawan Dialect : Akabi)

Blackspot tuskfish

Okinawan Dialect : Makubu)

ientific Name : Choerodon shoenleinii

cientific Name : Bolbometopon muricatum

cientific Name : Pseudanthias squamipinnis



Scientific Name : Chaetodon melannotus

(Okinawan Dialect : Kabukuwagurukun) Scientific Name : Pterocaesio diagramma

Double-lined fusilier



Moorish idol (Okinawan Dialect : Hatamuchi) Scientific Name : Zanclus cornutus



Palette surgeonfish (Okinawan Dialect : Jurigwakusuku) Scientific Name : Paracanthurus hepatus



Yellow and blueback fusilier (Okinawan Dialect : Akajugurukun) entific Name : Caesio teres



Blue sea star (Okinawan Dialect: -) cientific Name : Linckia laevigata



Bicolour parrotfish (Okinawan Dialect : Agacha) Scientific Name : Cetoscarus bicolor



Lonanose butterflyfish (Okinawan Dialect : Kasa) Scientific Name : Forcipiger flavissimus



Spotted garden-eel (Okinawan Dialect : —) Scientific Name : Heteroconger hassi



ientific Name : Pomacanthus imperator



Okinawan Dialect : Gamakamanta) Scientific Name : Manta alfredi

Blotched foxface

Broadclub cuttlefish

Oriental butterflyfish

(Okinawan Dialect : Kasa)

Scientific Name : Chaetodon auripes

Okinawan Dialect : Kubushimi)

Scientific Name : Sepia latimanus

(Okinawan Dialect : Garasaake)

Scientific Name : Siganus unimaculatus



Scientific Name : Nebrius ferrugineus

Live sharksucker (Okinawan Dialect : Hunahiccha) Giant grouper (Okinawan Dialect : Aramibai) Scientific Name : Epinephelus lanceolatus Scientific Name : Echeneis naucrates



(Okinawan Dialect : Abasa) Scientific Name : Diodon holocanthus



Spotted moray (Okinawan Dialect : Uji) Scientific Name : Gymnothorax isingteena



Razorfish (Okinawan Dialect : Kinuhaiyu)
Scientific Name : Aeoliscus strigatus



Okinawan Dialect : Mizusaba) Scientific Name : Rhincodon typus

Coachwhip ray (Okinawan Dialect : Kamanta)

Giant trevally

Bull shark

(Okinawan Dialect : Kamaja)

Okinawan Dialect : Shironaka)

Barhead spinefoot (Okinawan Dialect : Ake)

cientific Name : Siganus virgatus

cientific Name : Carcharhinus leucas

Scientific Name : Caranx ignobilis

cientific Name : Himantura uarnak



Common dolphinfish (Okinawan Dialect : Manbika) ientific Name · Corvohaena hippurus



(Okinawan Dialect : Ukugurukun) cientific Name : Pterocaesio tile



Okinawan Dialect : Shiruicha) entific Name : Sepioteuthis lessoniana



Tiger shark (Okinawan Dialect : Iccho) cientific Name : Galeocerdo cuvier



Bluestreak cleaner wrasse cientific Name : Labroides dimidiatus



Tropical Fish Are Arrayed in Makishi Public Market

Makishi Public Market in Naha offers a wealth of tropical flavor. Here you can see rare fish and shellfish, shrimp and crab. You can have the foodstuffs you buy on the first floor cooked for you in the cafeteria upstairs.



Tomari lyumachi. Naha Fishing Port

Several fresh fish shops sell fish freshly caught that day at Tomari Iyumachi. "Iyu" means fish in Okinawan dialect, and "machi" means market. You can find all sorts of colorful fish typical of Okinawa, and some stores will send them anywhere in Japan for you.





With the concept of "An encounter with the sea of Okinawa", the aquarium introduces coral reef shallows, coral reefs, the seas of the Kuroshio (Black current), the deep sea, and the creatures that live there.

The highlight is the Kuroshio sea tank, one of the largest in the world! It's the world's first record of multiple whale sharks and manta rays in captivity. Here you can experience the world of Okinawa's sea in its entirety.

Ocean Expo Park Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium



