

English **OKINAWA** CYCLING

Cycling holiday on a tropical island







Information

on cycling events

in Okinawa

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Sports Island Okinawa





Rental bike







Fun for everyone, from beginners to advanced riders 🕽

Resorts, nature, history and culture. **Experience the real** Okinawa on a captivating tropical bike ride.

We invite you on a cycling holiday to experience with all your senses the real Okinawa, including the sugarcane fields swaying in the gentle sea breezes, the exotic feel of the unique towns and villages and historic rock walls once walked by kings.

Kume Island

About 35 minute flight from the main island About 3 hours and 15 minute by ferry



Okinawa Main Island

Miyako Island About 55 minute flight from the main island

Ishiqaki Island About 1 hour flight from the main island

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destination. This guidebook uses Google My Maps to create and share cycling courses.

You can check out detailed information about the cycling courses introduced in this guidebook on "Google Maps" or "Velodash."

Google Map

Google Maps can be used all over the

navigation or to receive routes from your current location to your final

world to search maps, for GPS





Convenient tools

to get the most out of your

cycling holiday







Velodash is a

dedicated cycling App. Record your routes or see where your friends are on group rides. You can also look for recommended routes or create

routes on a map and share them with other riders.





Basic things of cycling

Observe cycling rules and general manners.

Safety comes first when riding. Cyclists, pedestrians and cars should respect each other while sharing the road.

Cyclists are expected to use the roads, not the sidewalk. *In Japan, bicycles are left-hand traffic as cars.

Keep to the left-hand side of the road.

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Pedestrians always have right of way on the sidewalk. Slow down and keep to the road-side of the sidewalk.

Always ride safely. Do not ride under the influence of 4 alcohol, only one rider per bicycle, do not ride in parallel and use a light when riding at night. Obey traffic signals and stop when required. Look both ways before crossing.

Always wear a helmet.





Turning

right















Challenge yourself!

Cycle all the way around **Okinawa main island**

Journey up the west

coast resort

Mihama American Village/Kinabanjo/Sea Side Drive-In/

Kouki beach/Bise no fukugi/Rikarika Warumi/

About 105 km

462m

Time About 8 hrs. (includes rest time

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Kouri Island

Cape Kyan

Okinawa has a culture and natural beauty that you can only find on such a small island and each region has its own distinct feel. Cycle approximately 100 km a day over 4 days and experience all that Okinawa has to offer. Scan the QR code and look at the maps to check major sightseeing spots and elevation!

he coast of Onna Village





Kouri Island

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Yanbaru no mori Visitor Center/Yuiyui Kunigami/ Cape Hedo /Okuyanbaru no Sato/Community store/



Okinawa main island round trip course

Visit the sacred sites from the Ryukyu Dynasty and battlefields

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Ganju-eki Nanjo/Minami-no Eki Yaese/ Himeyuri-no-to Monument/Cape Kyan/Michi-no-eki (Roadside Station) Itoman/Senaga Island

stance About 70 km Elevation gain 372m Time About 6 hrs. (includes rest time)



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day Explore the east coast and discover the charm of Okinawa

Wansaka Oura Park/Michi-no-eki(Roadside Station) Ginoza/Kin Bav/Kaichu Road/ Katsuren Castle Site/Okinawa Comprehensive Athletic Park

ance About 108 km on gain 722m Time About 9 hrs. (includes rest time)



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Recommended! Guided tours

Discover areas not included in the guide books and other hidden treasures. Enjoy a ride with added peace of mind and discover more about the charm of Okinawa from our friendly guides.

Experience "slow tourism" riding at 15 km/h and "thalassotherapy" as part of a new kind of cycling holiday.



We offer a new kind of cycling holiday with a variety of tours to fully enjoy Okinawa that also include pickup and drop off services

Naha Chatan Onna

KARIYUSHI Hotels 098-866-0791 No. of people: 2-30 people Languages: English, Chinese

> Anvone can participate! **Regular cycling events**



Cycling events you can enjoy with local riders. Casual riding groups.

Discover places that even the locals don't know about together with our qualified guides!



Guided tours are based primarily around Naha and will take you around the popular sightseeing spots like Kokusai St. and also introduce you to the history and culture of Okinawa. Ride on your own, as part of a group or take one of our long rides.

Churapota 098-888-0064 No. of people: 2-6 people

Languages: English





Free photographs, guides can speak English and Chinese. Enjoy a leisurely cycling tour along



Cycling courses can be arranged to suit individual riding ability. Customers can receive photos taken during the tour for free

Tomigusuku City Itoman City Naha Chatar

OKK Diving & Cycling 098-943-1161 No. of people: 1 person or more Languages: English, Chinese











No bags necessary! Take a rental bike and ride around

Riding around an unfamiliar area can be daunting

Let one of our local accredited guides

show you around.

Tours cater from 1 rider and include leisurely rides

Guided tours around spots recommended

by the owner.

around Naha and tours to the cafes in Chatan.

Monthly Ride Cycle around a different part of Okinawa

Okinawa on your own customized tour.

main island each month. [Organizer] Okinawa Cycling Association [Date] Generally the 2nd Sunday of each month

[Time] Meet at 8:00 and finish around 14:00 [Distance] 40-70km

Good Morning Ride Ideal for beginners!



See below for inquiries about other cycling events in Okinawa. Okinawa Cycle Tourism Association (OCTA) info@cycletour.okinawa Please feel free to contact us for details.

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See below for a list of the area offering rental bike and a comprehensive range of recommended cycling courses, etc. Let them uncover the local charm.

1 Nanjo City Tourism Association \098-948-4611 541 Chinenkudeken, Nanjo City [Business hours] 9:00-18:00

nanjo-kankou@ia8.itkeeper.ne.jp

Electric power assisted rental bikes (standard bikes) are available. Cycle around and enjoy the abundant natural beauty, history, culture and people of Nanjo.



2 Bicycle City planning promotion office, **Commerce and Tourism Bureau, Nago City Office**

\$0980-53-7530 2F, Nago City Industrial Support Center, 1-19-24 Oonaka, Nago City [Business hours] 8:30-17:15

3 Kumejima Town Tourist Association \098-851-7973

Nago City is the birthplace of the bicycle culture in Okinawa Prefecture. We are working to build and promote the "Cycling Golden Route".



We offer rental bike and a full range of cycle-friendly hotels. "Sugar Ride Kume Island" is also a popular

[Business hours] 8:30-17:30 kyoukai@kanko-kumejima.com







The bike share scheme allows to you rent a bike for as long as you like, when you need it. Bicycles can be rented from multiple bike stations. Check for a bike docking station near you and get on your bike!

1 CHURACHARI











Naha City/Urasoe City/Ginowan City/Okinawa

City/Onna Village/Nago City/Motobu Town

See the website for details, including prices

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Main service areas



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160-57 Higa, Kumejima Town (Information plaza)



Bike share

Rental bike

See our list of recommended rental bike shops. All bikes are carefully maintained so that you can enjoy your ride in total safety.

2 Okinawa Ringyo Maejima 2

Bike types Cross bike, Road bike, E-Bike

\$ 090-9290-4439 (Enomoto)

enquiry01@noleggio-cicli.blue https://www.noleggio-cicli.blue/

Bike types Mini velo, Cross-bike

How to make a reservation E-mail/Phone call/Store

Other Ride and drop, bike delivery, roadside service, guided tours

How to make a reservation Reservation Form/Phone call/E-mail

Other Delivered rental bikes (bikes can be delivered to and collected

from your desired location, free delivery to Nago and Nakijin), luggage storage, guided tours, cycling route information

2-10-3 Maeiima Naha City

\$ 098-943-6768

cycle@okirin.com

https://okirin.ti-da.net/

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Southern Okinawa main island

517-3 Kanegusuku, Haebaru Town

1 Okinawa Ringyo Haebaru store

http://ride-stav.com Bike types Cross bike, Road bike, Junior road, E-Bike





[Rental hours] 9:00-18:00 [Regular holiday] Open all year round

8 RESORT HOTEL KUME ISLAND

411 Magari, Kumejima Town

Bike types Cross bike, Road bike

\$ 098-985-8001

https://kumeisland.com/

Option Helmet 500 yen

12 Happy Pedal

Ishigaki Island

2064-470 Oohama Ishigaki City **\$ 0980-87-0967**

info@happy-pedal.jp https://happy-pedal.jp/

Bike types Road bike

How to make a reservation Phone call/Reservation Form

- Option Riding with staff, support car
- Other Included (delivery to your location, pickup service, helmet, bike computer, day light, puncture repair kit, chain lock, bottled drink)

Ishigaki Island

14 Ishiqaki Jitensha Shoukai 13-3 Misakicho Ishigaki City **6** 0980-82-3255

[Rental hours] 9:00-19:00 [Regular holiday] Sunday

Bike types Cross bike, Road bike How to make a reservation Phone call/Store Languages English

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9 KUMEJIMA EEF BEACH HOTEL

https://www.courthotels.co.jp/kumejima/ [Rental hours] 9:00-13:00, 14:00-18:00



Languages English

11 Home Plaza Yoshinaga 188-7 Higa, Kumejima Town



\$ 098-985-8869 [Rental hours] Mon-Sat 8:00-19:00 Sun 9:00-18:00

Bike types Cross bike, Road bike Option Free helmet rental *Overnight rentals OK





Miyako Island

on rental bikes.





Languages English

[Rental hours] 8:30-18:00 [Regular holiday] None

Bike types Road bike

How to make a reservation Reservation Form/Phone call Option Guide's support service

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Please see the website for details

http://www.plus2do.jp/index.html

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Other Included (bike delivery/collection, helmet, front light, tail light, puncture repair kit, spare tube, pump, bike computer, etc.)



Languages English 6 Hub Cycle Okinawa Main Store 1-15-14-1 Minato Nago city

\$ 0980-59-7356

hubcvcle.okinawa@gmail.com

https://www.hubcvcleokinawa.com/

[Business hours] 10:30-19:30 [Regular holiday] Wednesday

Bike types City bike, Road bike, Kids bike How to make a reservation Email/Phone call/Store



Languages English

2-5-17 Mihama, Chatan Town **\$ 098-955-2694** info@sunset-bikes.com http://sunset-bikes.com/

hubcvcle.okinawa@gmail.com

https://www.hubcycle-cafelounge.com/

Bike types City bike, Road bike, Kids bike

Other Luggage storage (no charge)

How to make a reservation Email/Phone call/Store

5 SUNSET BIKES



[Business hours] 11:00-19:30 [Regular holiday] Open all year round

Bike types Cross bike, Road bike How to make a reservation E-mail/Phone call/Store

Other Bike availability subject to weather

Languages English

Languages English

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Languages English



[Business hours] 9:00-19:00 [Regular holiday] Thursday







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Support for when punctures and other problems happen on the road. See our list of shops that offer roadside support. *Please note that a rapid response may not be

possible at all times.

Okinawa Ringyo Haebaru store517-3 Kanegusuku, Haebaru Town\$ 098-888-0064	Okinawa Ringyo Maejima 2 2-10-3 Maejima Naha City 098-943-6768	
Business hours 10:00-19:00 Regular holiday Tuesday https://okirin.ti-da.net/	Business hours7:00-20:00Regular holidayOpen all year roundhttps://okirin.ti-da.net/LanguagesEnglishBike typesCity, Electric, Mini velo, MTB, Cross, Road, KidsRepairsAll adjustments, puncture repairsAreaAll of the main island (3,000-8,000 yen)	
3 Hub Cycle Okinawa Main Store 1-15-14-1 Minato Nago city	Haneji CYCLE REPAIR SERVICE Haneji.b.r.s@gmail.com O90-9784-6074 (Nakasone) Hours Weekends and weekdays (After 18:00) https://haneji-cycle-repair.net/ Languages English Bike types Cross bike / Road bike Repairs All adjustments, puncture repairs Area Nago City/Motobu Town/Ogimi Village/Kunigami Village/	

Traveling by plane with your bike 🍮

Kunigami Village/Higashi Village/Ginowan Village/Onna Village

How to travel with your bike when cycling around Okinawa. Moving around by plane is necessary in Okinawa, so let's look at some important points when traveling with your bike.

When traveling on a plane with your bike, you will

need a special bike bag in which to store your bike. Special care needs to be taken to prevent your bike

being damaged while in the bag. Make sure to protect your bike using commercially available

Area

Onna Village/Ginoza Village/Kin Town

Traveling with your bike

You will need a bike bag, hard case or cardboard box!!



Use commercially available end metal fittings on your front forks to prevent damage. End metal fittings are a must-have item when traveling with your bike!



Secure end metal fittings to the rear too. Push the derailleur down to protect it.



Ride your own

bike around

Okinawa!

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being scratched or getting dirty. A chain cover will also help keep your bike clean!

Inquire with your airline about baggage allowances.

fittings and covers.

*Changes in air pressure can cause punctures. Let out all the air from your tires before travelling. *Crowding can be expected during cycling events. There may be times you cannot load your bike

Okinawa Cycling Calendar	
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See below for temperature changes over the year and what to wear.	
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The climate

Use this information to prepare for your travels!!

	Average temperature/ rainfall	Feels like	Recommended clothing/items
Jan.	17.0°C 107.0mm	Chilly	Temperature difference to mainland Japan is about +10°C. This time of year is characterized by strong seasonal winds and rain. In addition to inner wear, you will feel most comfortable wearing 2 long sleeve cycling shirts or 1 long sleeve shirt with a windbreaker (no sleeves OK). We recommend wearing fleece lined, long bike pants.
Feb.	17.1°C 119.7mm	Chilly	Like January, the temperature can change from being hot to cold although there are more warmer days. We recommend a raincoat in case of sudden showers. This time of year, Okinawa sees a large number of visitors including professional teams and riders from both Japan and overseas chasing the warmer weather.
Mar.	<mark>18.9°С</mark> 161.4mm	Warm	We recommend wearing inner wear and a thin, long sleeve shirt. Bring a raincoat for the rain and sudden drops in temperature. We recommend normal bike pants with removable leggings. We recommend ladies wear thin, long bike pants.
Apr.	21.4°C 165.7mm	Warm	This is the start of summer in Okinawa. If you feel the heat, you may be OK in a short sleeve shirt, but we recommend wearing a long sleeve shirt that you can remove easily or long sleeve inner wear. Short bike pants are also suitable. Ladies may want to wear thin, long bike pants that will also serve as protection against the sun.
May	24.0°⊂ 231.6mm	Humid (rainyseason)	Early May can be hot and humid with the wet season setting in around the end of golden week. You will need long sleeves and a raincoat when it starts to rain. Short bike pants will be suitable. Ladies may want to wear thin, long bike pants that will also serve as protection against the sun.
Jun.	26.8°C 247.2mm	Humid (rainy season)	Wet season continues to the end of the month. Short sleeves are fine but you may need arm covers if you are concerned about sunburn. Short bike pants are suitable however ladies may want to wear thin, long bike pants that will also serve as protection against the sun.
Jul.	28.9°C 141.4mm	Very hot	This is the peak of summer! Although it gets very hot after 10 am, the maximum temperature is not that high compared to mainland Japan. Similarly to May and June, we recommend thin clothing, however it is necessary to protect yourself against sunstroke and ultraviolet rays.
Aug.	28.7℃ 240.5mm	Very hot	The sun is very hot with temperatures getting very high after 10 am. Similarly to May and June, we recommend thin clothing, however it is necessary to protect yourself against sunstroke and ultraviolet rays. Care should be taken against squalls where a lot of rain can fall in certain areas.
Sep.	27.6°C 260.5mm	Very hot	Hot temperatures continue through to the middle of the month. It gets very hot after 10 am. Similarly to May and June, we recommend thin clothing, however it is necessary to protect yourself against sunstroke and ultraviolet rays. Nightfall can appear to come quickly. You might want to check the brightness of your sunglasses.
Oct.	25.2°C 152.9mm	Cool	The sun starts to lose some of its bite. Mornings and evenings are cooler making this an ideal time of the year for training. You can wear short sleeves and pants, but it might be an idea to pack arm covers for when the temperature drops suddenly.
Nov.	22.1°C 110.2mm	Cool	Starts to feel more like autumn with comfortable weather continuing. While the mornings can be cool, by the middle of the day the temperature is the same as summer. Short sleeves and pants are suitable. Similar to October, you may want to pack arm covers, etc.
Dec.	18.7°C 102.8mm	Cold	Overcast conditions become more frequent and the days grow shorter. While a long sleeve shirt with a fleece lining will not be over the top, you may be more comfortable wearing a thin, long sleeve shirt with long sleeve inner wear. You can wear short bike pants, but it might be an idea to pack leg warmers as well.

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Useful information