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Set to open in 2022, Hotel Grand Consort will boast 151 rooms suitable for both business and leisure travellers in the centre of Naha City. Just 15 minutes by car from the airport, the hotel is perfect for those looking to enjoy a stylish break in the capital or a great stop for a night of rest before visiting other islands by plane. With an interior design inspired by the ocean and featuring motifs of the sea and coral, the hotel's cosy 'Consort Lounge' will be available by day to guests staying at the property and will provide a place to work and relax. By night, exclusively for guests staying on the Club Floor, the lounge becomes a bar, offering complimentary drinks. Further information is available [here](#).

**Image credit: Hotel Grand Consort Naha*

IN THE NEWS:

Okinawa celebrates new addition to UNESCO World Heritage List

UNESCO has added an area spanning four islands in Okinawa and Kagoshima to the UNESCO World Heritage List for the region's 'outstanding universal value'. The Northern part of Okinawa Island and Iriomote Island (Okinawa prefecture) together with Amami-Oshima Island and Tokunoshima Island (both in Kagoshima prefecture) encompass over 42,500 hectares of subtropical rainforests that are home to a wealth of endemic plant and wildlife species including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and crustaceans. Examples include the endangered



Okinawa Rail (*Hypotaenidia Okinawae*), endemic to Yanbaru in the Northern part of Okinawa Island, and the Iriomote Cat (*Prionailurus Bengalensis Iriomotensis*), which only inhabits Iriomote Island. Further information is available [here](#).

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New glamping site welcomes guests on Iriomote Island



Asobi Hack is a new glamping site located on the nature-rich island of Iriomote, where 90% of the landscape is made up of spectacular dense jungle. It is Japan's westernmost glamping ground and enjoys a waterfront location, perfect for those looking to make the most of experiences on both land and sea. Traditional bell-shaped tents welcome guests and meal packages can be added to bookings, including breakfast and BBQ dinners. Guests staying at the site can spend their evenings admiring picture-perfect views of the Milky Way above, as Iriomote enjoys dark sky classification - in fact, the island was named as the first International Dark Sky Park in Japan - so stunning clear vistas of the sky are common. A range of other activities by day such as trekking, kayaking and caving are also available. Further information is available [here](#).

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Two new luxury properties open on Kouri Island

Away Okinawa Kouri Island Resort

Luxury 5-star Away Okinawa Kouri Island Resort, which boasts 38 spacious boutique-style suites and three different room types, offers guests premium accommodation equipped with kitchenettes, eco-friendly bathtubs, and balconies. The resort is also home to an outdoor pool and a restaurant serving delicious Italian dishes made with locally grown ingredients. Further information available [here](#).



**Image credit: Away Okinawa Kouri Island Resort*

LOISIR Terrace & Villas KOURI



With 44 rooms and four luxurious room types to choose from, LOISIR Terrace and Villas KOURI offers stunning views of the surrounding coastline. Additional facilities include a 142m long infinity pool, a poolside café, tuk-tuk transfers to Kouri Beach, ocean view dining options, a gym and a kids' playroom. Further information available [here](#).

**Image credit: LOISIR Terrace and Villas KOURI*

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About Okinawa:

Japan's southernmost prefecture, Okinawa, comprises 160 subtropical islands boasting a year-round warm climate comparable to Hawaii, Miami and Cancun. Just 3 hours by air from Tokyo and blessed with incredible natural beauty, from lush forests to crystal blue waters with abundant coral and golden sands, Okinawa is perfect for beach lovers and sport enthusiasts alike whilst still appealing to culture seekers thanks to its unique history and heritage.

Using the bountiful fresh produce its natural environment produces, Okinawa's culinary culture is also unique and is believed to be a key factor in Okinawa's status as one of five longevity hotspots in the world.

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