

## Practical Travel Guide - 709

## OKINAWA



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## OKINAWA ISLAND

**The Island of Okinawa** (沖縄島), some 685 km away from the south-western tip of Kyushu, is the largest of a string of 70-odd islands and islets of the Ryukyu Islands. Okinawa itself has a subtropical climate boasting plants and flowers all year round. Coral reefs, emerald seas and

sunny skies attract sea and sunbathers all year round. Okinawa also abounds in sites of historical interest. Its rich cultural heritage differs markedly from that found in mainland Japan.

**Access:**

Naha (那覇), the capital city of Okinawa, is the gateway to and from Okinawa for both seaborne and airborne visitors.

**By Air:** 15 min. by bus from Naha Airport to Central Naha City

To	From	Operated by	Time required
Naha 那覇	Haneda (Tokyo)	羽田	ANA, JAL, JTA, SKY
	Narita (Tokyo)	成田	ANA, JTA, SKY, JJP, WAJ
	Itami (Osaka)	伊丹	ANA, JAL
	Kansai (Osaka)	関西	ANA, JTA, JJP, APJ
	Sendai (Miyagi)	仙台	ANA
	Komatsu (Kanazawa)	小松	JTA
	Chubu (Nagoya)	中部	ANA, JTA, SKY
	Kobe	神戸	ANA, SKY, SNJ
	Fukuoka	福岡	JTA, ANA, SKY, APJ
	Okayama	岡山	JTA
	Hiroshima	広島	ANA
	Matsuyama	松山	ANA
	Takamatsu	高松	ANA
	Nagasaki	長崎	ANA
	Kumamoto	熊本	ANA
	Miyazaki	宮崎	ANA, SNJ
	Kagoshima	鹿児島	ANA, SNJ
Amami-oshima	奄美大島	RAC	
Yoron	与論	RAC	
			2 hrs. 50 min.
			3 hrs. 20 min.
			2 hrs. 15 min.
			1 hrs. 50 min.
			3 hrs.
			2 hrs. 45 min.
			2 hrs. 30 min.
			1 hr. 55 min.
			1 hrs. 45 min.
			2 hrs. 15 min.
			2 hrs. 5 min.
			2 hrs.
			2 hrs. 5 min.
			1 hr. 25 min.
			1 hr. 30 min.
			1 hr. 25 min.
			1 hr. 20 min.
			1 hr. 10 min.
			40 min.

JAL = Japan Airlines, ANA = All Nippon Airways, JTA = Japan Transocean Air, RAC = Ryukyu Air Commuter, SKY = Sky Mark Airlines  
JJP = Jet Star, SNJ = Solaseed Air, WAJ = Vanilla Air, APJ = Peach Aviation

**By Sea:**

To	From	Operated by	Time required	One-way fare	Access to the port
Naha 那覇	Tokyo (Ariake Pier) 有明埠頭	Marue Ferry マルエーフェリー	50 hrs.	¥26,720 – ¥62,980	15-min. walk from Kokusai-Tenjijo-Seimon Sta. on Yurikamome Line
	Osaka (Nanko Pier) 大阪南港		40 hrs.	¥21,380 – ¥40,710	5-min. walk from Ferry Terminal Sta. on the New Tram Line
	Kobe (Rokko Island Pier) 六甲アイランド		40 hrs.		10 min. by bus from Kita-guchi Sta.
	Kagoshima Shinko Pier 鹿児島新港		24 hrs. 40 min.	¥15,660 – ¥37,580	15 min. by bus or 10 min. by taxi to Shinko Pier from JR Kagoshima Chuo Sta.

**Marue Ferry:** Tokyo Office Tel. (03) 5643-6170  
Osaka Office Tel. (06) 6341-8071

## Places of Interest by Bus:

To	Route No	Name of Bus Stop
Okinawa Prefectural Museum & Art Museum (沖縄県立博物館・美術館)	3, 7, 10, 11	Kenritsu Hakubutsukan-mae (県立博物館前)
Shurijo Castle (首里城)	1, 7, 14, 17, 46	Shurijo Koen Iriguchi (首里城公園入口)
	8	Shurijo-mae (首里城前)
Shikinaen Garden (識名園)	2, 3, 5, 14	Shikinaen-mae (識名園前)
Himeyuri Monument / Himeyuri Peace Museum (ひめゆりの塔／ひめゆり平和資料館)	*82, *107, *108	Himeyurinetou-mae (ひめゆりの塔前)
Mabuni Hill / Peace Memorial Park (摩文仁の丘／平和祈念公園)	*82	Heiwakinendo Iriguchi (平和祈念堂入口)
Okinawa World (おきなわワールド)	54, *81, *82, 83	Gyokusendo-mae (玉泉洞前)
Chinen Marine Leisure Center (知念海洋レジャーセンター)	38	Chinen Marine Leisure Center (知念海洋レジャーセンター)
Southeast Botanical Garden (東南植物楽園) * 20 min. walk from Bus Stop	90	Okinawa-shi Nomin Kenshu Center-mae (沖縄市農民研修センター前)
Ryukyumura Village (琉球村)	20, 120	Ryukyumura-mae (琉球村前)
Manzamo (万座毛) * 15 min. walk from Bus Stop		Onnason Yakuba-mae (恩納村役場前)
Ocean EXPO Park (Okinawa Commemorative National Government Park) (海洋博公園)	**65, **66, **70	Kinenkoen-mae (記念公園前)
Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium (沖縄美ら海水族館)		
Tropical Dream Center (熱帯ドリームセンター)		

\* : From Itoman Bus Terminal

\*\* : From Nago Bus Terminal

## Sightseeing Taxis: (English spoken)

Okinawa-ken Kojin Taxi Kumiai      Tel. (098) 850-5151 (Mon. – Sat.)  
Tel. (0120) 768-555

## Places of Interest:

### Central Naha City

**Kokusai Street** (国際通り) As Naha's main street and downtown shop district. There are hotels, stores, souvenir shops, and many other stores lined up and down this lively 1.6 km street.

**Makishi Public Markets** (第一牧志公設市場) If you walk down Ichiba Hondori Street that runs from the area around Okinawa Mitsukoshi Department Store, you will find Ryukyu-glass work, imported goods, clothes and even plaster Shiisa (Lion-Dogs). There are some restaurants on the 2nd floor that cooks the stuff you bought at the 1st floor's with a cooking fee. 8-min. walk from Miebashii Monorail Sta. Open: 10:00–20:00 Closed: 4th Sun., Jan. 1–3 & next 2 days of Chinese New Year (Fresh Fish Market: 2nd, 4th & 5th Sun.)

**Tsuboya Pottery Museum** (壺屋焼物博物館), 10-min. walk from Makishi Monorail Sta., displays Okinawa's ceramic history, technique and progress of Tsuboya-yaki and characteristic Tsuboya-yaki's work. Open: 10:00–18:00 (enter by 17:30) Closed: Mon. (When Mon. is a national holiday, the day will be opened) & Dec. 28–Jan. 4 Admission: ¥315

**Fukushu-en Garden** (福州園) is a 10-min. walk from Kencho-mae Monorail Sta. This authentic Chinese garden has 8,500 m<sup>2</sup> of grass area. All buildings are made of wood. Entrance and exit gate towards the four points of the compass. Each gate has a different style and traditional Chinese structure. Open: 9:00–18:00 (enter by 17:30) Closed: Wed. (or Tue. when Wed. is a national holiday) Admission: free

**Okinawa Prefectural Museum & Art Museum** (沖縄県立博物館・美術館) is a 10-min. walk from Omoromachi Monorail Sta. In the permanent exhibition of the museum, you can see Okinawa's nature, history and culture. The collection of the Art museum is composed of contemporary arts related to Okinawa, Japan and Asia. Both museum also present special and planned exhibitions. Open: 9:00–18:00 (enter by 17:30), –20:00 (Fri. & Sat.) Closed: Mon. (or Tue. when Monday is a national holiday or Okinawa Memorial Day) & New year's holidays Admission of permanent exhibition: ¥400 for Museum, ¥300 for Art Museum

## Rent-a-car Agents in Naha:

Nippon Rent-a-Car (日本レンタカー)	Tel. (098) 868-4554
ORIX Rent-a-Car (オリックスレンタカー)	Tel. (0120) 29-0543
Toyota Rent-a-Lease (トヨタレンタリース沖縄)	Tel. (098) 857-0100
Nissan Rent-a-Car (日産レンタカー)	Tel. (0120) 00-4123
OTS Rent-a-Car (OTSLレンタカー)	Tel. (0120) 34-3732

### Shurijo Castle Park & Vicinity

**Shurijo Castle Park** (首里城公園), 15-min. walk from Shuri Monorail Sta., is a national park as well as a world heritage. In an old section of Naha City overlooking the downtown district, the park was once the seat of the Ryukyu Dynasty which reigned from 1429 to 1879. It abounds in historical relics including Shurijo Castle.

The following is a recommended walking course through the park, which will take about 3 hours.

①Tamaudun → ②Shureimon Gate → ③Stone Gate of Sonohyan Utaki → ④Shurijo Castle → ⑤Ruins of Enkaku-ji Temple → ⑥Benzaitendo Shrine → ⑦Ryutan Pond → ⑧Stone-paved path at Kinjo District → ⑨Shikina-en Garden

①**Tamaudun Royal Mausoleum** (玉陵), designated as a World Heritage Site is the tomb of an ancient Okinawan king, which was built in 1501. The mausoleum is built into a large natural rocky hillside. Open: 9:00–18:00 (enter before 17:30) Admission: ¥300

②**Shureimon Gate** (守礼門) is one of the restored gates of the ruined Shurijo Castle.

③**Stone Gate of the Sonohyan Utaki** (園比屋武御嶽石門), designated as a World Heritage Site, was used by the kings to pray for safe journeys.

④**Shurijo Castle** (首里城) is designated as a World Heritage Site. Several castle structures, including Main, North and South Castle, border a big open space. Shurijo Castle is a unique architecture of the mixture of Chinese, Japanese and Okinawan styles. Open: 8:30–20:00 (Jul.–Sep.), –19:00 (Oct.–Nov. & Apr.–May), –18:00 (Dec.–Mar.) Admission: ¥800

⑧**Stone-paved path at Kinjo District** (金城町石畳), a 15-min. walk from Shurijo Castle Park, is lined with old-style houses with red-tiled roofs and stone walls.

⑨**Shikina-en Garden** (識名園), designated as a World Heritage Site, is a beautiful garden where the detached villa of an old royal family of Okinawa once stood. 15 min. by bus or taxi from Kinjo District. Open: 9:00–17:20 (Oct.–Mar.) –18:00 (Apr.–Sep.) enter 30 min. before closing time Closed: Wed. (or Thu. when Wed. is a national holiday) & Okinawa Memorial Day Admission: ¥400

**Southern Part of Okinawa**

Okinawa was a major battleground during World War II. Among relics and monuments associated with the tragic war are:

**Himeyuri Monument** (ひめゆりの塔), 60 min. by bus was erected to console the memories of 219 high-school girls (trainee nurses) and their teachers who committed mass suicide to prevent their capture by the Allied Forces. **Himeyuri Peace Museum** (ひめゆり平和資料館) Open: 9:00-17:30 (enter by 17:00) Admission: ¥300 **Mabuni Hill** (摩文仁の丘), 60 min. by bus from Naha, commands a beautiful and peaceful view of the southern part of Okinawa, was a battle site during the war. Casualties on both sides were many. On the hill stand the Okinawa Peace Memorial Hall and many monuments for the war dead constructed by the prefectures of Japan.

**Okinawa World** is a leisure land re-creating an ancient Okinawa village including Gyokusendo (玉泉洞). Gyokusendo is the longest limestone cave in the Orient. 890 m is open to the public (Total length is about 5 km). You can see an Okinawa textile fabrics and glass making, demonstration Ryukyu-dance and Ryukyu folk song on the stage. Also there are Habu (venomous pit viper of Ryukyu) Park and Tropical Fruit Garden. Open: 9:00-18:00 (enter by 17:00) Admission: ¥1,650

**Valley of Gangala** (ガンガラーの谷), located in front of Okinawa World, is a forested valley which formed when a limestone cave collapsed. The guided tour, which takes 80 minutes, will bring you into close contact with nature passed down from ancient times. There are 4 tours daily (10:00, 12:00, 14:00, 16:00). Tours should be booked in advance, but will be cancelled in case of bad weather. Cost: ¥2,200

**Chinen Marine Leisure Center** (知念海洋レジャーセンター) at the tip of Cape Chinen is noted for its beautiful coral reefs and emerald green sea. Colorful coral reefs and tropical fish can be seen from a glass-bottomed boat (¥1,400 for a 25min. ride). A high-speed boat service is also available to a secluded island off the cape where you can enjoy swimming, surfine, diving and angling. Open: 9:00-17:00 (Oct.-Mar.), -17:30 (Apr.-Sep.)

**Middle & Northern Parts of Okinawa**

**Southeast Botanical Garden** (東南植物楽園), in its 400,000 m<sup>2</sup> in size, has 100 species of plants, 3,000 kinds of tropical flowers and 200 tropical fruit trees collected from all over the world. Open: 9:00-22:00 (enter by 21:00) Admission ¥1,500

**Ryukyu-mura Village** (琉球村) is a leisure center developed at the foot of Tokayama Hill. There are 7 different types of tropical Ryukyu (Old Okinawa)- style houses and exhibit of Okinawa handicrafts. Habu, a poisonous snake found only in Okinawa and Taiwan, are on display. Open: 8:30-17:30 (enter by 17:00) Admission: ¥1,200

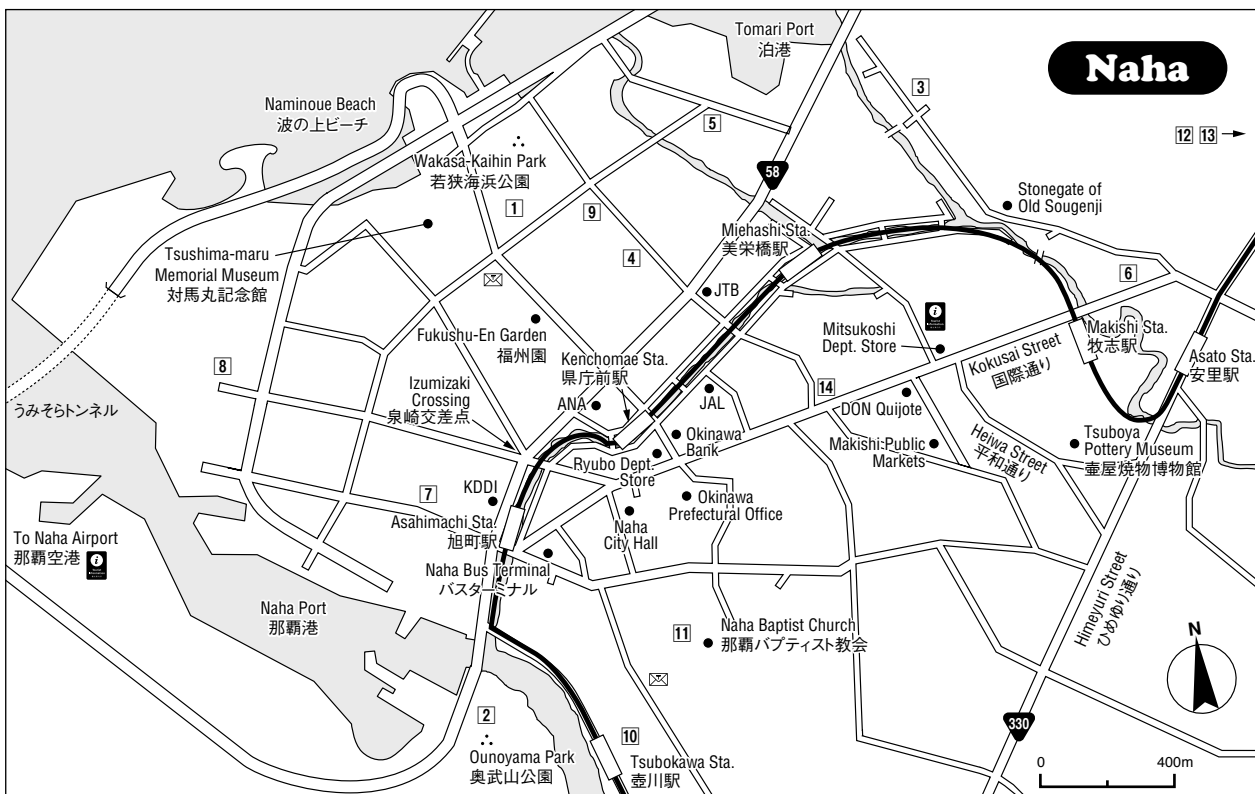
**Manzamo** (万座毛) is a grass plateau jutting into Nago Bay. The scenic view available here is said to be one of the best in Okinawa. Cobalt blue waters constantly spray the sheer coral cliffs. Nearby are many fine bathing beaches including Manza Beach.

**Murasakimura** (むら咲むら), located in the northern part of Okinawa, is an exciting cultural park modeled after a town of the ancient Ryukyu Kingdom. It offers various hands-on attractions where you can truly experience Okinawa such as shisa (an Okinawan talisman), bingata textiles, and glassware as well as marine sports. There is a hotel in the park.

**Ocean EXPO Park (Okinawa Commemorative National Park)** (海洋博記念公園), about 3 hrs. by bus from Naha, is a national park. Originally constructed for the 1975 Ocean EXPO, this is the largest theme park in Okinawa. The Y-shaped coral sand **Emerald Beach** is located at the northernmost end of the park. This is the only beach in Japan located within a lagoon and the water is rated "AA", making this a beautiful clean bathing spot.

**Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium** (沖縄美ら海水族館) is the world's first aquarium designed to raise multiple whale sharks and mantas. Open: 8:30-18:30 (Oct.-Feb.), -20:00 (Mar.-Sep.) enter 1hr. before closing time Closed: 1st Wed. & Thu. of Dec. Admission: ¥1,800

**Tropical Dream Center** (熱帯ドリームセンター) is famous for 2,000 orchids and tropical plants flowering throughout the year. Open: 8:30-19:00 (Mar.-Sep.), -17:30 (Oct.-Feb.) Admission: ¥670



1 - 14 correspond to those in the accommodations list on page 6/8

## MIYAKO ISLAND & ISHIGAKI ISLAND

### Access to Miyako Island (宮古島) and Ishigaki Island (石垣島):

#### By Air:

To	From	Operated by	Time required	Note
Miyako Is. (宮古島)	Haneda (Tokyo)	羽田	3 hrs. 20 min.	ANA Tel. (0120) 029-222 JAL Tel. (098) 891-8201 JTA Tel. (0120) 25-5971 RAC Tel. (0120) 25-5971 SKY Tel. (050) 3116-7370 APJ Tel. (0570) 064-731
	Naha	那覇	50 min.	
	Ishigaki Is.	石垣島	30 min.	
	Tarama Is.	多良間島	20 min.	
Ishigaki Is. (石垣島)	Naha	那覇	1 hr. 5 min.	ANA, JTA, RAC, SKY, APJ RAC ANA, JTA ANA, JTA ANA, RAC RAC
	Haneda (Tokyo)	羽田	3 hrs. 30 min.	
	Kansai (Osaka)	関西	2 hrs. 30 min.	
	Chubu (Nagoya)	名古屋	2 hrs. 50 min.	
	Miyako Is.	宮古島	30 min.	
	Yonaguni Is.	与那国島	35 min.	

#### Miyako Island (宮古島)

**Miyako Island**, about 300 km southwest of Okinawa Island, is like a heaven for skin and scuba divers. The whole island, planted with sugar cane, is surrounded by white sandy beaches washed by the emerald green sea. The island is noted for the unique Miyako jofu fabric. An International Triathlon Competition is held every year in April. The island is free of Habu, the poisonous snake common to some southern regions.

#### Access to Places of Interest:

Although infrequent, a regular bus service runs from the main area Hirara to places of interest. It is most advisable to do the sights by taxi or rent-a-car. Bicycles and bikes can also be rented.

#### Places of Interest:

**Nakasone Toyumiya's Tomb** (仲宗根豊見親墓), in Hirara area, was built with pieces of coral arranged in the shape of a stairway that attests to the skill of the 15th century stonemasons.

**Tax Stone** (人頭税石), also in Hirara area, is supposed to have been used to levy taxes from the 17th to the 19th centuries. All the inhabitants were taxed when they grew to be the same height as the stone (1.4 m high).

**Sunayama Beach** (砂山ビーチ), 15 min. by bus from Hirara area, is small but excellent for swimming. The natural crescent of heaped coral and white sands harmonize to form a point of scenic beauty.

**Miyako jima City Botanical Garden** (宮古島市熱帯植物園), 15 min. by car from Hirara area, with an area of 120,000 m<sup>2</sup>., has 40,000 tropical and subtropical plants and trees growing there all the year round. Admission: Free

**Maehama Beach** (前浜ビーチ), 20 min. by bus from Hirara area, directly facing Kurima Island (home to the migratory hawk Sashiba), is a 7-km stretch of white sandy beach, one of the best swimming sites on the island. Campsites available.

**Cape Higashi Henna** (東平安名崎), 50 min. by bus from Hirara area, and then 1-hr. walk at the east end of the island, has a 90 m cliff overlooking the East China Sea to the left and the Pacific Ocean to the right.

**Muiga Cliff** (ムイガー断崖), 40 min. by bus from Hirara area, and then a 20-min. walk, is a 90 m sharp curved cliff. From here, the view of the Pacific Ocean and Cape Higashi Henna is breathtaking.

#### Taxi and rent-a-car services in Miyako/Ishigaki Island:

	Sightseeing taxis		Rent-a-car	
Miyako Is.	Yachiyo Taxi	Tel. (0980) 72-0677	Nippon Rent-a-car	Tel. (0980) 72-0919
	Kyoei Taxi	Tel. (0980) 72-0799	Toyota Rent-a-car	Tel. (0980) 75-0100
			Nissan Rent-a-car	Tel. (0980) 73-7723
Ishigaki Is.	Ishigaki Taxi	Tel. (0980) 82-3088	Nippon Rent-a-car	Tel. (0980) 82-3629
	Shakishima Taxi	Tel. (0980) 82-3988	Toyota Rent-a-car	Tel. (0980) 88-0202
			Nissan Rent-a-car	Tel. (0980) 84-2311

#### Ishigaki Island (石垣島)

**Ishigaki Island**, about 14 hrs. by ship (3-4 runs in a week) from Naha Shinko (Naha new port), 60 min. by plane from Naha Airport, about 120 km further southwest of Miyako Island, is also noted for its emerald green water and white sandy beaches. The island is also well-known for its pineapples and black pearls which are unique to this island. Ishigaki Island is also said to be the gateway for visits to other Yaeyama Islands further in the south.

#### Access to Places of Interest:

There is a bus service circling the island, but it runs infrequently. Sightseeing buses (in Japanese), taxis, rent-a-car and rent-a-cycle services can also be contracted.

#### Places of Interest:

**Miyara Donchi** (宮良殿内), a 15-min. walk from Ishigaki Port, was built in 1819. It is the only remaining home of a high-ranking samurai in Okinawa. It features a red-tiled pyramidal roof with a strong stone fence and a rock garden of limestone. Open: 9:00-17:00 Closed: Tue. & Dec. 30 - Jan. 3 Admission: ¥200

**Torin-ji Temple** (桃林寺), a 15-min. walk from Ishigaki Port, is a Buddhist temple of the Rinzaï Sect built in 1614. The two king images at the entrance are believed to be the guardian deities of the island.

**Yaeyama Museum** (八重山博物館), a 5-min. walk from Ishigaki Port, displays 300 items from the Yaeyama people's daily lives. Open: 9:00-17:00 (enter by 16:30) Closed: Mon., national holidays & Dec. 29-Jan. 3 Admission: ¥200

**Chinese Grave** (唐人墓), 10-15 min. by taxi from Ishigaki Port, is the grave of 128 Chinese who died from many causes following their shipwreck in 1852. The bow-shaped roof and colors are exotic.

**Kabira Bay** (川平湾), 40 min. by bus ride from Ishigaki Port, is one of the most scenic spots with its white sands opening onto an emerald sea dotted with tiny islets. It is also a culturing area for the unique black pearl found here.

**Sukuji Beach** (底地ビーチ), a 15-min. walk from Kabira Park, is excellent for swimming with white sands and shallow waters reaching afar. Diving and fishing are also to be enjoyed.

**Mangrove Wood along Miyara River** (宮良川のマングローブ), 25 min. by bus from Ishigaki Port, is a real attraction for its size and number of mangrove trees. About 500 Yaeyama-yashi Palm Colony of Yonehara are also worth seeing.

## TAKETOMI ISLAND

**Taketomi Island** (竹富島), 10 min. by boat from Ishigaki Island, is only 9 km in circumference and is made entirely of coral. Private houses with red tiles surrounded by coral walls are scattered about and retain traces of olden times. While bicycling on ancient Taketomi roads surrounded by white sand made from coral, you can see carts pulled by water buffalo, relish the tropical atmosphere and enjoy bananas, hibiscus and bougainvillea in bloom. The island is also noted for its star-shaped crystalline sand, which is rapidly dwindling.

Rent-a-cycle: ¥300 per hour; ¥1,500 a day  
Buffalo carts (水牛車): ¥1,200 for 30 min. per person

Nitta Kanko (新田観光): Tel. (0980) 85-2103  
Taketomi Kanko Center (竹富観光センター): Tel. (0980) 85-2998

## IRIOMOTE ISLAND

**Iriomote Island** (西表島) is reached in 40 min. by boat from Ishigaki Island. It has an area of 322 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of about 2,300. With the largest coral reef in Japan stretching 20 km long and 15 km wide, this island is a tropical paradise. Nearly 90 percent of the island is covered by a primeval jungle predominately of mangrove, palm and banyan trees. This island is also famous as the habitat of the Iriomote wild cat.

An atmosphere of unspoiled nature, free from the hustle, bustle, and pollution of urbanized city life, is the most attractive asset of this island. For individuals, sightseeing is difficult, since there are only a few taxis or regular bus services. There are many sightseeing tours from Ishigaki Island operated by several travel agencies.

### Access to Taketomi Island and Iriomote Island from Ishigaki Island by sea:

To	Time required	One-way fare	Frequency/Day	Operated by
Taketomi Island	10 min.	¥520 – ¥670	Every 30 min.	Yaeyama Kanko Ferry (0980) 82-5010
Iriomote Island Ohara Port 大原港	35 min.	¥1,300 – ¥1,770	23 times	Anei Kanko (0980) 83-0055
Uehara Port 上原港	40 min.	¥1,680 – ¥2,300	2-3 times	Ishigakijima Dream Kanko (0980) 84-3178

\*The one-way fare is regular time price and may change by season. Please check them in advance.

## Other Islands near Okinawa Island

### **Kumejima Island** (久米島)

Located 100 km (60 miles) west of Okinawa Island, **Kumejima Island** is reached in 30 min. by plane from Naha. Regarded by many as the most beautiful island in Okinawa, Kumejima offers unforgettable sights such as Eef Beach, Hate no Hama Beach and Tatami-ishi.

**Eef Beach**, one of the top 100 beaches in Japan, is Kumejima's largest resort.

**Hate no Hama Beach** is a 7 km long white sandy island off the coast of Kumejima. You can enjoy snorkeling, glass bottom boat trips, and many other beach activities. The contrast between the white sand and beautiful clear emerald water captivates everyone who visits the beach. In the southwest part of the island is a mosaic of over 1,000 pentagonal and hexagonal stones, called **Tatami-ishi**, or "Turtle Shell Rocks". It takes 1 hr. 45 min. by express ferry from Tomari Port in Naha City, or 30 minutes by air from Naha Airport.

### **Kerama Islands** (慶良間諸島)

Approximately 30 km (20 miles) west of Naha City, the Kerama Islands consist of more than 20 islands of various sizes. The Keramas are famous among scuba-divers for having some of the most transparent, beautiful water in the world, which are filled with coral reefs and colorful tropical reef fish, and there are also many fun beach activities to enjoy. Whales migrate to the islands in winter and visitors can experience exciting whale-watching tours. 70 min. by ferry from Tomari Port in Naha City to Kerama's biggest island, Tokashiki Island, or 20 min. by air from Naha Airport to Kerama Airport on Fukaji Island. Registered as a National Park in Mar. 2014.

## Accommodations:

Name of facilities	Tel.	Room rate (¥)	Name of facilities	Tel.	Room rate (¥)
<b>Okinawa Main Island</b>			<b>Ishigaki Island</b>		
Naha City:			Ishigaki City:		
1 Hotel Victory (BH)	(098) 868-0701	¥	26 Rakutenya (M)	(0980) 83-8713	¥
2 Okinawa Int'l Youth Hostel (Y)	(098) 857-0073	¥	27 YH Yashima Ryokan (Y)	(0980) 82-3157	¥
3 City Front Harumi YH (Y)	(098) 867-3218	¥	28 Plaza Hotel (H)	(0980) 82-2422	¥¥
4 Hotel Taira (BH)	(098) 868-4515	¥	29 Hotel Nikko Yaeyama (H)	(0980) 83-3311	¥¥¥
5 Okinawa Oriental Hotel (BH)	(098) 868-0883	¥	30 Hotel Miyahira (H)	(0980) 82-6111	¥¥¥
6 Hotel Royal Orion (H)	(098) 866-5533	¥¥	31 ANA Intercontinental Ishigaki resort (H)	(0980) 88-7111	¥¥¥
7 Nest Hotel (H)	(098) 868-1118	¥¥	Kabira:		
8 Pacific Hotel Okinawa (H)	(098) 868-5162	¥¥	32 Ishigaki Seaside Hotel (H)	(0980) 88-2421	¥¥
9 Roco Inn Okinawa (BH)	(098) 869-6511	¥¥	Hoshino:		
10 Mercure Okinawa Naha (H)	(098) 855-7111	¥¥	33 Trek Ishigakijima YH (Y)	(0980) 86-8257	¥
11 Okinawa Harbor View Hotel Crowne Plaza (H)	(098) 853-2111	¥¥¥	<b>Taketomi Island</b>		
12 Hotel Nikko Naha Grand Castle (H)	(098) 886-5454	¥¥¥	34 Ohama-so (M)	(0980) 85-2226	¥
13 Okinawa Miyako Hotel (H)	(098) 887-1111	¥¥¥	35 Izumiya (M)	(0980) 85-2250	¥
14 Hotel Jal City Naha (H)	(098) 866-2580	¥¥¥	36 YH Takana Ryokan (Y)	(0980) 85-2151	¥
Onna Village:			<b>Iriomote Island</b>		
15 Maeda Misaki Divers House (M)	(098) 965-6459	¥	37 Akebono-kan (M)	(0980) 85-6151	¥
16 Hotel Moon Beach (H)	(098) 965-1020	¥¥¥	38 Irumote-so Youth Hostel (Y)	(0980) 85-6255	¥
17 ANA intercontinental Manza Beach resort (H)	(098) 966-1211	¥¥¥	39 Hoshino Resort Nirakanai Iriomote (H)	(050) 3786-0022	¥¥
Motobu Town:			<b>Kume Island</b>		
18 Chisun Resort Okinawa Churaumi (H)	(0980) 48-3631	¥¥¥	40 Hotel Marine Terrace Kumejima (H)	(098) 985-8100	¥
<b>Miyako Island</b>			41 Dormitory Kumi (D)	(098) 985-2522	¥
Miyakojima City:			42 Nankurunaisa (M)	(098) 985-7973	¥
19 Hotel New Marukatsu (H)	(0980) 72-9936	¥	43 Cypress Resort Kumejima (H)	(098) 985-3700	¥¥¥
20 Kawada-so (M)	(0980) 72-3368	¥			
21 Maruwa-so (M)	(0980) 72-2258	¥			
22 Asahi-so (M)	(0980) 72-0572	¥			
23 Shichifuku-so (M)	(0980) 72-3316	¥			
24 Hotel Kyowa (H)	(0980) 73-2288	¥¥			
Maehama Beach:					
25 Miyakojima Tokyu Resort (H)	(0980) 76-2109	¥¥¥			

## Remarks:

1 - 43 correspond to those on the maps 3/8, 7/8 &amp; 8/8

H = Hotel	Rate for a twin room
BH = Business Hotel	Rate per person
Y = Youth Hostel	Rate per person
M = Minshuku (family-run inn)	Rate per person
D = Dormitory	Rate per person

¥¥¥ = more than 15,000 yen

¥¥ = 8,001 yen - 15,000 yen

¥ = 8,000 yen or less



## TOURIST INFORMATION

(Visit Japan Information Network)

### Naha Airport Visitor Information Center:

Domestic Line Passenger Terminal 1F, Naha Airport, 150 Kagamizu,  
Naha City, Okinawa Tel. (098)857-6884  
Open: 9:00-21:00

### Naha City Tourism Information Center:

2-1-4 Makishi, Naha City, Okinawa Tel. (098)868-4887  
Open: 8:30-20:00, 10:00-20:00 (Sat., Sun. & national holidays)

### TISCO Okinawa (Naha International Airport):

174 Kagamizu, Naha City, Okinawa Tel. (098)891-8880  
Open: 8:30-18:30

### Hirata Kanko (Ishigaki Port):

Ishigaki Port Terminal 1, Misaki-cho Ishigaki City, Okinawa  
Open: 7:30-18:30 Tel. (0980)82-6711

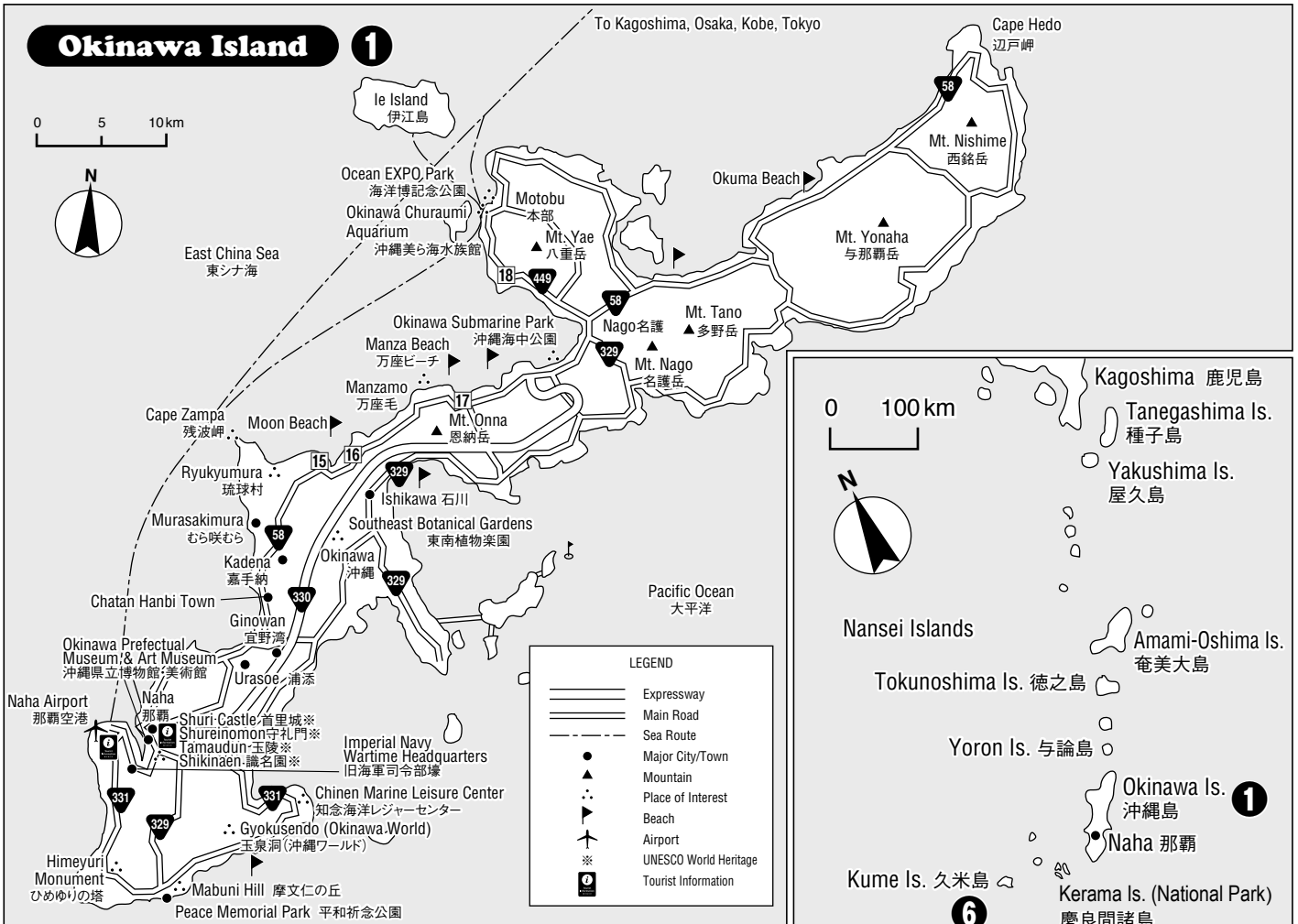


### Goodwill Guide Groups offer tourists from overseas

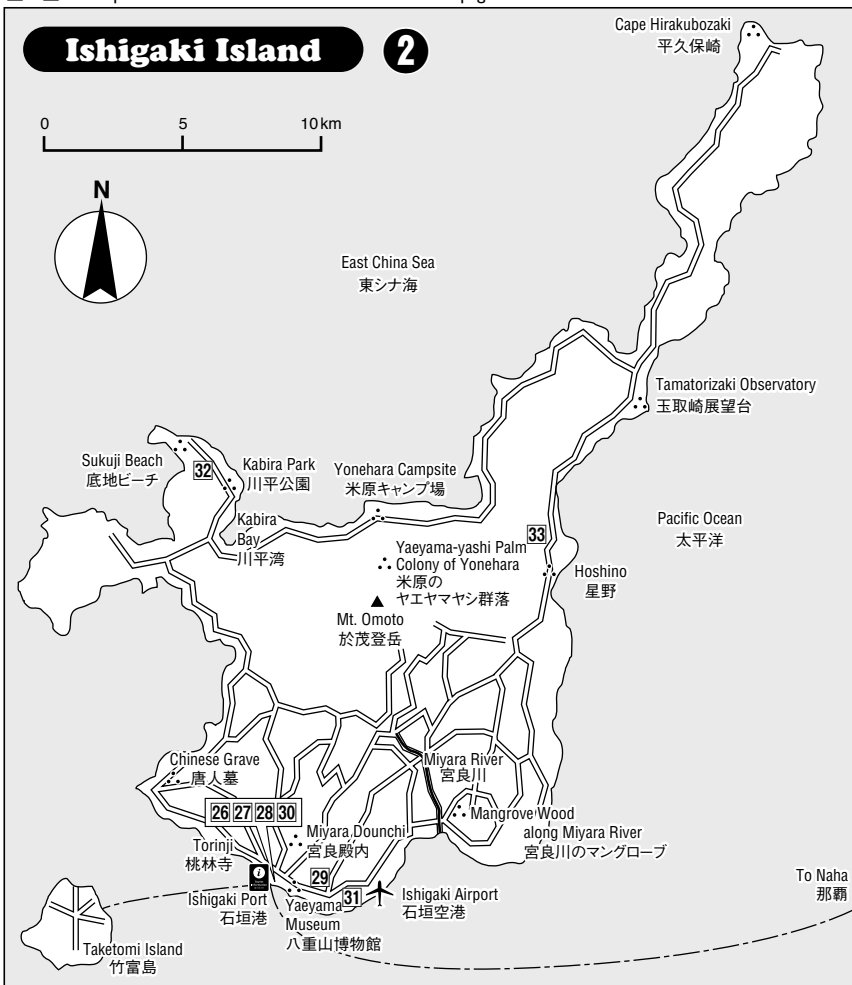
local tours guided in English or other languages. The guides are registered with JNTO and display the badge shown. As they are volunteers, there is no charge for their service. You are only expected to pay for their transportation, admission to tourist facilities if you visit any and their meals if you eat with them.

### JNTO Website

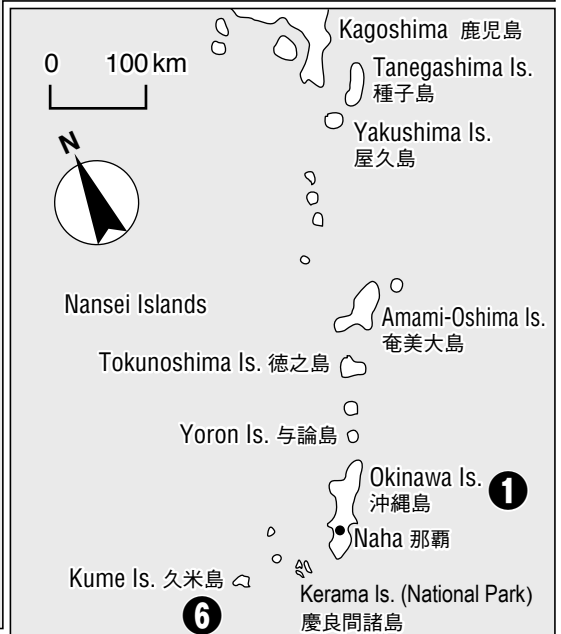
[www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/travel/guide/guideservice.html](http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/travel/guide/guideservice.html)



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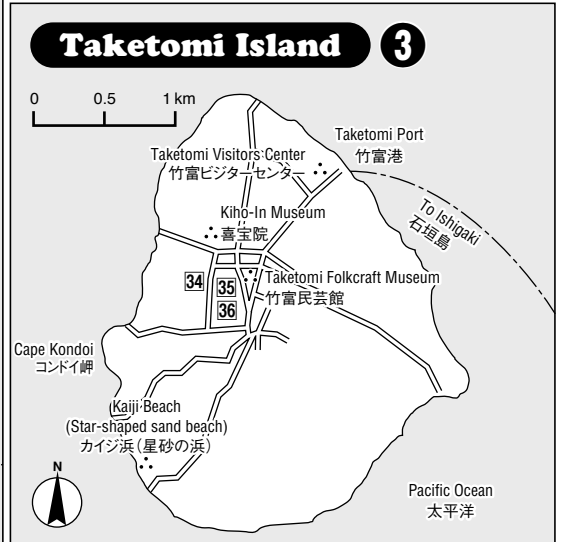


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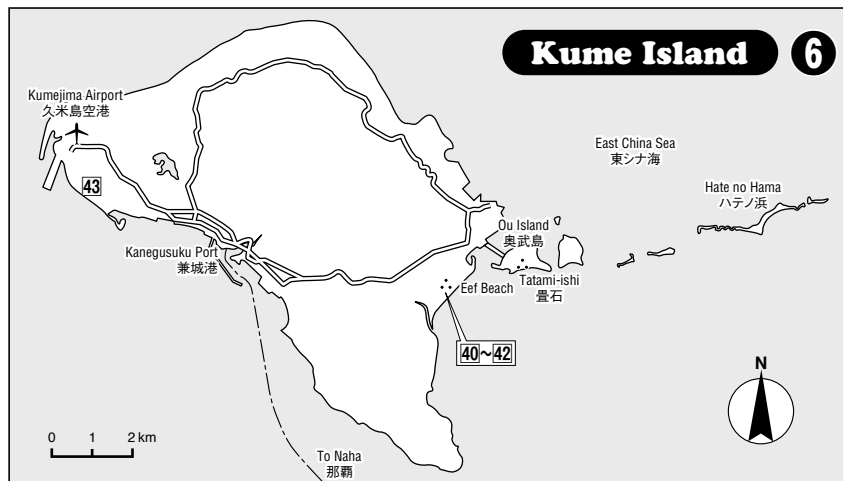
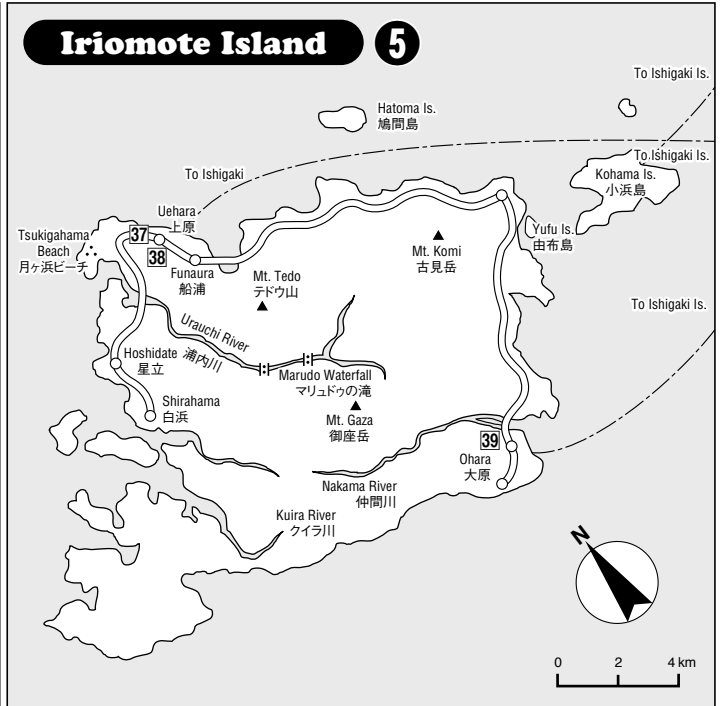
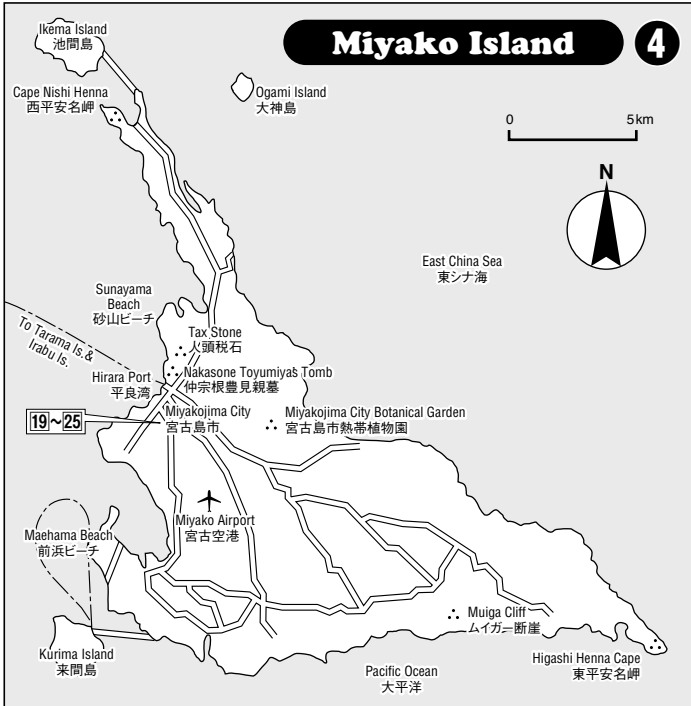


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**Okinawa & Surrounding Islands**



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**Tourist Information Center (TIC)**

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1st Fl., Shin Tokyo Bldg., 3-3-1, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005 Tel. 03-3201-3331  
Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed: Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>)  
<http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/travel/guide/tic.html>

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