



Okinawa Tropical Illumination

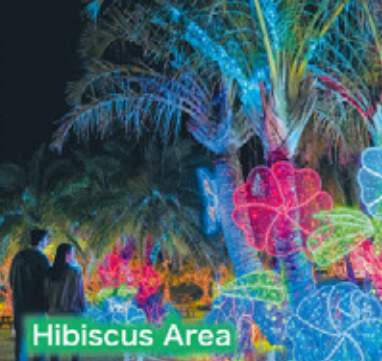


Winner of the 2nd International Illumination Awards, 2024
Illumination Event Category
Outstanding Story Award
Winner for two years consecutively
2nd place in Japan

Okinawa Tropical Illumination

The illumination event is held every year from October through May. The mystical glitter lights up the trees and paths in a way only possible at a botanical garden, letting you enjoy a sparkling paradise.

Schedule October through late May every year
Illumination times 5:00PM - 10:00PM (last entry 9:30PM)



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SOUTHEAST BOTANICAL GARDENS

Business hour
9:30AM - 18:00PM



A tree-lined street that took over 50 years to create.
Memories of the palms in the dappled swaying light



Rows of Alexandra palms / rows of bottle palms
Recognized as a National Registered Cultural Property and a Registered Monument
Newly registered as a monument on June 20, 2025

The Rows of Alexandra Palms and Rows of Bottle Palms at the Southeast Botanical Gardens were registered as a National Registered Cultural Property (Registered Monument) by the Agency for Cultural Affairs. This registration was achieved 57 years after the Gardens were founded.

Alexandra Palms

The rows of Alexandra palms were grown from approximately 3,000 seeds after WWII to increase the greenery of Okinawa. After passing through the rows of Alexandra palms, native to Australia, which took over 50 years to reach an approximate height of 20 meters, you will experience the preciousness of time and the mysticism of nature.

Rows of Bottle Palms

The rows of bottle palms have been a famous destination in the Southeast Botanical Gardens since they were opened. After WWII, when the transport of large plants was difficult, the location was developed to symbolize reconstruction and prosperity, and given the title, "The No. 1 Row of Bottle Palms in Japan". Since that time, the view has been loved and carefully protected over four generations.

About National Registered Cultural Properties (Registered Monuments)

These are tangible cultural properties registered by the Agency for Cultural Affairs under the Act on Protection of Cultural Properties. The designation particularly targets structures that have existed for over 50 years and contribute to historic scenery. The registered cultural properties are utilized and preserved as important assets by the communities where they are found.

QR code and contact information for Southeast Botanical Gardens.

Special Coupon! * You must bring this guide

admission **10% OFF** Hibiscus Tea Gift!

* Only eligible for adults (* Each coupon may be used by 1 group) * Cannot be used in combination with other discounts, campaigns, or coupons. * Resale prohibited. * Please present this coupon at the reception desk to use.

ANIMAL ENCOUNTER



Animal Encounter Come meet the animals!

Feed these friendly and cute animals! If you're really lucky, one of the monkeys might even climb on your shoulder!

●Capybara Forest

The long-awaited new area, Capybara Forest, is now open! The sight of the plump capybaras relaxing in the sunlight or taking an afternoon nap will surely bring a smile to anyone's face.



●Bird Oasis

See these birds up close in their natural habitat!



BIRD PERFORMANCE SHOW



Bird Performance Show

Watch the birds fly low right over your head from the audience seating! A fun introduction to the mysteries of the birds! Enjoy a fascinating lesson about bird ecology in this Bird Performance Show featuring parrots and parakeets!

●Saturdays, Sundays and holidays

Bird Performance Show

●Weekdays

Guided bird training show

(1) From 11:00AM

(2) From 3:00PM

Free admission



ANIMARU INDOOR ANIMAL ENCOUNTER



Animal Encountering Forest Animaru

Enjoy interacting with the animals indoors! At Animaru, we aim to give you a chance to interact with the animals directly, feel their warmth, and think about the value of life.

(armadillos, rabbits, guinea pigs, meerkats, and tortoises)

Don't worry about the rain!
indoor experience

Operating hours 10:00AM - 5:00PM (last entry by 4:30PM)

Admission 600 Yen for persons 4 years old and up

* Admission and operating hours are subject to change.



INSECTS OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT



Insects of the World Exhibit

Come see this massive collection of popular rhinoceros and stag beetles, such as the hercules beetle, the largest rhinoceros beetle in the world, or the Dorcus titanus palawanicus, one of the strongest stag beetles! There's so much to see, with approximately 20 types of living specimens and 300 types of display specimens. The exhibit is divided by habitat, so you can learn while having fun!

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Operating hours 9:00AM - 6:00PM
(last entry by 5:30PM)

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BOTANICAL TOUR

Interact with plants!

Why not take a peak at this world of tropical plants, with approximately 50,000 examples of 1,300 species.

●Yasshi Bus (rotation bus)

Listen to an audio guide as you travel this bus that rotates throughout the Gardens! Use it as your way to get around the grounds.



Four languages available



EXPERIENCE



Take home memories

We offer a chance to create memories, enjoy experiences with plants that make perfect gifts, and plenty of other programs to enjoy even on a rainy day!



●Fishing pond game!

How many fish can you catch? Adults and children can enjoy this fishing game while spending time in nature.

RESTAURANT PEACE



A restaurant using local ingredients

The menu at this restaurant makes abundant use of local ingredients according to their theme of healing and health. The location is also amazing, offering you a view of the tropical and subtropical flora beyond the glass-walled terrace! Welcome to an exquisite restaurant that will satisfy your mind and body.

RESTAURANT PEACE



SHOP & GELATO



Gelato that's gentle for your body

Chibana Gelato is the original dessert of the Southeast Botanical Gardens! Made with no flavorings or colorings and only one additive, we recommend it even for babies.



Shop

Partner Ship, a shop based on a theme of the five senses, offers a wide range of items including gardening goods and sundries.



Summer Vacation Exciting Adventure School

Schedule: Mid July through late September
Loads of fun throughout the day, from morning 'til night! Enjoy popular air pool or the world insect exhibit! There's even a nighttime insect safari! If you feel like traveling, come to the Southeast Botanical Gardens!



Okinawa Bougainvillea Fair Schedule: early March through early May

The Bougainvillea Tower is one of the largest such towers in Japan at approximately 8 meters high! The perfect photo spot, the higher you look, the more luxurious the bougainvillea! The Gardens are filled with colorful flowers juxtaposed against the clear skies in a warm atmosphere.



GO! GO! Golden Week Schedule: Late April through early May

See the Okinawa Bougainvillea Fair and Okinawa Tropical Illumination held simultaneously! You can enjoy the whole day at the Southeast Botanical Gardens during Golden Week!



Rakuen Asasuzumi (Cool Morning Paradise) - Taiwan Breakfast, Lotus and Water Lilies - Schedule: Mid June through late September

Asasuzumi is the practice of feeling the breeze to cool off on summer mornings. Why not gaze on the lotus and water lilies blooming beautifully by the water and stroll through the Gardens in the cool morning breeze?

