

What sort of place is Koza?

Island. The city of Koza was established in 1956 by the U.S. military, and in 1974 it merged with the village of Misato to become Okinawa City. The current population is 134,890 people (as of June 1, 2010), making it the second largest city in the prefecture. Incidentally, it has the biggest population for a Japanese city without a railway, and it also has the largest percentage of children under 15 i Japan. Popularly known by the familiar name "Koza", it has flourished as the town next door to a U.S. military base, and even now, 36% of the region lies within the U.S. military base. Signs written in English line the street leading to the gate, and the foreign nationals lend a distinctive atmosphere to the area. The culture of the city is a stir-fry of Ryukyu culture passed down from our Okinaw ancestors and Chatan Town

range of music and entertainment, creating the new genre, Okinawan Rock. Okinawa has produced many famous artists including Rinken Band, Shokichi Kina Nenes and more recently Orange Bange, and there are more than 80 music-related establishments dotted about the city. The world of music in Koza goes at full blast, day or night. And let's not forget, this is the best place in Okinawa for Eisa. Around the time of the Bon festival, the youth groups of each area perform their parade, attracting people with the unique ohere. This is a broad-minded city he happy blend of different cultures. nce the delights of Koza with all Okinawa City

Okinawan songs, jazz, folk and a wide

Access (From Naha Airport)

By car or rent-a-car About 40 min (Okinawa E About 50 min (Standard roads) By highway bus About 40 min (Number 111/ Get off at Okinawa Minami IC) By bus

About 70 min (Number 113 / 123)

Seeing as the town has character, you'd expect the events here to have character too! From cosmopolitan events like St. Patrick's Day, to traditional Okinawan events, music, sports, bull fights - and many other events too special to reveal here.

Annual Schedule of Events in Okinawa City



Feb or Mar Okinawa Marathon



Okinawa City Craft Fair

June Eisa Day

April

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Peaceful Love Rock Festival July Kijimuna Festa 2010 ▶ 17th to 25th Agarinazato Eisa Festival Aug Fuzan Festival Okinawa Zoo & Musium Eisa Summer Festival Sep Bon festival All-Okinawa Eisa Festival Oct Eisa Stories Past and Present Nov Okinawa International Carnival ▶ 27th to 28th Gate 2 Festival ▶ 28th Dec

Sat & Sun between Jun 12 to Aug 15 Eisa Night

To learn more about Koza, get in touch!

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Okinawa Kodomo Future Zone

Koza is a place where children can grow up healthy and strong, to realize their dreams for the future of Okinawa. This is Okinawa City's declaration of its commitment to children, and here there's a children's wonderland that appeals to all the senses. Gathered in one place are the Age 4 to high school 100 yen wonders of science and the freedom of art, a museum to stimulate the imagination of children and a zoo where you can encounter some 130 species of animal including giraffes and lions. In 17:30(Last admission 16:30) Closed this theme park, kids learn by looking, touching and playing. Feeding time is cool – and is that an www.kodomo.cityokinawa.okinawa.pi elephant strolling around?!



2098-933-4190 9:30 to 18:00(Last admission 17:00),October to March until Tuesday Adults: 500 yen, Junior high:



PLAZA HOUSE

Japan's first shopping center, opened in 1954, under the America administration in Okinawa, A typical American-style mall. The area remains as it was, and at Roger's you can browse worldwide fashion trends. Now in its 55th year, the Plaza House Restaurant introduced Cantonese cuisine to the Ryukyus. With shops like Acute presenting Asian interior and fashion items, this spacious shopping area is full of



☎098-932-4480 10:00~20:00 Open

Chanpuru Ichiba

Heaps of fresh and crisp Okinawan vegetables. With heightened interest in food safety and a growing number of consumers demanding safer agricultural produce, this JA market has taken root as a new system for the production and sale of produce. The freshness of morning-picked vegetables, the peace of mind from seeing the producer's face, and the low prices made possible by local — 2697-2 Noborikawa, Okinawa City production and direct sale are good for your health and kind to your wallet.



☎098-894-2215 9:00~19:00 Open year round(Excluding New

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Histreet & Histreet II

A permanent exhibition of Okinawa City's post-war culture on Palmyra St. Here you'll find a recreation of an 'A' sign bar with a jukebox, autographed dollar bills left by U.S. soldiers and many other historical relics from the 27 years of the U.S. military administration. Photographs of the street scenes and people of that time convey the energy of the era, bringing those times vividly to life.



●1-17-17 Chuo Okinawa City 098-929-2922 11:00~19:00 Closed Mondays and national holidays www.citv.okinawa.okina

About Okinawa City A city of culture and tourism



The stir-fry of American and Asian cultures gives the city a unique atmosphere

Koza Gate Street

From the Chinese sphere to the Japacan sphere and back again. Okinawa's history is one of transitions between external influences. After World War II, U.S. bases were established here, and 36% of the city is still occupied by U.S. military facilities. Okinawa City is a multi-ethnic place where people from some 20 foreign countries gather, particularly around Koza Gate St.In 1974, Okinawa declared itself a City of International Culture and Tourism. With its colorful culture and customs, the city is proud of the many languages that blossom here and encourages cultural exchange. Indian, Thai and American restaurants stand alongside the cherished old-school Okinawan eateries. The roar of American motorcycles and a Samba Carnival vie with an identity rooted in the Eisa culture. Somehow this exchange of cultures generates a greater feeling of energy than the sum of its parts. This is

Sports convention city

The country's top athletes gather here, fueling childhood visions of future athletic glory



Okinawa City Koza Athletic Park

The average temperature year-round is a Sports Park every year draws excited sports. Okinawa City is a sports conven- in many sports, and it has received tion city featuring two large sports facili- certification as an athletic training cente baseball fields, swimming pools, training people from the surrounding commur rooms and other top-class facilities. Many ties, and it is also the storied site of the professional baseball teams hold their All-Okinawa Eisa Festival, fighting bul Hiroshima Toyo Carp training in Koza Rock Festival.

year makes Okinawa a powerhouse for training ground by top Japanese athletes Okinawa Athletic Park, with athletic and The Koza Sports Park is used by many



All-Okinawa Eisa Festival

drums is a soulful sound representing the Eisa Festival.

A midsummer night's tradition. Two energy of the people of Okinawa. Young months before the Bon festival of the old children learn by watching and absorbing calendar, the sound of drums resounds in the rhythm of the drums so that they too the night sky every evening. It's the start Iong for the time when they can take of practice for Eisa in the community part. In this way Eisa is passed on from centers of each district. "Chimu wasa don parent to child and from child to granddon" – Eisa season has arrived. Eisa is child, forming a bond that adds intensity particularly deeply rooted in Okinawa to the summer of Okinawa City. Every City, forming a strong part of the citizens' year in Okinawa City, the home of Eisa, identity. Every year on the Bon festival, youth associations selected from each ntense Eisa parades are performed in region of Okinawa Island gather in late each district. The boom of beating of summer for the awesome All-Okinawa

City of Eisa Declaration

A city that echoes to the beat of drums and

resonates to the timbre of the sanshin













KOZA MUSIC TOWN

Therefore Koza Music Town was established as a public-private enterprise aimed at local development in Okinawa large hall seating 1,100 people, music performances by the youth groups of each district of Okinawa City.

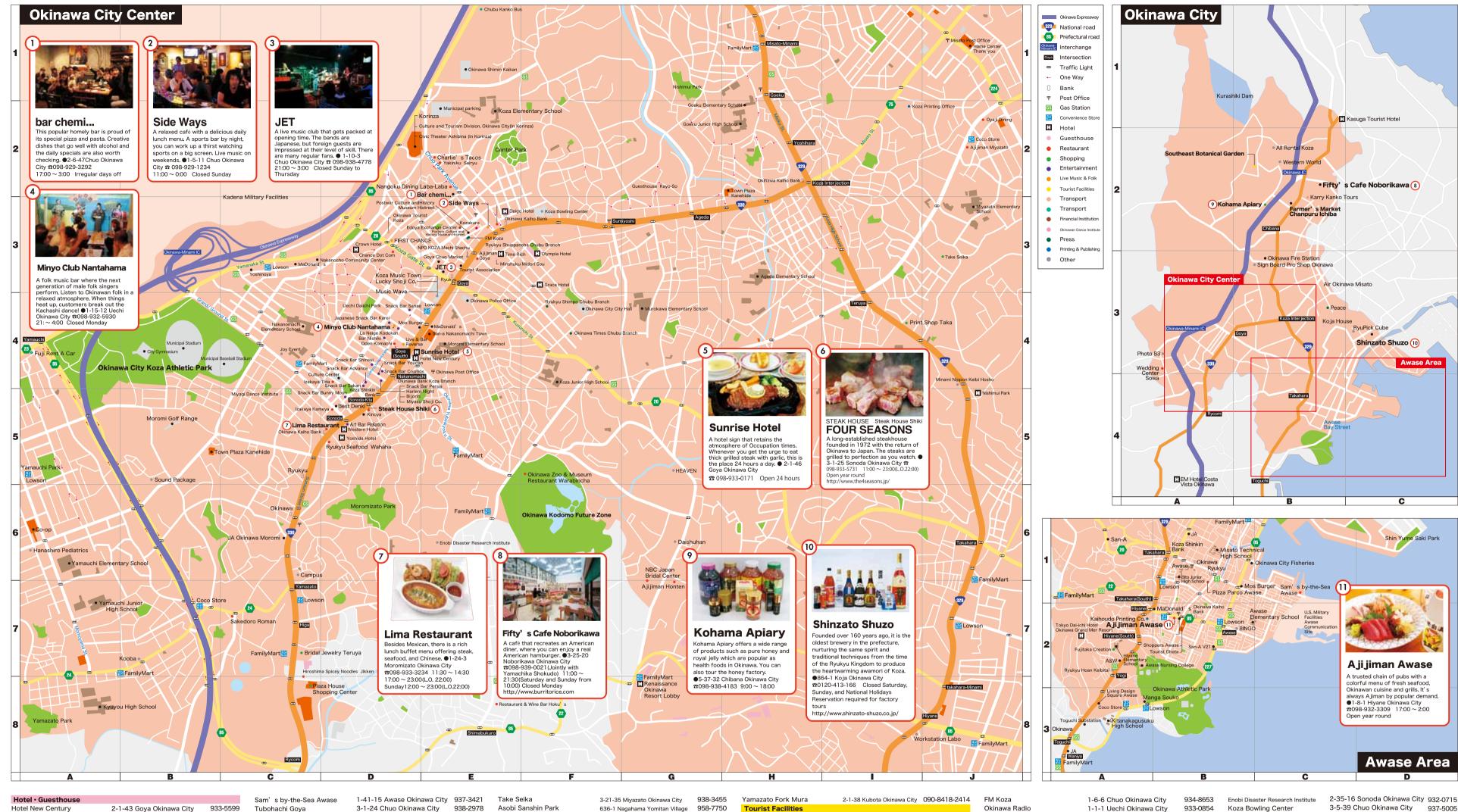




Nakanomachi

local Okinawan people. The whole area around Koza Gate St. was dedicated to only area where locals could drink in peace. Even now, Nakanomachi is a place where Okinawans like to relax. between the late evening and the following day.





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