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January 15 – 25, 2027 • Tour Manager: Brenda Fischer

VISIT: Haneda, Naha, Nanjo, Itoman, Ishigaki, Kabira Bay, Iriomote & Yubu Island

EXPLORE THE ISLANDS OF OKINAWA — Home to Unique a Culture & Traditions!

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, 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. In 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."

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2027 Cherry Blossoms – Ryukyu Okinawa Islands



Day 1: Fri, Jan 15 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 11:40 am.

Day 2: Sat, Jan 16 – HANEDA. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 4:05 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel connected to the airport terminal. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. HOTEL VILLA FONTAINE PREMIER HANEDA AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: Sun, Jan 17 – HANEDA – NAHA. After a breakfast buffet at your hotel, walk back to the Haneda airport terminal. Enjoy a bento box at the domestic departure gate. Depart Haneda Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #987 at 11:30 am and arrive at the Naha International Airport at 2:25 pm. Begin your exploration of Okinawa with a visit to 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. Then, have a chance to **paint your own shisa**, a traditional Okinawan cultural artifact derived from Chinese guardian lions, often seen in similar pairs, resembling a cross between a lion and a dog, from Okinawan mythology. Shisas are believed to offer protection from evil, with the left shisa traditionally having a closed mouth to keep good spirits in, and the open mouthed shisa on the right wards off evil spirits. Transfer to the hotel. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. HOTEL COLLECTIVE (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 4: Mon, Jan 18 – NAHA – NANJO – ITOMAN – NAHA. Another full day of exploring is ahead! Start the day with a visit to **Okinawa World**, a theme park about Okinawan culture. The park's main attractions are a massive natural cave, craft village, and **habu (snake) museum**. With a total length of 5km, **Gyokusendo Cave** is the longest of the many caves in the south of Okinawa Island and the second longest cave in the entire country. About 850m of the cave is open to the public and features spectacular stalactites and stalagmites. The **Kingdom Village** is a nice replica of a traditional Okinawan 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 workshop allows visitors to see how the craftsmen create their art, and hands-on experiences are offered at many of the workshops. After lunch, 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**. It is the site where the Battle of Okinawa ended, and 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, Japanese soldiers, 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. Return to the hotel for a brief rest before walking to a nearby restaurant for dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tue, Jan 19 – NAHA – ISHIGAKI – KABIRA BAY – ISHIGAKI. After breakfast, transfer to the Naha Airport. Depart the Naha Domestic Airport via TransOcean Air flt #605 at 9:45 am and arrive at the Painushima Ishigaki Airport at 10:50 am. Travel to Kabira Bay, which is renowned for its white sands, turquoise waters and dense vegetation, the bay forms part of the Iriomote-Ishigaki National Park. Alongside Mt. Omoto, it has been designated a Place of Scenic Beauty. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, followed by a relaxing **glass-bottom boat ride**. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. ANA INTERCONTINENTAL ISHIGAKI RESORT (3 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 6: Wed, Jan 20 – ISHIGAKI – IRIOMOTE – YUBU ISLAND – ISHIGAKI. Transfer to the Ishigaki Port after breakfast. **Travel to Iriomote by boat**. Iriomote is the second largest of the Ryukyu Islands, behind Okinawa itself. Much of the island remains uninhabited and untouched. Explore the **mangrove on a boat tour**. Then, travel to nearby **Yubu Island by buffalo cart**. With water usually reaching only up to knee height, the buffalo cart ride will last approximately 20 minutes. Transportation via water buffalo ensures that transport can occur even during low tide. Enjoy lunch and free time on Yubu Island. After, return to Iriomote. Then, back to **Ishigaki by boat**. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Thur, Jan 21 – ISHIGAKI. Ishigaki is known for its sugar cane industry, with sugar cane being the largest agricultural product in the region, with the harvest season typically occurring from December to April. Sugar cane is processed locally, and the resulting products, such as kokuto (Okinawan brown sugar), are a specialty of the region. Kokuto is a unique product made from sugar cane, processed without separating the molasses. Visit a **sugar cane factory** and see how this product is grown, harvested, and processed. After lunch, **learn how weaving is done** in Ishigaki. Your finished product will be a great souvenir of this trip! Spend free time at **San-A Mart**, which include retailers selling cosmetics, clothing, souvenirs, and every day goods at reasonable prices. You'll have time to get dinner (on your own) at the restaurants or supermarket within the mart. Return back to the hotel for an evening of leisure. (B, L)

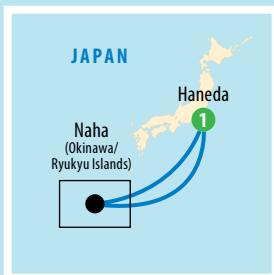
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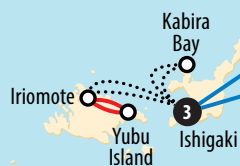


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RYUKYU ISLANDS



Day 8: Fri, Jan 22 – ISHIGAKI – NAHA. After a breakfast buffet at your hotel, transfer to the Painushima Ishigaki Airport. Depart Ishigaki via TransOcean Air flt #608 at 11:30 am and arrive at the Naha International Airport at 12:30 pm. After lunch, visit **Shuri Castle**, the most important castle of the Ryukyu Kingdom, serving both as the central government office and royal residence. The main buildings of Shuri Castle were destroyed in a fire in October 2019, and has been meticulously reconstructed to bring back the castle to its former glory. It 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! Then, we head to a special hands-on **coral dyeing** activity, which is only done in Okinawa. Coral is fundamental to the history and culture of the Okinawan Islands. Many areas of Okinawa's main island are made of 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. This evening, enjoy a **special Ryukyu music and dance show** during dinner. HOTEL COLLECTIVE (3 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sat, Jan 23 – NAHA. After a morning of leisure, transfer to the Convention Center for the **Mori no Nigiwai** annual festival. Mori no Nigiwai initially began with the concept of unearthing and rediscovering various festivals and performing arts that were slowly being lost, forgotten, or left behind as Okinawa moved into the 20th century. Meticulously devoted Okinawans dedicated themselves to gathering all of the pieces from various times and places, then displaying them in a single location for people to enjoy as a trip down memory lane. Over the years, the event has increasingly taken on a regional revitalization necessity, and has expanded across Japan, protecting

and nurturing traditional cultures of various regions, and contributing to the support of artistic activities for the younger generations engaging in original and creative performing arts. Enjoy lunch (on your own) from the food stalls set up next to the venue. Food service is available before the show, allowing visitors to savor Okinawan soba noodles in soup and Okinawan style deep-fried tempura. Return to the hotel after the performances for an evening of leisure. (B)

Day 10: Sun, Jan 24 – NAHA. Full day at leisure. This is the perfect opportunity to visit family and friends. 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 on the street opens at 10:00 am and remain open until 11:00 pm (or longer). A "not to miss" on Kokusai-dori is the Don Quijote that is open until 5:00 am every day! It's the perfect location to find souvenirs and omiyage. Shoppers will also enjoy Heiwa-dori, a covered shopping arcade just off of Kokusai-dori. (B)

Day 11: Mon, Jan 25 – NAHA – HANEDA – HONOLULU. After breakfast, get some last minute shopping done at a nearby shopping center until it is time to head to the airport. Depart Naha via Japan Airlines flt #914 at 3:45 pm and arrive at the Haneda Domestic Airport at 6:00 pm. Depart Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #74 at 9:00 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 8:45 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Shuri Castle, Okinawa World, Gyokusendo Cave, Habu (Snake) Museum, Kingdom Village, Glass Factory, Himeyuri Peace Museum, Okinawa Peace Memorial Park, Mabuni Hill, Glass-bottom Boat Ride, Boat Ride to Iriomote Island, Mangrove Tour by Boat, Buffalo Cart Ride to Yubu Island, Sugar Cane Factory, San-A Mart, Awamori (Rice Liquor) Factory, Ryukyu Music and Dance Show & Mori no Nigiwai

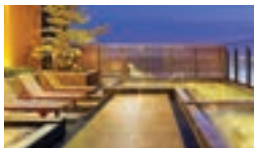
HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES: Ryusou Ryukyu Kimono Dress-Up, Coral Dyeing, Weaving Lesson & Shisa Painting

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:



HOTEL VILLA FONTAINE PREMIER HANEDA AIRPORT (HANEDA AIRPORT — 1 NIGHT): Conveniently located just a one-minute walk from Terminal 3. Shake the weariness of the 9½ hour flight as you relax in the onsen hot spring, enjoy a drink from your in room's refrigerator, or get in a workout at the hotel's gym — all complimentary for Premier guests. A distinctive feature of the hotel is that all **Premier guest rooms face the Tama River**, ensuring every stay comes with a stunning view.



HOTEL COLLECTIVE (NAHA — 2 NIGHTS + 3 NIGHTS = 5 NIGHTS TOTAL): Hotel Collective is conveniently located on **Kokusai-dori, Naha's main shopping street** and home to famous department stores and shopping malls, such as Mitsukoshi, large-scale discount retailer Don Quijote, numerous souvenir stores, steakhouses, and Okinawan eateries. With many stores open until 11:00 pm, the hotel's centralized location makes shopping for souvenirs after a day of touring easy. The **premium twin rooms are located on the top floor**, with beautiful ocean views awaiting those staying on the east side and intoxicating sunsets welcome those on the west side. The **Executive Lounge** is also available premium room guests, offering refined relaxation with breakfast (6:30 am – 10:00 am), tea time (1:00 pm – 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm) and cocktail hour (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm).



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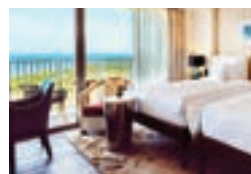
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and tranquil space only available to Club InterContinental guests. Enjoy stunning views of the shimmering blue ocean in a luxurious environment with light meals, drinks, and 24-hour butler services. The Lounge offers a variety of complimentary food and beverage services including daily breakfast (7:00 am – 10:30 am), afternoon tea (2:00 pm – 3:50 pm), and evening cocktails (5:30 pm – 7:30 pm) with canapés. All meals are prepared by an expert chef in a private kitchen using seasonal local Okinawan ingredients. Enjoy a glass of wine, sake, shochu, or a cocktail prepared by an expert mixologist, as you watch the sunset over Ishigaki Island. Club InterContinental guests also get access to the secluded **Club InterContinental Pool and Garden**. Relax in your own private sanctuary, secluded from the resorts public areas, with tranquil gardens that reach out to the ocean. Guests have the option of enjoying refreshments or breakfast by the Club InterContinental Pool or Lounge.

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