

Akune City

1 Akune Station
Renovated in May 2014, this stylish station incorporating many wood elements has a waiting room that doubles as a hall, a kids space, and shops.
[Access] Akune Station, Hisatsu Orange Railway
[Contact] 0996-73-4850

2 "Buenkan" Market and Restaurant
Fresh fishes caught off Akune City's shores are popular dishes.
[Opening hours] 11:00~14:30
Closed on Wednesdays
[Access] 10 min. walk from Hisatsu Orange Railway Akune Station
[Contact] 0996-73-2211

Akune Sea Urchin Rice Bowl Festival, Akune Lobster Festival
Making the most of the rich marine produce, the Sea Urchin Rice Bowl Festival is held in spring and the Lobster Festival in autumn. Come and experience the flavors of the purple sea urchin and spring lobster, cultivated in the rich seas of the East China Sea!
[Contact] 0996-72-3646





Izumi City

3 Izumi-Fumoto Samurai Residences
A cluster of samurai residences nationally designated as an Important Preservation District of Traditional Buildings. Public samurai residences "Takezoe-Tei" and "Saisho-Tei" are open year round from 9:00 to 17:00.
[Access] 5 min. by car or approx. 25 min. walk from JR Izumi Station or Hisatsu Orange Railway Izumi Station
[Contact] 0996-62-5505

4 Izumi City Crane Observation Center
From the lookout on the 2nd floor of the observatory, right beside the roosting grounds on reclaimed land, you can watch the cranes' graceful flight and their pecking on feed.
[Access] There is a tour bus departing from Izumi Station during the season for crane observation (Dec. to end of Feb.)
[Contact] 0996-79-3030

Izumi "Oyako" Chicken Steak and Egg Set Meal
A brand new local dish from Izumi City, Japan's No. 2 producer of chicken meat and eggs! Each restaurant serves their own original chicken steak set meals.
[Contact] 0996-63-2111





Satsumasendai City

5 Nitta Shrine
This shrine with Nini-no-mikoto as its main enshrined deity is situated on Mt. Shinki, near the middle of the city. It is known as the greatest shrine in Satsuma Domain (present day Kagoshima).
[Access] approx. 10 min. by car from JR Sendai Station or Hisatsu Orange Railway Sendai Station
[Contact] approx. 20 min. by Kuruku-bus (eastbound city loop bus) from Sendai Station
0996-22-4722

6 Koshikishima
Known as the setting for the manga "Dr. Koto Shinryoujo (Dr. Koto's Clinic)", Koshikishima boasts great views such as a diverse coastal landscape, and is designated as a quasi-national park in 16 Mar. 2015.
[Access] go on board High speed boat "Koshikishima" at Sendai Port Terminal. "Sendai Port Shuttle Bus" runs between Sendai Station and Sendai Port Terminal.
[Contact] 0996-25-1140

7 Iriki-Fumoto Samurai Residences
Iriki was a manor owned by the Iriki family who arrived in the Kamakura era, a branch of the noble Shibuya clan from the Kanto region. The Former Masuda Family Residence, a National Important Cultural Property with a restored thatched roof, is open for public viewing.
[Access] approx. 25 min. by car from JR Sendai Station or Hisatsu Orange Railway Sendai Station
(Local buses available. Alight at "Iriki-shisho-mae" bus stop)
[Contact] 0996-23-5111





Ichikikushikino City

8 Satsuma Students Museum
Ichikikushikino City is the place where the Satsuma students, pioneers of Japan's modernization, departed for the U.K. The Satsuma Students Museum, opened in 2014, introduces their travel and life after returning to Japan, to share their achievements with the younger generation.
[Access] approx. 15 min. by car from Kagoshima Main Line Kushikino Station, or alight at "Hashima-sho-mae" bus stop (Kagoshima Transport Co., Hashima-Tsuhikawa route)
[Contact] 0996-35-1865

Kushikino Tuna Ramen
Ichikikushikino City, the land of tuna, boasts the largest tuna fishing fleet in Japan, and tuna ramen is served in 7 restaurants around town. The soup is made from the head of tuna, and its light taste is popular with ladies. This is paired with medium-thin curly noodles pick up the flavor, and you can dissolve wasabi in the soup for a different taste.
[Contact] 0996-32-2061

9 Shokusai no sato Ichikikushikino
Food-related hub center "Shokusai no sato Ichikikushikino", includes "Kaisen Maguroya", a restaurant under direct management of Kushikino City Fisheries Cooperative Association, and the local product store "Sanosakan". This municipal tourist information center was opened in July 2016. You can savor tuna dishes, a regional delicacy, and do some shopping for Satsuma-age, fried fish cakes which is one of the local specialties. Tour guides hosted through the tourist information center is also recommended.
[Access] from Kushikino Railroad Station take Kiki Bus (Kamuridake line) to "Sanosaka", or approx. 3 min. by car
[Contact] 0996-32-5256





Hioki City

10 Chin Jukan Museum
This facility exhibits and introduces the objects handed down in the Chin family since the first head Chin Tokichi came to the Satsuma Domain in AD 1598 to the present day. The exhibition sheds light on the Satsuma pottery history in an interesting and educational way.
[Access] approx. 20 min. walk from Kagoshima Main Line Higashi-Ichiki Station
[Contact] 099-274-2358

11 Tokushige Shrine
This is the shrine that was built on the remains of the Myoen Temple; originally the family temple of Yoshihiro Shimadzu. This shrine is the site for one of Kagoshima's most sacred traditions: the Myoen Temple Mairi i.e. Myoen Temple visit.
[Access] approx. 5 min. walk from Kagoshima Main Line Ijuin Station
[Contact] 099-248-7380

12 Yunomoto Hot Spring
At one time managed directly by the Satsuma Domain, this hot springs district offers easy access to many old fashioned sulfur hot springs facilities and accommodations. There are public as well as private baths available.
[Access] approx. 7 min. walk from Kagoshima Main Line Yunomoto Station
[Contact] 099-248-7380





Minamikyushu City

13 Chiran Peace Museum
The museum displays relics like letters and photographs of kamikaze pilots—youths of the Tokko Special Attack Forces who crashed themselves and their aircrafts into enemy warships in Okinawa in the closing stages of World War II.
[Access] approx. 30 min. bus ride either Hirakawa Station or Kiire Station, Ibusuki-Makurazaki Line
approx. 1 hour 20 min. bus ride from Kagoshima Chuo Station
[Contact] 0993-83-2525

14 Kamafuta Jinja
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. The shrine attracts even Olympic athletes, as the deity enshrined is believed to bring luck in competition.
[Access] 5 min. by car, or approx. 10 min. walk from Ibusuki-Makurazaki Line Ei-Okawa Station
[Contact] 0993-38-0024

15 Bandokorobana Seaside Park
The park features a promenade floating atop the sea commanding a view of Kaimondake volcano, cozy benches designed for couples, and a "bell of fortune" depicting a pair of seahorses that brings in happiness.
[Access] 3 min. by car or approx. 15 min. walk from Ibusuki-Makurazaki Line Mizunarikawa Station
[Contact] 0993-83-2511





Makurazaki City

16 Makurazaki Station
The Southernmost terminal station in Japan Rail Group's rail network.
[Access] Makurazaki Station, Ibusuki-Makurazaki Line
[Contact] 0993-72-1111

17 Meiji Gura (Satsuma Brewery and Kedo River Distillery)
Offering a fun introduction of the Japanese distilled spirit 'shochu', its culture, history, and connection to people and their lives.
[Access] about a 5 min. drive from Ibusuki-Makurazaki Line Makurazaki Station
By bus, take the bus bound for Imadake (Kagoshima Kotsu Bus)
Around 5 min. from Makurazaki Station at "Kedobashi" bus stop
[Contact] 0993-72-7515

Makurazaki Katsuo Funadomeshi (bonito bowl)
Winner of the 2nd and 3rd annual Kagoshima Gourmet Grand Prix, this bonito bowl is one of the gems of Makurazaki gourmet. Bonito sashimi on a rice bowl is doused with local 'dashu' soup and served. As Japan's #1 producer of high grade dried bonito, this dish offers the real taste of Makurazaki. Served at 9 restaurants throughout the city.
[Contact] 0993-72-1111





Ibusuki City

18 Hot sand bath 'Saraku'
Ibusuki's must try! The hot sand bath. Lie down for a rejuvenating rest in these natural hot sand beds. 1,080 JPY per person, open till 8:30 pm all year round.
[Access] 4 min. by bus, or a 15 min. walk from Ibusuki Station
[Contact] 0993-23-3900

19 Tamatebako Hot Springs
The Tamatebako open air baths offer Japanese style baths with views of the ocean and Mt.Kaimon, as well as western style baths with views of Takeyama's unique rock formation. Soaking in the 'yubune' (bathtub), you feel like you are floating in the ocean. The style of bath available to men and women switches on odd and even numbered dates.
[Access] approx. 10 min. by car from Yamakawa station
[Contact] 0993-35-3577

20 Nishi-Oyama Station
Known as Japan Rail Group's most southerly station, Nishi-Oyama Station boasts wonderful views of Mt.Kaimon. The post box located in front of the station is painted yellow after the flowers that represent Ibusuki. It is popularly known for sending happiness, along with the letters that are sent from it.
[Contact] 0993-22-2111






Kagoshima City

21 Sakurajima
Said to be the symbol of Kagoshima, Sakurajima is a well known active volcano which continues to spew ash onto its surrounding areas. As a result of the great eruption in 1914 Sakurajima connected to Osumi Peninsula losing its island status. Sakurajima and Kinko Bay which surrounds it were officially designated as a National Geopark in September 2013.
[Access] from Kagoshima Chuo Station take the tram to 'Suizokukanguchi' and transfer to the Sakurajima Ferry. Approx. 15 min. ferry ride.
[Contact] 099-216-1313

22 Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution
In order to transform Japan into a rich country, Nariakira Shimadzu, then Lord of the Satsuma Domain, founded the first western-style industrial district in Japan. Known as the Shuseikan Project, these sites have been designated as World Cultural Heritage Sites.

- ◆ **Shuseikan (Shoko Shuseikan Museum, Sengan-en, Ijinkan (Former Kagoshima Foreign Engineer's Residence))**
[Access] from Kagoshima Station on the Nippo Main Line take Nangoku Kotsu Bus, or Kagoshima Kotsu Bus to the "Sengan-en-mae" bus stop
from Kagoshima Chuo Station take the Kagoshima City View Tour Bus, the Downtown Machimeguri bus, Nangoku Kotsu Bus, or Kagoshima Kotsu Bus to the "Sengan-en-mae" bus stop.
[Contact] 099-247-1511 • Sengan-en 099-247-1551 • Ijinkan 099-247-3401
- ◆ **Terayama Charcoal Kiln**
[Access] from Kagoshima Chuo Station take Nangoku Kotsu Bus (Miyanoura-danchi line) to the "Sanshubara Gakuen-mae" bus stop, and continue for an approx. 20 min. walk
[Contact] 099-227-1940
- ◆ **Sekiyoishi Sluice Gate of Yoshino Leat**
[Access] from Kagoshima Chuo Station take Nangoku Kotsu Bus (Ishiki-danchi line, Midorigaoka-danchi line, Honjo line) to "Sekiyoishi-no-sosuko-iriguchi" bus stop, then continue walking for 8 min.
[Contact] 099-227-1940






Yusui Town

23 Kirishima Open-Air Museum
Situated on Mt. Kurino's 700 meter plateau in the west Kirishima Range is an outstanding outdoor art installation where you can experience and enjoy art and nature.
[Access] take the Hisatsu Line to Kurino Station, then take Yusui Town's "Furusato" bus, or drive approx. 20 min.
[Contact] 0995-74-5945

24 Yusui's Maruike Pond, one of Japan's 100 Famous Waters
The Maruike Pond, designated one of Japan's 100 Famous Waters, is a crystal clear pond in the foothills of the Kirishima Range where the bubbling spring water causes sand at the bottom of the pond to dance upward.
[Access] from Kurino Station, cross the tracks using the overpass to find the pond
[Contact] 0995-74-5690

Yusui Pudding
Rich and creamy pudding made with local milk and natural eggs
[Contact] 0995-74-5690





Kirishima City

25 Kareigawa Station
Opened in 1903, this station has seen a lot in its over 100 years of operation. Visitors come to enjoy the rustic wooden architecture and the ambience it provides.
[Access] Hisatsu Line Kareigawa Station
[Contact] 0995-45-5111

26 Osumi Yokogawa Station
The pillars on the platform at this station still bear the marks from WWII American fighter machine guns. A structure with significant historical value.
[Access] Hisatsu Line Osumi Yokogawa Station
[Contact] 0995-45-5111

Kareigawa Lunch Bento
Taking the first place in the Kyushu Station Lunch Bento Contest 3 years straight, this lunch bento has the accolades to prove it's one of the best. This lunch bento uses local ingredients, and offers simple homestyle flavors. Purchase at the Kareigawa Station, Hisatsu Line (reservation required)
[Contact] 0995-45-5111





Soori City

27 Takarabe Rest Area, Kirara Gift Shop
This road side rest area sells fresh local produce, and has a restaurant. Black pig cartilage simmered in miso and served on rice is a popular dish. The 'one coin' lunch special is also popular. Closed on the first day of January, April, July, and October.
[Access] approx. 10 min. walk from Nippo Main Line Takarabe Station
[Contact] 0986-28-5666

28 Mizonokuchi Cave
Said to have been eroded over thousands of years by the spring water from the Kirishima Range, this cave is 13.8 meters wide by 8.6 meters high.
[Access] approx. 15 min. by car from Nippo Main Line Takarabe Station
[Contact] 0986-28-0111

29 The Yukyu Forest Walking Competition
Held every November in the Yukyu (Eternal) Forest, this event is a 7 kilometer round trip walk to enjoy the autumn colors. The Yukyu Forest is one of the 100 Best Leisure Walk Forests in Japan.
[Access] approx. 10 min. walk from Nippo Main Line Osumi Okawa Station
[Contact] 0986-76-8282





Aira City

30 Shigetomi Beach
This swimming beach offers classic south Japan white sand and green pine landscape that extends for hundreds of meters, while a magnificent view of Sakurajima lies front and center.
[Access] approx. 10 min. walk from Nippo Main Line Aira Station
[Contact] 0995-66-3111

31 Largest Tree in Japan, Kamo no Okusu
Towering over the Kamouhachiman Shrine, this specimen camphor tree is estimated at 1,500 years old. Trunk circumference at the ground is 33.5 meters, and 24.22 meters at eye level. It is approximately 30 meters tall. Upon completion of its survey of large trees in 1988, The Ministry of the Environment named this tree Japan's largest.
[Access] approx. 20 min. bus ride from Nippo Main Line Chosa Station
[Contact] 0995-66-3111

Kajiki Manju
A popular sweet bun whose fluffy dough is made using sweet sake made from mochi rice and koji yeast, then stuffed with sweet red bean paste.
[Contact] 0995-66-3111



