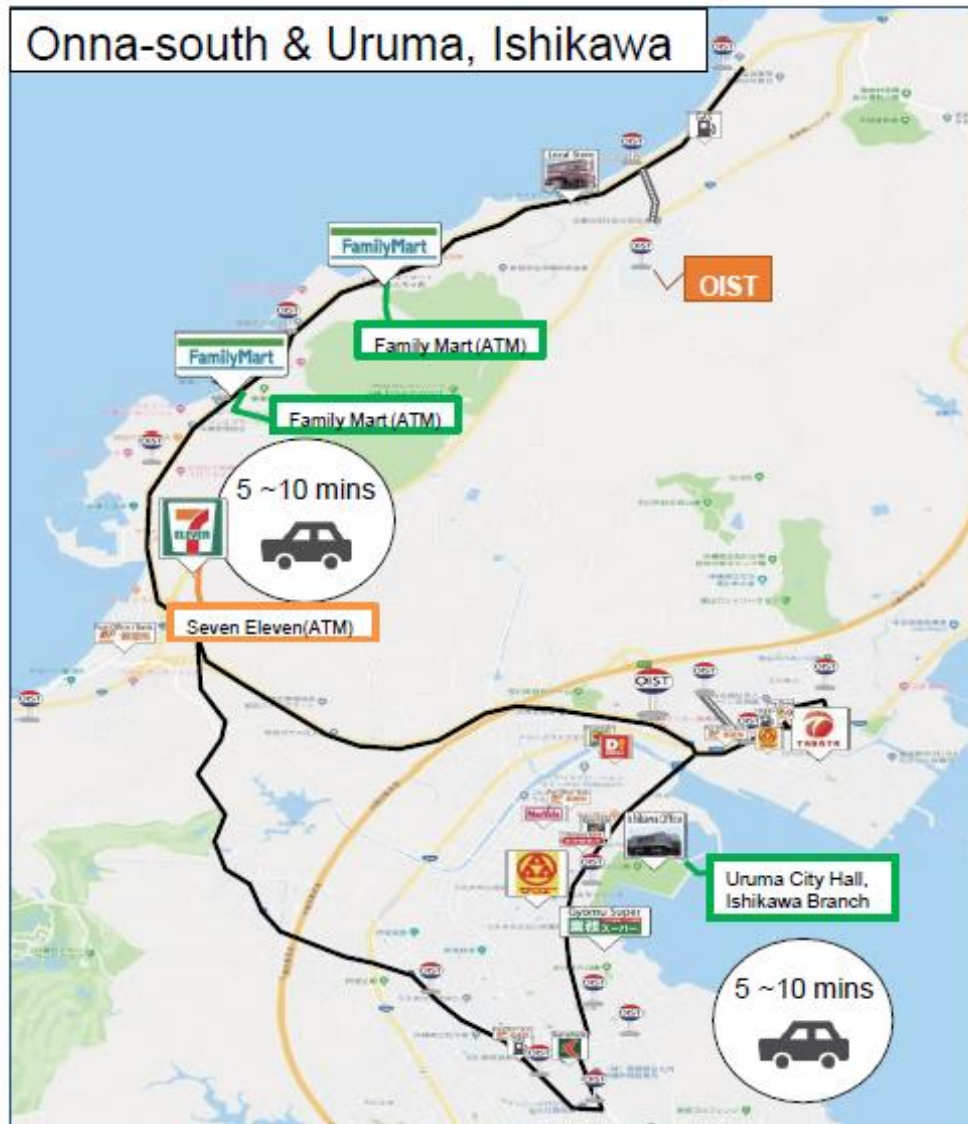


Additional Maps and Shops (compiled by OIST's Relocation team)

Map and Information about Yomitan, Uruma, Okinawa-shi

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[Ishikawa Area]

The newly built San-A Ishikawa City (🏡) has an electrical appliance shop, a bakery, and some restaurants in Ishikawa. Tabata Shopping Center (🛍️) is the one of best home improvement stores on island. It also has some groceries, electrical appliances as well.

[Onna-son]

At the convenience store called "Family Mart", you can withdraw some cash in Japanese yen by using your foreign credit card.

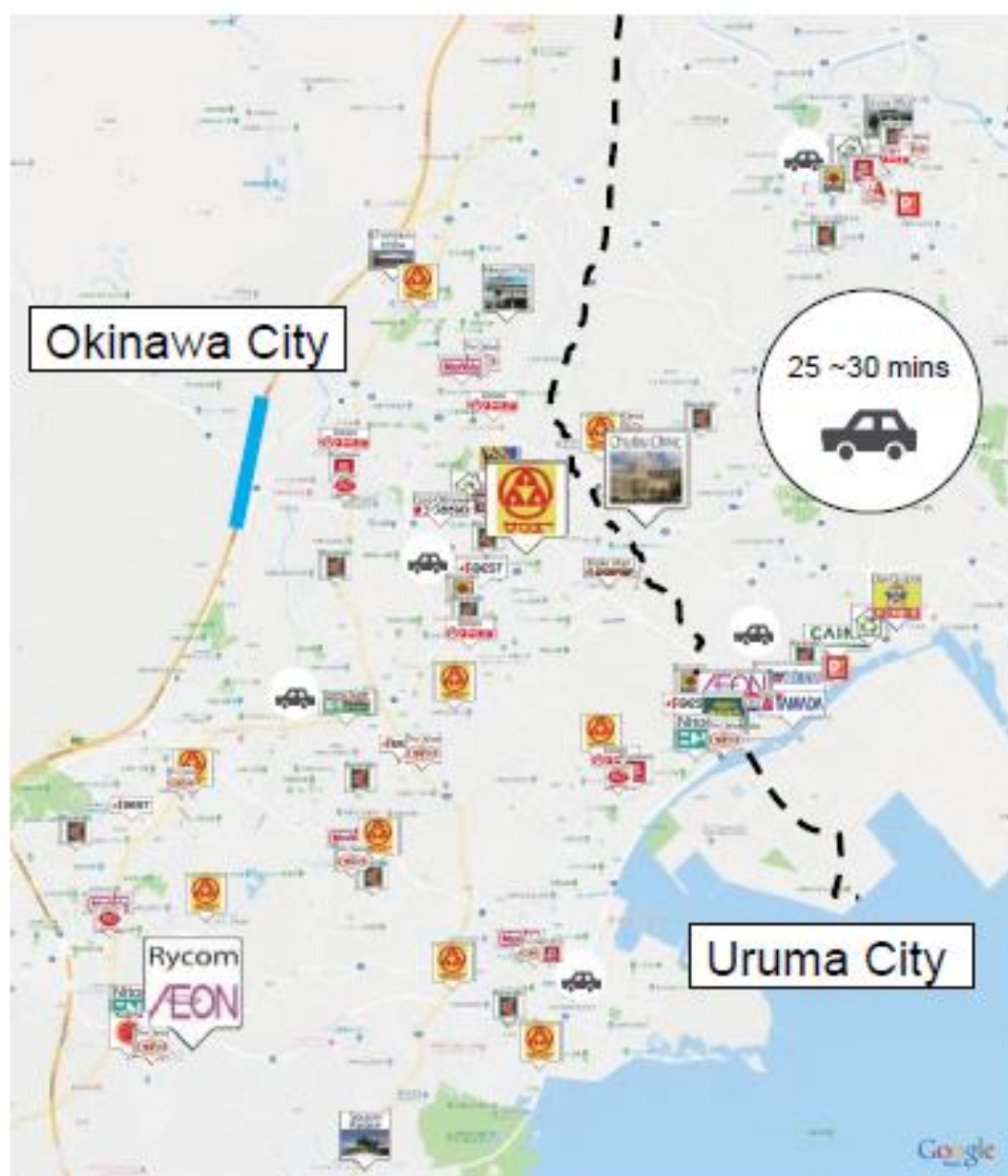
*Please note that there is a limit to how much you can withdraw in a day.

Yomitan-son is quieter than other areas such as Uruma and Okinawa since it is far away from the exits of the expressway. There are some beautiful beaches and famous diving spots. It also has two significant shopping center. ( & )

Unfortunately, the OIST shuttle bus service does not cover this area. The major road towards OIST is relatively light around Yomitan-son area to Onna-son, except for the evening rush hour.

Yomitan-son













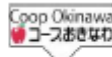




























Uruma City and Okinawa City are considered the most developed areas in the middle of the Island. If you are accustomed to city life, it is probably the best spot to live. Please note that the main roads tend to be heavily congested during the morning and evening rush hour, and it takes more than 30 minutes by car to commute from most areas to OIST. In Okinawa city, there is Aeon-Mall Rycom, one of the biggest shopping malls on the island. San-A Main City Gushikawa is known for its convenience with restaurants, a grocery store, and an electronic store. Both cities have general hospitals that offer 24 hours emergency medical services.

Overview of Shops in Okinawa

Daily Life Information

Icons / Signs	Information
Convenience stores   	<p>Convenience stores are on almost every main street, and they are open 24/7. The major convenience stores in Okinawa are Family Mart and Lawson. Seven-Eleven recently launched its business in Okinawa in 2019. It is expanding the area of business over the years. All convenience stores have ATMs. You can also settle the payment for bills such as phones and utilities if they have a barcode on the invoice.</p>
Banks & Post Offices   	<p>Okinawa Bank and Ryukyu Bank are the two major local banks in Okinawa. Okinawa Bank has a branch in Onna-son and an ATM installed in the Center building of OIST. Japan Post offers postal services and banking services called JP Bank. You can withdraw money with a foreign-issued credit card only at the JP Bank ATM.</p>
Grocery Stores         <p>PARCO CITY</p>	<p>San-A, which has three large "A" s on a yellow background, is Okinawa's major supermarket.</p> <p>Kanehide, which has two orange birds on a green background, is also a locally developed supermarket chain in Okinawa.</p> <p>MaxValu, Union and Marudai are the minor stores compared to the two mentioned above.</p> <p>Three of the most popular malls are AEON, San-A, and Parco City. San-A Main City is in Uruma city, and AEON Mall Rycome is in Okinawa city. Parco City is the newly developed shopping mall, and it is located in Urasoe city.</p> <p>There are grocery stores, electronics, clothing, and over-the-counter drugs installed in the malls. Some have arcades and even movie theaters. Coop (pronounced "kohpu") is just like the ones above. Still, it is famous for catalog orders with delivery service to your door. Gyomu Super is a wholesale food store where you can buy food at a discounted price for a significant portion.</p>
100 yen Stores   	<p>100 yen stores are commonly called "hyakkin" in Japanese. DAISO is the pioneer of the 100-yen-shop industry and has overseas locations. Can Do and Seria is another 100 yen store you can find in Okinawa. There are thousands of items sold, but the quality and the durability might not be as good as you expect.</p>
General stores / Drug stores     	<p>Home Center Tabata Ishikawa Store sells almost everything you need for your daily life: Groceries, furniture, electrical appliances, car supplies, gardening, DIY, pet goods.</p> <p>Don Quijote is one of the nationwide grocery store in Japan. They are usually open until early morning or even 24 hours. They also sell items imported from various countries for reasonable prices.</p> <p>DIREX, Drug Mart and Drug Eleven, have over-the-counter medicine and cosmetics. Some branches sell electrical appliances and food at discounted prices.</p>
Furniture & Home Improvement     	<p>Nitori is a Japanese furniture and interior chain store that carries many items at reasonable prices. It is said that Nitori is like IKEA, Swedish home products retail company. You can ask for delivery service for big items such as bed, sofa, and a table set. Please be noted that the average delivery time is around a week or two.</p> <p>Yellow Box Furniture, located in Okinawa city, sells American furniture and provides an English-speaking service.</p> <p>Square Awase consists of three stores; The Grace, Maxplus, and Today OIK.</p> <p>The Grace carries a luxury interior, Maxplus has a variety of household goods, and TodayOK offers outlet furniture.</p> <p>Make Man, a logo with Monkey, and Cainz are recommended for those who are looking for house improvement items.</p>

Icons / Signs	Information
Second-hand Store 	<p>You may be able to find good-quality items at reasonable prices if you are lucky. But please be aware that they usually charge you a delivery fee between 1,000 yen to 4,000 yen, depending on the area you reside. The warranty is typically short such as three months, while brand new items offer a guarantee of one to five years.</p>
Electric appliances   	<p>Yamada Denki, Edion and Best Denki are major home electric appliances stores. They have a wide variety of products and even food at some locations. But they usually do not keep many items in the inventory, so you may need to wait for your purchase to be delivered for a week or two. They also have booths that sell cell phones and Internet service.</p>
Others        	<p>Sports Depo and XEBIO offer a wide variety of sporting goods such as shoes, rackets, bats, bicycles, outdoor goods, etc. GoodWill is on Rt. 58 in Chatan and is one of the Island's specialized computer stores. Address: 3-1-8 Mihama, Chatan-cho. Open from 11:00 to 21:00. Muji is a retail company that sells a wide variety of household and consumer goods. Its design minimalism distinguishes Muji, emphasizing recycling, avoiding waste in production and packaging, and no-logo or "no-brand" policy. CHUBB is a representative of the ACE Insurance group. All agency staff can speak English. Voluntary car insurance and fire insurance are available. Onna no Eki, Champurur Ichiba, and Yunta Ichiba are local farmers' markets where you can purchase locally-harvested fruits and vegetables for reasonable prices. They also sell local traditional art crafts. The small dining rooms are often provided, and you can enjoy some regional cuisine such as Okinawa Soba, Sata Andagi, and Goya champuru.</p>
Driver's License  	<p>JAF is a shortened word for Japan Automobile Federation. It is a public service organization that provides various services to drivers. You can obtain an official translation of your original license for <i>Gaiamen Kirikae</i>, switching a foreign driver's license to a Japanese one except for the seven countries: Switzerland, Germany, France, Belgium, Monaco, Estonia, and Taiwan. Okinawa Prefectural Driver's License Center is located in Tomigusuku city. To complete <i>Gaiamen Kirikae</i>, you may need to go there to take an aptitude test, a written test, and a practical test depending on your license-issued country.</p>
Hospitals   	<p>Onna Clinic is a small-sized hospital that is located near the Onna elementary school. Typically, only one physician/Pediatrician stays, so it tends to get very crowded. Chubu Clinic (Okinawa Chubu Hospital) is a large-sized prefectural general hospital with an emergency medical care center in Uruma city. Many doctors can speak English. Nakagami Clinic (Nakagami Hospital) is also a large-sized hospital with an emergency department in Okinawa city. It recently moved to a new building. There are other small/mid-sized hospitals near OIST. Please contact our Health Center for more information.</p>
Schools   	<p>Onna Elementary School is a local public school. It has an International class where they taught math and Japanese in English. But the lessons are complementary to develop a minimum necessary academic ability. Therefore, the quality and system are not equivalent to international schools. OCSI is short for Okinawa Christian School International, located at Yomitan. It has a Christ-centered learning environment with an American-style program in English. AMICUS is located at Uruma city and provides a rich learning environment that helps develop a global mindset. English is used as the medium of communication and instruction for daily activities.</p>

Places to exchange currency

Where to Exchange Currency

■ Availability of Currency

	USD	RMB	EUR	GBP	AUD	CAD	NZD	THB	SGD	HKD	KRW	TWD	CNY	PHP	MYR	SFR	SEK	DKK	NOK
Bank Counter																			
Bank of Okinawa Koza Branch	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	●	●	●	●
Note: * Listed currency can be exchanged at Koza branch only in central Okinawa. * US \$ can be exchanged at the most of branches in Okinawa. (Excl. Nakagusuku & Churaumi) * Open 9:00-15:00 Monday-Friday only.																			
Bank of Ryukyus Koza Branch	●	-	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	●	●
Note: * Listed currency can be exchanged at Koza branch only in central Okinawa. * US \$ can be exchanged at Ishikawa, Kadena, Gushikawa, Yomitan, Koza and 8 other branches in central Okinawa. * Open 9:00-15:00 Monday-Friday only.																			
ATM Machine at Family Mart (Tancho)																			
Bank of Okinawa ATM	●	-	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-
Private Companies (Chatan)																			
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Chance Center http://www.exchange-chancecenter.com/	●	-	●	●	●	●	-	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-

■ Location

