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**November 03 - 13, 2025 • Tour Manager: Pam Tengan**

**OVERVIEW:** Okinawa is home to a unique culture that differs considerably from that of mainland Japan. Until the islands were invaded by the Satsuma domain (present day Kagoshima Prefecture) in 1609, Okinawa existed as an entirely separate country from Japan, known as the Ryukyu Kingdom. After the invasion, the Ryukyu Kingdom served as a tributary state to Japan, but continued to be governed by the royal family from Shuri Castle. It was not until 1879, a few years after the Meiji Restoration, that the kingdom was abolished and incorporated into Japan as Okinawa Prefecture. The castles of Okinawa, known as "gusuku" in the Okinawan language, are among the most vivid monuments that testify to the unique cultural and historical heritage of the Ryukyu Kingdom. In the year 2000, five castles and four related sites were designated as UNESCO World Heritage Sites under the collective title of "Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu."

**VISIT:** Haneda • Naha • Onna • Kitanakagusuku • Nago • Manza • Motobu  
Nakijin • Itoman • Nanjo • Kyoto • Kameoka • Arashiyama • Osaka

**OKINAWA HIGHLIGHTS (5 NIGHTS):** Shuri Castle • Ryusou Ryukyu Kimono Dress-Up  
Coral Dyeing Experience • Ryukyu Mura Village • AEON MALL - RYCOM  
Awamori (Rice Liquor) Factory Tour • Churaumi Aquarium • Nakijin Castle Site  
Shisa Painting Experience • Himeyuri Peace Museum • Mabuni Hill  
Okinawa Peace Memorial Park • Okinawa World • Gyokusendo Stalactite Cave  
Habu (Snake) Museum • Glass Factory • Ryukyu Dance Performance

**KYOTO & OSAKA HIGHLIGHTS (3 NIGHTS):** Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion)  
Yuzen Dyeing Experience • Nijo Castle • Sanjusangen-do  
Sagano Torokko Ressha (Sagano Romantic Train) Ride • Arashiyama Bamboo Forest  
Wagashi (Japanese Sweets) Making Experience • Fushimi Inari Shrine • Kuromon Ichiba Market  
Dotonbori Shopping • Shinsaibashi Shopping • AEON MALL Rinku Sennan

**UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES:** Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu  
Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) • Nijo Castle

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**Day 1: Mon, Nov 03** — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 11:55 am.

**Day 2: Tue, Nov 04** — HANEDA. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel connected to the airport terminal. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. HOTEL VILLA FONTAINE GRAND HANEDA AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

**Day 3: Wed, Nov 05** — HANEDA — NAHA. After a breakfast buffet at your hotel, transfer back to the Haneda airport terminal. Depart Haneda Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #909 at 9:40 am and arrive at the Naha International Airport at 12:30 pm. Begin your exploration of Okinawa with a visit to **Shuri Castle (Shurijo)**, the most important castle of the Ryukyu Kingdom, serving both as the central government office and royal residence. Although the main buildings of Shuri Castle were destroyed in a fire in October 2019, reconstruction to bring back the castle to its former glory is expected to be completed in 2026. Shurijo is the only castle in Okinawa that has been reconstructed. Only ruins remain of all the other castles. **Dress up in Ryusou Ryukyu Kimonos** for a group photo! Coral is a fundamental part of the history and culture of the Okinawan Islands. Many areas of Okinawa's main island are made of Ryukyu limestone formed by ancient coral reefs several hundred thousand years ago. Today, coral fossils are often used to create various art pieces in Okinawa. Try your hand at bringing your own art to life when you learn how to **decorate a tote bag** using a **coral dyeing** technique done only in Okinawa, **"ryuzen zome."** Transfer to the hotel. Walk to a nearby restaurant for dinner. HOTEL COLLECTIVE (1 Night) (B, D)

\*Baggage will be held at the hotel in Naha. Prepare an overnight bag for a one night stay in Manza.

**Day 4: Thur, Nov 06** — NAHA — ONNA — KITANAKAGUSUKU — NAGO — MANZA. After breakfast, we head north to Onna Village and spend the morning at **Ryukyu Mura**, a small theme park about Okinawan culture in the form of a recreated village from the times of the Ryukyu Kingdom. The highlight of the village is the eisa show. Eisa, a form of folk dance originating in the Okinawa Islands, that is performed by the young people of each community during the bon festival to honor the spirits of their ancestors. In the finale of the eisa show, visitors can join in on the dance known as kachashi. The term "kachashi" is a word from the Okinawan dialect and means "to mix." It implies the idea of sharing happiness, which fosters a sense of unity that transcends borders and language barriers. Then stop at **AEON MALL — RYCOM** for shopping and lunch (on your own). Next we visit an **awamori (rice liquor) factory**. Awamori is the signature alcoholic beverage of Okinawa and most of the Ryukyu Islands. Learn the unique process involved in making Awamori. Enjoy dinner at the hotel tonight. ANA INTERCONTINENTAL MANZA BEACH RESORT (1 Night) (B, D)

**Day 5: Fri, Nov 07** — MANZA — MOTOBU — NAKIJIN — NAHA. After an incredible breakfast buffet, enjoy a visit to the **Churaumi Aquarium**, widely considered Japan's best aquarium. It is the main attraction of the Ocean Expo Park on the former grounds of the 1975 International Ocean Expo. The aquarium was completely redesigned and reopened in 2002. The highlight of a visit to the Churaumi Aquarium is the massive Kuroshio Tank, one of the largest in the world. The tank takes its name from the warm Kuroshio current which plays a large part in the variety of Okinawa's marine life. Next, visit the ruins of **Nakijin Castle**. Learn about the history of Okinawa. The castle — a former residence of the Ryukyu Kingdom governor during the 14th century — is a designated UNESCO World Heritage site. Let your creative side loose when you **paint a shisa**, a traditional Ryukyuan cultural artifact and decoration. Often seen in pairs and resemble a cross between a lion and a dog, shisa are from Okinawan mythology, and are believed to protect from some evils. People place pairs of shisa on their rooftops or flanking gates to their houses, with the left shisa traditionally has a closed mouth, the right one an open mouth. The open mouth shisa traditionally wards off evil spirits, while the closed mouth shisa keeps good spirits in. Transfer to the hotel in Naha. HOTEL COLLECTIVE (3 Nights) (B, L)

**Day 6: Sat, Nov 08** — NAHA. Full day at leisure. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. Perfect day to relax and/or visit with family and friends in Okinawa. Don't miss the out on the numerous shopping opportunities

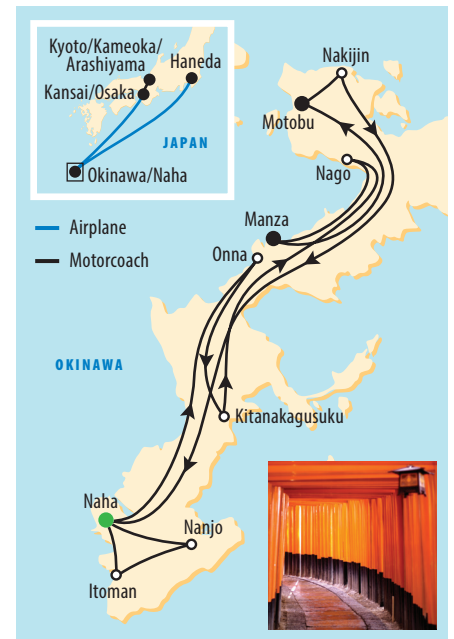
on Kokusai-dori — including the Heiwa-dori covered shopping arcade or the Don Quijote that is open until 3:00 am every day! (B)

**Day 7: Sun, Nov 09** — NAHA — ITOMAN — NANJO — NAHA. After breakfast, we will visit two WWII memorial sites. Begin by exploring the **Himeyuri Peace Museum**, which details what the Okinawan people experienced — from the atrocities of war, to their struggles during American occupation, and the difficulties they faced with the switching of government powers in the post-war years. The museum also commemorates the fate of the female high school students that had worked in the army field hospitals under horrendous conditions — many of which did not survive the war. Testimonials of the few survivors of the Battle of Okinawa are exhibited here — offering detailed recollections of their painful experiences. Next is the **Okinawa Peace Memorial Park**, situated on **Mabuni Hill**, the site where the Battle of Okinawa ended, was created to mourn the loss of close to a quarter of a million people. One of the key features of the park is the Cornerstone of Peace inscribed with the names of some 200,000 individuals, including civilians and Japanese and foreign soldiers, who lost their lives in the Battle of Okinawa. The concept of the stone monuments is to remember those who died and to pray for them, to share lessons learned from war and to provide a place for meditation and learning. Spend the afternoon exploring Okinawa World, a theme park about Okinawan culture. The park's main attractions are a **massive natural cave**, a **craft village**, and a **habu (snake) museum**. With a total length of five kilometers, **Gyokusendo Cave** is the longest of the many caves in the south of Okinawa Island and the second longest cave in the entire country. 850 meters of the cave are open to the public and feature spectacular stalactites and stalagmites. The Kingdom Village is a nice replica of a traditional Ryukyu village with workshops introducing the various traditional Okinawan crafts, such as weaving, dyeing, paper making, pottery, sugar cane processing, the making of music instruments and the more recently introduced glass blowing. Colorful **Ryukyu glass** is one of those must have souvenirs when visiting Okinawa. Taking a tour of the work shop allows visitors to see how the craftsmen create their art. Hands-on experiences are offered at many of the workshops. This evening enjoy dinner at a local restaurant with a **Ryukyu Dance Performance** included. (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Mon, Nov 10** — NAHA — KANSAI — KYOTO. This morning we depart Naha and fly to Kansai. Depart the Naha Airport via Japan Transocean Air flt #4 at 11:20 am. Arrive at the Kansai Domestic Airport at 1:15 pm. Transfer to by coach to the hotel in Kyoto. The remainder of your day is at your leisure. Your hotel is surrounded by department stores, specialty stores, and restaurants. A perfect opportunity to fulfill your shopping list. The Local Guide will have suggestions for dinner. MIYAKO HOTEL KYOTO HACHUJO (3 Nights) (B)

**Day 9: Tue, Nov 11** — KYOTO. After a sumptuous Japanese/Western buffet breakfast at the hotel, embark on a full day of sightseeing beginning with a visit to the famous **Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion)**, a Zen Temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Formally known as Rokuonji, the temple was the retirement villa of the shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu. Today's hands-on experience is **surikomi yuzen (brush dyed yuzen)**, which is one of Kyoto's traditional craft "Kyo-Yuzen Dyeing" techniques. Since the patterns are dyed by placing a paper stencil over a piece of fabric, such as a tote bag, you can make an authentic piece, even if this is your first time. Your very own original work will be a perfect memento for yourself or a gift for someone. After lunch, visit **Nijo Castle**. After the Tokugawa Shogunate fell in 1867, Nijo Castle was used as an imperial palace for a while before being donated to the city and opened up to the public as a historic site. Its palace buildings are arguably the best surviving examples of castle palace architecture of Japan's feudal era. Next, visit **Sanjusangen-do**, the Buddhist temple famous for its 1,001 statues of Kannon, the goddess of compassion. Return to the hotel for dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Wed, Nov 12** — KYOTO — KAMEOKA — ARASHIYAMA — KYOTO. After breakfast, travel to Kameoka and board the **Sagano Torokko Ressha (Sagano Romantic Train)** to Arashiyama. In Arashiyama, you'll have the choice of several activities. Explore the famous **Arashiyama Bamboo Forests**. Or shop for world-famous Arashiyama bamboo products. Enjoy a



very special lunch, a local Arashiyama specialty — **yudofu (boiled tofu)** set menu. **Learn how to make wagashi** (traditional Japanese sweets). Stop to view the stunning vermilion colored **Fushimi Inari Shrine**, whose four kilometer long tunnel of scarlet torii gates was featured on the film *Memoirs of a Geisha*. Return to Kyoto for an evening of leisure. (B, L)

**Day 11: Thur, Nov 13** — KYOTO — OSAKA — HONOLULU. After hotel checkout, start the day with a visit to **Kuromon Ichiba Market**, a lively covered market which stretches for 580 meters in Osaka's Chuo Ward. The market is famous for its fresh seafood, fruits and vegetables, meats, dried fish, pickles, and confectionery. Many stalls will prepare, cook, and serve their food to you right on the spot! An excellent place to stroll, sample, and snack on a delicious variety of fresh market foods. Next, visit **Dotonbori**, one of Osaka's most popular tourist destinations, this street runs parallel to the Dotonbori canal. It is a popular shopping and entertainment district and is also known as a food destination. **Shinsaibashi Shopping Arcade** and the surrounding area is Osaka's premier shopping center. Approximately 600 meters long, this area is unique as it combines chain retail stores and trendy boutiques with expensive department stores and top designer fashion labels. A final shopping stop will be made at **AEON MALL Rinku Sennan** before transferring to the Kansai International Airport for our return flight home. Depart Kansai via Japan Airlines flt #792 at 10:10 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 10:25 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

**UNESCO World Heritage Sites:** Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu (2000), Kinkakuji Temple (1994), Nijo Castle (1994).

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