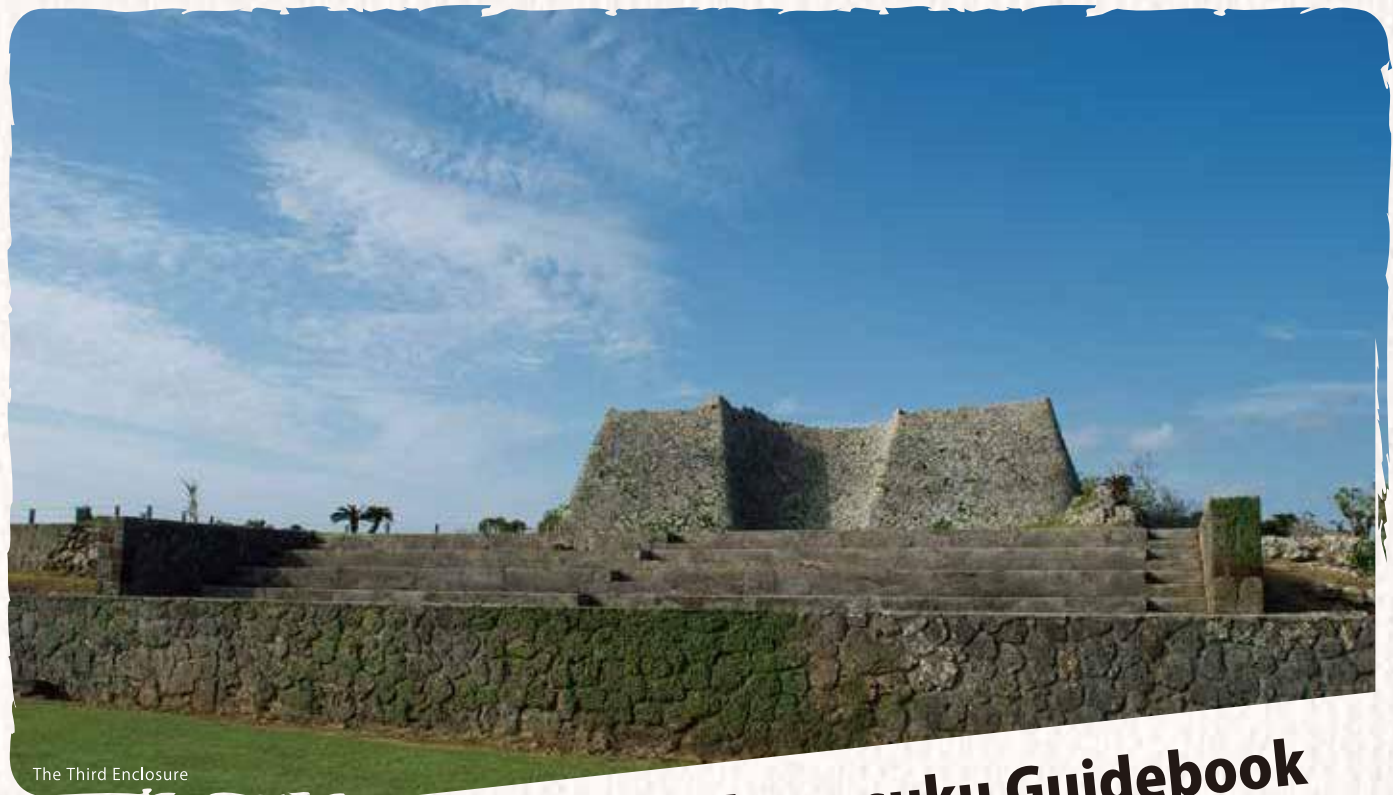


# Access



-  Bus  
Naha Airport ▶ Naha Bus Terminal (approx. 10min.) ▶ Toyo Bus (Number 30) via Yonabaru (approx. 50min.) ▶ Nakagusuku village
-  Car  
Take route 329 and head north (approx. 45min. from Naha Airport.)  
Via expressway: exit the expressway at Kitanakagusuku IC or Nishihara IC (approx. 30min. from Naha Airport.)



The Third Enclosure

## Toyomu Nakagusuku Guidebook



 Official app of Nakagusuku  
Available for iPhone & Android  
Search "Toyomu Nakagusuku"

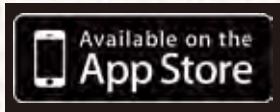


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# Official tourist app of Nakagusuku Village!



Available for iPhone & Android  
Search for **"Toyomu Nakagusuku"**



Welcome to Nakagusuku Village!  
I'm Gosamaru, the lord of Nakagusuku castle.

Toyomu Nakagusuku Website

Use this QR code to access the Toyomu Nakagusuku website.



### Easy to use route display!

Route display whether you are driving or walking.



### Enrich your journey!

The app directs you to Nakagusuku castle and its history.



### Explore with your camera!

Use your camera to discover more.



### View images and videos!

Find out more about Nakagusuku with great photos and videos.



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# Charming Village Nakagusuku

Nakagusuku village is known for its rich land and scenic landscape. Lord Gosamaru and Nakagusuku Castle highlight Ryukyu history during the Ko(ancient) Ryukyu period, and such events are sung in Ryuka; a fixed form poetry of the Ryukyu Islands.



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# World Heritage Nakagusuku Castle



The Third Enclosure

## 🕒 The Main Gate

It is said to have been a wooden turret above the gate. The stone wall protrudes from both sides of the gate to allow defense from three directions; the front and the either side.



## 🕒 The South Enclosure

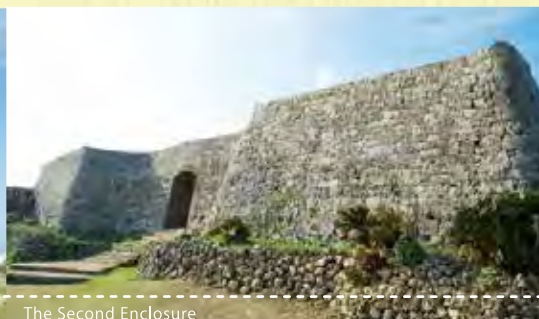
The most sacred place in the castle. There are prayer grounds for Shuri worship, Kudaka worship and also to pray for rain.



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The Third Enclosure



The Second Enclosure



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Nakagusuku Castle is designated as UNESCO world heritage  
“Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Ryukyu Kingdom.”



The Third Enclosure

## Nakagusuku Castle and Gosamaru

In the second half of the 14th century, Sakinakagusuku Aji constructed four enclosures: the First, Second, South and West enclosures. Construction took place over several generations.

Around 1440, the Nakagusuku Aji Gosamaru, who had been relocated from Zakimi Castle in Yomitan, added the North and Third enclosures, completing construction of this castle with six beautiful enclosures.

In August 15th 1458 of the Chinese calendar month, Katsuren Aji, the Lord Amawari, led a raid with the king's army, suspecting Gosamaru of treason. Lord Gosamaru committed suicide, without attempting to fight.



### ① The First Enclosure

The castle's main enclosure.

The main hall used to be in the first enclosure. After the destruction of Gosamaru, the Nakagusuku village office and guardhouse were established here, however, they were destroyed during the second World War. Nakamorino-oibe is a guardian deity of Nakagusuku castle.

### ② The Second Enclosure

The enclosure with a beautiful curvilinear shape has a prayer ground and a memorial for the war dead of the Russo-Japanese war.



### ③ The West Enclosure

This narrow long enclosure was the perfect place for archery training and horsemanship. There are also three prayer grounds in the enclosure.





### ☉ The Third Enclosure

Lord Gosamaru added this enclosure. The stone architecture was the most advanced at the time of Gusuku era (12~15th century) with its characteristic steep stairs.



### ☉ Ufugaa

The well in the north enclosure. It is said that the north enclosure was built to protect this well.



### ☉ The North Enclosure

Believed to have been constructed by Lord Gosamaru in order to surround the well. The excavation revealed highly skilled drainage work.



### ☉ The Rear Gate

The largest and oldest arched gate in Okinawa. After 550 years, the gate keeps its dignified form to this day, proving the remarkable skill of the time.



### ☉ Tomb of Gosamaru

This is one of the oldest turtleback tombs existing in Okinawa, and Lord Gosamaru of Nakagusuku Castle rests in the tomb.



### Visitors Information

#### Opening times

8:30 to 17:00

(May to September 8:30 to 18:00)

#### Admission

Adult 400yen (Group 300yen)

Junior High School and High School Student 300yen (Group 200yen)

Elementary School Student 200yen (Group 100yen)

\*Group rates apply to 20 or more persons.

Preschool age and younger child enters free accompanying with a guardian.



### Nakagusuku-jo Site Co-management Association

503 Aza Oshiro, Kitanakagusuku village, Nakagami-gun, Okinawa 901-2314

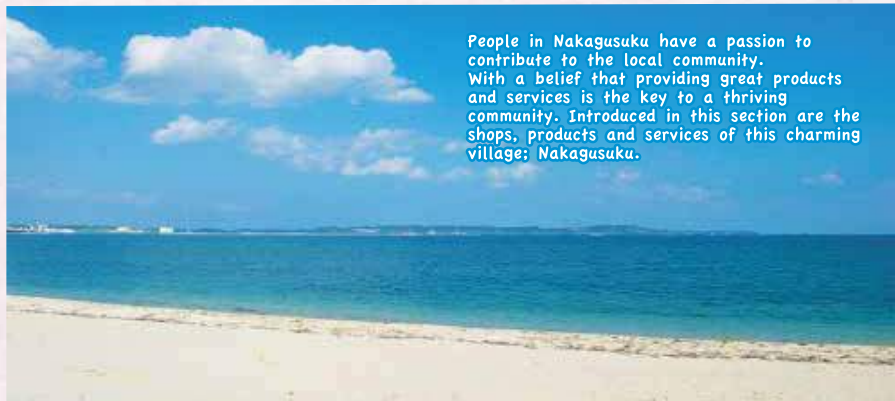
TEL 098-935-5719 FAX 098-935-1146

URL: <http://www.nakagusuku-jo.jp/>

Nakagusuku village and Kitanakagusuku village jointly manage the association.



# Shops



People in Nakagusuku have a passion to contribute to the local community. With a belief that providing great products and services is the key to a thriving community. Introduced in this section are the shops, products and services of this charming village: Nakagusuku.

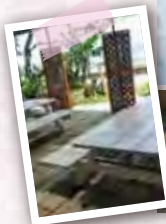
## 1. Café Mermaid

The café is located on the first floor of the Nakagusuku shopping mall. Gorgeous "Argentine Chicken" dish with garlic and vinegar sauce is delicious, it's a must! Admire the sea view from the terrace while enjoying your meal.



New exciting menu available!

1963 Aza Kuba, Nakagusuku Village  
(In Nakagusuku mall)  
TEL : 098-895-6188 FAX : 098-895-7255  
■ Open / 11 : 00 ~ 20 : 00  
■ Open daily  
■ Parking / 300 spaces  
■ <http://cafemmd.ti-da.net/>



## 2. Maruyasu Okinawa Soba Noodles

The noodles are freshly prepared every day, which gives the noodles a springy and smooth texture. Slow cooked delicious soup is perfect with the noodles. Their specialty is "Maruyasu soba", which is topped with pork spare rib, pork with gristle and pork belly. "Yushi tofu soba" (half curdled tofu) is a popular menu item and "Tebichi soba" (pork trotter) is limited to 10 servings per day. You can enjoy tasty homemade Okinawa soba noodles here, at the Maruyasu restaurant on route 329.



Freshly prepared homemade noodles



395-2 Aza Tomari, Nakagusuku Village  
TEL : 098-895-5634  
■ Open / 11 : 00 ~ 17 : 00 (Until sold out)  
■ Closed / Tuesdays (except for public holidays, then closed next day Wednesday)  
■ Parking / 9 spaces

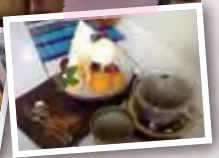
## 3. Café Wa

Café Wa's view of Nakagusuku Bay is spectacular! The interior of this chic cafe features blue and white tones, reminiscent of Okinawa. Each of the menu's delicious dishes are generously portioned and very reasonably priced! Their homemade meat sauce spaghetti, vegetable curry, sweet cold zenzai soup (an Okinawan favorite!), and artisanal breads are some of their most popular items. Give them a try while visiting the Nakagusuku Castle ruins, a nearby world heritage site!



450-1-2 Aza Soeshi, Nakagusuku Village  
TEL : 098-988-0419, 090-8214-3756  
■ Open / 9 : 00 ~ 21 : 00  
■ Closed / Wednesdays  
■ Parking / 6 spaces  
■ Search for "Café Wa" on Facebook

Delicious!  
Cheap!  
Beautiful!



## 4. Yuyujuan Okinawa cuisine and soba

No frozen food and no artificial flavoring. Yuyujuan takes great care of the ingredients for their Okinawan cuisine. Plenty of fresh ginger is used in many dishes and the slow cooked "Tebichi (Pig trotter)" just melts in your mouth!



Wholehearted food for health conscious diners

824-1 Aza Yagi, Nakagusuku Village  
TEL & FAX : 098-895-2280  
■ Open / 11 : 30 ~ 16 : 00 (Until sold out)  
■ Closed / Sundays, Mondays  
■ Parking / 20 spaces  
■ <http://jyuan.jp/>



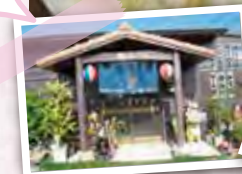
## 5. Ai-chan Shokudo

Each dish has generous portions on offer and all set meals come with Okinawa soba noodles. It's perfect for a quick bite during a visit to Nakagusuku. The place turns into an Izakaya bar at night with enjoyable live folk music every third Saturday.



Hearty Okinawan food at reasonable prices

1008 Aza Touma, Nakagusuku Village  
TEL & FAX : 098-895-2009  
■ Open / 10 : 00 ~ 14 : 00 (Take out menu available)  
18 : 00 ~ 23 : 00 (Izakaya Bar)  
■ Closed / Sundays (Lunch time)  
■ Parking / 15 spaces





# Shops



## Okinawa Soba Restaurant

### 6. Churuge Soba

Take pleasure with a variety of Okinawa soba noodles in an 80-year-old Okinawan house with lovely folk music in the background. You don't need to be Okinawan to feel the good old days here.

678 Aza Touma, Nakagusuku Village  
 TEL : 098-895-7887 FAX : 098-898-2310  
 ■ Open / 11 : 00 ~ 18 : 00 (Until sold out)  
 \*Customers can get one free bowl of Okinawan jushi rice from 11 : 00 ~ 15 : 00.  
 ■ Open daily  
 ■ Parking / 30 spaces



### 7. Menya Nirai

Skipjack fish based soup stock, freshly prepared ginger and homemade noodles tempt your taste buds. Child friendly Nirai offers a small but well-equipped kids space with toys, books and chairs, so there is no need for parents to hurry up their lunch!

662-1 Aza Touma, Nakagusuku Village  
 TEL : 098-895-7999  
 ■ Open / 11 : 00 ~ 16 : 00 (Until sold out)  
 ■ Closed / Wednesdays  
 (new years holiday; 1~3rd Jan & Obon festival)  
 ■ Parking / 300 spaces  
 ■ <http://menyanirai.ti-da.net/>



### 8. Rakutei Namuya

Once you step in, you just know why Namuya is consistently popular. Enjoy ten beautifully laid out dishes with dessert and coffee, in a tranquil garden. Namuya has reliably great food at reasonable prices, perfect for special occasions.

78 Aza Noborimata, Nakagusuku Village  
 TEL & FAX : 098-895-5870  
 ■ Open / 11 : 00 ~ 15 : 00 L.O. 14 : 00  
 18 : 00 ~ 22 : 00 L.O. 20 : 00 (Sat and Sun only)  
 (\*Reservations Required for Dinner)  
 ■ Closed / Mondays  
 ■ Parking / 20 spaces



### 9. Lohas Garden Juju

Relax in this stunning setting of magnificent sea views and blue skies. Locally sourced vegetable and homegrown herbs are used in many popular dishes. Healthy set lunch is served with dessert, reasonably priced at 1500 yen.

510-2 Aza Okuma, Nakagusuku Village  
 TEL & FAX : 098-895-7300  
 ■ Open / Lunch Time 11 : 30 ~ 14 : 30  
 Tea Time 14 : 30 ~ 17 : 00  
 ■ Closed / Tuesdays  
 ■ Parking / 20 spaces  
 ■ <http://s9621098.ti-da.net/>



### 10. Yajirobe Okinawa soba restaurant

Highly popular "Yasai Soba" is served in large bowls of delicious broth with eight different vegetable toppings. Yajirobe serves one and a half times more noodles compared to other soba restaurants!

139 Aza Minamiuebaru, Nakagusuku Village  
 TEL : 098-943-0334  
 ■ Open / 11 : 00 ~ (Until sold out)  
 ■ Open daily except otherwise noticed  
 ■ Parking / 10 spaces  
 ■ <http://yajirobeenet.ti-da.net/>



### 11. Maguro Tei

Take pleasure in a variety of tuna dishes in a contemporary Japanese space. The tuna comes in from the Atlantic and Indian Ocean. Universal design has been implemented in some parts of the restaurant including the bathroom, assisting people in wheelchairs to enjoy their dining.

208-16 Aza Mimamiuebaru, Nakagusuku Village  
 TEL & FAX : 098-943-2213  
 ■ Open / 11 : 30 ~ 15 : 00, 17 : 30 ~ 23 : 00  
 ■ Closed / Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays  
 ■ Parking / 10 spaces





# Shops



## 12. Tobaru Tempura

This restaurant specializes in Uchina (Okinawan) tempura, which is a rare treat even in Nakagusuku Village. Every item is fried to order so you can enjoy "achikoko (piping hot)" tempura. Each of the 10 items, which includes uchina tempura staples like fish and squid, are reasonably priced between 40 and 100 yen! The menu also includes Okinawan soba, shaved ice, and sweet cold zenzai soup.



Orders are accepted by phone as well!

1F 595 Aza Minamiuebaru, Nakagusuku Village  
TEL : 098-895-5423  
■ Open / 11 : 00 ~ 18 : 00  
■ Closed / Sundays  
■ Parking / 6 spaces

## 13. RAINBOW COFFEE

An established coffee farmer with 20 years experience has opened the RAINBOW COFFEE café where you can taste freshly brewed coffee in Nakagusuku village. The coffee is prepared with the utmost attention to every cup, using one kind of coffee bean within one month of roasting. Blended coffee is not served. The café also serves food using locally sourced ingredients such as basil direct from the farm and fish from the coastal waters of Okinawa.



Rich aroma of freshly brewed coffee.

575-1 Aza Minamiuebaru, Nakagusuku Village  
TEL : 098-895-2141  
■ Open / 9 : 00 ~ 22 : 00  
■ Closed / Mondays  
■ Parking / 12 spaces  
■ <http://www.rainbowcoffee.pw/>

## 14. Trattoria Hanta Baru

This restaurant gets packed with people as soon as the door opens. Buffet style Italian inspired food with a superb vista of Nakagusuku. Escape the ordinary and sip a tasty cocktail at the bar on the second floor. Dinner service includes set meals with a selection of main dishes to choose from, as well as range of à la carte dishes to enjoy with alcoholic beverages. The newly-added counter seating also makes this Italian eatery a great choice for people dining alone.

Impressive Italian inspired food with a stunning view



1F 468 Aza Wauke, Nakagusuku Village  
TEL & FAX : 098-895-3338  
■ Open / 11 : 30 ~ 24 : 00 (L.O. 23 : 00)  
■ Closed / Tuesdays  
■ Parking / 25 spaces  
■ Search for "Hanta Baru" on Facebook

## 15. Kinakoya

At Kinakoya, you will discover a wide variety of sweets and bread. Everyone loves Kinakoya's smooth Ryukyu Purin (pudding), made with soya milk, no egg! Ryukyu Purin has 3 different flavors: Kokuto (sugar cane), Beniimo (sweet potato) and Mango.

Don't miss the eye-catching orange roof!



96 Aza Tomari, Nakagusuku Village  
TEL : 098-895-2050 FAX : 098-895-2048  
■ Open / 10 : 00 ~ 17 : 00  
■ Closed / Sundays  
■ Parking / 20 spaces

## 16. Patisserie Petit Sweet

Dazzling chocolates, colorful macarons, working patissiers in the background. Petit Sweet offers a wide variety of cakes and confectionery. "Roche Brown Cake" is a popular cake amongst both ladies and gentlemen.



Haven of luxurious sweets!



581-3 Aza Kitauebaru, Nakagusuku Village  
TEL & FAX : 098-895-7825  
■ Open / 9 : 00 ~ 20 : 30  
■ Closed / Every fourth Wednesday (except otherwise noticed)  
■ Parking / 15 spaces

## 17. Nakatomi Homemade Sweets

Nakatomi's "Taimo (Taro) pie" has a short-crust texture and rustic sweetness. The place also offers steamed sponge cake and the mochi (Japanese rice cake) of Taimo, which contains calcium and is rich in fiber.

The birthplace of "Taimo Pie"



162 Aza Minamiuebaru, Nakagusuku Village  
TEL & FAX : 098-895-2262  
■ Open / 8 : 00 ~ 18 : 00 (Closes at 17 : 00 on Sundays and Public Holidays)  
■ Open daily  
■ Parking / 10 spaces  
■ <http://nakatomi.main.jp>



# Shops



## 18. Support Center Natsume

This facility grows, processes, and sells tropical fruits and vegetables. Its primary processed product is its "Shima Rakkyo (Island Shallot) Chips," which have been selected as one of Okinawa's best products!! These chips use ample amounts of soy pulp and are popular for their tasty island shallot flavor. In addition, the facility grows and sells mineral-packed fruits like jujubes and papayas, as well as vegetables including Okinawan chili peppers and okra. Guests are invited to try their hand at digging up Beniimo (sweet potato).

786 Aza Okuma, Nakagusuku Village  
 TEL & FAX : 098-895-4120  
 ■ Open / 9 : 00 ~ 17 : 00  
 ■ Closed / Saturdays, Sundays  
 ■ Parking / 20 spaces  
 ■ <http://www.rakuen-okinawa.com>



Fabulous selection of tropical fruits!

## 19. Umisachi

Some call it "green caviar"; Umibudou (Caulerpa lentillifera) is a genus of seaweed. Umisachi is committed to high environmental standards to produce Umibudou in perfect condition. Try them as a topping on tofu, or simply as a salad.

1872 Aza Kuba, Nakagusuku Village  
 TEL : 098-895-6977 FAX : 098-988-8315  
 ■ Open / 8 : 00 ~ 17 : 00  
 ■ Closed / Sundays  
 ■ Parking / Not available



The green caviar of the ocean, Umibudou



## 20. Nakagusuku Nosan Kakousho

Nakagusuku's speciality: Shima ninjin (carrot) is used in many products such as sponge cake, dressings, pickles, and jelly. "Shima ninjin" sponge cake has a gentle mild sweetness and is popular with children.

150-3 Aza Wauke, Nakagusuku Village  
 TEL & FAX : 098-895-2345  
 ■ Open / 9 : 00 ~ 16 : 00  
 ■ Closed / Saturdays, Sundays, Public Holidays  
 ■ Parking / 5 spaces



Wholesome homemade sweets made in Nakagusuku!

## 21. Ryukyu Kurokoujiya

Moromi Vinegar has been awarded consecutively with the Monde Selection Gold Medal. Moromi vinegar is great for relieving fatigue, boosting metabolism and diet, as they are rich in citric and amino acid. You can have with soda water or simply drink it as it is.

870-1 Aza Kitauebaru, Nakagusuku Village  
 TEL : 098-963-6152 0120-196-548  
 FAX : 098-963-6302  
 ■ Open / 9 : 00 ~ 18 : 00  
 ■ Closed / Saturdays, Sundays  
 ■ Parking / Available  
 ■ <http://www.kurokoujiya.jp>



The secret of beauty and health, Moromi vinegar

## 22. Blue Sky Sky Sports Planning

Emerald green ocean and panoramic views of the island from 200 meters above is truly breathtaking. The experienced pilot flies in tandem so you can enjoy with no worries. Make sure to take a camera with you for a lifetime photo opportunity!

1943 Aza Kuba, Nakagusuku Village  
 TEL : 098-942-3600  
 (Please call in advance to check for the wind direction)  
 ■ Open / May-Aug 10 : 00 ~ 17 : 00, Sep-Apr 10 : 00 ~ 16 : 00  
 ■ Opens daily except adverse weather conditions  
 ■ Parking / Available  
 ■ <http://www.bluesky-okinawa.com/>



Experience the adventure! Be part of nature!

## 23. Ryukyu Raden

The traditional craftsman, Kiyoshi Miyagi, successfully reconstructed the "Ryukyu Raden," the mother-of-pearl inlay technique, which flourished in the Ryukyu Kingdom era. Whetting the great green turban shell down to a fine 0.07 of a millimeter and laying that individually onto lacquer-ware requires a highly skilled technique and knowledge.

247 Aza Yagi, Nakagusuku Village  
 TEL : 098-895-4321  
 ■ Open / 10 : 00 ~ 18 : 00  
 (Please call in advance before for your visit)  
 ■ Closed / Public holidays  
 ■ Parking / Available



Finest works of art and craftsmanship



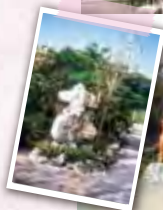
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## 24. Chorakuen

Take a deep breath in this beautiful tranquil garden

Two large Okinawan shisa welcome you on arrival. Stroll around a garden surrounded by subtropical flowers, plants and trees, with many pottery works to enjoy. Guests can enjoy observing nature while they eat at "Café Kachofugetsu," which is located on the plantation.



652 Aza Okuma, Nakagusuku Village  
(Café Kachofugetsu)  
TEL : 090-6344-2093  
■Open / 11 : 00 ~ 18 : 00  
Lunch / 11 : 00 ~ 15 : 00  
Reservations required for dinner  
(Chorakuen)  
TEL : 090-9781-3766  
■Open / 9 : 00 ~ 18 : 00  
■Closed / Tuesdays  
■Parking / 20 spaces  
■Closed / Mondays  
(except otherwise noticed)  
■Parking / 20 spaces  
(Shared with Chorakuen)

## 25. Hagoromo Farm

The only place in Okinawa that produces dairy goat products, such as cheese, yoghurt, soap and more. Mixing the milk from various breeds of the goats to achieve quality assured products.



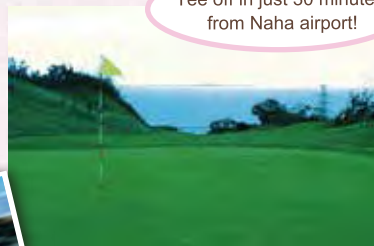
Gifts from the beloved goats!



985-1 Aza Kitauebaru, Nakagusuku Village  
TEL : 098-895-5119 FAX : 098-963-5255  
■Open / 10 : 30 ~ 12 : 00, 14 : 00 ~ 16 : 00  
■Open daily  
■Parking / 10 spaces  
■http://www.hagoromo-bokujo.co.jp

## 26. Ocean Castle Country Club

Playing golf in Okinawa's lush green grass whilst looking over the coral blue ocean. Players can admire Okinawan nature at this 18-hole. This place offers great facilities too: an ocean view bath, five banquet rooms, and a spacious restaurant.



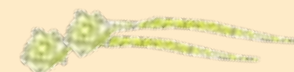
Tee off in just 30 minutes from Naha airport!



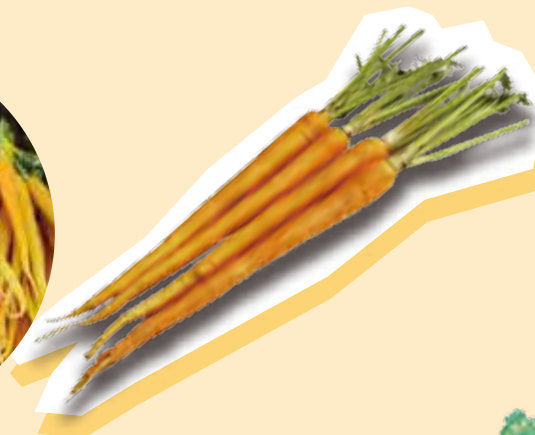
60 Aza Noborimata, Nakagusuku Village  
TEL : 098-895-7867 FAX : 098-895-7865  
■Open / 6 : 00 ~  
■Open daily  
■Parking / 200 spaces  
■https://www.orix-golf.jp/oceancastle/

# Speciality

## Shima ninjin (Carrot)



Shima ninjin, rich in carotene, has been used for a wide variety of dishes; soup, stir fry and even medicinal cuisine. The best season for Shima ninjin is winter.



## Shima daikon (White radish)



Round juicy Shima daikon is often used in cooking with meat and kelp. Great for stewing and simmering, as it does not fall apart easily after hours of cooking.





## Hanta Michi

### Path of History

Path of History "Hanta Michi" (Hanta Road) was constructed during the Gusuku era (between 12th and 15th century). This old thoroughfare stretches from Shuri to Katsuren, going through Kouchi Castle in Nishihara Town and Nakagusuku Castle in Nakagusuku Village. Many cultural properties remain along this road.



### ① Agai-tidabashi Bridge

The bridge continues to the Hanta road "Hanta Michi." Stunning views of Nakagusuku and the beautiful Nakagusuku bay can be admired on sunny days.



### ② 161.8 Kouchi Jinchi

(High-ground position)

Atop of the rocky mountain at an elevation of 160m in Kitauebaru area, the Japanese army built a high-ground position, known as 161.8 Kouchi Jinchi. A panoramic view, north to south, from Chatan town and Yomitan village to the Chinen peninsula is available from this location.



### ② Kishimakono-taki

Okuma settlement began at the top of the mountain and people in the settlement still pray at this prayer ground today.



### ③ The Arakaki Stone Bridge

This arched stone bridge is located over the stream near the fields of the Arakaki settlement. Similar types of stone bridges existed until just after the Second World War, however now there is only one remaining.



### ④ Prefectural Road Construction Monument

This monument was built in commemoration of the opening of the Futenma-Yonabaru route (currently Route 35) in October 1934.





### ⑤ Tunmaasu

A pine tree is encircled by a low stonewall. Arakaki gusuku and Nakagusuku castle are to the east and Ginowan city is to the west.



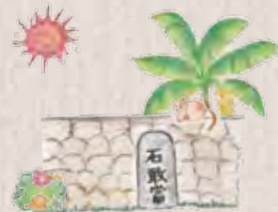
### ⑥ Arakaki Gusuku

The year for the construction of this castle is unknown, however, it is estimated to be early 14th century from the excavated relic. Utaki (Sacred prayer ground for god of Ryukyu mythology) and shrine are seen inside the castle. These places are considered to be highly significant for the Arakaki settlement.



### ⑦ Uchibara-no-tun

Hall of worship in Arakaki gusuku where people pray for health, longevity and to give thanks for good harvests.



### ⑧ Perry's Banner Rock

It is said that Commodore Perry and his expedition team placed the American flag on top of this rock with a gun salute to commemorate their conquest during their expedition of Okinawa.



### ⑨ Giisu-no-tera

Prayer ground located south west of Nakagusuku castle. The ancestor of Masu Shimabukuro of Soeshi village is said to have enshrined the spirit stone and began the ritual here.







## Historical Footsteps of Nakagusuku Cultural Properties



Many cultural properties are passed down from ancestors which can still be widely seen within the village.



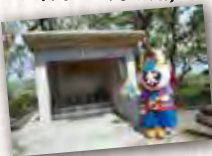
### 1. Asato-no-tera (Prefecture Designated Tangible Folk-Cultural property)

This is the sacred place of prayer for a good harvest, prosperity for descendants and good health. Asato-no-tera enshrines a spirit stone, Bijuru.



### 2. Tsuha-no-tera

Tsuha-no-tera is located at the south of the Tsuha settlement. It is said that Kamadu Katsuren from Tsuha, began to worship a spirit stone as an incarnation of a god, and built this shrine.



### 3. Tomari's Okuwadisa

(Village Designated Natural Monument)

This commemorative tree was planted about 200 years ago when a government official, who had been dispatched by the Shuri court, was reluctantly bidding farewell to the local people as he had been ordered to leave his post.



### 4. Monument Inscribed with Hana-no-Ishado Poem

思ゆらば里前 島とめていもり  
島や中城 花の伊舎堂

"Please visit my birthplace, if you so desire. The place that is known as a beautiful castle town." In 1959, the Cultural Properties Protection Committee of the Ryukyu Kingdom Government erected this monument.

### 5. Monument of Repatriates' Landing



This monument was built to commemorate the evacuees, who had gone to mainland Japan and abroad, then safely came back to Okinawa by military ship after the Second World War. Three pillars signify "Anxiety" "Joy" and "Hope."







## 6. The Three Banyan Trees of Ishado Mae

(Village Designated Natural Monument)

It is said that the three couples that first moved to the hamlet of Ishado, planted them as a memorial. The trees were replanted after the war, and are currently the third generation.



## 7. War Memorial • Wave of Peace • Wind of Peace

About 5000 names of the war dead of Nakagusuku Village are inscribed to the memorial monument; Wave of Peace (Heiwa no nami). Wind of Peace (Heiwa no kaze) and the War Memorial are significant reminders of the horror of the war, and also to wish for lasting peace.



## 8. The Gan-ya

A Gan is a palanquin that carries a coffin to the tomb. A Ganya stores the Gan.



## 9. Yujidun

Prayer ground located in the Iju settlement. The ground is used for praying for good health, longevity and to give thanks for good harvests.



## 10. Asato-no-muragaa

The public well of the village. It is said that the well never dried out even in the drought.

