OKINAWA
Japan’s Tropical Side
TRAVEL GUIDE
5 Minutes Guide to OKINAWA

Welcome to Okinawa! Enjoy an Adventure-Filled Stay

Okinawa Prefecture is located in the southern half of the Ryukyu archipelago stretching between Kyushu and Taiwan. It consists of 160 small and large islands extended over vast ocean area approximately 26° north latitude and 127° east longitude. However, only 46 of these islands are inhabited.

Okinawa is Japan's only Prefecture whose entire area has a subtropical oceanic climate. Southwesterly winds in summer and northwesterly winds in winter are mostly constant. The Kuroshio, or Black Current, starting from off the coast of the Philippines flows northward through the islands and contributes to the warm winter. The average annual temperature is 22.7°C, and the average low temperature is 20.5°C. It never snows or frosts. From summer to autumn, the islands are often struck by typhoons with violent winds and torrential rain.

Southern Area
Naha City, capital of Okinawa Prefecture, has a population of more than 200,000. Also, Shuri, Naha City, used to be the seat of the Ryukyu government and is where Shuri Castle, a registered world cultural heritage, stands. The southern part of the island with its equatorial climate was a site of hard-fought battles during the war. Many civilians were caught up in the fighting and lost their precious lives. Today, the area around Naha in Okinawa City has been reconstructed into a memorial park. There is a constant stream of visitors going to pay their respects and pray for peace.

Central Area
The central part of Okinawa has been Americanized in many ways. You can see many signboards in English. Planning for American Village in Chatan was done systematically to introduce a new style and draw many shoppers and visitors every day. Southeast Botanical Garden was landscaped with tropical plants and is a popular spot.

West Coast
The coast of Onna Village is dotted with resort hotels and is the number one Marine resort area on the Okinawa Main Island where you can enjoy a variety of marine activities at the beaches in front of these hotels. The beautiful scenery of cliffs and white sandy beaches is one of the most scenic spots in Okinawa. You can also enjoy visiting such sites as Manta-ma, Manda Promontory (designated as a quasi-national shoreline park), which offer excellent diving and snorkeling.

Northern Area
North of Nago City, mountains come right down to the shorelines in this area known as “Yanbaru.” Many indigenous and precious creatures, such as the Yanbaru Rabbit and Shuri Castle, inhabit the evergreen forest of broadleaf trees. On the Motobu Peninsula, you can find the world-class Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium.

Pristine Scenery in Okinawa
Located 30 kilometers west of Naha City, the Kerama Islands have some of the best diving spots in the world. The sea has amazing visibility. Divers come from around the world to enjoy the sea around these islands.

Surrounding Islands
Okinawa is also famous for its surrounding islands. They are all beautiful and offer many activities for visitors.

Travellers’ Information

Finding Information in Okinawa
- Okinawa Convention & Visitors Bureau (TOP) TEL: +81-98-943-1884
- Naha Airport Tourist Information Office TEL: +81-98-949-7264

Rent a Car Information Office TEL: +81-98-952-0722
- Naha City Tourist Information Office TEL: +81-98-953-4887

Currency
- Currency-exchange from US dollars to Japanese yen is available at all branches of the Bank of Okinawa or Bank of the Ryukyu.
- The following is a list of places where US dollars and other currencies may be exchanged. Designated post offices (9:00-17:00, holidays 9:00-15:30, weekends), and banks. Currency exchange ATMs (USD to JPY) are available at five Aeon department stores (Onna in Naha; 9:00-21:00), Chatan; 10:00-22:00), Ichinoseki (9:00-21:00). Nago; 9:00-21:00). Two Ban-A stores also have dollar-exchange machines (10:00-20:00). Naha Main Post Office (9:00-21:00). TISO Japan currency exchange service desks can be found at Naha Airport, Okinawa, and Naha Airport Terminal 2 (10:00-22:00). TISO Japan offers exchange services for 18 currencies, including the US dollar, New Taiwan dollar, Hong Kong dollar, Korean won, Russian ruble, and Swiss franc.

International ATM Service (cash withdrawals)
Foreign credit and cash cards can be used at Post Office ATMs throughout Okinawa. Cards from the VISA, MASTERCARD, JCB, CHARGE, AMERICAN EXPRESS, Discover, Club C, CHINA UnionPay and DAVICOM can be used. Service hours vary by ATM. There are cases where ATM cannot dispense the card.

Consumption Tax
- An 8% consumption tax will be applied to all purchases. The prices displayed include this consumption tax. On some items, the price is indicated as “price + tax.”

Voltage in Okinawa is 100 volts/60 Hz. Please check the instruction manual of your appliance if it is to be used in Okinawa.

At Home

Food
- Water may be drinkable straight from the tap, but it is best to be cautious and not eat food in a country with a different culture. Some food is not appropriate for all tastes. Some food is not appropriate for all tastes.

Customs and Manners
- Most people only speak Japanese. In Okinawa, the Okinawans are very close to old Japanese food and have adapted the Okinawan lifestyle. The language is the same as today's Japanese, but the words are quite different. The local language is quite difficult to understand, even for Japanese from other prefectures.

Convenience Store
- Convenience stores are found along main roads. They are open 24 hours and sell a variety of goods, such as drinks, snacks, tobacco, rice rolls, sandwiches, convenience store items, and so on. They also offer conveniences to travelers. The three main chains are Lawson, Family Mart, and Seven.

Toilets
- Toilets are included in the hotel “hot to go” or “hot to go,” or an illustration of a man or woman. Most restrooms are Western-style, but Japanese-style facilities may be found in small places. In urban areas, restrooms are available at department stores, shopping centers, and convenience stores.

How to place international calls
- Free Wi-Fi is offered at some PoE tourism and tourist facilities in Okinawa.
- To call from the Naha International Airport information desk, call the local area code (81) 98-997-7150.
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When you make international telephone calls from public phones, please use 100 yen coins or 500 yen coins. With 100 yen coins and coins, use magnetic phone cards. The charges are calculated in 100 yen units.

WIFI

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Culture and Cuisine

Experience Okinawan Culture

Okinawa has ceramic and lacquer arts, dyed-woven textiles and glass crafts, which originated during the days of the Ryukyu Kingdom and have been carried on since then. The sanshin is irreplaceable in Okinawan music. Even today, many people practice karate, kobudo and other martial arts. The heritage of the Ryukyu Kingdom has been steadily handed down from generation to generation.

Pottery
Pottery is called a “kitchen in Okinawa.” All pottery made in the various parts of Okinawa have a simple yet beautiful feature and are given an additional charm. The representative production place of today is Tsuboya in Naha City and Yomitan Village in Yomitan. Pottery is entered into jigs, then fired in a kiln as well as glazes, decals and coffee cups. Some Tsuboya studios allow visitors to observe the production process.

Dried and Woven Textiles
Okinawan dried and woven textiles developed during the trade between southern nations and China in the days of the Ryukyu Dynasty. These styles originated in keeping with the culture and customs. These textiles have been handed down from generation to generation in various areas within the prefecture. Some of the typical styles are:
- Yomitan-style: Tsuboya, Naha, Yomitan, Okinawa City, Naha City
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Ryukyu Glassware
Production of Ryukyu glassware, which originated in the Moluccas, was restarted using unalloyed sand and water collected from the Moluccas during the 19th century.

Karei (copper repousse metal art)
Karei is a representative craft, which uses bare hands and originated in Okinawa. Legend has it that Okinawan traditional martial arts were influenced by Chinese bronze techniques and developed independently. The craft of Karei comes from the Chinese “t’ang” and has become the name by which this martial art is known around the world. Kusari is the martial art in which weaponry such as nunchaku, sai, and sai are used. It developed along with karei. The Okinawa Traditional Kusari and Kobudo International Training Center works to further educate and encourage participation of these martial arts both in Japan and around the world.

Ryukyuan Dance
Ryukyuan dance is the traditional dance of Okinawa. The word “Ryukyuan” may be used in a general sense. The dance is a unique cultural feature of Okinawan culture which originated in the Ryukyu Dynasty. Why not watch a Ryukyuan dance show and take yourself back to the days of the Ryukyu Dynasty?

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Sawing
The musical instrument essential in Okinawan music is the sanshin. It is said that sanshin is an improved form of the Chinese musical instrument sanxian. Although skin from the tropical jungle snake has been used to cover the sound chamber, today imported python skin and synthetics are mostly used. At sanshin concerts, you can also take lessons to learn how to play.

Ogimi Village: Number One Village of Longevity in the World

Okinawa Prefecture has the highest longevity in all Japan. On the Okinawa main island, that rate goes to Ogimi Village in the northern area. Many factors influence longevity and much attention is also paid to diet, with a simple plate of soy dish in Okinawa and mostly consist of vegetables, sea vegetables, seafood, tofu, the proper amount of meat and daily salt.

Access to Ogimi Village
Approximately an hour and half by car from Naha city. On north direction take the #338 Okinawa Expressway and Naha city.

Taste and Enjoy Japanese, Western, Chinese, Korean and, of course, the Local Okinawan Cuisine

Okinawa has a prosperous restaurant industry, offering many types of cuisine including Japanese, Western, Chinese, Korean as well as many Southeast Asian and South American restaurants. However, Okinawan cuisine is highly recommended due to its role in longevity and good health. There are basically two types of Okinawan dishes, the elegant cuisine prepared for the king and his court during the Ryukyu Dynasty and the more economical and reasonable dishes developed out of the sensitive wisdom of Okinawa’s everyday life. Both are influenced by Chinese and Japanese culinary cultures. During your stay, please try some Okinawan dishes with the local Uchina.uchi. 
Experience OKINAWA

Year-Round Activities Available on Both Land and Sea

With an average temperature of around 18°C year round, it’s the middle of winter, Okinawa’s subtropical climate allows you to enjoy outdoor activities all year round.

Yayamasa Islands
Each island of this archipelago has its own individual characteristics. There are a variety of dining spots around Ishigaki. The Shiranami reserve has groups of precious facilities on land and marine reserves also seen swimming through these waters. There are so many islands in the Yaeyama Channel between Okinawa Island and Ishigaki Island that you can come to call the area “Manta Mites.” The Yaeyama Islands have many points of interest including mysterious rock formations and areas where hammerhead sharks congregate.

Myoko Islands
Most of the Myoko Islands were formed out of protruding coral reefs and rocks. Due to the lack of natural rivers, the soil and sand often dry out in the season and the islands have vast stretches of sands white beaches and crystal clear blue seas. A popular diving spot is a large rock extending into the sea below the entrance to the Chatan Harbor. The rock formation is called Shonan Kaiyū Senkō, which is located off the coast of the northern part of Myoko Island, the largest island itself in Japan and a highlight for all sites.

Hahajima
An island of fishing in Okinawa is, after all, a big game fishing. People enjoy fishing from a boat for tuna, marlin and other large fish in the Hahajima area. A little more than the length of a ship on the line is more impressive.

Parasailing
A boat pulls your parachute as you gently fly into the sky. As you rise through the air, you can enjoy the sense of floating the contrast between sea and sky.

Banana Boat
Ride the exciting Banana Boat and enjoy the fun of holding on with your friends as you bump and brace against the strong winds.

Bumper Tube
Enjoy an adrenaline-pumping ride as the tube races across the water and jumps the waves.

Okinawa Main Island
If you want to enjoy sub-tropical, choosing, good cuisine and other attractions in addition to diving, then the Okinawa main island is the place for you. Popular diving spots can be found along the Kurima coast in Chatan, Mezuka Peninsula in Tanigawa Village, Onna Ston in Onna Village, Bannoya in Motobu Town as well as other locations. Okinawa also has many dive sites around Ishigaki such as the islands off the shores of Ishigaki, Kume Island, and Minna Island.

Scuba Diving
With its mild year-round weather and beautiful coral reefs, Okinawa is a diving mecca. If you would like to learn to dive, you can find a variety of courses from beach entry to more advanced classes allowing for certification.

Diving Kume Island
The ocean around Kume Island offers all of the advantages of diving in Okinawa — topography, variety of fish, and schools of fish — making it perfect for both novice and beginner. For expert, upper is the biggest coral reefs and the striking schools of fish are popular with experienced divers. There are many dive spots around the island that are accessible from the beach, so it’s no problem if you don’t like boats.
The Okinawa Millennium

In prehistoric times, groups were formed based on race or kinship in many parts of the island around the 10th century. Later, the Ryukyu Kingdom, which was ruled by the Ryukyu Kingdom, had a strong relationship with China. Ryukyuans called Shōnu were regularly received by the Chinese Emperor to foster royal succession. The Ryukyu Kingdom served as a transit trading hub and enjoyed great prosperity from commerce with the Japanese mainland and Southeast Asia. Then, in the beginning of the 17th century, the Satsuma Rebellion in southern Kyushu invaded and conquered the Ryukyu Kingdom. From then on, the relationship with China, Satsuma tightened its control over the Ryukyu Kingdom. In 1879, the 450-year history of the Kingdom ended by the Meiji government and Okinawa Prefecture was born. At the end of the Second World War, Okinawa was hit by the only land engagement of the war in Japan. After the war, Okinawa was placed under the American military rule for 27 years. In 1972, reversion to Japanese sovereignty finally came. In recent years, riding the wave of an Okinawan boom, the number of tourists is continuously rising.

Ryukyuan Dance, Kumiodori (Classical Music Drama) and Ryukyuan Music Flourished in the Monarchical Age

The origin of most traditional performing arts in Okinawa can be traced back to the dance and music which started during the Ryukyu Dynasty era to entertain Chinese investors or envoys (Baba). Kumiodori, which has been designated an Important Intangible Cultural Property, was created based on the performing arts in Japan and China by Tanaka of Shiku. An official of the Royal Office of Dance of the Shuri court, Ryukyuan dancers with their distinctive and gorgeous costumes and graceful movements were introduced at banquets to entertain the leaders of other nations during the Ryukyu Dynasty. During the Ryukyu Dynasty, Bungotokyo, the national art form of Okinawa, a three-stringed plucked koto of Chinese origin.

Techniques Transmitted from Generation to Generation

There are 4 traditional crafts in Okinawa: pottery, lacquerware, dyed-woven textiles and glassware. Since the 14th century, pottery, which is called Yobishii in Okinawa, has been developed with influence from China. For example, Okinawan pottery has a unique shape that is different from Chinese pottery. Okinawan lacquerware has a unique design that is different from Chinese lacquerware. Okinawan textiles have a unique design that is different from Chinese textiles. Okinawan glassware has a unique design that is different from Chinese glassware.
Throughout Okinawa, traditional festivals, events, sporting matches and music concerts are held year-round. People come together these events to meet each other and enjoy the festivities.

Traditional Events, Festivals and Sports Events, Uchinan-chu (Okinawans) Love Festivals!

30,000 Naha Marathon Runners

The Naha Marathon attracts the highest number of community participants of any Marathon in Japan. The course starts in Naha and continues with twists and turns throughout many cities and towns in the southern area, including Naha City, Haebaru Town, Yae Town, Nago City, Itoman City and then through Tomigusuku City.

Oscean Beer Fest

Localsbrew Oscean Beer holds Japan’s biggest beer festival in summer. Fresh beer along with the scenery is a hit with the local and foreign tourists. This event also features a food court, and fireworks make this a very party event. It’s held at the same time as the Okinawan Sama Festival in the Naha Sports Park Track and Field Arena next door.

Naha Great Tug-of-War

This traditional event is said to have been going on since the 17th century. The rope has a total length of roughly 70m and is registered in the Guinness Book of World Records. Around 15,000 participants join the event and are divided into East and West teams to compete in pulling the rope to the other end. When the rope is crossed, you can see a place of the grand homes as an anchor for good health.

Fireworks Display at Ocean Expo Park

The biggest event during the summer is the festival at Ocean Expo Park, which has the biggest fireworks show in all of Okinawa Prefecture. In addition, approximately 50,000 fireworks are launched into the sky. Firework viewing tours are available to watch the show from the sea on either a passenger ship or helicopter tour.

Major Events Calendar

- January: New Year’s Day, Shuri Castle Festival
- February: Shuri Castle Festival, Flower Festival
- March: Okinawa Marathon, Okinawa Prefecture’s Spring Park
- April: Okinawa Prefecture’s Spring Park
- May: Naha Port Dragon Boat Race
- June: Okinawa Prefecture’s Spring Park
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- November: Okinawa Prefecture’s Spring Park
- December: Okinawa Prefecture’s Spring Park
Lively Scenes of the Capital and Castle Town

Naha is the center of Okinawan politics, economy, and culture. Shuri once flourished as the castle town of the Ryukyu Kingdom, and even now shows a refined appearance with stone-paved paths and red-tiled roofs, etc.

OKINAWA CITY

Tsuboya Yachimun Pottery Street (MAP C-1)
Tsuboya is a district of Naha where many pottery kilns have been constructed. The area has a distinctive Brazilian-influenced town and was added to UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites in 1992.

Okinawa Prefectural Museum & Art Museum (MAP C-1)
The museum showcases the natural, historical, and cultural heritage of Okinawa. The exhibits include artifacts such as pottery, textiles, and wood carvings.

Shuri Castle Park (MAP C-1)
Shuri Castle was the castle town during the reigns of the Ryukyu Emperors. The Shuri Castle and Shuri Castle Park are designated as one of the World Heritage Sites.

Naha Cruise Terminal (MAP B-4)
A large cruise ship was completed for the first time in Naha city in 2018. It is about 15 minutes on foot to Kokusai Street.

Fukushuen Garden (MAP C-1)
Fukushuen Garden is a small garden built in 1899 on the 50th anniversary of a Okinawa visit by a high-ranking Japanese official. It is a symbolic garden of the Meiji era and is open to the public.

Shikinaen Garden (MAP C-1)
Shikinaen Garden was originally the residence of a local noble. The garden is now a popular spot for leisure and relaxation.

City Monorail in Okinawa

Minvo Sakahara (Traditional Music Pabo)

Okinawan folk songs are known as Shimassu. You can enjoy live folk songs performed while drinking at a pub or restaurant. Everybody will join in the singing and dancing as the atmosphere comes to.

For more details, please refer to the "Bien" Convenient Guide (02/22)
Southern Area of Okinawa Main Island

Pray for Peace Where the Battle of Okinawa Came to an End

The entire neighborhood of Maburi was designated as the Okinawa Battle Site National Park and the area is dotted with many important sites.

Solemn Site: Peace of Okinawa (MAP 2-1)

Victory Arch (MAP 2-1)
The last headquarters of the former Japanese Navy in the battle of Okinawa. The marker of the statue line has been preserved, and the battle of Okinawa was the scene of a large naval battle which made起来的 Commemorative Plaque it a formidable monument.

Okinawa World Peace Park (MAP 3-3)
Coral Reef Village, where the famous Okinawa World Peace Park is located, is the most famous Peace Park in Okinawa. The park is surrounded by a beautiful coral reef and is a popular tourist destination.

Central Area of Okinawa Main Island

Elaborate Theme Parks and World Heritage Sites
You Can Enjoy Marine Leisure Activities, too!

The central area of Okinawa is dotted with distinctive theme parks highlighting history, culture, and nature. The waterway surrounded by shoal waters is not only beautiful landscape, but you can also have fun swimming, windsurfing and fishing.

Ryukyu Museum (MAP 2-1)
The museum of Okinawa in Japan is housed in the former Okinawan Museum. The museum displays various exhibits, including ancient artifacts and traditional Okinawan culture.

Moriaki Park (MAP 2-1)
The park offers a beautiful view of the Okinawan coast. The park is surrounded by a beautiful coral reef and is a popular tourist destination.

Okinawa American Village (MAP 2-1)
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Katsuren Castle Site (MAP 2-1)
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Ishigaki Island

Nakashima Bunka no Mori (MAP 2-2)
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Koike-jo Castle Site (MAP 2-1)
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Terra VILLA Cave-ve (MAP 2-2)
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Okinawa Convention Center (MAP 3-1)
This is the largest convention facility in Okinawa. The center is equipped with a large hall, a small hall, and a convention center. The center has hosted numerous international conferences. The center is also a resort and a convention center. The center is also a resort and a convention center. The center is also a resort and a convention center. The center is also a resort and a convention center.
If it’s a Beach Resort You Have in Mind, the Western Coast is the Place for You!

Heading north from Naha on Highway 58, the ocean appears in clear contrast with its emerald green and deep blue colors on the left once you get to Yamada in Onna Village. The shoreline is dotted with many beaches and over 10 resort hotels over a 20km stretch to Nago. The well-maintained road and beautiful scenery provided perfect chance for a relaxing drive.

Resort Hotels

Nakijin Castle Reserve: ‘World Heritage’ (G-2)

Nakijin Castle was the residence of the lord of the Ryukyus before Ryukyu was unified under Chaozhou in the 16th century. Nakijin Castle was the center of the Ryukyu government and served as the residence of the Okinawan king. The castle was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000. There are various restaurants nearby.

Nakijin Castle

Tsudahama: Bird Watching (G-4)

This is Okinawa’s only tidal flat, a formation approximately 200 million years ago. It is a popular spot for birders and other observers who come here to observe the biology of the tidal flats.

Tsudahama

Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium (G-2)

This aquarium offers a wide range of hand-on experiences. From traditional crafts such as making salt from seaweed, to traditional crafts such as dyeing, tidal flat tours, marine sports such as diving and snorkeling, and even observing the Okinawan whale, this is a must-visit destination.

Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium

Kerama Hane Tanpo Lagoon (G-3)

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Kerama Hane Tanpo Lagoon

Photo: Haagei Opera

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Northern Area in Main Island

Indigenous Creatures Inhabit the Northern Forests

The northern part of Okinawa is a mountainous region reaching heights of 300 to 500 m above sea level. In Okinawa, it is known as Yanbaru. Precious fauna, such as the Yanbaru Kina (Okinawa Rail), Nogushigera (Pryer’s Woodpecker) and other animals, inhabit these forests.

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Churaumi Aquarium

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Yanbaru Kina

Nogushigera (Pryer’s Woodpecker)
Surprises as Many as the Number of Islands!

The Kerama Islands are known as one of the best diving spots in the world. Torishima Island is called the last unexplored region of Japan. Each outer island of Okinawa has a marked individuality.
Kita-Daito Island

Island Far off in the Sea

Kita-Daito is formed by protruding coral, where over 20 large and small ponds and marshes are scattered around the central area. The vegetation colony called “Chinokura” is designated as a Natural Monument of Japan.

Ishigaki Island

Home to World-Famous Valuable Blue Coral

The Yonaguni archeological site, located 400m southwest of the Okinawa main island, is a famous island where rice and sugarcane are cultivated. In addition to these, the island is known for its beautiful beaches, clear blue waters, and diverse marine life. The coral reefs are not only a tourist attraction but also an important source of sustenance for the local community.

Taketomi Island

Island with a Traditional Town

Located approximately 1 km north of Taketomi Island, this small island is known for its traditional straw huts and wooden houses, which have been preserved over centuries. Visitors can explore the island on foot or by bicycle, enjoying the peaceful atmosphere and the unique culture.

Irabu Island

Island with Rare Wild Creatures

This island is rich in nature and is also known as the playful region in Japan. The Okinawa dialect of the sea is spoken here, and the island is home to a variety of rare and endangered species, including the Amami Rabbit, a small, brown, and fluffy species found only on this island.

Yonaguni Island

Gentleness of the Undersea Ripples Becomes the Center of Public Attention

Yonaguni is the westernmost island of Japan. On a clear day, you can see the blue sky, white clouds, and the ocean. The island is known for its beautiful beaches and clear waters, attracting visitors from all over the world.

Kume Island

Island with a Long History, Lush Greenery, and Many Historic Spots

The island, which is located approximately 10km west of Naha City, is home to many historic sites. The island’s main landmark is the bronze statue of a horse, which is believed to bring good fortune to those who visit it. The island is also known for its delicious cuisine, including local specialties such as spicy okonomiyaki and grilled seafood.
Airport Limousine Bus Guide

The Limousine Bus Inks Naha Airport with the resort hotels in central and northern Okinawa. There are between 4 and 12 services per day, depending on the season. Please buy a bus ticket at the Airport Limousine Bus Counter in the domestic terminal, Naha Bus Terminal, or at hotels where the bus stops. On the spot payment is not possible.

Notes
- The bus arrives 15 minutes prior to departure. Please wait all the bus stop.
- Please show your ticket to the staff at the bus stop.
- Please load your luggage yourself. Please ensure that luggage stored in the luggage compartment is tagged. Take valuables and breakables onto the bus with you. The company takes no responsibility for breakage or loss.

Regular Sightseeing Buses

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Okinawa City Monorail (Yui Rail) Guide

The monorail is convenient for getting from the airport to central Naha and Shuri. There is a passageway from the second floor of the Domestic Terminal to Naha Airport Station.

Let's think of our fellow passengers

1. Smoking is not permitted on the train.
2. Using a mobile phone on the monorail disturbs other passengers, so please switch off your phone while in the train.
3. The station is located high above the road. Do not throw anything onto the road lanes.
4. Wait for your turn in front of the ticket machines. Ticket gates, elevator and platform doors.
5. Please hold your ticket on the train. It must be kept up to date, and you may not ride to the nonstop.
6. A ticket is required to enter the station, and it is not possible to ride the nonstop.

Step 1
Buy a ticket at the vending machine

The fare table and timetable are displayed above the ticket vending machines. Check the train to your destination on the fare table, and buy a ticket at the ticket vending machine.

Step 2
Hold the QR ticket over the sensor at the ticket gate

Hold the QR ticket over the sensor at the ticket gate and pass through the gate to enter the station. You will need your QR ticket to pass through the ticket gate at your destination, so make sure to keep your ticket.

Step 3
Go up to the platform

There is a central hall beyond the ticket gate. The platform is on the floor above. There are various ways to get there. Follow the sign marked "Platform". There go in both directions on either side of the island platform. See the signs to check which platform you need for your destination.

Step 4
Wait your turn to get off the train

When you arrive at your station, go down to the central hall, hold your QR ticket over the sensor, and pass through the ticket gate. If the train is not running, the ticket gate will not open. In that case, pay the required amount at the office. There is also a prominent red sign.

Okinawa Seasonal Calendar

Seasonal clothing

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<th>Season</th>
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<td>Winter</td>
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Seasonal notice

- December: Winter<br>Spring: March<br>Summer: June<br>Autumn: September

Average temperature and precipitation are provided for each season.

Notes

- Winter: Cold and snowy<br>Spring: Cool and rainy<br>Summer: Hot and humid<br>Autumn: Warm and dry

For more information, please refer to the official website of Okinawa Prefecture.
Tourist Information

Tourist Information and Interpretation Service, etc.

[Period: 1 May 2015 ~ 31 March 2016]

Hours: 9:00~21:00   TEL: 0570-077201 Only phone charges apply.

Currency Exchange

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<th>Bank of the Ryukyus</th>
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<td>* Washita Shop Main Branch (Tellers 08:00<del>19:00 3-2-2 Kameji, Naha Tel:098-850 8850 Open year round * Big Dip Makinomoto Branch (Tellers 08:00</del>19:00) 5-5-6 Makinomoto, Urasoe Tel:098-851 8000 Open year round * AEON Chisan Branch: (Tellers 10:00<del>22:00) 8-3 Motomoto, Chatan Tel:098-936 8886 Open year round * AEON Mall Okinawa Rycom Branch: (Tellers 10:00</del>22:00) AEON Mall Okinawa Rycom 1F Tel:098-923 2858/4 branches are same services.</td>
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<td>* Bank of the Ryukyu Naha Airport Branch Tel:098-857-8859 Currency Exchange: Semi Main Branch (No-Living Bureau) Open 8:00~16:00 (Weekdays) Saturday, Sunday and Holidays Closed * Naha Airport Building Central Information Center Tel:098-840-1179 Currency Exchange: U.S. Dollars only Open 16:00 ~ 23:30 (Weekdays) 7:30 ~ 23:00 (Saturday, Sunday and Holidays)</td>
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Naha City Map

At the capital of Okinawa, Naha City invites you to visit Kokusai St., Helwa St., Makishi Public Market, Tomari Port, Shuri Castle and other fascinating sights. Shops, restaurants, and more can be explored. When visiting Okinawa, start from Naha.