

Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium



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Experience an Exceptional and Phenomenal Journey into Okinawa's Beautiful Seas.

Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium is the first aquarium in the world to keep whale sharks with the aim of captive breeding

Whale sharks were once thought to be difficult to keep because of their immense size, but the Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium has been able to raise several of these magnificent creatures with the aim of captive breeding for the first time in the world, utilizing its capacity as a world class aquarium. The immense scale of this attempt seeks to reveal whale shark's biology and ecology, about which many mysteries still remain.



World's first large coral reef exhibit

The coral around Okinawa is a precious gift bestowed on us by the Kuroshio current. The exhibit is a true recreation of the habitat in which the coral live and provides an environment where coral reproduce.



One of the largest species of rays!
Multiple manta rays in captivity.

Manta rays, one of the largest species of rays in the world, gracefully glide through the beautiful seas of Okinawa. Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium holds the record as the first aquarium in the world to succeed in keeping and breeding manta rays in captivity.



Aquarium Concept The aquarium recreates habitats where creatures live in the seas around Okinawa, which is comprised of the warm Kuroshio current, coral reefs, and the deep seas to the east and west of the Ryukyu Islands. The undersea world is a mystical expanse where a great variety of biological species live. The exhibits provide visitors with the chance to experience the value and wonder of the bountiful seas around Okinawa by journeying from the seashore out to the Kuroshio current off the coast and further down into the deep sea.

Churaumi App

Use the app's "Guide Mode" to receive information such as descriptions of each exhibitions as you pass by. You can also check real time congestion information and event information for Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium. The iPhone version automatically activates "Guide Mode".



Let's check the newest information!



A Journey to Amazing Encounters and Discoveries Invitation to the Great Sea

Dazzling light and a refreshing breeze flow through the Uminchu Gate ushering you toward the glimmering emerald sea. Your journey to amazing encounters and discoveries begins here.



The Whale Shark sculpture greets you at the entrance to Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium. Take a photo in front of the sculpture and the Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium sign behind it to commemorate your visit.

Enjoy the view from above the "Coral Sea" as it sparkles in natural sunlight.



2 The Coral Sea (Viewed from above)

A Brilliant World with a Rich Variety of Aquatic Life Journey to the Coral Reef

On this floor, visitors can see, touch and learn about the great variety of coral and the marine life that it supports. This is the world's first exhibit of a large coral reef.

4 Life in the "Inoh" See and touch marine life!

"Inoh" is the Okinawan word for shallow water surrounded by coral reefs. Here we have creatures that live in the inoh (reef lagoon) such as sea stars and sea cucumbers. Our staff can answer your questions about the animals.



At the Coral Sea exhibit, you can see how the reef is built up and observe up close the habitat the reef provides and the creatures living there.

5 The Coral Sea



6 The Sea of Tropical Fish
The exhibit offers various angles for visitors to observe the colorful fishes. This exhibit contains the most species of marine life in the aquarium.



7 Coral Reef World



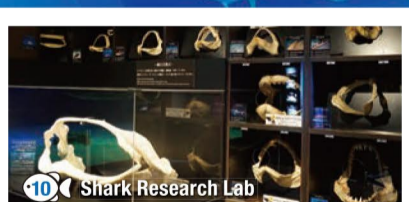
8 Coral Reef Gallery

The dynamic world of migratory fish Journey to the Kuroshio Sea

Visitors do not want to miss the aquarium's premier attraction, the "Kuroshio Sea", and the "Shark Research Lab", where you can learn about the life and behavior of sharks.



11 The Kuroshio Sea
Schools of multitudes of whale sharks, manta rays, yellowfin tuna and skipjack tuna glide through the water in the Kuroshio Sea exhibit. The tank is 10m deep, 35m wide and extends back 27m. A dynamic encounter with the magnificent Kuroshio sea awaits you.



10 Shark Research Lab



12 Whale Shark & Manta Ray Corner

This learning space has a special shark tank. You can study the jaws of different shark species, and watch video clips of our shark research.

This corner displays valuable data and research to help us learn more about whale shark and manta ray ecology.



14 Aqua Room

The Aqua Room allows visitors to comfortably experience the sensation of being in the middle of the ocean. Here, you can admire manta rays and other fish as they gracefully swim around you.

Re-Creation of Okinawa's Deep Sea Journey into the Deep Sea

The deep sea is still an enigma. This exhibit recreates that ordinary and mysterious world. Start off on a thrilling adventure lurking deep down in the sea.



16 Deep Sea



17 Ocean Planetarium

The Deep Sea lets you observe creatures that ordinarily live at depths of 200 meters or more. Leisurely watch beautiful fish emerge from the darkness.

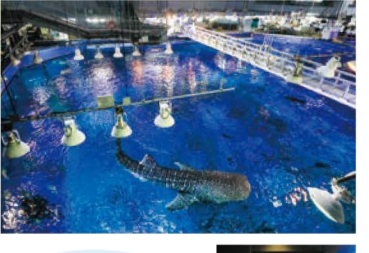
The planetarium exhibits bioluminescent fish and coral twinkling beautifully from reflected ultraviolet rays. The room is kept dark so you can easily see the creatures' glow.

13 Exploring the Kuroshio Sea (Above-water observation course)

You can observe the "Kuroshio Sea" freely from above.

Viewing hours: 8:30-11:00 (Last admission 10:45) / 17:30-Aquarium closes (Last admission 15min before the aquarium closes)
*Closed 11:00-17:30 for maintenance and caretaking
*Viewing times may vary.

No reservation necessary Admission free



Please use the exhibit elevator at Whale Shark & Manta Ray Corner.



19 Ryukyu Arc Riverside

The Ryukyu Arc is the stretch of islands from Kagoshima's Amami Islands to Okinawa, and on to the Yaeyama Islands. The natural environments of the forests and estuaries have been replicated in a tank that features Okinawa's rare freshwater fish.

Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium Map

- Restroom
- First Aid Station
- Information
- Elevator
- Coin Locker
- ATM
- Nursing Room
- Emergency Exit
- AED
- Ostomate Restroom

Invitation to the Great Sea(4F)

- 1 Event Hall
 - 2 The Coral Sea (Viewed from above)
 - 3 The Sea of Tropical Fish (Viewed from above)
- *You can observe the above areas without entering the aquarium.

Journey to the Coral Reef(3F)

- 4 Life in the "Inoh"
- 5 The Coral Sea
- 6 The Sea of Tropical Fish

Journey to the Kuroshio Sea(2F)

- 7 Coral Reef World
- 8 Coral Reef Gallery
- 9 Churaumi Theater
- 10 Shark Research Lab
- 11 The Kuroshio Sea

Journey into the Deep Sea(1F)

- 12 Deep Sea Experience Room
- 13 Deep Sea
- 14 Ocean Planetarium
- 15 Aqua Lab
- 16 Ryukyu Arc Riverside

Outside Attractions

- 17 Manatee Pool
- 18 Sea Turtle Pool
- 19 Dolphin Lagoon
- 20 Okichan Theater

Outside Attractions (Admission free)

21 Manatee Pool

The Manatee Pool is home to the manatee, an animal that was the model for the legends of the mermaid.

Manatee Feeding Program

Cost	¥500
Reception desk	Manatee Pool
	*Ticket sales 13:30~
Time	13:30~

*Admissions will close once all tickets are sold out.
*Limited capacity.



23 Dolphin Lagoon

You can observe dolphins from up close at the Dolphin Lagoon.

Dolphin Feeding Program

Cost	¥500
Reception desk	Okichan Shop
	*Ticket sales 9:15~
Time	① 9:30~ ② 11:00~ ③ 13:30~ ④ 15:30~

*Admissions will close once all tickets are sold out.
*Limited capacity.



22 Sea Turtle Pool

The Sea Turtle Pool hosts five species of sea turtle that inhabit the waters around Okinawa.

Sea Turtle Feeding Program

Cost	¥500
Reception desk	Sea Turtle Main Pool (Outside)
	*Ticket sales 11:00~14:00~
Time	① 11:00~ ② 14:00~

*Admissions will close once all tickets are sold out.
*Limited capacity.



24 Okichan Theater

Exciting dolphin shows are presented with the blue sea in the background. Also our staff can take a souvenir photo of you with dolphins in the background (fees apply).

Please see the last page of this pamphlet for show times.



Restaurants Cafés Shops

- A Inoh Restaurant**: The Inoh Restaurant has a beautiful view overlooking the East China Sea and serves Okinawan dishes. Business hours: Oct.-Feb. 9:00-17:30, Mar.-Sep. 9:00-19:00. *Last order: 1 hour before closing for food and 30 minutes for drinks.
- B Ocean Blue Café**: Enjoy a cup of tea while watching whale sharks, manta rays and other fish swimming in the "Kuroshio Sea" right beside you. Business hours: Oct.-Feb. 8:30-18:00, Mar.-Sep. 8:30-19:30. *Last order: 30 minutes before closing.
- C Blue Manta Shop**: The Blue Manta shop has an extensive selection of Okinawan sweets, whale shark and manta ray stuffed animals, t-shirts and other souvenirs, plenty of which are original to the aquarium. Business hours: Oct.-Feb. 8:30-18:30, Mar.-Sep. 8:30-20:00.
- D Cafe "More Mare"**: You can purchase gelato ice creams made with Okinawan ingredients. Business hours: Oct.-Feb. 8:30-18:30, Mar.-Sep. 8:30-20:00.
- E Churaumi Plaza photo service**: Our staff can take a souvenir photo of you with a whale shark sculpture in the background (fees apply).
- F Okichan Parlor**: Okinawa soba and soft-serve ice cream in unique flavors are available at the Okichan Parlor. Business hours: Oct.-Feb. 9:30-17:30, Mar.-Sep. 9:30-18:30. *Last orders for food one hour before closing.
- G Okichan Shop**: The Okichan Shop has a range of limited-edition dolphin-themed goods on sale. Business hours: Oct.-Feb. 9:15-17:30, Mar.-Sep. 9:15-18:30.

Ocean Expo Park Map

Trolley service is available in the park.

Ticket	Price
One-way ticket	100 yen
One day excursion ticket	200 yen

Restroom, First Aid Station, Information Center, Restaurant, Snack Stand, Baby Changing Station, Nursing Room, Wheelchair & Stroller Station, Ostomate Restroom, Coin Lockers, Souvenir Shop, Pay Phone, Electric Vehicle Recharge Station, Parking Lot

Beach of View, Emerald Beach (Open for swimming from April to October), Beach of Rest, Beach of Play

Okichan Theater, Dolphin Lagoon, Manatee Pool, Main Rest House (Churaumi Plaza), Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium, Emerald Gate Parking Garage, Emerald Gate

Sunset Square, Sunset Square View Resthouse, Tropical Dream Center, Native Okinawa Village, Park Information Center (Haisai Plaza), Oceanic Culture Museum, Kids' Adventure Land, North Gate, Central Gate, Park Office, North Gate Parking, P7 North Gate Parking Garage, P6 North Gate Parking, P5 Central Gate North Parking, P4 East Parking (For Buses Only), P3 Central Gate South Parking, P2 Central Gate South Parking, P1 South Gate, P8 Dream Center Parking

Sea Turtle Pool, Manatee Pool, Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium, Emerald Gate Parking Garage, Emerald Gate

1 Tropical & Subtropical Arboretum: Admission free. Banko Forest.

2 Tropical Dream Center: The price shown below is from APR 2018. Tickets: General Admission 760 yen, Groups 550 yen. Children (elementary & middle school students) Free. Under 6 years old Free. *Present your aquarium admission ticket and get a 50% discount for Tropical Dream Center!

3 Native Okinawa Village: Admission free.

4 Park Information Center (Haisai Plaza): The price shown below is from APR 2018. Tickets: General Admission 190 yen, Groups 80 yen. Children (elementary & middle school students) Free. Under 6 years old Free.

5 Oceanic Culture Museum: The price shown below is from APR 2018. Tickets: General Admission 190 yen, Groups 80 yen. Children (elementary & middle school students) Free. Under 6 years old Free.

Directions

By car Okinawa Expressway About 2 hours Local roads About 2 hours 50minutes

By bus Between 2 hours to 3 hours 30 minutes

Naha Airport: Nat'l. Route 331, Nakachi IC, Naha Airport Expressway, Nishihara JCT, Okinawa Expressway, Kyoda IC, Nat'l. Route 58, Nat'l. Route 449, Pref. Route 114, ~13 min, ~11 min, ~45 min, ~50 min, ~50 min, ~50 min, ~50 min.

Naha Airport: Nat'l. Route 331, ~120 min, ~140 min, ~140 min, ~140 min.

Yanbaru Express Bus, Airport Limousine Bus, Okinawa Airport Shuttle, Yanbaru Express Bus, Airport Limousine Bus, Okinawa Airport Shuttle.

Okinawa Bus Association ☎098-867-7386 Yanbaru Express Bus ☎0980-56-5760 Airport Limousine Bus ☎098-869-3301 Okinawa Airport Shuttle ☎098-996-3539

Ocean Expo Park Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium

Map showing location relative to Naha, Nishihara JCT, Kyoda IC, Nago City, Motobu Town, Nakijin Village, 21st Century Forest Park, Nago City, Kyoda IC, 58, 328.

Program Schedule

Time	6 The Coral Sea	6 The Sea of Tropical Fish	11 Journey to the Kuroshio Sea	13 Exploring the Kuroshio Sea	24 Okichan Theater (FREE)
9:00			Feeding time		Dolphin Show / Diver Show
10:00			9:30	9:30	
11:00	10:30			10:00	10:30
12:00		11:00		10:30	
13:00		Feeding time		11:30	12:00
14:00		13:00		11:30	
15:00			13:30	No viewing	14:00
16:00	14:30			from 11:00 to 17:30	15:00
17:00		15:30		15:00	15:30
18:00			17:00		
19:00				18:00	
19:30				18:30	
				19:00	Summer only (Mar.-Sep.)

*Programs are subject to change depending on the animals' condition, weather, and other conditions.

Facility Guide

Open	Oct.-Feb. (Regular season)	Mar.-Sep. (Summer)
Ocean Expo Park	8:00-18:00 (Until 19:00 for aquarium areas)	8:00-19:30 (Until 20:30 for aquarium areas)
Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium	8:30-18:30 (Last admission 17:30)	8:30-20:00 (Last admission 19:00)
Other attractions	8:30-17:30 (Last admission 17:00)	8:30-19:00 (Last admission 18:30)

Closed Days: The first Wednesday of December and the following Thursday.

Open	Hours of Operation		Annual Passport
	General	Groups (20 or more)	
Adults / age 18 and older	¥1,880	¥1,500	¥3,760
High school students / Ages 15-18	¥1,250	¥990	¥2,500
Children / Ages 6-15 (elementary/junior high school students)	¥620	¥490	¥1,240
Under 6 years old			Free

For purposes of determining the age and school year of student visitors, we use April 1st as our changeover date for the new year.

Some form of identification may be requested when purchasing tickets at the Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium ticket counter (driver's license, student ID, etc.).

Holders of certificates for physical, rehabilitation or mental disabilities may enter free of charge along with one accompanying person. (Please show your certificate at the aquarium ticket counter.)

Group discounts are applicable for groups of 20 or more (group purchase only).

School Discount: Group discounts may be applied to groups of less than 20 students on an elementary, middle or high school event if an application is presented in advance.

Visitors, who already have a travel voucher or ticket purchased outside of the park and wish to enter after 16:00, may exchange it for an "After-AM Ticket" and receive a refund of the fee difference at the Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium ticket counter. *Refunds are not applicable for re-entering visitors.

Reminders: Food and drinks are prohibited in the aquarium. Smoking is not permitted indoors. Pets are not allowed with the exception of seeing-eye, service and guide dogs. Revisions made to the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals do not permit visitors to leave their pets with aquarium staff.

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