

# Access to Kagoshima

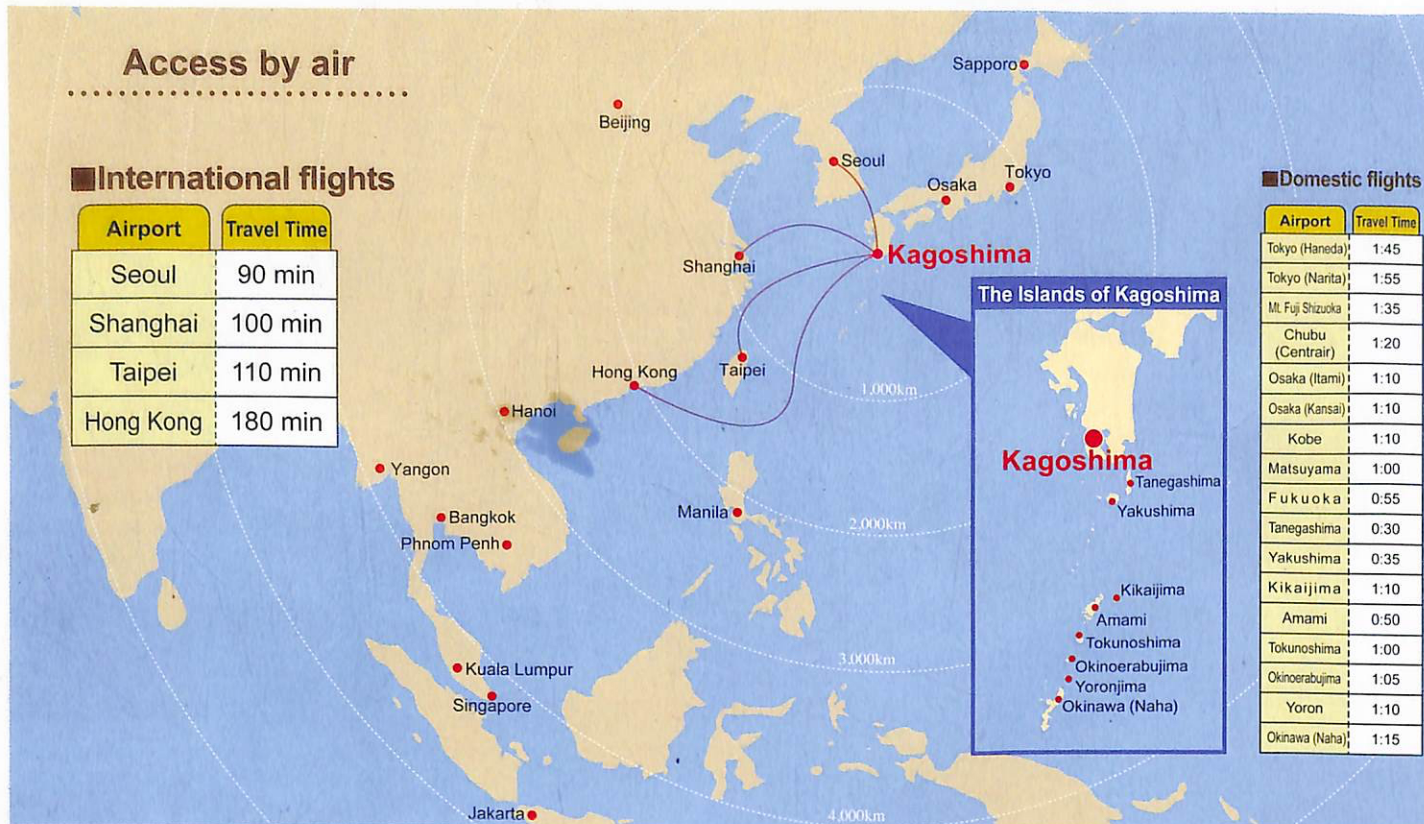
## Access by air

### International flights

Airport	Travel Time
Seoul	90 min
Shanghai	100 min
Taipei	110 min
Hong Kong	180 min

### Domestic flights

Airport	Travel Time
Tokyo (Haneda)	1:45
Tokyo (Narita)	1:55
Mt. Fuji Shizuoka	1:35
Chubu (Centrai)	1:20
Osaka (Itami)	1:10
Osaka (Kansai)	1:10
Kobe	1:10
Matsuyama	1:00
Fukuoka	0:55
Tanegashima	0:30
Yakushima	0:35
Kikaijima	1:10
Amami	0:50
Tokunoshima	1:00
Okinoerabujima	1:05
Yoronjima	1:10
Okinawa (Naha)	1:15



## Airport Shuttle Bus (Kagoshima Airport→Kagoshima City)

Buses come every 10 minutes (approx). Travel Time: 40 min to Tenmonkan. Fare: 700 yen



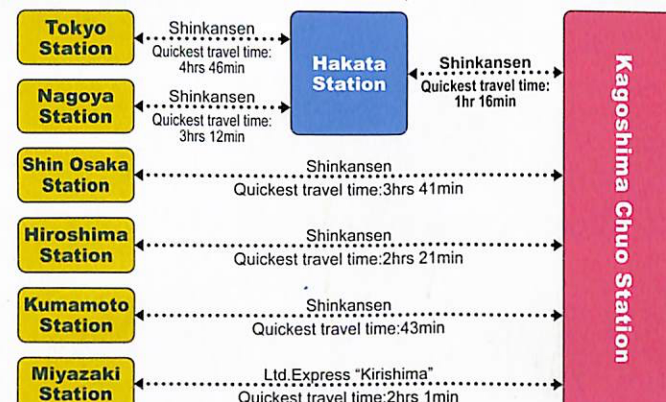
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## Map of Kyushu



## Access by JR Railways

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Kagoshima City

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Tourism Guide

# KAGOSHIMA CITY

Welcome to my hometown, Kagoshima!

Kagonma is full of fun!

Jambo mochi not Jambo-mochi!

Shirokuma shaved ice

Let's have fun at the Zoo!

Kagoshima ramen noodles

The onsens are waiting for you!

World Cultural Heritage Site

Satsuma Kiriko Cut-Glass

Have a nice ride!

Imojochu (genuine shochu distilled from sweet potatoes)

Enjoy your visit!

Please come to Kagoshima.

Don't forget the aquarium!

Lots of places to see!

Come and visit Sakurajima volcano!

Get all the tourist information on Kagoshima City here!  
<http://www.kagoshima-yokanavi.jp/english/>



Kagoshima City Tourism

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Yokatoko Kagonma Navigation System  
Official Tourism Website



# Kagoshima is all about Sakurajima!



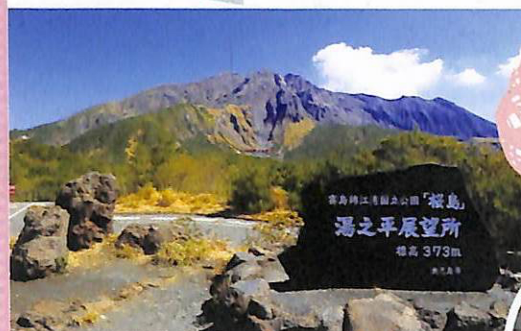
You can enjoy this Earth park in a dynamic way.  
Sakurajima Kinko Bay Geopark

Approx. 15 min from Kagoshima Port by Sakurajima Ferry



## To see

Geopark is a park of the Earth. There are natural attractions that have been created over millions of years. Feel the power of the Earth!



**Yunohira Observatory**  
The highest spot where public access is permitted (373m, 4th station of Sakurajima). What a great view!!



**Kurokami Buried Shrine Gate**  
The great Taisho eruption of 1914 nearly covered this Torii with 2 meters of ash.



**Sakurajima Yogan Nagisa Park Footbath**  
It is approx. 100 m long, one of the longest footbaths in Japan. Enjoy this hot spring and relax with the view of Sakurajima.



**Arimura Lava Observatory**  
Both the 1914 Taisho lava and 1946 Showa lava fields can be seen from this view spot. Please check the different vegetation stages too.



**Kurokami Viewing Spot**  
The best location to observe the Showa Lava crater.

**Ferry used for excursion cruises**  
This 50-minute cruise is best suited for those who wish to enjoy the attractive views of Sakurajima and Kinko Bay from the ocean.

You can discover the fascination of Sakurajima together with a guide.



**Sakurajima Volcano Guided Walk**  
(Please make your reservation two days in advance.)

You can enjoy making a sand picture using volcanic ash.



**Volcanic ash art activity**  
(Reservation on the day is available.)

You can enjoy making your own footbath by digging in the sand of the beach.



**Footbath making Activity**  
(Please make your reservation two days in advance. ※)

You can enjoy assembling a Sakurajima lava kiln and baking your own handmade pizza on it.



**Making a pizza kiln from lava**  
(Please make your reservation one week in advance.)

Viewing Sakurajima from the sea



**Kayak Activity**  
(Please make your reservation two days in advance.)

※Effected by weather and tide conditions. Please inquire beforehand.

## To touch

There are many more activities.  
Be active!

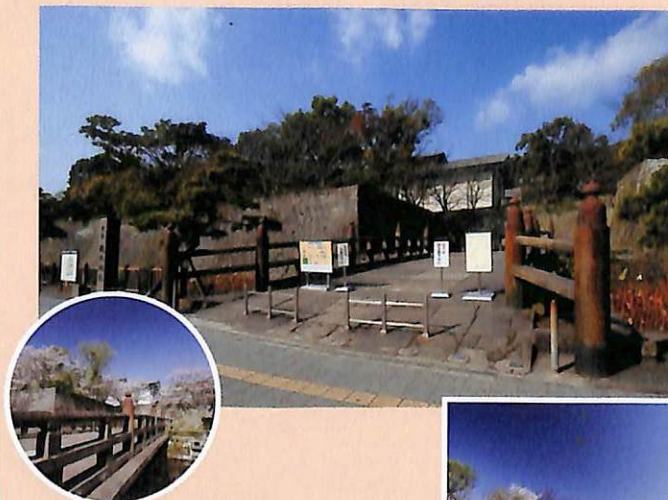
### Tips!

#### Sightseeing bus

Sakurajima Island View Bus runs by sightseeing spots once an hour. On the way, the bus stops for a while at major spots so that you can enjoy sightseeing effectively.



## History and Culture Zones



### Tsurumaru Castle Ruins

The ruins of Kagoshima's famous Tsurumaru Castle. The must-see stone walls and moats have remained in their original state. This area has a traditional atmosphere and is perfect for a stroll besides seasonal flowers. At night, you can see gas lamps which gives it a romantic feel.



## Sengan-en



Become a Samurai Warrior at Sengan-en! (Reservation Required)



### Sengan-en

Sengan-en is a stately home and landscape garden built in 1658 as one of the residences of the Shimadzu clan. The garden's most striking feature is its use of active volcano Sakurajima and Kinko Bay as borrowed scenery. The gardens cover over 12 acres and are accompanied by restaurants, shops, and even a glassworks. Cultural events are held in the gardens year round.

## To trace

2018 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Meiji Restoration.  
Trace the footsteps of our historic heroes.



Saigo Takamori and Okubo Toshimichi, the well-regarded leaders who moved the turbulent time from the Bakumatsu to Meiji, were born in Kagoshima. Various events will begin being held towards 2018, the year commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Meiji Restoration.



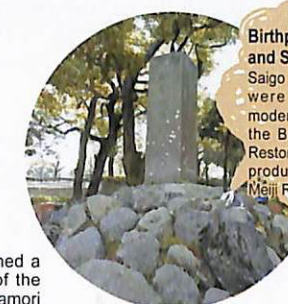
### Museum of the Meiji Restoration

A sightseeing facility introducing the history of Kagoshima (then called Satsuma) and Japan during the Bakumatsu period. Historic heroes who supported the Meiji Restoration are also displayed. Movies, games and various other arrangements offer an easy-to-understand introduction to the history.



### Saigo Cave

When the government launched a full-scale attack at the end of the Satsuma Rebellion, Saigo Takamori spent the last 5 days of the battle in this cave before his last stand.



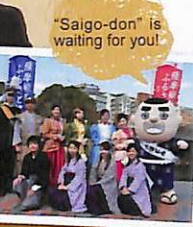
**Birthplace of Saigo Takamori and Saigo Tsugumichi**  
Saigo Takamori, and Tsugumichi were great contributors to modernization of Japan during the Bakumatsu and the Meiji Restoration. The Kajiyacho area produced many heroes of the Meiji Restoration.

**Bronze Statue of Saigo Takamori**  
The bronze statue of Saigo Takamori facing Sakurajima stands at the foot of Shiroyama where he ended his life. He is in his army general uniform.



**Bronze Statue of Okubo Toshimichi**  
Okubo Toshimichi contributed to modernizing Japan. At the foot of his statue there is a carving of the horse and the cart driver who were killed together with Okubo.

Characters of the Meiji Restoration, "Satsuma Kanko Ishintai."



### Towards the 150th anniversary of the Meiji Restoration

The "Meiji Restoration Exhibition in Satsuma" is expected to be held (Check for updates). Visitors can feel the atmosphere of Satsuma during the Bakumatsu and the Meiji Restoration periods.

<http://www.meijiishin150countdown.com/en/>



Feel the passion of our predecessors  
Home to the Meiji Restoration



## Zoo

A 7-year-long large scale renovation has been completed!  
**Hirakawa Zoological Park**

The large scale renovation which started in 2009 has been completed. Free-range areas have been enlarged and a footpath was installed. These changes allowed the zoo to be reborn as a zoological park with features unique to the southern country Kagoshima. Don't miss giraffes and other animals gracefully walking with Sakurajima in the background.



The bus loop service in the zoo



## Aquarium

Meet creatures of the southern ocean  
**Io World Kagoshima City Aquarium**



### Tips!

**A dolphin watercourse can be seen without entering the aquarium**

Dolphins come into the watercourse in front of the aquarium every day. And, if you have a chance to see their performance, we guarantee you will be impressed. Please drop by this free-of-charge area if you are taking a walk in the area.

One of the largest aquariums in Kyushu. You will find approximately 30,000 fishes of 500 varieties on display, with a focus on the marine life of Kagoshima. The whale shark and rays gracefully swimming in the Kuroshio Tank are exciting for everyone. Daily events with crowd participation such as the dolphin performance are well received. <http://ioworld.jp/>



## To feel

## World Cultural Heritage Site "Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution"

### The birthplace of Japan's modern industries

Shimadzu Nariakira, the brilliant lord of the Satsuma Domain, felt a sense of crisis because of the advancement of western powers towards Asia during the Bakumatsu period. In an attempt to modernize Satsuma's military and industries, he tried to research and develop technologies and manufacture goods in various fields. This project, known as the Shuseikan Project, was large-scale and is regarded as the predecessor to the industrial revolution of Japan. This location is listed as a World Cultural Heritage Site under the designation, "Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution: Iron and Steel, Shipbuilding and Coal Mining."

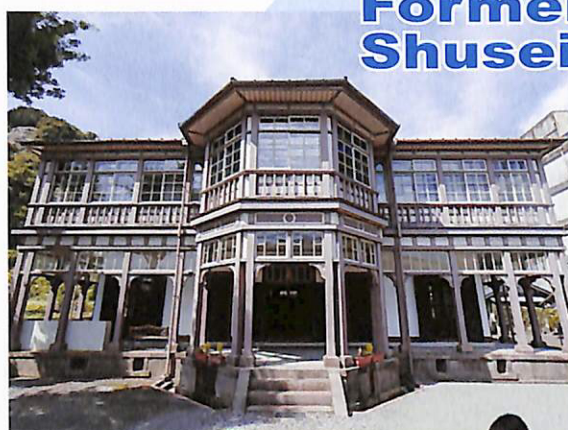
### Sengan-en

Originally the second residence of the Shimadzu clan. Enjoy an amazing view of the volcano and Kinko Bay from the gardens, and discover the history and culture of the Shimadzu clan. Events are held in the gardens year round.



## Former Shuseikan

**Ruins of the reverberatory furnace (in Sengan-en)**  
At the reverberatory furnace, iron was melted to produce cannon. The stone foundation of the 2nd furnace, which was built with a traditional precise stone masonry technique of Satsuma in 1857, remains in Sengan-en.



### Former Kagoshima Foreign Engineer's Residence (Ijinkan)

This building was built in 1867 as a residence for the British engineers who were invited to Kagoshima to provide technical guidance at the Kagoshima Spinning Mill, the first western style spinning mill in Japan. The significance and attractiveness of the World Heritage Site is introduced in an easy-to-understand manner.



### Former Shuseikan Machinery Factory (Current Shoko Shuseikan Museum)

Completed in 1865, this is the oldest existing western style factory in Japan. Metal processing and ship repair works were conducted by using western machinery and steam engines. Currently, it is used as a museum where the history and culture of the Shimadzu clan as well as the Shuseikan Project are introduced.



### Tips!

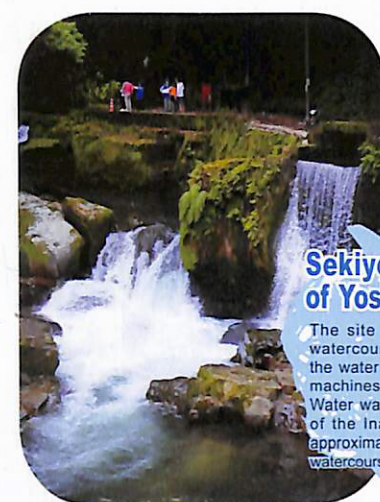
### Shimadzu Satsuma Kiriko Glassworks

Satsuma Kiriko was developed as part of the Shuseikan Project. Visitors to the Shimadzu Satsuma Kiriko Glassworks can see the glass being made by highly skilled craftsmen, and admire the finished products in the gallery shop next door.



### Site of Terayama Charcoal Kiln

The kiln was built in order to manufacture white charcoal (known for its strong heating power) to supply fuel to the reverberatory furnace. The sturdy stone-made charcoal kiln remains as it was in its original state.



### Sekiyoishi Sluice Gate of Yoshino Leat

The site of the water intake of the watercourse that was built to supply the water power necessary for driving machines at the Shuseikan factories. Water was taken in the upper stream of the Inari River, then traveled for approximately 7 kilometers through the watercourse constructed for this purpose.

## Gourmet

Enjoy Kagoshima's wonderful cuisine  
In addition to Kurobuta pork and sweet potato Shochu, we take pride in the fish of Kagoshima, as it is a place surrounded by sea.



### Shirokuma

Sweet shaved ice as fine as snow, covered with condensed milk, various fruits, and sweet beans.



### Kurobuta Pork, Kuroushi Beef and Kuro Satsuma chicken.

Kurobuta pork, raised on a sweet potato diet, can be enjoyed in various ways such as tonkatsu, pork cutlet, and shabu-shabu. Well-balanced marbled Kuroushi beef is characterized by a fine texture and tenderness that is simply startling.



### Sakurajima Daikon Radish and Sakurajima Mikans

The active volcano Sakurajima is known as the place of origin for the Sakurajima daikon, the world's heaviest radish, and Sakurajima mikans, the world's smallest mandarin oranges.



### Jambo Mochi and Karukan

"Jambo Mochi", glutinous rice cake dressed with sweet sauce, is skewered on two bamboo sticks representing the two swords carried by samurai warriors. Karukan is a white and smooth steamed sweet made of high-quality yams. Both are representative traditional sweets of Kagoshima.



**Kibinago (Silver sprat) and Amberjack**  
The ever popular Kibinago sashimi is prepared without the use of a knife. This delectable sashimi is seasoned with vinegared soybean paste. Kinko Bay is a treasure trove of seafood and is especially known as one of the largest production areas of cultured Amberjack.



### Satsuma-age

Satsuma-age, deep-fried minced fish, is also called "Tsuke-age". It is said that this word derives from "Chiklaji", one of the representatives of Ryukyu cuisine introduced to Kagoshima in the 19th century. This is the traditional fast food in Kagoshima.



**Honkaku Imojochu**  
(genuine shochu distilled from sweet potatoes)  
The term "Sake" refers to Imojochu in Kagoshima. Each distillery has its own features. Please enjoy the subtle difference in offered by traditional shochu brands.

## Traditional Crafts

Souvenirs made with traditional craftsmanship that has been handed down over the years



### Genuine Oshima silk pongee

Oshima Silk is produced after going through more than 30 complicated processes. Its special feature is the beauty created by thousands of splash weavings. The light weight and elasticity of this silk fabric are, among other reasons, why it is loved by so many people.



### Satsuma Pottery

Originated in 1598 by Korean potters who accompanied Shimazu Yoshihiro to Kagoshima. "White Satsuma" was used by lords and its special feature is the vivid kannyu cracks. The "Black Satsuma", popularly used among common people, has an attractive jet-black sheen.



### Satsuma Tin ware

In the Edo Period, tin was discovered and a tin mine was made on the outskirts of Kagoshima City. The beautiful and subdued sheen produced with traditional craftsmanship is quite worth seeing. These are popular items as mementos or as gifts.



### Bamboo Products

Kagoshima is home to bamboo production. Making the best use of its elasticity and strength, a wide range of articles for daily use, including baskets, chopsticks, strainers and lunch boxes, are being produced. The simplicity that fits diversified lifestyles is another attraction of bamboo products.



### Yaku Cedar Products

Yaku-sugi cedars have weathered hardships for more than 1,000 years on Yakushima, the island designated as a World Natural Heritage. The intricate year rings, indicating long life, is characteristic of Yaku cedar tea utensils and table products. Because of the high resin content, the wood is long-lasting. The more they are used, the more the beautiful elegance is revealed.



### Satsuma Kiriko Cut-Glass

The gentle gradation of colored and clear glass known as "bokashi" is the defining characteristic of this refined crystal glass which was originally produced during the Edo period.

## There are many more places to see!



### Tram

Kagoshima is famous for trams. There are special sightseeing tram services, too.



### Meizanbori

The surrounding townscape takes visitors back to the days of the early Showa Period. Meizanbori - a tourist hot spot that is a blend of Old and New.



### Amami no Sato (featuring Oshima silk pongee)

The manufacturing process of Oshima silk pongee can be seen here. A hands-on dyeing activity is available. The magnificent garden representing Amami culture is splendid.



### Shochu Distillery / Karukan Factory

Factories of Shochu and Karukan sweets are located in the southern part of Kagoshima City. Visitors can enjoy free samples.



### Yataimura

Located near Kagoshima Chuo Station, you can enjoy Kagoshima's cuisine at a reasonable price.



### Tenmonkan

Tenmonkan is the most prosperous area in Kagoshima. You can enjoy gourmet delights, shopping and walking as you feel the history.



