

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

### We're breaking the record for the longest whale shark captivity in the world!

The Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium has clarified the changes in body shape and behavior of whale sharks as they grow through long-term breeding. We will continue our efforts to elucidate the ecology of whale sharks, which are still a mystery.



#### **Aquarium Concept**

The aquarium recreates habitats where creatures live in the seas around 0kinawa, 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.

## 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.



## **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 informationand event information for Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium. \*The iPhone version automatically activates "Guide









A Journey to Amazing Encounters and Discoveries

# **Invitation to the Great Sea (4F)**

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.



## **Journey to the Coral Reef (3F)**



A floor where you can observe a variety of corals and the creatures that live in them up close. This is the world's first exhibit of a large coral reef.



"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. Please enjoy it along with the video on your monitor.











The dynamic world of migratory fish

# Journey to the Kuroshio Sea (2F)

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.





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.





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 (1F)

The deep sea is still an enigma.

This exhibit recreates that unknown and mysterious world. Start off on a thrilling adventure lurking deep down in the sea.



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.



Viewing hours

(Last admission10:45)

17:30 – Aquarium closes (Last admission 15min before the aquarium closes)

\*Closed 11:00 – 17:30 for maintenance and caretaking \*Viewing times may vary.



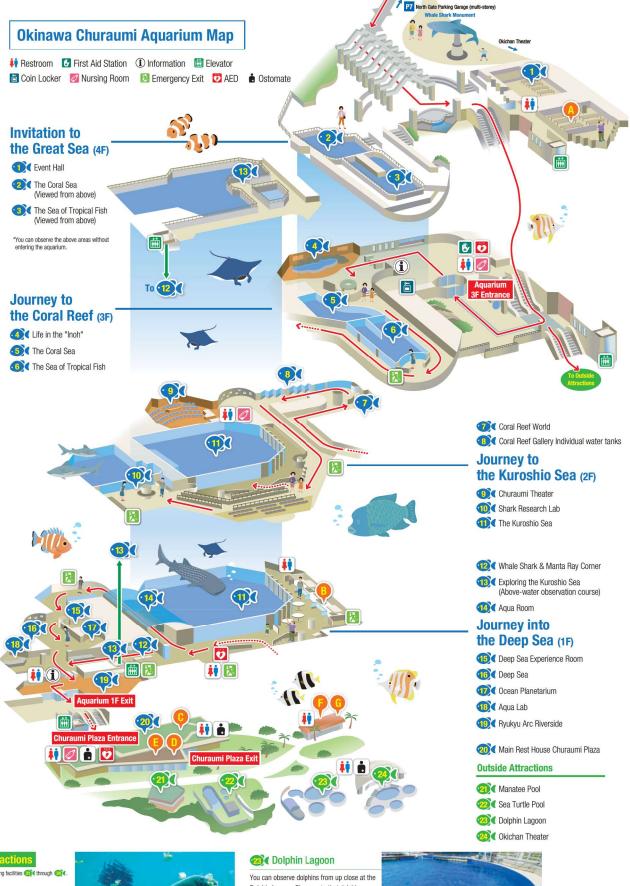
Please use the exhibit elevator at Whale Shark & Manta Ray Corner.





#### **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 creatures.



#### Outside Attractions

#### Manatee Pool

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



Dolphin Lagoon. Please note that dolphins may splash seawater in the vicinity due to their movements



#### **22** € Sea Turtle Pool

We raise sea turtles that live in the waters around Okinawa. From above the water, you can observe sea turtles swimming on the surface of the water, including the sandy beach where they lay their eggs, and in the viewing room on the basement floor, you can watch them swimming underwater from the side.



#### Okichan Theater

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

> **Dolphin shows** 10:30 - 11:30 13:00 - 15:00 - 17:00



Please check the official website for details on programs held around the aquarium.

Programs may be cancelled due to bad weather conditions, animal health, or other reasons.





The Inoh Restaurant has a beautiful view overlooking the East China Sea and Restaurants serves Okinawan dishes.



Enjoy a cup of tea while watching whale sharks, manta rays and other wimming in the "Kuroshio Sea right beside you.



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

# Café "More Mare"

You can purchase gelato ice creams made with Okinawan ingredient

## Churaumi Plaza photo service

Our staff can take a souvenir photo of you with a whale shark sculpture in the background (fees apply).

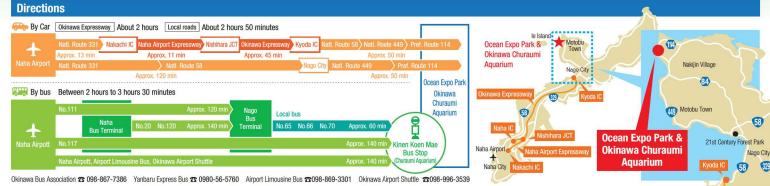


Okinawa soba and soft-serve ice cream in unique flavors are available at the Okichan Parlor.



The Okichan shop has a range of limited-edition dolphin -themed goods







#### **Facility Guide**

	Average season	Peak season
Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium Churaumi Plaza	8:30 – 18:30 (Last admission 17:30)	8:30 – 20:00 (Last admission 19:00)
Manatee Pool, Sea Turtle Pool Dolphine Lagoon, Okichan Theater	8:30 – 17:30	8:30 – 19:00 (During winter break 8:30 – 17:30)

#### \*Please check the official website for the off-season and peak season set periods.

es 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 

> 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.

Admission free	Hours of Operation 8:30 – Last admission		Annual
	General	Groups (20 or more)	Passport
Adults/ Age 18 and older	¥2,180	¥1,730	¥4,360
High school students/ Ages 15-18	¥1,440	¥1,140	¥2,880
Children / Ages 6-15 (elementary/junior high school students)	¥ 710	¥ 560	¥1,420
Under 6 years old	Admission free		

Facility manager: Urban Parks Division, Department of Civil Engineering and Construction, Okinawa Prefecture 098-866-2035 Designated administrator: Okinawa Churashima Foundation 0980-48-3645



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https://churaumi.okinawa



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