

Okinawa Guide

Visiting By Sea

Okinawa was once an important center of trade
as the Kingdom of Ryukyu.
Visiting each spot from the port like in ancient times,
you will discover the new attractions.

A gateway to the sea, fostering a rich international culture

Naha Port



Okinawa Main Island
Naha Cruise Terminal Area Map

The greatest luxury of a cruise is to be surrounded by open sea in every direction. Seeing the clear ocean waters from aboard a ship, you really know how special it is to travel by cruise ship around Okinawa. The abundance of nature and opportunities to experience the unique Okinawan culture are further key attractions of an Okinawa cruise. Having developed as an important hub for Asian trade during the Kingdom of Ryukyu period, Okinawa has served as a port for more than 500 years. Even today, it stays relevant by adding berths capable of accommodating the world's largest ships. Because the area around the port has thrived for so long through history, visiting Okinawa from the port brings interesting and new discoveries. In 2019, prior to the Covid pandemic, Okinawa boasted the highest number of port calls in Japan. In addition to all these attractions, its easy access between the airport and ports, multiple ports of call within the prefecture, and the ability to tour around Asia at the same time are also reasons for its popularity. And now, as if making up for a period of restricted activity, Okinawa is experiencing a dramatic increase in tourist numbers. The number of port calls is on the rise, as large foreign cruise ships have begun operating tours to and from Okinawa, and fly-and-cruise plans, in which tourists visit by plane and then cruise by ship, are also gaining traction. Every time you visit Okinawa, it shows you a new face. That's why so many people love cruises in Okinawa.

A cruise terminal with good access from the airport and city center

Naha Cruise Terminal



▶ 1 Wakasa, Naha
Phone: 098-868-2582
(Naha Port Authority)

A new cruise ship berth has come into use since February 2023

Naha Port 2nd Cruise Berth



▶ 4 Minatomachi, Naha, Okinawa
Phone: 098-868-2582
(Naha Port Authority)

Less than a 10-minute drive from the airport and a 20-minute walk to Kokusai St. Free Wi-Fi is available, and the facility has a tourist information center, ATM, and foreign currency exchange machines. Traditional Okinawan crafts are exhibited on the second floor, and the third floor has an observation deck.



Ryuchu Dragon Pillars
Sacred guardian gods of Okinawa. Standing 15 meters high, they welcome tourists from the Naha Cruise Terminal.

Approximate time required: 5 hours
Total distance: 7 km

It takes about 20 minutes to walk from Naha Cruise Terminal to Kokusai St. The 1.6-kilometer walk is relatively flat and even, making it perfect for a stroll. Kokusai St. can get quite congested, so be sure to allow plenty of time if catching a taxi.

Naha Port

From Naha Port
A leisurely stroll through the center of Naha

Naha Port stretches approximately 7 kilometers along the coast from Naha to Urasoe in the southwestern part of the main island. The area around the Naha Cruise Terminal is dotted with sights, and Kokusai St. is within walking distance. Enjoy walking around town at your leisure for sightseeing, shopping, and more.



A hidden spot for photo opportunities

2 Fukushu-en Garden

Opened in 1992 as a symbol of friendship between the cities of Naha and Fuzhou, China, the garden was renovated in 2022 with the addition of nighttime lighting facilities. The scenery changes depending on the time of day in this exotic Chinese-style garden.

▶ 2-29-19 Kume, Naha
Phone: 098-943-6078



Okinawa's most prominent shrine
A powerful spot on a cliff, overlooking the sea

1 Naminoue Shrine & Naminoue Beach

Naminoue Shrine is the highest-ranking of the Eight Shrines of Ryukyu, which were given special treatment by the royal court of the Kingdom of Ryukyu. Known locally as "Nanmin-san", it is said to bless good marriages. Naminoue Beach, the only beach in Naha City, stretches below the cliffs, and the mystical views from the sandy beach are a must-see.

▶ 1-25 Wakasa, Naha
Phone: 098-868-3697
(Naminoue Shrine)
Phone: 098-863-7300
(Naminoue Beach)

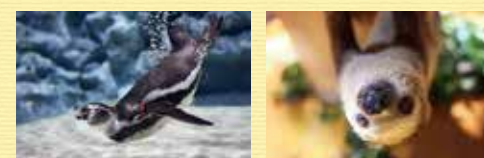


Okinawa's busiest street for shopping and dining

3 Kokusai St.

Kokusai-dori Street, Okinawa's most vibrant and iconic shopping street, symbolizes the island's remarkable recovery and reconstruction after World War II. With its wide variety of restaurants, ranging from local Okinawan cuisine to international dishes, everyone can find something to suit their taste. It is also a great place to discover unique Okinawan products and souvenirs, from accessories made with locally sourced materials to traditional handicrafts created by skilled local artisans.

May your visit to Kokusai-dori Street become one of your fondest memories of Okinawa



A new aquarium experience featuring the latest images, light, and sound
DMM Kariyushi Aquarium

This aquarium opened in May 2020 inside the Iias Okinawa Toyosaki shopping mall. It consists of two floors that recreate the forests of Yanbaru and a blue underwater world. In July 2021, three areas were renovated, including Jellyfish Yonna, home to jellyfish floating peacefully in cylindrical tanks. This fantastic space is transformed every hour using images, light, and sound, ensuring visitors to make new discoveries every visit.

▶ 3-35 Toyosaki, Tomigusuku, Okinawa
Phone: 098-996-4844

Image courtesy of DMM Kariyushi Aquarium



Like a Naha citizens' kitchen: a place to gather ingredients for Okinawan gourmet food

4 First Makishi Public Market

This market reopened after renovations in March 2023. New stores have been added to the existing stores, and it's better than ever! The new market building has three levels. The first floor offers a variety of ingredients for Okinawan food, including fish and meat. In the dining area on the second floor, customers can also have the ingredients they've purchased on the first floor cooked for them and eat them there. The third floor is equipped with a multi-function room and a room for culinary classes.

▶ 2-10-1 Matsuo, Naha
Phone: 098-867-6560



Wander around a nostalgic pottery district

5 Tsuboya Yachimun St.

6 Naha Municipal Tsuboya Pottery Museum

"Yachimun" is an Okinawan language word for pottery. Potters from all over Okinawa gathered in the Tsuboya district during the Kingdom of Ryukyu. Even today, the streets are lined with stores directly operated by the potters, and a historic atmosphere lingers. Thick and chunky, Tsuboya pottery was developed for all kinds of daily use. Search for a dish or vessel you're sure to love.

▶ 1-9-32 Tsuboya, Naha
Phone: 098-862-3761
(Naha Municipal Tsuboya Pottery Museum)



Right next to Asahibashi Station (Yui Rail),
for good bus access around the main island

Naha Bus Terminal



► 1-20-1 Izumizaki, Naha

A complex facility connecting directly to the station, offering local and long-distance routes to various parts of Okinawa. Also accessible from the airport via limousine bus. The facility has a convenience store, coin lockers, waiting rooms, and an information desk staffed by a concierge. Only cash or OKICA (an Okinawa IC card) can be used to pay the bus fare.

Phone: 098-867-7386
(Bus Service Center)
*Inquiries about the bus

Walking tour of Naha with a local guide

Naha Machimai is a tour that offers the chance to explore Naha with an expert local guide. "Machimai" is a word in the Okinawan dialect meaning to walk around town. This popular tour takes you to spots that are easy to miss if you just walk around by yourself, as well as to famous sightseeing spots, accompanied by knowledgeable and unique local guides. Tours require advance reservations, and some tours can be booked for just a single participant. Not only first-time visitors, but also those who have visited Naha many times are sure to discover new

► 3-2-10 Makishi, Naha (Tenbus Naha Building, 1F)
(inside the Naha City Tourism Association)
Phone: 098-860-5780



Approximate time required: 5 hours
Total distance: 18 km

Each of these sites is extensive, so you'll need to be fit to walk the entire route. Due to the popularity of these spots, shore excursions are often available at ports of call, and we recommend taking advantage of them. Taxis are easy to find around Shuri Castle and Shikinaen Royal Garden, so make good use of them.



From Naha Port Touring Naha's World Heritage Sites

Okinawa is home to nine sites registered as World Heritage sites, under the heading "Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu." Four of them are located in Naha City, and they can be visited in half a day or so. Why not head off on a journey to trace the history of the Kingdom of Ryukyu?



*As of September 2023

Buy and support
restoration efforts!

Popular Okinawa souvenirs to support restoration



Popular souvenir items are available now, with a portion of the proceeds donated to Shuri Castle restoration efforts. They can be purchased at Museum Shop Kyuyo in Shuri Castle and other locations.



A rare opportunity to see the restoration process

① Shuri Castle

World Heritage Site. The main hall of Shuri Castle caught fire in October 2019, but is currently undergoing restoration for completion in 2026. Under the slogan "Restoration on display," everything from the placement of materials to the process of construction works has been carefully planned for ease of viewing, and detailed explanations are provided at exhibits and other locations. Offering a rare opportunity to see traditional wooden construction techniques up close, the ever-changing appearance of the building under construction is a sight you won't see at any other time. It's definitely worth keeping in mind.

► 1-2 Shuri Kinjocho, Naha
Phone: 098-886-2020 (Shuri Castle Park Management Center)

3min. walk

10min. walk

A gate of worship to pray for the safety of the king on his journey

② Sonohyan Utaki Stone Gate

World Heritage Site. This place of royal worship was built in 1519 in Shuri Castle Park. The king prayed for safe travel whenever he ventured outside the castle. Except for the doors, it is built of Ryukyu limestone and is a beautiful expression of a style often seen in wooden architecture.

► (At Shuri Castle Park, 1-7 Shuri Mawashi, Naha)
Phone: 098-886-2020
(Shuri Castle Park Management Center)

5min. walk



The only national treasure building in Okinawa that recalls the glory days of the royal dynasty

③ Tamaudun Mausoleum

World Heritage Site. In this mausoleum, successive kings of the Kingdom of Ryukyu and their families are interred. It is the first and only building in Okinawa Prefecture to be designated as a national treasure. The enormous gabled tomb, surrounded by stone walls and with a triangular roof, later became a popular style among the common folk of Okinawa. It was partially destroyed by shelling during the Battle of Okinawa, but it was restored to its present form over a period of three years starting in 1974.

► 1-3 Shuri Kinjo-cho, Naha
Phone: 098-885-2861



Stone-paved pathway with picturesque Okinawan scenery

④ Shuri Kinjo-cho Stone Paved Path

This cobblestone pathway of Ryukyu limestone was paved in the 16th century as the main road from Shuri Castle to Naha Port and the southern part of the main island. Today, only about 300 meters of the path remains, but as an elegant walking path lined with old houses, it is a popular destination. Be careful on rainy days, as it gets slippery.

► 2 Shuri Kinjocho, Naha

25min. walk or approx. 8min. drive



A jewel-studded garden

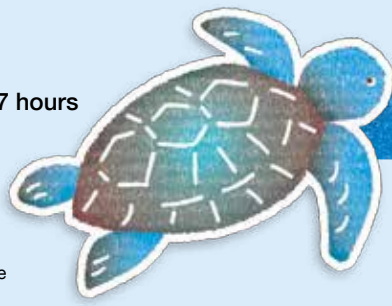
⑤ Shikinaen Royal Garden

World Heritage Site. The largest villa of the Ryukyu royal family, and the only one in the prefecture nationally designated as a special spot of scenic beauty. This circular garden, with Chinese-style stone bridges around a large pond and Ryukyuan architecture throughout, was once used for recreation by the royal family and for entertaining foreign envoys.

► 421-7 Maaji, Naha
Phone: 098-855-5936

Approximate time required: 7 hours
Total distance: 48 km

It takes about 1 hour by car from the port to Sefa Utaki. Taking a round-trip by bus only allows you to visit one of these spots listed below, which takes about 5 hours. If you intend to tour several places, it's best to take a shore excursion, charter a taxi, or rent a car. City traffic can get congested on the way back, so allow plenty of time for the return trip.



From Naha Port Drive through the spectacular scenery of the southern main island

Okinawa's natural beauty is not only blue ocean and white sandy beaches—it's home to spectacular forests, including pristine forests teeming with diverse wildlife, limestone caves, and more. The southern part of the main island contains numerous spots of mysterious beauty, so it's a good idea to stay overnight before boarding a cruise and take your time when visiting.



Overwhelming presence of giant banyan trees
A guided tour of the ancient world

① Valley of Gangala

A guided tour of this subtropical forest, formed by the collapse of limestone caves hundreds of thousands of years ago, takes about 1 hour and 20 minutes (advance reservations required). Excavations are still underway seeking human remains of the Minatogawa people, who lived here about 20,000 years ago. The world's oldest fishhook made of shellfish (at 23,000 years old) was found in a cave near the tour's starting point.

► 202 Maekawa, Tamagusuku, Nanjo
Phone: 098-948-4192



Cave where the tour begins

Approx. 3min. walk

One of Japan's largest limestone caves ② Gyokusendo Cave

A 5000-meter limestone cave, created by nature over a period of 300,000 years. The cave is formed of Ryukyu limestone, rock created by coral reefs. In addition to its immense scale, it bristles with a million or more stalactites and stalagmites, creating a breathtaking sight. In 2020, the lighting design was overhauled. Now, the beauty of this limestone cave can be experienced even more extensively.

► 1336 Maekawa, Tamagusuku, Nanjo (in Okinawa World)
Phone: 098-949-7421 (Okinawa World)



Approx. 20min. drive

Spectacular driving course through
the southern part of the main island

③ Niraikanai Bridge

Comprised of the two connected bridges of Nirai and Kanai, this popular driving course makes a wide curve toward the sea. There is a tunnel near the top of the bridge, and the upper part of the tunnel serves as an observation deck. From the observatory, you can see the whole view of the bridge, Cape Chinen, and Kudaka Island out to sea.

► Chinen, Chinen, Nanjo



Approx. 5min. drive

A spectacular cape known only to a few ④ Cape Chinen Park

This park is located on a cape that juts out into the sea. Enjoy panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and nearby Kudaka Island and Komaka Island. Located behind the Chinen Gymnasium, it's easy to miss if you don't know where it is. Sunrises and sunsets are so beautiful here that it's worth the trip to see them.

► Kudeken, Chinen, Nanjo



Approx. 3min. drive

The most sacred site of the Kingdom of Ryukyu

⑤ Sefa Utaki

World Heritage Site. Utaki means a sacred place. Although Okinawa is home to about 900 sacred sites, Sefa Utaki, believed to have been created by Amamikiyo, the creation goddess of the Kingdom of Ryukyu, is the most prestigious and was the site of national ceremonies held during the Kingdom of Ryukyu era. It is still revered as a place of worship.

► Kudeken, Chinen, Nanjo
Phone: 098-949-1899



Approximate time required: 8 hours
Total distance: 46 km

All of the sites are worth seeing, so it's best to carefully select the spots that interest you and take your time to appreciate them. If you want to go to the Peace Memorial Park or the Tower of Himeyuri, it is better to take a shore excursion or use a car. Spots 1-4 are not far from the port and can be visited using public transport.



From Naha Port Touring Okinawa's history and traditions

Many places in southern Okinawa retain strong memories of the war. As you trace the history of these places, ponder the precious quality of peace. For its creative developments in the field of traditional culture, Okinawa is also known as a treasure trove of folk crafts. Head out and experience all the charm of Okinawa.



10min. drive

History, culture, and art—all at once

① Okinawa Prefectural Museum and Art Museum

The museum introduces a wide range of Okinawa's nature, culture, and history, while the art museum features a collection of modern and contemporary art, mainly by artists from Okinawa. The building is designed in the image of an Okinawan castle.

► 3-1-1 Omoromachi, Naha
Phone: 098-941-8200



15min. drive

A small museum containing
national treasures

② Naha City Museum of History

The museum holds a large collection of donated arts and crafts and historical materials, including materials related to the Sho royal family of Ryukyu, which are national treasures. The special exhibition room features arts, crafts, and other materials from the Kingdom of Ryukyu era, with a focus on national treasures, while the permanent exhibition room introduces the culture of the samurai families of Shuri and Naha.

► 1-1-1 Kumoji, Naha
Palette Kumoji 4F
Phone: 098-869-5266

Traditional folk crafts from Okinawa
Prefecture, all gathered in one place

④ Okinawa Craft Industry Promotion Center

Okinawa has 16 nationally designated traditional crafts, placing it third among Japan's prefectures. A new exhibition was established in 2022 as a place to connect these traditions with the future. See, touch, and learn about traditional crafts, and experience them for yourself.

► 1114-1 Tomigusuku, Tomigusuku
Phone: 098-987-0467



Approx. 30min. drive

Explore the preciousness of peace
at the site where the Battle of Okinawa ended

⑥ Peace Memorial Park

The park is situated in a vast area of about 40 hectares. To the south is visible Mabuni Hill, in Itoman City, where the Battle of Okinawa ended. On the park grounds are Peace Memorial Museum, which exhibits valuable materials about the Battle of Okinawa, a Cornerstone of Peace where the names of those who died in the Battle of Okinawa are engraved, and Okinawa Peace Hall, which offers prayers for world peace.

► 444 Mabuni, Itoman
Phone: 098-997-2765



An invaluable battleground site that tells the story of the Battle of Okinawa

③ Former Japanese Navy Underground Headquarters

This maze-like command dugout was excavated by hand in 1944. It was used as an underground position during the Battle of Okinawa, with the commanding officer's office, operations room, etc. remaining just as they were in those days. Inside the dugout, where approximately 4,000 soldiers met their end, artifacts and photographs are on display to convey the tragedy and severity of the war.

► 236 Tomigusuku, Tomigusuku
Phone: 098-850-4055

Approx. 4min. drive
or 13min. walk

Find a once-in-a-lifetime item
or a one-of-a-kind item

Meet the makers and their works that carry on traditions!



At Okinawa Craft Industry Promotion Center, you will find artisans' studios where you can observe their work in progress, purchase their works, and, if the timing is right, even meet and talk with them. There is also a store and café where visitors can look for souvenirs and take rest breaks.



Bingata and stencil dyeing artist Yoshiko Nakayama



10min. drive

Remembering the Himeyuri students ⑥ The Tower of Himeyuri

This memorial is dedicated to the Himeyuri students, also known as the Lily Corps, young women who were mobilized as nurses during the Battle of Okinawa. The adjacent Himeyuri Peace Memorial Museum displays personal belongings and photographs of the deceased, as well as a full-scale diorama of the Ihara Third Surgery Shelter, where many died.

► 671-1 Ihara, Itoman
Phone: 098-997-2100

Ishigaki Island Map



● Ishigaki Port Cruise Quay

10 minutes by shuttle bus to Euglena Ishigaki Port Remote Island Terminal (irregular service): No cruise terminal / Restrooms available / No Wi-Fi / No smoking areas

The southernmost port in Japan, the center of the Yaeyama Islands

Ishigaki Port (Ishigaki-jima Island)

Ishigaki Port plays an important role as a gateway from Southeast Asia. Surrounded by coral reefs, the island has plenty of natural scenic spots, especially its sea waters, which are world-famous for manta ray encounters. It also makes a great base for touring the Yaeyama Islands—enjoy the outlying islands too.

Approximate time required: 9 hours
Total distance: 96 km

A round-the-island tour takes about 3 hours by car. There are plenty of attractions around the island, so it's best to plan a shore excursion or other travel in advance. Taxis and rental cars are plentiful, and for major sightseeing spots, local buses are also a good option.



The most spectacular place on the island, home to the captivating Kabira blue

② Kabira Bay

Emerald green sea waters, among the clearest in the world, white sandy beaches, and lush green island foliage come together in this spot of scenic beauty. Although the waters may appear calm, swimming is prohibited due to swift currents. It is also a habitat of coral and tropical fish, and glass-bottomed boats are a popular choice to observe the underwater world.

► Kabira Park (Kabira Park Observatory), Kabira, Ishigaki

Japan's southernmost shopping arcade

⑤ Euglena Mall

The island's busiest shopping street is lined with about 70 stores. You can find everything from restaurants and souvenir stores to clothing and sundries. Situated close to the remote island terminal and bus terminal, it is convenient for rainy days or any extra free time.

► 203 Okawa, Ishigaki



Approx. 22min. walk to Euglena Ishigaki Terminal

Approx. 10min. by ferry from Euglena Ishigaki Terminal

A remote island, showcasing the original landscape of Okinawa

⑥ Taketomi Island

Taketomi Island has an old-fashioned townscape with coral white sand roads and red tile roofs. This small island has a circumference of about 9 kilometers, and it takes just an hour to walk around the village. Riding on a buffalo cart to see the sights is recommended.

► Taketomi, Yaeyama



Beautiful ocean and hibiscus sea

① Tamatorizaki Observatory

Located on a small hill, the observatory commands a panoramic view of beautifully curved Ibaruma Bay and Mt. Hanna. Along the promenade leading to the observatory, enjoy the beauty and tropical atmosphere of the island with hibiscus flowers in full bloom all year round.

► Ibaruma, Ishigaki



Experience the culture and nature of Yaeyama

③ Ishigaki Yaima Village

Having relocated 4 old private houses that are registered tangible cultural properties of Japan, this theme park recreates the historic days of Yaeyama. In the park, you can interact with friendly squirrel monkeys and take a walk through the mangroves.

► 967-1 Nagura, Ishigaki
Phone: 0980-82-8798

See, buy, and experience Minsah weaving for yourself

④ Azamiya Minsah Crafts Museum

Minsah weaving is a traditional textile craft of the Yaeyama Islands. The word "minsah" refers to a narrow belt woven with cotton. Minsah is a durable and elegant fabric that is used by the imperial family. Purchase bags, clothing, or daily necessities for souvenirs or your personal use. Try weaving by hand in the workshop, and learn about the history and production process in the exhibition room.

► 909 Tonoshiro, Ishigaki
Phone: 0980-82-3473

Opened in 2023 on the premises of the Minsah Crafts Museum

Enjoy island time to the fullest

Café Five Four Ever

The nostalgic interior features fittings upcycled from old traditional Japanese houses, glass, antiques, etc. The specialty is homemade waffles made with plenty of local milk. Other unique island ingredients include brown sugar syrup from Hateruma Island, Euglena microalgae, and so on.

► 908-1 Tonoshiro, Ishigaki (inside Azamiya Minsah Crafts Museum)
Phone: 0980-87-6555



Miyako-jima Island Map



● Hirara Port Cruise Quay

Completed in March 2022 as a dedicated quay for cruise ships
Has a cruise terminal / Restrooms available / Has Wi-Fi / Has a tourist information center / Has a smoking area

The only Shinto shrine on the island is Japan's southernmost

① Miyako Shrine

It's a 10-minute walk from the port on the way to the city center. Built in 1590, it enshrines the three Kumano deities and the three Tomigusuku deities. It is also famous as a powerful spot for good fortune.

► 5-1 Nishizato, Hirara, Miyakojima
Phone: 0980-72-6137



Approx. 7min. drive



Enter an underwater world, but keep your clothes on!

③ Miyako Island Underwater Park

Gaze into the underwater world of Miyako-jima Island, known for its transparent waters. This facility is very easy to visit. There are 24 windows located at a depth of 3 to 5 meters, and an average of 60 to 80 species of fish can be observed most days.

► 2511-1 Karimata, Hirara, Miyakojima
Phone: 0980-74-6335

Approx. 15min. drive

Approx. 7min. drive

The longest bridge in Japan spanning the blue sea

⑤ Ibaru Bridge

A bridge that connects to Ibaru Island. Opened in 2015. At 3,540 meters, it is Japan's longest non-toll bridge and longest bridge connecting two remote islands. One of the most popular driving routes in Miyako-jima Island, it makes you feel like you're driving on the sea.

Approx. 24min. drive



Enjoy! Miyako-jima Island gourmet experience



Island Station Miyako Main Store

► 870-1 Kugai, Hirara, Miyakojima Phone: 0980-79-5151

Farmers Market Miyako, Atarasu Market

► 1442-1 Nishizato, Hirara, Miyakojima Phone: 0980-72-2972

Discover local flavors and a treasure trove of rare ingredients!

Full of surprises and discoveries, with rare specialties and gourmet foods such as island vegetables, fruits, and local breads. Goat meat vending machines are also scattered around the island. Why not try the soul food much loved on the island?

The heart of the Miyako Islands, settled in the 13th century

Hirara Port (Miyako-jima Island)

The only significant port on the island. It can accommodate up to 220,000-ton passenger ships. The island was formed by the uplift of coral reefs, and the beauty of the sea, called Miyako blue, is overwhelming. The island's unique traditions and culture, quite different from those of the main island and Yaeyama, are also worth experiencing.

Approximate time required: 8 hours
Total distance: 65 km

A round-the-island tour takes about 4 hours by car, but many remote islands, such as Ibaru Island and Ikema Island, are accessible by car. Since the buses are more for daily use by locals, consider taking a shore excursion, chartering a taxi, or renting a car to get around the islands more efficiently.



A spectacular beach with an impressive natural arch

② Sunayama Beach

Enjoy picture-perfect, spectacular ocean views with white sand and blue sea waters. Its proximity to the town center is another reason for its popularity. There is a huge arch-shaped rock here, formed by wave erosion, that creates impressive sunsets. The sand is smooth and easy to walk on, and the beach is compact, making it perfect for a short stroll.

► Nikawadori, Hirara, Miyakojima



Snow-like salt born in Miyako-jima

④ Yukishio Museum

The fine, snow-like salt known as Yukishio is a popular Okinawan souvenir. Observe the manufacturing process, and learn how Yukishio is used. There is also a store where you can buy unique souvenirs and gourmet foods. No reservations required.

► 191 Karimata, Hirara, Miyakojima
Phone: 0980-72-5667



A distillery that matures awamori liquor in caves

⑥ Taragawa Co., Ltd.

Established in 1948. The distillery makes awamori by working with koji mold in a straightforward manner. In a cave near the distillery, aged awamori is matured for 5 to 12 years. Tours of the cave and the production process are offered three times a day.

► 85 Sunagawa, Gusukube, Miyakojima
Phone: 0980-77-4108



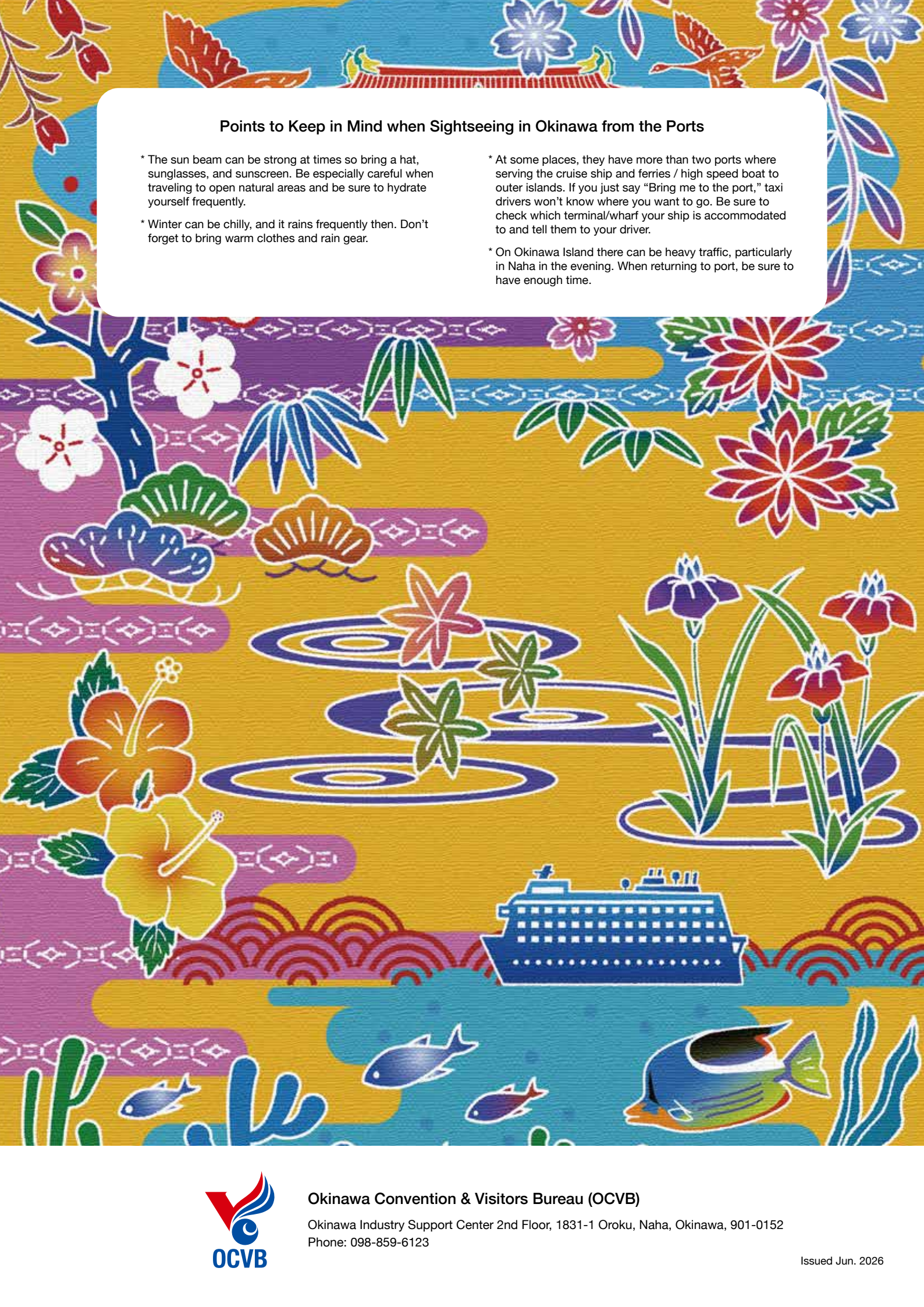
One of the most beautiful spots on Miyako-jima Island

⑦ Imgya Marine Garden Observation Deck

A seaside park taking full advantage of the natural terrain. "Imgya" is a local Miyako word for water that springs from the sea. A natural boardwalk creates a walking path across sea waters and the observation deck offers breathtaking views. The cove is calm and ideal for snorkeling.

► 605-2 Tomori, Gusukube, Miyakojima





Points to Keep in Mind when Sightseeing in Okinawa from the Ports

* The sun beam can be strong at times so bring a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Be especially careful when traveling to open natural areas and be sure to hydrate yourself frequently.

* Winter can be chilly, and it rains frequently then. Don't forget to bring warm clothes and rain gear.

* At some places, they have more than two ports where serving the cruise ship and ferries / high speed boat to outer islands. If you just say "Bring me to the port," taxi drivers won't know where you want to go. Be sure to check which terminal/wharf your ship is accommodated to and tell them to your driver.

* On Okinawa Island there can be heavy traffic, particularly in Naha in the evening. When returning to port, be sure to have enough time.