Kumamoto Prefecture Map

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Nagasaki Pref.
Fukuoka Pref.
Oita Pref.
Miyazaki Pref.
Ariake Sea

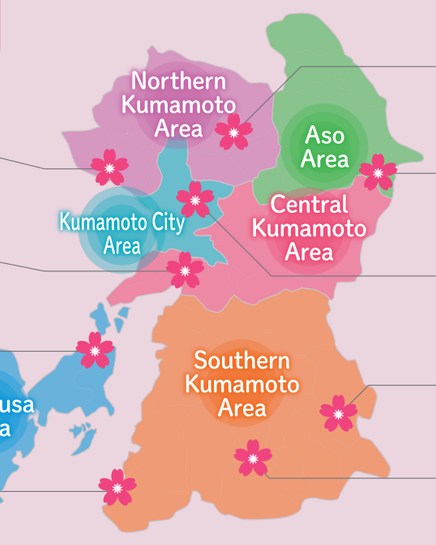
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Seiryu no Mori
Kurokawa Onsen
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Manda Pit
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Jagatani Park
Shin-Tamana
Kikusui
Tamana Onsen
Rengein Tanjoji Okunoin
Roadside Station Kikusui
Kumamoto Prefectural Decorated Tumulus Museum
Arao-higata Waterfowl and Wetland Center
Kingyo no Yakata
Nagasu Port
Tamana
Ueki
Roadside Station Suika no Sato Ueki
Kita-Kumamoto
Kumamoto Earthquake Museum KIOKU
Roadside Station Ozu
Aso Farm Land
Aso Volcano Museum
Aso Nakadake Crater
Kusasenrigahama
Kamishikimi Kumanoimasu Shrine
Shirakawa Suigen Fountainhead
Minami-aso Railway
Takamori Pass Senbonzakura
Takamori Yusui Tunnel
Trolley train (Minami-aso Railway)
Roadside Station Asobo no Sato Kugino
ASO MILK FARM
Tawarayama Exchange Center Moe no Sato
Roadside Station Soyokaze Park
Kami-Kumamoto
Kumamoto Food Stall Village
Kumamoto Prefectural Museum of Art
Kumamoto Castle
Contemporary Art Museum, Kumamoto
Kumamon Square
Shimada Museum of Art
Reigando Cave
Kumamoto
Sakuranobaba Josaien
Mashiki-Kumamoto Airport
Kumamoto City Zoological and Botanical Gardens
Suizenji Jojuen
Mashiki-Honsen
Kashima JCT
Oike-Takayama
Aso Kumamoto Airport
Yamato-Nakashima-Nishi
Suntory Kyushu Kumamoto Plant
Mifune Dinosaur Museum
Mifune
Jonan
Tachioka Nature Park
Nagabeta Kaishoro Tidal Road
Kumamoto Port
Ariake Sea
Okoshiki Coast
Roadside Station Uto Marina
Uto
Misumi West Port
Misumi Port
Sea Pyramid
Roadside Station Shiranui
Roadside Station Kamiamakusa Sun Pearl
Amakusa Shiro Museum
Amakusa Takarajima Line (Cruise)
Mio Camino AMAKUSA SEACRUISE
Five Bridges of Amakusa
Amakusa Pearl Garden and Sea Donut Undersea Aquarium
L'isola Terrace Amakusa
Roadside Station Ariake Ripple Land
Komenoyama
Aitsu
Chiju
Matsushima Onsen
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Kotsuura
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Shin-Yatsushiro
Yatsushiro Castle Ruins
Kumanan Station Yatsushiro
Yatsushiro JCT
Yatsushiro-Minami
Hinagu
Hinagu Onsen
Roadside Station Tanoura
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Roadside Station Sakamoto
Kyushu Shinkansen
Kyushu Expressway
Roadside Station Hikyo no Sato Izumi
Japan's Longest Stone Staircase
Roadside Station Ryuhoku
Uki-Hikawa
Toyo Masonry Museum Sekishokan
Roadside Station Toyo
Gokanosho
Roadside Station Komoriuta no Sato Itsuki
Itsuki Bungee Jump
Ichifusa Dam
Roadside Station Seiwa Bunrakumura
Heitate Shrine
Yamato-Tsujunkyo
Tsujun Bridge
Tsujun Sake Brewery
Seiwa Bunrakukan Theater
Roadside Station Tsujunkyo
Futamata Bridge
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Yunomae Manga Museum
Roadside Station Uki
Matsubase
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Tomioka Castle
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Hondo Port
Shimoda Onsen
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Oe Catholic Church
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Ashikita
Roadside Station Ono Onsen
Kyusendo Limestone Cave
Hakutake Denshogura Kuma Shochu Museum
Sengetsu Shuzo Distillery
HASSENBA
Kuma River Rafting
Nagisa no Koban HIMETATSU
Yunoko Onsen
Yunoko Cherry Line
Fukuda Farm
Tsunagi
Minamata
Shin-Minamata
Minamata Port
Roadside Station Minamata
Yunotsuru Onsen
Roadside Station Ushibuka Kaisaikan
Ushibuka Port
Izumi
Aoi Aso Shrine
Hitoyoshi Castle Ruins, Kuma River and surrounding area
Hitoyoshi Onsen
Roadside Station Hitoyoshi
Hitoyoshi-Kuma
Nishiki Secret Base Museum
Roadside Station Nishiki

※Services on the JR Hisatsu Line between Yatsushiro Station and Yoshimatsu Station are suspended due to damage caused by heavy rain and flooding in July 2020.

Legend:

- Public road
- Municipal border
- Prefectural border
- Shinkansen line
- JR line
- Private or third-sector railway line
- Kumamoto City Tram line
- National expressway - toll section
- National expressway - toll-free section
- Port
- Airport
- National highway

Cherry Blossom Blooming Season Map



Northern Kumamoto Area
Jagatani Park
Peak viewing period: Late March to early April

Central Kumamoto Area
Tachioka Nature Park
Peak viewing period: Late March to early April

Amakusa Area
Mt. Sengan Park
Peak viewing period: Late March to early April

Southern Kumamoto Area
Yunoko Cherry Line
Peak viewing period: Late March to early April

Northern Kumamoto Area
Kikuchi Park and surrounding area
Peak viewing period: Late March to early April

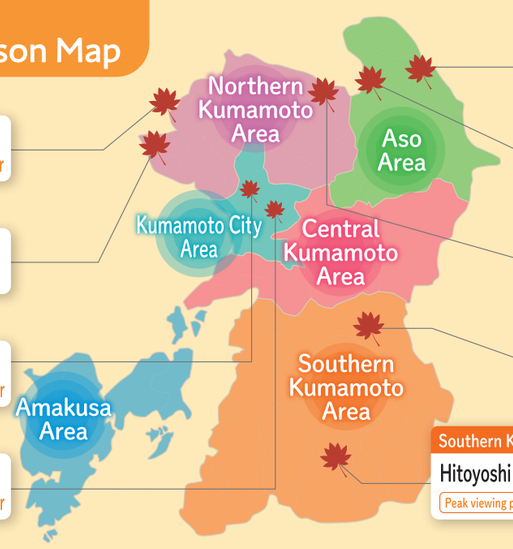
Aso Area
Takamori Pass Senbonzakura
Peak viewing period: Late March to early April

Kumamoto City Area
Suizenji Jojuen
Peak viewing period: Late March to early April

Southern Kumamoto Area
Ichifusa Dam
Peak viewing period: Late March to early April

Southern Kumamoto Area
Hitoyoshi Castle Ruins
Peak viewing period: Late March to early April

Autumn Leaves Peak Viewing Season Map



Northern Kumamoto Area
Nankan Ochaya-ato
Peak viewing period: Early November to Mid-November

Northern Kumamoto Area
Rengein Tanjoji Okunoin
Peak viewing period: Late November

Kumamoto City Area
Kumamoto Castle
Peak viewing period: Late November to Early December

Kumamoto City Area
Suizenji Jojuen
Peak viewing period: Late November to Early December

Aso Area
Seiryu no Mori
Peak viewing period: Late October to Late November

Aso Area
Mazeno Gorge
Peak viewing period: Late October to Late November

Northern Kumamoto Area
Kikuchi Gorge
Peak viewing period: Late October to Mid-November

Southern Kumamoto Area
Gokanosho
Peak viewing period: Early November to Mid-November

Southern Kumamoto Area
Hitoyoshi Castle Ruins, Kuma River and surrounding area
Peak viewing period: Mid-October to Mid-November

In the wake of the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquakes, Kumamoto Prefecture teamed up with the hit manga ONE PIECE to launch the ONE PIECE Kumamoto Revival Project, with the goal of inspiring reconstruction efforts. As a part of the project, ten statues of the Straw Hat Pirates were installed in different places throughout Kumamoto Prefecture.
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ONE PIECE THE STRAW HAT PIRATES

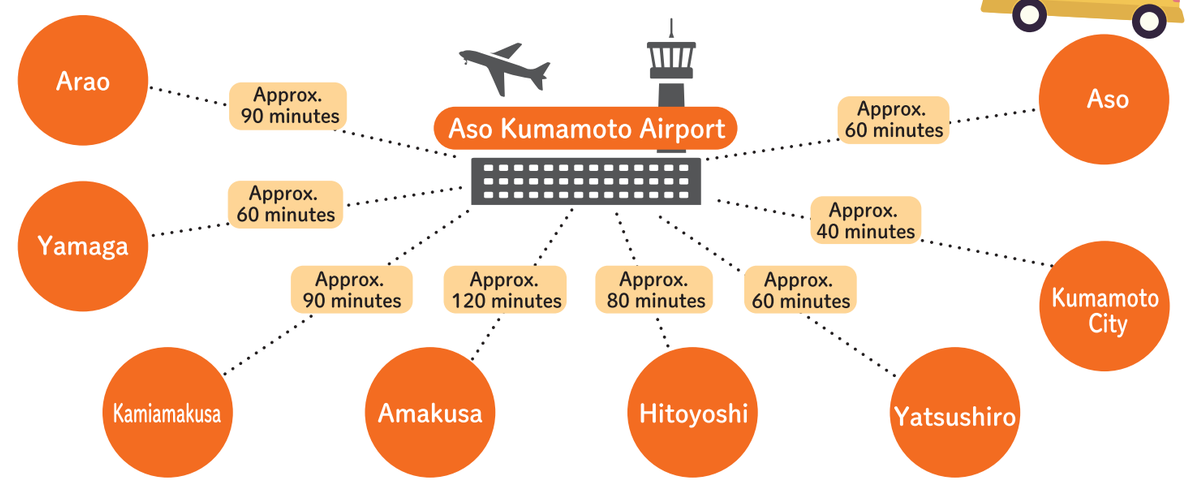
List of statue locations

- Luffy (Kumamoto City)
- Chopper (Kumamoto City)
- Sanji (Mashiki Town)
- Brook (Mifune Town)
- Zoro (Ozu Town)
- Nami (Nishihara Village)
- Robin (Minamiaso Village)
- Usopp (Aso City)
- Franky (Takamori Town)
- Jinbe (Uto City)

Kyushu Region



Time required to access the major destinations in Kumamoto Prefecture by car from Aso Kumamoto Airport.



Kumamoto City Area

Kumamoto City is the commercial, tourist and administrative center of the prefecture. Built around Kumamoto Castle, Kumamoto City hosts verdant parks, hot springs, delicious cuisine and much more. The area is a harmonious blend of urban convenience and natural beauty.

1 Kumamoto Castle

Come and enjoy the restored castle keep!



One of Japan's Three Greatest Castles, restoration of Kumamoto Castle following the Kumamoto Earthquakes is progressing in stages. The interior of the castle keep was restored through a blend of history and technology and is now open to visitors. Meanwhile, special exhibitions of the full-scale dismantlement and restoration work to the Uto Turret are regularly held, giving visitors a chance to view the restoration work up close.

1-1 Honmaru, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City ☎096-223-5011
(Kumamoto Castle Administration Management Center)

Sakuramachi Bus Terminal — Approx. 6 minutes on foot →
JR Kumamoto Station — Approx. 20 minutes by Kumamoto City Tram — Kumamoto Castle/City Hall — Approx. 5 minutes on foot →



2 Suizenji Jojuen

Take a stroll through this historical promenade garden

Suizenji Jojuen started as a teahouse built by Hosokawa Tadatoshi, the first head of the Higo Hosokawa family and the daimyo, or feudal lord, of Higo Domain. The promenade garden was later established by Hosokawa Tsunatoshi, the third Hosokawa daimyo. Known for its abundant spring water, Suizenji Jojuen is designated as a National Place of Scenic Beauty and a National Historic Site by the Japanese government. You can experience Hosokawa family culture while admiring the artificial hills and pine trees in the garden.

8-1 Suizenji, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City ☎096-383-0074

JR Kumamoto Station — Approx. 40 minutes by Kumamoto City Tram — Suizenji Park — Approx. 5 minutes on foot →

Aso Area

The Aso Area is surrounded by the magnificent natural gifts of Mt. Aso, and is a hotspot for hot springs, tourism and dairy farming. There are numerous vast grasslands and stunning views here, which makes the area perfect for outdoor activities or long drives.

3 Daikanbo

Take in breathtaking 360° panoramic views of Mt. Aso



Daikanbo is the finest observation point in all of Aso. It offers wonderful 360° panoramic views of the Aso area, including the streets of Aso City, the Five Peaks of Mt. Aso and even the Kuju Mountain Range. In autumn and early winter, you may even catch a glimpse of a magical sea of clouds! Daikanbo is also popular as a stargazing spot.

Yamada, Aso City ☎0967-32-3856 (Daikanbo Teahouse)

Aso Kumamoto Airport — Approx. 45 minutes by highway express bus — JR Aso Station — Approx. 25 minutes by car →

4 Aso Nakadake Crater

Magnificent views of an active volcano



Nakadake Crater is one of the Five Peaks of Mt. Aso and is still volcanically active today. Visitors can witness white volcanic plumes being violently spat out from the crater, which measures around 4km in circumference, and hear the accompanying sounds of volcanic eruptions. A trip to neighbouring Kusasenrigahama, a giant grassland overlooking Nakadake, is also highly recommended.

※Entry to Nakadake Crater may be restricted depending on the extent of volcanic gas emissions and weather conditions.

Kurokawa, Aso City, Kumamoto Prefecture ☎0967-34-0554 (Aso City Mt. Aso Office)

Aso Kumamoto Airport — Approx. 45 minutes by highway express bus — Aso Ekimae — Approx. 45 minutes by bus →

5 Kurokawa Onsen

Go hot spring hopping in one of Japan's top hot spring resorts



Located deep within the mountains 700m above sea level, Kurokawa Onsen is a hot spring village which is popular with visitors from all over Japan. Kurokawa Onsen is known for its wide variety of hot springs, as each hotel and ryokan has its own hot spring source boasting its own unique water qualities. Visitors can take advantage of the nyuto tegata onsen hopping pass, which allows them to take a relaxing soak in any three hot springs of their choice.

6594-3 Kurokawa, Manganji, Minamioguni Town, Aso District ☎0967-44-0076 (Kurokawa Onsen Ryokan Association)

Aso Kumamoto Airport — Approx. 2 hours by highway express bus — Kurokawa Onsen — Approx. 10 minutes on foot →

6 Aso Shrine

Etching the road to restoration in our minds



Aso Shrine is a Shinto shrine which is home to six Important Cultural Properties, including the shinden shrine houses and the romon tower gate. The shrine suffered catastrophic damage during the Kumamoto Earthquakes, during which the romon fell down and the shinden extensively damaged. Restoration of the romon was completed in December 2023, and restoration and reconstruction of the main shinden has also finished.

3083-1 Miyaji, Ichinomiya-machi, Aso City ☎0967-22-0064

Aso Kumamoto Airport — Approx. 50 minutes by highway express bus — Miyaji Ekimae — Approx. 15 minutes on foot →

7 Nabegataki Park

Home to a beautiful waterfall that falls like a curtain of water



Nabegataki Falls is a stunning waterfall measuring around 10m in height and 20m in width. The sight of water falling over such a wide area is graceful and elegant, akin to a curtain of water. Visitors can watch the waterfall from the riverbank, or can enter behind the waterfall to get a closer look at the water flowing.
※ Advance reservation through the Nabegataki Falls website and an entrance fee are required.

Kurobuchi, Oguni Town, Aso District ☎0967-46-4440
(Aso Oguni Tourism Association)

Aso Kumamoto Airport — Approx. 45 minutes by highway express bus — Aso Ekimae — Approx. 45 minutes by car →

8 Shirakawa Suigen Fountainhead

Allow the fresh spring water to recharge your batteries



Shirakawa Suigen Fountainhead is both the source of the Shirakawa River which runs through the center of Kumamoto City and the Kumamoto Prefecture's most well-known fountainhead. 60 tonnes of fresh water rises up through the subterranean sand and gushes out here every minute. The water here is famous for being crystal-clear, and the Ministry of Environment selected it as one of its Selected 100 Exquisite and Well-conserved Waters.

2040 Shirakawa, Minamiaso Village, Aso District ☎0967-67-1112
(Minamiaso Village Office Industrial and Tourism Bureau)

Aso Kumamoto Airport — Approx. 40 minutes by highway express bus — Shirakawa Suigen Iriguchi — Approx. 13 minutes on foot →

Amakusa Area

Located in the west of the prefecture, the Amakusa Area consists of over 120 islands of varying sizes. The area has historically held a unique Christian culture, and is known for its association with Amakusa Shiro.



9 Sakitsu Village

A World Heritage Site famous for its Hidden Christians

Forming part of the 'Hidden Christian Sites in the Nagasaki Region' UNESCO World Heritage Site, locations such as a Shinto shrine where hidden Christians secretly prayed, a Gothic church and the floating Statue of Mary on the Ocean are dotted around Sakitsu Village. These sites silently convey a rich history of faith and prayer to visitors.

1117-10 Sakitsu, Kawaura-machi, Amakusa City
☎0969-78-6000 (Sakitsu Village Guidance Center)

Sakuramachi Bus Terminal — by highway express bus Approx. 2 hours 30 minutes — Hondo Bus Center — Approx. 1 hour by car →



10 Dolphin watching

Allow pods of dolphins to touch your heart

The waters off the coast of Futae in Itsuwa-machi, Amakusa City are home to around 200 wild bottlenose dolphins. Dolphin watching cruises are available year-round and boast a very high encounter rate. The cruise boats take passengers up to the dolphins, allowing for up-close observations.

(Roadside Station Amakusa City Dolphin Center)
4689-20 Futae, Itsuwa-machi, Amakusa City ☎0969-33-1600
(SEACRUISE) 6215-17 Aitsu, Matsushima-machi, Kamiamakusa City
☎0969-56-2458(Reception inside Mio Camino AMAKUSA)

SEACRUISE — Sakuramachi Bus Terminal — Approx. 1 hour 40 minutes by highway express bus — Directly in front of L'scala Terrace Amakusa →
Roadside Station Amakusa Dolphin Center — Sakuramachi Bus Terminal — Approx. 2 hours 30 minutes by highway express bus — Hondo Bus Center — Approx. 25 minutes by car →

11 Nishibira Tsubaki Park (Laputa tree)

A power spot selected as one of Japan's 100 Best Sunset Spots



At Nishibira Tsubaki Park, visitors can admire the approximately 20,000 naturally growing Japanese camellia, then watch a breathtaking sunset over the East China Sea. The park is also home to a colossal 20m-tall banyan tree, which has taken root on a huge rock and stretches out its branches far and wide. The tree is so large that is has earned the nickname 'the Laputa of Amakusa'.

Oe, Amakusa-machi, Amakusa City ☎0969-42-1111
(Amakusa City Amakusa Branch Office Town Development Promotion Department)

Sakuramachi Bus Terminal — Approx. 2 hours 30 minutes by highway express bus — Hondo Bus Center — Approx. 1 hour by car →

12 Kuratake Shrine

Picturesque views of the open sea from a torii standing in the heavens



At 682m above sea level, Mt. Kuratake is the highest peak in the Amakusa Islands. From ancient times, people in Amakusa have treated Mt. Kuratake as a sacred mountain. At its pinnacle stands Kuratake Shrine, a Shinto shrine built for prayers for the safety of local fishermen. From Kuratake Shrine, visitors can take in the majestic nature of Amakusa and the picturesque open sea.

Tanasoko, Kuratake-machi, Amakusa City ☎0969-64-3111
(Amakusa City Kuratake Branch Office Town Development Promotion Department)

Sakuramachi Bus Terminal — Approx. 2 hours 30 minutes by highway express bus — Hondo Bus Center — Approx. 1 hour by car →

13 Oe Catholic Church

A white chalk church standing out against an azure sky



Oe Catholic Church was the first church built in Amakusa after the ban on Christianity in Japan was repealed. The current church was built in 1933 by Father Garnier in coordination with local Christians. The church stands on top of a hill and is an awe-inspiring sight that acts as a symbol for all Christians in Amakusa.

1782 Oe, Amakusa-machi, Amakusa City
☎0969-22-2243 (Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association)

Sakuramachi Bus Terminal — Approx. 2 hours 30 minutes by highway express bus — Hondo Bus Center — Approx. 55 minutes by car →



Kumamoto Comprehensive Tourism Map





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Central Kumamoto Area

The Central Kumamoto Area is located next to Kumamoto City and has flourished as a crossroads and transport hub. The area is blessed with an abundance of natural beauty from both the mountains and the sea, and boasts many sightseeing spots.



14 Misumi West Port

Take a trip back in time to the Meiji period at this UNESCO World Heritage Site

Misumi West Port was constructed according to the design of a Dutch hydraulics engineer named Antonie Mulder and opened in 1887. Its 756m-long stone wharf drainage canals, and some relocated and reconstructed buildings are preserved as Important Cultural Properties, thus allowing visitors a glimpse of Meiji period Japan.

Nishiko, Misumi-machi, Uki City ☎0964-53-0010 (JR Misumi Station Tourist Information Center)

JR Kumamoto Station — Approx. 54 minutes by JR — JR Misumi Station — Approx. 6 minutes by car →

15 Tsujun Bridge

Witness spectacular water discharges that irrigate the Shiraito Plateau below



Built in 1854, Tsujun Bridge is one of Japan's largest stone bridges. It is the only stone arched aqueduct that can discharge water, and indeed continues to irrigate the rice terraces below today, 170 years after its construction. In September 2023, it became the first civil engineering structure to be designated as a National Treasure by the Japanese government. Dynamic water discharges take place around 120 times a year, and visitors can watch the discharge in close proximity to the bridge.

Nagahara, Yamato Town, Kamimashiki District
☎0967-72-3360 (Tsujun Bridge Historical Museum)

Sakuramachi Bus Terminal — Approx. 1 hour 40 minutes by bus — Tsujunkyo Mae — Approx. 5 minutes on foot →

Northern Kumamoto Area

Dotted with World Heritage Sites, National Important Cultural Properties and other historical structures, the Northern Kumamoto Area is perfect for historical tours. The area is also renowned for its abundant rice and fruit production and its many hot spring resorts featuring high-quality natural spring waters.



16 Kikuchi Gorge

Soothe both body and soul in natural beauty that changes by season

Kikuchi Gorge was formed by groundwater running down from the outer rim of the Aso Crater and creating an ever-changing mountain stream. The gorge offers visitors several different vistas throughout the year: fresh verdure in spring; a cool, clear stream in summer; stunning foliage in autumn; and frost-covered trees in winter.

Haru, Kikuchi City ☎0968-27-0210 (Entrance tollbooth)
☎0968-25-7223 (Kikuchi City Commerce, Industry and Tourism Department)

Sakuramachi Bus Terminal — Approx. 1 hour 25 minutes by bus — Kikuchi Plaza — Approx. 25 minutes by car →



17 Yachiyoza

A playhouse with over 110 years of pedigree

Yachiyoza is a traditional Japanese playhouse that has been designated as an Important Cultural Property by the Japanese government. Built in 1910, it boasts over 110 years of history and yet still hosts kabuki and other performances today. On days without performances, visitors can look around the building, taking in the stage and backstage areas which have inherited the traditions of the Edo period.

1499 Yamaga, Yamaga City ☎0968-44-4004

Sakuramachi Bus Terminal — Approx. 1 hour 10 minutes by bus — Yamaga Onsen — Approx. 5 minutes on foot →



18 Greenland

Kyushu's largest amusement park

A comprehensive entertainment complex consisting of Greenland, which boasts the largest number of attractions of any amusement park in Japan, two official hotels, a golf course, bowling, arcades and amusement facilities, natural hot springs, and more.

Midorigaoka, Arao City ☎0968-66-1112

JR Kumamoto Station — Approx. 50 minutes by JR — JR Omuta Station — Approx. 20 minutes by bus →

19 Hirayama Onsen

Relax in a smooth and silky hot spring for smooth, porcelain skin



The hot springs at Hirayama Onsen have long been favored by patrons for their medicinal properties. The alkaline simple sulfur spring water removes dead skin cells, leaving bathers who moisturize after bathing with smooth, radiant skin.

5346-1 Hirayama, Yamaga City ☎0968-44-0522
(Hirayama Onsen Tourism Association)

Sakuramachi Bus Terminal — Approx. 1 hour 15 minutes by bus — Yamaga Bus Center — Approx. 10 minutes by bus →

20 Rengein Tanjoji Okunoin

Pray for the fulfillment of a single heartfelt wish at this



Rengein Tanjoji Okunoin is a Shingon Ritsu Buddhist temple in which Mahabodhisattva Koen, or Koen Daibosatsu, is venerated. It houses a five-storey pagoda and the world's largest great temple bell, called the 'Hiryu no Kane'. Each day during the temple bell prayer ceremony, worshippers from the general public can join the temple monks in ringing the bell in prayer.

1512-77 Tsuji, Tamana City ☎0968-74-3533

JR Kumamoto Station — Approx. 30 minutes by JR — JR Tamana Station — Approx. 15 minutes by car →

Southern Kumamoto Area

With its historical streets, its National Treasure shrines and its hot springs, the Southern Kumamoto Area is a veritable treasure trove of attractions which are sure to tickle anyone's fancy. The area boasts a range of travel activities such as local train trips, utase sailing ship rides and Kuma River boat cruises, each of which offer picturesque scenery.

21 Aoi Aso Shrine

Experience the Kuma region's National Treasure



Aoi Aso Shrine was built in 806AD, in the first year of the Daido era. The main shrine, the ro tower, the haiden front shrine, the heiden votive offering hall and the romon tower gate were all designated National Treasures by the Japanese government in 2008. The Kuma region is home to 90% of all shrines and temples in the prefecture that have been designated as Important Cultural Properties by the national and/or prefectural government; Aoi Aso Shrine is the most prominent of them.

118 Kamiaoi-machi, Hitoyoshi City ☎0966-22-2274

Sakuramachi Bus Terminal — Approx. 1 hour 45 minutes by highway express bus — Hitoyoshi IC — Approx. 10 minutes by car →

22 Kumamon Port Yatsushiro

Dozens of Kumamon are waiting to meet you



Kumamon Port Yatsushiro was built as a reception point for international cruise ships anchoring at Yatsushiro Port. It is home to a Kumamon-themed park, in which visitors can meet a 6m-tall Big Kumamon, a chorus group of 54 Kumamon, and more Kumamon besides.

1-25 Shinminatomachi, Yatsushiro City ☎0965-44-9040
(Kumamon Port Yatsushiro Administration Office)

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Aso Kumamoto Airport — Approx. 1 hour 25 minutes by highway express bus — directly in front of Kumamon Port Yatsushiro →

23 Kyusendo Limestone Cave

The largest limestone cave in Kyushu, measuring 4,800m in length



Discovered in 1973, Kyusendo Limestone Cave is dotted with some of the world's most precious stalactites, as well as pillars and stalagmites that have been formed over 300 million years and continue to grow today. Visitors can explore the fantastical interior of the caves on one of two courses: the General Course for everyone, or the Exploration Course for those seeking an subterranean adventure.

1121 Oaza Ose, Kuma Village, Kuma District ☎0966-32-0080

Sakuramachi Bus Terminal — Approx. 1 hour 45 minutes by highway express bus — Hitoyoshi IC — Approx. 30 minutes by car →

24 Hakutake Denshogura Kuma Shochu Museum

Learn about the historical and cultural value of our world-class Kuma Shochu



Denshogura takes visitors through 400 years of Kuma Shochu culture and production methods as well as the wonders of Hitoyoshi and the Kuma region through videos and exhibitions. At the end of the tour, there is an interactive museum where visitors can sample Kuma Shochu.

461-7 Gonoharumachi, Hitoyoshi City ☎0966-32-9750

Sakuramachi Bus Terminal — Approx. 1 hour 45 minutes by highway express bus — Hitoyoshi IC — Approx. 10 minutes by car →

25 Kuma River boat cruise (HASSENBA)

Enjoy rafting on one of the three fastest rivers in Japan



Board a wooden boat and sail down the Kuma River, one of Japan's most prominent fast-flowing rivers. Witness the boatman's skilled helm handling and take in the stunning natural environment. In winter, boats with kotatsu heated tables are also available. Meanwhile, thrill-seeking visitors can try their hand at thrilling white water rafting.

333-1 Shimoshinmachi, Hitoyoshi City ☎0966-22-5555 (Kumagawakudari Co., Ltd.)

HASSENBA (Hitoyoshi Boat Terminal) — Sakuramachi Bus Terminal — Approx. 1 hour 45 minutes by highway express bus — Hitoyoshi IC — Approx. 5 minutes by car →

26 Nagisa no Koban HIMETATSU

Encounter rare marine animals in this marine wonderland



Having restored Minamata's waters after the horrors of Minamata Disease, HIMETATSU acts as a comprehensive hub aimed at using and passing on the beautiful marine environment to future generations. Visitors can try a range of marine activities in the pristine ocean, or can enjoy one of many unique activities such as observations of himetatsu, a species of seahorse almost exclusive to Minamata. There is even a cafe on-site for refreshments.

1196-2 Osako, Minamata City ☎0966-83-8120

JR Kumamoto Station — Approx. 1 hour 55 minutes by JR and Hisatsu Orange Railway — JR Minamata Station — Approx. 30 minutes by car →

Access information

By plane

Tokyo (Haneda/Narita Airport) ····→ Aso Kumamoto Airport (approx. 1 hour 40 minutes)
Osaka (Itami Airport) ····→ Aso Kumamoto Airport (approx. 1 hour 5 minutes)
Nagoya (Chubu Centrair/Komaki Airport) ····→ Aso Kumamoto Airport (approx. 1 hour 30 minutes)
Fukuoka Airport ····→ Amakusa Airport (approx. 40 minutes)
Amakusa Airport ····→ Aso Kumamoto Airport (approx. 20 minutes)

By Shinkansen

Tokyo Station ·····→ Kumamoto Station (approx. 5 hours 40 minutes)
Shin-Osaka Station Kumamoto Station (approx. 3 hours)
Nagoya Station ·····→ Kumamoto Station (approx. 4 hours 5 minutes)
Hiroshima Station ·→ Kumamoto Station (approx. 1 hour 40 minutes)
Hakata Station ·····→ Kumamoto Station (approx. 40 minutes)

Useful information

Etiquette tips for travelling

Safety tips
App Store
Google Play

Download to receive notifications containing emergency information during disasters such as earthquakes or tsunami. The app was developed under the supervision of the Japan Tourism Agency and provides information to foreign tourists in fifteen languages.

※ The above is a summary of the main access routes from major Japanese cities to Kumamoto. Times shown are the fastest for each route and may vary. Be sure to check the latest travel information applicable to your journey before departing.

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