

# OKINAWA × CYCLING

Cycling holiday on a tropical island

Okinawa main island pottering Okinawa main island cycling

Pottering & Cycling in remote islands

Try cycling all the way around Okinawa main island!

A new kind of cycling holiday

Rental bike

Fun for everyone, from beginners to advanced riders ♪ Resorts, nature, history and culture. Experience the real Okinawa on a captivating tropical bike ride.

We invite you on a cycling holiday to experience with all your senses the real Okinawa, including the sugarcane fields swaying in the gentle sea breezes, the exotic feel of the unique towns and villages and historic rock walls once walked by kings.

#### **Kume Island**

About 35 minute flight from the main island About 3 hours and 15 minute by ferry

**Okinawa Main Island** 

### Miyako Island

About 55 minute flight from the main island

Ishigaki Island About 1 hour flight from the main island

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**Convenient tools** to get the most out of your cycling holiday

You can check out detailed information about the cycling courses introduced in this guidebook on "Google Maps" or "Velodash."

# **Google Map**

Google Maps can be used all over the world to search maps, for GPS navigation or to receive routes from your current location to your final destination. This guidebook uses Google My Maps to create and share cycling courses.





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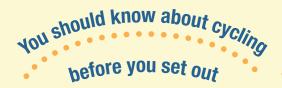




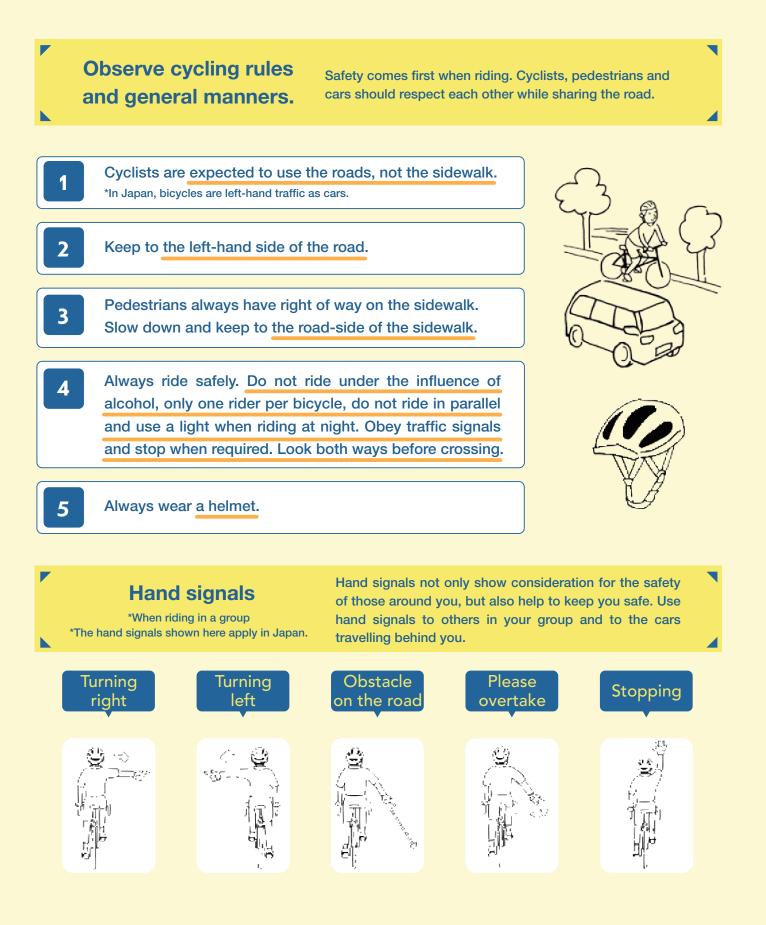
Velodash is a dedicated cycling App. Record your routes or see where your friends are on group rides. You can also look for recommended routes or create

routes on a map and share them with other riders.





## **Basic things of cycling**





Do you have a bell and does it work?

#### **Check that your** the pedal is at its lowest point) lights work Chain Is your tire pressure OK? (Is the chain not too loose?) (The appropriate tire pressure is shown on the side of the tire) Make sure everything is tight Do your brakes\* (Is anything loose or rattling?) work properly? \*In Japanese bicycles, it is common that the right lever for front wheel brake and the left lever for the rear. Things you might want to Spare tube and portable bicycle pump **☐**Wet weather gear **Plastic bags Drink bottle** take with you (for your phone and wallet when it rains) Sunscreen Things to be aware of when cycling around Okinawa Stay hydrated. 1 Drink water frequently before you start to feel thirsty. Replenish minerals with brown sugar and salt to avoid heatstroke. Don't forget your sunscreen and protective clothing. 2 The sun can be hot in the middle of the day. We recommend wearing arm covers and sunscreen. You may want to avoid riding in the middle of the day in the peak of summer. Slippery asphalt 3 Ryukyu limestone is used to make the asphalt around Okinawa, making it more slippery. Particular care should be taken when braking in wet weather. Cars that don't indicate when turning There are drivers that do not use their indicators or check both

ways before turning. Please be aware of your surroundings.

Check your bike before setting out.

Position ...

(The height of your seat should be set so that your knee is slightly bent when

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### **Okinawa Main Island**

pottering



Sunset in Onna Village

# Recommended cycling courses

Choose from 6 carefully selected pottering courses between about 10 km to 35 km. Scan the QR code and look at the maps to check major sightseeing spots and elevation!



#### ★What is pottering?

Like taking a stroll, only on a bike





### Yomitan Village pottering, history and culture course

Reduce your speed on the narrower roads and areas around the local residences





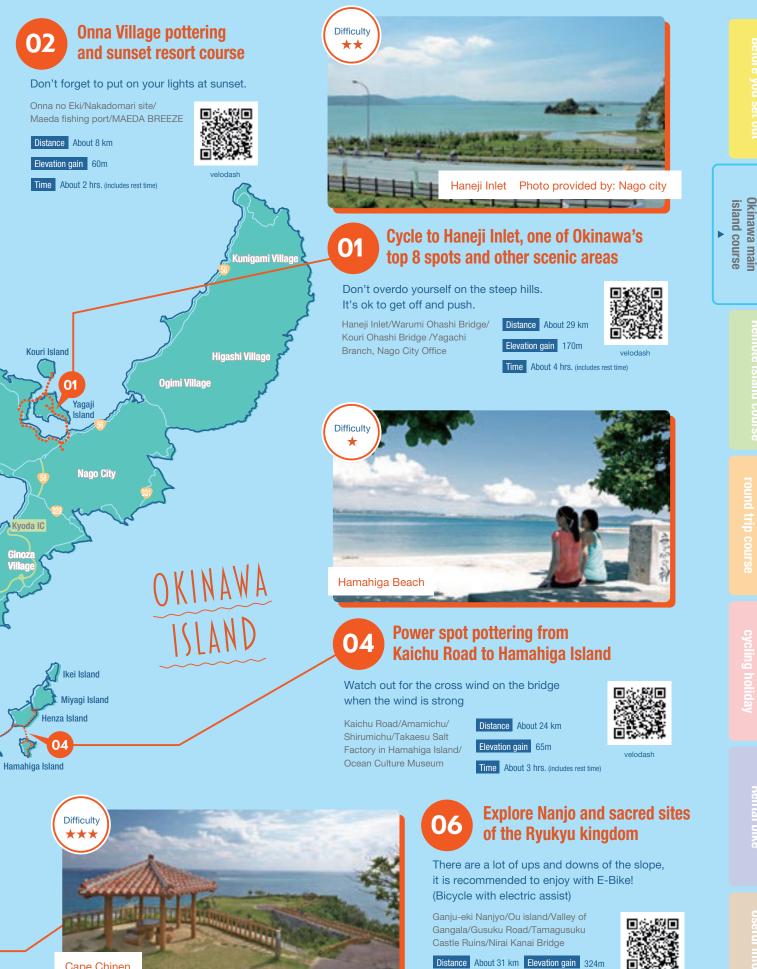
#### Use the bike share scheme and explore Naminoue Beach and Kokusai Street in Naha!

You can also use any of the bicycle docking stations. Use the 1 day pass for added convenience.



the bike share scheme.

Difficulty



Cape Chinen

Time About 4 hrs. (includes rest time)





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#### Ride from the east coast to the west coast and the resorts in the central part of the island

Long course with ups and downs

Kaichu Road/Hamahiga Island/ Katsuren Castle Site/ Urumarche/Michi-no-eki(Roadside Station)/Kadena/Onna-no-eki/ Shinkaichi/Kin Bay

Distance About 95 km

Elevation gain 418m

Time About 9 hrs. (includes rest time)



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### The remote islands

See more of Miyako Island, Ishigaki Island and Kume Island and fall in love. Scan the QR code and look at the maps to check major sightseeing spots and elevation!

### **Miyako Island**

See the beautiful Miyako blue ocean and untouched natural beauty

> About 55 minute flight from Okinawa main island

# Ikema Island

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Miyako Airport

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**Pottering &** 

**Cycling** 

Recommended

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Time About 8 hrs. (includes rest time)

Kaichu Park/Yukishio Museum/Ikema Ohashi Bridge/Shimajiri Mangrove Forest/Higa Road Park/Cape Higashi Hennazaki/ Kaihoukan/Muiga/Imugya Marine Garden/Ueno German Culture Village/Shima No Eki Miyako/Painagama Beach



Difficulty ++







German Garden Village/Uipya Road Park Imugya Marine Garden/Muiga/Kaihoukan Cape Higashi Hennazaki/Underground dam park Miyako island Mamoru



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Distance About 36 km Elevation gain 256m

Time About 5 hrs. (includes rest time)



Ikema Ohashi Bridge

Miyako Island Marine Park/

Time About 4 hrs. (includes rest time)

Yukishio Museum/Ikema Ohashi Bridge

Distance About 35 km Elevation gain 55m

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**Miyako Island Taira/** 

**Ikema Island Cycling** 

Difficulty

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### Challenge yourself!

## Cycle all the way around Okinawa main island

Okinawa has a culture and natural beauty that you can only find on such a small island and each region has its own distinct feel. Cycle approximately 100 km a day over 4 days and experience all that Okinawa has to offer. Scan the QR code and look at the maps to check major sightseeing spots and elevation!







#### Recommended! Guided tours



Discover areas not included in the guide books and other hidden treasures. Enjoy a ride with added peace of mind and discover more about the charm of Okinawa from our friendly guides.

Experience "slow tourism" riding at 15 km/h and "thalassotherapy" as part of a new kind of cycling holiday.



We offer a new kind of cycling holiday with a variety of tours to fully enjoy Okinawa that also include pickup and drop off services.

Naha Chatan Onna

KARIYUSHI Hotels 098-866-0791 No. of people: 2-30 people Languages: English, Chinese



## Discover places that even the locals don't know about together with our qualified guides!

Guided tours are based primarily around Naha and will take you around the popular sightseeing spots like Kokusai St. and also introduce you to the history and culture of Okinawa. Ride on your own, as part of a group or take one of our long rides.

#### Naha Urasoe

Churapota 098-888-0064 No. of people: 2-6 people Languages: English



Free photographs, guides can speak English and Chinese. Enjoy a leisurely cycling tour along the beautiful oceanside.



Cycling courses can be arranged to suit individual riding ability. Customers can receive photos taken during the tour for free.

#### Tomigusuku City Itoman City Naha Chat

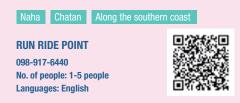
OKK Diving & Cycling 098-943-1161 No. of people: 1 person or more Languages: English, Chinese



Riding around an unfamiliar area can be daunting. Let one of our local accredited guides show you around.



Tours cater from 1 rider and include leisurely rides around Naha and tours to the cafes in Chatan.



### Guided tours around spots recommended by the owner.



No bags necessary! Take a rental bike and ride around Okinawa on your own customized tour.

#### Northern part of the main island Kunigam

Okinawa Jiyujikan RIDE & STAY http://ride-stay.com No. of people: 1 person or more Languages: English, Chinese



#### Anyone can participate! Regular cycling events



Cycling events you can enjoy with local riders. Casual riding groups.



Monthly Ride Cycle around a different part of Okinawa main island each month.

[Organizer] Okinawa Cycling Association [Date] Generally the 2nd Sunday of each month [Time] Meet at 8:00 and finish around 14:00 [Distance] 40-70km



#### [Organizer] Okinawa Ringyo Co., Ltd.

[Date] Generally the 1st Saturday of each month [Time] Meet at 7:00 and finish around 10:00 [Distance] About 15-20km





See below for inquiries about other cycling events in Okinawa.

Okinawa Cycle Tourism Association (OCTA)

info@cycletour.okinawa Please

Please feel free to contact us for details.



#### Cycle friendly area (City/Town/Village)



See below for a list of the area offering rental bike and a comprehensive range of recommended cycling courses, etc. Let them uncover the local charm.

1 Nanjo City Tourism Association **6**098-948-4611

541 Chinenkudeken, Nanjo City [Business hours] 9:00-18:00 nanjo-kankou@ia8.itkeeper.ne.jp

Electric power assisted rental bikes (standard bikes) are available. Cycle around and enjoy the abundant natural beauty, history, culture and people of Nanjo.



#### **Bicycle City planning promotion office**, Commerce and Tourism Bureau, Nago City Office

2F, Nago City Industrial Support Center, \$\$0980-53-7530 1-19-24 Oonaka, Nago City [Business hours] 8:30-17:15

Nago City is the birthplace of the bicycle culture in Okinawa Prefecture. We are working to build and promote the "Cycling Golden Route".





#### 3 Kumejima Town Tourist Association <098-851-7973

160-57 Higa, Kumejima Town (Information plaza) [Business hours] 8:30-17:30 kyoukai@kanko-kumejima.com

We offer rental bike and a full range of cycle-friendly hotels. "Sugar Ride Kume Island" is also a popular cycling event with a lot of repeat riders.





#### **Bike share**



The bike share scheme allows to you rent a bike for as long as you like, when you need it. Bicycles can be rented from multiple bike stations. Check for a bike docking station near you and get on your bike!

### 1 CHURACHARI



#### Main service areas Naha City/Chatan Town

Bicycle types Electric power assisted bike

How to Use See the website for details, including prices



### **2** HELLO CYCLING

#### Main service areas

Naha City/Urasoe City/Ginowan City/Okinawa City/Onna Village/Nago City/Motobu Town

#### Bicycle types

Electric power assisted bike

#### How to Use

See the website for details, including prices



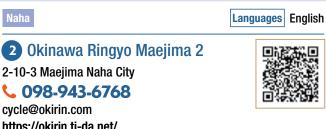


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### **Rental bike**



See our list of recommended rental bike shops. All bikes are carefully maintained so that you can enjoy your ride in total safety.



https://okirin.ti-da.net/

[Business hours] 7:00-20:00 [Regular holiday] Open all year round

Bike types Cross bike, Road bike, E-Bike

Northern Okinawa main island

enquiry01@noleggio-cicli.blue

https://www.noleggio-cicli.blue/

Bike types Mini velo, Cross-bike

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**4** Noleggio cycle

How to make a reservation E-mail/Phone call/Store

Other Ride and drop, bike delivery, roadside service, guided tours

#### Southern Okinawa main island

#### Okinawa Ringyo Haebaru store

517-3 Kanegusuku, Haebaru Town

#### **\$ 098-888-0064**

cycle@okirin.com https://okirin.ti-da.net/

[Business hours] 10:00-19:00 [Regular holiday] Tuesday

Bike types Cross bike, Road bike, E-Bike How to make a reservation E-mail/Phone call/Store

Other Drop offs, deliveries, on-site repairs, guided tours

#### Naha



### Okinawa Jiyujikan RIDE&STAY

1-31-21 Mihara, Naha City **\$ 098-943-2853** 

\*See the website for details.

mk1967@me.com

http://ride-stay.com

Bike types Cross bike, Road bike, Junior road, E-Bike

How to make a reservation Reservation Form/Email/Phone call /Store

Other Bookings essential

#### Chatan

#### **5** SUNSET BIKES

2-5-17 Mihama, Chatan Town

#### **\$** 098-955-2694

info@sunset-bikes.com

### Northern Okinawa main island

Languages English

#### Hub Cycle Okinawa Main Store



1-15-14-1 Minato Nago city

#### **\$** 0980-59-7356

hubcycle.okinawa@gmail.com

https://www.hubcycleokinawa.com/ [Business hours] 10:30-19:30 [Regular holiday] Wednesday

Bike types City bike, Road bike, Kids bike

How to make a reservation Email/Phone call/Store

#### Languages English

#### **\$ 0980-59-4476**

hubcycle.okinawa@gmail.com https://www.hubcycle-cafelounge.com/ [Business hours] 9:00-19:00 [Regular holiday] Thursday

Bike types City bike, Road bike, Kids bike

How to make a reservation Email/Phone call/Store

Other Luggage storage (no charge)





Languages English



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#### Languages English



Languages English

#### Kume Island

#### Languages English

#### 8 RESORT HOTEL KUME ISLAND

411 Magari, Kumejima Town

**\$ 098-985-8001** 

https://kumeisland.com/

[Rental hours] 9:00-18:00 [Regular holiday] Open all year round

Bike types Cross bike, Road bike Option Helmet 500 yen

Bike types Cross bike, Road bike

How to make a reservation Phone call/Store

**& 098-985-7111** 

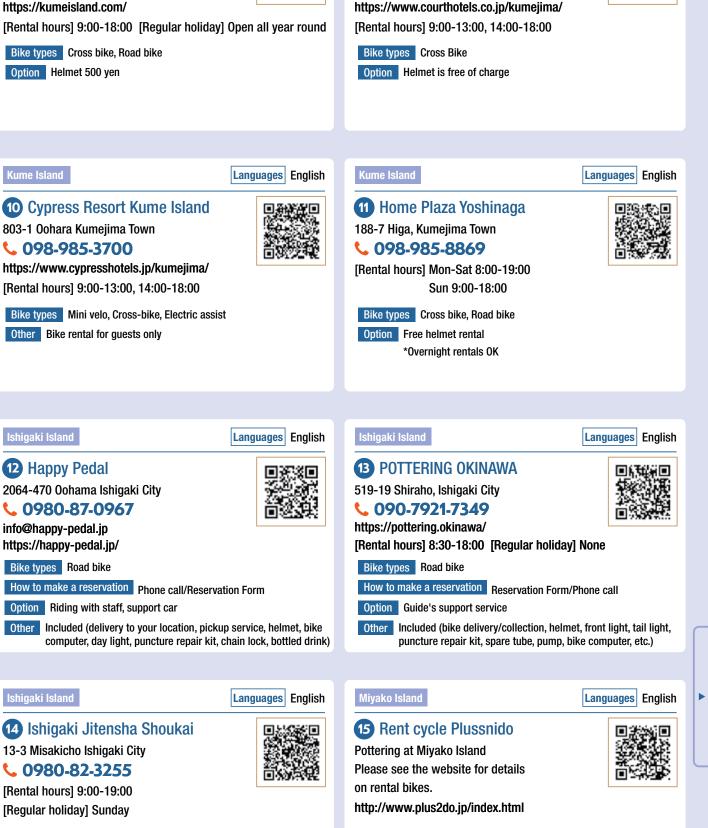
#### Kume Island

548 Janado, Kumejima town

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Languages English

**Rental bike** 



### **Bike repair shops**



#### 1 Okinawa Ringyo Haebaru store

**\$ 098-888-00** 517-3 Kanegusuku, Haebaru Town

Business hours 10:00-19:00 Regular holiday Tuesday https://okirin.ti-da.net/

Bike types City, Electric, Mini velo, MTB, Cross, Road, Kids

Repairs All adjustments, puncture repairs

Area All of the main island (3,000-8,000 yen)

#### 3 Hub Cycle Okinawa Main Store 1-15-14-1 Minato Nago city

**60980-59-73** 

Business hours 10:30-19:30 Regular holiday Wednesday

https://www.hubcycleokinawa.com/ Languages English

Bike types City bike, Road bike, Kids bike

Repairs All adjustments, puncture repairs

Nago City/Nakijin Village/ Motobu Town/Ogimi Village/

Area Kunigami Village/Higashi Village/Ginowan Village/Onna Village

Support for when punctures and other problems happen on the road. See our list of shops that offer roadside support.

\*Please note that a rapid response may not be possible at all times.

064	<ul> <li>Okinawa Ringyo Maejima 2</li> <li>2-10-3 Maejima Naha City 098-943-6768</li> </ul>				
	Business hours 7:00-20:00 Regular holiday Open all year round				
	https://okirin.ti-da.net/ Languages English				
S	Bike types City, Electric, Mini velo, MTB, Cross, Road, Kids				
	Repairs All adjustments, puncture repairs				
	Area All of the main island (3,000-8,000 yen)				
	4 Haneji CYCLE REPAIR SERVICE				
856	Haneji.b.r.s@gmail.com				
1	Hours Weekends and weekdays (After 18:00)				
	https://haneji-cycle-repair.net/ Languages English				

Bike types Cross bike / Road bike

Repairs All adjustments, puncture repairs

Nago City/Motobu Town/Ogimi Village/Kunigami Village/ Area

Onna Village/Ginoza Village/Kin Town

### **Traveling by plane** with your bike

How to travel with your bike when cycling around Okinawa. Moving around by plane is necessary in

Okinawa, so let's look at some important points when traveling with your bike.

When traveling on a plane with your bike, you will need a special bike bag in which to store your bike. Special care needs to be taken to prevent your bike being damaged while in the bag. Make sure to protect your bike using commercially available fittings and covers.







Traveling with

your bike

You will need a bike bag, hard

case or cardboard box!!

Use commercially available end metal fittings on your front forks to prevent damage. End metal fittings are a must-have item when traveling with your bike!



Secure end metal fittings to the rear too. Push the derailleur down to protect it.



A sprocket cover will help protect the frame from being scratched or getting dirty. A chain cover will also help keep your bike clean!

#### Inquire with your airline about baggage allowances.

\*Changes in air pressure can cause punctures. Let out all the air from your tires before travelling. \*Crowding can be expected during cycling events. There may be times you cannot load your bike on the plane you are boarding.

## Okinawa Cycling Calendar

#### The climate on the tropical island of Okinawa is vastly different to that of Honshu, the main island of Japan.

See below for temperature changes over the year and what to wear. Use this information to prepare for your travels!!

	Average temperature/ rainfall	Feels like	Recommended clothing/items
Jan.	17.0°C 107.0mm	Chilly	Temperature difference to mainland Japan is about +10°C. This time of year is characterized by strong seasonal winds and rain. In addition to inner wear, you will feel most comfortable wearing 2 long sleeve cycling shirts or 1 long sleeve shirt with a windbreaker (no sleeves OK). We recommend wearing fleece lined, long bike pants.
Feb.	17.1°C 119.7mm	Chilly	Like January, the temperature can change from being hot to cold although there are more warmer days. We recommend a raincoat in case of sudden showers. This time of year, Okinawa sees a large number of visitors including professional teams and riders from both Japan and overseas chasing the warmer weather.
Mar.	18.9°C 161.4mm	Warm	We recommend wearing inner wear and a thin, long sleeve shirt. Bring a raincoat for the rain and sudden drops in temperature. We recommend normal bike pants with removable leggings. We recommend ladies wear thin, long bike pants.
Apr.	21.4℃ 165.7mm	Warm	This is the start of summer in Okinawa. If you feel the heat, you may be OK in a short sleeve shirt, but we recommend wearing a long sleeve shirt that you can remove easily or long sleeve inner wear. Short bike pants are also suitable. Ladies may want to wear thin, long bike pants that will also serve as protection against the sun.
May	24.0°C 231.6mm	Humid (rainyseason)	Early May can be hot and humid with the wet season setting in around the end of golden week. You will need long sleeves and a raincoat when it starts to rain. Short bike pants will be suitable. Ladies may want to wear thin, long bike pants that will also serve as protection against the sun.
Jun.	26.8°C 247.2mm	Humid (rainy season)	Wet season continues to the end of the month. Short sleeves are fine but you may need arm covers if you are concerned about sunburn. Short bike pants are suitable however ladies may want to wear thin, long bike pants that will also serve as protection against the sun.
Jul.	28.9°C 141.4mm	Very hot	This is the peak of summer! Although it gets very hot after 10 am, the maximum temperature is not that high compared to mainland Japan. Similarly to May and June, we recommend thin clothing, however it is necessary to protect yourself against sunstroke and ultraviolet rays.
Aug.	28.7°C 240.5mm	Very hot	The sun is very hot with temperatures getting very high after 10 am. Similarly to May and June, we recommend thin clothing, however it is necessary to protect yourself against sunstroke and ultraviolet rays. Care should be taken against squalls where a lot of rain can fall in certain areas.
Sep.	27.6°C 260.5mm	Very hot	Hot temperatures continue through to the middle of the month. It gets very hot after 10 am. Similarly to May and June, we recommend thin clothing, however it is necessary to protect yourself against sunstroke and ultraviolet rays. Nightfall can appear to come quickly. You might want to check the brightness of your sunglasses.
Oct.	25.2°⊂ 152.9mm	Cool	The sun starts to lose some of its bite. Mornings and evenings are cooler making this an ideal time of the year for training. You can wear short sleeves and pants, but it might be an idea to pack arm covers for when the temperature drops suddenly.
Nov.	22.1°C 110.2mm	Cool	Starts to feel more like autumn with comfortable weather continuing. While the mornings can be cool, by the middle of the day the temperature is the same as summer. Short sleeves and pants are suitable. Similar to October, you may want to pack arm covers, etc.
Dec.	18.7°C 102.8mm	Cold	Overcast conditions become more frequent and the days grow shorter. While a long sleeve shirt with a fleece lining will not be over the top, you may be more comfortable wearing a thin, long sleeve shirt with long sleeve inner wear. You can wear short bike pants, but it might be an idea to pack leg warmers as well.









