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# KITAKYUSHU

Breathtaking nature, centuries of history and  
famous night views on the northern tip of Kyushu



# Welcome to Kitakyushu City

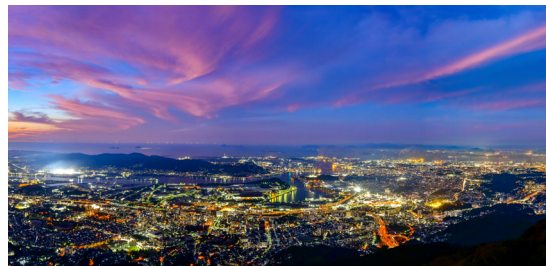
Nestled in the northernmost tip of Kyushu, Kitakyushu city is a trove of modern charm intertwined with the echoes of Japan's storied past. Dominating its skyline is Kokura Castle, an ancient castle that was reconstructed in 1959 — a proud sentinel over centuries of history.



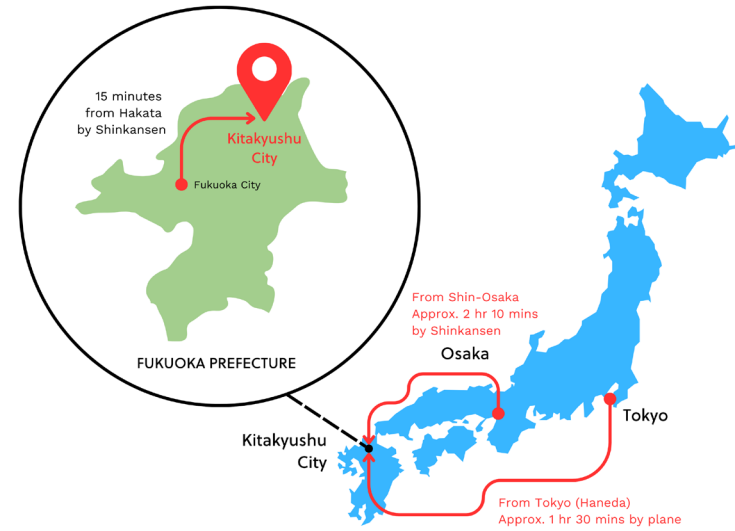
The city is a paradise for sushi lovers. Surrounded by the Hibikinada Sea, the Kanmon Straits and the Suonada Sea, it has a wide variety of fresh and sumptuous fish. As dusk falls, Kitakyushu transforms into a city of light. From the summit of Mount Sarakura, the night view unfolds like a glittering tapestry. This breathtaking sight has earned it a place in Japan's Most Spectacular Night Views.

Kitakyushu is also a haven for manga and anime enthusiasts; the love for this iconic Japanese art form runs deep here. The city is dotted with manga-related spots, inviting visitors to dive into the vibrant world of Japanese comics.

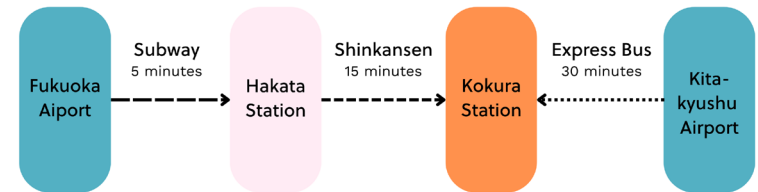
Kitakyushu's blend of history, flavor, and culture beckons, offering a journey through its many stories and sights.



## Access Map



### Access from Fukuoka Airport & Kitakyushu Airport



Kitakyushu Monorail



Nishitetsu Bus Kitakyushu





# Anime and Manga Landmarks



## Okada Shrine

Explore Kitakyushu's rich manga and anime culture with a visit to Okada Shrine. It's an ancient sacred space, mentioned in Japan's oldest book, the Kojiki, and it enshrines Emperor Jimmu, the legendary progenitor of the Imperial family. Fans of *Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba* will be drawn to a statue of Yatagarasu — a mythical three-legged crow — which stands on the grounds. Guests can also participate in wearing traditional Shinto shrine maiden attire, which will delight fans of *Your Name*.

English-speaking staff are available. This shrine also holds the top spot in Fukuoka prefecture's popular goshiun (seal book) rankings, attracting visitors from all over the country.

### ADDRESS

1-1 Okada-machi, Yahatanishi-ku,  
Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture  
T: +81-93-621-1898



For more information on Okada Shrine, scan the QR code or visit [okadagu.jp](http://okadagu.jp)

## Manga Museum

Another must-visit spot is the Kitakyushu Manga Museum, which celebrates the city's ties to famous manga artists like Leiji Matsumoto, Seizo Watase, Jun Hatanaka and Tsukasa Hojo. The museum showcases a vast collection of valuable works and materials, offering a deeper look into the world of Japanese comics. It's also home to a library of around 70,000 manga volumes, which visitors can freely read.

### ADDRESS

5th and 6th Floor, Aruaru City,  
2-14-5 Asano, Kokurakita-ku,  
Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture  
T: +81-93-512-5077

Open: 11:00-19:00 Closed: Tuesdays  
and New Year holidays



## SCHEDULE: ANIME + MANGA SIGHTSEEING

12:20-13:00



### JR Kokura Station

Lunch at Kokura Tetsu Nabe, Vierra Kokura

3 minutes on foot

13:00-13:10



### Manga Tunnel (leading to the Manga Museum)

1st Floor, Kokura Station East Side Passageway

13:10-14:30



### Manga Museum and Aruaru City Store

JR Kokura Station → JR Kurosaki Station (20 minutes)  
→ 10 minutes on foot

15:10-15:30



### Okada Shrine (*Demon Slayer* Sacred Site)

10 minutes on foot

15:40-16:00



### Magari no Matsunamiki Pine Grove

10 minutes on foot to the front of JR Kurosaki Station →  
take the Nishitetsu Bus No. 1 (bound for Orio Station)  
→ get off at Kumanishi 1-chome Station (10 minutes) →  
4 minutes on foot

16:30-17:30



### Don Quijote Kurosaki Store

This branch of Don Quijote is stocked with anime merch

5 minutes on foot → take the Nishitetsu Bus No. 82  
bound for Hikino from Kumanishi 2-chome, get off  
at Nishitetsu Kurosaki Bus Center (10 minutes) →  
7 minutes on foot

18:00-20:00



### Dinner at a Traditional Izakaya: Bakubakuya

Open: 17:30-00:00 (closing time may vary depending on the day).  
T: +81-50-5487-8348



### Return to JR Kokura Station

6 minutes on foot to JR Kurosaki Station → JR Kurosaki  
Station → JR Kokura Station (20 minutes)



Other Recommended Activities Near the Course:  
Bulb Coffee is a popular café in Kurosaki that serves anime latte art.

# Kokura Castle and Japan's Best Night View



## Mount Sarakura

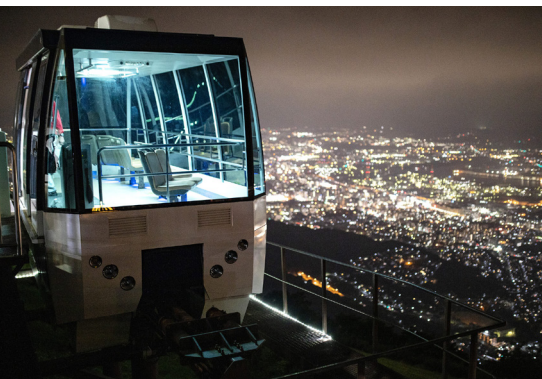
Later, head to Mount Sarakura for one of Japan's best night views. The mountain is filled with rich nature, yet still close to the city center, providing a stunning vantage point to visitors. The view from the peak is spectacular; additionally, the harvest moon viewed from Mount Sarakura is certified as one of the 100 Most Famous Moons of Japan. Easily accessible by slope and cable car, the breathtaking panorama of the city lights is an unforgettable experience.



For more information on visiting Mount Sarakura, scan the QR code or visit [sarakurayama-cablecar.co.jp](http://sarakurayama-cablecar.co.jp)

### ADDRESS

1481-1 Oaza Ogura, Yahatahigashi-ku, Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture  
T: +81-93-671-4761



## Kokura Castle

Explore some of Kitakyushu's most iconic sights, starting with Kokura Castle, with its impressive castle tower which was rebuilt in 1959. Visitors can enjoy the café, which is open daily, or take part in regular dinner and bar events, where you can dine and drink within the castle grounds, which are spectacularly illuminated at night.

Enjoy a high-definition, large-screen theater on the first floor, and exhibitions related to the history of the castle and the region throughout, with displays of samurai armor, swords and other culturally significant artifacts. On the fifth floor, an observatory allows for panoramic views of the city.

### ADDRESS

2-1 Jonai, Kokurakita-ku, Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture  
T: +81-93-561-1210

Open: April to October: 09:00-20:00,  
November to March: 09:00-19:00



## Slope Car and Cable Car

Hours of operation

April to October: 10:00-22:00 (last ascent 21:30)  
November to March: 10:00-20:00 (last ascent 19:20)

Closed: Tuesdays (except holidays and December 24), and from February 17 to February 28, 2025

## SCHEDULE: KOKURA CASTLE + KITAKYUSHU CITY NIGHT VIEW





# Exploring the Karst Plateau and Local Delights



## Hiraodai

Experience Kitakyushu's natural wonders with a visit to Hiraodai, which contains one of Japan's top three karst plateaus.

This site offers a unique opportunity for trekking and caving on the "Piece of Earth Hiraodai" tour, as the only place in Kyushu where visitors can experience authentic cave exploration. The limestone formations scattered throughout the area are a fantastical, otherworldly sight, making for incredible sightseeing as you trek through the winding trails on the park grounds.



### ADDRESS

Sola Land Hiraodai  
1-1-1 Hiraodai, Kokuraminami-ku,  
Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture  
T: +81-93-452-2715

Open: March to November: 09:00-17:00  
December to February: 10:00-16:00

Closed: Tuesdays (or the following day if a holiday) and New Year holidays

## Brasserie Soma

After exploring nature, head to Brasserie Soma, a café and bar located in Tanga Market. Enjoy local specialties such as Kokura beef, which is famous for its vivid coloring and delicate marbling, plus delicious regional craft beer. Reservations are recommended.

### ADDRESS

4-2-22 Uomachi, Kokurakita-ku,  
Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture  
T: +81-50-1224-5441

Open: 11:30-14:00; 18:00-22:00  
Thursday opening: 18:00-22:00  
Closed: Mondays and Sundays



## SCHEDULE: LOCAL NATURE WALKS + CUISINE



9:00-10:00



### Monorail Kokura Station

Monorail Kokura Station → Monorail Tokuriki Arashiyamaguchi Station (15 minutes) → Taxi to Senbutsu Stalactite Cave (25 minutes)

10:00-11:10



### Senbutsu Stalactite Cave

11:10-11:50



### Hiraodai Exploration

11:50-13:00



### Lunch at Sola Land Hiraodai

Taxi (25 minutes) → Monorail Tokuriki Arashiyamaguchi Station → Monorail Keibajo-mae Station (5 minutes)

14:00-16:00



### Kokura Racecourse

On weekends there are also family-friendly events. Entry to the racecourse premises is generally restricted to race days and event days only

Monorail Keibajo-mae Station → Monorail Heiwadori Station (8 minutes)

16:20-17:00



### Tanga Market

Shop for Kokura beef and craft beer experiences

17:00-17:55



### Uomachi Street

Stroll on your way to Tanga Market

5 minutes on foot

18:00-20:00



### Dinner at Brasserie Soma

See adjacent page for details



From mid-March to November on weekends and holidays, a jumbo taxi operates from Nishitetsu Bus Kitakyushu Nakatani Office to Hiraodai.



For more information on the Senbutsu Stalactite Cave, scan the QR code or visit [senbutsu-cave.com](http://senbutsu-cave.com)



10:30-11:00



### JR Kokura Station

JR Kokura Station → JR Tobata Station (10 minutes)  
→ Take Nishitetsu Bus No. 25, 27 or 28 from Tobata  
Station, get off at Sawami 1-chome (10 minutes) →  
3 minutes on foot

11:30-12:00



### Yomiya Park

Enjoy a stroll through the gardens

2 minutes on foot

12:00-13:30



### Lunch at the Former Matsumoto Residence

• Reservations are required at least 3 days in advance  
Open: 10:00-18:30. Closed: Tuesdays  
T: +81-93-871-1031

13:30-14:30



### Former Yaskawa Residence

10 minutes on foot to Meiji Gakuen Mae → Nishitetsu  
Bus No. 25, 27 or 28 → Tobata Station (12 minutes)  
→ transfer to Nishitetsu Bus No. 91 → get off  
at Edamitsu Hon-machi/The Outlets Kitakyushu  
(17 minutes)

15:00-17:20



### The Outlets Kitakyushu

2 minutes on foot → JR Space-World Station →  
JR Kokura Station (15 minutes) → 10 minutes on foot

18:00-20:00



### Dinner at Ougi Sushi

• English and multilingual menus and staff on request  
Open: 18:00-03:00 daily. Closed: Sundays and holidays  
T: +81-93-541-5013

10 minutes on foot

20:10-21:00



### Cafe & Bar Daisy

• Multilingual support available via translation apps  
Open: 12:00-03:00 daily, 12:00-05:00 on Fridays and Saturdays.  
T: +81-93-551-8586

10:30-11:30



### Mojiko Station Bus Terminal

Take Nishitetsu Bus No. 41 bound for Shiranoe from  
Mojiko Station Bus Terminal → Get off at Shiranoe  
2-chome (20 minutes) → 2 minutes on foot

10:30-11:30



### Shiranoe Botanical Garden

Take Nishitetsu Bus No. 41 bound for JR Mojiko Station from  
Shiranoe 2-chome → Get off at Nishiki-cho Station (15 minutes)  
→ 6 minutes on foot

12:00-12:30



### Moji Chuo Market

5 minutes on foot

12:40-13:20



### Lunch at Daiheizan

• English menu available • Reservations not accepted  
Open: 10:30-17:00 Closed: New Year holidays

13:40-16:00



### Walk through Kanmon Tunnel

Shimonoseki stroll (Akama Shrine, Karato Market, etc.)  
→ Shimonoseki (Karato Terminal)

Take Kanmon Ferry to Mojiko Retro district (about 5 minutes)

16:30-17:55



### Retro District Exploration

5 minutes on foot from JR Mojiko Station

18:00-19:30



### Dinner at Kazaguruma (seafood-centric Japanese bistro)

Open: 17:30-23:00 daily (last orders 22:30). Closed Sundays  
T: +81-93-321-4612



**Other Recommended Activities Near the Course:**  
Tobata Gion Yamagasa festival, one of Fukuoka  
Prefecture's Three Greatest Summer Festivals



For more information on the  
Former Yaskawa Residence,  
scan the QR code or visit  
[yaskawatei.org](http://yaskawatei.org)



**Other Recommended Activities Near the Course:**  
Rokuyokan (live music events are held occasionally)



For more information on the  
Shiranoe Botanical Garden,  
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[shiranoe.com](http://shiranoe.com)





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