

KERAMA ISLANDS – SAMPLE DIVING ITINERARY



The Kerama Islands are a subtropical paradise situated in the sparkling waters of the East China Sea. Surrounded by sweeping white beaches with little development and only a handful of visitors, the islands offer nirvana to the discerning diver seeking pristine diving conditions. Customize your trip and maximize diving or you can allow more time for other activities such as hiking, kayaking and windsurfing. Guided tours are available.

Days: 7

Destinations: Okinawa Island, Zamami Island

Boat Dives: 10



Days 1 & 2: Leave country of origin, cross the International Date Line and arrive in Tokyo or Osaka on day two. Board the connecting flight to Naha, Okinawa's capital. Stay one night at a hotel located in the heart of the city center. Catch some great nightlife and experience the Okinawan culture.



Day 3: A 45-minute boat ride brings you to the resort at lush, green, subtropical Zamami Island. Enjoy your first couple of boat dives and then settle in for the next few nights. Accommodations are quaint, comfortable and moments away from white sandy beaches.

Day 4: Three boat dives. Fishing, kayaking, windsurfing and hiking are also available.

Day 5: Three boat dives. This part of the East China Sea is believed to contain the greatest number of corals and marine species. Ribbon eels, pinecone fish, mandarin fish as well as leaf scorpion are some of the more rare inhabitants of the reef.



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Day 6: Two more exquisite dives, perhaps at Zamami's magnificent 'Nita Cave'. Schools of circular spadefish, barracuda, palette surgeons, blue-green chromis and purple queen anthias can be seen.



In the afternoon either spend the afternoon touring Zamami Island by car or bicycle. The locals are very friendly and the village is easy to navigate. If weather permits a BBQ at the hotel at sunset ends the day. Or perhaps take the boat back to Naha and spend the final night in Okinawa. The afternoon and early evening will allow plenty of time to explore Naha's bustling shopping district and indulge in the local cuisine.



Day 7: Return to point of origin or continue on one of our optional tours to either Tokyo or Kyoto. Both cities provide ample opportunity to experience the mainland's culture, which is different to the southern islands. Relax in hot springs, explore ancient temples and shrines and sample the local cuisine. Please visit our Tokyo / Kyoto page to find out more about Open Coast's trips.

MAY HIGHLIGHTS: Experience the Sanja Festival, one of Tokyo's largest and most exciting. With the streets closed, hundreds of portable shrines are paraded through town carried on the shoulders of locals in ceremonial garb. The sumo tournament is also held in May.



OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS: Take part in Okinawa's biggest festival, the Tug O' War – a day when the capital city Naha, closes for a huge party. Watch thousands of locals challenge each other in a contest of strength using a forty-ton rope! Also snorkel and dive with huge pacific manta rays making their seasonal visit.

Sample Dive Package Includes:

Seven days, five nights accommodations • Breakfast and dinner daily • Transfers on Zamami Island • 10 boat dives • Tanks & weights • Snorkeling tour at Furuzamami Beach • Hotel taxes, tips & surcharges • Departure information portfolio •

- Package price per person double occupancy: \$1200.
- Accommodations: Spacious rooms with high vaulted ceilings, tropical gardens, en-suite bathroom, television, refrigerator, air-conditioning.
- This price is based on a sample itinerary, contact us for a customized trip price.
- Flights available.