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**May 22 – 29, 2026 • Tour Manager: Eric Yosemite**

**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, Toyosaki, Nago, Onna, Manza, Motobu & Kitanakagusuku

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:** Walking Tour of Kokusai-dori Street, Shuri Castle, Ryusou Ryukyu Kimono Dress-Up, Awamori (Rice Liquor) Factory, Ryukyu Mura Village, Sweets House & Churaumi Aquarium

**SHOPPING HIGHLIGHTS:** Iias Okinawa Toyosaki, Michi-no-Eki, AEON MALL RYCOM, Kokusai-dori & San-A Main Place

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

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**Day 1: Fri, May 22** – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 12:15 pm.

**Day 2: Sat, May 23** – 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: Sun, May 24** – HANEDA – NAHA. After a breakfast buffet at your hotel, transfer 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 11:25 am and arrive at the Naha Airport at 2:10 pm. Welcome to Okinawa! Transfer by coach to the hotel in Naha. Take a **walking tour of the area** around the hotel, including **Kokusai-dori street**. Walk to a nearby restaurant for dinner. HOTEL JAL CITY NAHA (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Mon, May 25** – NAHA – TOYOSAKI – NAHA. After a sumptuous buffet breakfast at your hotel, we embark on a full day of discovery! **Shuri Castle** (Shurijo), the most important castle of the Ryukyu Kingdom, served 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! Before returning to the hotel, enjoy free time at **Iias Okinawa Toyosaki**, a four floor mall with a wide selection of specialty and brand stores selling local and international products, where you will have ample time for shopping and lunch (on your own). Before returning to the hotel, take a tour of 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. The remainder of the evening is at your leisure. (B)

\*Up to two (2) Bags per person will be kept at the Hotel JAL City Naha until your return. Prepare an overnight bag for one (1) night in Manza.

**Day 5: Tue, May 26** – NAHA – NAGO – ONNA – MANZA. After breakfast, head north to Onna and spend some time at **Ryukyu Mura Village**, 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

### HOTEL VILLA FONTAINE GRAND HANEDA AIRPORT – 4-STAR (1 NIGHT):

The hotel is conveniently located just a one-minute walk from Terminal 3. Japan is one of the world's leading onsen hot spring countries, and have long been loved by the Japanese for their ability to prevent disease, promote health, bestow beauty and anti-aging benefits, and soothe the body and mind. Shake the weariness of the 9½ hour flight as you relax in the onsen (for the nominal fee of 2,000 yen). Or get an introduction to Japanese convenience stores at Lawson (open 24 hours) on the 2nd floor.



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

City Naha is conveniently located facing Naha's Kokusai-dori street, the center of tourism.



### ANA INTERCONTINENTAL MANZA BEACH RESORT – 4-STAR (1 NIGHT): Surrounded by a coral reef and pristine national Park, it is a luxury beach resort off the coast of Okinawa Island.



transcends borders and language barriers. Next, make a stop at the roadside **Michi-no-Eki** for a chance to stretch the legs, enjoy lunch (on your own) and get a little shopping done as well. Not only do they provide a clean and convenient rest stop, but you will find an array of farmer-direct merchandise along with other omiyage items. Make a stop at **Sweets House**, before transferring to the hotel for a buffet dinner. ANA INTERCONTINENTAL MANZA BEACH RESORT (1 Night) (B, D)

**Day 6: Wed, May 27** – MANZA – MOTOBU – KITANAKAGUSUKU – 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 of marine life. After lunch, enjoy some free time at **AEON MALL RYCOM** on the way back to Naha City. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. The Local Guide will have recommendations for dinner. HOTEL JAL CITY NAHA (2 Nights) (B, L)

**Day 7: Thur, May 28** – NAHA. Full day at leisure. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. 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 1.6 kilometers 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 store that is open until 3:00 am every day! It's the perfect location to find souvenirs and omiyage. Shoppers will also enjoy Heiwa-dori, a covered arcade just off of Kokusai-dori. (B)

**Day 8: Fri, May 29** – NAHA – HANEDA – 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 Airlines flt #988 at 3:05 pm and arrive at the Haneda Domestic Airport at 5:35 pm. Depart Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #74 at 9:05 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 9:30 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

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