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Escorted from Honolulu • Includes an English-Speaking Local Guide
December 06 – 13, 2026 • Tour Manager: Josie Akana

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), Okinawa was an entirely separate country from Japan, known as the Ryukyu Kingdom. It was not until 1879 that the kingdom was abolished and incorporated into Japan as the 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. Five castles and four related sites are designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site under a collective title.

VISIT: Kansai, Naha, Itoman, Nanjo, Kitanakagusuku, Onna, Manza, Motobu, Kyoda & Chibana

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Shuri Castle, Awamori (Rice Liquor) Factory & Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium

ILLUMINATION TOUR HIGHLIGHT: Southeast Botanical Gardens Illumination

SHOPPING HIGHLIGHTS: Michi-no-Eki Itoman, Costco Okinawa Nanjo, AEON MALL Okinawa Rycom, Okashigoten Onna Store, Michi-no-Eki Kyoda & San-A Naha Main Place

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE: Ryusou Ryukyu Kimono Dress-Up

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE: Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu

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OKINAWA MAP

HOTEL NIKKO KANSAI AIRPORT – 4-STAR (1 NIGHT):

Conveniently connected directly to Kansai International Airport, allowing guests to immediately begin relaxing after their flight.



HOTEL JAL CITY NAHA – 4-STAR (2 NIGHTS + 2 NIGHTS = 4 NIGHTS TOTAL):

Situated right on Kokusai-dori shopping street – the heart of Naha’s shopping and dining district. Enjoy a comfortable stay without the hustle and bustle of Kokusai-dori.



ANA INTERCONTINENTAL MANZA BEACH RESORT – 4-STAR (1 NIGHT):

Surrounded beautiful white sandy beaches and emerald green waters, welcome to a luxury beachfront resort where you can experience the charm of Okinawa.



Day 1: Sun, Dec 06 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #799 at 10:55 am.

Day 2: Mon, Dec 07 – KANSAI. Arrive at the Kansai International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, walk a short distance to the hotel connected to the airport. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. HOTEL NIKKO KANSAI AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: Tue, Dec 08 – KANSAI – NAHA. After a breakfast buffet at your hotel, walk back to the Kansai Airport terminal. Depart Kansai Domestic Airport via Japan Transocean Air flt #1 at 8:20 am and arrive at the Naha International Airport at 10:50 am. Welcome to Okinawa! After lunch, begin your introduction to Okinawa at **Shuri Castle** (Shurijo), the most important castle of the Ryukyu Kingdom, which served both as the central government office and royal residence. Although the main buildings of Shuri Castle were destroyed in a fire in 2019, reconstruction to bring back the castle to its former glory is expected to be completed in mid to late 2026. Shuri Castle is the only castle in Okinawa that has been reconstructed, and only ruins remain of all the other castles on the island. While here, **dress-up in Ryusou Ryukyu kimonos** for a group photo! After, transfer by coach to your hotel. The remainder of the evening is at your leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions for dining and shopping opportunities nearby. HOTEL JAL CITY NAHA (2 Nights) (B, L)

Day 4: Wed, Dec 09 – NAHA – ITOMAN – NANJO – NAHA. After breakfast, take a tour of an **awamori (rice liquor) factory**. Awamori is the signature alcoholic beverage of Okinawa. Learn the unique process involved in making awamori. Next, stop at **Michi-no-Eki Itoman**, the southernmost and largest roadside station in the Okinawa Prefecture. Not only do these roadside stations provide a clean and convenient rest stop, but you will find an array of farmer-direct merchandise along with other omiyage items. You can also pick up lunch (on your own) here. Before returning to Naha, spend time shopping at **Costco Okinawa Nanjo**. Hope you didn't forget your Costco card! Transfer back to the hotel, where the remainder of the evening is at your leisure. (B)

*Up to two bags per person will be kept at the Hotel JAL City Naha until your return. Prepare an overnight bag for one night in Manza.

Day 5: Thur, Dec 10 – NAHA – KITANAKAGUSUKU – ONNA – MANZA. After a sumptuous buffet breakfast at your hotel, we depart for the white sandy beaches of Manza. On the way, enjoy some free time at **AEON MALL Okinawa Rycom**, Okinawa’s largest shopping and entertainment complex. While here, enjoy lunch (on your own) at one of the diverse dining options. Make a stop at **Okashigoten Onna Store**, the perfect spot to satisfy your sweet tooth and shop for sweets from all over Okinawa! Founded in 1979, this beloved Okinawan confectionary brand is famous for its signature beni-imo (purple sweet potato) tart. If you are not a sweet potato fan, they also have sweets in other flavors, such as chocolate and kokuto (Okinawan black sugar). Continue to the hotel for some time to relax and explore the area, before enjoying a buffet dinner at the hotel. ANA INTERCONTINENTAL MANZA BEACH RESORT (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 6: Fri, Dec 11 – MANZA – MOTOBU – KYODA – CHIBANA – NAHA. Start the day with a visit to the **Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium**, one of the largest and most renowned aquariums in the world. Located within the Ocean Expo Park – a large, multi-attraction recreational complex – the aquarium is widely considered best in Japan. A highlight of the aquarium is the massive Kuroshio Sea Tank, one of the largest tanks in the world, that houses whale sharks. After lunch, stop at **Michi-no-Eki Kyoda** for a chance to stretch the legs and get some shopping done. Kyoda offers a wide variety of specialties from the 12 municipalities in the northern region of Okinawa, including hard-to-find products from remote islands such as Iheya Island and Izena Island. Then, explore the **Southeast Botanical Gardens** and **view the illuminations**. See lighted palm trees, lawns carpeted with lights, and lights arranged to accentuate the natural features and plant life of the gardens. Walk through a tunnel of lights for a truly magical experience. Upon return to Naha, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure. HOTEL JAL CITY NAHA (2 Nights) (B, L)

Day 7: Sat, Dec 12 – NAHA. Full day at leisure. If you haven't gotten enough shopping done yet, don't worry! Your hotel is centrally located on Kokusai-dori, the main shopping street in Naha. Many of the shops and restaurants open at 10:00 am until 11:00 pm (or longer). A "not to miss" is the Don Quijote store that is open until 3:00 am every day! It's the perfect location to find omiyage. Shoppers will also enjoy Heiwa-dori, a covered arcade just off of Kokusai-dori. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

Day 8: Sun, Dec 13 – NAHA – KANSAI – HONOLULU. Enjoy a relaxing morning at leisure, before departing the hotel for **San-A Naha Main Place**, the largest shopping mall in Naha, where you will have time for some shopping and lunch (on your own). Transfer to the airport for the flight home. Depart Naha Airport via Japan Transocean Air flt #8 at 5:40 pm and arrive at the Kansai International Airport at 7:30 pm. Depart Kansai International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #790 at 10:10 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 10:15 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu (2000)

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