Welcome to Okinawa!

Language – Okinawan Japanese is common, but English is mainly spoken.

Currency – JPY, Japanese Yen.

Electricity – The voltage used throughout Japan is uniformly 100 volts, A.C. There are two kinds of frequencies in use—50 Hertz in eastern Japan and 60 Hertz in western Japan (including Nagoya, Kyoto and Osaka).

Type A and Type I outlets.

Major Airports – Naha Airport in Okinawa. Most people will need to fly into Tokyo first but Naha does offer some international flights.

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Entry Requirements – Any foreign visitor entering Japan must have a valid passport for the duration of their stay, and all visitors must comply with the conditions of their visas.

See below for information about the current visa requirements for Japan. please see VISA requirements for you country here <u>VISA | Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (mofa.go.jp)</u>

Currently, tourists with U.S. passports do not need visas for short-term visits (up to three months).

Japan has a digital entry document <u>Login | Visit Japan Web (digital.go.jp)</u> create an account and once your flight has been booked, enter your flight information and stay. it will generate your entry QRC and a declaration QRC code for entry and exit for immigration in Japan. you can also create a Tax free QRC core for participating shops

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<u>Information for U.S. citizens traveling to Japan - U.S. Embassy & Consulates in Japan</u> (usembassy.gov)



Border Measures | Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare | Government of Japan | 厚 生労働省 (mhlw.go.jp)

Helpful Apps -

- Japan Connected Wi-Fi
- Travel JAPAN Wi-Fi
- Google Translate
- Whatsapp

Japan Travel - Route, Map, Guide

- Google Maps
- GO / Taxi app for Japan

Topside Attractions –

Murasaki Mura, which is a reproduction of Naha City. During the 14th and 15th centuries, when Okinawa, then known as the Ryukyu Kingdom. The park offers 32 workshops where visitors can try their hand at Okinawan shisa painting, ceramics, Ryukyu glass blowing, making coral wind chimes or dyeing cloth. Onna no Eki is a local farmer's market with amazing restaurants, vegetable and fruit stores and Zenzai (Okinawan ice cream) parlors. We will also visit the American Village to explore the famous shopping and entertainment district. Churaumi Aquarium, an integral attraction within Ocean Expo Park known as one of the world's largest aquariums. Situated along the scenic Motobu Peninsula coastline, it showcases 710 marine species, including majestic whale sharks. An afternoon will be spent at Cape Hedo, the most Northern part of Okinawa and visit Daisekirinzan, a historical landmark that shows the ancient kingdoms and has some amazing views of the surrounding islands and beautiful jungle walks with 100s of years old Gajumaru trees.

Visibility – Transparent waters and visibility of up to 40 meters. Some say the water is so clear they can see ripples in the sand from 20 meters below the surface.

Water Temperature – 20–30°C (70–86°F) year-round, with peaks in mid-July and lows in mid-February.

April- Around 22°C (71.6°F), which is comfortable for activities like parasailing and stand-up paddleboarding



August- Around 29°C (84°F)

Weather – Okinawa has a humid subtropical climate, gloriously long summers, and mild winters. In January and February, temperatures can be cool with highs around 15°C and lows around 10°C. Summers are muggy with frequent rains, starting earlier than in Japan. July sees less rain, while August to October has more sun and increased rainfall.

Featured Creatures – Manta rays, whales, whale sharks, scalloped hammerhead sharks, humpback whales, sea turtles, whitetip sharks, lionfish, octopus, and tuna.

