



Tropical Japan: Islands of Okinawa

5-Night Extension

Only becoming a part of Japan in the 17th Century, the islands of Okinawa were once a group of fiercely independent kingdoms. With a culture, cuisine and climate that is still very much its own, this itinerary allows you to experience this truly amazing tropical paradise. The best time to visit Okinawa is in spring (i.e. March to early May) or autumn (i.e. late September to December). Summer is also a popular time to visit but it can be very busy and chances of typhoons are high.



Okinawa Main Island

The largest and most populated of the Okinawan islands, the main island is home to a wide variety of historical and cultural points of interest, as well as delicious cuisine. The Churaumi Aquarium is considered to be the best in Japan, with the Kushiro Tank being one of the largest of its kind in the world. The island boasts glimpses of Okinawa's independence, the impressive Shuri Castle was the residence of the Okinawan kings. The Mihama American village is a great entertainment district on the island, with many restaurants, cafes and shops.

Ishigaki Island

The island of Ishigaki offers many scenic beaches and wonderful snorkelling spots, with a school of majestic manta rays calling the island's Kabira Bay area their home. Two of the best beaches are Sukuji beach, which is excellent for families on account of the shallow water, and Yonehara beach, home to a wonderful coral reef teeming with exotic marine fauna, providing a good spot for snorkelling.



Taketomi Island

A short distance away from its neighbour, Ishigaki, Taketomi Island offers pristine untouched scenery to travellers. A good way to explore the island is via a water buffalo drawn cart tour, which takes you to a small, quaint village, a far cry from the metropolises on mainland Japan.

Iriomote Island

The second largest of the Okinawan islands, Iriomote Island is best explored by one of the variety of river cruises on offer. As well as this, the island is an excellent location for those wanting to try their hand (or paddle) at kayaking. You can also high through the island's mangroves, and the view from the observation deck Maruyodo Falls is something not to be missed.



Naha Accommodation

Ishigaki Accommodation

3Star Options:



4Star Options:



5Star Options:



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The Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in Okinawa

Fly from the Japanese mainland to the capital of Okinawa, Naha. Transfer to your hotel where you will stay for 2 nights.

Day 2: Okinawa Main Island

Spend the day exploring the main island of Okinawa. Be sure to visit the magnificent Churaumi Aquarium, and marvel at the majesty of the marine life on exhibition there. The main island saw the brunt of the fighting in the final days of the Second World War, the Peace Memorial Museum and Cornerstone for Peace act as a sobering reminder of the destruction and loss of life. There are also castles that date back to before Japanese control of the islands. The most impressive of these is Shuri Castle.

Day 3: Main Island to Ishigaki Island

Fly from Naha to Ishigaki Island. Upon arrival, you may wish to luxuriate at one of the Island's beaches. The Island is also an excellent location for snorkelling, with fantastically coloured manta rays inhabiting the bay area. Check in to your hotel for 2 nights.



Day 4: Taketomi Island day trip

From Ishigaki, take a 15-minute boat ride to the island of Taketomi. Avail of a water buffalo tour, allowing you to take in the serenity of the island. Return to Ishigaki in the evening.

Day 5: Iriomote Island day trip-return to the main island

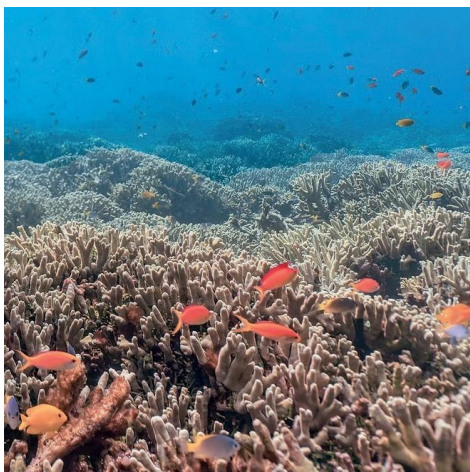
Take a 40-minute ferry ride from Ishigaki to Iriomote Island. Return to Ishigaki in the afternoon for your return flight to the main

island. As it's your last night in Okinawa, you may wish to visit the Mihama American Village, which offers a wide variety of restaurants for a final meal, as well as options for a spot of souvenir shopping. Check in to the same hotel on the main island for one night.

Day 6: Depart Okinawa

Sadly, it's time to leave this tropical paradise! Transfer from your hotel to Naha airport. Fly to the Japanese mainland for your onward international connection home.





Price Includes:

- 5 nights' hotel accommodation in a Double/Twin room in Naha and Ishigaki Island on a bed & breakfast basis
- Airport transfers between Naha airport and your hotel by taxi
- Detailed Japan Journeys Information Pack including detailed train schedules, maps, & brochures
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- Full financial protection via Japan Journeys' membership of the Travel Trust Association through which your monies are held in a Trust Account until you return home (under Membership No. U3078), see: <http://www.traveltrust.co.uk>

Not Included In Price:

- International airfare
- Domestic flight between Tokyo and Naha (mainland Okinawa). Approx. JPY10,800 or £70.00 per person (as of March 2022)
- Domestic flight between Naha and Ishigaki Island. Approx. JPY10,800 or £70.00 per person (as of March 2022)
- Ferry between Ishigaki Island and Taketomi Island (return ticket approx. JPY1,300 per person or £8.50 per person (as of March 2022)
- Ferry between Ishigaki Island and Iriomote Island (return ticket approx. JPY3,000 per person or £20.00 per person (as of March 2022)
- Bus fares
- Meals not mentioned above
- Entrance fees
- Travel insurance

All price estimates are based on current rates of exchange and are subject to availability.

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