

OKINAWA FILM OFFICE

SOUTHERN ISLAND IN JAPAN



MAGICAL ISLAND OKINAWA



WHERE IS THE ISLAND OF OKINAWA?



Direct Flight

- South Korea (Seoul)
- China (Beijing, Shanghai)
- Taiwan (Taipei)
- Hong Kong
- Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)
- Singapore ※ 30th November 2023~

※as of October 2023

Okinawa is located at southern tip of Japan

Flight form Tokyo : 2 ½ hours

The island is approximately 70 miles long and an average 7 miles wide.

ACCESSIBILITY



There is a good accessibility for shooting between Forest and Ocean,
it will take within 1 hour by a car.

****It depends on situation which takes 2-3 hours if you shoot in south to north.****



SEMI-TROPICAL ISLAND OKINAWA

Average water temperature 25°C

Annual average temperature 23°C



Ocean

Discover countless tropical wonders



NATURE



Forests, Waterfall, Caves
Feel the magic of the and the power of Okinawa

The Oldest human fossils in Japan found at Okinawa :
Yamashita cave people(36,000 years ago)

By the 13th century 3 main regional chiefs
have established their power within the island.

Prehistoric Era
~10th century



The Gusuku era
12th ~ 15th century



HISTORY

Ryukyu Kingdom
1429 – 1879



Modern era



Maintaining a flourishing trade with Japan and China
as well as in Southeast Asia among other nearby countries.

1591 - the invasion of Satsuma (Japan) began
1875 (Meiji era) - the Ryukyu Kingdom was abolished,
and Okinawa Prefecture was established.
1945 (after World War II) - under the administration of the United States(1945 ~
1972)



Tama-udun mausoleum



Shuri Castle



Sonohyan Utaki Stone Gate
(Sacred site)



Shikinaen Royal Garden

TREASURE OF OKINAWA BY UNESCO

There are 9 world
Cultural Heritage certified.



Sefa Utaki (Sacred site)



Nakijin Castle Ruins



Zakimi Castle Ruins



Katsuren Castle Ruins



Nakagusuku Castle Ruins



Yambaru
沖縄島北部

TREASURE OF OKINAWA BY UNESCO

The northern part of Okinawa Island called " Yambaru“
and
Iriomote island
are World Natural Heritage Sites

*Prionailurus
bengalensis
iriomotensis*



Yambaru Kuina
- Okinawa rail -



Iriomote island
西表島



Yachimun
- Okinawan Pottery -



Ryukyu Glass



Mincer Weave



Bingata
- Okinawan Traditional Dyeing -

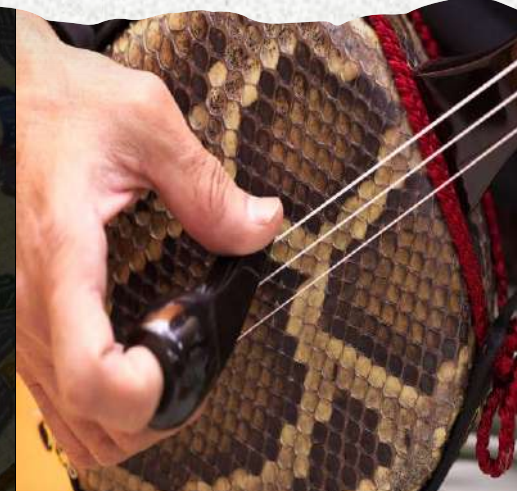


Shisa



CULTURE

Traditional Okinawan Arts



Sanshin

CULTURE

mixture of diverse culture

Ryukyu Traditional Dance



Kumiodori
– Okinawa's
traditional
performing –



The Fisherman's Hari Festival

Bull Fight

The Okinawa Zento Eisa

~End of Aug. — Beginning of Sept.~



FESTIVALS

Traditional festivals
during the summer and the fall



Tug of war Festival

~Beginning of Oct.~



The Ryukyu Kingdom Festival

~End of Oct.~

KARATE

- One of leading martial arts in the world Karate was developed independently in Okinawa during the Ryukyu Kingdom period.

- It was mainly for self defense since most of Okinawan was not custom to carry any weapon at the time.



LONGEVITY



The greatest secrets of Longevity

—Okinawa have been known for longevity and one of the region of Blue Zone —

- ◆ Traditional dietary culture
- ◆ Strong dedication to friends and family
(maintain a lifelong circle of friends that supports people well into old age)
- ◆ Strong sense of purpose in life(A driving force that the Japanese call “ikigai”)

CUISINE

“Nuchigusui “
It means
“Soul Medicine”

The wisdom of the ancestor

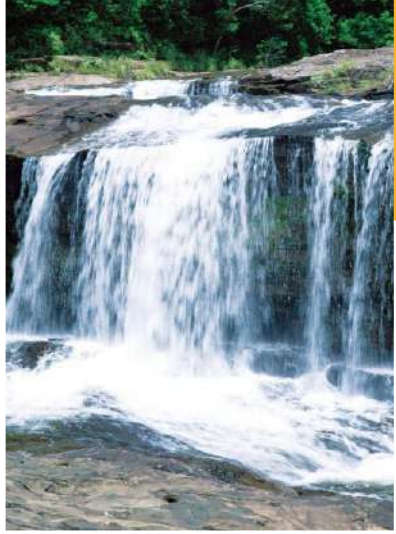
Okinawa’s traditional way of thinking about food is
“ food and medicine should be from the same origin”.

The traditional food is one of the wisdom that we
inherited from our ancestors. It has contributed to the
Okinawans’ life of longevity.





Location Search



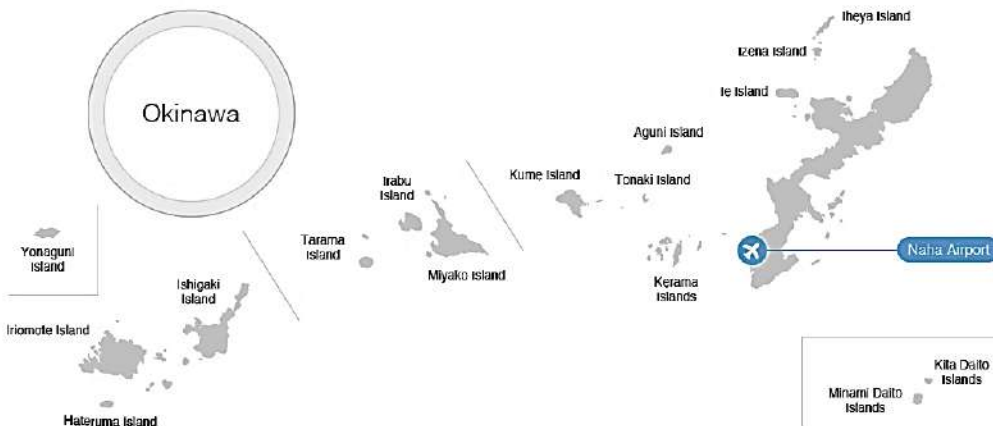
FILM LOCATION IN OKINAWA





Main Island of Okinawa

- ◆ Okinawa's main island is the largest and most populated of its many beautiful islands.
- ◆ It stretches more than 100 kilometers north-south, and is surrounded by many small islands, some of which can be accessed via bridges.
- ◆ From the dramatic karst landscapes and thick forests of the north, to the chic seafront promenades in Chatan and the ramparts of former castles at places like Shurijo Castle Park in the south, the landscape of the main island varies from region to region.
- ◆ The north is known for Yambaru National Park, and the many high-end resort hotels that hug the coastline of Onna Village.
- ◆ The central region preserves Okinawa's pottery heritage and boasts oceanfront entertainment complexes.
- ◆ The south is home to Ryukuan heritage, WWII battle sites, and Okinawa's capital city, Naha.





Nakijin Village

LOCATION SPOT IN NORTH



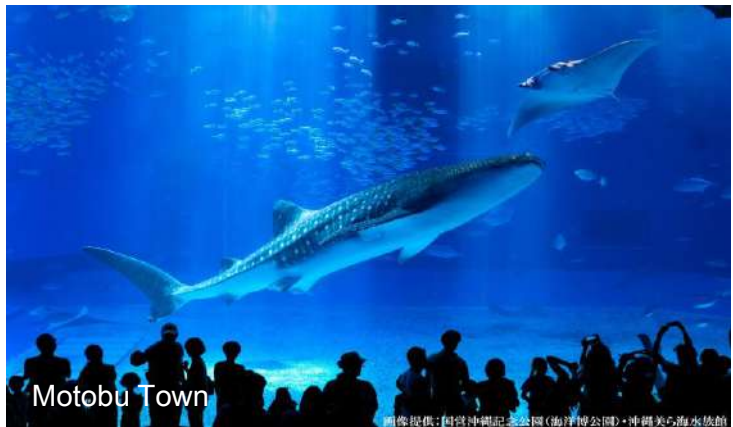
Kunigami Village



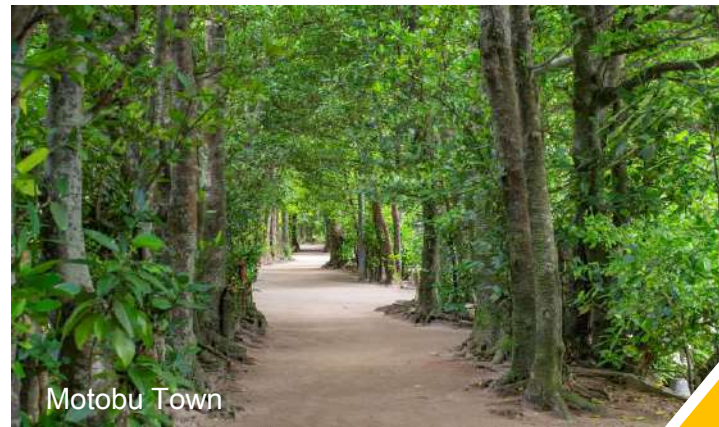
Motobu Town



Higashi Village

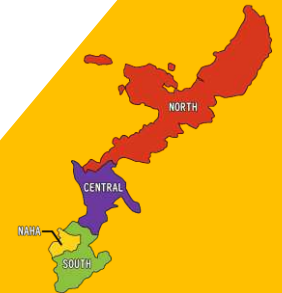


Motobu Town



Motobu Town

Northern Area





HOKUBU
北部

ビーチや水族館など
沖縄を体感できる
スポットも多数ある

Northern Area

The north is known for Yambaru National Park, and the many high-end resort hotels that hug the coastline of Onna Village.

Nago city **名護市**



恩納村
Onna Village



Motobu Town

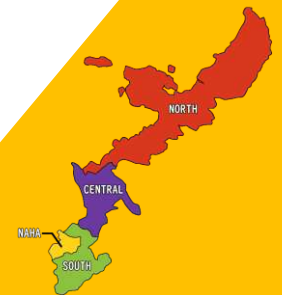
Northern Area



Nakijin Village **今帰仁村**



Onna Village **恩納村**



LOCATION SPOT IN CENTRAL



Uruma City



Okinawa City



Uruma City



Urasoe City



Yomitan Village



Okinawa City



Yomitan Village



Central Area

LOCATION SPOT IN CENTRAL



Chatan Town
北谷町



Chatan Town

北谷町



Okinawa City 沖縄市



CHUBU
中部

Central Area

The central region preserves Okinawa's pottery heritage and boasts oceanfront entertainment complexes.

Okinawa City 沖縄市

アメリカ世と
古き良き沖縄も体感できる



Okinawa City 沖縄市



Uruma City うるま市

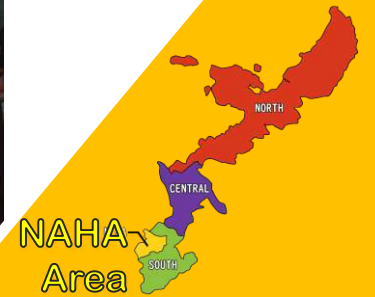


Uruma City



Central Area

LOCATION SPOT IN NAHA





Nanjo City

LOCATION SPOT IN SOUTH



Nanjo City



Tomigusuku City



Tomigusuku City



Nanjo City



Nanjo City



Tomigusuku City



Itoman City



Southern Area



Nanjo City 南城市



Itoman City 糸満市



NANBU
南部
豊かな自然も残る
南部エリア

Southern Area
The south is home to
Ryukuan heritage,
WWII battle sites,
and Okinawa's
capital city, Naha.

Nanjo City 南城市



Tomigusuku City 豊見城市



Nanjo City

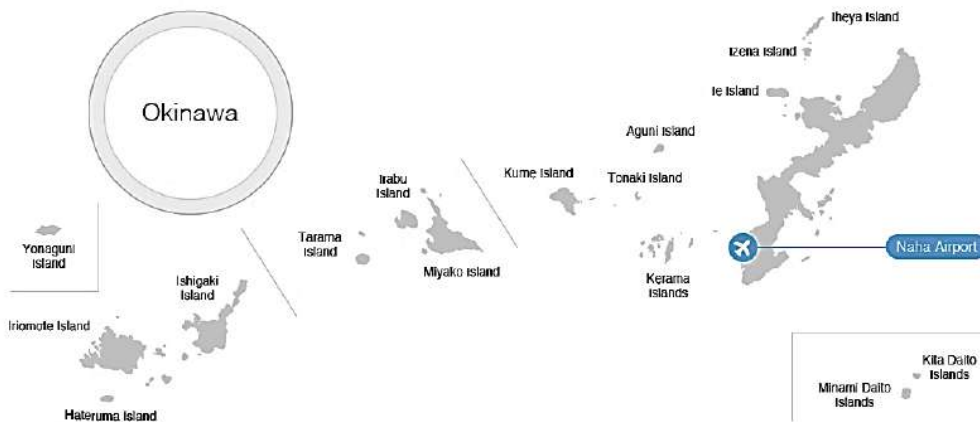


Naha
SOUTH
Southern Area



Remote Island of Okinawa

- Okinawa has roughly 160 of the islands.
- There are 48 remote islands which people live.



Ishigaki Island

Mania watching, forests, capes and cliff by coastline



Miyako Island

One of the most beautiful water in Okinawa



Popular remote islands for location

Taketomi Island

traditional villages



Iriomote Island

rain forests, waterfalls, river



Popular remote islands for location



石垣島 Ishigaki island



Miyako island 宮古島

離島

REMOTE ISLAND

本島周辺に点在する
大小さまざまな離島



久米島 Kume island

Popular remote islands for location



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Our Support as Film Commission...

- Provide location services for filming
- Promote various films and dramas shoot in Okinawa.
- Provide Information of film locations
- Assistance for recruiting extras (Japanese only)
- Our services are offered for free.

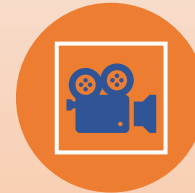


We also provide support in collaboration with the private organization "Location Fixers Guild of Okinawa (FGO).

Benefits of hiring local Location Coordinator



GETTING
PERMISSION FOR
FILMING LOCATION



RENTING
EQUIPMENT'S



KNOWLEDGE OF THE
RARE LOCATIONS



TRUST
RELATIONSHIP WITH
THE LOCAL PEOPLE
AND PARTNERS



HANDLING THE
PROBLEMS



LOCAL RULE AND
REGULATION AS
WELL AS LOCAL
MANNER



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