

Travel Guide Book

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OKINAWA

JAPAN

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Bus and Taxi Times
Required on Main Island

The Busena Terrace
Bankoku Shinryokan
Busena Marine Park
(Underwater Observatory Tower/
Glass-bottom Boat)
2hours 5min, 59km
2hours 40min.
Ocean Expo Park
3hours (Expressway bus)
(Nago transit) 96km
2hours 50min.
ANA InterContinental
Manza Beach Hotel & Resort
1hour 40min, 47km
1hour 20min.
Cape Manzamo
1hour 40min, 49km
1hour 20min.
Hotel Moon Beach
1hour 25min, 38km
1hour 5min.
RyukyuMura
1hour 20min, 33km
1hour
Mihama
American Village
55min, 18km
40min.
Okinawa Convention Center
35min, 10km
30min.
Shurijo Castle /
Shureimon Gate
20min, 6km
15min.
Naha Airport
15min, 3.6km
10min.
Okinawa Outlet Mall
ASHIBINAA
30min, 5km
15min.

Cape Hedo
4-5hours 120km
(Nago-Hentona transit village bus)
3hours 40min.
Okuma Beach
3hours 100km
3hours 20min.
Nago Bus Terminal
3hours 30min, 70km
1hour 40min.
(Expressway bus)
2 hours
Kanuch Bay Hotel & Villas
2hours 30min.
Kin Town
2hours 15min, 50km
1hour (Expressway bus)
1hour 30min.
Ikei Island
3 hours 66km
(Yakena transit municipal bus)
2 hours
Okinawa City
1hour 25km
40min. (Expressway bus)
40min.
Nakagusuku Castle Site
40min. 24km
*No non-stop buses available
The Former Japanese
Navy Underground
Headquarters
50min, 23km
40min.
Okinawa World Culture Kingdom/
Gyokusendo Caves
45min, 14km
40min.
Peace Memorial Park
90min. (Itoman transit) 17km
45min.
*Please inquire with the company operating
a given bus line regarding fares.

Times and distances are given using
Naha Bus Terminal as their starting point.
*Distances are approximate.

Destination
Time by bus
Time by taxi

OKINAWA MAP MAIN ISLAND



NAHA MAP

Hotel GranView Okinawa
Umikaji Terrace Senagajima
Ryukyu Onsen Senagajima Hotel
Kusu no Mori Chukogura (Brewery)
Toyosaki Chura Sun Beach
Michi-no-eki Toyosaki (Roadside Station)
Okinawa Outlet Mall ASHIBINAA
Nishizaki Learning Center Hotel Sports Lodge Itoman
Michi-no-eki Itoman (Roadside Station)
Bibi Beach Itoman
Southern Beach Hotel & Resort
Ryukyu Lacquer Ware
Himeyuri Peace Museum
Himeyuri Hall
Uchida Farm
Palm Hills Golf Resort Club
Cape Kyan
Itoman City
Tomigusuku City
Naha City
Naha Port
Naha Cruise Terminal
Tomari Port
Naminoue Beach
Fukushuen Garden
Westmarine
Naha Bus Terminal
Pineapple House
Okinawa Karate Kaikan
The Former Japanese Navy
Underground Headquarters
Moon Ocean Ginowan Hotel & Residence
Minatogawa Stateside Town
Urasoe Big Park
Urasoe Art Museum
T Galleria by DFS, Okinawa
Araha Beach
Okinawan Music Kalahai
Terme VILLA Chufa-U
Sunset Beach
AEON Chatan
Seaside Hotel The Beach
Eagle Lodge
DoubleTree by Hilton Okinawa Chatan Resort
Mihama American Village
Zakimi Castle Site
Murasaki Mura Workshop Theme Park
Hotel Murasaki Mura
Condominium Morimar Resort
Royal Hotel
Michi-no-eki Kadena (Roadside Station)
Forest Adventure in Onna
Renaissance Okinawa Resort
Onna no Eki Nakayukui Market
Hotel Moon Beach
Hotel Sunset Hill
Tiger Beach
Kanehide Onna Marine View Palace
Hotel Monterey Okinawa Spa & Resort
PGM Golf Resort Okinawa
Kafuu Resort Fuchaku Condo + Hotel
Sheraton Okinawa Sunmarina Resort
Rizzan Sea-Park Hotel Tancha-Bay
Onna Seaside Park Nabee Beach
ANA InterContinental Manza Beach Resort
The Atta Terrace Club Towers
The Atta Terrace Golf Resort
Miyuki Hamabaru Resort
Hyatt Regency Seragaki Island Okinawa
Okinawa Kariyushi Beach Resort Ocean Spa
Okinawa Spa Resort EXES

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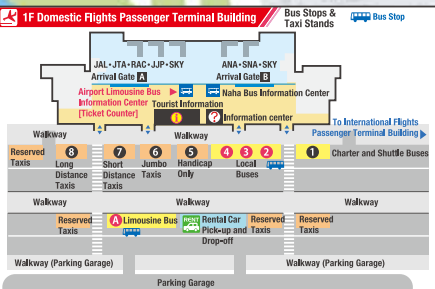


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Monorail Asahibashi to Prefectural Office Station
GRG Hotel Naha Higashimachi
Ryukyu Sun Royal Hotel
Hotel Yuquesta Asahibashi
DoubleTree by Hilton Naha
Rihga Royal Gran Okinawa
Southern Plaza Kaiho
Naha Tokyuu REI Hotel
Route Inn Naha Asahibashi Eki Higashi
Toyo Inn Okinawa Naha Asahibashi Ekimae
Okinawa NahaNa Hotel & Spa
Hotel Livemax Naha
Nishitetsu Resort Inn Naha
Daikwa Roynet Hotel Okinawa Kenchomae
Hotel Sun Okinawa
Kariyushi LCH, Izumizaki Kenchomae
KARIYUSHI LCH, PREMIUM
Comfort Hotel Naha Prefectural Office
Almont Hotel Naha Kenchomae
Hotel Sun Palace Kyuyokan
Hotel Maruki

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Provides a wide variety of information on accommodation, transportation, tourist facilities and events.
(Domestic Flights) ☎: 098-857-6884
(International Flights) ☎: 098-859-0742



HOTEL Route 58: Matsuyama to Tomari Wharf Entrance
Hotel Roco Inn Okinawa
Solivia Hotel Naha
GRG Hotel Naha
Hotel Taira
Roco Inn Matsuyama
APA Hotel Naha
Hotel Airway
Hotel Blion Naha
ESTINATE HOTEL
Resonex Naha
RJ Hotel Naha
Red Planet Hotel Naha Okinawa
Richmondo Hotel Naha Kumoji
Okinawa Sen-in Kaikan Hotel
HOTEL PEACE LAND
HOTEL YOSHIDA
Hotel AQUA CITTA Naha by WBF
HOTEL ROUTE INN Naha Tomari Port
Okinawa Kariyushi Urban Resort Naha
Smile Hotel Okinawa Naha
Hotel Livemax Naha Tomari Port

HOTEL Kokusai St.: Prefectural Office north entrance to Asato three-forked road
Hotel Abest Naha Kokusaidori
Hotel Rocore Naha
Hotel Chura Ryukyu
Hotel Gracery Naha
Hotel Kokusai Plaza
Naha Grand Hotel
Toyo Inn Naha Kokusai-dori Miebaishi-eki
Okinawa Daiichi Hotel
Hotel JAL City Naha
Shiisar Inn Naha
Hotel Yamanauchi
Hotel WBF Art Stay Naha
Hotel Yamaichi
Sankyo Business Hotel
Community & Spa Naha Central Hotel
JR Kyushu Hotel Blossom Naha
Hyatt Regency Naha Okinawa
Hotel Palm Royal Naha Kokusai-dori
Nansei Kanko Hotel
Okinawa Sun Plaza Hotel
Hotel Royal Orion
Station Hotel Makishi
Hotel Sun Queen
Daikwa Roynet Hotel Naha Kokusai-dori
Hotel Ocean
Capsule Inn Maxi ALPA

Welcome to Okinawa!

5 Minutes Guide to OKINAWA

Resort Accommodations for the Adventurous Traveler

ACCESS!



Location of Okinawa Islands

Okinawa Prefecture is located on the southern half of the Nansei Islands, which run from Kyushu to Taiwan. The prefecture comprises around 160 small islands spread across an area of ocean spanning approximately 1,000 by 400 kilometers. 46 of the islands are populated.

Japan's Only Subtropical Region

Okinawa Prefecture is the only subtropical region in all of Japan. With a marine climate, the winds generally blow from the southeast in summers and from the northeast in winters. Flowing up from the Philippines, the warm Kuroshio current goes northwards towards Taiwan, providing Okinawa with warm winters. Annual temperatures average 23.1°C (73.6°F), with average lows of 20.8°C (69.4°F). While there is rarely any snow or frost, Okinawa sees typhoons between summer and fall.

Central Area

Due to the U.S. military base stationed here, the central area on the main island has been Americanized in various ways, and you'll find many signs written in English. Located in Chatan, American Village was redeveloped on former base land, incorporating new styles. The area is always bustling with shoppers and tourists. The west coast is lined with resort hotels and offers a diverse range of marine and leisure activities.



Naha Area

With a population of over 300,000, Naha is Okinawa's capital city. The centrally located Kokusai Street functions as Okinawa's main thoroughfare. Located next to a market, this area sees crowds of locals and tourists. It is the best street in all of Okinawa for eating and shopping. The city's Shuri ward was once the royal capital of the Ryukyu Kingdom, and Shuri Castle, a registered World Heritage Site, is located here.

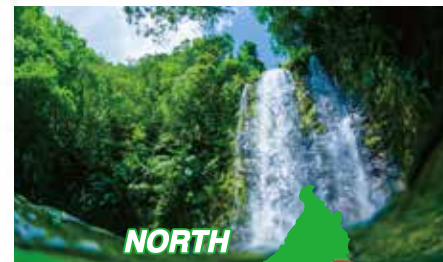
Outer Islands Area

Aside from the main island, people also inhabit 37 other islands. Each has its own distinct culture and environment. Every island is uniquely beautiful, offering diverse charms.



Northern Area

The area north of Nago City is called Yanbaru, and is known for its beautiful stretch of coastline and expansive green mountains. You will find rare animals such as the one-of-a-kind Okinawan Rail and Okinawa Woodpecker in the evergreen broad-leaved forests. The Motobu Peninsula is also home to the world-famous Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium.



Southern Area

The southern part of Okinawa is a pastoral region known for expansive sugarcane fields. The area is full of historical significance. Legend has it that the Ryukyu god of creation descended onto this land. As such, the area is home to the most sacred sites of the Ryukyu Kingdom. However, the region was also the site of vicious battles during WWII, and many citizens caught up in the struggle lost their lives here. Today, the battlefields have been converted into the Peace Memorial Park and many people come to the site to pray for peace.



2 Days, 3 Nights Course on Okinawa's Main Island

Day 1



On the first day, go sightseeing in Naha City. After trying Okinawan food at the airport, take the Yui Rail to T Galleria, where you can enjoy tax-free shopping. Then visit Shuri Castle to learn about Ryukyuan history. After that, go to Makishi Station. From there you can visit Kokusai Street, Makishi Public Market, Heiwa Street, and Tsuboya Yachimun Street. The entire area is walkable. To end your day, enjoy food and drinks at a minyo izakaya (folksong tavern), and take part in an Okinawan folk dance.

Day 2



On day two, head to the northern part of the island. As you go further north, the resort hotels lining the coast begin to disappear. Look out across the ocean from Busena Marine Park, then drive to Kouri Island via the breathtaking Kouri Ohashi Bridge. Upon returning back on the main island, head to Fukugi Tree Lane in the town of Bise. Then go to the nearby Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium to view subtropical sea creatures. Enjoy dinner in Nago City.

Day 3



The final day. Though you'll be heading to Naha Airport after leaving the hotel, you'll first need to make a stop in central Okinawa. Okinawa City and the Chatan area are full of charming tourist spots. Don't forget to buy souvenirs. Stop by Okinawa Outlet Mall Ashibinaa nearby the airport to enjoy some shopping. This is a good place to buy yourself some souvenirs. Be sure to leave time to return your rental car before the flight.

Click here for details on the above course and information on other courses!

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Nature

A Mysterious Ocean with Diverse Living Creatures

Multicolored coral reefs stretch out below the beautiful, clear water. Considered one of the island's natural miracles, Okinawa's oceans are thriving with life. You'll surely be impressed by what awaits.



Coral Reefs and Tropical Fish



Humpback Whale

Subtropical Old-Growth Forests

Starting with Yanbaru National Park on the northside of the island, Okinawa is covered in subtropical old-growth forest. With an abundance of vegetation and water, the old-growth forests are a treasure trove of rare animals and plants. Whether trekking, animal viewing, or canoeing, you're sure to have a truly memorable experience.



Okinawa Rail



Okinawa Woodpecker

Rivers Run from the Green Forests to the Blue Ocean

Rainfall in the subtropical forest forms rivers that flow out to the ocean. The clear streams in the mangrove forests thrive with extremely rare lifeforms. Paddle through these channels in a kayak to discover mysterious and rare creatures distinct from those found in the mountains and ocean.



Iriomote Cat



History

A Thousand Years of Okinawan History

Groups began forming across the islands around the 10th century based around ethnic and familial ties. Three kingdoms soon formed and fought for supremacy: the northern Hokuzan kingdom, the central Chuzan kingdom, and the southern Nanzan kingdom. The three kingdoms unified in 1429, marking the beginning of the Ryukyu Kingdom. The Ryukyu Kingdom maintained close ties with China. Envoys known as Sapposhi were periodically dispatched on behalf of the Chinese emperor in order to certify the succession of royal power.

The Ryukyu Kingdom enjoyed prosperity through trade with mainland Japan and Southeast Asia. At the start of the 17th century, the Satsuma clan of southern Kyushu invaded and conquered the kingdom. While the kingdom maintained ties with China, the Satsuma clan strengthened their rule over the area.

By 1879, the Meiji Restoration put an end to the Ryukyu Kingdom's 450-year history and Okinawa Prefecture was born. Towards the end of WWII, Okinawa was the site of Japan's sole domestic ground battle. After the war, the region was governed by the U.S. military for 27 years before it was finally returned to Japan in 1972. In recent years the area has grown increasingly popular as a tourist destination, with the number of visitors from Japan and abroad continuing to grow.



Shuri Castle Site



Shuri Kinjo-cho (stone pavement)

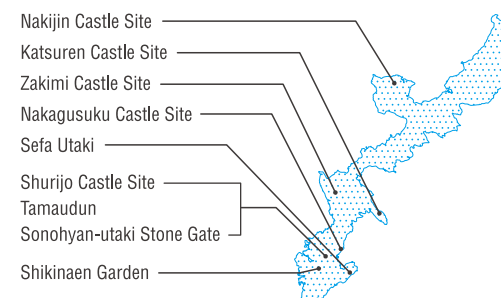


Nakijin Castle Site



World Heritage Sites

Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu



Shikinaen Garden



Traditional Performing Arts and ArtCrafts



Okinawa has been shaped by the unique history of the Ryukyu Kingdom. As an independent nation, it developed a culture distinct from Japan. This culture is now beginning to blossom as a source of pride throughout the world.



Ryukyuan Dance

Ryukyuan dance is the traditional dance of Okinawa. During the reign of the Ryukyu Kingdom, the government established an officer called *odoribugyo* (Magistrate of Dance) to improve the dances that were performed to welcome sapposhi envoys visiting from China. *Ryukyuan dance* troupes continue the tradition today, wearing colorful *bingata*-dyed clothing. Their appearance brings the refined court culture of the Ryukyu Kingdom into the modern world.



photo provided by National Theatre Okinawa

Kumi Odori (Stage Dance)

Designated as a national Important Intangible Cultural Property, *kumi odori* is Okinawa's most famous traditional performing art. The practice is said to have originated during the time of the Ryukyu dynasty to impress the sapposhi envoys from China. Based on Japanese and Chinese techniques, the dance was created by an *odoribugyo* (Magistrate of Dance) named Tamagusuku Chokun.

Sanshin

The *sanshin* is an essential instrument in Okinawan music, and is believed to originate from China's three-stringed *sanxian*. The body is typically made from imported python skin or artificial leather.



Ceramics and Lacquerware

Called *yachimun*, Okinawan ceramics are known for their warm color and texture. Yachimun production is associated with the Tsuboya area of Naha City and the village of Yomitan. Artisans make bottles, dishes, bowls, and statues of the deity Shisa to protect one's home. Lacquerware is another craft associated with the Ryukyu Islands. The wares were presented as gifts to the Chinese emperor and the Japanese shogun during the Edo period. Each piece is considered a highly valued piece of art.



Ryukyu Glass

Ryukyu glass originated at the end of the 19th century. After WWII, locals used empty bottles discarded by the U.S. military to create authentic glassware. While glass is typically considered best without any air bubbles, Ryukyu glass artisans intentionally mix air bubbles into the glass, creating a uniquely beautiful appearance. Ryukyu glass items make for a popular household products or souvenirs.



Dyed and Woven Textiles

Okinawa's dyed and woven textiles developed through trade with Southeast Asia and China during the reign of the Ryukyu Kingdom. Unique patterns have been created that correspond with Okinawa's culture and climate. Various dyeing and weaving techniques have been passed on across various regions within the prefecture. Typical textiles include *bingata*, *shuriori*, *Ryukyu kasuri*, *yomitanzan hanaori*, *bashofu*, *kumejima-tsumugi*, *miyako-jofu*, *yaeyama-jofu*, *yaeyama-minsa*, and *yonaguni-ori*.



Cuisine



Japanese, Western, Chinese, Korean, and Local Okinawan Cuisine

Okinawa is home to numerous restaurants, allowing you to enjoy a diverse range of cuisine, from Japanese to western, Chinese, Korean, Southeast Asian, and South American. Okinawan cuisine is particularly good as a source of health and longevity. The cuisine is largely divided into two categories: the court dishes that developed as food for the king and his court during the reign of the Ryukyu Kingdom, and affordable, reasonable dishes that developed through the practical wisdom of the commoners. While influenced by China and Japan, both styles have developed into unique culinary cultures. During your stay, be sure to try this Okinawan cuisine alongside the locals.



Enjoy your meal with Okinawan wares, eating from *yachimun* ceramics and pouring *awamori* sake into Ryukyu glass.

OKINAWA SOBA



Minyo Izakaya (Folk Song Tavern)

Okinawa's folksongs are known as *shimauta*, and you can enjoy watching live performances of these songs while drinking and eating in izakaya bars and restaurants. Along with enjoying the lively atmosphere, everyone is welcome to take part in the song and dance.



EXPERIENCE OKINAWA

Fun Year-Round Activities on Land and Sea

Even in the middle of winter, Okinawa's subtropical climate averages a warm 17°C (62.6°F), allowing for fun outdoor activities throughout the year.



Scuba Diving

With beautiful coral reefs and pleasant weather year-round, Okinawa is a diving mecca. Beginners just learning how to scuba dive are encouraged to start with beach entry diving. Boat entry diving and various other options are available for advanced divers.



Fishing

Okinawa is most known for its big-game fishing. From the boat, you will be able to see tuna, marlin, common dolphinfish and other species swimming along in the Kuroshio current. You'll be surprised how many bites you get, and at how strong the fish can pull.



Parasailing

Being pulled in a parachute by a boat almost feels like flying. Enjoy the feeling of floating between the ocean and the sky.

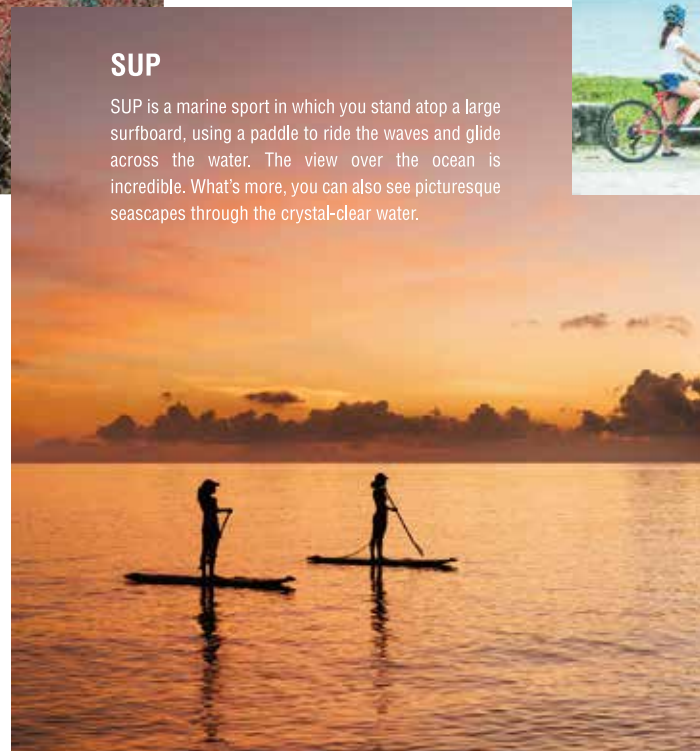


Sea Kayaking

Enjoy a relaxing ride over the ocean. The sea looks different when viewed from a kayak, so enjoy the unique perspective. You'll definitely feel refreshed.

SUP

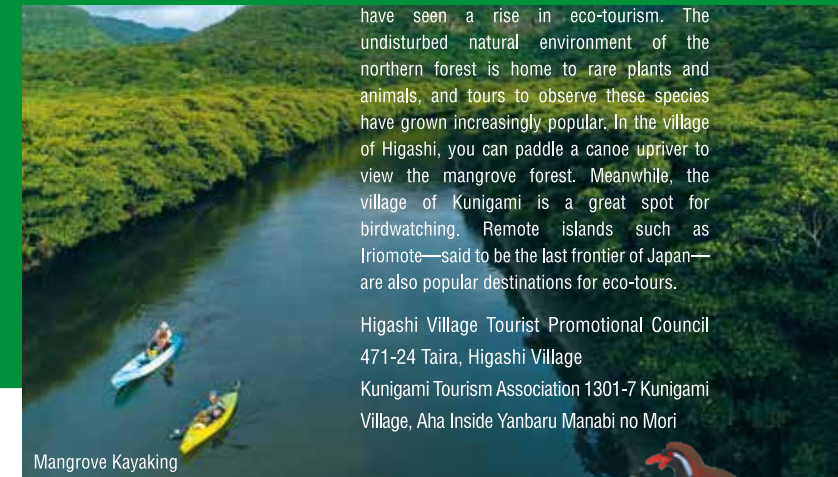
SUP is a marine sport in which you stand atop a large surfboard, using a paddle to ride the waves and glide across the water. The view over the ocean is incredible. What's more, you can also see picturesque seascapes through the crystal-clear water.



Tranquility in the Subtropical Forest

The northern part of the island is known as Yanbaru. The mountains in this region are covered in subtropical forests. Recent years have seen a rise in eco-tourism. The undisturbed natural environment of the northern forest is home to rare plants and animals, and tours to observe these species have grown increasingly popular. In the village of Higashi, you can paddle a canoe upriver to view the mangrove forest. Meanwhile, the village of Kunigami is a great spot for birdwatching. Remote islands such as Iriomote—said to be the last frontier of Japan—are also popular destinations for eco-tours.

Higashi Village Tourist Promotional Council
471-24 Taira, Higashi Village
Kunigami Tourism Association 1301-7 Kunigami Village, Aha Inside Yanbaru Manabi no Mori



Mangrove Kayaking



Cycling

Okinawa is also a perfect place for cycling. Take a relaxing ride, bathing in the breeze as you enjoy the beautiful oceanside views. We also recommend taking a relaxing ride on the exotic streets and tranquil countryside roads that look out across expansive sugar cane fields. You can comfortably cycle in the winter as well due to the warm weather.



Golf

Enjoy a game of golf throughout the year. For a comfortable game in the summer, bask in the ocean breeze and avoid the intense sunshine. Winter is the best season for playing, as weather is pleasant and the lawns maintain their green color. You can easily play two rounds in a single day.



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The Birthplace of Karate: Experience Authentic Traditional Karate in Okinawa

Karate is an Okinawan fighting technique based around punches and kicks. Influenced by Chinese martial arts, the techniques developed into a unique form, which was subsequently popularized throughout the world. The ancient martial art *kobudo*, which uses weapons like *nunchucks*, *tonfa*, and *sai*, developed alongside karate. Recognized as an official event in the 2020 Summer Olympics (Tokyo), awareness of the sport is continuing to grow. The Okinawa Karate Kaikan opened in March 2017 in Tomigusuku as a center to study karate and preserve, pass on, and develop its culture. In addition, the Okinawa Traditional Karatedo Kobudo International Training Center (Murasaki Mura) teaches and promotes the martial art both domestically and internationally, and also offers introductory classes. (Reservations required)

Okinawa Karate Kaikan
854-1 Tomigusuku, Tomigusuku City
TEL.098-851-1025 Closed: Wednesday

Okinawa Traditional Karatedo Kobudo International Training Center (Murasaki Mura) 1020-1 Takashiho, Yomitan Village
TEL.098-958-1111 Closed: Sunday



Okinawan Ryukyu Kimono Rental and Dressing

This popular activity allows you to wear traditional clothing from the Ryukyu Kingdom period. Men's clothing is also available.

Craftmaking

Alongside performing arts, crafts are one of the fruits of Ryukyuan culture. These include a wide range of genres, from yachimun ceramics to Ryukyu glass, woven textiles, dyes, and lacquerware. Consider trying your hand at craftmaking to experience the essence of the culture.



Play the Sanshin

Most sanshin shops in Okinawa offer lessons where you can learn how to play.

Four Seasons

How to enjoy
Okinawa's four seasons

Okinawa is the only prefecture in Japan which belongs to the subtropical zone, with the annual average temperature remaining mild around 23.1°C in Naha, its main city. That said, the region does have four seasons, and various events celebrate seasonal highlights throughout the year.



SPRING



The short spring of Okinawa is a transitional period towards the early summer. The climate is mild without threats of typhoons, and temperatures remain within the range between 20 and 25°C. Because it is also the season of flower blossoms, azalea and lily festivals take place. While occasional cold days in March require long sleeves, you can go out in short sleeves during the day in April. In May, long sleeves are no longer required even at night. In mid-May, though, the islands enter the hot and humid rainy season.

- Nanbu Trim Marathon (Itoyan City)
- Higashi-son Azalea Festival (Higashi Village)
- Kariyushi Asobi (Ginoza Village)
- Chuba League (Yomitan Village)
- Southernmost Beach Opening Ceremony in Yaeyama (Held alternately in Ishigaki and Taketomi Island)



- Ie Island Lily Festival
- The Iejima Annual Marathon
- Okinawa International Movie Festival
- The All Japan Triathlon Miyako Island Meet (Miyakojima City)
- Igimigituma (Ogimi Village)



- Naha Hari (Naha City)
- All-Island Spring Bullfighting (Uruma City)
- Okinawa Zoo & Museum Festival
- Hatoma Island Music Festival (Taketomi Island)
- Children's Festival "Children Entertainment Ryukyu Dedication" (Itoyan City)



SUMMER



Once the rainy season is over in the second half of June, the blazing hot summer officially begins. The average temperature reaches near 30 degrees, and it can reach up to around 33 degrees during the hottest spell. You may go out in short sleeves any time of the day, but if you need a shield for the scorching sunlight, long sleeves with light and thin materials are recommendable. This is the very best season for marine leisure activities. Also, Okinawa's summer is packed with fun events like Eisa, summer festivals, fireworks, beer fests, and many more.

- Sabani Race (Zamami Village)
- Beach Volley Miyakojima Tournament (Miyako Island)
- Itoyan Hari (Itoyan City)
- Hari/Ungami Festival (Various cities)
- Okinawa Minbu Festival (Okinawa City)



- Ocean Expo Park Summer Festival (Motobu Town)
- Peaceful Love Rock Festival (Okinawa City)
- All-Island Child Eisa Festival (Tomigusuku City)
- Sanits Beach Carnival (Miyakojima City)
- Miyakojima Summer Festival (Urasoe City)



- Yonabaru Festival (Yonabaru Town)
- Izena King Shoen Festival (Izena Village)
- Summer Festival in Naha 10,000 Eisa Dancers (Naha City)
- Angama (Ishigaki City)
- Southern Island Star Festival (Ishigaki City)



AUTUMN



The temperature settles to a somewhat more tolerable level, but you can still enjoy various marine sports. September's average temperature is 28 degrees, allowing us to walk around in short sleeves. By November, though, it drops to around 24°C, requiring us to put on long sleeves. October is the most comfortable month, during which great tug-of-war festivals and autumn festivals takes place. One of November's event highlights is Tour de Okinawa. Watch out, however, for typhoons, as autumn is the high season for them.

- Harvest Festival/Hachigatsu Dance (Tarama Village)
- The All Okinawa Eisa Festival (Okinawa City)
- Ginowan Hagaromo Festival Tobinsu Haninsu Kachashi (Ginowan City)
- Traditional Tu-Barama Song Contest (Ishigaki Island)
- Shurijo Castle Park "Mid-Autumn Banquet in Ryukyu Dynasty" (Naha City)



- Shurijo Castle Festival (Naha City)
- The Naha Great Tug of War (Naha City)
- Iheya Moonlight Marathon (Iheya Village)
- Okinawa Industrial Festival (Naha City)
- Izena 88 Triathlon (Izena Village)
- Usaroe Tedako Festival (Urasoe City)



- Okinawa International Carnival (Okinawa City)
- Tour de Okinawa (Northern Area in Okinawa Main Island)
- Ritou Fair (Naha City)
- Ryukyu Dynasty Festival Shuri (Naha City)
- Eco Island Miyakojima Marathon (Miyako Island)

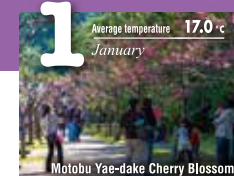


WINTER



Winter is much milder than that of mainland Japan, with its average temperature remaining around 17 - 20°C. Still, you may need long-sleeved shirts and light sweaters. The comfortable weather is ideal for sports, including golf, and it is when marathon races are hosted on the island. In December, various streets and buildings are illuminated across the region. In January, cherry blossom festivals take place in the northern area of the main island, as the whale watching season officially starts in the ocean surrounding Kerama islands.

- Naha Marathon (Naha City)
- Itoyan Peaceful Illumination (Itoyan City)
- Mabuni Fire and Bell Festival (Itoyan City)
- Yuntanzan Pottery Market (Yomitan Village)
- Nago Yanbaru Two-day March (Nago City)



- A New Year's Party at Shurijo Castle (Naha City)
- Ocean Expo Park All-Island Trim Marathon (Motobu Town)
- Motobu Yae-dake Cherry Blossom Festival (Motobu Town)
- Okinawa Flower Festival (Various cities)
- Zamami Whale Watching Festa (Zamami Island)



- Professional Baseball Spring Camp (Various cities)
- Okinawa International Orchid Show (Motobu Town)
- Yomitan Pottery Market (Yomitan Village)
- Okinawa Marathon (Okinawa City)
- Okinawa Flower & Food Festival (Naha City)

Average temperature source: Meteorological Agency / average degrees (per year & month) Naha City (1981-2010)

Event dates may be subject to change.

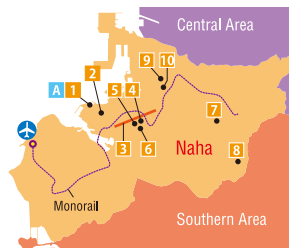
Area Guide

NAHA

Naha City AREA

Touches of a vibrant capital city and old castle town

Naha is the political, economic and cultural center of Okinawa. Shuri once prospered as the castle town of the Ryukyu Kingdom and even today, you can see subtle signs of the prosperity of old, including the cobblestone streets, and red tiled roofs.



It's a bustling sightseeing area!

1 Naminouegu Shrine
 ♀ 5 min walk from Nishinjo bus stop on bus # 1, 2, 3, 5, 15, 45

Naminouegu Shrine is a traditional Japanese shrine long venerated by the local Okinawan people. It stands on a high bluff overlooking the beautiful sea of Okinawa and is visited by a large number of worshippers. Legend says that the shrine was built back in the 14th Century and is said to be one of the eight shrines of the Ryukyu Kingdom. Why not visit the shrine to pray for health and happiness.



10 min

**4 Naha Bunka Tenbusu Hall
Naha City Traditional Arts & Craft Center**
 ♀ 5 min from Makishi monorail station
 ♀ 1 min walk from Tenbusu mae bus stop on bus # 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 15, 101

Tenbusu Naha is a multi-functional complex housing a range of facilities, including a tourist information center, traditional arts and crafts center, shops, a gallery and a music studio, etc. The Naha City Traditional Arts and Crafts Center on the 2nd floor exhibits a range of products from pottery, lacquerware, Ryukyu glass and textiles, etc. You can also try your hand at blowing Ryukyu glass, or making your own Bingata dyeing, Shuri-ori cloth weaving, Tsuboya pottery and Ryukyu lacquerware.



5 min



5 Heiwa St. and Ichiba-hon St.
 ♀ 5 min walk from Makishi monorail station
 ♀ 1 min walk from Tenbusu mae bus stop on bus # 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 15, 101

An extremely popular market area known as "machigwa" by the locals. Right in the heart of this area is the Makishi Public Market, where you can purchase seafood on the 1st floor and have it prepared for you and eat it on the 2nd floor.



5 min

2 Fukushuen Garden
 ♀ 10 min walk from Prefectural Office monorail station
 ♀ 2 min walk from Kume Koshiby mae bus stop for bus # 2, 3, 5, 15, 45

Fukushuen Gardens is a traditional Chinese garden constructed in 1992 in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the sister city agreement between Naha and Fuzhou in China and as part of a 70th anniversary commemorative project of Naha city. It was built on the image of the beautiful scenery of Fuzhou.



10 min

3 Kokusai Street
 ♀ 5 min walk from Prefectural Office monorail station, or 1 min walk from Makishi monorail Station

Kokusai Street is the main street in Naha and is also known as the "miracle mile" due to its rapid recovery in the post-war era. Lining both sides of the street are souvenir stores, fashion boutiques and restaurants, etc. The street is located close to Prefectural Office Station and Makishi Station on the local monorail.



6 Tsuboya Yachimun St.
 ♀ 15 min walk from Makishi monorail station
 ♀ 1 min walk from Tsuboya bus stop on bus # 5, 9, 15, 17, 30, 31, 55, 56, 90, 97, 98, 112, 125

Small pottery village known as the birthplace of Tsuboya pottery. Pottery studios line the street giving a distinctly traditional feel. There is also a pottery museum.



15 min

7 Shurijo Castle Park
 ♀ 15 min walk from Shuri monorail station
 ♀ 1 min walk from Shurikoen mae bus stop on bus # 7, 8, or 5 min walk from Shurijo koen iriguchi bus stop on bus # 1, 14, 17, 346

Once home to the castle of the Ryukyu Kingdom, this area was known as the heart of Ryukyu for a period spanning 450 years. While the exact year it was built is unknown, it is said to have been constructed some time between the end of the 13th Century and the 14th Century and was expanded in the years following. Architectural styles from Japan, China and Ryukyu are visible in the castle buildings. Although it was completely burnt down in the Battle of Okinawa, the Seiden, or central structure of the castle, was rebuilt in 1992 and in 2000, was registered as a World Heritage listed site as Shurijo Castle.



15 min

8 Shikinaen Garden
 ♀ 1 min walk from Shikinaen mae bus stop on bus # 2, 3, 4, 5, 14 bus

The Shikinaen Garden served as the largest second residence of the Ryukyu royal family. It was used as a place of recreation for the royal family and to receive important guests (Chinese envoys). The garden is designed so that you can walk around the large pond, enjoying the changing scenery as you go, and like Shuri Castle, the garden is also registered as a World Heritage listed site.



20 min

9 Okinawa Prefectural Museum & Art Museum
 ♀ 10 min walk from Omoromachi monorail station
 ♀ 1 min walk from Kenritsu hakubutsukan mae on bus # 3, 7, 10, 11, 21, 200, 223, 227, 228, 235, 263

Based on the theme of "living with the ocean and island - the pursuit of abundance, beauty and peace", the Okinawa Prefectural Museum and Art Museum serves to introduce the nature, history and culture of the island of Okinawa. The focal point of the art museum exhibitions is modern art from Okinawan artists and contemporary art from Japan, Asia and the United States.



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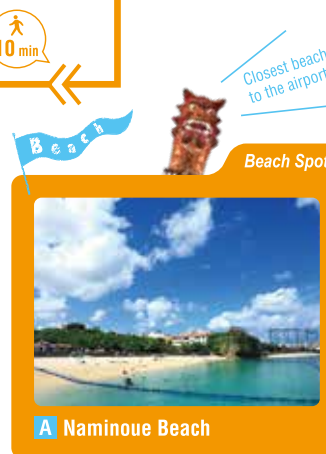


10 Omoromachi (Shintoshin Area)
 ♀ Right beside Omoromachi monorail station
 ♀ Right beside Omoromachi itchome bus stop on bus # 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 21, 200, 223, 227, 228, 235, 263

Known as the new heart of Naha, this area has undergone rapid development. Systematic redevelopment based on the city's urban development plan has brought to the area duty free shops, including "T GALLERIA by DFS", also open to domestic travelers, a cinema complex, hotels and restaurants. Close to Monorail Omoromachi Station.



Closest beach to the airport!



A Naminoue Beach

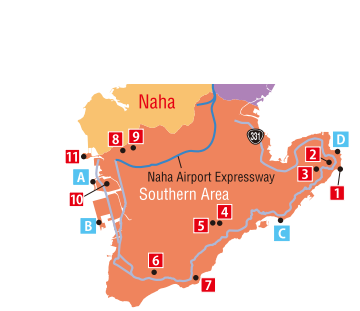
SOUTHERN AREA

Area Guide

Omoromachi (Shintoshin Area)

Land of prayer enshrouded in greenery and tranquility

The southern part of Okinawa is home to the Okinawa Senseki Quasi-National Park and a large number of other sites with historical significance.



1 Chinen Misaki Park
 ♀ 5 min walk from Sefa utaki bus stop on bus # 38

The best driving spot in the southern part of Okinawa



20 min



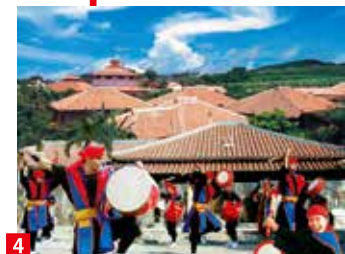
2 Sefa Utaki
 ♀ 7 min walk from Sefa utaki bus stop on bus # 38

Sefa Utaki was regarded as the most sacred site during the reign of the Ryukyu Kingdom, and is one of seven sacred sites that appear in historical legends from the Ryukyu era. At the time, this was the location where Kikoe-ogimi, the highest ranking noro priestess of the Ryukyuan religion, performed an important national ritual. The king of the Ryukyu Kingdom was also rumored to have visited this area.

3 Niraikanai Bridge
 ♀ 32 min walk from Higashi Tsukishiro bus stop on bus # 41, or 38 min walk from Chinen shogakko mae bus stop on bus # 38

600 meter long overpass comprised of the Nirai and Kanai bridges, offering spectacular panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean. The views on offer as you drive down toward the ocean are exhilarating.

20 min



4 Okinawa World
 ♀ 1 min walk from Gyokusendo mae bus stop on bus # 51, 54, 81, 82, or right beside Gyokusendo chushajo bus stop on bus # 83

Okinawa World is a theme park offering a range of fun attractions. In addition to a stunning limestone cave, known as Gyokusendo, Okinawa World also offers an old castle town of the Ryukyu Kingdom where you can see exhibits of a variety of traditional Okinawan arts and crafts and even try your hand at making your own. You can also enjoy Eisa performances and the habu show.

3 min



5 Valley of Gangala
 ♀ 2 min walk from Gyokusendo mae bus stop on bus # 51, 54, 81, 82

The Valley of Gangala is a forest created hundreds of thousands of years ago when a limestone cave collapsed and is believed to have been the dwelling site of an ancient people. Take a guided tour and get in touch with nature in a quest for the mystery of life. A giant banyan tree, estimated to be over 150 years old is believed to be a source of energy.



6 Tower of Himeyuri / Himeyuri Peace Museum
 ♀ 1 min walk from Himeyuri no to bus stop on bus # 82, 107, 108

Tower of Himeyuri was built in memory of the female students and teachers who perished after being mobilized to serve the Imperial Japanese Army as nurses during the Second World War. Close by is the Himeyuri Peace Museum, displaying testimonials from the survivors, equipment they used, a diorama re-creating the hospital in which the girls were forced to work and film recorded by the US forces, etc.

10 min



7 Peace Memorial Park
 ♀ 1 min walk from Heiwa Kinendo iriguchi bus stop on bus # 82

The Okinawa Senseki Quasi-National Park spreads out over a plateau in the Mabuni area of Itoman city, the site of the final battle in Okinawa of the Second World War. Located within the park, the Peace Memorial Park is home to the Cornerstone of Peace monument, inscribed with all the names of those who died in the Battle of Okinawa, regardless of nationality, the Peace Memorial Museum and monuments from other prefectures around Japan.

30 min

10 Okinawa Outlet Mall ASHIBINAA
 ♀ 1 min walk from Outlet mall Ashibinar mae bus stop on bus # 55, 56, 88, 98, 105

ASHIBINAA is the first outlet mall in Okinawa and boasts approximately 100 stores with a focus on international brands. The first floor is taken up with stores, providing a range of products that can be purchased at between 30-80% of the general retail price. The second floor is comprised of food and beverage where you can enjoy a light snack and tea/coffee or a meal.

15 min



9 Okinawa Karate Kaikan
 ♀ 5 min walk from Tomishiro koen mae bus stop on bus # 101, 105, 446

The Okinawa Karate Kaikan serves as a hub, positioning Okinawa as the birthplace of karate and as a place to study the essence of this traditional Japanese martial art. The exhibition hall displays a wide range of content from special information for those practicing karate to other exhibitions for beginners and the general public. There are also an area where you can experience aspects of karate and a theatre.

5 min

8 The Former Japanese Navy Underground Headquarters
 ♀ 5 min walk from Uebaru danchi mae bus stop on bus # 55, 88, 98

These underground tunnels served as the headquarters for the former Imperial Japanese Navy during the Second World War. The interior of the tunnels has been preserved and is open to the public. In the tunnels it is possible to see the operations room used by Admiral Ota, before committing himself to an honorable death inside.



Experience the abundant nature and romantic history of southern Okinawa
 Course 1
 Naha Airport → 50 min by car

1 Chinen Misaki Park (Nanjo City)
 ↓ 20 min

2 Sefa Utaki (Nanjo City)
 ↓ 5 min

3 Niraikanai Bridge (Nanjo City)
 ↓ 20 min

4 Okinawa World (Nanjo City)
 ↓ 3 min

5 Valley of Gangala (Nanjo City)

Beach Spot

A Toyosaki Chura Sun Beach (Tomigusuku City)

B Bibi Beach Itoman (Itoman City)

C Mibaru Beach (Nanjo City)

D Azama Sunsun Beach (Nanjo City)

Area Guide

CENTRAL

Okinawa Main Island Central Area

AREA

Central Okinawa is packed full of places to see, from theme parks to World Heritage listed sites

The central area of mainland Okinawa is home to a number of theme parks showcasing the history, culture and natural environment of Okinawa. Not only can you enjoy the views of beautiful shallow waters surrounded by coral reefs, but also swimming, windsurfing and fishing.



1 Ryukyu Mura
♀ 1 min walk from Ryukyumura bus stop on bus # 20, 120

Ryukyu Mura is a re-creation of a village from the time of the Ryukyu Kingdom complete with traditional residences with red-tiled roofs. One of the main attractions is the Eisa performances. A procession of Eisa dancers makes their way around the park putting on a lively show of dance. You can also try your hand at a range of traditional art and craft, including making your own Shisa statue, weaving, indigo dyeing and Bingata dyeing, etc. and making your own Sata Andagi (Okinawan doughnut).

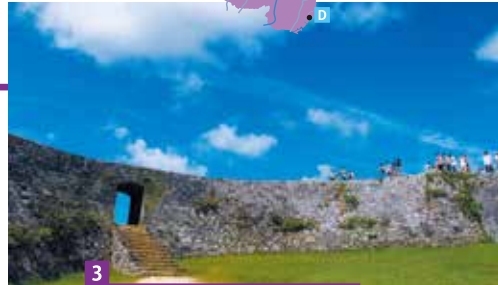


Bull fighting

Uruma city has a long history of bull fights. The sight of two bulls, weighing in the vicinity of 1 ton going head to head is a spectacular thing to see. The Ishikawa Multipurpose Dome serves as the main bullfighting ring.

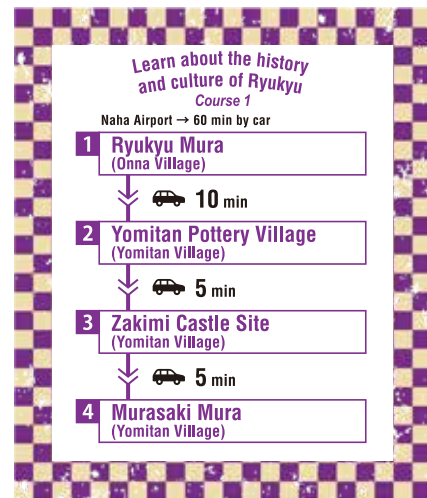
2 Yomitan Pottery Village
♀ 11 min walk from Oyashi iriguchi bus stop on bus # 20, 120

Tsuboya potters gradually moved their kilns to this area in Yomitan village to create a new pottery mecca. Jiro Kinjo, a living national treasure of Japan also produced work in this area.



3 Zakimi Castle Site
♀ 11 min walk from Zakimi bus stop on bus # 29, 62 (via Kina)

Zakimi Castle was constructed by renowned castle builder, Gosamaru. Among the castle ruins, you can still see Okinawa's oldest arched stone gateways and the stone walls drawing elegant lines constructed from Ryukyu limestone. From atop the old castle walls you can enjoy views of the East China Sea. The Yomitan Village History Folklore Museum is located at the entrance to the grounds of the castle ruins.



4 Murasaki Mura
♀ 16 min walk from Ufudo bus stop on bus # 28, 62, 228

Murasaki Mura offers 32 workshops and 101 traditional art and craft programs, the largest of any other facility in Okinawa. Try your hand at one of the traditional art and crafts, including pottery, Bingata dyeing or playing the sanshin or a variety of other activities ranging from farming, cultural activities, sport, cultural exchange, cooking and diving, etc. If you feel hungry, we also recommend you try eating at the old Ryukyu samurai residence.

Experience the culture of Okinawa



5 Kaichu-doro Drive
♀ 4 min walk from Yonashiro chosha mae bus stop on bus # 27, 52, 61, 80, 93, 127, 227, 777

Kaichu-doro was constructed by filling in the shallow waters to provide convenient access from the east coast of Okinawa to a number of surrounding islands that dot the Pacific Ocean. The road stretches out in a straight line for Approx. 5 km, providing spectacular views of Kin Bay on both sides. Located mid away along the road is "Ayahashi-kan" where you can eat and do some shopping, making it an ideal spot for a break on your drive.



8 AEON Mall Okinawa Rycom
♀ AEON Mall Rycom bus stop on bus # 21, 60, 92, 93, 96, 125, 152 or 5 min walk from Higairibaru bus stop on bus # 23, 24, 27, 31, 77, 80, 90, 92, 96, 110, 223, 227, 331, 777 or 15 min walk from Yamazato (highway bus) bus stop on bus # 62, 63, 75, 112, 123, 263

Okinawa's largest resort mall. The mall is an attraction in itself complete with shopping and dining, a movie theatre and large aquarium.

6 Katsuren Castle Site
♀ 4 min walk from Katsurenjo ato mae bus stop on bus # 52, 61

These castle ruins are believed to have once served as the seat of Lord Amawari, who enjoyed great riches and prosperity as a result of foreign trade from as early as the 15th Century. Large deposits of treasure, including pottery, ornaments and swords, etc. have been excavated from around this site. While said to be an impregnable fortress, the castle walls are almost like a work of art, drawing beautiful lines across the landscape.



What is Eisa?

Eisa is a traditional folk dance performed during Obon when our ancestors are believed to return to this world from the spirit world. The rhythm of the powerful taiko drums and soul-stirring dance are captivating to those watching.

7 Eisa Museum
♀ 2 min walk from Nakanomachi or Goya bus stop on bus # 21, 23, 24, 27, 31, 60, 62, 63, 75, 77, 80, 90, 93, 110, 112, 113, 123, 127, 223, 227, 263, 777

Eisa dance is a popular form of traditional dance in the central part of Okinawa. During Obon season towards the end of summer in particular, teams of Eisa dancers march their way in a procession through the streets before reaching an open space, etc. in the town or village where they perform a soul-stirring dance to the roar of the crowds. Detailed information about the history and this event is available from the Eisa Museum in Okinawa city. You can also learn Eisa dance (bookings required) and to play the sanshin.



9 Terme VILLA Chula-U
♀ 4 min walk from Mihama American Village Minamiguchi bus stop on bus # 62

An open-air hot spring created by a gentle salt-water spring. Don't forget your swimwear to take advantage of the natural hot spring healing spa, ocean-view pool and sauna, etc.



10 Mihama American Village
♀ 1 min walk from Mihama American Village Kitaguchi bus stop on bus # 62, or 3 min walk from Kuwae bus stop on bus # 20, 28, 29, 43, 96, 112, 120, 228. 3 min walk from Chatan Liner "American Village mae", or Airport Limousine Bus A "The Beach Tower Okinawa" bus stop

American Village is stylish area marked by the large Ferris wheel, which is also visible from National Route 58. The village is packed with stores offering a range of imported American products, clothes shops and cafes, etc. all based on the concept of "American Style". The neon signs found all around the village are beautiful, making it an ideal spot to visit in the evenings.



Beach Spot

A Ikei Beach (Uruma City)

B Araha Beach (Chatan Town)

C Ginowan Tropical Beach (Ginowan City)

D Nishihara Kira Kira Beach (Nishihara Town)

In addition to fixed route bus services, there are also convenient regular bus services from Naha (airport, bus terminal, etc.) to the central and northern parts of Okinawa. See pages 26-27 for more information.

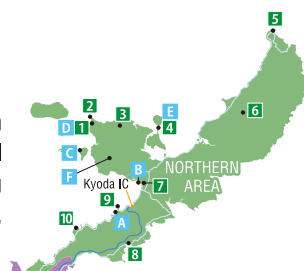
NORTHERN

Okinawa Main Island Northern Area

AREA

Encounter a range of rare and diverse forms of life

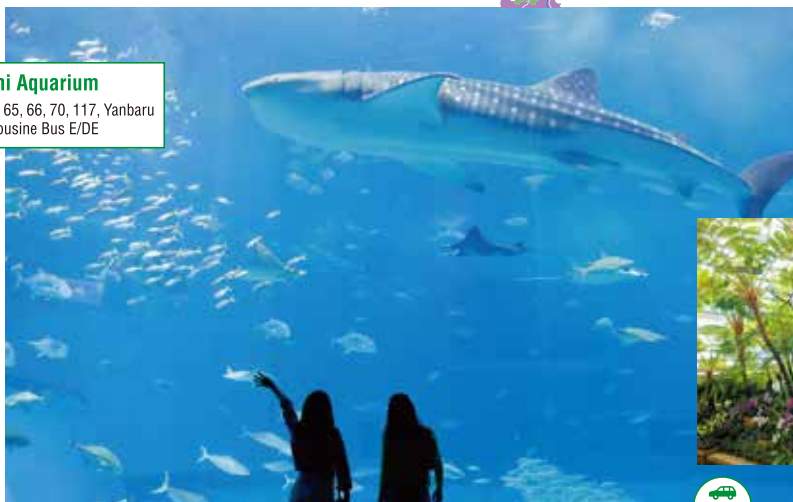
The northern part of mainland Okinawa is covered in mountains ranging between 300-500 meters above sea level and is known by the locals as Yanbaru. The surrounding forests are home to some endangered animal species, including the Okinawa rail and Okinawa woodpecker.



1 Ocean Expo Park and Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium

♀ 1 min walk from Kinen koen mae bus stop for bus # 65, 66, 70, 117, Yanbaru Express Bus, Okinawa Airport Shuttle, Airport Limousine Bus E/DE

Ocean Expo Park is a massive national park built in commemoration of the Okinawa International Marine Exposition, EXPO'75, held in Okinawa in 1975. The Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium is also located within the grounds of the park. There are also a lot of other fun areas to explore, including the free dolphin show and Emerald Beach with its sparkling white sands, the Tropical Dream Center with over 2,000 orchids on display and the Oceanic Culture Museum, complete with planetarium.



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3 Nakijin Castle Site

♀ 15 min walk from Nakijinjo ato iriguchi bus stop for bus # 65, 66 and Yanbaru Express Bus

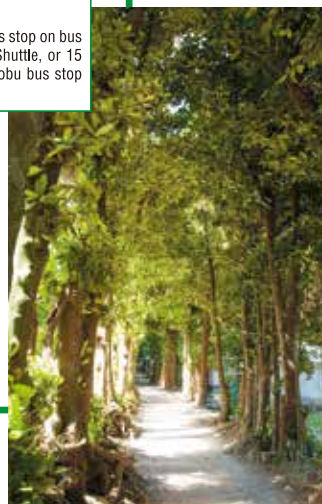
Nakijin Castle is believed to have been constructed around the 13th Century and although the castle ruins are all that remain, it is considered to be the largest gusuku in Okinawa. The castle walls, stretching out over 1.5 km are majestic and draw elegant lines across the landscape. From late January to early February the ruins are also the site for the Cherry Blossom Festival and come to life with illumination in the evenings.



2 Bise-Fukugi Tree Road

♀ 5 min walk from Bise iriguchi bus stop on bus # 65, 66, 70, Okinawa Airport Shuttle, or 15 min walk from Hotel Orion Motobu bus stop for Yanbaru Express bus

Originally planted as a windbreak, several thousands of Garcinia trees line this road in Bise. It is believed that some of the older trees are around 300 years old. Tranquil white coral sands stretch out along the paths that wind their way between the trees. Take a ride on a water buffalo drawn carriage or enjoy a ride on a bike and feel the refreshing ocean breeze blowing through the trees.



4 Kouri Ohashi Bridge

♀ 20 min walk from Untenbaru bus stop on bus # 72, or 3 min walk from Kouri Bussan Center bus stop for Yanbaru Express Bus (Nakijin Castle Site ⇄ Kouri Island Shuttle Bus)

Kouri Bridge stretches 1,960 m from Yagaji Island to Kouri Island. The emerald green waters of Okinawa extend out from both sides of the bridge, offering views that will have you lost for words.



F Winter cherry tree in Mt. Yaedake

With the arrival of the new year, winter cherry starts to blossom, blanketing the mountains with deep pink. Every mid-January, Mount Yaedake celebrates Japan's earliest cherry blossom festival.



5 Daiseikirinzan

♀ 9 min walk from Kitakuni shogakko bus stop for Kunigami Village bus. *Please note that there are few buses.

Long ago, from the time of ancient mythology, this area was believed to be sacred and forms one of the most prominent power spots in the northern part of Okinawa. The rocky peaks, formed by massive Ryukyu limestone, rise into the air and trekking through the surrounding sub-tropical forests will afford you a sense of strength and power from ancient times.



6 Hiji Great Falls

♀ 26 min walk to entrance gate from Okuma beach iriguchi bus stop for bus # 67

Located in the middle of the mountains in northern Okinawa, Hiji Waterfall is the largest waterfall on mainland Okinawa with a drop of Approx. 26 m. You can follow an enjoyable 40-minute walking trail (one-way) that takes you to the basin of the waterfall. Sub-tropical plants, such as the flying spider-monkey tree fern grow densely along the trail and you may just encounter one of the valuable species that makes this area their home. There are also a range of facilities available, including a camping area, BBQs, showers and toilets.



9 Busena Marine Park

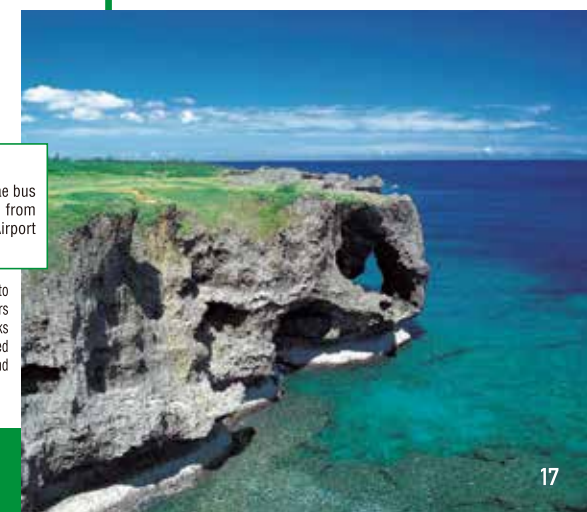
♀ 12 min walk from Busena Resort mae bus stop on bus # 20, 120, Airport Limousine Bus CD/D/DE

View the coral reef spreading across the ocean floor and the multitude of colorful fish from the underwater observation floor. The observation floor provides an easy and comfortable way to see under the water even on wet days.

10 Cape Manzamo

♀ 12 min walk from Onnason yakuba mae bus stop on bus # 20, 120, 15 min walk from "Nabi Beach mae" for Okinawa Airport Limousine Bus

Okinawa's prime scenic spot. The cliff face carved into the shape of an elephant's nose, cobalt blue waters and the power of the waves beating against the rocks create a breathtaking view. The natural beauty formed through the fusion of the ocean, rock formations and greenery makes this a spot you must visit.



7 Orion Happy Park

♀ 5 min walk from Nagogusuku iriguchi bus stop for bus # 20, 22, 65, 66, 70, 76, 77, 78, 120

Orion Happy Park allows visitors to take a tour around Orion Brewery, Okinawa's premium beer. Learn all about the history of Orion Beer and how it is made, from start to finish. Upon conclusion of the tour, visitors are also treated to a tasting of freshly brewed Orion Beer. The park also has a restaurant.



8 Kariyushi Kanna Thalasso Laguna

♀ 5 min walk from Kanna bus stop for bus # 22, 77

Experience the power of natural therapy with thalassotherapy. Warm salt water is used in the herb bath, sauna, exercise pool, jet bath and rock pool, etc. to refresh your travel-weary limbs.

Explore the natural forests and take time out to relax
Course 2
Naha Airport → 2h 10 min by car

- 5 Daiseikirinzan
- 6 Hiji Great Falls
- 7 Orion Happy Park
- 8 Kariyushi Kanna Thalasso Laguna
- 9 Busena Marine Park
- 10 Cape Manzamo

Beach Beach Spot

- A Nago Citizen Beach (Nago City)
- B 21 Century Forest Beach (Nago City)
- C Sesoko Beach (Motobu Town)
- D Emerald Beach (Motobu Town)
- E Kouri Beach (Nakijin Village)

Area Guide

KERAMA

Kerama Shoto National Park

AREA

The “ocean the world has fallen in love with” is a paradise for the coral and fish that make it their home

This beautiful ocean landscape, formed by the blue, crystal clear waters, known as Kerama blue, and rich concentration of coral reefs defines Kerama Shoto National Park. Sea turtles can be seen swimming in the shallow waters together with schools of tropical fish, making it the perfect location for diving or snorkeling. All of Kerama Islands have been designated a national park.

Tokashiki Island

access 1h10min by ferry (35 min by high-speed ship) from Tomari Port 1 svc/day (2-3 svc/day for high-speed ship)

Sitting 32 km west of Naha, Tokashiki Island is the largest of the Kerama Islands. The waters surrounding this island are known around the world for their transparency and are one of Japan's leading diving spots.



Zamami Island

access 1h30min by ferry (50min - 1h10min by high-speed ship) from Tomari Port 1 svc/day (2 svc/day for high-speed ship)

The waters surrounding Zamami Island serve as the breeding grounds for humpback whales from January to April each year. We invite to come experience the graceful performances of these beautiful sea creatures beating the ocean surface with their fins and dynamic breaches.



Aka Island / Geruma Island

access 1h30min by ferry (50min to 1h 10min by high-speed ship) from Tomari Port 1 svc/day (2 svc/day for high-speed ship)

Aka Island, known by divers around the world for its pristine waters and Geruma Island with its untouched natural beauty are connected by bridge. The beauty of this natural landscape formed by crystal clear waters and the coastline will take your breath away.

Aguni Island

access 2h20min by ferry from Tomari Port 1 svc/day

Aguni Island is famous for “Aguni Salt” made from its pristine waters, and 300-year old garcinia trees.



Tonaki Island

access 1h45min - 2h15min by ferry from Tomari Port 1 svc/day

Situated between Naha and Kume Island, Tonaki Island is a small island with a population of approximately 400 people. Vestiges of a traditional Ryukyu village are still visible on the island, including old residences with red tile roofs and rows of garcinia trees. The island has been selected as an important preservation district for historic buildings.

Area Guide

KUME Island

Kume Island

AREA

access 35 min by flight from Naha Airport. 7 flights /day 2h50min - 4h by ferry from Tomari Port 1-2 svc/day



1 Five Branch Pine

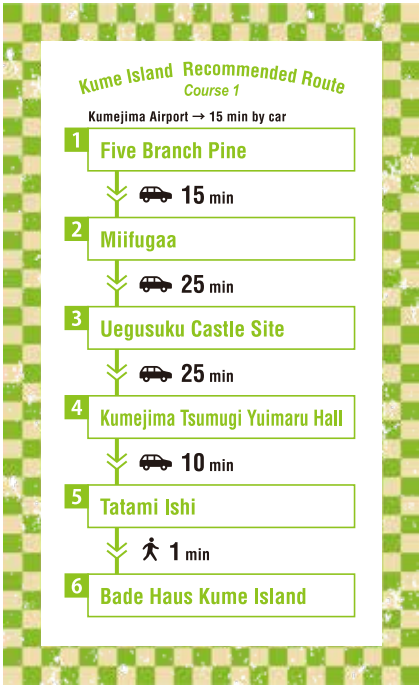
♀ 6 min walk from Nishime bus stop for Kumejima Town bus

The Ryukyu Island pine, said to be aged more than 250, has a rare tendency to spread branches horizontally instead of vertically. It is a designated natural treasure of Japan.

5 Tatami Ishi

♀ 1 min walk from Oujima (Bade House mae) bus stop for Kumejima Town bus

The Tatami Stones make for a rare stone formation where 5 and 6-sided stones come together to form what looks like an endless tatami mat and are designated as a natural treasure of Japan. You can find these stones on Ou Island after you cross the bridge from Kume Island.



Enjoy the stunning beaches and age-old remnants of the Ryukyu Dynasty on Kume Island.

Located approximately 90 km west of Naha, Kume Island boasts an abundant natural environment and a large number of historic sites. Eef Beach and “Hate no Hama”, a coral sand cay located on the eastern side are popular spots on the island. Kumejima Tsumugi (silk pongee), a traditional form of woven silk cloth, is believed to be the birthplace of pongee in Japan.



3 View from Uegusuku Castle Site

♀ 41 min walk from Hiyajo banta bus stop for Kumejima Town bus

Sitting at an elevation of 300 m above sea level, these castle ruins form the highest point in Okinawa. It is a popular spot for its breathtaking views of nearly all of Kume Island.



2 Miifugaa

♀ 20 min walk from Nakandakari bus stop for Kumejima Town bus

This spot is known for the trumpet lilies that blossom here in early summer and according to an old island legend, women who come to pray here will be blessed with child. This rock formation is also known as Onna Iwa.

4 Kumejima Tsumugi Yuimaru Hall

♀ 4 min walk from Maja kominkan mae bus stop for Kumejima Town bus

First used at the end of the 14th Century, Kumejima Tsumugi, later spread to mainland Japan and is believed to be the birthplace of Japanese pongee. Weavers on the island have kept this age-old craft alive. You can learn more about the history of Kumejima Tsumugi and how it is made at the Kumejima Tsumugi Yuimaru Hall.



6 Bade Haus Kume Island

♀ 1 min walk from Oujima (Bade House mae) bus stop for Kumejima Town bus

Bade Haus is a day spa with a pool filled with deep sea water taken from a depth of approximately 600 m. This pristine water is garnering attention for its health and beauty properties.



Japanese tiger prawn

These prawns farmed in the deep sea water make up the bulk of Japan's total prawn production. The pristine waters give these prawns an intense sweetness and plump texture.



Hate no Hama

access 15 min by ship from Tomari Fish Arena
*Booking for tour required

Hate no Hama is a sand cay stretching approximately 7 km. The pure white sand and emerald green waters create a stunning landscape equal to anything else in the world for its beauty.



Area Guide

MIYAKO

Miyako Island

AREA

An island blessed with refreshing sea breezes and pristine waters

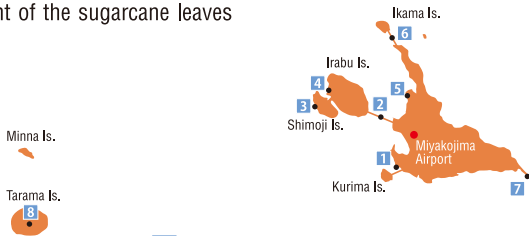
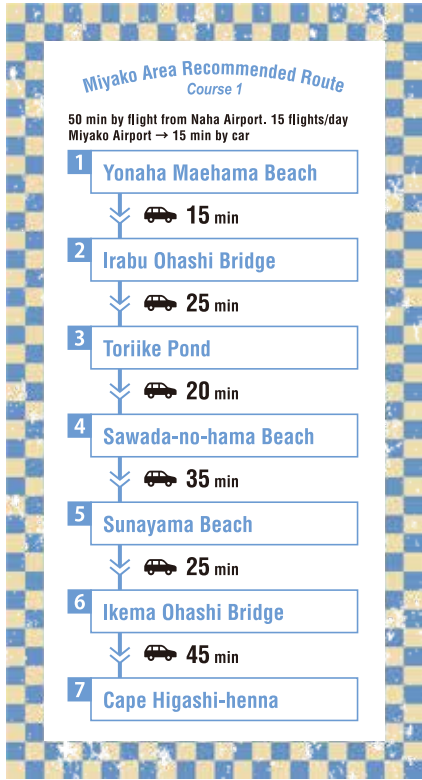
Located in the heart of the Miyako Islands, Miyako Island is flat with no natural rivers and because there is no soil running into the waters surrounding the island they are known for their transparency and beauty. As a result, it is a popular spot for marine sports and golf overlooking the ocean. You can also enjoy the sight of the sugarcane leaves dancing in the ocean breezes.



1 Yonaha Maehama Beach

♀ 23 min walk from Uechi minami bus stop on bus # 4 for Miyako Kyoei bus

With its pure white and fine sand, this is said to be the most beautiful beach in the East. The white sandy beach, like fresh snow, continues for 7 km and this combined with the crystal clear water will have you lost for words. Ranked No. 1 for 3 consecutive years in TripAdvisor's "top 10 beaches in Japan".



2 Irabu Ohashi Bridge

♀ 16 min walk from Dream Castle mae for Kyowa Bus

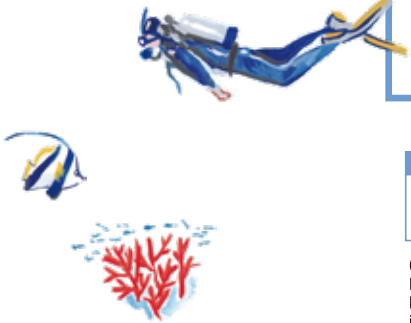
Irabu Bridge is the longest untolled bridge in Japan, with a total length of 3,540 m. It is accessible both by car and on foot and the ocean views spanning from both sides of the bridge will take your breath away.



3 Toriike Pond

♂ 20 min by taxi from Sarahama Port

These two ponds found on Shimoji Island are actually connected underwater. This mystical pond is also a popular diving spot.



4 Sawada-no-hama Beach

♀ 10 min walk from Sawada shako for Kyowa Bus

One of Japan's top 100 beaches, Sawada no Hama Beach is dotted with countless numbers of rocks believed to have been carried here by a large tsunami in 1771, creating a mysterious landscape.



5 Sunayama Beach

♀ 27 min walk from Narikawa iriguchi bus stop for Yachiyo Bus

One of Miyako Island's more scenic locations, the pure white beach, rock arch and crystal clear waters of Sunayama Beach combine to create stunning scenery.



The sand is rustling!

25 min

6 Ikema Ohashi Bridge

♀ 30 min walk from Karimata bus stop for Yachiyo Bus, or 15 min from Gakko ura bus stop

With a total length of 1,425 m, this bridge connects Miyako Island to Ikema Island and the spectacular views of the ocean on offer from both sides of the bridge make it the ideal location for a drive.



45 min



Tarama Island

access 2h by ferry from Hirara Port: 1 svc/day
20 min by flight from Miyako Airport: 2 svc/day

Located practically mid way between Miyako Island and Ishigaki Island, Tarama village located on the island is designated as "Japan's most beautiful village". It has been relatively untouched by tourism, allowing visitors to relax in its unspoiled natural beauty.



Come visit us to get relaxed and healed

7 Cape Higashi-henna

♀ 58 min walk form Yoshino bus stop for Miyako Kyoei bus

Cape Higashi-henna offers views of the Pacific Ocean and East China Sea from the very end of the long, narrow cape that stretches for 2 km. The dynamic view of the rock formations makes it definitely worth a visit.



Mango

With the mango season peaking from mid July to early August, Miyako Island mangoes are known for their sweet, delicious flavor.

Area Guide

YAEYAMA

Yaeyama Islands AREA

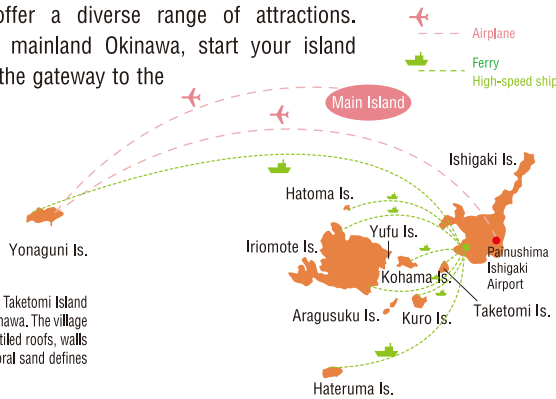
Enjoy the natural environment and culture of the Yaeyama Islands

Composed of 11 inhabited islands and a large number of uninhabited ones, the Yaeyama Islands offer a diverse range of attractions. Approximately 1h by air from mainland Okinawa, start your island adventure from Ishigaki Island, the gateway to the Yaeyama Islands.

Taketomi Island

access 15 min by high-speed boat from Ishigaki Island.
27 svc/day

Surrounded by shallow beaches and calm seas, Taketomi Island conjures up images that define the beauty of Okinawa. The village with its timber constructed residences with red tiled roofs, walls made from coral and roads paved with white coral sand defines the scenery on the island.



Iriomote Island

access 35 min by high-speed ship from Ishigaki Port to Ohara Port.
17 svc/day
40 min by high-speed ship from Ishigaki Port to Uehara Port.
9 svc/day

Iriomote Island is a natural treasure trove, with over 90% of the island covered in jungle. Enjoy an adventure you cannot experience in the city amidst this vast, majestic natural landscape, also known as Japan's last unexplored wilderness. You can also see taxidermy displays of the rare animals that inhabit the island and learn more about nature at the Iriomote Wildlife Conservation Center. The island is also famous for "Hoshisuna Beach" where the grains of sand are shaped like stars.

Yufu Island

access 15 min by buffalo-drawn carriage

This entire island is a subtropical garden paradise and is alive with color all year round with tropical flowers. You can also enjoy a relaxing crossing over the shallows in a buffalo-drawn carriage.

Hatoma Island

access 45 min from Ishigaki Port by high-speed boat

Located to the north of Iriomote Island, Hatoma Island floats in a sky blue sea. The beauty of Hatoma Nakamori, a forest near the center of the island, features in one of the more famous folk songs from the Yaeyama area, "Hatomabushi".

Yonaguni Island

access 1h20min by flight from Naha Airport. 1 flight/day
30 min by flight from Ishigaki Airport.
3 flight/day
4h by ship from Ishigaki Port.
2 svc/week

Yonaguni Island is the western most island of Japan. The island is famous for its swordfish and tuna fishing, two species that ride the Kuroshio Current that flows along the coast of the island. The island has its own unique culture, setting it apart from other islands in the Yaeyama group, including "Yonaguni weaving" and "Yonaguni horses".

Kohama Island

access 15 min by high-speed boat from Ishigaki Island.
27 svc/day

While also a popular resort spot, Kohama Island is a tranquil location that still shows signs of the Okinawa of old. Take a stroll along "Sugar Road", a single road stretching out into the sugarcane fields, or through the village for some relaxing island time.

Ishigaki Island

access 60 min by flight from Naha Airport.
19 flights/day

Ishigaki Island forms the gateway to the highly unique Yaeyama Islands. On the island, you can take in nature in the form of Kabira Bay or the brilliant starlit sky or enjoy the hustle and bustle of the city as it comes alive with music. "Ishigaki beef", a brand of beef from the island is also popular. Try it as a steak or Hamburg steak. Kabira Bay and Ishigaki Island have also received 3 and 2 stars respectively in the Michelin Green Guide Japan.

Kuro Island

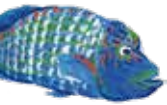
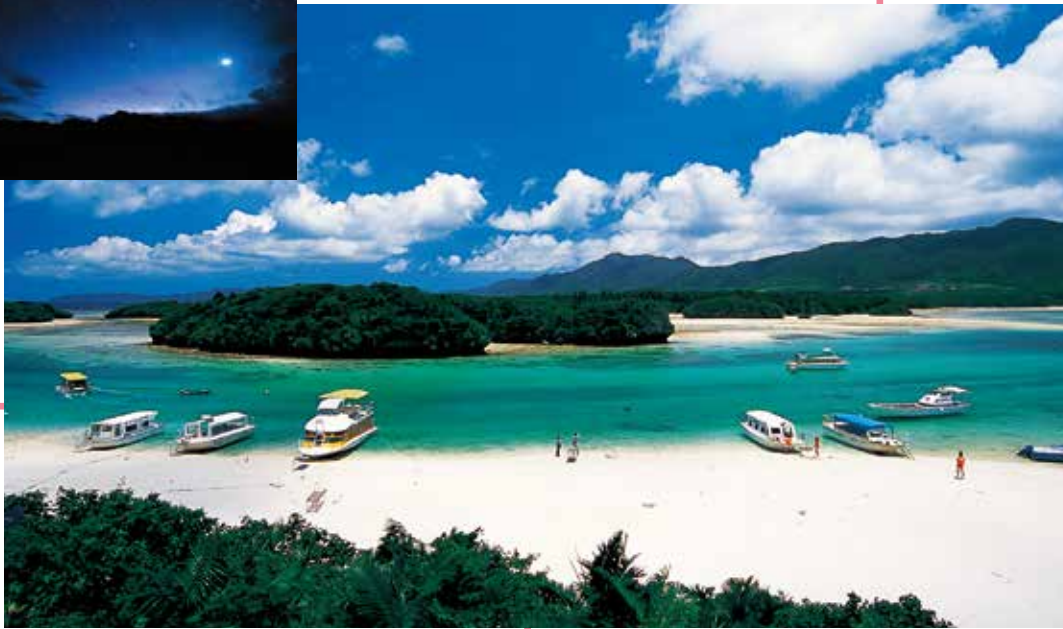
access 15 min by high-speed boat from Ishigaki Island.
27 svc/day

This island is also known as "Heart Island" derived from its heart-like shape. Not only is it known as a nesting location for sea turtles, but is also famous for the fact the number of cattle exceeds the number of people on the island.

Hateruma Island

access 60 min by high-speed ship from Ishigaki Port

Hateruma Island is the southern most inhabited island of the Japanese Archipelago. The sparkling blue waters and brilliant starlit sky, where you can even see the Southern Cross, are as good as anywhere else in Okinawa.



Outer Islands

Outer Islands around Main Island

AREA

Ie Island

access 30 min by ferry from Motobu Port
4 svc/day

In addition to a large number of attractions, including diving and fishing, over 1 million pure white trumpet lilies bloom each year from late April through to early May, setting the scene for the Lily Festival.



Minna Island

access 15 min by high-speed boat from Toguchi Port in Motobu Town
3-11 svc/day

Known for its crystal clear waters, this island comes to life with swimmers during the summer months. You can enjoy a range of marine activities around the coral seas enclosed in white sandy beaches.



Iheya/Noho Island

access 1h20min by ferry from Unten Port in Nakijin Village
2 svc/day

A beautiful natural island boasting dense green mountains and coral reefs. The island is also home to a number of cultural assets from the Ryukyu Dynasty, including the tomb of Ufunushi Yagura, ancestor of Sho Hashi, responsible for uniting the Ryukyu Kingdom under one rule. There are plenty of other things to see, including the cave believed to have been used by the sun goddess to conceal herself. The island is connected by bridge to Noho Island, renowned for its white sandy beaches.

Kudaka Island

access 25 min by ferry from Azama Port in Nanjo City (15 min by high-speed boat)
3 svc/day (3 svc/day for high-speed boat)

Located approximately 5.3 km east from Cape Chinen on the main island, Kudaka Island is approximately 8 km in circumference. Also known as the "Island of the Gods", the entire island is considered sacred. Cape Kaberu, said to be the location where the deity who created the Ryukyus, Amamikiyo, descended is one spot you don't want to miss.



Tsuken Island

access 60 min by ferry from Heshikiya Port (30 min by high-speed boat)
3 svc/day (2 svc/day for high-speed boat)

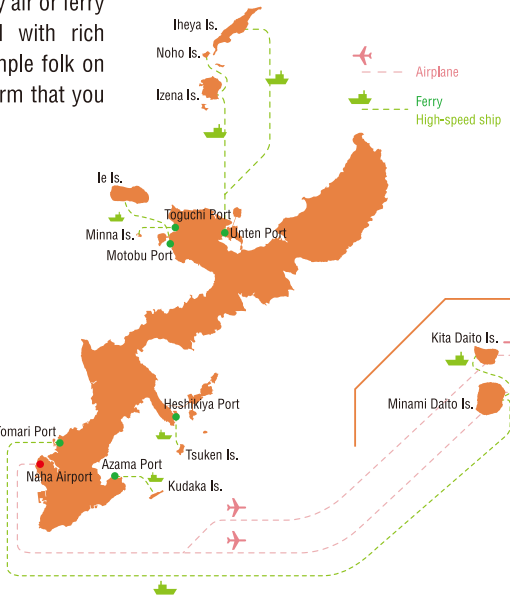
This flat island, famous for its carrots, is located approximately 4 km from the tip of Katsuren Peninsula. Forming an arch, Tomai Beach (Tsuken Beach) is a circular beach and is the most beautiful beach on the island suitable for swimming.



Minami-Daito Island

access 70 min by flight from Naha Airport.
1 flight/day
15h from Tomari Port.
1 svc/week

Covered almost entirely with sugarcane fields, the lakes and underground limestone caves on Minami-Daito Island create a mystical feel. You can also observe a range of natural wildlife and flora, such as the Daito fruit bat and black mangroves at Oike.



Kita-Daito Island

access 75 min by flight from Naha Airport.
1 flight/day
14h from Tomari Port.
1 svc/week

Kita-Daito Island is an uplifted coral atoll and is dotted with over 20 small to large ponds and marshes. The plant community, "Nagahagu" is also designated as a natural treasure of Japan.



Izena Island

access 55 min by ferry from Unten Port in Nakijin Village
2 svc/day

The birthplace of King Sho En of the Ryukyu Kingdom, the island is home to a large number of cultural assets associated to him. The island also has plenty of beautiful natural and romantic historical attractions, such as Futamigaura Beach, also listed as one of Japan's top 100 beaches, and Mt. Izena. The venomous snake, Habu is not found on this island, making it safe for camping.



Discover Okinawa Okinawa Handbook



Secure and convenient etiquette guide to know, including manners at restaurants and hotels, how to use bathroom, how to use buses, and a phrase card for emergency.



OKINAWA GUIDE MAP

Adding to the map of the main island and remote islands, full of information for tourist facilities, buses, monorail, and more. Keep it as your travel buddy!



Safety Guide for Visitors to Okinawa

How to stay safe in the sea and mountains, emergency action, etc. for your enjoyable and safe Okinawa trip.



OKINAWA Welcome Guide For Muslim Visitors

Muslims can also enjoy trip with peace of mind.



Restrictions on carry-on baggage

Make sure again whether the souvenirs that you bought can be taken on a plane!



Location List of Currency Exchange Machines

You can check the list of the places for currency exchange.



Typhoon Preparedness Manual

For early information gathering and proper judgements during typhoon, please check relevant contact information in advance!



Simple Communication Sheet for Disasters

Get help with the handy point-and-speak phrase card at an unexpected emergency such as an earthquake.



Okinawa Multilingual Tourist Information Website VISIT OKINAWA JAPAN



Okinawa Prefecture's official travel information website. From the basic knowledge to our recommended itineraries, it is filled with useful information that travelers can feel safe even for the first time in Okinawa.



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you'll get more information from each QR

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Route Bus

- ▶ Announcements are in Japanese, so when you get on the bus, tell the driver which stop you want to get off.
- ▶ Bus stops in Okinawa usually do not display a list showing the locations where buses stop along a bus route. Most bus stops only show a timetable and name of the next bus stop.
- ▶ No exchange service is available on bus for the bills of 2,000, 5,000 and 10,000 yen.

How to get on the Bus No. 1-6 9 11-17



Get on at the front.



Pay the fare.



Press the stop button before your stop.



Get off from the back after the bus stops.

How to get on the Bus No. 7 8 10 12 18 and 20 above



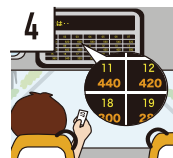
Get on at the front except numbers 7, 8, 10, and 12 which you get on at the back)



Take a boarding ticket.



Press the stop button before your stop.



Check the boarding ticket against the fare table to find the fare.

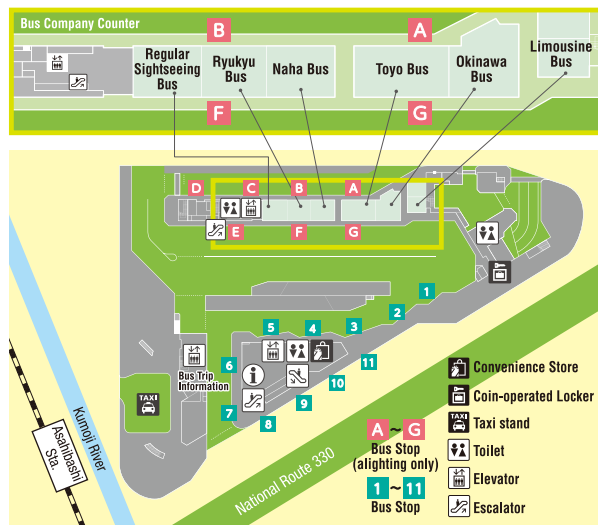


When the bus stops, hand your boarding ticket and fare to the driver.



Get off at the front.

Naha Bus Terminal Platform



Okinawa Tourist Information Center (2F)

You can find guidebooks and brochures for Japanese to English, Chinese, Korean, and other languages. Tablets for each language are available, enabling you to get various tourist information for Okinawa. There is a wheelchair and stroller rental office, offering a complete support during your travel.

Directly connected to Yui Rail Asahibashi Station through the passageway on the second floor of the terminal building.



Convenient regular bus service to the north and central Okinawa.

Easy access to the main resort area between Naha Airport to the north and central area in Okinawa main island without transfer!

Highway Route Bus (# 111, 117)

(Ryukyu Bus, Naha Bus, Okinawa Bus, Toyo Bus (# 111 only))

Main Destinations Naha Airport ↔ Nago Bus Terminal (# 111, 117), Ocean Expo Park (Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium) etc., (# 117)

- Bus stop Domestic Flight Area 2 International Flight Area 2
- Get a numbered ticket when boarding and pay on departure (cash).
- No advance reservation available.

Yanbaru Express Bus (Yanbaru Express Bus)

Main Destinations Naha Airport ↔ Motobu Port, Ocean Expo Park (Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium), Hotel Orion Motobu, (Bise-Fukugi Tree Road), Nakijin Castle Site, Unten Port, Kouri Island, etc.

- Bus stop Domestic Flight Area 2
- Pay when boarding or on departure (cash).
- Advance reservation available for some of the buses.

Okinawa Airport Shuttle (Okinawa Airport Shuttle LLP)

Main Destinations Naha Airport ↔ West coast resort hotels, Beach, Ocean Expo Park (Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium), Bise-Fukugi Tree Road, etc.

- Bus stop Domestic Flight Area 1
- Pay when boarding: Cash, Airpay, or WeChat Pay
- Advance reservation available for all the buses. Pay at making advance reservation: credit card (on the official website).
- Advance ticket purchase available at Naha Airport Tourist Visitor Information Center, Okinawa tourist information centers (Asahibashi, Naha BT), etc.

*Service is limited during business hours. <https://www.okinawa-shuttle.co.jp/en/>

Chatan Liner/Churaumi Liner (Karry Kanko)

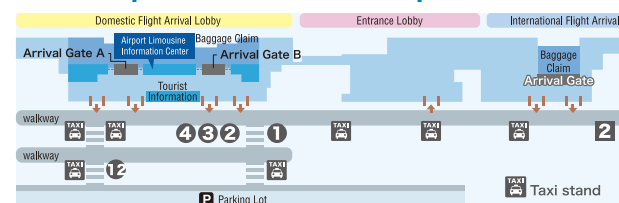
*Churaumi Liner starts operation from April 2019.

Main Destinations • Naha Airport ↔ Chatan Mihama American Village and hotels around the village
• Naha Airport ↔ Chatan Mihama American Village, Ocean Expo Park (Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium)

- Bus stop Domestic Flight Area 1
- Pay when boarding (cash, electronic payment, etc.)
- Advance ticket purchase available at Naha Airport Tourist Visitor Information Center or each hotel within the bus route.

*Service is limited during business hours. <https://karrykanko.com>

Naha Airport Terminal Bus Stop



- Route Bus Bus Stop Domestic Flight Area 3 26, 99, 120, 152 (AEON Rycom Express Line)
- Domestic Flight Area 4 95 (Airport Ashibinaa Line)
- International Flight Area 2 26, 99, 120, 152 (AEON Rycom Express Line)

1 Day Sightseeing Tour Buses

For those who want to visit popular Okinawan sightseeing locations more efficiently, we recommend the 1-day sightseeing bus tour!

There are various tours available that include famous destinations such as the hugely popular Churaumi Aquarium, Kouri Island, Mihama American Village, Shurijo Castle, and Okinawa World.



Airport Limousine Bus (Okinawa Bus)

Main Destinations Naha Airport ↔ Hotels around Ginowan Okinawa Convention Center, West coast hotels, Hotels around Chatan Mihama American Village, Ocean Expo Park (Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium) etc.

- Bus stop Domestic Flight Area 12
- Advance ticket purchase required. Reservation required. Reservation and purchase available at Limousine Bus Ticket Counter at Naha Airport Domestic Terminal, International Terminal Tourist Visitor Information Center, Asahibashi/Naha Bus Terminal Limousine Bus Counter, each hotel within the bus route, via internet and at a convenience store.

*Service is limited during business hours.

<http://okinawabus.com/en/>

Airport Limousine Bus Route



- English
- Traditional Chinese
- Simplified Chinese
- Korean

Economical Open Tickets

Yui Rail / Fixed-Route Bus Okinawa Fixed-Route Bus Tour Pass *Limited to tourists
[Free Segments] • All lines of Ryukyu Bus, Okinawa Bus, Naha Bus and Toyo Bus
(Not valid for certain buses such as the expressway bus)

Fee (Bus only)
1 Day Tour Pass Adults ¥2,500 Children ¥1,250
3 Day Tour Pass Adults ¥5,000 Children ¥2,500
(Bus + Yui Rail)
1 Day Tour Pass Adults ¥3,000 Children ¥1,500
3 Day Tour Pass Adults ¥5,500 Children ¥2,750
Validity Period: 1 Day Tour Pass 3 Day Tour Pass



- English
- Traditional Chinese
- Simplified Chinese
- Korean

Yui Rail/Naha Bus Bus-mono Pass

[Free Segments] • All Yui Rail Lines
• Also valid for bus stops outside of Naha City, if it is specified as a part of the Naha City Inner Bus Uniform Zone.
Fee: Adults: ¥1,000 Children ¥500 Validity Period: 1 Day

Ryukyu Bus/Naha Bus Weekends and Japanese Holidays 1 Day Pass

[Free Segments] • All zones of Ryukyu Bus / Naha Bus (Excludes some zones)
• Ryukyu Bus and Naha Bus are on the same route as Okinawa Bus and the ticket may be used to ride on Okinawa Bus as well.
Fee: Adults: ¥2,000 Children ¥1,000
Validity Period: One day only on weekends, Japanese Holidays, New Year's Eve, January 1, 2 or 3

Naha Bus Naha City 1 Day Passport

[Free Segments] • Naha Bus Naha Inner City
Price: Adults: ¥660 Children ¥330 Valid: 1 Day

Okinawa main Island route bus comprehension guidance system

Bus Navi Okinawa

Providing timetable and fare according to the departure and arriving point in Okinawa main island.

<https://www.busnavi-okinawa.com/top>

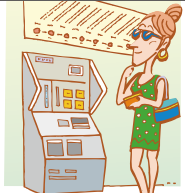


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▶ The monorail is convenient for getting around Naha City for sightseeing

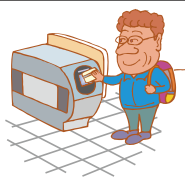
How to use

Purchase a ticket



Check the fare to your destination and purchase a ticket for the proper amount.

Pass through the ticket gates



Swipe the QR code on the ticket over the reader on the ticket gates.

To the train platform



The train platform is on the floor above the concourse floor. Check to see whether the train on track 1 (bound for Shuri) or track 2 (bound for Naha Airport) goes to your intended destination and head to the appropriate platform.

Get off the train



When you reach your destination, descend from the platform to the ticket gates, swipe the ticket's QR code over the reader, and exit.

Normal passenger fare (adult one way fare)

One-stop tickets cost ¥150 for adults and ¥80 for children (Unit: Yen)

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Shuri	150	230	230	260	260	260	300	300	300	300	330	330	330

• Passenger age classification
Adult: 12 years or older
Child: 6 to 11 years
Toddler: 1 to 5 years / Infant: Under 1 year

*The child's fare is half the adult fare.
However, fractions of less than ¥10 are rounded up to ¥10

*Toddlers who are accompanied by passengers aged 6 and over travel free of charge up to the second person, but from the third person they will be charged the child's fare.

*A toddler may be considered a child.
(When toddlers travel alone / When riding as part of a group)

Economical Open Tickets

Yui Rail Day Ticket

Free Segments

• All Yui Rail Lines

Fee : (1 Day) Adults ¥800 Children ¥400 (2 Day) Adults ¥1,400 Children ¥700

Validity Period: 1 Day(24h) Pass 2 Day (24h) Pass

Yui Rail/Naha Bus Bus-mono Pass

Free Segments

• All Yui Rail Lines

• Also valid for bus stops outside of Naha City, if it is specified as a part of the Naha City Inner Bus Uniform Zone.

Price : Adults: ¥1,000 Children ¥500 Validity Period: 1 Day

Yui Rail and Fixed-Route Bus Okinawa Fixed-Route Bus Tour Pass *Limited to tourists

Free Segments

• All lines of Ryukyu Bus, Okinawa Bus, Naha Bus and Toyo Bus

(Not valid for certain buses such as the expressway bus)

Price (Bus only) 1 Day Tour Pass Adults ¥2,500 Children ¥1,250

3 Day Tour Pass Adults ¥5,000 Children ¥2,500

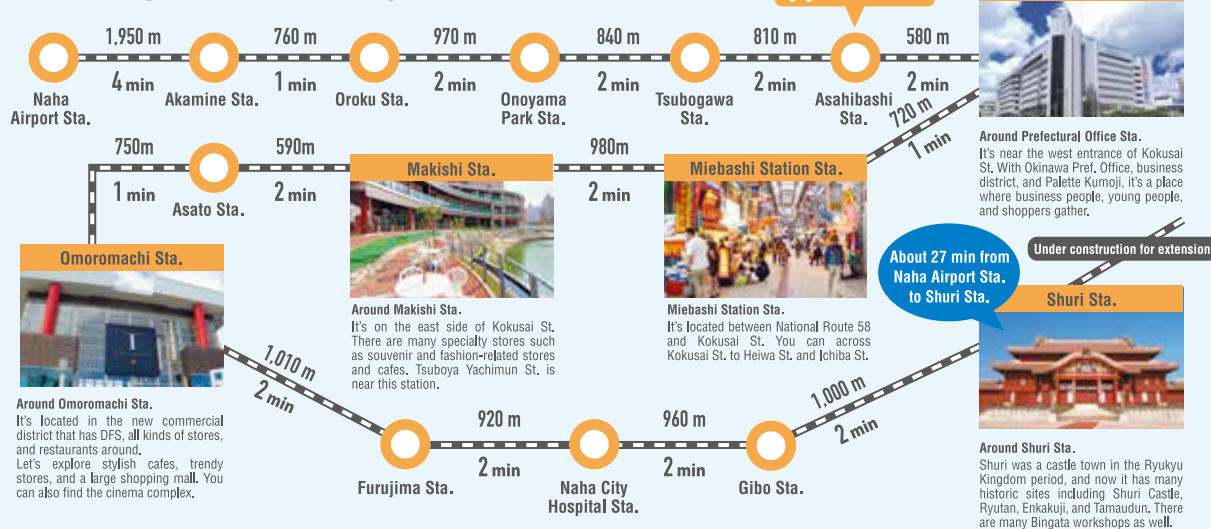
(Bus + Yui Rail) 1 Day Tour Pass Adults ¥3,000 Children ¥1,500

3 Day Tour Pass Adults ¥5,500 Children ¥2,750

Validity Period: 1 Day Tour Pass 3 Day Tour Pass

Children (age 6 to 12)

Route Map and Must-See Spots



Okinawa Urban Monorail Tourism Guide Map
Mono Navi Okinawa
Travel around Naha for 27 minutes in the air



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OKICA Card

OKICA is an IC card that lets you ride without carrying change. This one card can be used on route bus on Okinawa Main Island and the Yui Rail monorail.

For emergencies



Calling the police to report an accident or crime

110



Calling an ambulance or fire engine in case of injury, illness or fire

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Incidents/Accidents in the sea

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Safety in the Sea

Snorkeling

1 It looks easy, but it takes practice

Learn how to use the snorkel, mask and fins.

2 Floating isn't easy

Wear a life jacket and wetsuit for more buoyancy.

3 The sea is beautiful, but hazardous

Swim in designated areas, check the weather and tides, and don't take risks.

4 Watch your physical condition

Know your limits and don't go in if you're not in a good condition. No drinking alcohol. Accidents involving the middle-aged are increasing.

5 Don't go alone

When you go in the sea, never go alone. Take a break after an hour. Taking appropriate breaks and drinking enough water is also important.



Diving

1 Improve your dive skills

Learn the necessary **diving skills**, and always aim to **improve** them.

2 Take care of your health Mind your health

If you have a **chronic illness**, take **advice from your doctor** first. Leave plenty of time after diving before **getting on a plane**.

3 Don't overdo it

If you aren't in the right physical or mental condition for diving on the day, have the **courage to pass it up**. Get **plenty of sleep**, **don't drink heavily** the day before, and look after your physical condition.

4 Plan and discuss thoroughly Check carefully

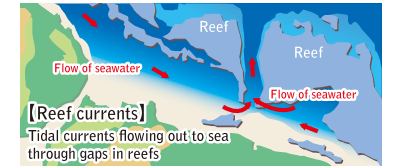
Besides checking dive time, depth, and gas pressure, thoroughly cover entry and exit methods, precautions at each point, hand signals, **emergency procedures** and so on. If there's anything you don't understand, **ask the dive staff**.

5 Inspecting your equipment keeps you safe

Using poorly maintained equipment is **very dangerous**. Keep your equipment in perfect condition to enjoy safe diving.

Reef currents

What is a reef current? It's a strong current that flows out between gaps in a reef. They often occur where a deep channel is formed between coastal reefs.



If you feel yourself being carried out to sea



- Don't swim against the current. Swim parallel to the shore across the current.
- When you get out of the reef current, aim for the nearest land.
- It's best to avoid getting caught in reef currents at all.

The 11th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters and Ishigaki Coast Guard Office provide Reef Current information at their websites.

WEB <https://www6.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/t1kanku/kisyuu.html>



For Safe Travels in Japan Guide for When You Are Feeling Ill (JNTO)

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- List of medical facilities prepared to treat foreign visitors
- How to use medical institutions in Japan
- Information about overseas travel insurance

If you are injured or fall ill in Japan and visit a medical institution for care, treatment costs can be very expensive. Just in case something happens, travelers are recommended to purchase an overseas travel insurance policy. Some policies are available to overseas travelers even after they have entered Japan.



Haisai! Bosai debiru Okinawa disaster prevention information portal

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For your safety, check the Okinawa Disaster Prevention and Information Portal Site

- Evacuation advisories, evacuation orders and information of evacuation centers issued by local authorities
- Weather advisories, alerts, emergency warnings, earthquake and tsunami information by the Meteorological Agency
- Information about protection of the public issued by the Fire and Disaster Management Agency
- Registration from email or SNS to receive disaster prevention information

Enquiries about the portal site
Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management Division, Executive Office of the Governor, Okinawa Prefectural Government TEL 098-866-2143



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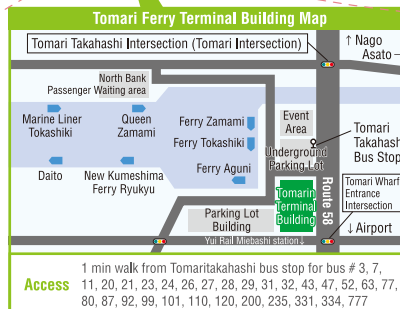
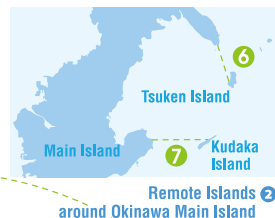
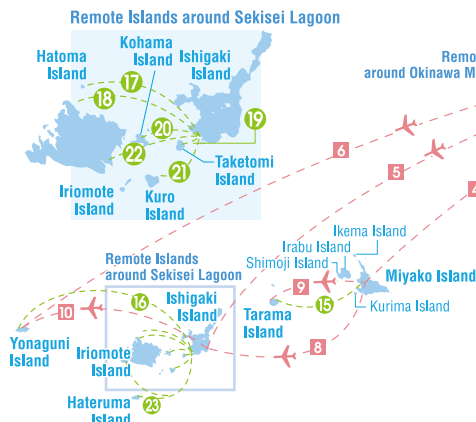
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Information on Transport for Okinawa's Remote Islands Access to the remote islands

✈ Flights and ship traffic

✈ Airplane
🚢 Ferry
🚤 High-speed ship



Airplane

1	Main Island ↔ Kita Daito Island	About 1h 15m
2	Main Island ↔ Minami Daito Island	About 1h 15m
3	Main Island ↔ Kume Island	About 30m
4	Main Island ↔ Miyako Island	About 45m
5	Main Island ↔ Ishigaki Island	About 1h
6	Main Island ↔ Yonaguni Island	About 1h 30m
7	Kita Daito Island ↔ Minami Daito Island	About 15m
8	Miyako Island ↔ Ishigaki Island	About 30m
9	Miyako Island ↔ Tarama Island	About 25m
10	Ishigaki Island ↔ Yonaguni Island	About 35m

Ferry / High-speed ship

1	Main Island ↔ Iheya Island	About 1h 20m
2	Main Island ↔ Izena Island	About 55m
3	Main Island ↔ Minna Island	About 15m
4	Main Island ↔ Ie Island	About 30m
5	Main Island ↔ Aguni Island	About 2h 10m
6	Main Island ↔ Tsuken Island	About 15-30m
7	Main Island ↔ Kudaka Island	About 15m
8	Main Island ↔ Minami Daito Island	About 15h
9	Main Island ↔ Kita Daito Island	About 15h
10	Main Island ↔ Tonaki Island	About 1h 45m
11	Main Island ↔ Tokashiki Island	About 35m - 1h 10m
12	Main Island ↔ Zamami Island	About 50m - 2h
13	Main Island ↔ Kume Island	About 2h 50m
14	Tonaki Island ↔ Kume Island	About 1h 20m
15	Miyako Island ↔ Tarama Island	About 2h
16	Ishigaki Island ↔ Yonaguni Island	About 4h
17	Ishigaki Island ↔ Hatoma Island	About 45m
18	Ishigaki Island ↔ Iriomote Island (Uehara Harbor)	About 45m
19	Ishigaki Island ↔ Taketomi Island	About 15m
20	Ishigaki Island ↔ Kohama Island	About 30m
21	Ishigaki Island ↔ Kuro Island	About 30m
22	Ishigaki Island ↔ Iriomote Island (Ohara Harbor)	About 40m
23	Ishigaki Island ↔ Hateruma Island	About 1h 10m

Okinawa Travelers' Information

Be.Okinawa Multilingual Contact Center

Free service

Travelers' information is available every day from 9:00 to 21:00

Be. Okinawa Multilingual Contact Center

This is a **public service for foreign visitors** provided by Okinawa Prefecture.

It provides **tourist information, interpreter services and caring support for travelers in emergencies**. Supported languages are **English, Chinese, Korean, Thai**. **Service is free of charge**. There will be **call charges only**.

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SSID **Be.Okinawa_Free_Wi-Fi**

See "Multilingual support" for how to use Wi-Fi

- 1 On the Wi-Fi setting screen select SSID → **Be.Okinawa_Free_Wi-Fi**
- 2 Selection language on the login screen [English, Chinese (Traditional, Simplified), Korean]
- 3 Enter the ID and password of your social media account (Facebook, Twitter, Google, email etc.) to complete registration
- 4 You're redirected to the Okinawa Tourist Information site.



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