

Guide around our house

please not that the information here is liable to change.

IN THE PARK

- ✧ There are many nice places in the Ocean Expo Park besides the aquarium.
 - We recommend you to watch **Dolphin Show** and to visit **Tropical Dream Center** and **Oceanic Culture Museum**.
 - You can get **50% discount** to get into Tropical Dream Center if you show them a ticket or half ticket to the aquarium. And you can get **a discount ticket** to the aquarium at “Umi no Eki” or some other convenience stores.
 - Below is the link to the Dolphin Show Program:
<http://oki-park.jp.e.ms.hp.transer.com/kaiyohaku/inst/77/129>
 - If you have Children, they will like **Kids Adventure Land** in front of the aquarium and **Banko Forest**, which is a few minutes' walk from our apartment
 - If you are a couple, it is romantic to walk along **Seashore Alameda** or other places for sun sets (see the guide map I sent in the first email)
 - Taking **sight-seeing cars (100 yen one way and 200 yen a day)** is also very nice. It goes as far as to **Emerald Beach**.
 - The nearest stop of the sight-seeing car is in front of **Plant Service Center**, only 1 minute walk from our apartment.
 - The first sight-seeing car from Plant Service Center starts at 8:55. And it comes every 30 minutes. To go to the aquarium, you have to change cars at Tropical Dream Center, or you can just walk from there. It's only 5-minute walk from the Center to the aquarium.
 - The last sight-seeing car from Tropical Dream Center to Plant Service Center is 17:10 during winter.
 - You can play **ground golf for free** at the garden in front of our apartment. Ask at Plant Service Center.
- ✧ **Churaumi Aquarium** gets crowded after around 10:00 am especially on weekends and holidays or in summer.
 - If you don't like the crowd, we recommend you to visit it as soon as it opens at 8:30 or after 16:00 with evening tickets, which is **30% off the regular price**.
 - The recommended place to watch the big tank is the seats beside the tank in **Cafe Blue Ocean**. You may get the seats when the aquarium is not so crowded.

Around the apartment

Hotels around the Apartment

- ✧ **Hotel Orion Motobu Resort** in front of Emerald Beach has a nice half open-air hot spring

(onsen).

The ticket for the onsen is usually 2150 yen, but they also have **Onsen & Buffet Lunch set**: except for the summer time. <http://www.okinawaresort-orion.com/english/>

- ◇ **Mahaina Resort**, 3-minute walk from our apartment, also has **Onsen** for 1000 yen . They also have restaurants and a bar.

<http://www.mahaina.co.jp.e.vq.hp.transer.com/>

Shops, etc. around the Apartment

- ◇ Between Mahaina Resort and our apartment complex is **やんばる海の駅 (Yanbaru Umi no Eki)**, where they have a **convenience store**, a seafood restaurant and a souvenir shop (7:00 - 22:00). They also have a vending machine for coffee near the entrance nearer to our apartment. <http://www.mahaina.co.jp/facilities/station.html>
- ◇ ↑ **Yanbaru Umi no Eki** is now under construction and the seafood restaurant and the convenience store was moved into a temporary store at the corner of the premises.
- ◇ On the third Sunday, there is a 「もとぶ手作り市」 (Motobu Handmade Market) at 「本部町営市場」 (Motobu Town Market) . You can enjoy good organic coffee at the coffee shop called 「みちくさ」 (Michikusa) <http://motobu.main.jp/>
- ◇ The nearest supermarket is 8 minutes by car. (please refer to our guide map for their locations)
Map code: 206 856 446*30
- ◇ There is an **exchange machine** at the entrance of the aquarium. It deals with more kinds of currencies than banks in Motobu town.

Dinner & Lunch

Closest Restaurants

- ◇ There are several restaurants in a walking distance: **海邦丸 (Kaihoumaru, a seafood restaurant)** in Umi no Eki , **Pizzeria Bar Lecco** (Lecco is closed on Sunday Evening), **海庭** (Uminiwa, Okinawan noodle)
<http://tabelog.com/okinawa/A4702/A470202/47001242/>
<http://tabelog.com/okinawa/A4702/A470202/47011937/dtlmap/>
- ◇ You can also walk to the nearby Okinawan Restaurant & Bar, which performs **live shows of Okinawan folk music**. (17:30 -24:00 closed irregularly) <http://r.gnavi.co.jp/4kmxcrxv0000/>
- ◇ There is another Okinawan Restaurant & Bar with live shows of Okinawan folk music. It also provides **free transportation service**. (17:00 – 24:00 closed on Monday and irregularly)
<http://tabelog.com/okinawa/A4702/A470202/47006428/>
- ◇ **Yamachan** (11:30~13:00 18:00~24:00(L.O.23:00) is 800 m away.
<https://tabelog.com/okinawa/A4702/A470202/47007118/>
- ◇ **Steak House 88** (Jul-Sep:11:00 – 22:00, Oct-June 11:00 -21:00) is 1km away.
<http://tabelog.com/okinawa/A4702/A470202/47013344/>

OTHERS

- ◇ **ちゃんや (Chanya)** ShabuShabu (11:30 – 14:00, 17:00 -22:00 closed irregularly)

need **reservation for dinner** <http://hitosara.com/0006058554/>

- ◇ **石なぐ (Ishinagu)** Okinawan Food (11:30~15:30 18:00~22:00 closed on Thursday)
<http://tabelog.com/okinawa/A4702/A470202/47006368/>
- ◇ **きしもと食堂 (Kiahimoto shokudo)** for Okinawan noodle soup (11:00-17:30 水曜定休)
<http://tabelog.com/okinawa/A4702/A470202/47000068/>
- ◇ **大鷲すし(Owashi sushi)** 18 : 00~ 300 yen for raamen. They also have sushi.
<https://tabelog.com/okinawa/A4702/A470202/47008123/>

Breakfast

- ◇ **Restaurant Inoh** (9:00~11:00) next to Churaumi Aquarium
They also have buffet style lunch (Oct – Apr:1130 – 15:00, Mar - Sep :11:30-16:00)
<http://oki-churaumi.jp/en/area/inoh.html>
- ◇ **Café Ocean Blue** (Oct – Apr:8:30-18:00, Mar - Sep 8:30-19:00) in Churaumi Aquarium
<http://oki-churaumi.jp/en/area/ocean-blue.html>
- ◇ **Restaurant Marsen** (7:00 – 10:00, 8:00 – 22:00) at Hotel Mahina
<http://www.mahaina.co.jp.e.vq.hp.transer.com/restaurant/>
- ◇ **Mochi Café Chichimun** (7:30-16:00) <http://www.hotpepper.jp/strJ001126737/>
<http://www.hotpepper.jp/strJ001126737/map/>

Restaurants Recommendation on the Way to the Apartment

Nago

- ☆ **Sushi Shop Yazaemon (やざえもん)** at Aeon Nago Store (イオン名護店) 2F
<http://tabelog.com/okinawa/A4702/A470201/47013727/>
- ☆ **Ufuya (大家)** better to have a reservation for dinner <http://r.gnavi.co.jp/4n0y18zx0000/>
- ☆ **En (縁 東江店)** better to have a reservation (opens at 17:00)
<http://www.hotpepper.jp/strJ000675792/>

Motobu

Yaezen (八重善) A very reasonable local restaurant. Most recommended.

(11:00~18:30, closed on Tuesday) <http://tabelog.com/okinawa/A4702/A470202/47001523/>

Naha (on the way to the entrance of the express way)

Daikon-no-Hana (だいこんの花 小禄店) better to make a reservation

(11:30~16:00, 18:00~22:30) <http://r.gnavi.co.jp/f049004/>

We can make a reservation for you !!

Sight- Seeing Spots near the Apartment

- ◇ Traditional Okinawan Scenery is still left among **Bise Tree Tunnel**, whose entrance is about 2.7 km away from our apartment. http://www.tabinchu.net/area4_3/genre1_2/spot_100208/
- ◇ Walking through Bise Tree Tunnel, you can get to **Bisezaki** (Cape Bise), where you can see fish at the tide pool and enjoy gathering sea-shells when the tide is low. (Please ask us for the tide if you are interested.) <http://www.okinawainfo.net/bisezaki.html>
- ◇ **Nakijin Castle Remains**, a World Heritage, is 20 minutes by car.

<http://nakijinjo.jp/english/index.html>

- ◇ **Kouri Island** is also beautiful and there is a shell museum in **Kouri Ocean Tower**.

<http://kourijima.info/> <http://kourijima.info/access/> <http://www.kouri-oceantower.com/>

Beaches and Marine Activities

- ◇ The nearest local beach is **Kakinouchi Beach(垣の内ビーチ)**, and you can enjoy snorkeling there, but **be careful**, there is no guard nor safety net and the wave often becomes high during the winter time.
- ◇ **Emerald Beach** in Ocean Expo Park is well equipped and very safe for children.
- ◇ **Sesoko Island** (ten minutes' drive from our apartment), You can enjoy snorkeling there.
- ◇ **Minna Island** (15 minutes by ferry from Toguchi Port) has beautiful beaches. You can enjoy snorkeling or diving there.
- ◇ You can also enjoy snorkeling and diving at **Bisezaki** and **Sakimotobu**.
- ◇ You can see fish in tide pools and enjoy gathering sea-shells at **Bisezaki** when the tide is low.
(Please ask us about the tide calender)
- ◇ **Sesoko Island** is the perfect place for **SUP**.
 - If you are interested, we will introduce you an experienced guide.

Children's Favorites

1. Churaumi Aquarium
2. Okichan Theater (Dolphin Show) <http://oki-park.jp/kaiyohaku/en/inst/77/129>
3. Kids Adventure Land <http://oki-park.jp/kaiyohaku/en/inst/76/138>
4. Neo Park Okinawa (riding the light train) <http://www.neopark.co.jp/index%20eng.html>
5. Pineapple Park (riding the pineapple car and eating pineapples)
<http://www.nagopineapplepark.com/english/index.html>
6. Bisezaki (gathering sea-shells) <http://www1.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/KAN11/mr/ino-/ino-teikyuu.htm>
7. Motobu Genki Mura (Dolphine Program) <http://owf.jp/dolphin-program/>
8. Banko Forest (a few minutes' walk from the apartment)
<http://oki-park.jp/kaiyohaku/en/inst/76/139>

Rainy Days Choices

1. Churaumi Aquarium
2. Oceanic Culture Musium <http://oki-park.jp/kaiyohaku/en/inst/35>
3. Tropical Dream Center <http://oki-park.jp/kaiyohaku/en/inst/38/39>
4. Snack Squall (inside Tropical Dream Center)
5. Pineapple Park and Fruits Land (They are next to each other) need a car or taxi
<http://www.nagopain.com/> <http://www.okinawa-fruitsland.com/>
6. Butterfly Park (Chouchou en) <http://www.tabirai.net/sightseeing/tatsujin/0000429.aspx>
7. Ufuya (大家) need a car <http://r.gnavi.co.jp/4n0y18zx0000/>
8. Café Ichara need a car (closed on Tuesday and Wednesday)

<http://tabelog.com/okinawa/A4702/A470202/47000205/>

Café Yachimun (やちむん喫茶シーサー園) need a car or taxi. (closed on Monday and Tuesday)

<http://tabelog.com/okinawa/A4702/A470202/47000272/>

9. Kanna Thalasso (かりゆしかんなタラソラグーナ) 50 mins by car

<http://www.kanassa.jp/index.html>

➤ We recommend you to visit Tamaya for lunch or dinner on the way from Kanna Thalasso
<http://r.gnavi.co.jp/f327300/> (closed on Tuesday)

☆Please check yourself for closed days as they are sometimes changed.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CAR or IF YOU PREFER TO MOVE WITHOUT a CAR

◇ You can go to **Churaumi Aquarium** on foot, by sight-seeing cars, by local bus or by Yanbaru Express Bus

◇ The link below is **the timetables of local busses and Yanbaru Express Bus.**

But please be careful local busses never comes on time. (Yanbaru Express Bus is usually punctual) <http://oki-park.jp/kaiyohaku/acc/147>

◇ There is 3 ways to go to **Bise Tree Tunnel**

1. Take Yanbaru Express Bus at Mahina Resort and get off at Hotel Orion Resort. And the walk to the north.

2. Take park's sightseeing car. Change cars at Tropical Dream Center and get off at Emerald Beach. Get out of the park from Bise Gate and walk to the north.

3. Take a local bus at Minami Gate Station (in front of our apt) and get off at Bise Iriguch (Bise Entrance) or Bise Deguch (Bise Exit)

➤ There are rental bicycle shops at the entrance of Bise Tree Tunnel.

◇ Yanbaru Express Bus stops at **Nakijin Castle Remains**. It is about 20-min ride from Mahina Resort <http://nakijinjo.jp/english/index.html> <https://www.ok-connection.net/timetable.php>

◇ You can also visit Kouri Island via Yanbaru Express Bus and a shuttle bus.
(please be careful that the buses may come late)

Hotel Mahaina	8:55	Nakijin Joshi	9 : 10	9:15	Kouri Ocean Tower	10:16
Hotel Mahaina	11:00	Nakijin Joshi	11:15	11:20	Kouri Ocean Tower	12:21
Hotel Mahaina	12:45	Nakijin Joshi	13:00	14:33	Kouri Ocean Tower	
Hotel Mahaina	14:12	Nakijin Son Yakuba	14:27	14:33	Kouri Ocean Tower	15:30
Hotel Mahaina	16:42	Nakijin Son Yakuba		17:10	Kouri Ocean Tower	17:46

Kourijima Bussan Center	10:30	Nakijin Son Yakuba	10:51	10:55	Hotel Mahaina	11:19
Kourijima Bussan Center	12:44	Nakijin Son Yakuba	13:05	13:05	Hotel Mahaina	13:29
Kourijima Bussan	16:25	Nakijin Son Yakuba	17:00	17:05	Hotel Mahaina	17:32

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- ◇ To go to a supermarket, take a local bus at Minami Gate station and get off at Tancha
<http://www.tyura-bus.sakura.ne.jp/smart/busStopTime.php?routeID=6601&stopID=160099&no=53> Or you can simply call a taxi at **0980-48-3355**. You can also find a taxi at **Mahina Resort**.

EMERGENCY

AMBULANCE / FIRE DEPARTMENT:119 POLICE:110

- If you don't have a phone, there is a **PUBLIC PHONE** at **Mahaina Resort**.

Motobu Noge Hospital (もとぶ野毛病院) 0980-47-3001

Weekday 9:00-12:00 14:00-17:30 (the last reception) / Saturday 9:00-12:00 (the last reception)

Map Code : 206 856 369

Hokubu Chiku Ishikai Byouin (北部地区医師会病院) 0980-54-1111

24 hours operation (in case of emergency) Mapcode : 206 686 513

A Model Plan (for 3 nights stay)

THE FIRST DAY

	check-in (You can put the luggage at our apartment if you arrive earlier)						
16:41	Take Yanbaru Express Bus from Mahina Resort and get off at Orion Motobu Resort						
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after sunset	Come home by taxi (0980-4-3355) or by local bus						
around 20:00	Dinner at Steak House 88/ Kaihoumaru 海邦丸(seafood) / Ishinagu いしなぐ (Okinawan Food) / Chanya ちゃんや (agu shabushabu- need reservation)						

THE SECOND DAY

7:30	Breakfast on the balcony with fresh coffee and bread you bought at "Pain de Kaito" on the way to the apartment http://tabelog.com/okinawa/A4702/A470201/47002576/ .					
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9:10	Watch whale sharks and mantas, etc. at Café "Ocean Blue"					
11:00	Watch Delphine Show at Okichan Theater					
11:30	Buffet style Lunch at Restaurant Inoh or at Orion Motobu	Inoh : Seats near window will be				

	Resort		occupied soon after 11:30 Orion Motobu: reservation recommended
13:00	Op1. Reenter Churaumi Aquarium Op2. Walk to Oceanic Cultural Museum (or by sight-seeing car). There is also a planetarium show (in Japanese) in the museum. Op3. Walk around the park toward Tropical Dream Center (from autumn to spring) Op4. Let your children play at Kids Adventure Land (from autumn to spring)		During summer, it may be too hot to walk around the park or play at Kids Adventure Land in the day time. It is nice to walk along the Seashore Alameda . Or you can drop by at Traditional Okinawa Village on the way: there are usually some events going on.
15:30	(from Oceanic Cultural Museum , take a sight-seeing car or walk) Enter Tropical Dream Center for half the regular price by showing the half-ticket for the aquarium.		From Oceanic Museum to Tropical Dream Center , the sight-seeing car goes around the park and you may have to change the cars on the way. Enjoy the scenery from the car and, if you have time, drop by at Traditional Okinawa Village on the way: there are usually some events going on.
16:10	Have a rest at Snack Squall in the Tropical Dream Center		
16:30	October to February	Get out from Tropical Dream Center through Snack Squall to Sunset Square . Walk around Sunset Square then go home by sight-seeing car.	The south gate closes at 18:00 from October to February . Please check the time table for sight-seeing cars.(The last car departs at Sunset Square around 16:50 but they sometimes change the schedule) You can ask the guard or open the gate yourself when the south gate is already closed.
	March to September	Get out of Tropical Dream Center and walk around the park. Then watch sunset at one of the sunset points. (Please check our guide map for sunset points.) https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?hl=ja&authuser=0&mid=zCs-znTdF4C0.knWJfl_MWfdw	The south gate closes at 19:30 . If you watch sunset in the park from May to August, it is better to come by car. You can ask the guard or open the gate yourself when the south gate is already closed.
20:00	Dinner at the apartment.		

THE THIRD DAY

7:00	Breakfast at Marsen at Hotel Mahina	
after breakfast	Opt1. Go drive around Kouri Island , visit Kouri Ocean Tower and then to Nakijin Castle Remains Opt2. Take Yanbaru Express Bus to Nakijin Castle Remains	
around	Lunch in the café around the area	

noon	(please check our guide map)		
after lunch	summer	Op1. Swim and enjoy the sun at Emerald Beach or snorkel at Bisezaki . Op2. Gather shells or play at the seashore, Bisezaki Op2. Snorkel, Dive or enjoy other marine sports at Sesoko Beach . Op3. Enjoy Delphine Program at Motobu Genki Mura. (Ask us for the detail) http://owf.jp/dolphin-program/	Please ask us for English /Chinese instructor if you dive in Sesoko . (Op2)If you play at the seashore, Bisezaki , please ask us for the time of the low tide
	autumn -spring	Op1. Visit Okinawa Neo Park, Pineapple Park, Butterfly Park , etc. Op2. Let your children play at Banko Forest . Op3. Play ground golf (free) at Botanical Garden . Op4. Gather shells or play at the seashore, Busezaki	(Op1)If you play at the seashore, Bisezaki , please ask us for the time of the low tide
17:00	Relax at Mahina Onsen		Onsen is open from 16:00 to 23:00
around 19:00	Dinner at Churaumi Taro (美ら海太郎) or Kanasando (かなさんどー) listening to Okinawan Live music		Churaumi Taro is within the walking distance. Kanasando has a free transportation service.

THE FORTH DAY

8:00	Take a walk in the park.		
8:30	Op1. Have breakfast on the balcony of the apartment Op2. Bring breakfast and eat it at Urizun	Urizun is a free rest place attached to Snack Squall. It opens at 8:00 and you can find its entrance at the top of the lift at Sunset Square .	
9:30	Get ready for check-out		Please wash all the cookware and table ware and put them where they were .
	Check out		Please don't forget to return the key.

Enjoy your holiday!