

Ports & Excursions



Okinawa, Japan

The largest island in the Ryukyu Archipelago, Okinawa has been a center of trade and a source for conflict through its history. The island has been an independent kingdom, the feudal possession of a Japanese daimyo and a prefecture of Japan following the Meiji Restoration of 1866. Okinawa was the scene of bitter fighting during the closing days of World War II. Over 100,000 civilians perished and the island was left in ruins. A US military possession, Okinawa returned to Japanese rule in 1972. Naha is the island's largest city and the capital of Okinawa Prefecture.

Okinawa is the birthplace of karate. One of the world's most popular martial arts, karate is a fusion of Chinese kung fu and traditional island martial arts.

Points of Interest

1 Shurijo Castle

Built in the 1300s, this vermilion-colored landmark was the palace of Ryukyu kings and is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the castle's interior, now a museum, and take in panoramic views.

2 Okinawa Prefecture Museum

Dedicated to preserving Okinawan art and history, this modern museum showcases 85,000 artifacts pertaining to folklore, crafts and archaeology in its collection ranging from the 12th century to the present.

3 The Former Japanese Navy Underground Headquarters

Descend 105 steps into a complex dug by hand that served as the Japanese Navy's headquarters during World War II. A recorded audio feed enhances your tour through the underground tunnels.

4 Peace Memorial Park and Okinawa Prefecture Peace Memorial Museum

Peace Memorial Park and Okinawa Prefecture Peace Memorial Museum serve as the main memorial to the Battle of Okinawa. Stroll the grounds and learn about the events leading up to this devastating period in Okinawan history.

5 Shikinaen Gardens

Constructed in the 18th century as a second home to the Ryukyu kings, the property's landscaped gardens, quaint wooden palace buildings and a tranquil pond can all be viewed by strolling a picturesque circular path.

6 Ryukyu Mura

Traditional culture comes to life in this charming re-creation theme park of an ancient Okinawan village. "Living exhibits" showcase festivals, cuisine and crafts. A parade and dance performances add merriment.

7 Seifa Utaki

Okinawa's most important, outdoor sacred place at the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discover ceremonial altars created from natural stone and caves nestled within a rocky seascape.

8 Churaumi Aquarium

A kaleidoscope of marine life is on display in 77 tanks, including the massive Kuroshio Tank, holding 2 million gallons of seawater. See Whale Sharks, mantas, colorful coral, and a dolphin show.

Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Sightseeing & City Tours



Highlights of Okinawa (Guided in English) OKA-200 | Okinawa, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

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from \$79.00

The beauty and grace of Okinawa comes to life at Ryukyu Mura, a charming replica of an ancient Okinawan village. Enjoy traditional craft demonstrations, a colorful parade or dance performance, and specialty shopping as you walk the grounds. Then, travel to Shikinaen Garden, a UNESCO World Heritage Site blooming with fragrant flora.



Highlights of Okinawa (Guided in Japanese) OKA-204 | Okinawa, Japan

You will visit:

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from \$59.00

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Shurijo Castle & Kokusai Street (Guided in English) OKA-215 | Okinawa, Japan

You will visit:

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4.5
hours

from \$59.00

Naha City is a showcase for the past and present cultural wonders of Okinawa. Explore exceptional Shuri Castle, restored to its 1300s grandeur as the palace of the Ryukyu king, and its adjacent museum. Then, stroll Kokusai Street, a cosmopolitan marketplace where the sounds and tastes of the region come alive.



Shurijo Castle & Kokusai Street (Guided in Japanese) OKA-219 | Okinawa, Japan

You will visit:

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from \$45.00

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Peace Memorial Park & Museum (Guided in English) OKA-210 | Okinawa, Japan

You will visit:

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hours

from \$59.00

Monuments, museums and parks throughout Okinawa commemorate the historic Battle of Okinawa and the terrible toll it took on the region. Visit Okinawa's Peace Memorial Park, built on the last battlefield in the hills above Mabuni, and visit the Prefecture Peace Memorial Museum, chronicling the WWII battle for the island.

Special Interests



Ryukyu Bingata Class & Shurijo Castle (Guided in English)
OKA-225 | Okinawa, Japan

You will visit:

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from **\$149.95**

Once produced solely for Okinawa's warrior class, bingata is a dyeing process producing exquisite multicolored fabrics. Learn the secrets of the art and produce your own piece of Ryukyu bingata. Then set out on a tour of Shuri Castle, built in the 1300s as a palace for the Ryukyu kings.



Ryukyu Bingata Class & Shurijo Castle (Guided in Japanese)
OKA-229 | Okinawa, Japan

You will visit:

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from **\$79.00**

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Battle of Okinawa (Guided in English)
OKA-230 | Okinawa, Japan | Group Size: 40

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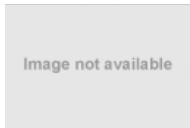
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from **\$69.00**

Military buffs will enjoy an intimate look at the Battle of Okinawa when exploring a trio of sites commemorating this historic event. Visit the former Japanese Navy Underground Headquarters, the Himeyuri Peace Museum, and Peace Park and museum on this comprehensive overview of one of Japan's most epic battles.

Activities & Adventures



World Heritage Site
Seifa Utaki & Gangala Valley Hike (Guided in Japanese)
OKA-474 | Okinawa, Japan

You will visit:

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from **\$109.00**

Okinawa is sometimes called the "Hawaii of Japan," and on this half-day tour with lunch you'll see why. Begin at Seifa Utaki, Okinawa's most important, outdoor sacred place. Then enjoy a guided hike through lush Gangala Valley, where dramatic caves and unusual foliage punctuate the day.