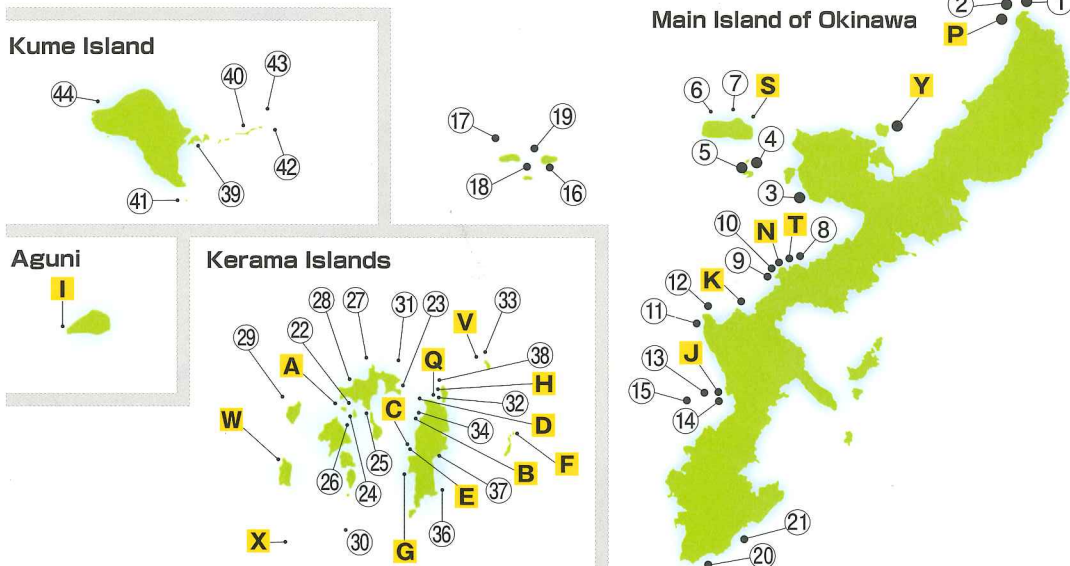


Best 100 dive sites selected by local diving instructors.

Diving instructors very carefully selected 100 diving sites out of over 300 in Okinawa. Check out information from people who are familiar with Main Island of Okinawa area, as well as the Miyako Islands, and Yaeyama Islands.



G In front of Hanari Beach

36 Unse (Gufachi)

Dogtooth tuna and mackerel are a favorite in summer, even manta can be observed in winter but be careful with the strong currents.

37 Arari

Sea fans, big ones up to 2 meters in diameter, decorate the landscape between the reefs. Manta often show up in the site.

38 Jitsuru

The dramatic drop-off and mature coral reefs captivate divers. From summer to fall is the best season for diving.

D Nozaki

Q Tamalulu

V Kuro Island

39 Anemonefish Castle

About 25-meter big sea anemone grows gregariously. Anemonefish and damselfish are everywhere. This site is one of the best anemonefish paradises.

40 Umagai

Pigmy seahorse are in deep sea, and goby and anthias live at the sheer walls.

41 Tonbara

A massive rock arch rises from the bottom of the sea. You may come across manta ray, hammerhead and whale shark.

42 Ugamizaki

Various species of fish, such as dogtooth tuna, napoleonfish, gold-lined seabream, whitechip and redfin fusilier, can be observed.

43 Under the lighthouse

A 35-meter fall with many chasms where is home to a variety of fish.

44 Under the Kitahara Lighthouse

Whale shark, dogtooth tuna and manta ray are often seen. Don't miss to see schools of barracuda.

I Fuzenzaki

27 Uchakashi (Yuhina)

This dynamic landscape includes a precipitously dropped wall. Beautiful corals in the shallows and dogtooth tuna offshore can be observed.

28 Nita Cave

A wide opening lets sunlight inside, beginning divers can enjoy the site without worry. Coral reefs outside are beautiful as well.

29 Takachinshi

Fascinating marine life; sea fans cover the cave's wall, dogtooth tuna swim around the cave, and slender sprat are near the waters surface.

30 Tomumoya North

Because the ridge of reefs are on the seabed and currents flow from different directions, dogtooth tuna and barracuda can be seen year-round.

A Gahiushiji (Akannakase)

W Kuba West (Cave route)

X Shimozone

F Maejima Paraiso

31 Ugan

Tremendous drop-off of 30-meter vertical falls into the deep. Dogtooth tuna and other big migratory fish often swim through the area.

32 Gishippu Waterway (Kamigu)

Popular fish can be observed; many anemonefish and orange-dashed goby in the sand area. The weak current is suitable for beginning divers.

33 Kuro Island North Twin Rocks

Stellar water clarity and dynamic landscape make this site very popular. Gobies can be observed in deepwater.

H Gishippu West

E In front of Tokashiku Beach (Fisherman)

B Ariga (Cable)

C Sanbonne

34 Rirukawa

Table coral expands without limits, and almost no current. You'll see pigmy sweeper, cuttlefish and many other sealife.

17 Double Drop-Off

Two story drop-off falls 50 meters in depth. You may run into whitetip reef shark.

18 Coral Garden

Multiple small sand areas are created at the bottom of corals and rich underwater life is found there. This is a great site for beginners and advanced divers.

19 Sand Highway

Reefs on white sand where you'll see colorful tropical fish. If you are lucky, skipjack and sea turtles will show up. Be careful with the fast current.

K Cape Maeda

J Sunabe Flower Garden

20 Johnman Beach

Three diving routes offer divers enjoy varied geography. It's a beach diving spot where hammerhead shark may be seen.

21 Ojima

The sand plateau has gobies and some branch coral. You may come across fingered dragonet and longfin snake-eel.

Main Island of Okinawa Area/Kerama/Kume Island/Aguni

22 Seabed Desert

Stark white sand spreads over the seabed. Sand tornados and other natural beauty attracts divers.

23 North of the Lighthouse

Swimming with the current, you can observe sea fans, crevasses and pigmy sweepers.

24 Under the Screwpine

The shallow shore has some reefs where colorful fish are swimming around. Suitable for photography and fish watching.

25 Amuro Coral Reef

As fish are fed, platyfish, blue-striped snapper and dozens of others will flock around you.

26 Nishibama

The shallow water is safe and comfortable for beginning divers. Reefs cover a gentle sand slope.

Main Island of Okinawa

1 Cape Hedo Canyon

Big fish including Sea turtles, napoleonfish hang out in this area. There is an underwater tunnel at 30 meters deep, and geography is dynamic.

2 Futagami Rock

It's a bare rock at a tip of Cape Hedo. The rock has two heads which drops from 3 to 35 meters. There is a good chance of seeing migratory fish and big fish.

P Cape Hedo Dome

Y USS. Emmons

S Ohoba No. 1

3 Sakimoto Gorilla Chop

It is a sand area with weak currents. You can feed fish and see a school of double-lined fusilier.

4 Nakanose West

Coral and small fish are in the shallows. If you go deep, you'll have a good chance of seeing dogtooth tuna, myliobatid and swordfish.

5 No.1 Buoy

Plenty of pink basslet and red-bar anthias are at reef base. Blue-spotted stingray and garden eels are in the sand area. Dancy goby is in the shallows.

6 Iejima Canyon

Stunning landscape of continuing peaks and valleys will remind you the Grand Canyon. You can see white-tip reef shark and napoleonfish.

7 Kananzeki Dome

The dome of the coral tunnel measures 15 meters in diameter and runs from there. This area is one of the best geographically attractive diving sites around Ie Island.

8 Seragaki Diving Point

Migratory fish, such as tuna and banded trevally, swims with the current from a drop-off. Moon fusilier and mackerel are commonly seen.

9 Onna Point

Abundant coral can be seen at shore dive. If you want to dive in walls, arches and crevasses, enter from offshore.

N Manza Horseshoe

T Manza Dream Hall

10 Apogama Point

A wall drop to 30 meters and a thrilling vertical tunnel where you can dive. Boat and shore dives are available.

11 Kouri Zanpa

This site is renowned for its drop-off. Variety of diving sites attracts both beginner and advanced divers.

12 Under the Lighthouse (Cape Zanpa)

An extensive series of 30-meter walls continue. You'll encounter with napoleonfish, sea turtle and other big ones.

13 Sunabe No.1

From corals, and sand areas to rich marine life; everything is in this site. Good for underwater photography.

14 Sunabe California Side

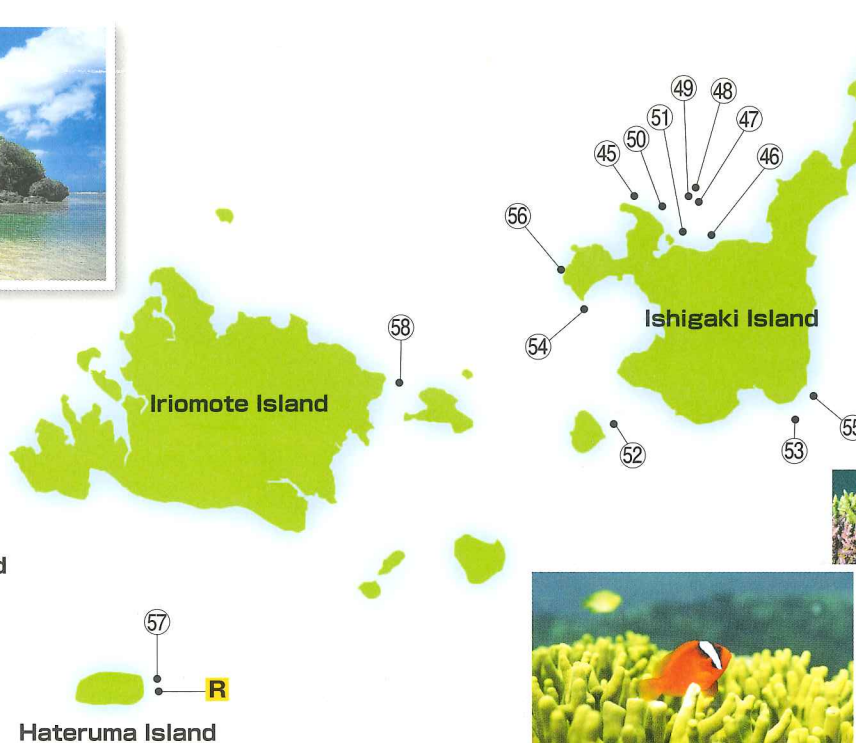
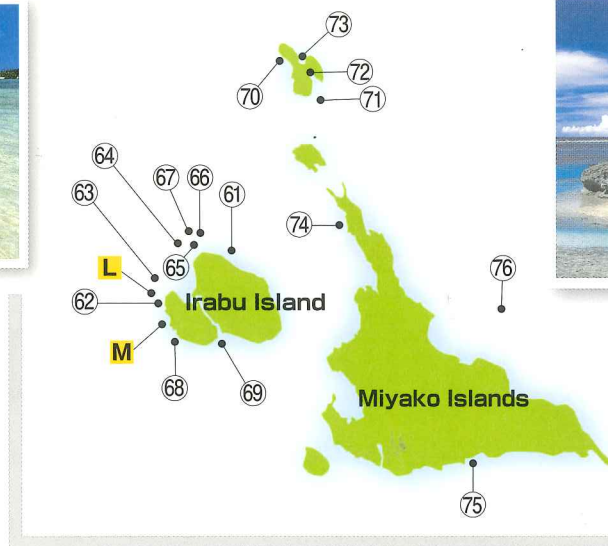
Famous for colorful soft corals. High chance of seeing exotic creatures, such as shrimp and crabs.

15 Gurukunzone

Beautiful site where table coral is decorating reefs. Recommended spot for underwater photo hobbyists.

16 Labyrinth

This site has arches, tunnels and has reefs at sand areas. Good for beginners and recreational divers.



L Devil's Palace

M Antonio Gaudi

69 Rock Beauty

Small rock reefs and table corals convey an underwater miniature garden. Blue clavelina can only be seen here.

70 Yaebishi Basslet Arch

Schools of brushytooth butterflyfish swim gracefully. Dogtooth tuna and other large migratory fish show up at the outer reef.

71 Kijaka

Corals grow thick near the water surface. A variety of larval fish and unusual fish can be seen here.

72 Yaebishi Sand Garden

Coral grows in the center of the Yaebishi sand area. Yellow sweepers are beautiful in summer. A good place for photography.

73 White Valley City

The sand area has shallow sides. You can have a carefree time watching fish and enjoying the sand area.

74 Belly Button No.1

The rocky reef is sticking out of the water like a belly button. Gobies, tuna and acropora shrimp can be seen.

75 Thank's Cow

A prominent mound of the rocky reef is a home for acropora shrimp and gobies. Slow currents in the area.

76 Tsufutsuwabishi Inner Reef

Inside of the crescent shaped Tsufutsuwabishi in the sand area you'll see coral and small fish.

Miyako Islands

61 Coral Reef

Lots of table coral formations can be seen from 15 meters deep. There is a wide variation of coral.

62 Toriike

One of the most famous diving sites in Miyako Island. Two ponds that are connected via tunnels with the open sea.

63 Triple Three

This site is renowned for three arches. There have been plenty of encounters with whitetip reef sharks.

64 Corss Hole

A cave vertically drops from 5 to 25 meters deep. Schools of caroline sweeper are swirling inside the cave.

65 Double Arch

Unique geography provides an arch, tunnel and crevasse in the shallows. From April to October is the best time to visit.

66 L-shaped Arch

A wide open dome and arches are on a reef. Lowly trevally and banded trevally visit here.

67 Shiratori Drop

Schools of slender cardinalfish appear like a big lacy curtain. Big migratory fish try to prey on them.

68 Nakanoshima Channel

It is an underwater maze with countless waterways and tunnels. You'll be mesmerized by the beauty of the bright and dark worlds.

53 Miyara Dogtooth Tuna Root

Facing to open ocean, visibility is great. As the point located in South of the island, winter diving is possible.

54 Osaki Lionfish Palace

Table coral is strikingly big and batfish show up to water's surface once a boat stops - it's a worthwhile dive site.

55 Shiraho

Blue coral, branch coral and Porites coral grow on white sand area. Good spot for snorkeling.

56 Yarabu Triangle Attack

Big fish, including dogtooth tuna and barracud, can be seen. Majestic geography also draw divers. Pigmy sweeper and other dwellers are in chasm-like hole.

57 East Double Arch

The large pendant reef has two arches over it. Whitechip and napoleonfish swim through the arches in flocks.

58 Yonara Suido, Iriomote Drift

If you are lucky, manta ray, blotched fantail ray, spotted eagle ray, bluespotted stingray and cowtail stingray can be seen at one dive.

U Nakanougan Island Two Reefs

O Yonaguni Underwater Remains

R Hateruma Hall

59 Hammerhead Rock

Huge building-size rocks drop 30 meters, where you'll find hammerhead and gigantic dogtooth tuna.

60 Moulin

Stark white sand area and arches split in four entice divers. Lionfish and paper scorpionfish are can be observed around the arches.

Yaeyama Islands

45 Ishizaki Manta Ray Intersection

Famous for watching manta ray. It's shallow enough to be perfect for beginning divers, 8 meters of water.

46 Nekko

Anemonefish reside in coral reefs, and garden eel are in a sand at the bottom of the reef. From March to November is the best time for diving.

47 Yonehara Double Reef (East)

Divers can witness mating and spawning of cuttlefish and bigfin reefsquid. You can swim with plenty of tropical fish in the coral reef.

48 Yonehara Double Reef West (Pukapi)

Branch corals grow abundantly. Shallow water, 3 to 5 meters deep, allows divers to watch coral closely.

49 Coral Garden

This stretch of coral is a breathtaking view. Many of them are brownish where small fish are swimming.

50 Kabira Bay Waterway

A water route whose current runs from Kabira Bay to open ocean. Often used for night diving.

51 シールド

Deep cracks in coral reefs run like a maze. As you explore deep inside the route, shrimp will welcome you. Good visibility.

52 Submarine Spring

48°C hot water springs from east side of Taketomi Island's seabed. Huge Gorgonian coral grow around the spring, whose nutrients may affect their growth.