

Neighborhood of Naha City

NAHA AREA MAP



Lively Scenes of the Capital and Castle Town

Naha is the center of politics, economy and culture of Okinawa. 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.



Naminoue Beach (MAP B-3)

The one and only beach in Naha City. You can swim while watching ships come and go from Naha Port and airplanes taking off and landing at Naha Airport. The beach is fully equipped with toilets, showers and lockers.

Naminoue, Naha City
TEL.098-866-7473
Bus #120, 99, 25
Get off at Kencho Kita-guchi~
Palette Kumoji-mae (in-ner city line)

#1, 2, 5, 15, 45
~Get off at Nishinjo bus stop
Approximately 10 minutes on foot



Naha (Wakasa) New Cruise Berth (MAP B-3)

A large cruise berth was completed for the first time in Okinawa on September,2009.
About 15 minutes on foot to Kokusai Street.



Kokusai Street

It is the main street of Naha and used to be called "The Miracle Mile" because of the rapid recovery after the post-war era. On both sides of the street, souvenir shops, fashion boutiques, gourmet restaurants, etc. are lined up.
Short distance from the Kencho-mae Eki Monorail Station



Heiwa Street and the Market's Main Street

Heiwa Street and the Market's Main Street are called 'Machigwa' by locals and are very popular. At the Makishi Public Market on the Market's Main Street, you can buy sea food on the first floor and have them cooked and served on the second floor.
15 minutes on foot from the Makishi Eki Monorail Station



Omoromachi (MAP B-3)

Also known as Naha Shin-toshin, it is the most burgeoning district in Naha City. Under an orderly readjustment of urban planning, new facilities such as large shopping centers, cinema-complexes, business hotels, bars and restaurants, etc. are continuously increasing.
Short distance from the Omoromachi Eki Monorail Station



Naha City Bunka-Tenbusu-kan, Naha City Arts and Crafts Museum (MAP B-3)

It is Naha City's complex facility complete with cultural facilities such as stores, a community FM satellite studio, galleries, a music studio, etc. Pottery, lacquer-ware, Ryukyuan glass-ware, dyed and woven textiles, etc. are exhibited and sold at the traditional arts and crafts museum on the second floor.
<http://www.tenbusu.jp/index.html>
Get off at Makishi on bus #25, 120, and about 2 minutes on foot
About 10 minutes on foot from the Makishi Eki Monorail Station

City Monorail in Okinawa

Fares ¥200~290 Adult (One Day Free Pass ¥600) ¥100~150 Child (One Day Free Pass ¥300)



The Vicinity of Kencho-mae Station

The neighborhood is in the west entrance to Kokusai Street. It is a spot where many businessmen and young people gather because the Prefectural Office Building and Palette Kumoji are close by.



The Vicinity of Miebashi Station

The area lies halfway between National Highway No.58 and Kokusai Street. Heading toward Kokusai Street, you can go to Mitsukoshi Department Store, Heiwa Street, Market Main Street, etc.



Makishi Station

It is located on the east side of Kokusai Street; souvenir shops, various specialty stores and cafes surround its vicinity. Tsuboya is close to this station.



Omoromachi Station

It is a new downtown area where new stores and shops have opened around DFS. It's fun walking around fashionable cafes, shops and large-scale shopping malls, etc. There is a cinema complex, too.





Tsuboya Pottery Village (MAP B-3)
Tsuboya is a town of pottery where kilns are gathered. The street is covered with lime-stones.
<http://himawari.naha-okn.ed.jp/~tsuboya/>
(English version available)



Okinawa Prefectural Museum & Art Museum (Map B-3)
The museum introduces the nature, history, and culture of the islands of Okinawa which are surrounded by the sea, based on it's main theme of "Live with the sea and islands – in pursuit of richness, beauty, and peace." The art museum's centerpiece is its exhibit of modern art by Okinawa-related artists, along with modern art from Japan, Asian countries and America.
<http://www.museums.pref.okinawa.jp>
(English version available)



Shuri (MAP B-3)
Shuri was a castle town during the ages of the Ryukyu Kingdom. The Shuri Castle, and other historical sites remain in Shuri, such as the Ryutan Lake, Enkakuji Temple, and the Tama-udun, the Royal Mausoleum. There are several Bingata studios.
Get off at Shuri Eki Monorail Station~Short distance from the Ishi-datami-michi bus stop on the 150 yen Bus Alternatively, short distance from the Ishi-datami-michi bus stop on bus #8



Shurijo Castle Park (MAP B-3)
The site of the castle where the Ryukyu Kings resided long ago. Exact year of construction is unknown, but it is recorded that the castle was built when the First Sho Dynasty united the Kingdom. Since then, it was expanded and maintained by the Second Sho Dynasty. Architectural characteristics of Japan, China, and Ryukyu are present in the buildings. The site was burnt down in the Battle of Okinawa, but a part of it was restored and rebuilt, and in 1192, the Shuri-jo Koen, or the Shuri Castle Park, was open to the public. In December of 2000, it became a part of the World Cultural Heritage.
1-2 Kinjo-cho, Shuri, Naha City, Okinawa, Japan. Tel: 098-886-2020
#1 from Okinawa bank honten bus stop , #46 from Naha bus terminal , #8 from Omoromachi , get off Shuri-jo koen iriguchi bus stop
#25 from Air port , get off Yamakawa bus stop , about 10 minutes on foot .
●About 15 minutes on foot from the Shuri Eki Monorail Station



Fukushuen Garden (MAP B-3)
Fukushu-en is a Chinese-Style garden built in 1992 on the 10th anniversary of a friendship pact with Fukushu City and as a memorial project of the 70th anniversary of the Naha City municipal system. It was constructed imagining beautiful scenery of Fukushu City such as 'Chien-shan', 'U-shan', 'Pin-shan', 'Bai-tah', 'U-tah' and 'Bin-jan'.
2-29 Kume, Naha City TEL.098-869-5384
Get off at Kencho Kita-guchi on bus # 25, 99, or 120, About 10 minutes on foot
About 10 minutes on foot from Kencho-mae Eki Monorail Station



Shikinaen Royal Garden (MAP B-3)
Shikina-en was the Ryukyu Royal family's largest villa. The royal family used it as a get-away and to entertain Sappushi (investiture envoys). It is a landscaped garden in the go-round style where you can enjoy the changes of scenery while strolling around the pond. It is one of the World Heritage Sites.
421-7 Maji, Naha City TEL.098-855-5936
#113 from Air port , get off Mawashi koukou-mae bus stop , about 10 minutes on foot .
City line #2 from Kenchou-mae bus stop or #5 from Okinawa bank honten-mae bus stop , get off Shikinaen bus stop

Night Activities

Okinawa has folk songs called 'Shima-uta'. The places you can enjoy live folk songs while drinking are known as "Folk Song Barroom".

When the atmosphere come to life, everybody sings and dances.



Minyo Sakaba(Traditional Music Pubs)

Minyo Izakaya Jizake Yoko-cho	3-8-13 Matsuo, 2F, Naha City	TEL098-860-3217
House of Nakada Sachiko Performing Arts	2-16-14 Kumoji, Naha City	TEL098-867-8761
Mihara	3-12-6 Yorimiya, Naha City	TEL098-853-9403
'Shima-uta' Place 'Naku-ni'	3-7-14 Tomari, Naha City	TEL098-868-3924
Folk Song Club 'Hanta-baru'	1-3-18 Tsuji, Naha City	TEL098-866-4047
Chakura	1.2.1 Makishi, 2F, Naha City	TEL098-869.0283

Ryukyu Cuisine establishments where you can enjoy traditional Ryukyu dance

Yotsudake, Kume	2-22-1 Kume, Naha City	TEL 098-866-3333
Yostudake, Kokusai Street	3-29-68 Kume, Naha City	TEL 098-863-4444
Urashima Kaikan	1-14-8 Wakasa, Naha City	TEL 098-861-1769
Ryotei Naha	2-2-11 Tsuji, Naha City	TEL 098-868-5577
Sama	2-27-1 Tsuji, Naha City	TEL 098-868-3251,4322

※For more details, please refer to the "Benri" Convenient Data (P. 26~)

SOUTH AREA MAP Southern Area of Okinawa Main Island

Praying for peace at the land where the Battle of Okinawa ended.

The whole neighborhood of Mabuni in Itoman City was specified as the Okinawa Battle Site National Park and dotted with various facilities related to the battle.



Sefa-uaki Sacred Site (MAP B-4)

Sefa Utaki is the highest holy ground, and is considered as one of the seven original utakis which appeared in Ryukyuan historical myth. In the Ryukyu Kingdom era, Kikoe-ogimi, the highest ranking priestess, was consecrated there. The king himself visited the place in February and April by the lunar calendar. (World Heritage Site)

#38 from the Naha Bus Terminal Get off at Sefa Utaki Iriguchi About 10 minutes on foot



The Monument of Himeyuri and Himeyuri Peace Prayer & Memorial Museum (MAP A-4)

The monument was built in dedication to the memory of the Himeyuri Corps, female students and their teachers who were mobilized as war nurses and perished in the war on Okinawa. Nearby is Himeyuri Peace Prayer & Memorial Museum, exhibiting the historical materials such as the survivors' testimony, dioramas and films from US Forces.

671-1 Ihara, Itoman City TEL:098-997-2100 <http://www.himeyuri.or.jp/>

#89 from the Asahi-bashi bus stop across from the Naha Bus Terminal

Get off at Itoman Bus Terminal→Transfer to either #82, 107, 108 bus and get off at Himeyuri-no-to



Ryukyu Glasswork Village (MAP A-3)

At the largest glass factory in Okinawa, vibrant colored Ryukyu glassworks are manufactured, exhibited, sold and the process can be closely watched. There is an art museum and studios where you can experience making glass wares, a restaurant, etc.

169 Fukuchi, Itoman City TEL:098-997-4784

<http://www.ryukyu-glass.co.jp/>

#89 from the Asahi-bashi bus stop across from the Naha Bus Terminal
Get off at Itoman Bus Terminal and transfer to either #82, 107, or 188, and get off at Namihira Iriguchi



Kaigun Navy H.Q. Park (MAP B-3)

The last headquarters of the former Japanese Navy in the battle of Okinawa. The interior of the shelter has been preserved. You can see the room with shell pocked walls which were made when Commander Ota killed himself with a hand grenade.

236 Tomigusuku, Tomigusuku City TEL:098-850-4055

Get off at Onoyama-koen Eki Monorail Station Approximately a 5-minute taxi ride.



Okinawa Battle Site Quasi-National Park and Okinawa Peace Prayer & Memorial Hall (MAP A-4)

The battle site park spreads out on the hill of Mabuni, the last battle field of the war in Okinawa. There are the Cornerstone of Peace (a monument on which are inscribed the names of all the war dead regardless of their nationalities in the Okinawa war), Peace Prayer and Memorial Museum, Peace Prayer and Memorial Hall, and memorial towers for each prefecture.

Mabuni, Itoman City

#89 from the Asahi-bashi bus stop across from the Naha Bus Terminal

Get off at Itoman Bus Terminal→Transfer to bus #82 to Heiwa Kinen-do Iriguchi bus stop
From there, 5 minutes on foot.



Okinawa World Cave Park (MAP B-4)

Okinawa World is a touristy theme park to have many attractions. The park's main attractions are a beautiful limestone cave "Gyokusendo Cave" which was formed of coral reefs, a village with workshops introducing the various traditional Okinawan crafts, an epic Okinawan traditional dance "Eisa" and a habu snake and mongoose show.

1336 Aza-Maekawa, Tamagusuku, Nanjo City

TEL:098-949-7421 <http://www.gyokusendo.co.jp/>

Get on #54 or 83 from the Naha Bus Terminal, A short distance from the Gyoku-sendo-mae bus stop.



Valley of Gangala

While touring the forest that stretches out in a valley created by the collapse of an underground limestone cavern in the company of a professional guide, you will come in contact with Nature and trace the mystery of life.(This tour is booking only.)

202 Maekawa, Tamagusuku, Nanjo city
TEL:098-948-4192 <http://www.gangala.com>
Take bus #83 or #54 from the Naha bus terminal, get off at the final stop, then walk for about two minutes.

Central Area of Okinawa Main Island

Elaborate Theme Parks and World Heritage Sites You can enjoy marine leisure activities, too!

The central area is dotted with theme parks with distinct features such as history, culture, nature, etc. The water way, flanked with shoal waters, is not only beautiful as a landscape but you can also have fun bathing, windsurfing, fishing, etc.



Ryukyu-Mura Village (MAP D-3)

Experience the history and culture of Okinawa in this theme park! You can tour the reconstructed folk village and observe water buffaloes turn a sugar grinder to squeeze sugar extract from cane, Ei-sah, Ryukyuan dance and such.

<http://www.ryukyumura.co.jp/>
(English, Chinese, and Korean PDF available)
#120 Short distance from the Ryukyu Mura-mae bus stop



Southeast Botanical Garden (MAP D-3)

This botanical garden has gathered over 2000 species of subtropical plants from Southeast Asia and South America. The scene of a paradise in the South spreads out before us. The Fruits Parlor, the Insect Specimen Center and a restaurant are located in the garden.

<http://www.sebg.co.jp/sebg/> (English version available)
#111 Get off at Okinawa Kita IC, and from there, a 10 minute taxi ride

Murasaki Mura (MAP C-2)

The cityscape of Okinawa in days gone by is re-created in this theme park. Traditional red tile roof Okinawan houses with stone fences are studded in the park flourishing with hibiscus and bougainvillea. Each house offers experience corners for various traditional arts and crafts.

1020-1 Takashiho, Yomitan Village
TEL.098-958-1111
<http://www.murasakimura.com/>
#28 Get off at Ufudo bus stop, from there, a 3 minute taxi ride



Palace of Confectionary (MAP D-2)

The palace is particular about freshly baked confectionary using only natural raw material of Okinawa such as purple sweet potatoes, brown sugar, pineapple and such. Besides an up-to-date sweets factory, there are two studios particular about homemade confectionaries: Japanese-style and western-style.

<http://www.okashigoten.com>
#28 Get off at Yomitan Bus Terminal, from there, a 10 minute taxi ride



Cape Zampa (MAP D-2)

It is a promontory that goes out from the northwest end of Yomitan Village. An approximately 2km bluff cliff makes for a dynamic sight. You can climb up to the top of the light house which is located at the tip of the promontory. (Admission is charged) The surrounding water provides some fishing spots and diving points for advanced learners.

Uza, Yomitan Village
#28 Get off at Yomitan Bus Terminal, from there, a 10 minute taxi ride



Nakagusuku Castle Site (MAP C-3)

This is the site of the castle built by the great castle builder Gosamaru during the Ryukyu Kingdom era. When American Commodore Perry and his men visited in the latter half of the 19th century, they praised the castle raising technique. The beautifully curving stone walls still remain, and the East China Sea can be seen from the heights. (World Heritage Site)

512 Oshiro, Kita-Nakagusuku Village
TEL.098-935-5719
#25 Get off at Futenma bus stop, from there, a 10 minute taxi ride



Zakimi Castle Site (MAP D-2)

Zakimi Castle was also built by Gosamaru. The oldest arched stone gate in Okinawa and the castle walls built in ashlaing with coral limestone still remain. From the top of the castle wall you can take a bird's-eye view of the East China Sea. Adjoining the site is Yomitan Village History and Folklore Museum, (World Heritage Site)

708-4 Zakimi, Yomitan Village
TEL.098-958-3141 (The Museum)
#28 Get off at Takashiho Iriguchi bus stop, from there, 30 minutes on foot, or on bus #29, get off at Zakimi bus stop, and from there, 15 minutes on foot



Katsuren Castle Site (MAP C-3)

The castle-remains stand at the height of the Yokatsu Peninsula which pushes out into the Pacific Ocean. It was built utilizing a natural palisade, and has a spectacular view looking down on Nakagusuku Bay and Kin Bay. A museum is set up at the entrance. (World Heritage Site)

#27, 180 Get off at Nishihara bus stop, from there, 15 minutes on foot, or on bus #52, get off at Katsuren Danchi-mae bus stop, from there, 15 minutes on foot



Okinawa Convention Center (MAP C-3)

It is the largest full-sized convention facility in Okinawa equipped with three different functions: an exhibition hall, a convention facility and a theater. The center has hosted numerous international conventions. In the Convention Center vicinity there is a resort beach, a port marina, a seaside park and an outdoor theater. The center also has glass boats, and is fully facilitated for after-convention activities, too.

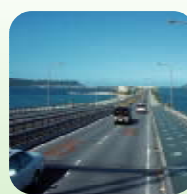
4-3-1 Mashiki, Ginowan City TEL.098-898-3000 <http://oki-conven.main.jp/>
(English version available)



Terme VILLA ChuLa·U (MAP C-3)

It is an open-air bath with dashing headspring water (no circulation of heated water), the first one in Okinawa. The brine spring water with sodium-carbonic acid hydrogen feels good. Please wear swimming suits and enjoy a natural hot-water spring healing spa, an ocean view pool, sauna and more.

2 Mihama, Chatan Town
TEL.098-926-2611 <http://www.chula-u.co>



Sea Road, Sea Station Ayahashi-kan (MAP C-4)

The total length of the Sea Road connecting Katsuren peninsula and Henna Island is 4.7km. You can enjoy shellfish gathering and marine leisure activities in the shallow waters on both sides of the road. There are sales corners for special community products, a restaurant, a marine culture museum, etc.

4 Okuhira, Yonashiro, Uruma City
TEL.098-978-8830

West Coast

WESTCOAST AREA MAP

If it's a marine resort you have in mind, the West Coast is the place for you!

Heading north from Naha on Highway 58 by car, the ocean appears in clear contrast between emerald green and deep blue on your left at Yamada in Onna Village. Many beaches and ten or more resort hotels dot the shoreline of about 20km from here to Nago. The well-maintained road and beautiful scenery is perfect for a drive.



Busena Underwater Park (E-3)

There is a developed coral reef with many tropical fish living in the water of Busena Resort. You can closely observe the colorful ocean from the underwater observatory. Going down the spiral staircase, swimming butterfly fish, anemone fish, etc. can be seen on the other side of glass wall.

1744-1 Kise, Nago City
TEL.0980-52-3379
<http://www.ocvb.or.jp/card/ja/0009000516.html>
#120 Get off at Busena Resort-mae bus stop, and from there, 5 minutes on foot



Maeda Point (D-2)

This is the most popular diving and snorkeling point in the Okinawa Main Island and is crowded with many divers of nationalities over the weekend.

#120 Get off at Yamada bus stop, from there, 10 minutes on foot



Cape Manzamo (E-3)

A sweep of natural grass, covering the top of a high precipice, is beautifully contrasted with the blue sea. Manza-mo makes its scenery the most magnificent in Okinawa. A promenade is provided, and a view of the northern main island and offshore Ie Island from there on a clear day is just spectacular.

2871 Onna, Onna Village

#20, 120 Get off at Onna-son Yakuba-mae bus stop, and from there, 10 minutes on foot



ANA INTERCONTINENTAL Manza Beach Resort (E-3)

#120 Get off at Manza Beach Resort-mae, and from there, 5 minutes on foot
Approximately 90 minutes on the Limousine Bus from the airport



Renaissance Resort Okinawa (D-3)

#20, 120 A short distance from the Renaissance Resort Okinawa-mae bus stop
Approximately 60 minutes on the Limousine Bus from the airport



Sun Marina Hotel

#20, 120 A short distance from the Sun Marina Hotel-mae bus stop

Resort Beaches

Hotel Nikko Alivila [MAP D-2]

600 Gima, Yomitan Village

TEL.098-982-9111

Cape Zampa Royal Hotel [MAP D-2]

1575 Uza, Yomitan Village

TEL.098-858-5000

Renaissance Resort Okinawa [MAP D-3]

3425-2 Yamada, Onna Village

TEL.098-965-0707

Hotel Moon Beach [MAP D-3]

1203 Maeganeku, Onna Village

TEL.098-965-1020

Sun Marina Hotel [MAP D-3]

66-1 Fuchaku

TEL.098-965-2222

Rizzan Sea Park Hotel Tancha Bay [MAP D-3]

1496 Tancha

TEL.098-964-6611

ANA INTERCONTINENTAL Manza Beach Resort [MAP E-3]

2260 Seragaki

TEL.098-966-1211

Hotel Miyuki Beach [MAP E-3]

1583-2 Afuso

TEL.098-967-8031

Okinawa Kariyushi Beach Resort Ocean Spa [MAP E-3]

2591-1 Yashibaru, Nakama

TEL.098-967-8731

Okinawa Sun Coast Hotel Beach Resort [MAP F-3]

108 Koki, Nago City

TEL.0980-53-0330

The Busena Terrace Beach Resort [MAP F-3]

1808 Kise, Nago City

TEL.0980-51-1333

Kanucha Bay Hotel & Villas [MAP F-4]

156-2 Abu, Nago City

TEL.0980-55-8880

JAL Private Resort Okuma [MAP H-3]

913 Okuma, Kunigami Village

TEL.0980-41-2222



Northern Area in Main Island

Forest Inhabited by Indigenous Creatures

The Northern part of Okinawa is a mountainous district where mountains of 300~500m above sea level range in the middle of the area. The locals call the area 'yanbaru'. The precious fauna such as Yambaru Kuina (Okinawa Rail), Noguchigera (Pryer's Woodpecker), etc. live in this area.



Kanna Thalasso Okinawa (E-3)

The theme of the place is 'Thalasso Therapy', a natural healing process utilizing the beautiful nature of Ginoza Village and its marine environment, and also provide a space for rest and ease. Heated ocean water is used for a herb bath, neck shower, sauna, exercise pool, jet bath, rocky bath, etc.

1817 Aza-Kanna, Ginoza Village
TEL.098-983-2323
<http://www.kanna-thalasso-okinawa.co.jp/>
#77, 21 Get off at Kanna bus stop, from there, 5 minutes on foot



Bankoku Shinryo-kan (E-3)

This facility was used for the top-level meeting when the 2000 Kyushu-Okinawa G8 Summit was held in Okinawa. Even after the Summit, various international conferences have been carried out there. The Busena Terrace Resort, a top class resort in Okinawa famous for its services and amenities, is contiguous to the Bankoku Shinryokan.

<http://www.shinryokan.com/top.html>
(Available in English, Chinese, Simplified Chinese characters & Korean)
#20, 120 Get off at Busena Resort-mae bus stop, and from there, 10 minutes on foot

Neo-Park Okinawa Nago Natural Park of Fauna and Flora (F-3)

This is a theme park where you can have a close look at the fauna and flora living in four separate zones, each representing Latin America, Southeast Asia, Oceania and Africa. Flamingos, elephant tortoises, squirrel monkeys are kept here. This is the only place where the domesticated Okinawa Rail (designated as a national protected species) can be observed.

<http://www.neopark.co.jp/>
Nago B,T→a5min taxi ride



Okinawa Fruits Land (F-3)

This is a botanical garden which raises subtropical fruits such as banana, papaya, pineapple, etc. Harvested fruits can be sampled at a stand and fresh juice, fruits sets, and original sponge cakes are sold there.

1220-71 Bimata, Nago City
TEL.0980-52-1568
<http://www.okinawa-fruitsland.com/>
From Nago Bus Terminal, take #70, 76, to Meio Daigaku Iriguchi-mae bus stop, and from there, a 1 or 2 minute walk



Yanbaru Subtropical Garden (F-3)

This is a botanical garden with more than 200 varieties of subtropical plants. The primeval forest of 10m tree ferns, called living plant fossils may remind you of a jungle in the dinosaur era. Okinawa's special products and its original confectionary like Okinawan doughnuts are sold at the stand.

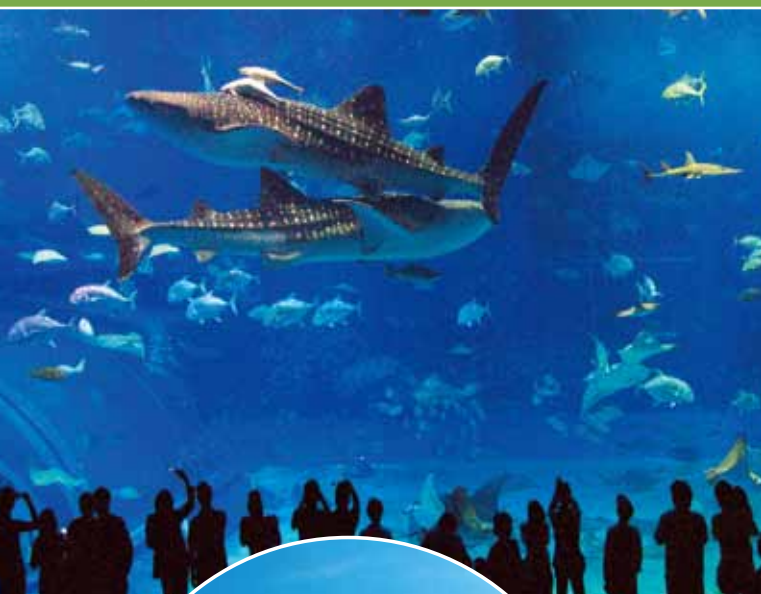
1024-1 Nakayama, Nago City
TEL.0980-53-0007
<http://www.yanbaru.co.jp/>
From Nago Bus Terminal, take #70, 76 to Mitodote bus stop, and from there, 5 minutes on foot



Nago Pineapple Park (F-3)

Various confectionaries and wines are made using pineapple as the raw material and are sold. You can tour the pineapple field and winery to observe the production process of a fruity pineapple wine 'La Glima del Sol' and taste it.

1195 Bimata, Nago City
TEL.0980-53-3659
<http://www.nagopain.com/>
(English version available)
From Nago Bus Terminal, take #70, 76, to Meio Daigaku Iriguchi-mae bus stop, and from there, 5 minutes on foot



Ocean Expo Park and Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium (F-2)

This park is located in the site where the International Ocean Exposition was held in 1975. In the park, there is the world's largest aquarium, the Tropical Dream Center with orchids of world class rareness, a home village where old Okinawan houses along the street are re-created and a dolphin theater where you can enjoy dolphin shows.

424 Ishikawa, Motobu Town TEL.098-48-2741
<http://www.kaiyohaku.com/>
(English version available)
From Nago Bus Terminal, take #70, #65, #66 to Kinen Koen-mae bus stop, A short distance from there.



Outer Islands Surrounding the Main Island

ISLAND AREA MAP

The Great Allure of the Small Islands

The outer islands are just a pleasant short trip away from the main island. These islands are full of charm and character for you to enjoy their various and diverse attractions.



Tokashiki Island

The largest island of the Kerama Islands, this island floats 32 km west of Naha. With its world-renown degree of transparency, the underwater world off Tonaki Island is one of the best places to go diving in all of Japan.



Zamami Island

Every year from January to April, the surrounding waters of the island become breeding grounds for humpback whales. See their magnificent dances as they flap their fins and take dynamic jumps in the great big sea.



Kudaka Island

This island is located approximately 5.3 km to the east from Cape Chinen, and is 8 km in perimeter. This sacred island is revered as "The Island of the Gods" where the legendary ancestor of the Ryukyus, Amami-kiyo, descended to earth and first introduced grain to the people.



Tsuken Island

This island, with its flat terrain, is famous for the abundant production of carrots, and is located about 4 km from the tip of the Katuren Peninsula. Tomai Hama (Tsuken Beach) is in the shape of a circular arch and is the most beautiful beach on the island to swim and enjoy the waters.



Aka Island / Geruma Island

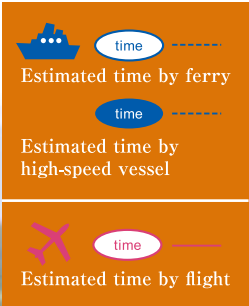
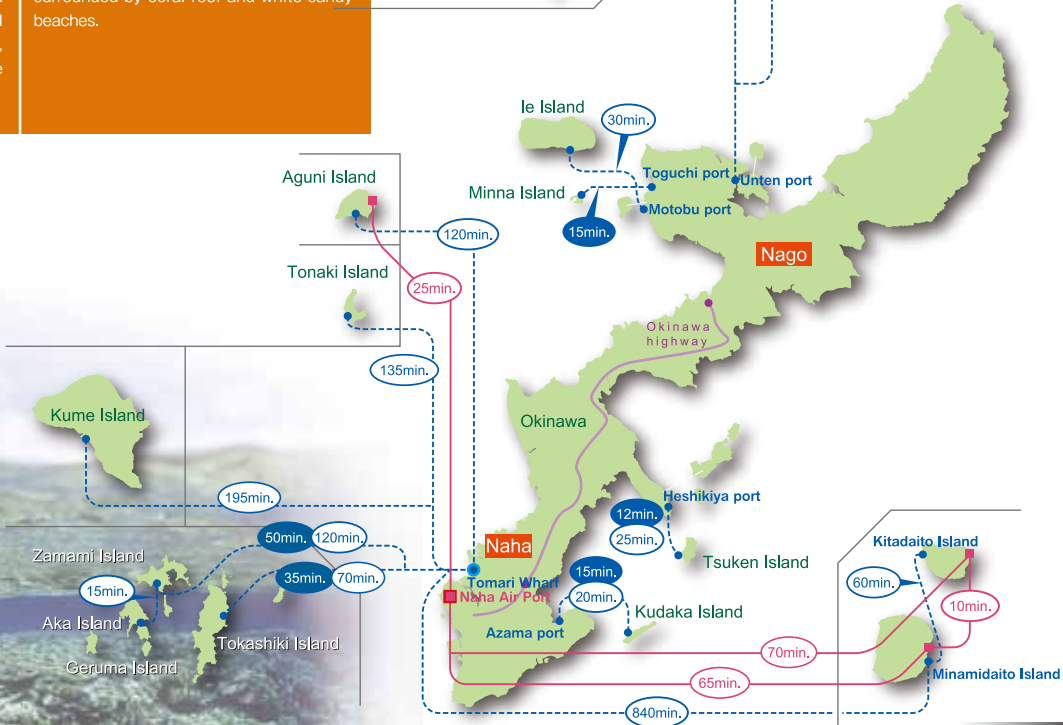
On these islands connected by the Aka Ohashi bridge, spread before your eyes is a magnificent ocean view, created by the contrasts of crystal-clear seas and oddly-shaped stones along the coast. On Aka Island, the Night Tour is recommended where you can observe the Kerama Deer, designated as a Natural Monument of the Nation.



Minna Island

A wonderful island, just 15 minutes away on a high-speed vessel from Toguchi Port in Motobu Town, offering various marine activities. This croissant-shaped island is surrounded by coral reef and white sandy beaches.

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Surprises as many as the number of islands!

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

Izena Island



Island with deep ties to the Second Sho Shi Dynasty of the Ryukyu Kingdom

The island has a number of cultural assets, and is known as the birthplace of King Sho En, ancestor to the Second Sho Shi Dynasty of the Ryukyu Kingdom. You can camp on Izena Island worry-free, as there are no poisonous habu snakes here.



By Ship
55min from Unten Port,(Map G-3) 2svc/day

Izena Island



Iheya Island Noho Island



Island with deep ties to the First Sho Shi Dynasty of the Ryukyu Kingdom

These islands have many historical sites, intriguing all those who visit. It is said that Yagura-Ufunushi, the ancestor to the First Sho Shi and Sho Hashi Dynasty called these islands home. You will discover legendary sites like the Ama-no Iwato, or the stone gates to heaven, and the historical tomb of the Yagura.



By Ship
80min from Unten Port,(Map G-3) 2svc/day

Iheya Island

Noho Island



Kita Daito Island



An 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 "Chomaku" is designated as a Natural Monument of Japan.



Flights
70min from Naha Airport 1 svc/day



By Ship
13hrs from Tomari Port,(Map B-3) Naha 1 svc/week

Kita Daito Island



Minami Daito Island



With sugar cane as the Island's main crop

The mystic allure of the island is ever-present in the sugarcane fields covering the island, the underground stalactite caves and lakes. You can see various fauna and flora including the Daito fruit bats and the ohirugi mangrove at Ooike.



Flights
70min from Naha Airport 2svc/day

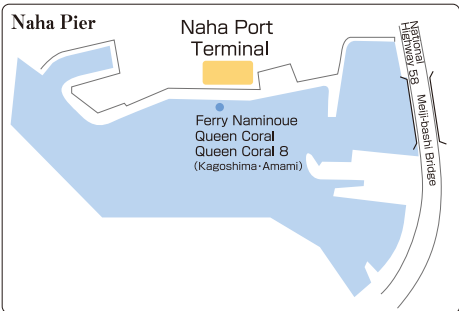


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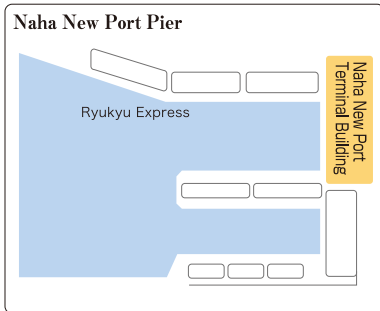
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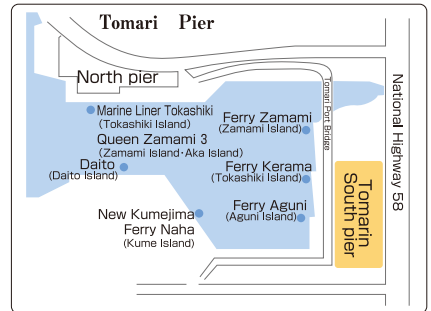
Piers in Naha City (Naha Pier, Naha New Port Pier & Tomari Pier)



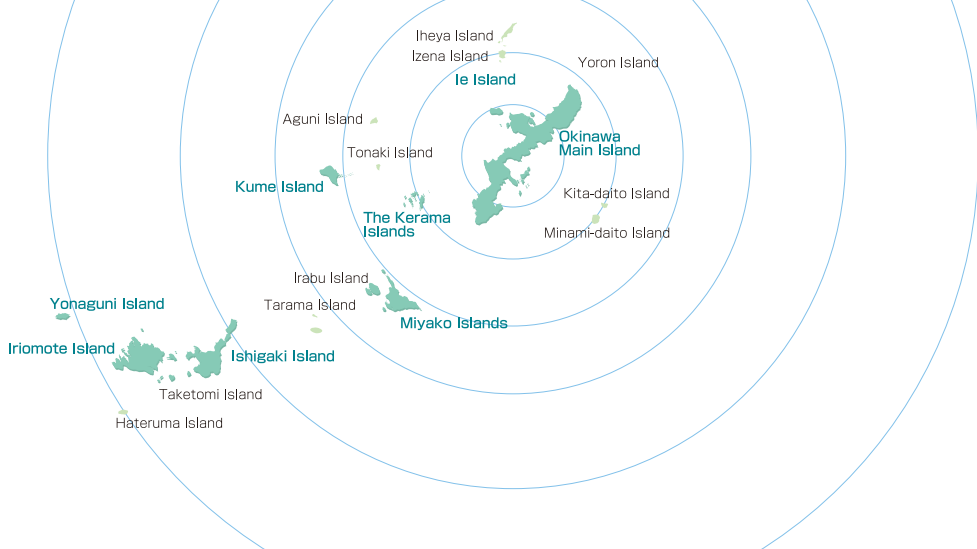
Bus #1,3,5,15,45 Get off at Naha Ko-mae bus stop [MAP B-3]



Bus #101 Get off at Futo Iriguchi bus stop [MAP B-3]



Bus #3,11,20,21,23,27,28,29,31,52,63,77,99,120 Get off at Tomari Takahashi bus stop [MAP B-3]



Ie Island



Iezima of islands



By Ship

30min from Motobu Port (Map F-2) 4~8svc/day

Many Superb Spots for both Diving and Fishing

You can see both bluffs in the north and white sandy beaches in the south. The sole mountain in the island is called 'Tacchuu' which can be seen from any place in the island and is considered the island's guardian. Many wonderful spots for diving and fishing are available. In the lily field park, which is located on the north of the island, white trumpet lilies of 20 thousands roots bloom from the end of April to the beginning of May, every year.



Aguni Island



Flights

25min from Naha Airport 2svc/day



By Ship

2hrs from Tomari Port, (Map B-3) Naha 1svc/day

With beautiful rows of garcinia trees

Located approximately 60 km north-west of Naha, this island is known as being the filming location of the movie, "Nabbie's Love." The island is full of cycad, or king sago palm, with a beautiful sandy coastline to the east, and sheer cliff along the west coast.

Aguni Island



Tonaki Island



By Ship

2 1/4 hrs from Tomari Port, (Map B-3) Naha 1svc/day

Traditional residences still remain here

Tonaki Island is 16 km in perimeter, and is located between Kumejima and Aguni Island. Designated as one of Preservation Districts for Groups of Historic Buildings in Japan, you will encounter red-tile roofs and unique Fukugi tree-lined views.

Tonaki Island



Kume Island



Flights

25min from Naha Airport 3~5svc/day



By Ship

3 1/4 hrs from Tomari Port, (Map B-3) Naha 1~2svc/day

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

There are many historic sites in the Island, and is located about 90 km west of Naha City. Kume Island is covered with rich greenery. Ifu beach, located on the east of the island, and 'Hate-no Hama', an island made of only sandy beaches, are the two popular spots. The traditional art work, Kumejima Pongee is said to be the root of Japanese pongee. Recently, deep sea mineral water from a depth of 600m is fully utilized for merchandise development such as food, cosmetics, etc. Additionally, a warm 100 % deep sea mineral water bath remedy facility called 'Bade House Kume' has become the talk of the town.

Kume Island



Taketomi Island



Miyako Island



Ishigaki Island



Iriomote Island



Yonaguni Island



Taketomi Island



By Ship

By boat it takes 10 minutes from Ishigaki Island; there are 20 trips a day.

An island with a traditional town

With trails of white sand, flowers peaking out from stonewalls, and homes with red tile roofs – a traditional Okinawan town still remains strongly in evidence on the island of Taketomi. In 1987, this island was designated as a national Important Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings. Many tourists enjoy a leisurely tour around the village on a wagon drawn by a water buffalo.

Miyako Island



Flights

50min from Naha Airport 12~13 svc/day

The contrast with snow white sandy beaches captivates visitors' hearts.

Miyako Island is rather a flat island when seen from the side. A lack of rivers should explain the high transparency of the water. The blue color of the ocean differs depending on the coral reef and sand. It has a unique beauty, and is called 'Miyako Blue'. The contrast with the dazzling white beaches captures the visitors' hearts. Besides marine leisure activities, well equipped resort hotels and golf courses are suitable for a long stay for a fully enjoyable visit.

Ishigaki Island



Flights

60min from Naha Airport 22~27svc/day

The Habitats of World-recognized Valuable Blue Coral Are Here!

The Yaeyama archipelago is located 400 km southwest of mainland Okinawa. Ishigaki island is the main island of this island group. Direct flights to and from Tokyo and Osaka are in service besides from Naha and Miyako. Also, steamers to each island of the archipelago arrive and depart from Ishigaki Island. Because Ishigaki island escaped from the Okinawa war, the good old times of prewar Okinawa remain clearly. The world-recognized precious blue coral lives in the offshore of Shiraho, which is located on the west side of the island.

Iriomote Island



By Ship

35min by High-speed Ship from Ishigaki Port to Ohara Port (Map B-2)19~21 svc/day
40min by High-speed Ship from Ishigaki Port to Funaura Port (Map B-1)10svc/day
40min by High-speed Ship from Ishigaki Port to Uehara Port (Map B-1)5~18svc/day

Island with Rare Wild Creatures

This island with rich nature is also called 'the last unexplored region in Japan' and 'the Galapagos of the East' and 90% of the island is covered by subtropical jungle. Okinawa's largest mangrove swamp extends into the mouth of a river. It is home to rare wild animals such as Iriomote wildcats, crowned eagles, round-back tortoises, etc. Eco-tourism with activities like trekking and canoeing, etc. is very popular.

Yonaguni Island



Flights

95min from Naha Airport 4svc/wk
30min from Ishigaki Airport 1~2svc/day



By Ship

4.5hrs from Ishigaki Port (Map C-1)2svc/wk

Genuineness of the Undersea Ruins Became the Center of Public Attention

Yonaguni is the westernmost island of Japan. On a clear day, a shadow of Taiwan, which is located 100 km away, can be seen. It is also famous for big game fishing for marlin and tuna that migrate on the Kuroshio current which passes inshore of the island. The island's 'awamori' called 'Hanazake' contains 60% alcohol. In recent years, some artificial looking structures were found at the bottom of the southern sea and has been gathering public attention if it is true to legend.