

# 福岡見聞録



The elegant lines and charming features of a Hakata Ningyo doll. First made in the sixteenth century, these dolls are now made by nearly 100 artists active today working to pass down this ancient tradition.

**Fukuoka Prefecture Visitor's Guide**

## SEASIDE MOMOCHI

### A Seaside City on Hakata Bay With a View of the Future.

With its stately buildings housing everything from cultural and recreational services to business and office facilities, this area provides a glimpse of what the future holds in store for Fukuoka.



#### Fukuoka Tower

Rising 234m to the sky, the panorama from the viewing deck overlooking the islands spread out in Hakata Bay is second to none. You will find plenty of shopping and restaurant activity at Marizon, a resort spot right next door.

#### Ohori Park

This park, built around a lake with a 2km circumference, contains a Noh theater as well as Fukuoka Art Museum, housing works by Miro and other famous artists.



Fukuoka Art Museum



Fukuoka Castle (Maizuru Park)



#### Fukuoka City Museum

On display are the Kin-in, a national treasure, and items excavated from Kouroukan, a guest house from the Heian Period.



#### Hawks Town

A large amusement center near Momochi Beach, including Yahoo Dome, resort hotels, and shopping malls.



#### Robosquare

You can get close to Aibo and other robots at Robosquare. At the robot performance show, which is held everyday, the robots will entertain you with their perfectly synchronized dance.



#### Noko no Shima

A small island in Hakata Bay that makes an appearance in the Many-oshu. Noko no Shima Island Park on the north shore of the island is known for its beautiful flowers.



Fukuoka Area

## The biggest City in Kyushu

So much shopping and dining, it'll make your head spin.



#### Tenjin

The largest shopping district in Kyushu, packed with all sorts of stores and restaurants. Tenjin Underground City is lined with over 100 shops.



#### Hakata Machiya Folk Museum

An educational facility where you can learn how the people of Hakata lived in the Meiji and Showa Periods. Classes on dialect and crafts presentations are also performed.

#### Canal City Hakata

Surrounding the artificial canals, this is one of the most popular spots in Fukuoka, with everything from shops and restaurants to movie theaters, hotels, and theaters. The Raumen Stadium is also very popular.



CANAL CITY HAKATA 2001 ©F.J.U.D  
Banner Symphony 2001 ©WET DESIGN



#### Bayside Place Hakata

The main attraction is the cylindrical aquarium with over 5000 fish, naturally inhabiting the Sea of Genkai.

#### Hakata Riverain

A large combined facility on the banks of the Hakata River, Hakata River Lane has hotels, shops, restaurants, Fukuoka Asian Art Museum with works from throughout Asia, and the Hakata-Za Theater with kabuki and other performances.



Fukuoka Asian Art Museum



#### Nakasu

The largest entertainment district in West Japan, Nakasu is filled with its famous outdoor food stalls serving everything from ramen and tempura to western cuisine and even cocktails.



### Shika no Shima

This famous island is where the Kin-in was discovered. It is replete with swimming and other marine leisure sports facilities.

### Umi no Nakamichi Seaside Park

The 450-hectare park is dotted with grassy knolls and animal forests. The pool is open during summer.



### Sennyoji Daihiouin Temple

This place is divided in two areas: Sennyoji temple and Daihiouin (museum), the temple was built in 725 by Seigashonin to undergo an imperial order from the emperor Shomu.



### Futami ga Ura

Two large stones connected by a thick rope are known as the "Married Couple." Watching the sun set between them is an unforgettable experience.

### Marine World Umi no Nakamichi

A fascinating aquarium with the world's biggest panorama aquarium, aquariums with cameras you can use to look around, and much, much more.



### Itokoku History Museum

You can find on display here the largest copper mirror in the world, the Naigyo Kabunkyo.

## DAZAIFU

### Feel the romance of the Manyōshū

Dazaifu, the ancient Kyushu stronghold in the Nara and Heian Periods, and still alive with the history and culture of the past.



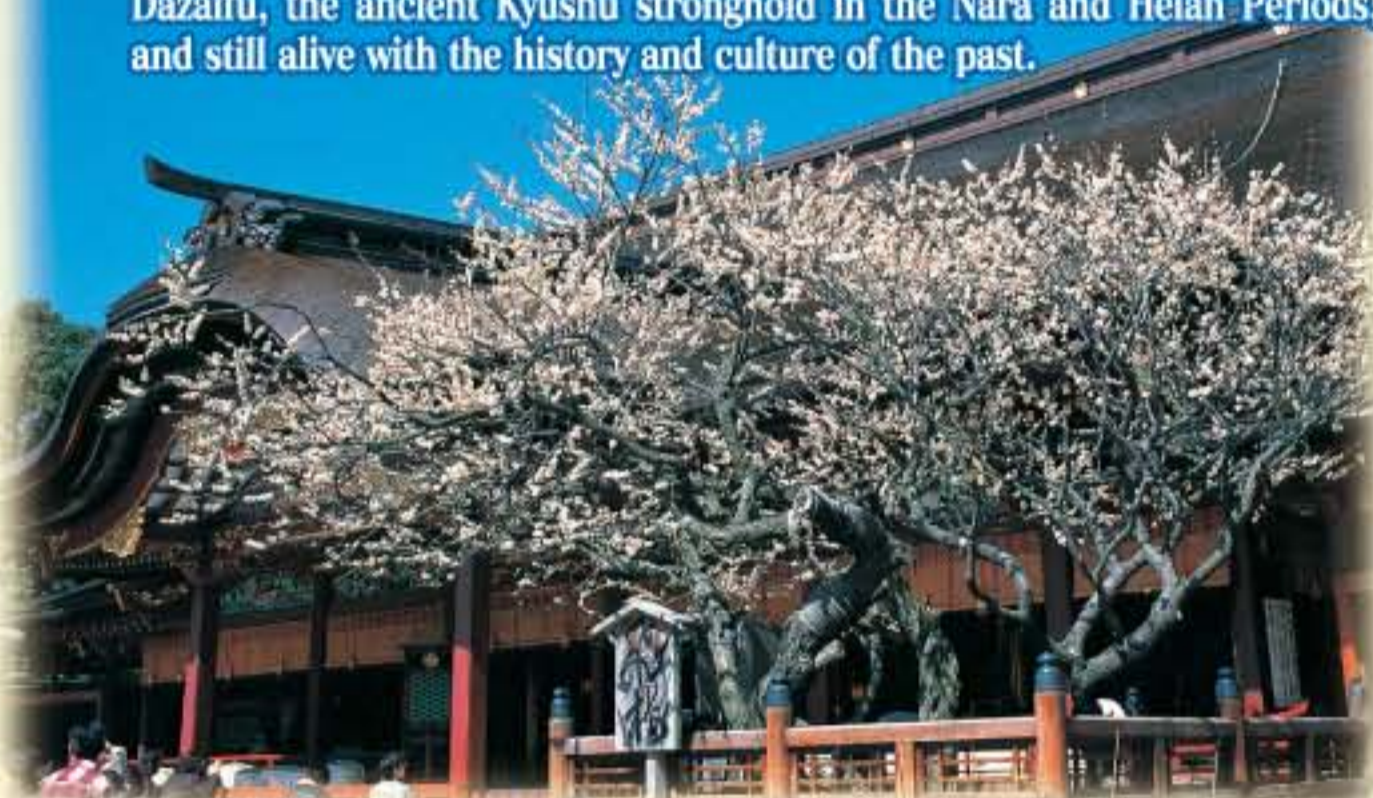
### Kōmyozen Temple

The beautiful Japanese garden comes to life with color in the fall.



### Hot Springs (Futsukaichi, Hakata)

The Futsukaichi Hot Springs resort has been around since the Manyōshū poetry collection was written over 1000 years ago, so it is fitting to the poems engraved here and there throughout the town. Located near the City center, this resort is an oasis amid the bustle of modernity.



### Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine

Prince Michizane Sugawara, the patron saint of scholars who died here in the Heian Period, is enshrined in this shrine.



### Kanzeon Temple

Built in 1300, it has Japan's oldest bell.



### Ancient site of Dazaifu Government House

This used to be the center of government in Kyushu, now converted into a historical park.



### Kyushu National Museum

Located next to Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine, this is a new type of national museum, focusing on how Japanese culture developed through interaction with the rest of Asia. The exhibitions enable the history of cultural interactions and the social conditions of the time to be understood, as background information for the exhibits. Meanwhile, in the Asian culture experience area, everyone from children to adults can have fun in exploring Asian culture through experiential exhibits.

### Major Festivals in Fukuoka

#### January Tama-Seseri



#### January Tōka-Ebisu

#### March Kyokusui no En

#### May Hakata Dontaku Port Festival



#### July Hakata Gion Yamakasa Festival



This summer festival has been going on for over 750 years. During the festival, decorated floats are put on display and on the last day men carrying mountain hats race.

#### September Asia Month

#### September Houjyouya

#### November Sumo Kyushu Tournament



#### December Fukuoka International Marathon

### Karashi Mentaiko



### Mizutaki Dish



### Ramen

The thin noodles are a perfect match for the pork broth.



**Space World**

A theme park that lets you experience the wonders of outer space. This is someplace you can learn about space and science while having fun.



**Kita kyushu Museum of Natural History & Human History**

Enjoy learning about natural history and human history by experiencing the largest exhibitions in west Japan. See the seismosaurus (the world's largest complete skeleton) and the sunfish (world's largest stuffed specimen).



**Mojiko Retro Town Sightseeing Train "Shiohaze Liner"**

Enjoy the 10 minutes train travel, viewing the beautiful scenery of Kanmon Strait, which has been the stage of numerous historical events.

**Kaikyo Dramaship**

A museum that showcases the history and culture of Kanmon-Kaikyo through art.



**Green Park**

A tropical ecosystem with fish and butterflies fascinates the eye as the kangaroos and wombats warm the heart.



**Tanka Market**

The heart of Kita Kyushu City, there are around 220 shops and stalls located here.



**Moji Harbor Retro**

Kyushu's oldest train station building, Moji Port Station and the other surrounding western buildings communicate a feeling of the great past of this port.

**Where outer space and port-town nostalgia cross paths. The beauty of movement and stillness.**

**Kita Kyushu Area**



**Sanri Matsubara**

A beautiful park known for the sea turtles which come to lay their eggs here.

**Buzen Kokubunji Temple Three-Story Tower**

Kokubunji Temple, built in the Nara Period. The three-story tower, built in 1895 along with the one at Hokkiji Temple in Nara, is the tallest three-story tower in Japan.



**Riverwalk Kita kyushu**

Commercial district filled with retail stores, restaurants, movie theaters, theaters, and museums.



**Kokura Castle**

Home of the wealthy and powerful Ogasawara clan, this castle is now a repository of Kokura history.



**Kubotesan (Museum)**

Kubote Mt. became the symbol of ascetic training in 5-6 century, the museum collects the display of archeological materials including national treasure.



**Hiraodai**

One of the few karst topographies in Japan, designated as a national natural monument.

**Ashiyagama no Sato**

The Ashiyagama kiln is an important national cultural asset, famous for producing many of the beautiful Kamakura and Muromachi tea ceramics still known today. A production workshop for the kiln has been set up.



**Kokura Castle Garden**

**Major Festivals in Kita Kyushu**

**July Kokura Gion Daiko Drum Festival**



A spectacle of men dressed in identical bathrobes competing with traditional drumming. The rhythm reverberates throughout the City.

**July Tobata Gion Floats**



**Blowfish Cuisine**

Besides raw blowfish with its special texture, you can enjoy this delicacy fried and many other ways.



**Raw squid**



**Yaki Curry (Curry Gratin)**

Yaki Curry, which is curry & rice with toppings of cheese and eggs roasted in the oven, originated in Mojiko.



### ■ Bengara Village

Natural Hot Springs and baths filled with Yame tea sit side by side with restaurants and other facilities.



### ■ Greenpia Yame

A leisure spot with hotels, cottages, camp grounds, and tennis courts.

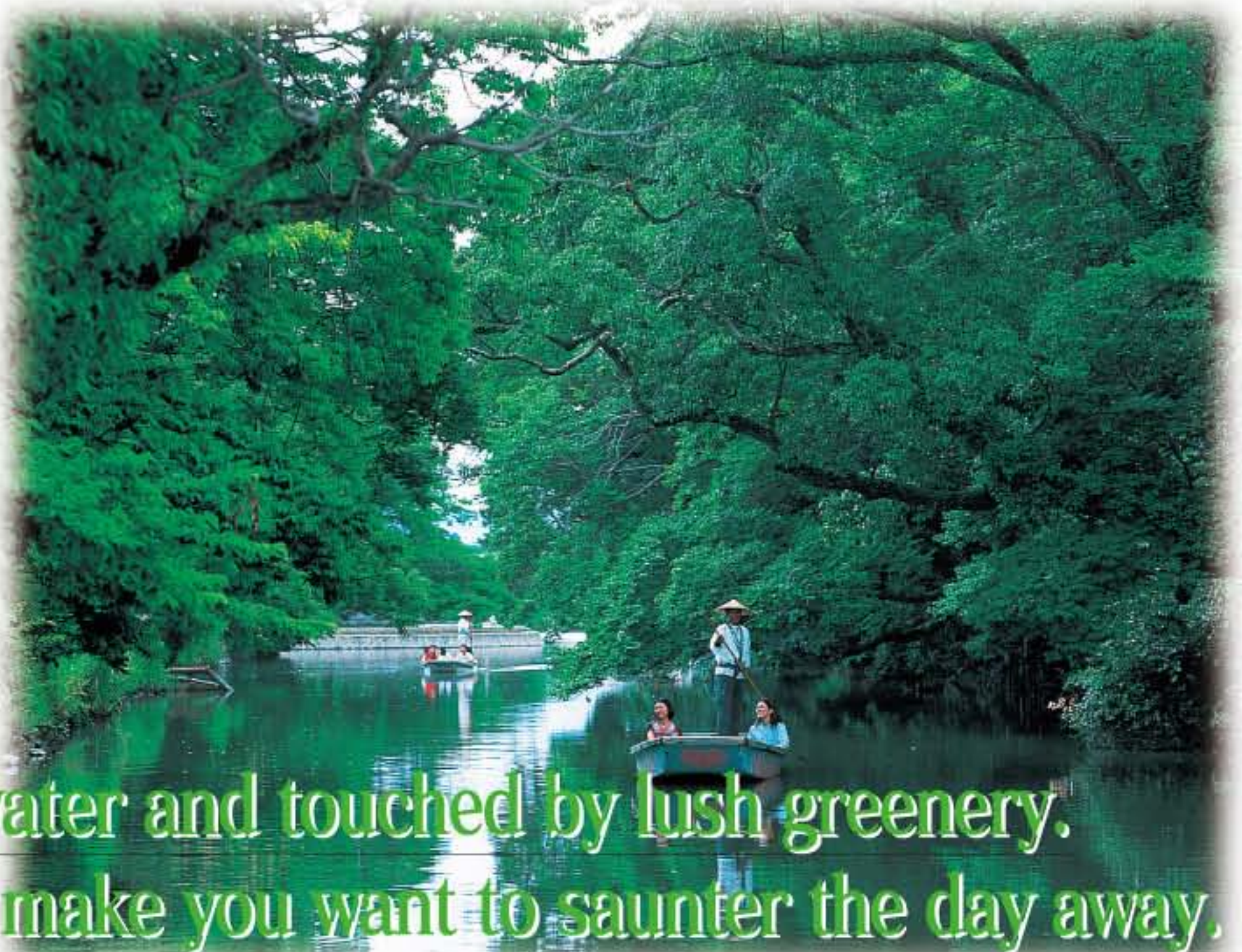


### ■ Ishibashi Cultural Center

A cultural facility with culture halls, art museums, libraries, a Japanese garden, and a garden with roses from the world over.

### ■ Soma no Sato Gorge Park

A park surrounded by a pure waterfalls and beautiful gorges, with places to try your hand at pottery and ceramic painting, as well as restaurants to try local delights.



Embraced by pure water and touched by lush greenery. Quiet lanes that will make you want to saunter the day away.

Chikugo Area

### ■ Koishiwara-yaki Traditional Industries Center

Koishiwara-yaki has been treasured for over 400 years since the beginning of the Edo Period. Try your hand at ceramic painting and pottery making.



### ■ Asakura Triple Waterwheel

Spinning for over 200 years now, this waterwheel continues to supply the fields with water every year from June to October.

### ■ Space Center

Enjoy the beauty of the celestial bodies from the observatory with the biggest telescope in Kyushu.



### ■ Yanagawa "Kawakudari" Boat Tour

Hop on boat for a trip down the river winding its way this way and that through the town. Enjoy the skilled maneuvering of the captain and the nostalgic scenery.



### ■ Akizuki Castle Ruins

First built in 1203, this castle is popular for the surrounding town with its nostalgic Old Japan feeling.



### ■ Hot Springs

(Harazuru, Chikugogawa, Funagoya, Katanose)

Fukuoka, once Japan's entryway for Asian culture, is dotted with numerous Hot Springs.

### ■ The White Walled Streets of Yoshii Town

These buildings were originally built with white walls as a fire prevention measure. Enjoy the traditional beauty of Japan.



### Major Festivals in Chikugo

January Oniyo Festival



Six huge torches carried by scantily clad men burn the night sky during this magnificent festival.

July

Ōmuta Summer Festival Daija Yama



### ● Koishiwara-yaki



### ● Fruit Hunting



### ● Steamed Eel

A delicacy of Yanagawa. The aromatic sauce with stoke your appetite.

### ● Kurume Dyeing(Kurume-gasuri textiles)



Characterized by carefully woven patterns and indigo material with a coarse texture.



**Hiko Mt.**  
(Hiko Mt. Shrine and the Hiko Mt. Rattle)

This mountain, worshipped as a sacred place for centuries, is home to Hiko Mt. Shrine, where you can find the popular Hiko Mt. rattle for warding off evil spirits.



**Hot Springs (Wakita Onsen)**

Wakita Onsen, a Hot Springs resort which has been around since the Nara Period, is located along the gorge at the foot of Inunaki-yama.

**Kyushu Apple Village**

This whole area is dotted with fruit orchards along the Umami-yama Mountain Range. Enjoy picking apples, pears, persimmons, and other fruits.

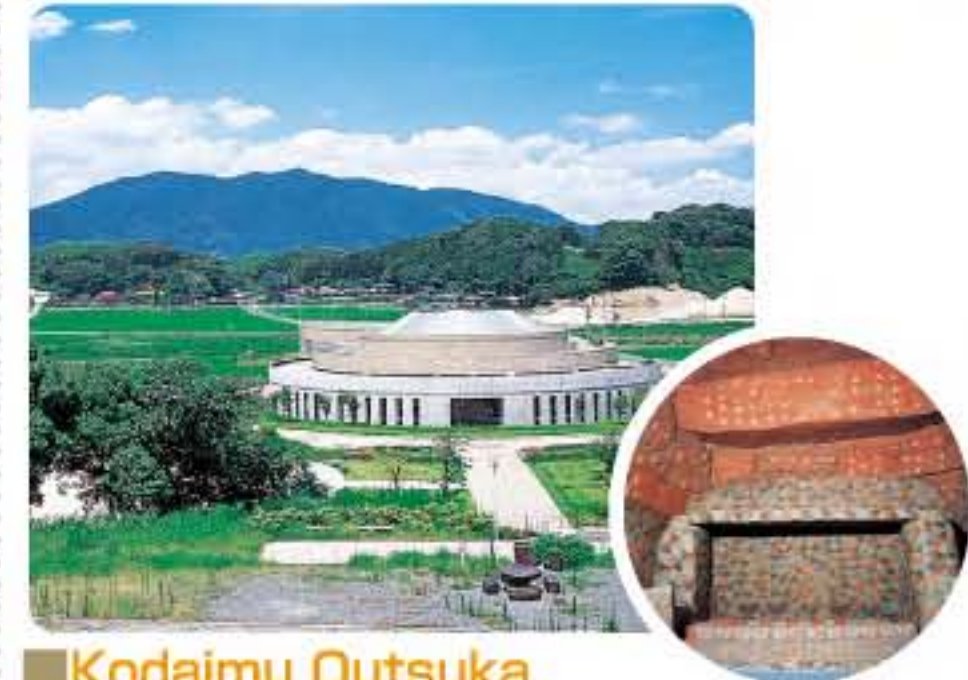
**Genjii no Mori**

Filled with bamboo crafts and pottery classes, campgrounds, and athletic parks and zoos for the children.



**Tagawa City Coal Museum**

Learn about Tagawa which once flourished as a coal-mining City, from the artifacts on display.



**Kodaimu Outsuka**  
(Outsuka Decorated Soshoku Kofunkan)

This museum for Outsuka Kofun, the largest decorated burial mound in Japan, contains life-size models of the stone chambers inside.

**Chikuho Area**

A nostalgic stillness where you can sense the tremor of ancient drums. It will make you want to enjoy the natural surroundings to your heart's content.



**Kaho Theater**

A small theater with a big history, presenting not only plays, but also concerts and ballets. Tours are available on days with no performances.



**Fujieshi Gyorakuen**

The garden of the house which used to belong to the Fujie family. Designed using Chinese methods, it is filled with old pine trees and an island in the middle of the pond.



**Fukuchi Sanroku Flower Park**

A flower park in a lily field, with many rare lilies on display.



**Former Ito Denemon Residence**

Ito Denemon Residence surrounded by an amazing garden of 1500 tsubos still retains its elegance of those long ago days while Yanagihara Byakuren, famous for a female poet called the "Queen of Chikushi" lived here for 10 years.

**Agano-yaki**



The tea implements ordered by Tadaoki Hosokawa, head of the Kokura Clan in 1602. There are 24 kilns in Fukuchi town.



Hiyoko



Narikin manjyu



Chidori manjyu

**Japanese Sweets**  
(Hiyoko, Narikin manjyu, Chidori manjyu)

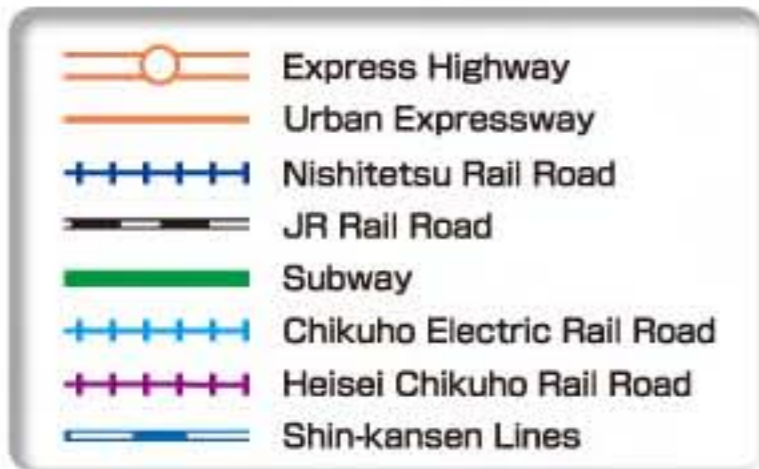
These sweets supposedly became famous because the kiln workers would take breaks here.

**Major Festivals in Chikuho**

**May Kawa-watari Shinkou-sai**

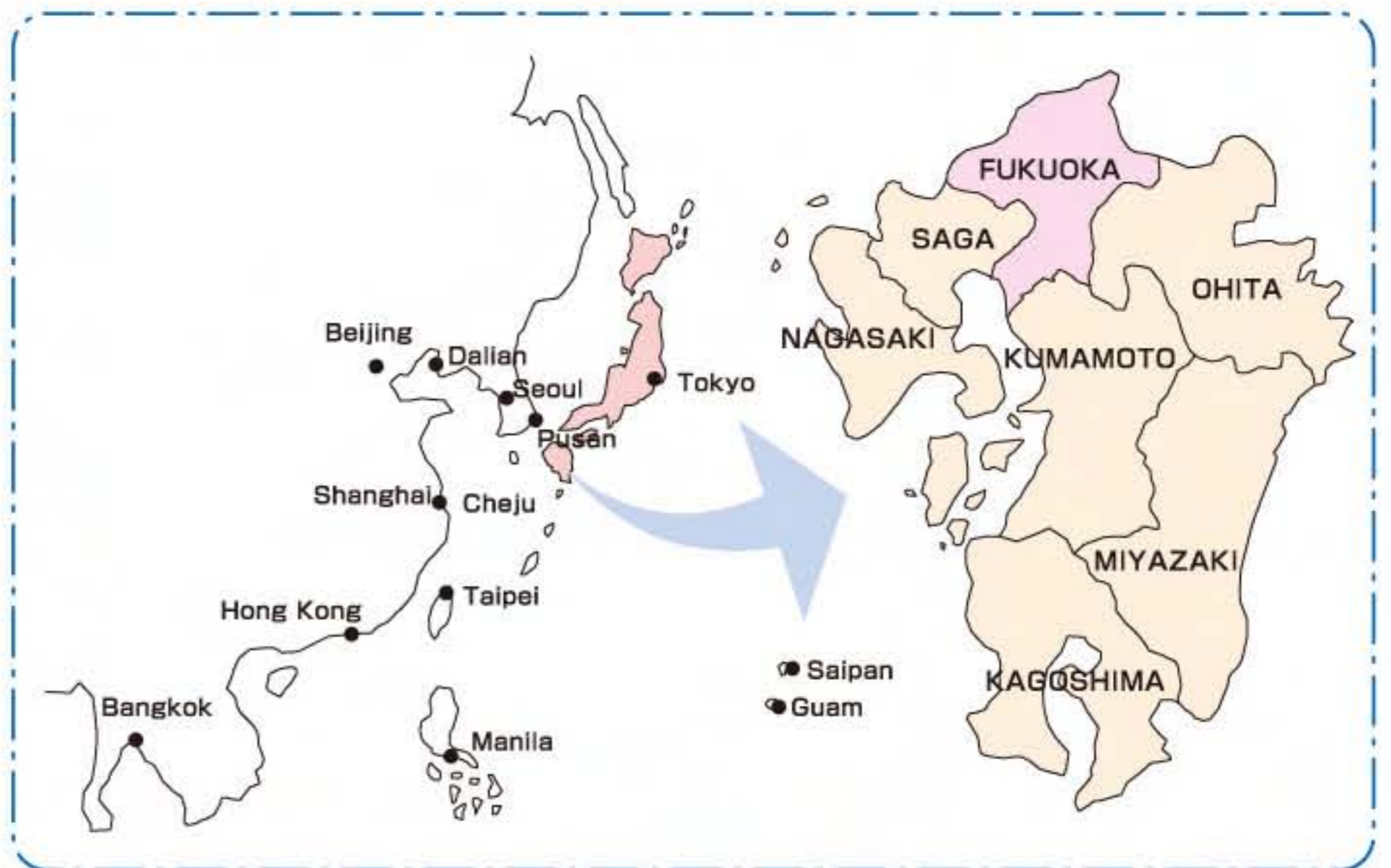


Over ten opulent floats carried by topless men cross the Hiko Mt. river one by one. One of the five big festivals of Fukuoka, with a long history.



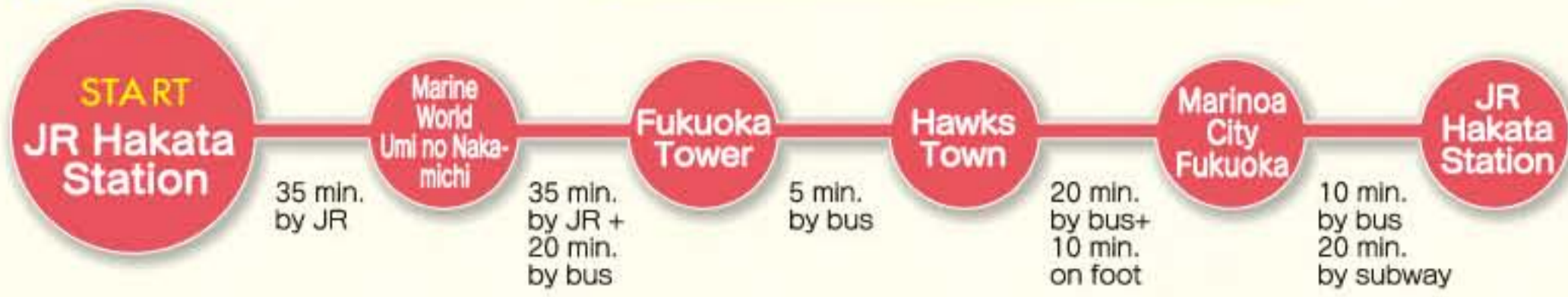
Time required to go to the major stations.

Kitakyushu Area	JR Hakata Station	70min.	JR Kokura Station
	JR Hakata Station	90min.	JR Moji Station
Chikugo Area	Nishitetsu Fukuoka Station	31min.	Nishitetsu Kurume Station
	Nishitetsu Fukuoka Station	45min.	Nishitetsu Yanagawa Station
Chikuho Area	JR Hakata Station	40min.	JR Shin Izuka Station
	JR Hakata Station	61min.	JR Tagawa Gotouji Station



# Sightseeing Ideas

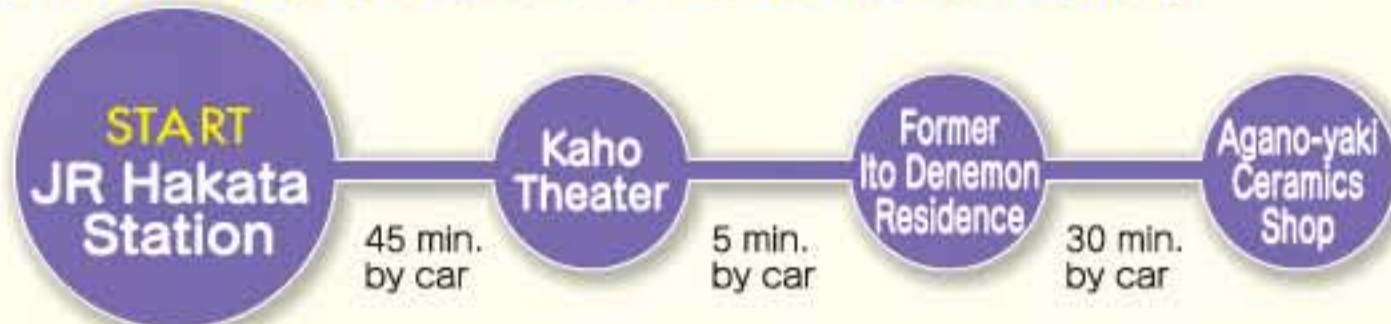
## ◆ Bay Area



## ◆ Paths through time and literature



## ◆ Traditional Culture and Romance of History



## ◆ Theme Parks and City Life



## ◆ Golfing and Hot Springs



## For more information about sightseeing in Fukuoka

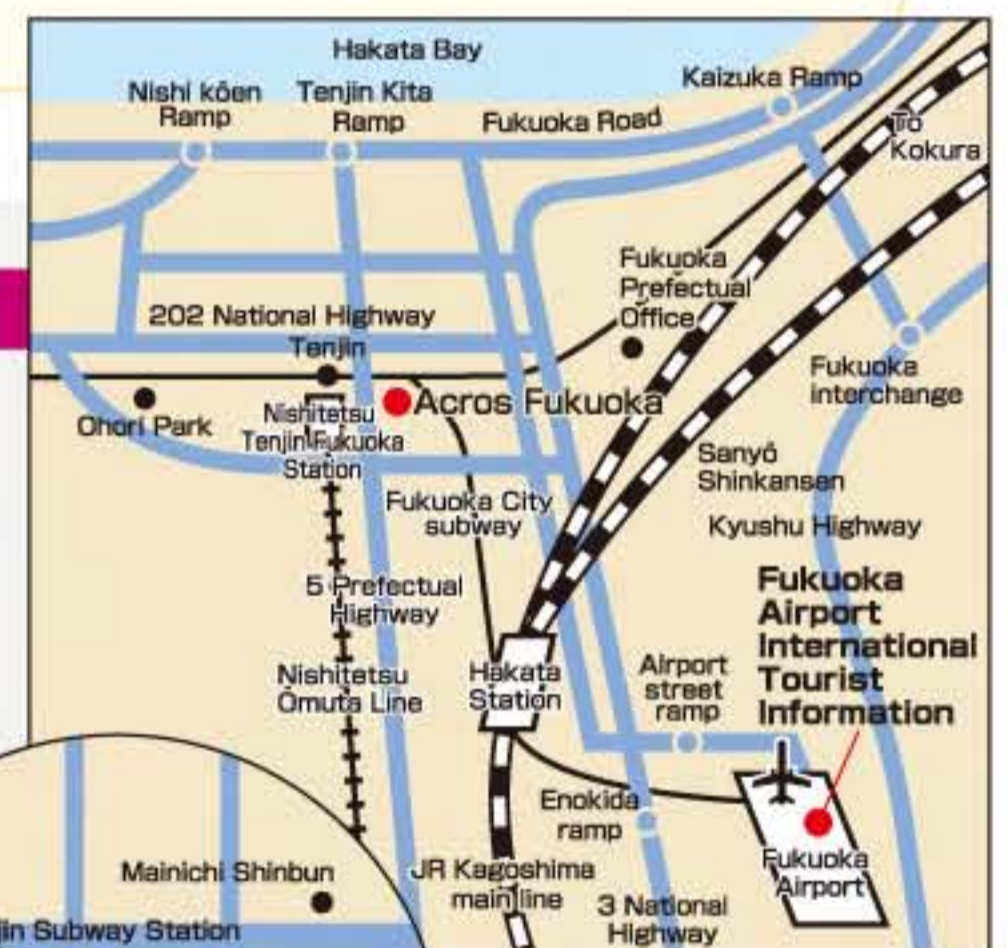
### ● Acros Fukuoka Culture Information Center

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11 minutes by subway from Fukuoka Airport to Tenjin, then 2 minutes on foot from the Tenjin Subway Station.

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