



Shisa – The Guardian Spirit of Okinawa

In Okinawa, you'll often see lion-like statues called *Shisa* on rooftops or gates.

One has an open mouth to chase away evil, the other a closed mouth to keep good fortune in.

These protectors are a proud part of Ryukyuan culture.

As you explore the island, keep an eye out—they might be quietly watching over your journey.



VENUE

OKUMA PRIVATE BEACH & RESORT

The venue is Okuma Private Beach & Resort — a stay-in resort surrounded by the rich nature and beautiful beaches of northern Okinawa (Yanbaru). With both racing and accommodation in one location, it offers a comfortable and convenient setting for all participants.



What is Okinawa?

- Okinawa is a prefecture made up of beautiful islands located in the southwestern tip of Japan, blessed with a subtropical climate and warm weather throughout the year. The crystal clear waters, beautiful coral reefs, and white sandy beaches attract travelers from all over the world. Okinawa has its own unique culture and history, and once developed as the "Ryukyu Kingdom" through easy exchanges with Southeast Asia.



Highlights of Okinawa

- - Beautiful seas and coral reefs
- - Famous local cuisine: Goya Champuru, Rafute, Awamori
- - Traditional culture: Eisa dance, Sanshin music, Karate
- - Historic Ryukyu castles and world heritage sites



What is Kunigami Village?

- - Located at the northernmost tip of Okinawa's main island
- - About 80% covered with forests
- - Known as the heart of "Yanbaru" region
- - A quiet village coexisting with nature



Nature in Kunigami

- - Home to rare species like Yanbaru Kuina and Noguchigera
- - Part of the Yanbaru National Park and a World Natural Heritage site
- - Popular for eco-tourism: waterfalls, forests, and trekking





Join us in Okinawa next year!

