

SPNHC-TDWG 2024 Virtual Tour **【NEW】**

DATE	COURSE	TIME (UTC +0900)	CAPACITY	GRANT COVERAGE
Aug. 15 (Thu)	VR Okinawa Guide Tour – Shuri Castle	17:00-18:00 JST	18 pax	FULL COVERAGE
Aug. 19 (Mon)	Online Tour! - Grasping Okinawa's Charms	10:00-11:00 JST	100 pax	FULL COVERAGE
Aug. 19 (Mon)	Online Diving Tour	17:00-17:45 JST	100 pax	FULL COVERAGE

SPNHC-TDWG 2024 Excursion Bus Tour **Extended Deadline: August 12, 17:00 JST**

DATE	COURSE	TYPE	CAPACITY	GRANT COVERAGE
Sept. 1 (Sun)	Shikinaen Royal Garden / Shuri Castle Park	Half-day	40 pax	FULL COVERAGE
	Sun Silk / Manko Waterbird and Wetland Center	Half-day	SOLD OUT	FULL COVERAGE
	Churaumi Aquarium / Nago Museum	Full-day	SOLD OUT	FULL COVERAGE
	Onna Village [Creation of a coral village] Tour ~Traveling to Advanced Nature Positive Areas~	Half-day	10 5 pax	FULL COVERAGE
Full-day		10 5 pax	FULL COVERAGE	
Sept. 7 (Sat)	Shuri Castle Park / Shuri Textile Museum suikara	Half-day	40 pax	FULL COVERAGE
	Okinawa Museum / Blue Carbon Cruise	Half-day	40 pax	FULL COVERAGE
	Churaumi Aquarium / GODAC	Full-day	11 SEATS LEFT	FULL COVERAGE
	Day Trip to Kerama Islands	Full-day		NO COVERAGE



TRAVELING TO ADVANCED NATURE POSITIVE AREAS

ONNA VILLAGE CREATION OF A CORAL VILLAGE TOUR



An in depth guided tour on the red clay overflow environmental issue in Okinawa and initiative taken by Onna Village & OIST.

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ONNA VILLAGE × OIST INITIATIVE

POINT 01

Program provided by specialized coordinators

The program is led by local expert guides with extensive on-site knowledge and OIST members. Through local fieldwork, discussions, and exchange, you can enjoy a variety of different cultures in the region.

POINT 02

Experience the futuristic facilities at OIST

At a cutting-edge research facility, we enjoy interacting across disciplines through lectures and discussions. Additionally, there is a unique landscape where futuristic building designs coexist with nature, which is also one of the highlights.

POINT 03

Participating in village development by giving back to the community

By participating in this tour, you will directly contribute to environmental measures, and your participation fee will be returned as income to local residents, which will improve the sustainability of each effort.

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IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, WHAT WE SHOULD DO.

Onna Village in Okinawa is one of Japan's leading tourist resort areas, surrounded by a beautiful ocean with coral reefs. In Onna Village, industry, government, and academia are collaborating on various activities to address the red clay overflow environmental issue. This tour is a program where you can learn and practice such efforts in advanced Nature Positive areas and participate in village development. In addition to discovering the attractiveness of Okinawa's natural environment, this will be an opportunity to contribute to Nature-based Solutions (NbS).



サンゴの村宣言
Onna Village in Okinawa

PROGRAMS



PROGRAM 01
LECTURE ON CREATING A CORAL VILLAGE IN ONNA VILLAGE
~Sustainable measures against red soil runoff~

Introducing the creation of the "Coral Village" in Onna Village and the land-based environmental conservation activity "Sustainable Red Soil Runoff Countermeasures." Explaining the "Honeycoral Project" and "Greenbelt Vetiver Secondary Use" as field work.



Ryo Kirino

Onna Village Red Soil Runoff Prevention Regional Council Agricultural Environment Coordinator

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

2017: Appointed agricultural environment coordinator for the Onna Village Red Soil Runoff Prevention Regional Council



PROGRAM 02
LECTURE & GROUP DISCUSSION

Seminar and discussion on benefits & impact of beekeeping as agricultural practice on existing ecosystems.



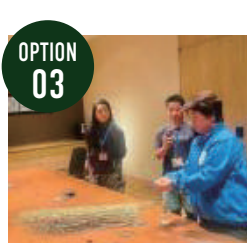
Nonno Hasegawa

Integrative Community Ecology Unit, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

2020 Start PhD program at Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology
2021 Honey bee viruses research seminar in Japan

OPTIONAL PROGRAMS(TBD)



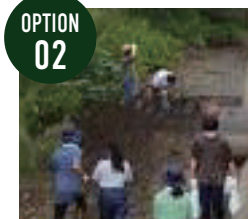
OPTION 01
FIELD WORK
VETIVER & BEEKEEPING TOUR

We will visit local farmers and observe farms that use vetiver grass to prevent red soil runoff. We will also observe beekeeping and sample freshly harvested honey.

*In case of rain, we have other programs planned

OPTION 03
VETIVER CRAFTS WORKSHOP
Included in Program 01

In Onna Village, new industries and jobs are created through the commercialization of harvested vetiver. We will contribute to community development through a vetiver crafts workshop.



OPTION 02
FIELD WORK
Silt basin site visit

We will visit sedimentation ponds designed to prevent red soil from flowing directly into the sea, and observe the accumulation of red soil and the habitat conditions of foreign species.

*In case of rain, we have other programs planned

LUNCH
NAKAYUKUI MARKET



It is a market where various agricultural products and specialties from Okinawa are gathered. You can enjoy local food and buy souvenirs.

HALF DAY TOUR SCHEDULE (TBD)

- 8:00 Depart Ginowan Gymnasium*
- 9:30 Arrive OIST (Program 01)
- Optional Program 03 is included in Program 01
- 10:30 Depart OIST (Program 01)
- 11:00 Arrive Optional Program 01
- 12:00 Depart Optional Program 01
- 12:30 Lunch @Nakayukui Market(TBD)
- 13:30 Depart Nakayukui Market(TBD)
- 15:00 Arrive Ginowan Gymnasium*

FULL DAY TOUR SCHEDULE (TBD)

- 8:00 Depart Ginowan Gymnasium*
- 9:30 Arrive OIST (Program 01)
- Optional Program 03 is included in Program 01
- 10:30 Depart OIST (Program 01)
- 11:00 Arrive Optional Program 01
- 12:00 Depart Optional Program 01
- 12:30 Lunch @Nakayukui Market(TBD)
- 13:30 Depart Nakayukui Market(TBD)
- 14:00 Arrive Optional Program 02
- 15:00 Depart Optional Program 02
- 15:30 Arrive OIST (Program 02)
- 17:00 Depart OIST (Program 02)
- 18:30 Arrive Ginowan Gymnasium*

*Ginowan Gymnasium is adjacent to Okinawa Convention Center



Virtual Tour 1: VR Okinawa Guide Tour – Shuri Castle

A virtual tour which utilizes a unique Okinawa metaverse “Virtual Okinawa” encapsulates Shuri Castle. From the Shurei-mon Gate to the Seiden area which is currently going through reconstruction, join an experienced guide on a comprehensive and interactive virtual tour via browser or smart device!

- The tour will be recorded and available for a limited time on an external site (under construction).



- Date and time: Thursday, August 15th, 17:00-18:00 (JST, UTC +0900)
- Maximum 18 PAX via browser or smart device
- Expenses cover English guide, video recording/editing, archive streaming

Virtual Tour 2: Online Tour! - Grasping Okinawa's Charms

A virtual tour led by a local English guide featuring an all around tour of Okinawa's charms.

- From topography to climate, the tour will cover general information to Okinawa's unique history and culture in addition to showcasing famous World Heritage Sites and sightseeing spots through photos.
- The tour will be recorded and available for a limited time on an external site (under construction).



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- 10:00 – General summary of Okinawa
- 10:10 – VR tour from north to south
- 10:40 – Cultural demonstrations
- 10:50 – Q&A

- Date and time: Monday, August 19th, 10:00-11:00 (JST, UTC +0900)
- Maximum 100 PAX via Google meet
- Expenses cover English guide, video recording/editing, archive streaming

Virtual Tour 3: Online Diving Tour

An in-depth diving course led by local diving staff who actively participate in marine environment education.

- A virtual tour utilizing prerecorded video showcasing marine life and an overview of the diving shops unique SDGs initiatives.
- The tour will be recorded and available for a limited time on an external site (under construction).



- Date and time: Monday, August 19th, 17:00-17:45 (JST, UTC +0900)
- Maximum 100 PAX via Zoom Meetings
- Expenses cover English guide, video recording/editing, archive streaming

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COURSE 1: HALF DAY



Shikinaen Royal Garden



Shuri Castle Park

- Offered on 9/1
- Maximum 40 PAX
- Expenses cover admission fees, English guide & interpretation, transportation, insurance

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13:30 – Depart Ginowan Gymnasium*

14:30 – Arrive Shikinaen Royal Garden

15:45 – Depart Shikinaen Royal Garden

16:10 – Arrive Shuri Castle Park

17:30 – Depart Shuri Castle Park

18:10 – Arrive Ginowan Gymnasium*

A half-day guided tour to well known cultural heritage sites Shikinaen Royal Garden and Shuri Royal Castle.

- Wind down at Shikinaen Royal Garden and gain insight to the history of the Ryukyu Kingdom.
- In-depth guided tour of Shuri Castle and its current state.



Barrier-free access info

Shikinaen Royal Garden

YES:

- Multipurpose toilet (but not within garden)
- 2 priority parking spaces

NO:

- Cobblestone pathways not suitable for those with physical limitations
- No rental wheelchairs

Shuri Castle Park

YES:

- Wheelchair accessibility
- Rental wheelchairs and canes available
- Other benefits

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COURSE 2: HALF DAY **[SOLD OUT]**



- Offered on 9/1
- Maximum 30 PAX
- Expenses cover admission fees, English guide & interpretation, transportation, insurance

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11:50 – Depart Ginowan Gymnasium*
12:30 – Arrive Manko Waterbird and Wetland Center
14:00 – Depart Manko Waterbird and Wetland Center
14:40 – Arrive Sun Silk
16:00 – Depart Sun Silk
16:40 – Arrive Ginowan Gymnasium*

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A half-day tour to Sun Silk and Manko Waterbird and Wetland Center.

- Learn about silkworms and silk weaving, and take turns to help weave a bookmarker at Sun Silk.
- Tour through a wetland and mangrove pathway at low tide.

Barrier-free access info

Sun Silk

YES:

- Full wheelchair accessibility

Manko Waterbird and Wetland Center

YES:

- Full wheelchair accessibility (in building)
- Priority parking spaces
- Multipurpose toilets

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COURSE 3: FULL DAY **[SOLD OUT]**



- Offered on 9/1
- Maximum 40 PAX
- Expenses cover admission fees, English guide & interpretation, transportation, lunch, insurance

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09:00 – Depart Ginowan Gymnasium*
10:50 – Lunch at Hotel Orion Motobu “Sirius”**
11:50 – Leave Hotel Orion Motobu
12:00 – Arrive Churaumi Aquarium
14:00 – Depart Churaumi Aquarium
14:30 – Arrive Nago Museum
15:45 – Depart Nago Museum
17:00 – Arrive Ginowan Gymnasium*

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**Lunch will be provided buffet style. Vegetarian/vegan options available

A one-day tour to Churaumi Aquarium and Nago Museum.

- Enjoy marine life at Churaumi Aquarium and backyard tour of both main building and dolphin area. High focus on SDGs initiatives.
- Guided tour through the renewed Nago Museum

Barrier-free access info

Churaumi Aquarium

YES:

- Full wheelchair accessibility
- Multipurpose toilets
- Rental wheelchairs
- Trolley bus for those with physical limitations

Nago Museum

YES:

- Wheelchair slopes available, rental wheelchair available
- 1 priority parking space
- Multipurpose toilets

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COURSE 4: HALF DAY



Shuri Castle Park



Shuri Textile Museum suikara

- Offered on 9/7
- Maximum 40 PAX
- Expenses cover admission fees, English guide & interpretation, transportation, insurance

9/7

08:30 – Depart Ginowan Gymnasium*
09:10 – Arrive Shuri Castle Park
10:30 – Depart Shuri Castle Park (walk)
10:45 – Arrive Shuri Textile Museum suikara
12:15 – Depart Shuri Textile Museum suikara (walk)
12:30 – Depart Shuri Castle Park (bus)
13:10 – Arrive Ginowan Gymnasium*

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A half-day tour to Shuri Royal Castle with time to experience traditional Bingata Dyeing.

- In-depth guided tour of Shuri Castle and its current state.
- Short walk to Shuri Textile Museum suikara to take part in a Bingata Dye workshop.

Barrier-free access info

Shuri Castle Park

YES:

- Wheelchair accessibility
- Rental wheelchairs and canes available
- Other benefits

Shuri Textile Museum suikara

YES:

- Full wheelchair accessibility

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COURSE 5: HALF DAY



Okinawa Museum/Art Museum



Blue Carbon Cruise "Glass Boat"

- Offered on 9/7
- Maximum 40 PAX
- Expenses cover admission fees, English guide & interpretation, transportation, insurance

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08:30 – Depart Ginowan Gymnasium*

09:10 – Arrive Okinawa Museum

10:40 – Depart Okinawa Museum

11:00 – Arrive Tomari Port (Blue Carbon Cruise)

12:20 – Depart Tomari Port (Blue Carbon Cruise)

13:10 – Arrive Ginowan Gymnasium*

A half-day tour to Okinawa Museum/Art Museum and coastal reefs via glass boat.

- In depth guided tour for Natural History Gallery and auxiliary guidance via QR codes.
- Guided glass boat tour hosted by "Blue Carbon Cruise"



Barrier-free access info

Okinawa Museum/Art Museum

YES:

- Wheelchair accessibility
- Rental wheelchairs

Blue Carbon Cruise "Glass Boat"

NO:

- Small, tight enclosed areas not suitable for those with physical limitations

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COURSE 6: FULL DAY **[11 SEATS LEFT]**



- Offered on 9/7
- Maximum 40 PAX
- Expenses cover admission fees, English guide & interpretation, transportation, lunch, insurance

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09:00 – Depart Ginowan Gymnasium*
10:50 – Lunch at Hotel Orion Motobu “Sirius”**
11:50 – Leave Hotel Orion Motobu
12:00 – Arrive Churaumi Aquarium
14:00 – Depart Churaumi Aquarium
15:00 – Arrive GODAC
16:15 – Depart GODAC
17:40 – Arrive Ginowan Gymnasium*

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**Lunch will be provided buffet style. Vegetarian/vegan options available

A one-day tour to Churaumi Aquarium and Global Oceanographic Data Center (GODAC).

- Enjoy marine life at Churaumi Aquarium and backyard tour of both main building and dolphin area. High focus on SDGs initiatives.
- Customizable content at GODAC catered to participants/organizers.

Barrier-free access info

Churaumi Aquarium

YES:

- Full wheelchair accessibility
- Multipurpose toilets
- Rental wheelchairs
- Trolley bus for those with physical limitations

Global Oceanographic Data Center

YES:

- Full wheelchair accessibility
- Rental wheelchair and baby cars

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DAY TRIP TO KERAMA ISLANDS

- “Day Trip to Kerama Islands” is provided by a third party vendor through an external site with differing terms and conditions, etc. Those who sign up for “Day Trip to Kerama Islands” may still be eligible to apply for an SPNHC-TDWG 2024 Excursion Bus Tour(s) as long as there is no schedule conflict.
- <https://www.cerulean-blue.co.jp/en/tours/12731>
*Link to external site

