



Okinawa Soba noodle

By Foot

Dining

Okinawa soba is a type of noodle produced in Okinawa. Its Chinese-style wheat noodles closely resemble the texture of ramen. It is served in a broth flavored with kelp, dried bonito and pork that is much lighter than ramen broth. Standard toppings are kamaboko (fish cake), sliced scallion and a thick slice of stewed pork belly or boneless pork ribs (they are so tender to melt in your mouth), and usually garnished with pickled ginger. There are regional styles and individual variations.

Location/View	
Access	
Season	Year-round
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Awamori (distinctive sake of Okinawa)

By Foot

Dining

Awamori is an alcoholic beverage indigenous and unique to Okinawa, and is said to be the oldest distilled liquor in Japan, introduced to Ryukyu from Thailand from the late 14th to the 15th century. It goes well with water, on the rocks, with soda, and with hot water. Awamori aged for 3 years or more is called "Kusu", and its greatest feature is as the time passes, the ingredients continue to mature and the flavor becomes richer and sweeter to create mellow texture in your mouth.

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Shuri-ori Weaving

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Shopping

"Shuri-ori" refers to weaving techniques that have been inherited in the castle town of Shuri. It includes "ShuriKasuri," "ShuriMinsah," "Shuri Hana-ori," "Doton-ori," and "Hanakura-ori." These traditional Ryukyu weavings have a unique beauty and are made with natural materials. The colors and patterns are created entirely by hand and everything from the thread to the dye is refined elegantly.

Location/View	Tenbusu Naha 2F, 3-2-10 Makishi, Naha, Okinawa 900-0013, Japan MAP
Access	20 min. walk from port (2km)
Season	Year-round
Related links	Naha City Traditional Arts & Crafts Center http://www.kogeikan.jp (Japanese only)

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Ryukyu Bingata

By Foot

Shopping

Ryukyu Bingata is an Okinawa's traditional dyed cloth that has been inherited since the Ryukyu Dynasty. It has distinctive colorful and gorgeous patterns. The oldest Okinawan dying technique is called Urasoe-gata, which uses a stenciling technique. Later, a cut paper stencil technique was introduced from China, and a variety of methods from Eastern culture were incorporated to form the unique Okinawan dyed cloth.

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Tsuboya-yaki Pottery

By Foot

Shopping

There are two kinds of Tsuboya-yaki Pottery, "Arayachi" and "Joyachi." "Arayachi" refers to what is accepted as Nanban pottery, and is used mainly for making large dynamic pottery such as "sake-kame" (sake pot), "mizu-kame" (water pot), and "miso-kame" (miso pot), all of which are either unglazed or manganese glazed. "Joyachi," on the other hand, is used mainly for making relatively small, glazed pottery such as plates, drinking vessels, and vases and is the main product of Okinawa's pottery.

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Okinawa Karate Kaikan

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

"Karate", a martial art of Okinawan origin has now numerous enthusiasts around the world. The Okinawa Karate Kaikan serves to preserve, inherit and develop traditional Okinawan Karate as a unique cultural heritage, tell people both in and outside Japan that "Okinawa is the birthplace of Karate," and be a facility that can be used as a place to learn the essence of Karate.

Location/View	Tomigusuku 854-1, Tomigusuku-shi, Okinawa 901-0241, Japan MAP		
Access	20 min. travel from port (6km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	4 buses
Related links	Okinawa Karate Kaikan http://karatekaikan.jp/en/		



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Nami-no-ue Sea & Sky Park

By Foot

Main Attractions

Naminoue Umisora Park is a tourist spot located on the western bay area of Naha. It has a diving and snorkeling beach where you can see beautiful corals and marine animals in the waters of the Port of Naha, including about 90 kinds of corals, 50 kinds of fish, and 30 kinds of large benthic marine organism. The park is one of popular destinations not only for water sports activities but also for beachfront BBQ experience.

Location/View	3-10-12 Tsuji, Naha, Okinawa 900-0037, Japan		
Access	15 min. walk from port (1.3km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	10 buses
Related links	NAHA SEA PARADISE COUNCIL http://www.naminouebeach.jp (Japanese only)		



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Tsuboya-Yachimun-dori (Tsuboya Pottery Street)

By Foot

Main Attractions

"Yachimun" means "pottery" in Okinawan language. Professional pottery making in Okinawa began at the Wakuta kiln, where Korean potters were invited from Satsuma. The Ryukyu royal government combined the kilns of "Chibana," "Takaraguchi," and "Wakuta" to form Tsuboya Yachimun-dori (Tsuboya Pottery Street). The street is the birthplace of Tsuboya-yaki, one of the traditional crafts of Okinawa. Traditional pottery including "shisa" (traditional Ryukyuan decoration), vases, and plates for daily use are made on this street. You can visit the kilns located along the street and try making your own pieces at the pottery studios.

Location/View	1-9-32 Tsuboya, Naha, Okinawa 902-0065, Japan		
Access	20 min. walk from port (3km)		
Season	Year-round		
Related links	Tsuboya Pottery Street Association http://www.tsuboya-yachimundori.com/ (Japanese only) Okinawa Prefecture museum society http://museum-okinawa.jp/index.html (Japanese only)		



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Shurijo Castle Park

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

Shurijo was the residential castle for the king of the Ryukyu Kingdom and the center of politics for roughly 450 years, from 1429, when the Kingdom was established, to 1879, when Okinawa became a prefecture of Japan. The castle provides an experience that shows proof of the prosperity of the Ryukyu and passes on the adventurous spirit of the Ryukyu Dynasty to people today. In 2000, it was designated as a World Heritage Site as a part of the "Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu." Due to the fire in October 2019, the main building was burned down, and now under restoration.

Location/View	1-2 Kinjo-cho, Shuri, Naha, Okinawa 903-0815, Japan		
Access	20 min. travel from port (7km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	20 buses
Related links	Shurijo Castle Park http://oki-park.jp/shurijo/en/		



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Shikinaen Royal Garden

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

The Shikinaen Royal Garden, also known as "Nan-en," was built in 1799 as the second royal residence, largest in its kind in the Ryukyu Kingdom. It was also used as a retreat to entertain royal families as well as "sapposhi" (envoys from the Chinese emperor). The residence has a "circuit style garden", which allows visitors to enjoy the varied scenery while walking around the pond. The garden is designated both as a National Place of Scenic Beauty, and a part of "Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu," a World Heritage Site.

Location/View	421-7 Aza-maaji, Naha, Okinawa 902-0072, Japan		
Access	30 min. travel from port (8km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	5 buses
Related links	Naha Navi https://www.naha-navi.or.jp/en/		

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The Naha Giant Tug-of-War

By Foot

Topics

The Naha Giant Tug-of-War dates back to the old Ryukyu era. It gradually developed from a farming community event to a town event, and then to a national celebratory event. With the brave and splendid standard-bearers, the tug-of-war was developed into a big and unique cultural event of the Ryukyu Kingdom. It is now Okinawa's biggest traditional event that the local people can proudly present to the world as a symbol of Naha. In 1995, the rope used was recognized in the Guinness Book of World Records as the "largest straw rope."

Location/View	Crossroad Kumoji, Route 58, 2-Chome, Kumoji, Naha, Okinawa 900-0032, Japan		
Access	20 min. walk from port (2km)		
Season	Mid-October		
Related links	The Naha Giant Tug-of-War http://www.naha-otsunahiki.org/ (Japanese only) Naha Navi https://www.naha-navi.or.jp/en/		

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Shurijo Castle Festival & Ryukyu Dynasty Emaki Gyoretsu Parade

By Public Transport

Topics

Shurijo Castle Festival and Ryukyu Dynasty Emaki Gyoretsu Parade are glamorous events in which the adventurous spirit of the Ryukyu can be felt. The traditional parade reenacts the festival in Shuri where once flourished as the capital of the Ryukyu Kingdom. A grand recreation of a Ryukyuan procession with the king and queen, followed by traditional performance artists and others, making up a total of 700 people in the procession that speaks of the historical tales of Ryukyu.

Location/View	Shurijo Castle Park & Kokusai-Street		
Access	Kokusai Street: 20 min. walk from port (2km) Shurijo Castle: 20 min. travel from port (7km)		
Season	Late October - Early November		
Related links	Shurijo Castle Park management Center http://oki-park.jp/shurijo/en/ Naha Navi https://www.naha-navi.or.jp/en/		

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