

## Inquiry about Ginowan Tourism

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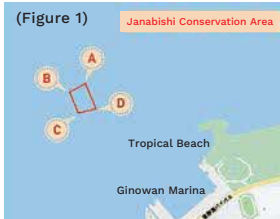
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## Ginowan's Bountiful Sea



The clear, blue ocean that stretches along the west coast of Ginowan City is not only beautiful but is also home to abundant marine life. The diverse ecosystem is thought to be supported by the large amount of mineral-rich spring water that wells up in the Oyama area.

In April 2021, we received certification of the Janabishi area (Figure 1) as a conservation zone based on the Okinawa Prefecture Conservation and Use Agreement, and established the Ginowan Marine Community Association on May 24 of the same year together with local fishermen and marine leisure businesses in order to protect and nurture this bountiful sea for many people to enjoy.



The Ginowan Marine Community Association is looking for partners to work with. For more information, please visit their website.

<https://gmca.okinawa.jp>



City of Netate



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■About NETATE

“Netate” is the Japanese words that means “the root of things,” such as the root of a community or a festival. Ginowan City is often referred to as the root (“ne,” “nenoshima,” “netate”) of Ryukyu that had been vital in the island’s political, economic and cultural development. The city was an important centre of trade and information exchange with neighboring countries. Today, Ginowan continues to grow as a modern netate where people, goods and information flow in and out on an international level. “Netate no Machi Ginowan” is the watchword of the citizens of Ginowan that symbolizes the city’s endless potential.



**Ryukyu ebony (official tree)**

Traditionally used to make the *sao* (neck) of the *sanshin* (a traditional Okinawan three-stringed instrument). Adopted on January 11, 1996.



**Sandanka (official flowering plant)**

A long-lasting subtropical flowering plant with vibrant colors. Adopted on December 9, 1975.



**Chrysanthemum (official flower)**

A long-lasting flower that comes in a variety of colors that can be cultivated all year round. Adopted on December 9, 1975.

# GINOWAN GUIDE MAP



Kitanakagusuku IC

Nishihara IC

The night view of the west coast from here is superb!

The sunset from here is amazing!

\*As of August 2023.

Enjoy the resort and feel the history of Ginowan

## Recommended Sightseeing Spots



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### Tropical Beach

Shower: 100 yen  
Coin lockers: 200 yen  
📍 4-2-1 Mashiki, Ginowan City  
☎ Tel.098-890-0881 (9:00-20:00)



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### Ginowan Port Marina

📍 4-4-1 Mashiki, Ginowan City  
☎ 098-897-7017



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### Ginowan Marine Support Center

Hours: 9:00-21:00  
📍 7-10-27 Oyama, Ginowan City  
☎ 098-942-2200



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### Ginowan City Museum

Hours: 9:00-17:00  
Closed Tuesdays & national holidays (excluding Culture Day)  
Admission: Free  
📍 1-25-1 Mashiki, Ginowan City  
☎ 098-870-9317



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### Ginowan Yui Marche

Hours: 9:00-19:00  
Closed 1/1-3 and the second day of the Obon Festival  
📍 7-1350-81 Oyama, Ginowan City  
☎ 098-943-1826



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### Sakima Art Museum

Hours: 9:00-17:00  
Closed Tuesdays & 12/29-1/3  
Admission: 800 yen (adults)  
600 yen (JHS & HS students)  
300 yen (children)  
📍 358 Uehara, Ginowan City  
☎ 098-893-5737



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### Kiyuna Spring (Chunnagā)

\*Reservations are required for a guided tour.  
📍 1607 Iribaru, aza-Kiyuna, Ginowan City  
☎ 098-893-4430



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### Ōjana Mēnukā

📍 5-667-2 Ojana, Ginowan City



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### Iko no Shimin Park

📍 1-14-24 Ginowan, Ginowan City  
☎ 098-943-9607



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### Ginowan Seaside Park

📍 4-2-1 Mashiki, Ginowan City  
☎ 098-897-2751 (9:00-21:30)



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### Morikawa Park

📍 1-24-1 Mashiki, Ginowan City



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### Kakazu Takadai Park

📍 1-5 Kakazu, Ginowan City



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### Hyākagā (Oyama Spring Water)

Located in Oyama, Ginowan City.



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### Hijagā (Oyama Spring Water)

Located in Oyama, Ginowan City.



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### Funshin Seseragi Street

📍 193 Isa, Ginowan City

\*Fees are subject to change without notice.

# History & Culture

Tour around Ginowan, where many famous places and historic sites remain

## Take a step back in time to Ancient Ryukyu



Futenma Shrine

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### Mori no Kawa (Prefectural Designated Place of Scenic Beauty)

A stone monument can be found in a corner of the forest adjacent to Morikawa Park. It was erected in 1725 by the Ie family, an influential aristocratic family, and contains the legend of Hagoromo.



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### Chunnāgā



MAP A-2

### Futenma Shrine Cave



MAP A-2

### Futenma Temple



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### Kiyuna Stone Lions (Tangible Folk Cultural Property designated by the city)

In Kiyuna, the entire village is divided into regular sections shaped like the foundation of a house. The stone-carved Shisa (lion statues) surround the village, acting as "kēshi" to prevent evil or abominable things from entering the village or homes.



MAP A-1

### Nodake Sudibanabira Cobblestone Road (Historic Site designated by the city)

The Nodake Stone-Paved Road was built during the Ryukyu Kingdom period (about 380 to 110 years ago). It was built on a *shukumichi*, a public road connecting the royal capital of Shuri and various *magiri* (equivalent to today's cities and towns).



MAP D-2

### Ganiku Hijagā (Tangible Folk Cultural Property designated by the city)

In Ginowan, on the morning of New year's day, while it was still dark, girls would fetch water from *ubugā* (birthing spring) and offer it to the Hinukan (god of fire) or place it in the *tokonoma* (an alcove in a tatami room). Then, family members young and old would purify their bodies by washing their faces and mouths with the water to welcome the New Year.

# Public Facilities



They are used for a wide range of purposes including international conferences, gatherings, exhibitions, and cultural activities.

### Okinawa Convention Center

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Okinawa's largest convention facility equipped with a theater hall in addition to exhibition and conference halls.

## Plenty of public facilities



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### Ginowan Municipal Baseball Stadium

It hosts the Yokohama DeNA BayStars training camp.

📍 4-2-1 Mashiki, Ginowan City



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### Outdoor Theater

Under construction.

📍 4-2-1 Mashiki, Ginowan City



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### Ginowan Public Library

Closed TUE, every 4th THU, 6/23, 12/29-1/3 & national holidays

📍 3-4-10 Ganeko Ginowan City

☎ 098-897-4646



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### Ginowan Municipal Gymnasium

Various events are held here on the weekend.

📍 4-2-1 Mashiki, Ginowan City

☎ 098-897-2751



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### Ginowan Bayside Information Center

📍 3-7-1 Uchidomari, Ginowan City

☎ 098-942-8415



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### Ginowan Civic Hall

Hours: 8:30-17:00  
Closed Tuesdays & 12/29-1/3

📍 1-1-2 Nodake, Ginowan City

Check out the traditional festivals and fun events we hold throughout the year!

## When the city is at its hottest!

The Ginowan Hagoromo Festival is one of the most popular festivals in the prefecture. The kachāshī dance contest is one of the most impressive, and is so powerful that even the audience cannot help but join in dancing. Among many other fun-filled festivities, there is also the Local Industries Festival, which brings together all the fresh local produce and delicacies.

### Tropical Beach UMIBIRAKI (Beach Opening)



Hagoromo Festival



Ginowan Youth Eisa Festival



Lion Dance

■Futenma Lion Dance  
Held to pray for the prosperity of the tribe and a good harvest.

■Ojana Lion Dance  
This dance was revived in August of the lunar calendar in 1976 for the first time in 33 years.



Ginowan Hagoromo Hārī Festival



Ryukyu Kaiensai Fireworks Festival



Ginowan City Local Industries Festival

To promote Ginowan's industries through the exhibition and sale of produce, seafood, livestock, and commercial and industrial products.  
Local Industries Festival Executive Committee  
☎ 098-893-4411

### Oyama-Mashiki Tug of War

Up until World War II, many districts in Ginowan held tug-of-war competitions on umachi (June 15th of the lunar calendar). Today, only Oyama and Mashiki continue to have this tradition.

- Apr**
  - Ryukyu Kaiensai Fireworks Festival
  - Okinawa International Movie Festival
  - Ginowan Tropical Beach Umibiraki (Beach Opening)
  - Ganeko Sunsāmi
- Jul**
  - Oyama Tug of War
  - Mashiki Tug of War
  - Ginowan Tug of War
- Aug**
  - Ginowan Hagoromo Hārī Festival
- Sep**
  - Ginowan Youth Eisa Festival
  - Ojana Lion Dance
  - Futenma Lion Dance
  - Ginowan Hagoromo Festival
  - Hagoromo Kachashi Festival
- Oct**
  - Futenma Shrine Festival
- Nov**
  - Ginowan City Local Industries Festival
- Jan**
  - Ginowan City Women's Federation Performing Arts Gathering
- Feb**
  - Yokohama DeNA Baystars spring camp