Enjoy Okinawa movie locations and gourmet in the area!
Experience Okinawa with movie tours to fully enjoy your stay

Located in the southernmost part of Japan is the lush island of Okinawa which consists of 160 islands. The prefecture is located in Japan’s subtropical region where people can enjoy a mild climate throughout the year, making it a popular resort destination. Okinawa is known for its transparent, beautiful waters, but its charm does not end there. Renowned castle ruins, like Shuri Castle, from the Ryukyu Kingdom era are registered World Heritage sites. In addition to its enchanting, traditional entertainment, and delicious local cuisine, Okinawa’s unique history, culture, customs, and arts all attract the interest of people throughout the world. As introduced in this booklet, there have been a number of movies shot in Okinawa filled with the beauty of the island. How would you like to discover Okinawa like never before, and enjoy your stay to the fullest with movie tours? The stories are sure to leave a lasting impression on you.
A bustling city serving as Okinawa’s gateway, and an area with valuable historical heritage sites.

The main tourist destination in Naha City is Kokusai Street, characterized by a concentration of gift shops and restaurants. Shurijo Castle Remains, a designated World Heritage site, sits on top of a hill overlooking the city. Going further south into Nanjo City will take you along a coastline dotted with tourist attractions and charming cafes. You can see a spectacular view of the Pacific Ocean from the 1.2km Nirai-Kanai.

1. **Shurijo Castle Park**

   Shurijo Castle Remains was a central part of the 450-year-long Ryukyu Kingdom era. This World Heritage site is the largest wooden structure in Okinawa, and the colorful castle of Japanese-Chinese influence does not fail to impress. The hill on which it stands is known for being holy grounds and is a must-see attraction during your stay in Okinawa.

   🌋 1-2 Shuri Kinjo-cho, Naha City
   🌋 098-886-2020
   🌋 April - June, October - November
     Free Area 8:00 - 19:30   Pay Area 8:30 - 19:00
   🌋 July - September
     Free Area 8:00 - 20:30   Pay Area 8:30 - 20:00
   🌋 December - March
     Free Area 8:00 - 18:30   Pay Area 8:30 - 18:00
   🌋 Ticket sales end 30 minutes before closing.
   🌋 Days Closed: Free Area  Open year-round
   🌋 Pay Area & Information Center   The first Wednesday and Thursday of July
   🌋 Adult 820 yen
   🌋 High school student 620 yen
   🌋 Elementary & Junior high school student 310 yen
   🌋 Under 6 years old: Free of charge
   🌋 Map Code 33 161 631*41

2. **Shuri Kinjo-cho Stone Pavement**

   Used during the 16th century to get from Shuri Castle to Naha Port, the coral-paved road lined with traditional Okinawan houses will give you a feel of the Ryukyu Kingdom era.

   🌋 Map Code 33 161 513*36

3. **Makishi Public Market**

   Stores selling seafood, meat, fruits, vegetables, and other local produce familiar to Okinawans are all gathered together here under one roof. Take some time to experience this lively market.

   🌋 Map Code 33 137 264*88

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Katsu Kitchen
Katsu Kitchen specializes in Okinawan soul food: spam and egg rice balls. From standard to western, there is a whole variety of tastes to enjoy!

**** 2-8-35 Matsuo, Naha City
**** 098-867-9550
**** 7:00 - 18:00
**** Days Closed: Wednesday
**** Map Code 33 157 323*88

Ayagu Shokudo
Besides their popular handmade-tofu stir-fry, Ayagu’s meals are affordable and are served in generous portions. Their sister store, Nanahoshi Restaurant, is located near Shuri Castle.

**** 2-128-1 Shuri Kubagawa-cho, Naha City
**** 098-885-6585
**** 9:00 - 21:00
**** Days Closed: Wednesday
**** Map Code 33 192 133*63

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Located in the southernmost part of Okinawa's main island, Sashiki Baten is surrounded by forests and the sea. Enjoy the slow passage of time with its idyllic landscape.

Hamabe-no Chaya

Overlook the Pacific Ocean while you relax and enjoy a meal in this cozy hideaway cafe. You can enjoy a variety of their delicious homemade breads, and dishes full of vegetables.

Open year-round

Map Code 232 486 298*22

Kunnatu

Mozuku seaweed is popular for its benefits for beauty and health, and Kunnatu’s menu offers various mozuiku dishes. Satisfy your hunger with their all-you-can-eat mozuiku and generous meals.

4-5-2 Shikembaru, Tomigusuku, Nanjo City
098-949-1066
11:00-19:00
Open year-round

Map Code 232 487 507*41

Nakamoto Sengyo Tempura Store

Nakamoto Sengyo Tempura Store’s fresh, hot tempuras including fish and mozuikku seaweed are popular with tourists and locals alike, and make a satisfying snack.

6-9, Tomigusuku, Nanjo City
098-949-3853
10:00-16:30 (October-March: 10:00-16:00)
January 1 1:00-17:00
January 2 9:00-17:00
December 31 10:00-17:00
Open year-round

Close on a temporary basis.

Map Code 232 467 296*05

Culture Kingdom Gyokusendo Okinawa World

“Mischievous Kiss 2 - Love in Okinawa” filming location

You can experience Okinawa’s nature, culture and history at Okinawa World, one of the largest tourist attractions on the island. Enjoy one of the most beautiful limestone caves in the east, traditional eisa dance, and making crafts in a 100-year-old traditional Okinawan house. Just a 30-minute drive from the airport, there are activities for everyone to enjoy!

Map Code 232 467 296*06

E 9 Ou Island

“Dancing Karate Kid” filming location

Located in the southernmost part of Nanjo City, Ou island is connected by a bridge and is famous for its fisheries. The island makes a great drive.

Map Code 232 487 296*05

Chinen Fishing Port

“RUMAH” filming location

Chinen Fishing Port is packed with fishing boats, and many locals come here to fish. You can also see tropical fish swimming in the transparent waters.

Map Code 33 083 244*85

F Itoman Gyomin Shokudo

“Ryujin Mabuyer” filming location

Itoman Farmer’s Market Umanchu Ichiba

Disability Employment Facility Ino

Roadside Station Itoman

“Ryujin Mabuyer” filming location

This southernmost roadside station in Japan is complete with Itoman City’s specialties. Feel free to visit their tourist information center.

Map Code 232 484 222*52

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[Map Code 232 487 296*05]
Ayumi is 34 years old and has been working as an information call center operator for the past 10 years. In this day and age when anyone can find whatever they want on the internet, inquiries have dropped markedly. The phone doesn’t ring much anymore. Ayumi is plagued by feelings of emptiness and loneliness. She responds to only one or two calls a day, routine inquiries from older people who use the telephone as their source for information. One day, Ayumi is summoned along with several of her coworkers by her boss to be suddenly told she would be laid off.

Director : Yosep Anggi Noen
Cast : Erika, Masahiro Arakaki, Tamotsu Oshiro (Shomikigen Theater Co.)
Special Appearance by Tsubu Mustard Ashimine
Production : Yoshimoto Creative Agency Co., Ltd

Ming has lost her fiance, and Wei has lost his pregnant wife. Both go through the funeral process in complete shock and must learn to face reality. Wei breaks down in tears while listening to his wife’s favorite music, Chopin, while Ming mourns her loss for the first time in Okinawa, where she and her fiancé had planned to go on their honeymoon.

Director : Tom Lin
Cast : Karena Lam, Shih Chin-Hang
Production : Atom Cinema, Kukuru Vision Inc.

Where cultures intersect, and tradition, crafts and performing arts thrive.

Easily accessible from Naha, the central region is where you can get to know Okinawa on a deeper level. Mihama American Village is a shopping area fused with American and local culture, and there are many opportunities to see unique, traditional aspects of the island such as eisa dance and pottery, as well. The causeway known as “Kaichu Doro Drive” is a popular cross-ocean drive in the area. You will have no trouble spending a day full of fun in the central region.

Travel times are estimates, and differ depending on traffic conditions and routes taken.
**Charlie’s Tacos**

The tacos at this first taco shop on Okinawa are a specialty food representing the island. Enjoy a choice of meat fillings with their delicious homemade sauce.

- 4-11-5 Chuo, Okinawa City
- 098-937-4627
- 10:00
- Days Closed: Thursday
- Map Code 33 411 738*63

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**Charlie’s Journey**

A fantastic movie filmed entirely on Okinawa.

Chasuke is an assistant who serves tea to those in heaven who writes the stories of human lives on earth. Yuri is a girl who Chasuke has fallen in love with, and he is an assistant who writes the story of a girl who has fallen in love with him. He learns that she is destined to die in an accident. He goes down to earth and scrambles to save her.

- Director: Kazuya Konaka
- Cast: Honoka Miki, Yuki Furukawa
- Based On: Kaoru Tada’s MiAZURANA KISS
- Production: ITAZURANA KISS

**Dancing Karate Kid**

A dance and Ryukyu-karate hybrid action movie!

A young dancer goes to Okinawa and meets a master of Ryukyu dance. He finds himself forced to participate in a “battle” to win over a karate dojo. Dancing Karate Kid is a thrilling movie made based on the legends and historical facts of Ryukyu karate!

- Director: Tsukasa Kishimoto
- Cast: Joey, Yui Kolke, Akihito Yagi, Shingo Koyasu
- Production: Amazon Laterna

**Koza Gate 2 Street**

This exotic street remains a strong vestige from the days when Okinawa was under US military control. Gate 2 Street offers American fashion, shopping, dining, and beauty treatments. Live entertainment is also held on the ground floor every weekend.

- Map Code 499 674 664*36
- Open year-round
- Lunch 11:00 - 17:00
- Dinner 17:00 - 23:00
- Last Order 15:00
- Phone: 098-983-4116
- Hours Open: Differ with each shop

**Nakagusuku Castle Site**

This historic ruin from the Ryukyu Kingdom era is a registered World Heritage site. Standing on a 167 meter-high hill, it overlooks the East China Sea and Pacific Ocean.

- Map Code 33 411 738*63
- Days Closed: Differs with each shop

**Nuchi-masu Cafe Takahanari**

Takahari’s dishes use plenty of mineral-rich salts taken from the seas surrounding Okinawa. You can expect many health and beauty benefits from these “Nuchi-masu” salts.

- 3761 Myogi, Yomitan, Okinawa City
- 098-983-1480
- Lunch 11:00 - 15:00 (Last Order 14:30)
- Dinner 17:00 - 21:30 (Last Order 19:30)
- Map Code 499 474 644*73

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**Multi-lingual call center**

Okinawa Prefecture/Okinawa Convention & Visitors Bureau provides tourist information, offers translation service and accepts inquiries via the phone, skype and e-mail in the event of a disaster. Feel free to contact us whenever you need help.

- Business hours: 9:00 - 21:00
- Phone: 0570-077201
- Skype ID: call-center-en01, call-center-en02
- Phone number: Available 24 hours a day. Call 098-851-7286 to contact us.

**Travel Tips in Okinawa 2**

- Title: Dancing Karate Kid
- Year: 2013
- Description: A dance and Ryukyu-karate hybrid action movie!
- Description: A young dancer goes to Okinawa and meets a master of Ryukyu dance. He finds himself forced to participate in a “battle” to win over a karate dojo. Dancing Karate Kid is a thrilling movie made based on the legends and historical facts of Ryukyu karate!

**Movies**

**Central area**

**Mischievous Kiss 2 - Love in Okinawa**

The cool genius with an IQ of 200, and the least intelligent girl in the class who has had the biggest crush on him for 6 years, have finally gotten married! Watch their honeymoon unfold on Okinawa in this special slapstick, love filled edition of the drama!

- Director: Kazuya Konaka
- Cast: Honoka Miki, Yuki Furukawa
- Based On: Kaoru Tada’s MIAZURANA KISS
- Production: ITAZURANA KISS

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**Travel Tips in Okinawa 2**

- Title: Travel Tips in Okinawa 2
- Year: 2015
- Description: A fantastic movie filmed entirely on Okinawa.
- Description: Chasuke is an assistant who serves tea to those in heaven who writes the stories of human lives on earth. Yuri is a girl who Chasuke has fallen in love with, and he learns that she is destined to die in an accident. He goes down to earth and scrambles to save her.

**Chasuke’s Journey**

- Director: Kazuya Konaka
- Cast: Honoka Miki, Yuki Furukawa
- Production: ITAZURANA KISS
- Based On: Kaoru Tada’s MIAZURANA KISS

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**Travel Tips in Okinawa 3**

- Title: Travel Tips in Okinawa 3
- Year: 2015
- Description: A fantastic movie filmed entirely on Okinawa.
- Description: Chasuke is an assistant who serves tea to those in heaven who writes the stories of human lives on earth. Yuri is a girl who Chasuke has fallen in love with, and he learns that she is destined to die in an accident. He goes down to earth and scrambles to save her.

**Chasuke’s Journey**

- Director: Kazuya Konaka
- Cast: Honoka Miki, Yuki Furukawa
- Production: ITAZURANA KISS
- Based On: Kaoru Tada’s MIAZURANA KISS

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**Travel Tips in Okinawa 4**

- Title: Travel Tips in Okinawa 4
- Year: 2015
- Description: A fantastic movie filmed entirely on Okinawa.
- Description: Chasuke is an assistant who serves tea to those in heaven who writes the stories of human lives on earth. Yuri is a girl who Chasuke has fallen in love with, and he learns that she is destined to die in an accident. He goes down to earth and scrambles to save her.

**Chasuke’s Journey**

- Director: Kazuya Konaka
- Cast: Honoka Miki, Yuki Furukawa
- Production: ITAZURANA KISS
- Based On: Kaoru Tada’s MIAZURANA KISS
The region covered with Yambaru's lush nature and dotted with major tourist attractions.

The northern most part of the island where Cape Hedo is located, called Yambaru, overflows with nature. Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium is another popular spot attracting over 2,700,000 visitors annually, and the region is characterized by small villages with idyllic landscapes the further up you go. Remote islands connected by bridges, such as Yagaji Island, can be accessed by car as well. Spend some time relaxing in Okinawa’s nature and refresh your mind and body.

Travel times are estimates, and differ depending on traffic conditions and routes taken.

### Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium

“*One Night Stud*” filming location

This internationally acclaimed aquarium is known for being one of the largest in the world. Including the world’s largest fish (the 8.6m whale shark), the main tank holds manta rays and other fish that inhabit the waters around Okinawa. This popular tourist attraction guarantees to fascinate visitors of all ages and can only be experienced in this northern region.

- **Address**: 424 Ishikawa, Motobu Town (Ocean Expo Park)
- **Phone**: 0980-48-3748
- **Opening Hours**: 8:30-20:00 (October-February -18:30, Final Entry is 1 hour before closing)
- **Days Closed**: First Wednesday and the following day of December
- **Amenities**: Adult 1,850 yen, High school student 1,230 yen, Elementary & Junior high school student 610 yen, Under 6 years old free of charge
- **Map Code**: 553 075 797*77

### Yachimun Kissa Shisa-en

*“It’s Alright. This is Love.”* filming location

Over 100 shisas decorate Shisa-en, a pioneer among cafes with a 27-year history. Enjoy their drinks that use spring water from the property along with a delicious treat.

- **Address**: 1439 Izumi, Motobu Town
- **Phone**: 0980-47-2160
- **Opening Hours**: 11:00-19:00
- **Days Closed**: Monday, Tuesday (or, the next day if it is a public holiday)
- **Map Code**: 206 803 695*22

### Kinokawa

Enjoy the local atmosphere at Kinokawa, and dishes made to maximize natural flavors. Their Deep Fried Gurukun uses a local fish, and is a crispy, delicious meal.

- **Address**: 803 Kangen, Motobu Town
- **Phone**: 0980-47-5230
- **Opening Hours**: Lunch 11:00-15:00, Dinner 17:00-21:00
- **Days Closed**: Monday
- **Map Code**: 206 826 198*23

### Manzamo

“*It’s Alright. This is Love.*” filming location

Manzamo overlooks the East China Sea and is another famous spot in Northern Okinawa. Please enjoy the beautiful view of the sunset at dusk, along with the clear blue sea and sky.

- **Address**: 603 Kengen, Motobu Town
- **Phone**: 0980-47-5230
- **Opening Hours**: Lunch 11:00-15:00, Dinner 17:00-21:00
- **Days Closed**: Monday
- **Map Code**: 206 826 198*23

Karakara “Karakara” filming location

Pierre is a former professor from Canada who has finally realized his long-time dream of coming to Okinawa. He meets Junko, a housewife who has moved to Okinawa from Tokyo. Fleeing her house after her husband hits her during a fight, Junko joins Pierre on his journey and an unusual friendship begins to blossom between them.

A story about an unusual friendship which blossoms in Okinawa.

Director : Claude Gagnon  
Producer : Takako Miyahira, Samuel Gagnon, Claude Gagnon,  
Cast : Gabriel Arcand, Yuuki Kubo, Megumi Tomita,  
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It’s Alright. This is Love. 2014

Adults are all full of pain, but can find the strength to smile in the end. The movie is a touching romantic drama about a popular novelist who appears to have a perfect life, and a psychiatrist whose heart is full of pain.

Director : Kim Kyu-tae  
Cast : Jo In-sung, Gong Hyo-jin  
Production : CJ E&M Corporation, GT Entertainment  
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One Night Stud 2015

How will the fight for the one-year-old end? Xiao Xin is a Chinese woman about to turn 30 years old. Believing she will find happiness by having a child with no husband involved, she begins her search for the perfect man and meets Zha Yhi. Will their fateful one night stand fulfill her dreams?

Director : Li Xinman  
Cast : Jiang Yiyan, Zheng Kai  
Production : © CINEWAY FILMS CO., LTD.

Halser Acre, The Movie 2015

This superhero is a gift from the earth and has something to fight for!

Halser Acre gets her powers from the earth. She must save the forests where the gods dwell, that are in danger of being destroyed by development, and fight the monsters born from garbage. This superhero story addresses “food education” and “environmental issues” with a touch of comical elements.

Director : Tsukasa Kishimoto  
Cast : AKINA, Moeko Fukuda, Tomoji Yamashiro, Shingo Chinen, Kenta Nakaza, Shinichiro Chinen  
Production : Halser Movie Partners © 2014 Halser Movie Partners

Movies Northern area

Kijoka, Ogimi Village

“Karakara” filming location

Ogimi Village is an idyllic township located in the northern region of Okinawa, famous for their bashofu, a resilient and durable fabric. Bashofu also make wonderful gifts.

Uminoya YOSHIKA

Enjoy the view of both Kouri Bridge and the ocean from your inside table. You can also savor their popular fresh seafood dish which has been introduced on TV and in magazines.

Maeda Shokudo

Maeda Shokudo’s popular Beef Soba comes topped with a large portion of bean sprouts and diced beef. This old-style, cozy restaurant is usually crowded with both locals and tourists.

Nagahama Beach

“The Acres” filming location

The white sand and beautiful blue ocean is a bit off the beaten path and is famous among those in the know. This natural beach is an ideal spot to relax and take in the view.

Yagaji Island

“The Acres” filming location

The island is a treasure trove of migratory birds, plants and creatures. There is also a beach where you can enjoy activities like swimming, camping and barbequing.

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Tropical resorts surrounded by the beautiful sea.

One of the many charms of Okinawa is how easy it is to access other remote island groups like Yaeyama, Miyako, and the Keramas by plane or boat. Visiting Ishigaki is now easier with their new Painushima Airport. There are also the beautiful reefs of Miyako, the transparent "Kerama Blue" waters of Zamami and Tokashiki, established as "Kerama Shoto National Park" on March 5, 2014. A visit to any of these tropical paradises will leave you feeling rejuvenated.

Map Code 903 562 146

Ama Beach

Located on the west side of the island, the beach is famous for its sea turtles. With a campground also on site, you can get more intimate with the clear blue sea.

Map Code 905 200 667

Kaminohama Lookout Point

The two-story observation point near Zamami Port has a 360 degree view of the East China Sea. It’s a scenic spot where you can behold the beautiful sunset and ocean.

Map Code 905 200 736

Restaurant Marumiya

Serving mostly Okinawan cuisine, Marumiya is highly rated on travel websites. Their homemade jiimamii tofu, made from peanuts with their original sauce, makes a delicious dish.

Map Code 905 231 135
Popular Location for TV commercials and magazine shoots.

Ikema Bridge

Ikema and Miyako Islands are connected together by a 1,425m long bridge, and both islands are full of hidden beaches. It’s a great drive with a breathtaking view of the colorful seas.

【Map Code 310 871 564+11】

Popular Location for TV commercials and magazine shoots.

Sunayama Beach

The arch shaped rock is the beach’s trademark, with the cobalt blue ocean spreading out before the powdery white sand dune. The beach is loved by locals and tourists alike.

【Map Code 310 603 294*52】

Kabira Bay

"How to Make a Penguin Pair" Filming location

The beach is located on the north-west coast, and is said to be the most beautiful landscape in Ishigaki. Enjoy underwater scenes of the clear ocean from a glass bottom boat.

【Map Code 360 381 620*73】

Pengin Shokudo

Run by the Pengins, creators of the "Pengin Shokudo's Ishigaki island Spicy Oil". You can enjoy meals that use local ingredients, awamori, or their "Sashimi rice box" which makes an appearance in the movie.

【Map Code 360 003 148*41】

Popular tourist place

Kermo Blue

2015

Maybe, I made it more difficult.

A couple arrives from Europe to stay at a guesthouse in Zamami Village. Their conversations are in English and neither understands Japanese. Hana Hanashiro, owner of the guesthouse, and Yuhi Hanashiro, Hana’s grandson who works there, only speak Japanese. White Meg grows closer to Hana even though they do not understand each other’s language. Chris is miserable, moody and unable to adjust to the guesthouse or island environment. His stubbornly closed heart is awakened by something he sees underwater.

Director: Tsukasa Kishimoto
Cast: Daniel Lopez, Haruka Tobaru, Shogen Taeko Yoshida, Murota Donsako
Production: OMO, Inc.
© Okinawa Prefectural Government

Koja Soba

Founded in 1932, Koja Soba has preserved their original taste throughout the years. Their soba noodle dishes are a must-have during your stay on Miyako Island.

【Map Code 310 424 337*44】

Kerama Blue

2015

How to Make a Penguin Pair

2012

Based on the true story of the Pengins, owners of the “Pengin Shokudo”, the movie depicts several chapters in their lives, such as moving to Ishigaki, encounters with local cuisine, how they went on to become pioneers of the edible Spicy oil, and create their famous “Pengin Shokudo’s Ishigaki island Spicy Oil”.

Director: Katsutoshi Hirabayashi
Cast: Koike Eiko, Kigone Wang
Production: Ritz Productions, VAP, United Cinemas, KDDI, dub, Breath, Star Cast Japan
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