

A dynamic city with tons of sights

Sengan-en and Shoko Shuseikan Museum
The splendor of this garden overlooking Sakurajima is one of Kagoshima Prefecture's most beautiful sights. This approximately 50,000 square meter grounds with different flowers blooming in each of the four seasons is home to a large residence and the Shoko Shuseikan Museum, which exhibits materials and cultural artifacts related to the Satsuma Domain and the Shimazu Clan. It was registered as a component of the World Cultural Heritage in 2015.

7-2 Shiroyama-cho, Kagoshima-shi
 6:00-19:00 (movement through the gate is not allowed when Reimeikan is closed)
 Closed Mondays (the following weekday when Monday falls on a holiday), the 25th day of each month, and December 31-January 2
 Gomon Gate: free
 Reimeikan: Adults 420 yen / High school and university students 260 yen
 Elementary and junior high school students 160 yen
P Parking lot available when Reimeikan is open.

The 25 stalls, ranging from traditional local cuisine to unique food stalls, offer special dishes and shochu made with Kagoshima seasonal ingredients. The backstreet style and at home atmosphere is wonderful.

 Buschika Area: B1 Floor, Kagoshima Chuo Terminal Building,
11 Chuo-cho, Kagoshima-shi
Li-Ka Area: 1st Floor, Li-Ka 1920, 19-40 Chuo-cho, Kagoshima-shi

 11:30-23:30
Buschika Area: Closed 1st Monday of every month

Shabu-shabu is a healthy, ideal dish for enjoying the tender meat and pleasant savory taste of Kagoshima Kurobuta Berkshire pork. Every bite suffuses your palate with the sweetness and distinctive flavor of the brand pork. Nothing compares to a freshly cooked local delicacy!

9700-1 Yoshinocho, Kagoshima-shi
9:00-17:00
Adults, high school students 1,000 yen / Elementary and junior high school students 500 yen / Babies and toddlers free
* From October 2024 : Adults, high school students 1,600 yen / Elementary and junior high school students 900 yen
(Sengen-en * Residence : Shoko Shusikan Museum set fee)
100 vehicles (Passenger car: 900 yen/day, Bus: 1,000 yen/day)

Gaze at whale sharks swimming peacefully in the Kuroshio Great Water Tank, take part in daily events including Dolphin Performance, and watch the marine mammals perform up close at the outdoor Dolphin Waterway (free of charge).




3-1 Hon-koshinmachi, Kagoshima-shi
9:30-18:00 (last entry 17:00)
Closed 1st Monday of December-4 days
Adults 1,500 yen / Elementary and junior High school students
750 yen / Preschool age children and younger 350 yen
Prefectural Parking No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 (free up to 1 hour)

The view up high of Sakurajima's rugged mountain surface and the rising volcanic smoke is truly breathtaking! With a view overlooking the mirror-like calm of Kiriko Bay and the Kagoshima urban area, this is the most scenic spot on the entire island.

 48 passenger cars (free), 3 buses (free)

Shirokuma shaved ice is a famous Kagoshima specialty dessert. A mountain of shaved ice is topped with fruit and other toppings, as well as a generous amount of sweetened condensed milk. The flavors of ice and types of fruit vary from shop to shop.

A peacefully healing city where myths live on

 1495-5 Suenaga, Ebino-shi, Miyazaki
 9:00-17:00 / Open year round
 250 vehicles: Motorcycles 200 yen / Pass
500 yen / Buses (under 30 passengers)
Buses (30 or more passengers), 2,000 yen

P 180 vehicles: Motorcycles 200 yen / Passenger cars 500 yen / Buses (under 30 passengers) 1,000 yen / Buses (30 or more passengers) 2,000 yen

The shrine with a history dating back to the 6th century attracts an annual 1.5 million visitors today, and the main shrine and some other features are designated as Important Cultural Properties of Japan. The Seven Wonders of Kirishima are also nearby. This is a mystical spot with an atmosphere that is different from other locales. Come feel the power of the gods emanating from this beautiful and majestic shrine that towers alluringly amidst the surrounding greenery deep in the mountains.

2608-5 Kirishima Taguchi, Kirishima-shi
500 vehicles

Pray and stroll around Kirishima Jingu in a kimono
Pass through the vermillion-lacquered torii gate, and stroll the stately, tree-lined shrine entrance path gracefully in a kimono. If you plan to visit Kirishima Jingu, why not wear a kimono and stroll the grounds leisurely? *Reservations required

2 hours
6,000 yen and up

Situated in the center of the Kirishima spa resort area, the local produce "market" features a footbath, sale of foods and souvenirs, and a tourist information center. Popular delicacies include slow-boiled eggs and sweet buns prepared with steam from the hot spring.

3878-114 Makizonocho Takachiho, Kirishima-shi
 * Hours vary by tenant.
 Approx. 50 vehicles (free)

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range trekking
The lush nature of Kirishima provides an ideal stage for embarking on a trekking trip. Trails are safe even for novices.

A trekking map is available in the Japanese and English languages.

The Roadside Station restaurant's signature dish Kirishima Kurobuta Berkshire Pork Cuisine is exquisite! From the sightseeing lift, the Shinmoedake, Nakadake, and Takachiho-no-Mine mountains are visible close up, and an expansive panorama extending all the way to Kinko Bay, Sakurajima, and Kaimondake is visible in the distance!

2583-22 Kirishima Taguchi, Kirishima-shi
9:00-17:00
200 vehicles, 10 buses

The mountains and plains of Kirishima are dotted with hot springs in various shapes and sizes. From hotels and inns to casual family-run establishments, spa facilities outnumber all other resorts in the prefecture. Try out several baths and discover your favorite.

Black vinegar is made from rice and matured in jars. Seldom employed anywhere else in the world, this special method produces a deep amber color, distinct aroma and richness and smooth flavor. Some producers offer tastings and tours of their outdoor field of jars.



Ibusuki City



Ibusuki

A town of flowers and hot springs in a tropical atmosphere

This is a seaside hot spring area where seasonal flowers and palm trees exude a tropical mood. The local specialty sand bath spas can be enjoyed at the water's edge when conditions are right. There are also many other attractions like local foods and scenic views created by nature. Allow yourself to be gently healed and recharge your energy levels.

Sand Bath Hail Saraku

Ibusuki specialty, the natural hot sand bath spa. It is a unique bathing custom of being enveloped in sand that has been heated by the warmth of a hot spring. Lying in the sand for about 10 minutes will release sweat from your entire body. It also improves blood circulation, warming your body from the core and refreshing the senses for a true paradise experience.



- 5-25-18 Yukuhashi, Ibusuki-shi
- Weekdays 8:30-12:00, 12:00-21:00 / Weekends and holidays 8:30-21:00
- Admission closes at 20:30
- Open year round (Temporary closures for inspections of spa facilities, etc. in July and December)
- Check fees on the Saraku website.
- 90 vehicles (free)

Healthy Land Tamatebako Open-Air Hot Spring

Have a panoramic view of nature all to yourself. Experience an open-air bath with a spectacular location and luxurious hot spring water. There are Japanese and Western style baths, with the men's and women's bathing areas switching daily (the Japanese open air bath area is available for women on odd numbered days). *The facilities are closed for an extended period of time, and scheduled to reopen around May 2025.

- 3292 Yamagata Fukumoto, Ibusuki-shi
- 9:30-19:30, admission closes at 19:00
- Closed Thursdays (the following day when Thursday falls on a holiday)
- 70 vehicles (free)

Ryugu Jinja

A shrine located in Nagasaki, known as the birthplace of the Ryugu Legend. This is a popular spot that enshrines the Princess Toyotama, aka Oshichi, and is believed to bring luck in love and matchmaking based on the legend in which fisherman Urashima Taro and Oshichi meet.

- 1581-34 Yamagata Okachiyamazu, Ibusuki-shi
- 16 vehicles

Tosenkyo flowing noodles

Tosenkyo Gorge is the birthplace of rotating awamagasaki, a summer dish enjoyed across Japan. Here, the noodles come flowing in fresh spring water—the area produces 100,000 tons every day. Dinner pluck the noodles with their chopsticks, dip them in sauce, and enjoy a hearty meal surrounded by the fragrances of trees.

- 5967 Kaimijuncho, Ibusuki-shi
- 10:00-15:30 (last order 15:00)
- Kitchen subject to change depending on circumstances, please contact the facility.
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- Set Meal A 2,000 yen / Set Meal B 1,500 yen, and other options
- 470 vehicles

Nishi-Oyama Station

The southernmost JR train station in Japan, with a direct view of the towering Kaimondake, known as the Mt. Fuji of Satsuma. The station grounds has a yellow postbox for delivering happiness and a happiness bell. At Kaimon Ichiba Kyutaro next door, Nishi-Oyama Station certificates of visit and picture postcards are available for purchase.

- 602 Yamagata Oyama, Ibusuki-shi
- Approx. 10 vehicles

There are only a few of these rubber ducks! Send a letter tomorrow!

Seiryuji

A Shingon Buddhist temple founded in 1990, 300 meters high in the mountains stands a full-scale monastery, which is rare for Kyushu. The approximately 100,000-square-meter-large grounds is home to a Japanese garden maintained by monks.

- 1874-8 Komaki, Ibusuki-shi
- 9:00-16:30
- 200 vehicles

Flower Park Kagoshima

The expansive park grounds, which are designed to flow with the natural terrain, are home to vegetation from regions all over the world, including subtropical plants. There is an array of different areas, including a flower garden with Kaimondake towering in the background, and an indoor garden without walls on either side, designed to let the wind pass through. Stroll leisurely through the park and enjoy flowers for all seasons.

- 1611 Yamagata Okachiyamazu, Ibusuki-shi
- 9:00-17:00 (last entry 16:30) / Closed December 30-31
- Adults, high school students 530 yen / Elementary and junior high school students 310 yen / Preschool age children and younger free
- 525 vehicles / 7 buses (free)

Minamikyushu City



Minamikyushu

A city brimming with elegance and the fragrance of tea

Minamikyushu boasts the largest amount of tea production by municipality in Japan. The tranquil scenery of its tea plant rows is impressive. Enjoy sweets and gourmet cuisine made with tea, only available here. Spend a relaxing and peaceful time at the Chiran Samurai Residence Complex and a moment of quiet reflection at the Chiran Peace Museum.

Chiran Samurai Residence Complex

This samurai residence complex will take you back in time to the premodern Edo period. This area has been designated as one of the national Important Preservation Districts for Groups of Traditional Buildings, and its seven gardens open to the public are designated as national Place of Scenic Beauty.

- Chirancho Kori, Minamikyushu-shi
- 9:00-17:00 / Open year round
- Adults 530 yen / Elementary and junior high school students 320 yen



This is an especially scenic spot praised as having the most beautiful view under the heavens by Ino Tadatsuka, who stopped here when mapping Japan. It has an observation area with a panoramic view of Kaimondake and a Bell of Happiness, and is an exceptionally beautiful place for strolling. The Seahorse Museum is the only tourist aquarium farm in Japan where visitors can observe the ecology of seahorses, a symbol of good fortune.

- 5202 Eicho Bepu, Minamikyushu-shi
- Seahorse House (Seahorse Museum) 10:00-16:30
- Closed Tuesdays (except holidays)
- Admission free / 60 vehicles (free)

Adventure Park Mori no Kawanabe

Enjoy tree-top activities in the great outdoors. The park has three courses: the Takasago Course, where participants cross between trees over 10 meters high, the Ninja Course, which tests balance with many unstable footwork spots, like suspension bridges, and the Tengu Dungeon Course with a 100 meter zipline. This adventure park is fun for both children and adults. Come with friends and family!

- 8153-1 Nossaki, Kawanabecho, Minamikyushu-shi
- 10:00-17:00 (reception hours 10:00-16:00)
- Closed Wednesdays and Thursdays
- 2,800 yen per 1 person (elementary school students and older) / 2,500 yen per 1 person (groups of 4 or more)
- 20 passenger cars, 2 buses

Chiran Peace Museum

Towards the end of the Pacific War, Chiran had a special kamikaze attack base, part of Japan's former army. This Peace Museum collects, preserves, and displays important materials such as portrait photographs, belongings, records, etc. of Army Special Attack Forces who joined together to lift enemy planes with bomb-loaded planes, the first of their kind in history at that time. By accurately conveying to future generations the true conditions of those times, it contributes to lasting world peace. It teaches the tragedy of war and the preciousness of peace and life to prevent this horrific event from ever happening again.

- 17981 Chirancho Kori, Minamikyushu-shi
- 9:00-17:00 (last entry 16:30) / Open year round
- Adults 550 yen / Children (elementary and junior high school) 320 yen / Joint ticket with Museum Chiran - Adults 600 yen / Children 400 yen
- 700 vehicles



The shrine is known for its unique method of worship where visitors wear the wooden lid of a rice pot atop the head to pray. Prayers are answered when visitors make their way from the gate to the shrine without dropping the lid. The shrine attracts even Olympic athletes, as the deity enshrined is believed to bring luck in competition.

- 6627 Eicho Bepu, Minamikyushu-shi
- 70 vehicles (free)

Sightseeing activity reservation website: minatabi

minatabi is a website that lets users apply for and make reservations for activities. Come try activities unique to Minamikyushu, like Chiran tea and traditional crafts.

- https://minatabi.jp

Minakore Meibutsuden (Minakore Specialty Rice Bowl)

Minakore Specialty Rice Bowls made with Kagoshima Prefecture raised meat and Minamikyushu grown ingredients are available to enjoy at 14 participating shops in the city. Try the different Minakore Specialty Rice Bowls offered at each restaurant.

- Adults 550 yen / Children (elementary and junior high school) 320 yen / Joint ticket with Museum Chiran - Adults 600 yen / Children 400 yen