



Places to visit



Makishi Public Market

Open 8AM- 10PM

This market has seen the history of Okinawa! During the American occupation, the area was a black market where American goods were traded. Almost completely burned down in the 60s and rebuilt after Okinawa became a part of Japan. It was completely renovated and reopened in 2023.

Kokusai Street Food Village

Open 12PM - 12AM

Vibrant open-air market that will make you feel like traveled back in time, offering casual street food options from a choice of vendors.



Shisa Workshop

You may find workshops where you can make or paint your own Shisa dogs. This can be the perfect souvenir from Okinawa!



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Shikinaen Royal Gardens

 50 mins. from Naval Base White Beach

 Admission: Adult 400 JPY

 Free parking available on-site

Shikinaen (識名園), also known as Shikinaen Royal Garden, is a historic garden located in Naha, Okinawa, Japan. It holds significant cultural and historical value as a former secondary residence and of the Ryukyu royal family during the Ryukyu Kingdom era.

Originally built in the late 18th century, and was completely destroyed in 1919 during WWII. Restoration began in 1975 and it took 20 years to bring back the beauty it had back in Ryukyu Kingdom Era.

Places to eat

Kokusai Street

 15 mins. from Shikinaen Royal Gardens

 Paid parking available around



Gyukatsu Motomura Open 11AM - 10PM

A fine cut of beef steak, deep fried, sizzle on a stone plate, add a little wasabi on it and savor this unique steak dish.



Okinawa Sakaba Namihei Territory Open 4PM - 11PM

Small izakaya style restaurant where you can try different local delicacies. Fresh squeezed pineapple juice is a must try!



Chinuman Makishiten Open 5PM - 11PM

A casual but fun dining place where you can enjoy live Okinawan folk songs(Shimauta) with Sanshin play. You may find yourself dancing with the locals!



Chou Chou Open 10AM - 9PM

There is nothing like freshly made Spam & egg rice sand to hold you over while you stroll the market streets.



Blue Seal Parlor Owan Open 11AM - 10PM

“Born in America, raised in Okinawa.” This is that ‘one’ famous ice cream chain on the island where you can try wonderful Okinawan flavored ice cream. Did you know that they actually opened the first factory in 1948 on a US military base to give the troops a familiar taste of home?



Tsuboya Pottery Village

 Approx. 8 mins. from Kokusai Street

 Paid parking available

If you are a fan of handmade pottery, take a further walk to Tsuboya Yachimun Street. Okinawa is known for its pottery(“Yachimun” in the local dialect), and Tsuboya street is the birthplace of Tsuboya ware. Kingdom of Ryukyu was an important trade hub for East Asian Trade and they developed the unique culture and design throughout architecture, textiles, dance and many others. Here, enjoy Ryukyu’s fine craftsmanship that passed down for many centuries and little hidden decorations that reflect Tsuboya pottery in the alleys. Stop by workshops, galleries, and maybe adopt a special pair of Shisa dogs today!

