

JAPANESE HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS

HOLIDAYS

2016

January 1 - New Year "Shogatsu"
January 11 - Coming-of-Age Day "Sejin-no-hi"
February 11 - National Foundation Day "Kenkoku-Kinenbi"
March 21 - Spring Equinox Day "Shunbun-no-hi"
April 29 - Showa Day "showa-no-hi" (Birthday of the late Emperor Hirohito)
May 3 - Constitution Day "Kenpo-Kinenbi"
May 4 - Greenery Day "Midori-no-hi"
May 5 - Children's Day "Kodomo-no-hi"
July 18 - Ocean Day "Umi-no-hi"
August 11 - Mountain Day "Yama-no-hi"
September 19 - Respect for Aged Day "Keiro-no-hi"
September 22 - Autumn Equinox Day "Shu-bun-no-hi"
October 10 - Sports Day "Taiiku-no-hi"
November 3 - Culture Day "Bunka-no-hi"
November 23 - Labor Thanksgiving Day "Kinro-Kansha-no-hi"
December 23 - Emperor's Birthday "Tenno-Tanjoubi"

OKINAWAN FESTIVALS

March

Azalea Festival in Higashi Village

April

Ryukyu Kaiensai (Fireworks Festival) in Ginowan City
Lily Festival in Ie-island
Carp Streamer Festival in Hija River, Kadena Town

May

Naha Dragon Boat Race
Okinawa Kids Discovery Kingdom (Kodomo-no-kuni) Festival at Okinawa Zoo

June

Kadena Town Dragon Boat Race Festival

July

Peaceful Love Rock Festival
Summer Festival in Expo Park
Seaport Chatan Carnival

August

10,000 people Eisa Dance Parade
Ginowan Hagoromo Festival
Island-wide Okinawa Eisa Festival

September

Island-wide Okinawa Eisa Festival
Shuri Castle "Mid-Autumn Celebration"

October

Noguni Sokan Festival in Kadena Town
Naha Festival (Tug of War)

November

Ryukyu Dynasty Festival in Shuri

Kitanakagusuku Festival

Okinawa International Carnival in Okinawa City