THE 8th Worldwide Uchinanchu Festival Tour

Visiting: Haneda, Miyakojima, Naha (Uchinanchu Taikai)
Add a 3 night stopover in Tokyo (Nov 1 – 4)

October 22 – November 1, 2027



TENTATIVEITINERARY

Friday, Oct 22 KAHULUI / HANEDA
Depart Kahului to Haneda via Honolulu

Saturday, Oct 23 OVERNIGHT AT HANEDA AIRPORT
Arrive at Haneda Airport in the evening. You will be clearing customs and immigration.

Overnight at airport hotel.
No meals included.

Hotel accommodations at Villa Fontaine Grand Haneda Hotel or Similar (1 night)

Sunday, Oct 24 HANEDA AIRPORT / MIYAKOJIMA (B)
Breakfast at the hotel included.



Take a flight from Haneda Airport to
Miyakojima Island

Itinerary is still pending.

Cultural exchange with local people of Miyakojima.

Hotel accommodations at Hotel Peace Island Miyakojima (2 nights)





Monday, Oct 25 MIYAKOJIMA (B)
Breakfast at the hotel included.

Maui County and Miyakojima Sister Cities for 62 years

Sister Cities programs are long-standing partnerships that promote citizen diplomacy and relationship-building between municipalities around the world. **These agreements connect cities in different countries to support cultural, educational, economic, and governmental exchange. The purpose is to build enduring relationships between communities, not solely between elected officials.**

Within Maui County, Sister City relationships support a range of exchanges, including youth and student programs, cultural events, and opportunities for knowledge-sharing between governments on topics such as planning, sustainability, and disaster recovery. These partnerships also encourage collaboration between schools, universities, and community organizations.

Itinerary is still pending

Hotel accommodation at Hotel Peace Island Miyakojima

Tuesday, Oct 26 MIYAKOJIMA / OKINAWA (NAHA) (B)
Breakfast at the hotel included.
Check out of hotel.

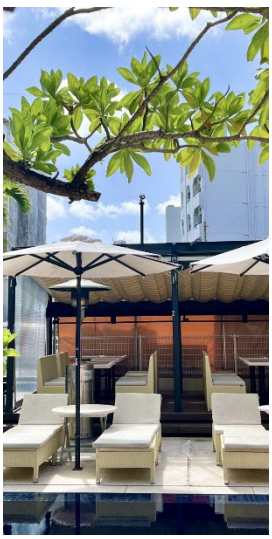
Take a flight from Miyakojima Airport to Naha Airport.
Upon arrival in Okinawa, transfer to your hotel.

Hotel accommodations at Hotel Palm Royal Resort Kokusai Street (6 Nights)





Enjoy Naha from a "prime spot" on Kokusai Street.







The 8th Worldwide Uchinanchu Festival (Sekai no Uchinanchu Taikai) will take place in Okinawa, Japan, from October 27 to October 31, 2027.

Key Details

- **Pre-Festival (Zenyasai):** October 27, 2027
- **Main Festival:** October 28–31, 2027
- **Primary Venues:** Naha City, including Okinawa Cellular Stadium Naha, Okinawa Prefectural Budokan, Onoyama Park, and Kokusai-dori Street.
- **Event Frequency:** Held every 5 years as a global homecoming for Okinawan descendants and the diaspora.
- **Featured Activities:** Eisa drumming, Sanshin concerts, Bingata folk art, traditional storytelling, Ryukyu cooking classes, parades, and family tree research

Wednesday, October 27 NAHA / PRE-OPENING EVENT (B, L)

Breakfast at the hotel is included.

SOUTHERN ISLAND TOUR

- Sightseeing at Okinawa World and explore Gyokusendo Cave, a natural stalactite cave formed over 300,000 years; Eisa Drum Show
- Lunch included at local restaurant
- HIMEYURI no Tou and Himeyuri Peace Museum
- Makishi Market

Dinner on your own.

Return to hotel for The Parade to kick off the main event

Hotel accommodations at Hotel Palm Royal Resort Kokusai Street





Thursday, Oct 28 TAIKAI (FESTIVAL) (B)

Breakfast at your hotel included. *Festival Schedule to be advised.*

At past Worldwide Uchinanchu Festivals, while honoring the achievements of Okinawan descendants who have ventured out across the world, various initiatives have been carried out through exchanges between Uchinanchu worldwide and the people of Okinawa. These efforts have spanned a wide range of fields—including culture, economy, human resource development, and sports—with the aim of establishing and further developing the Uchina Network.

As generational shifts continue to take place, the inheritance of Okinawan identity and the Uchina Network to the next generation has become an important theme. In response, international exchanges and network-building initiatives led by younger generations are actively expanding.

Overseas, Okinawan identity is being passed down to the next generation through cultural activities such as traditional performing arts, sanshin music, and karate. The festival aims to reaffirm these cultural connections while widely promoting the history of Okinawan migration, as well as the significance and potential of the Uchina Network. The **Uchina Network** (officially the **Worldwide Uchina Network**) is a global exchange and support community connecting Okinawan diaspora, descendants (Uchinanchu), and Okinawa lovers. It aims to preserve Okinawan heritage and promote the region's soft power, including its unique culture, history, and karate.

Sightseeing tour, visiting:

- Discover the Umibudo or "sea grape", a local delicacy and prized Okinawan seaweed, at Uminchi Sea Side Park. Enjoy a Sea Grape picking experience.
- IIAS Okinawa Toyosaki
  DMM KARIYUSHI AQUARIUM

- Water Buffalo Cart Ride at the Hill of the Bios tropical Forest Park

- Ryukyu Village

- Shisa Painting Experience. (Shisas are Okinawa guardians, is a mix between a dog and a lion. You will often see a pair of the fanged creatures at the entrances of buildings and stores dutifully warding off evil spirits.)

Lunch and dinner on your own.

OPENING CEREMONY

Hotel accommodations at Hotel Palm Royal Resort Kokusai Street

Friday, October 29 TAIKAI (FESTIVAL) (B,L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel included. Festival Schedule to be advised.

Northern Area Day Tour:

Highlights

- Enjoy the beauty of Okinawa and learn more about its rich history and culture
- Have an unforgettable experience of viewing Cape Manzamo, Churaumi Aquarium, and Kouri Island!
- Lunch included at local restaurant
- Helios Awamori Destillery

Churaumi Aquarium (Whale shark)



Dinner included at a local restaurant
Japanese food

Hotel accommodation
at Hotel Palm Royal Resort Kokusai Street



Cape Manzamo

Cape Manzamo



Saturday, October 30 NAHA (TAIKAI FESTIVAL) / ONNA (B)

Breakfast at the hotel is included. Festival schedule to be advised.

Sightseeing visiting:

- Mihama American Village
- AEON Mall Okinawa Rycom (lunch on own)
- Shuri Castle
- Coral dyeing Experience

Lunch & Dinner on your own
Hotel accommodations at: Hotel Palm Royal Resort Kokusai Street

WORLD UCHINANCHU DAY

Declaration of governor Takeshi Onaga, Andres Higa and Tadashi Andres Ysa Urbina

Today, we want to say something to the Uchinanchu of the world.
We Uchinanchu have it all.
We Uchinanchu have the power to shape the future.
We Uchinanchu have hope for the future.
We Uchinanchu have the valor to set off into the world.
We Uchinanchu have the generosity to forgive each other.
We Uchinanchu have the spirit of mutual aid to help each other.
We Uchinanchu have a rich traditional culture.
We Uchinanchu have the fortitude to overcome difficulties.
We Uchinanchu have gratitude for our ancestors in our hearts.
We Uchinanchu have love for our families in our hearts.
We Uchinanchu have love for all those we meet in our hearts.
We Uchinanchu have love for our ancestral home in our hearts.
We Uchinanchu have a love for peace in our hearts.
We Uchinanchu are proud to be Uchinanchu.
And we Uchinanchu are one.

As we do every five years, the Uchinanchu of the world have gathered once again, and once again our hearts have become one.
Let us celebrate the fact that we are all Uchinanchu.
Let us celebrate today, October 30th, as the day when the Uchinanchu of the world came together, and let us call it "World Uchinanchu Day."
Let us establish today, October 30th, as "World Uchinanchu Day," and let us engrave it with pride on our Uchinanchu souls.
I am proud to stand before you to declare this day "World Uchinanchu Day."
This most auspicious of days will forever be known as "World Uchinanchu Day."
Congratulations to all the Uchinanchu from all over the world!
Ippee nifee deebiru. Thank you very much. Muchas gracias. Muito Obrigado.
Chibaranaya-sai. Do your best.

Shuri Castle-The main hall (*Seiden*) of Shuri Castle in Naha, Okinawa, is scheduled to officially reopen to the public on Monday, November 23, 2026, seven years after a devastating fire destroyed the landmark in October 2019



Sunday, October 31 CLOSING CEREMONIES OF FESTIVAL (B)
Breakfast at your hotel is included.

Enjoy your free day at your own leisure. Shopping at Kokusai dori, Heiwadori, Daiso, Street performances and food stalls on Sundays.

Attend the Closing ceremonies of the Festival…

Hotel accommodations at: Hotel Palm Royal Resort Kokusai Street

Monday, Nov 1 NAHA / HOME (B)
Breakfast at the hotel included. Check out of the hotel.

Your room will be available until your departure transfer from the hotel to Naha Airport.

Welcome home and hope you had a memorable time in Okinawa, known as "the Hawaii of Japan".

Notes/Memories: _____

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3-NIGHTS TOKYO EXTENSION

Monday, Nov 1 NAHA / TOKYO (B, L)

Breakfast at the hotel included. Check out of the hotel.

Upon arrival at Haneda Airport (Tokyo), transfer to your hotel by private vehicle with English speaking assistant.

Lunch is not included.

Dinner included at your hotel.

Hotel accommodation at Hotel Metropolitan Tokyo Ikebukuro or Similar (3 Nights)



Kenrokuen Park (Kanazawa)

Tuesday, Nov 2 TOKYO (B)

Breakfast at the hotel included.

Itinerary to be advised

Hotel accommodations at Hotel Metropolitan Tokyo Ikebukuro or Similar (3 Nights)



Chinatown in Yokohama

Wednesday, Nov 3 TOKYO (B)

Breakfast at the hotel included.

Itinerary to be advised

Hotel accommodations at Hotel Metropolitan Tokyo Ikebukuro or Similar (3 Nights)



Autumn leaves at Mt Fuji and Lake Kawaguchiko

Thursday, Nov 4 TOKYO/ RETURN HOME (B)

Breakfast at the hotel included.

Request late check out until departure transfer from hotel to Haneda Airport. Relax, more shopping, eating and exploring.

5:00pm – Transfer from hotel to Haneda Airport on a private van.

Welcome home!! Hope you had a memorable time. Thank you and until we meet again...take care!



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