

Access to Buzen City



Travel Time by Car

Kitakyushu	Approximately 40km from Kitakyushu taking National Route 10 toward Oita	Approximately One Hour by Car
Shiida Minami Interchange	Approximately 3km taking Japan National Route 10 toward Oita from the Shiida Minami IC	Approximately 10 Minutes by Car
Iizuka	Approximately 50km from Iizuka by way of National Route 201 taking the Shiida Bypass	Approximately One Hour and 10 Minutes by Car
Beppu	Approximately 55km from Beppu taking National Route 10 toward Kitakyushu	Approximately One Hour and 10 Minutes by Car
Hita	Approximately 50km from Hita taking National Route 212 toward Nakatsu/Kitakyushu	Approximately One Hour by Car

Travel Time by Train (JR)

Hakata Station	Approximately One Hour and 30 Minutes	JR Unoshima Station
Kokura Station	Approximately 30 Minutes	
Oita Station	Approximately One Hour	

UNOSHIMA Walking Map

Go for a leisurely walk through Unoshima, where the vestiges of a once-prosperous commercial port still remain, and enjoy Umi Terrace Buzen and the wide view of the Buzen Sea that spreads out before you.



Unoshima-Jinja Shrine
This shrine pays respects to the guardian deity of maritime transportation, and also to a military commander who provided assistance in the construction of Unoshima Port. The Gion Festival held here every year in May is quite the spectacle.



In the same area as Unoshima-Jinja Shrine, remnants of the old stone weir that stood on the coastline can still be seen, giving a sense of the history of the place.



Walking along the top of the sea wall makes for a spectacular view of the ocean. The evening hours are particularly beautiful.



Umi Terrace Buzen
1F Shop
9:00am-5:00pm (Closed Tuesdays)
2F Restaurant
11:00am-2:30pm (Closed Tuesdays)

Unoshima Fishing Harbor
Many fishing boats are anchored here, giving the area a feel almost like a fishing village set from a movie.



Kyoenji - Temple
A temple built in 1850 with a long history. The temple gates and bell tower are the originals. The bell tower, with two layers and three floors, is certainly a sight to behold.



Buzen City Visitors Bureau
A great spot to receive a variety of sightseeing information for Buzen City. They also have many local specialty products that make for perfect souvenirs.



Park with a View of the Train
A great park to take a rest in should you tire from walking. It is also a great spot for flower viewing during the cherry blossom season.



- Umi Terrace Buzen
- On foot 9mins
- Kyoenji - Temple
- On foot 20mins
- JR Unoshima station
- On foot 12mins
- Unoshima-Jinja Shrine
- On foot 17mins
- Umi Terrace Buzen

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English

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Welcome to
BUZEN CITY



Kagura – The Japanese traditional performance art of talking with the gods

Since ancient times, people have been welcoming the gods, and through those prayers they hoped to avoid various disasters and to live a peaceful life. That tradition has been handed down to today in the form of Kagura. There are six organizations in the city of Buzen, and Kagura is performed in places such as various shrines in the city.

Uplifting musical performances, glittering costumes, and dynamic dancing.

There are also acrobatic performances, with performers climbing poles as high as 10 meters.

There are also various props that keep audiences engaged, such as the many masks that show a variety of facial expressions, and the wands made of bamboo sticks and strips of paper (gohei and onzue) to ward off evil.

Kagura is a Shinto ritual where the gods are welcomed and entertained with a dance dedicated to them, to show appreciation for the abundant harvest and good health.

However, it is the regular townspeople who perform the dance, uniting the community both young and old, and carefully handing down the tradition.

Please come and see the ancient and timeless Japanese traditional performance art that lives on today.

Calendar of Kagura performances in Buzen

Please contact us in advance for details.
(For inquiries: kankou@city.buzen.lg.jp)

• January

Kagura dedication
Iwashimizu Hachiman-Jinja Shrine,
Suda Hachiman-Jinja Shrine etc.

• February

Setsubun Festival /
Kagura dedication
Ootomi-Jinja Shrine

• March

Mt. Kubote Rice Planting Festival
Okunitama-Jinja Shrine (Mt. Kubote)

• April

Seibaru Shinji
Usobuki Hachiman-Jinja Shrine

• September

Kagura dedication
Throughout the city

• October

Kagura dedication
Throughout the city

• November

Kagura dedication
Throughout the city

• December

Kagura dedication
Throughout the city



A big feature of Kagura is that you can experience it in everyday life. Anyone can come and watch free of charge, so please don't hesitate to come.



Part of the appeal of Kagura is how close you are to the performers. The horrible demon's mask gets right in your face, making a very powerful impact.



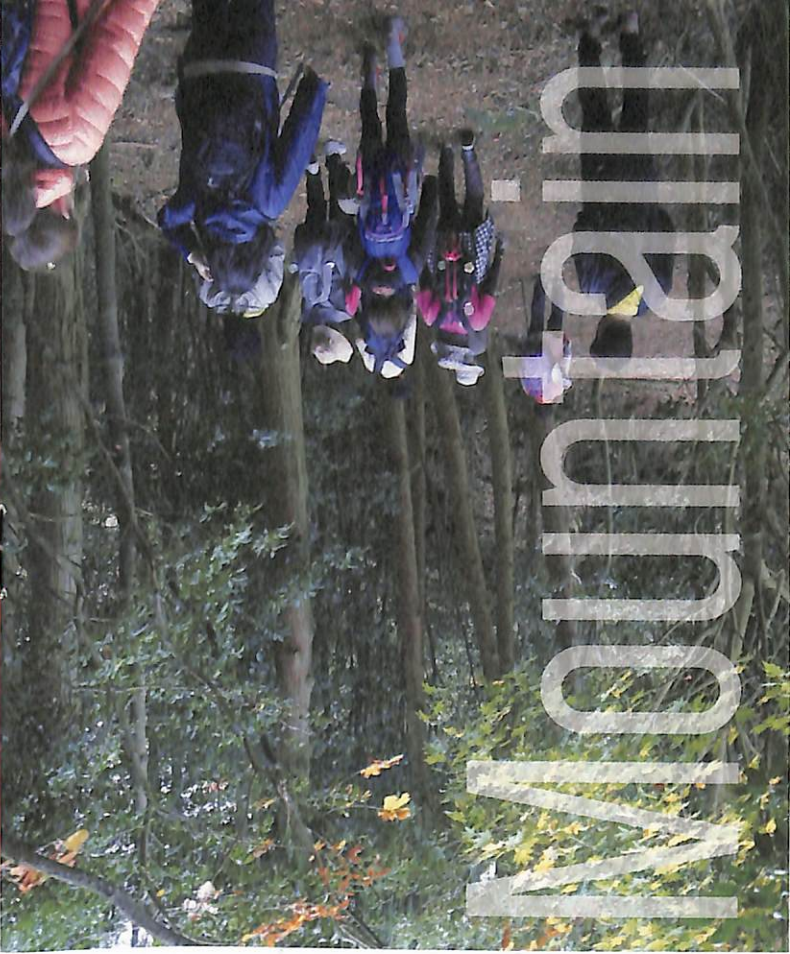
When watching Kagura,

- Basically, participation is free of charge and advance reservation is unnecessary.
- At all locations, it is strictly prohibited to enter the stage.
- Although Kagura can be fun to watch, it is not a show but entirely a dance dedicated to the gods. Please make sure all mobile phones are in silent mode, and refrain from speaking loudly.
- Venues are basically outdoors. Please bring an umbrella or rain gear during rainy weather.



relax in one of the cafes?

A symbol of the city, Mt. Kubote has a unique historic landmark as a holy place in the ascetic Buddhist tradition of Shugendō. In recent years it has also become a popular center for relaxing forest therapy, and there is a range of courses from beginner to advanced levels, so even first-timers can experience it worry-free. Another popular spot is Oni no Ishidan, which legend says was built by an ogre in a single night. There are a number of cafes and restaurants in renovated old family homes dotting the foot of the mountain, so after a refreshing climb on the mountain, why not relax in one of the cafes?

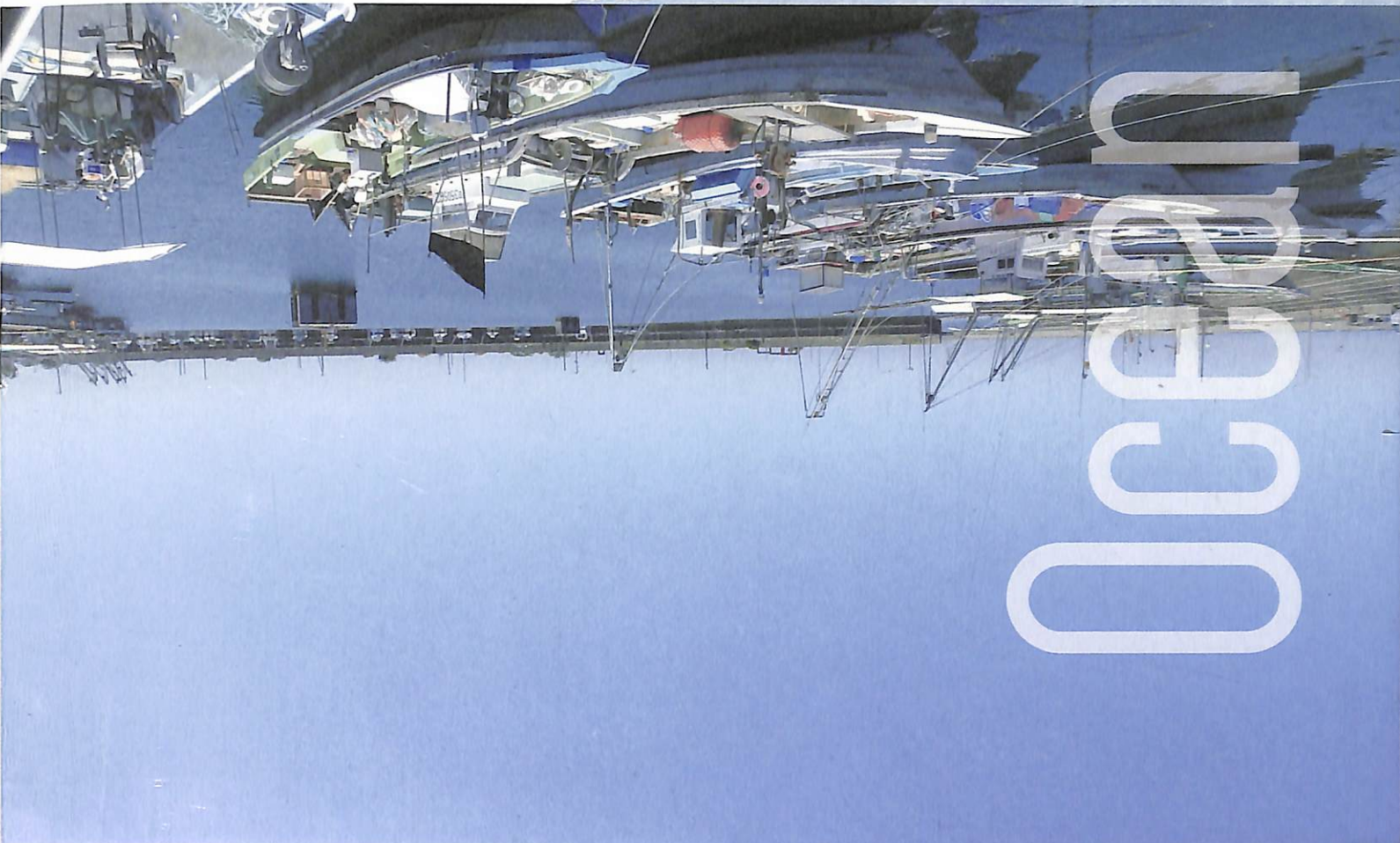


Mountain

Broad, shallow tidal flats stretch out along the coast of Buzen. The sea is nourished by the rich plankton and minerals flowing in from the river, making it well-known for oyster farming and the wide variety of seafood caught there. Visitors can enjoy clam digging at low tide in the spring, and tateboshiami-ryo (setting a fence-net at high tide, then catching the fish by hand at low tide) from early summer to autumn. When the weather is good, why not take a stroll on top of the embankment and enjoy the view of the horizon? If you are lucky, you might be able to enjoy watching the people working on the fishing pier, or the fishing boats returning with the day's catch.



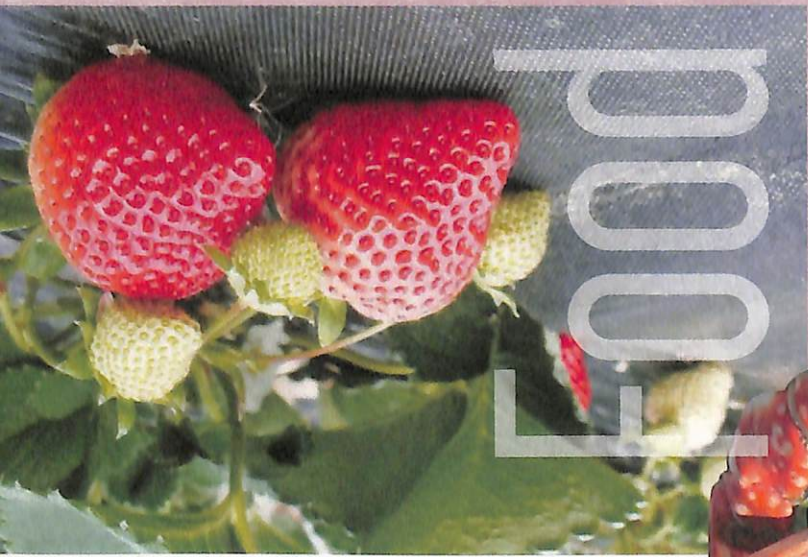
BROAD



Buzen is a treasure trove of cuisine that combines delicacies from both the local mountains and sea. Buzen City's foremost types of seafood are the rich and savory Buzen crab and tender, juicy Buzen sea oyster. First-rate fish like Spanish mackerel and conger eel are also caught, allowing visitors to enjoy an abundant variety of seafood all year round. The leading farm produce is Buzen Tanada yuzu (citron), an aromatic citrus fruit grown in the mountains. Other local fruits also make delightful souvenirs, including figs with a pleasingly thick mouth-feel and a sweet flavor and fragrant, and Amai strawberries, which boast overwhelming nationwide popularity.



pool



Kubote Onsen Bokusen no Sato



Surrounded by nature in the foothills of Mt. Kubote, guests can take in the changing seasonal vista of Mt. Kubote from the open air baths. The spring waters leave skin feeling soft and smooth, making it especially popular with women.

Buzen Onsen Tengu no Yu



Often visited by locals, one of the attractions of this hot spring is that it is located near the city, so it is easy to stop by casually while on a trip. It is a simple alkaline hot spring and helps relieve stiff shoulders and lower back pain.

Hata Reisenkan [Summer Only]



This cool spring bath uses the waters of the famous spring tree over 830 years old on the grounds of Sun-jinja Water Shrine. Outside of the summer season, people can drink the water from the spring on the grounds, making it a popular spot with a steady stream of visitors.

Hot springs are just one of the many attractions in the rich natural environment of Buzen. There are three springs in the city, each with its own special qualities, providing a range of options to enjoy depending on your mood at any particular time.

Hot Springs



Shops



A JA Buzen Community Market

We have a variety of vegetables, fruit, rice, tea, seafood, and processed goods all from Buzen City. Our "gyorokke" fish croquettes, made by frying up a mix of minced fish, cabbage, and other vegetables, are especially popular. The croquettes have a great flavor themselves and the flavor of the fish comes out as a stronger accent the more you chew. They're so good, you'll gobble them up on the spot! We also have jams made from Tanada yuzu, Amao strawberries, and figs, as well as other processed goods in attractive packaging that make perfect souvenirs.

1776-5-2 Hachiya, Buzen City // Tel: 0979-82-8783
Hours: 7:00am-7:00pm Open Year-Round (except for New Year's holidays)



B Roadside Station Buzen Okoshikake

There are a variety of local specialties in the shop including local vegetables, fruit, and tea along with seafood from the ocean nearby and our local specialties, pork miso and yuzu (citron) pepper paste. We also recommend yuzu soft serve from the food cart village next door. The sweetness of the soft serve is punctuated by the citrus acidity of local yuzu, making this a delight you can only experience here. Our fig soft serve, with a fun and crunchy texture from the fig seeds, and shellfish soup made with local clams, are both quite popular as well.

1041-1 Shiromaru, Buzen City // Tel: 0979-84-0544
Hours (April-October) 8:00am-7:00pm
(November-March) 8:00am-6:00pm Open Year-Round



C Umi Terrace Buzen

We sell seasonal seafood from the ocean nearby including Buzen Crab (fresh catches from October-January), Buzen Sea Oysters (fresh catches from December-March), and more.

We also have a well-established Japanese cuisine restaurant on the second floor where you can enjoy fresh fish, sashimi, tempura, and various seasonal cuisine.

Enjoy the sea of Buzen and all it has to offer, and make this a great memory from your travels.

76-31 Unoshima, Buzen City // Tel: 0979-64-6717
Hours: 1F (Shop) 9:00am-5:00pm (Closed Tuesdays)
2F (Restaurant) 11:00am-2:30pm (Closed Tuesdays)



▲ Mt. Kubote782
● 求善堂資料館
● 求善堂キャンプ場

▲ Mt. Inugatake
1130.8

▲ Mt. Kyoyomidake
992



E Forest Therapy Experience

(reservation required, 3,000 yen, groups of up to 5 people welcome) *Guidance in Japanese only

Forest Therapy is making your body and soul healthy with the healing power of the forest. Make new discoveries and enjoy the benefits of relaxation as you walk in the forest with your guide. A therapy lunch box made from local seasonal ingredients (separate reservation required) is something else to look forward to. For inquiries and applications, please contact Buzen City Department of Tourism and Production, shigen@city.buzen.lg.jp (Please contact us at least one week in advance).



F Oyster Bed Cruise Experience

(reservation required, currently in preparation)

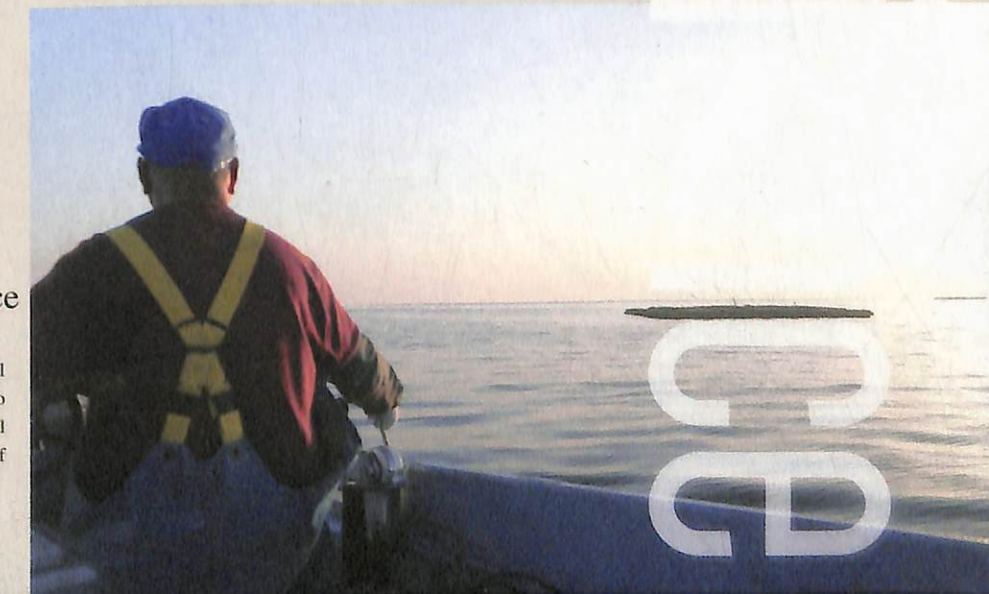
Board a ship from the port at Unoshima, with its beautiful view of the distant lighthouse, and experience a cruise out to see the beds where oysters are raised in the sea. As you feel the comfortable ocean breeze, the mountains and the sea of Buzen will appeal to all your senses.



D Kagura Mask Wearing Experience

(no reservation required, free of charge)

At the tourist office in front of JR Unoshima Station, you can actually try on a Kagura mask. Local people believe that a Kagura mask is imbued with spiritual power and protects the wearer when they dance. Wouldn't you like to try one on and take some photos to preserve the memory?



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