



Haeburu Town's Character

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Town flower: Bougainvillea

A tropical vine-like plant having modified leaves that look like flowers, turns into various colors such as red, orange, or white.
(Proclaimed as of December 12, 1982)



Town tree: the Ryukyu ebony tree (kokutan).

The Ryukyu ebony tree is a mid-sized evergreen that is often planted roadsides and in gardens. It is used to make the sanshin, a banjo-like musical instrument.
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Haeburu is 25 min. by car from Naha Airport!



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HAEBARU, the lone landlocked Okinawan town

HAEBARU TOWN, OKINAWA

Haeburu sits near the middle of the southern Okinawa Island, boarded on all sides by Naha, Tomigusuku, Nanjo, Yaese, Nishihara, and Yonabaru. Endowed with soothing greenery, Haeburu has flourished as a transportation hub and has developed its own distinctive history and culture.

HAEBARU-Profile



Tradition

伝統

Haeburu is blessed with numerous traditional arts that have been passed from generation to generation. Some of the contemporary performances begun as communal purification or exorcism rites, while dances and comic dramas have long been enjoyed by villagers to convey lessons and culture from the past.

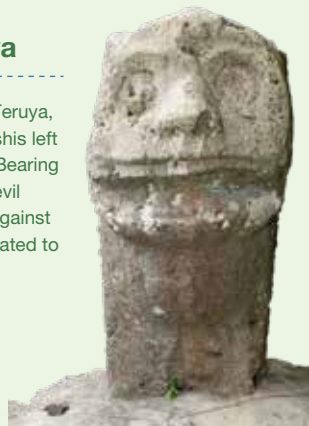
Culture

文化

Haeburu is endowed in historical and cultural heritage. Much of the artifacts and customs that are cultural treasures have withstood time from the Ryukyu Kingdom era and have survived the war to convey their valued messages for future generations.

Ishi-jishi in Teruya

Along with the Ishi-jishi in Teruya, there are three other Ishi-jishis left in Kaneshiro and Motobu. Bearing fierce features to ward off evil (Buchigeshi) or to protect against fire (Higeshi), they were created to fend off disaster.



Intangible Cultural Heritage

Shishi-mai

Shishi-mai, or the lion dance, is performed in all sections of Miyahira, Kyan, and Motobu of Haeburu to purify and exorcise evil; each is performed in a unique style.



Kashikake in Miyahira

Kashikake is a classical female dance that had begun to be performed with two songs after World War II. Originally, it was danced with three songs in three parts. It is still performed today in Miyahira in the traditional style.



Mekata-boh

Mekata-boh is a traditional stick dance performed to stave off disaster and to cast away evil spirits. This dance is revered in regions such as Miyagi, Kaneshiro, Kyan, Teruya, Tsukazan, and Kamizato.

Annual Event in Haeburu Town



New Year's Marathon (Jan.)



Tobi Asato Kite-Flying Contest (Jan.)



Haeburu Products Fair (Feb.)



Summer Festival Kids Park (Mar.)



Haeburu Tug of War Tour (26th of June on lunar calendar)



Hometown Haeburu Expo (Nov. of every other year)



Haeburu Youth Festival (Nov. of every other year)

The Haeburu Calendar of Events is packed with things to do! Visit Haeburu!★

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The only landlocked town in Okinawa

Continuation of rich history and culture
A placid town blissfully rich in agriculture

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