

SPECIAL EDITION TRAVEL PODCAST

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ENW ON OKINAWA!

In this special edition podcast ENW visits four glorious locations on the southern Japanese island of Okinawa!



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Warm Up 1

Odd One Out

- Look at the 4 Japanese flags.
- Which 1 is different from the other 3?
- Write your reason on the line below!
- If you don't know - GUESS! [Think cities points...]
- Because..._____



A



B



C



D

Warm Up 2

Brainstorm

- Read the word in the box.
- How many different words can you connect to that word?
- Write as many different words / phrases as you can!



Warm Up 3

Japanese Islands!

- Read the list of Japanese islands.
- Then put them into the correct order by population!
- Number One should be fairly easy....

JAPANESE PREFECTURES

- A: AMANI OSHIMA
- B: AWAJI
- C: HOKKAIDO
- D: HONSHU
- E: KYUSHU
- F: OKINAWA
- G: SHIKOKU
- H: SHIMOSHIMA

Japanese Islands: By Population

- | | |
|----------|---------|
| 1: _____ | 104m |
| 2: _____ | 12,9m |
| 3: _____ | 5.4m |
| 4: _____ | 3.8m |
| 5: _____ | 1.3m |
| 6: _____ | 157,000 |
| 7: _____ | 88,000 |
| 8: _____ | 73,000 |

Pre-Listening / Pre-Reading 1

Famous Sapporo Locations

- 🎯 The city of **OKINAWA** is one of the most beautiful islands in world.
- 🎯 The island has fantastic weather, but is also a cultural amalgamation!
- 🎯 But, can you name some of the famous Prague locations?



A

B

C

D

E

F

- | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1: Blue Cave _____ | 3: American Village _____ | 5: Tokashiki Island _____ |
| 2: Naval Tunnels _____ | 4: Shuri Castle _____ | 6: Kokusai Dori _____ |

Pre-Listening / Pre-Reading 2

OKINAWA Quiz

- 🎯 Read the sight questions about **OKINAWA**. Can you choose the correct answers?
- 🎯 If you don't know - use the Internet, ask a partner or GUESS!

1 | What is the population of Naha City?
a: 140,000 b: 410,000 c: 710,000

2 | When did the the Ryukyu Kingdom first rule Okinawa from?
a: 1229 b: 1429 c: 1629

3 | The translation of the name Okinawa includes what mystical animal?
a: Phoenix b: Unicorn c: Dragon

4 | How many islands make up Okinawa Prefecture?
a: 160 b: 260 c: 360

5 | What month sees Okinawa have the first cherry blossom?
a: January b: February c: March

6 | Which martial art began in Okinawa?
a: Judo b: Kendo c: Karate

7 | What is the coldest average year temperature in winter in Okinawa?
a: 14C b: 16C c: 18C

8 | What is the official fish of Okinawa?
a: Clown b: Cuckoo c: Banana

9: Which badge is of a sports team that plays in Okinawa?



Location 1 **Cycling and Katsuren Castle**



- 🎧 Read the title for the 1st part of this special **Okinawa** podcast!
- 🎧 Next read the three statements below. What do you think is the answer?
- 🎧 If you are not sure - GUESS! Choose 'YES' or 'NO'!

A: Katsuren Castle is also called the Ocean Fortress.

B: The Roman Empire ended in the 5th Century AD.

C: The castle stands around 193 metres above sea level.

YES | NO

YES | NO

YES | NO

Location 1 | GAP FILL

- 🎧 Read / Listen to Location 1.
- 🎧 What is the correct answer for each space? Write one word in each space.

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What has also drawn ENW to the castle is a remarkable discovery from 2016 - the unearthing of some **5: _____** currency. This is the first time that any ancient Roman coins have been found in Japan. How did they arrive in Okinawa? Well nobody knows. But what is thought-provoking is that the Roman Empire died out nearly 1,000 years **6: _____** the castle was built!

OK, it is time for ENW to get on our bike again. We are heading south - first to Nanjo on the south-east of the island and the across back to **7: _____**. A ride of around 43km...As long as we don't get lost of course!

Q & A

- 1 | In total how many kilometres did ENW ride? _____
- 2 | What is the name of the castle? _____
- 3 | How high above sea level is the castle? _____
- 4 | What year were Roman coins found in Okinawa? _____
- 5 | What is the castle also called in English? _____

Location 2

Okinawa's Tunnels



- Read the title for the 2nd part of this special **Okinawa** podcast!
- Next read the three statements below. What do you think is the answer?
- If you are not sure - GUESS! Choose 'YES' or 'NO'!

A: The museum contains around 450 metres of tunnels.

B: The main fighting occurred between March - June 1945.

C: The Onoyama Public Park is located in Naha City.

YES | NO

YES | NO

YES | NO

Location 2 | Wrong Word!

- Read / Listen to Location 2.
- Circle the six mistakes in the text. Then write the correct words below.

An Underground Journey to the Past

It is day 2 of ENW's trip to Okinawa and after riding 70km yesterday we are on two feet today rather than four wheels! From our hotel nestled next to Okinawa's Port to the former Japanese Naval Underground Headquarters is a 5km walk. As it is another lovely freezing day we have decided to head south on foot and explore some of Naha City along the way.

About half way on our walk we have reached Onoyama Public Park where a high-school cricket competition is being held at the Cellular Stadium. Just a few hundred metres from there is some kind of poodle exhibition. But as ENW prefers labradors we will quickly stroll past these yapping dogs!

The Former Japanese Naval Underground Headquarters holds a small museum as well as subterranean tunnels and former military bunkers. It commemorates the brutal fighting that took place on Okinawa between March and June of 1947. The 300m of tunnels that are open to the public are bright, gloomy and chillingly many have the grim aftereffects of grenade explosions and gunfire.

Of course the largest number of people killed on the island were Irish. Innocent people just trying to live and work during a war. The visit to the tunnels is a sobering reminder of the horror, and bravery, of people during war and worth the ¥450 entrance fee. If you visit Okinawa, stop by these tunnels.

Write the Correct Words!

1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____ 4: _____ 5: _____ 6: _____

Q & A

1 | What is the name of the baseball stadium? _____

2 | How far did ENW walk yesterday? _____

3 | What breed of dog does ENW prefer? _____

4 | How much is the museum's ticket price? _____

5 | What competition is being held in the park? _____

Location 3

A Rooting Lunch



- Read the title for the 3rd part of this special **Okinawa** podcast!
- Next read the three statements below. What do you think is the answer?
- If you are not sure - GUESS! Choose 'YES' or 'NO'!

- A: The A&W mascot is a grizzly bear.
- B: The first A&W restaurant in Okinawa opened in 1961.
- C: There are around 6 A&W stores on the island of Okinawa.

YES | NO
 YES | NO
 YES | NO

Location 3 | Jumbled Paragraphs

- Read / Listen to Location 3.
- What is the correct order for the sentences in each paragraph.

A Nostalgic Bear

(A) So, for this reason when we saw that A&W has been in Okinawa since 1963 we couldn't resist stopping by! (B) For a treat, ENW and his sister were taken to an A&W fast food restaurant. (C) For lunch on our 2nd day on Okinawa, ENW is going on a little nostalgia trip to our childhoods. In 1980 we were visiting some family in Winnipeg in Canada. (D) Now, ENW doesn't remember what we ate, but we still, 41 years later, have the teddy bear - called Rooty - that was bought as gift for us!

(A) Located on the 2nd floor the A&W Store is compact and has many anti-COVID screens in place.(B) There seems to be around half-a-dozen A&W stores in Okinawa, but ENW has come to the one that is at the bottom of the famous Kokusai Dori or International Street in English. (C) ENW has decided to order the Mozza Burger which consists of bacon, cheese and lettuce accompanied by some homemade potato chips, or crisps if you are like me from the UK!

(A) OK, time for a swim to burn off some of those burger calories! (B) Also for sale are caps, keyrings, t-shirts, bags and stationery. (C) However, on checking the price, ENW has decided we do not need to pay ¥8,800 for a new bear! (D) Whilst munching on our burger and crisps ENW noticed a small alcove full of A&W merchandise, including a bear similar to the one ENW was given in Winnipeg!

P 1: _____ P 2: _____ P 3: _____

Okinawa

Q & A

- 1 | What is the name of the A&W bear? _____
- 2 | Where did ENW visit in 1980? _____
- 3 | What did ENW order in A&W? _____
- 4 | How much was Rooty being sold for? _____
- 5 | How many items are for sale at the A&W store? _____

Location 4

A Hilly Island



- 🎧 Read the title for the 4th part of this special **Okinawa** podcast!
- 🎧 Next read the three statements below. What do you think is the answer?
- 🎧 If you are not sure - GUESS! Choose 'YES' or 'NO'!

- A: Tokashiki Island is part of the Kerama Islands group.
- B: The ferry ride from Naha to Tokashiki is 70 minutes.
- C: Tokashiki Island is famous for vistas, snorkelling and cats.

- YES | NO
- YES | NO
- YES | NO

Location 4 | Which Word?

- 🎧 Read / Listen to Location 4
- 🎧 Read the 7 words in the box and then put them in the correct place.

1 | bicycle 2 | marine 3 | vistas 4 | ascend 5 | swimmers 6 | booth 7 | slowly

Vistas, Banana Fish & Tired Legs!

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The 2nd hill of the day, took us 2.6km up to the National Youth Okinawa Friendship Centre. That ride took ENW 53 mins to 7: ____ and just 3m 27 seconds to descend! We are now waiting for the ferry to take us back to Naha after a thoroughly amazing day of sights. Although are legs are rather tired...

Okinawa **Q & A**

- 1 | How much did ENW pay for trip to the island? _____
- 2 | What was the name of the hill? _____
- 3 | What types of fish did ENW see? _____
- 4 | How long was the 2nd hill ENW cycled up? _____
- 5 | How much time did it take ENW to descend? _____

Okinawa Locations

Video

1 | Katsuren Castle

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uw6XezopBVk>

[03:06]

Introduction to Katsuren Castle

2 | Former Japanese Navel Headquarters

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hd_PRI6UvU

[08:21]

Exploring the tunnels

3 | Tosashiku Island

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vY4XJDGIIDI>

[03:30]

Exploring a Hidden Paradise

4 | A & W

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xI4pjLZhn-I>

[8:02]

History of A & W Restaurants

Okinawa Extra 1 |

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KC5S6IwxVWA>

[06:20]

History of Karate in Okinawa

Okinawa Extra 2 |

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKUI-j3iIo0>

[08:14]

Brief History of Okinawa

Okinawa Extra 3 |

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhAXrUXoPTo>

[05:54]

Food of Okinawa

Okinawa Extra 4 |

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NdwZngMw4dU>

[05:32]

10 Best Things to do in Okinawa

Warm Up 1

(a) Is the flag of Okinawa Prefecture - the other three are all city flag on Okinawa Island!

Warm Up 3 | Japanese Islands by Size

1: Honshu / 2: Kyushu / 3: Hokkaido / 4: Shikoku /
5 Okinawa / 6: Awaji / 7: Shimoshima / 8: Amami

Pre - Listening 1

1: D / 2: E / 3: B / 4: C / 5: F / 6: A

Pre - Listening 2 | Quiz

1: A / 2: B / 3: C / 4: A / 5: A / 6: C / 7: B / 8: C / 9: B

Location 1 | Cycling and Katsuren Castle

Yes or No?

A: YES B: YES C: NO

Q & A

1: 60km. 2: Katsuren Castle. 3: 98 metres. 4: 2016. 5: Ocean Fortress

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Location 2 | Okinawa's Tunnels

Yes or No?

A: NO B: YES C: YES

Q & A

1: Cellular Stadium. 2: 70km. 3: Labrador. 4: ¥450. 5: High-School Baseball

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Location 3 | A Nostalgic Bear

Yes or No?

A: NO

B: NO

C: YES

Q & A

1: Rooty. 2: Winnipeg, Canada. 3: Mozza Burger & Crisps. 4: ¥8,800. 5: Five

Jumping Back to the Past

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Location 4 | Sapporo Ramen

Yes or No?

A: YES

B: YES

C: NO

Q & A

1: ¥3,660. 2: Mt Teru. 3: Banana & Clown fish. 4: 2.6km. 5: 3m 27 sec

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And Finally...

Y/W/X/V/Z/W/T

The End of English New Weekly Podcast

