

City of Kitakyushu (Fukuoka, Japan)

- Where Nature meets Innovation -



Location and Access

"The gateway to Kyushu"

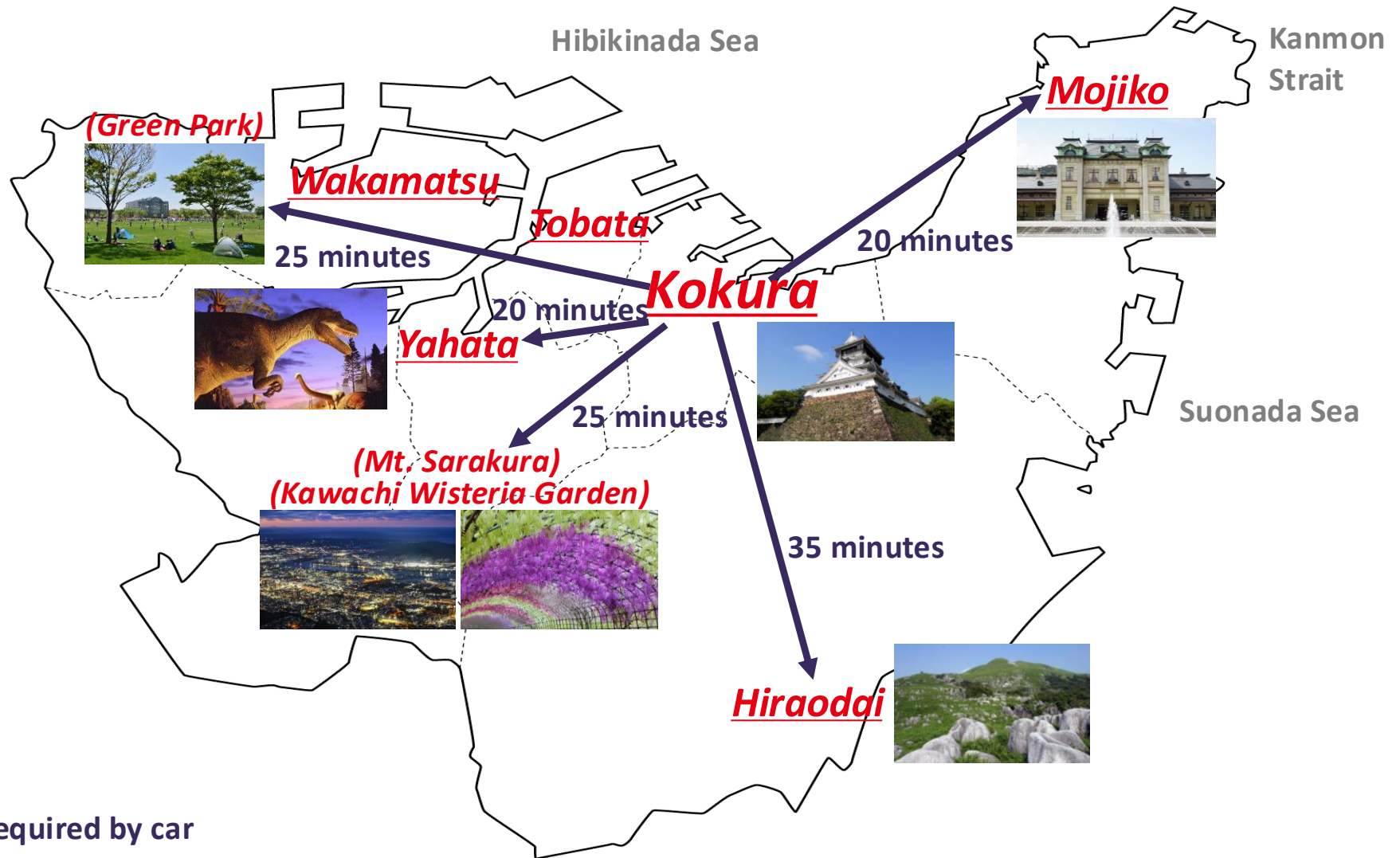
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Map of Kitakyushu

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Manga and Anime Spots in Kitakyushu

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Aruaru City / Kitakyushu Manga Museum



- A building filled with stores specializing in pop culture such as manga, anime, figures, and cosplay; conveniently located 2-mins from Kokura Station by foot.
- The Kitakyushu Manga Museum in the building introduces visitors to all aspects of manga culture

Kitakyushu Manga Museum

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Leiji Matsumoto Pilgrimage

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Mechanical Arms

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アキ Aki (声: 緒方 健)
「黒鉄(くろがね)の双腕使い」の異名を持つメカウデ使い。二体のメカウデとデライズしている為、エネルギー消費が激しくいつも空腹。

シニス&デクス Sinis & Dex (声: 石川 界人)
アキにデライズしている双子のメカウデ。幼い頃からアキと共に育ち彼女に忠誠を誓っている。双子だが性格は正反対。

カガミ Kagami (声: 朴 璐美)
アルマを「トリガーアーム」と呼んで付け狙う謎の少年。変幻自在のワーム型メカウデ「ウロボロス」を操る。

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TVアニメ「メカウデ」は各放送局にて好評放送中!
詳細は公式サイトをチェック!
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<https://mecha-ude.com/home>

Anime Pilgrimage

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Kurobaru Staircase

-Reminiscent of the last scene from the movie
“Your Name.”(Kimi no Na Wa)

Damon Slayer

(Kimetsu no Yaiba)

Shohachiman Shrine

The Boulder that Tanjiro
spilt in-half

Okada Shrine

Famous for the 3-legged black
crow similar to the Kasugi Crows



Kokura

One of the most popular tourist destinations in Fukuoka

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Kokura Castle



- The only existing castle tower in Fukuoka Prefecture
- Originally built in 1602 (castle tower reconstructed in 1959)
- Open until 8 pm (7 pm from November to March)
- Wide variety of fun exhibits inside
- Unique Venue available at the top of the castle tower after evening

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Around the Castle



Kokura Castle Japanese Garden



Kimono and Rickshaw



Shiro Terrace

- The garden features reconstructed Edo period samurai residence and feudal lord's garden
- Shiro Terrace houses a souvenir shop, a Japanese café, and rest space
- Japanese tea ceremonies, kimonos, and rickshaws are available around the castle

Mojiko

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Historic Buildings

Mojiko Station



Kanmon Strait



Former Moji Mitsui Club



- Mojiko had prospered as an international trading port since the late 19th century and has become one of the leading tourist spots in Fukuoka prefecture
- Historic city walk along the strait including Mojiko Station, the symbol of Mojiko, and the Former Moji Mitsui Club is recommended
- You should also try local specialties such as baked curry, pufferfish, and craft beer

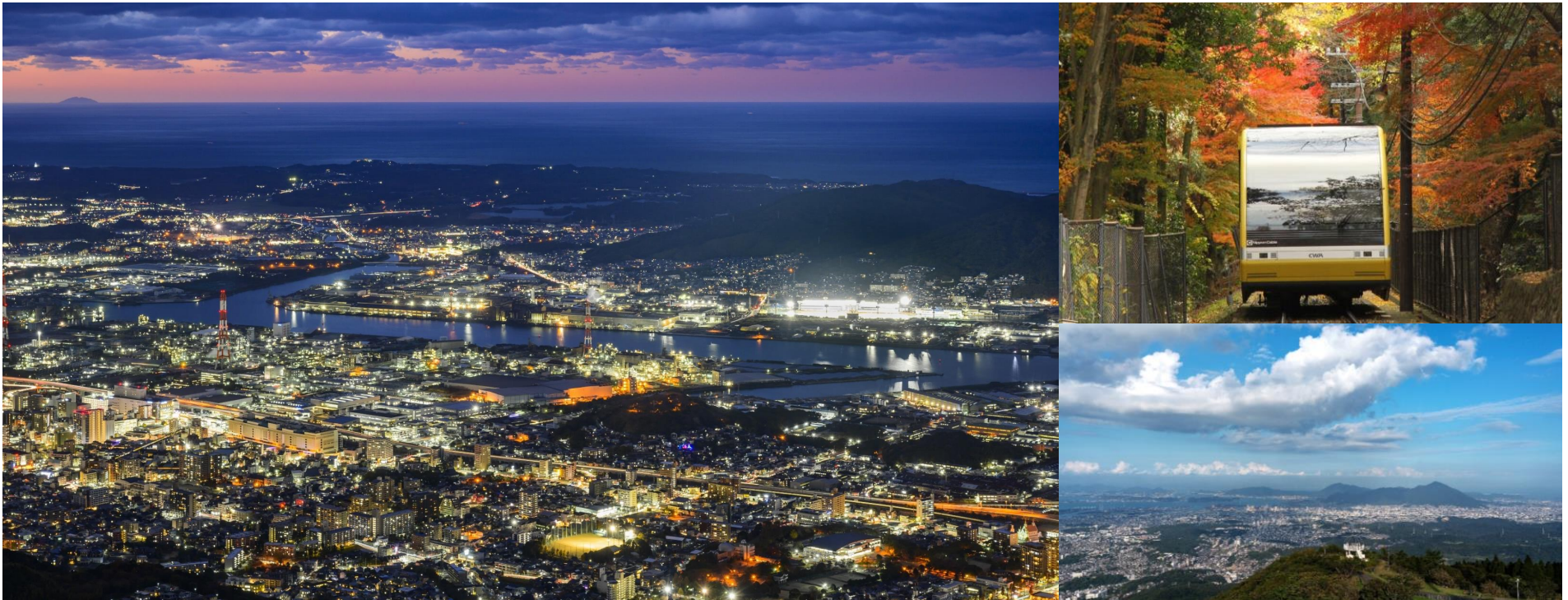
Night View

One of "Japan's New Three Most Spectacular Night Views"

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Mt. Sarakura



- Mt. Sarakura is a symbol of the city which ranked number one in "Japan's New Three Most Spectacular Night Views"
- After riding a cable car and a slope car to the top you can enjoy a panoramic city view of over 200 degrees

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Numerous night viewing spots

Wakato Bridge



Mt. Takato



Mekari Park
Observation Deck 2



Factory night
view cruise



Kokura Illumination



- Wakato Bridge was built in 1962 and was the forerunner of Japan's long suspension bridges
- The top of Mt. Takato offers magnificent views of the gigantic Wakato Bridge and the city
- Factory night view cruise tour is available every weekend (chartered cruises also available)
- Mekari Park located in Mojiko is the best spot to view the Kanmon Strait and the Kanmon Bridge
- Kokura Illumination is held from November to January every year in central Kokura

Nature and Flowers

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Hiraodai Limestone Plateau

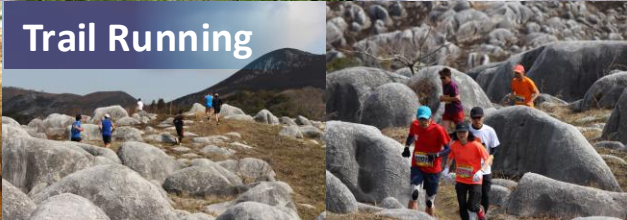
Hiraodai Limestone Plateau



Caving



Trail Running



- One of Japan's three major karst formations
- Designated as a national natural monument
- You can enjoy trekking, caving, and trail running, as well as beautiful seasonal landscapes

Kawachi Wisteria Garden

Kawachi Wisteria Garden



- Chosen as one of "Japan's 31 Most Beautiful Places" by America's CNN
- A total of 22 types of wisteria in bloom from late April to early May (reservations required)

Festivals

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Summer festivals



Tobata Gion Festival (held in late July)



Kokura Gion Festival (held in mid July)



Wasshoi Hyakuman Summer Festival
(held in early August)

- **Tobata Gion Festival:** Famous for its towering "pyramids of light" / UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage
- **Kokura Gion Festival:** Performances with taiko drums / Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Japan
- **Wasshoi Hyakuman Summer Festival:** Kitakyushu's largest festival, including fireworks, stalls, and events where floats and portable shrines participate from throughout the city

Gourmet

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Sushi



Fugu (pufferfish)



Yaki Udon Noodles



Yahata Gyoza
Dumplings



Kokura Beef

- Surrounded by water on three sides, Kitakyushu serves a wide selection of seafood
- Especially sushi from Kitakyushu is famous throughout Japan
- Other dishes like Fugu and Kokura beef are also very famous dishes from the area

Kaku-uchi (Drinking at Liquor Stores)

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- What is a kaku-uchi? It is a liquor store where you can drink and chat with the owner and other locals.
- There are about 100 kaku-uchi places you can enjoy in Kitakyushu!

Accommodations

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- There are many hotels with parking space for large scale buses
- “Sui Sui” is a Japanese style inn with a 100 year-old garden, perfect for FITs

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Rihga Royal Hotel Kokura	https://www.rihga.com/kitakyushu
JR Kyushu Station Hotel Kokura	https://www.station-hotel.com/en/
Premier Hotel Mojiko	https://premier.kenhotels.com/mojiko/english/
Sunsky Hotel Kokura	https://www.sunsky.co.jp/
Hotel Crown Hills Kokura	https://breezbay-group.com/hch-kokura/
Hotel Crown Palais Kitakyushu	https://hmihotelgroup.com/crownpalais-kitakyushu/
Urban Place Inn Kokura	https://urban-kokura.com/

A vibrant scene featuring a path heavily covered in fallen purple wisteria petals. In the background, a hillside is adorned with a large, colorful mural of a rainbow. The scene is framed by dense, hanging wisteria blossoms in shades of purple and pink. A metal fence runs along the left side of the path, and a wooden bench is visible on the right.

**We look forward to
seeing you in Kitakyushu!**

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