



Arita – Town of Tradition and Nature

Arita Town is well known for being the producing center of Arita ware, one of the traditional crafts that represent Japan. Inheriting the tradition and history of 400 years, also nowadays more than 100 kilns produce their individual porcelain. On the other hand, Arita is also a town with beautiful natural landscapes where one can see fireflies in pure rivers. Based on Arita's widening rice farming areas, that it's "Terraced Rice Fields of Take" are selected as one of the top 100 rice fields in Japan and that it's livestock land is well-known within Saga Prefecture, it can be said that Arita is also a farm town. While strolling unhurriedly through Arita, please enjoy both the "ceramic vessels" made of Arita ware and the "food" of Arita's agriculture the most you can.

Many places to see

Arita Stroll Map

Terraced Rice Fields in Take
The Rice Fields of Take are widening at the valley of the Mt. Kunimi, marking the prefectural border to Sasebo City.



The valley beauty that has been selected as being one of the "100 famous Japanese waters" and "100 famous Japanese water sources with forests"!

"The Legend of the Defeat of the Giant Serpent" Mechanical puppet play is shown at the Aritakan

In April, the Rhododendron blooms in profusion!

There is the obituary of Ri Sanpei.

Meissen Forest
Age: about 1000 years old
Height: 40m
National Natural Treasure

Important Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings

KILN ARITA (Tourist Information)

- Shino'e Tōjiki
- Kinshōdō
- Daikai
- Kusaba Uichi Store
- Marushige Tōki
- Fuka'umi Sanryūdō
- F ujimasa
- Tōyō Ceramics
- Shōhōdō Main Store
- KIHARA
- Yamato Tōjiki
- Momota Tōen
- Sankōdō Store

Saga Prefecture Ceramic Manufacturers Cooperative "arita mononosu"

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How long it takes by foot

Arita Ceramics Home Plaza	20 minutes	Arita Station	10 minutes	Arita Tourism Association	20 minutes	Aritakan	5 minutes	Tonbai Walls (Kami-Kohira)	10 minutes	Izumiyama Quarry	10 minutes
Saga Prefectural Kyushu Ceramic Museum	15 minutes	Grave of Kanagae Sanbe'e I (Ri Sanpei)	10 minutes	Tozan Shrine	10 minutes	Ri Sanpei Monument	10 minutes				

How long it takes by car

Ryumon Dam	10 minutes	Arita Ceramics Home Plaza	5 minutes	Arita Station	5 minutes	Aritakan	5 minutes	Izumiyama Quarry	5 minutes
Terraced Rice Fields in Take	10 minutes	Arita Town Hall	10 minutes						

- Facilities, Inquiries**
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Map of the Arita Uchiyama District

At the beginning of the 17th century, Arita, the first place in Japan where the porcelain industry succeeded, was under direct control of the feudal clan of Saga. The center of Arita developed to an extent that it was called "The 1000 houses of Arita". Because of a big fire in 1828, many houses burned down, the houses of the townscape nowadays have been restored. The historical value of this townscape is very high. Therefore, it was selected as an Important Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings. During "Golden Week" at the end of April and the beginning of May, this street becomes the center of the "Arita Ceramics Fair", which has a history of more than 100 years and more than 1 million visitors every year.



In the preservation district, many of the colourful buildings stretching in a row that belong to the designated buildings were built between the middle of the 18th century until the middle of the 20th century.

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Key Landmarks and Locations:

- Arita Station**: Saga Prefecture Ceramic Manufacturers Cooperative "arita mononosu", Arita Meihinkan, Arita Station Branch Office, Japanese-style Guesthouse Chaya, KILN ARITA (Tourist Information), Arita Honmachi Post Office, Toki no Ikeda, Fuchigami Tōjiki, JA Bank, Big Arita Ware Hall, Arita Town Lifelong Learning Center, Akamatsubara, Kyushu Ceramic Museum, Gallery Arita, Saga Prefectural Kyushu Ceramic Museum, Café Terrace AYA, Tsuchi no Utsuwa Matsunaga Tōen, Aritayaki Mutsu, Ramen Shop Taro, Kyōyū Sekiyu, Yamahei Kamamoto, Nakasen-gama Kiln.
- Arita Ijinkan**: The Arita Ijinkan is an Important Cultural Asset of Saga Prefecture! Being built in 1876, this half-Japanese and half-Western building was a facility in which foreign merchants coming to Arita for acquiring porcelain were lodging. In Autumn, the parade of the "Arita Sarayama Festival" is being held in which plates are chattered while dancing.
- Arita Porcelain Museum**: Arita Porcelain Museum, Meiji Dream Hermitage (Open on Saturdays and Sundays), Tsuji Shin, Tetsuka Store, Gallery Hoson, Arita Porcelain Lab, Tsuji Seijisha, Studio Setsugetsuka, Maeda Tōsukedō, Oicho (Big Ginkgo Tree), Arita Folk and History Museum.
- Kilns and Galleries**: Restored Kaolin Mill, Grave of Kanagae Sanbe'e I (Ri Sanpei), Ruins of Tengudani Kiln, Riso-gama Kiln, Fukagawa Seiji Reference Hall, Fukagawa Seiji Main Store, Kitagawa Bisen-gama Kiln, Tsuji Osamu-gama Kiln, Arita Ijinkan, Dai'an Seifukudō, Hakuho-dō, Kōransha Museum of Old Ceramics, Takasu Zuikōdō (Kōbira Store), Yamao Shōzandō, Senjūdō, Sankōdō, Arita Yanagi-gama Kiln, Imaemon Kiln, Imaemon Museum of Old Ceramics, Shōbidō Main Store, Restaurant Honjin, Café hestia, Hara Eizaburō Museum, Hyakubasen Hōtō Hō'on Temple, Independence Supporting Potter Studio "Akae-za", Anbojūru (Akae Town Store), Bankō-gama Shōken, Kōbira Residential police boxes, Kusunoki, Gallery Shin, Tōso Ri Sanpei-gama Kiln, Keizan-gama Kiln Kōbō, The Bank of Saga Arita Branch Office (only Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays), Odaru-Tōzandō, Kami-Kōhira, Nakayama Tōwadō, Kikōjin, Nishiyama Kinkadō, Ruins of a Guard House, Ishiba Shrine, Takasu Zuikōdō (Izumiyama Branch Store), Iori Hisashi, Pottery Studio Rokuro-za, Fujiemon-gama Kiln, Kami-Arita Station, Eki Café SARAYAMA (Open on Wednesdays and Fridays), Arita Izumiyama, Sanpōdō Main Store, Hakuji Tunnel, Seiji Tunnel, Seika Tunnel, Akae Tunnel, Momijidani Rokkakudō.
- Temples and Shrines**: Keiun Temple, Tozan Shrine, Ri Sanpei Monument (This is the monument of Ri Sanpei, the father of Arita ware who discovered kaolin in Izumiyama.), Keian Shrine (Emperor Ōjin is set to be the chief god of this shrine in which he and Porcelain Father Ri Sanpei are enshrined. The coloured leaves of this shrine are beautiful during autumn season.), The "Goddess of Mercy" for the hand which lets the finger tips become skilfully is enshrined.
- Other Landmarks**: Tonbai Walls, Tonbai Walls Back Street, Oicho (Big Ginkgo Tree), Ruins of a Guard House, Nishiyama Kinkadō, Takasu Zuikōdō (Izumiyama Branch Store), Iori Hisashi, Pottery Studio Rokuro-za, Fujiemon-gama Kiln, Kami-Arita Station, Eki Café SARAYAMA (Open on Wednesdays and Fridays), Arita Izumiyama, Sanpōdō Main Store, Hakuji Tunnel, Seiji Tunnel, Seika Tunnel, Akae Tunnel, Momijidani Rokkakudō.

↓To Hasami Town
↓To Sarugawa

To Saga City / Takeo City / Imari City