

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.

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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 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.



Guided in Japanese: Shuri Castle & Kokusai Street

OKA-219 | Okinawa, Japan

4.5
hours

from \$49.00

You will visit:



Explore the many delights of Naha, the seat of power during the Ryukyu's 500-year-reign. Step back in time a tour of the exceptional Shuri Castle, a reconstructed 14th century castle and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, step back into the 21st century with free time at Kokusai Street.



Guided in Chinese: Okinawa Shopping Tour

OKA-287 | Okinawa, Japan

4
hours

from \$54.95



Shop for souvenirs and hard-to-find items at two popular destinations. Look for health products and Japanese beauty brands such as Shiseido, KOSE and SK-II at the Drug Store. Then, head to the Omoromachi-Shintoshu area, a fashionable shopping and commercial district known for its department stores and boutiques.



Guided in Japanese: Easy Naha

OKA-294 | Okinawa, Japan

3.5
hours

from \$59.00

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Sit back and relax on a scenic drive that makes the most of the historic and cultural treasures in and around Naha. See the panoramic vistas from the Nirai Kanai Bridge, the Okinawa Peace Memorial Park, and cosmopolitan Kokusai Street.



Shurijo Castle & Kokusai Street

OKA-215 | Okinawa, Japan

4.5
hours

from \$69.95

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Guided in Chinese: Shuri Castle & Kokusai Street

OKA-218 | Okinawa, Japan

4.5
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Easy Naha

OKA-290 | Okinawa, Japan

3.5
hours

from \$79.95

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Guided in Chinese: Okinawa World Gyokusendo cave and Kokusai Street

OKA-273 | Okinawa, Japan

5
hours

from \$89.95



Gather the family for a fun-filled day at Okinawa World. Marvel at the amazing stalagmites and stalactites in the massive Gyokusendo Cave. Thrill to the drumming and dancing of a traditional "eisa" performance, which praises and respects the spirits of ancestors. Later, stroll through Kokusai Street in search of souvenirs.



Highlights of Okinawa

OKA-200 | Okinawa, Japan

5.5
hours

from \$99.95

You will visit:

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Get hands on with history at Ryukyu Mura, a charming replica of an ancient Okinawan village that offers craft demonstrations, a colorful parade or dance performance, and original architecture. Then, travel to Shikinaen Garden, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that was built for royalty in the late 18th century.



World Heritage Site

Best of Okinawa

OKA-100 | Okinawa, Japan

7.5
hours

from \$179.95

You will visit:



Enjoy a day of time travel as you experience the past and present history of Naha, the former capital of the Ryukyu Kingdom. Tour the 14th century Shuri Castle and its adjacent museum, stroll through Okinawa's traditional Ryukyu village and shop 'til you drop on Kokusai Street.

Special Interests



Battle of Okinawa

OKA-230 | Okinawa, Japan

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hours

from \$89.95

You will visit:

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Gain insight into Okinawa's WWII history. First stop is the Japanese Navy Underground Headquarters whose elaborate series of tunnels still show scars of battle. Next, you'll visit the Himeyuri Peace Museum and the Okinawa Peace Memorial Museum, which pay tribute to those who lost their lives during the war.

Activities & Adventures



World Heritage Site

Guided in Chinese: Seifa Utaki & Gangala Valley Hike

OKA-473 | Okinawa, Japan

5
hours

from \$89.95

You will visit:



Enjoy the rustic beauty of the great outdoors with a visit to Sefa Utaki, a UNESCO Site once believed to be the birthplace of Okinawa's spiritual past. Then, embark on a guided hike through the Gangala Valley, an underground world of caves and an awe-inspiring mystical forest.



World Heritage Site

Seifa Utaki & Gangala Valley Hike

OKA-470 | Okinawa, Japan

5.5
hours

from \$169.95

You will visit:



Enjoy the rustic beauty of the great outdoors with a visit to Sefa Utaki, a UNESCO Site once believed to be the birthplace of Okinawa's spiritual past. Then, embark on a guided hike through the Gangala Valley, an underground world of caves and an awe-inspiring mystical forest.