

PLACES TO STOP BY



Umikaji Terrace Senagajima Tourist Attraction

Romantic little village full of souvenir shops and cute cafes to sit down facing the ocean. The view of airplanes landing over the water is pretty cool!



Farmers Market Itoman Umanchu Market Market / Tourist Attraction

A farmers market that is conveniently located for not only locals but island visitors. You can feel that busy local fish market vibe and try fresh food here!



San-A Urasoe West Coast PARCO CITY Shopping Mall

One of the largest shopping malls on the island. One-stop for food court, restaurants, shopping, groceries, and souvenirs. If you are visiting, they offer tax return as well!



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Navy MWR Okinawa Pocket Guide Series 2



View from Hacksaw Ridge, Urasoe Castle Ruins, Okinawa

OKINAWA BATTLESITES

A path to peace

“There is no glory in battle worth the blood it costs.”
-Dwight D. Eisenhower



Urasoe Castle Ruins

Hacksaw Ridge (Maeda Point)

浦添城跡

🚗 45 mins. drive from Naval Base White Beach



A real Footage of Desmond Doss standing on Maeda Point

Hacksaw Ridge is a movie based on a real story of Desmond Doss in the battle of Okinawa during WWII.

Desmond Doss (February 7, 1919 - March 23, 2006) was an American US Army Corporal who served as a combat medic with an infantry company in WWII. Due to his religious beliefs, he refused to carry a weapon.

Urasoe Castle Ruins has seen Okinawan histories throughout glory and fall for centuries. This ancient castle ruins is the burial sites of two rulers of this region. Also, it was in the center of one of the bloodiest battle of this island's history. Now as we live in peaceful era, enjoy your hike and the view and look for where Desmond Doss stood before.

You can find out more from the museum on-site.

Urasoe Gusuku and Yodore Museum

Adult 100 JPY

Open 09:00-17:00 (Monday Closed)



Former Japanese Naval Underground HQ

旧海軍司令部壕

🚗 25 mins. drive from Urasoe Castle Ruins

🎫 Admission: Adult 600 JPY



During WWII, Japanese Naval Forces in Okinawa, led by Rear Admiral Minoru Ota, built an elaborate underground headquarters, with hundreds of meters of connection tunnels under a hill in Tomigusuku.

On June 4th, 1945, the US 6th Marines landed and a pitched battle ensued.

Ota sent his farewell telegram to the 32nd Army on June 11th. In it, he commended the Okinawan people's sacrifice and cooperation during the battle. Ota then, along with members of his staff, committed suicide on June 13th to avoid surrender. The Marines sealed the entrances to the underground headquarters rather than attempt to enter it. When it was unsealed in the 1950s, the remains of over 2000 sailors were found.

Be aware of that traces of the mass suicide by Ota and his men can still be seen. Blast scars from a hand grenade are visible on the walls and the farewell message left by Ota is still present.

Peace Memorial Park

平和祈念公園

🚗 30 mins. drive from Naval Underground HQ

🎫 Admission: Free to the park



Okinawans have paid a heavy price during WWII. Many of the long standing cultural legacy was destroyed and over 200,000 lost their lives. Over 100,000 were civilians among these fallen people.

This is the site where the Battle of Okinawa ended. It was created to mourn the loss of close to a quarter of a million people, and to pass on to future generations the lessons of the war.

The world's largest lacquer Buddha is open for viewing here, as are an art museum, meditation forest, peace bell and a series of pictures titled "War and Peace."

One of the key features of the park is the Cornerstone of Peace inscribed with the names of some 240,000 individuals, including civilians and Japanese and foreign soldiers, who lost their lives in the Battle of Okinawa.



Cornerstone of Peace