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# BEPPU and VICINITY

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"YOKOSO" means "welcome"

## BEPPU

**Beppu** (別府) is the largest hot spring resort in western Japan with Mts. Tsurumi and Yufu as a backdrop facing Beppu Bay. Beppu extends in a semi-circle around the district between Kamegawa in the north and the

foot of Mt. Takasaki in the south. Its hot springs yield more than 100,000 kl. of hot water daily, boiling up from as many as 3,000 different sources. Beppu city <http://www.city.beppu.oita.jp/5/englishpage/index.html>

### Access

#### By Air:

To	From	Type of transportation	Time required	One-way fare (¥)
Oita Airport (45 min. by bus ¥1,450 from the airport to Beppu City, 25 min. by Hover ferry ¥2,950 from the airport to Oita City)	Haneda (Tokyo) Airport	JAL, ANA	1 hr. 40 min.	31,800
	Itami (Osaka) Airport	ANA, JAL Express (JEX)	1 hr.	17,400
	Chubu(Nagoya) Airport	ANA	1 hr. 15 min.	22,100

The fares vary slight by season. [Toll Free Telephone JAL: (0120) 25-5971 ANA: (0120) 029-222]

#### By Train:

To	From	Type of transportation	Time required	One-way fare (¥)
Beppu Sta.	Tokyo Sta.	JR Tokaido Shinkansen "Nozomi" & Limited Express "Nichirin" "Sonic" (change at Kokura)	6 hrs. 10 min.	23,780
		JR Tokaido Sleeping Train "Fuji"	17 hrs.	23,420 (B-class)
	Shin-Osaka Sta.	JR Tokaido Shinkansen "Nozomi" & Limited Express "Nichirin" "Sonic" (change at Kokura)	3 hrs. 30 min. – 3 hrs. 50 min.	16,240
		JR Tokaido Shinkansen "Hikari" & Limited Express "Nichirin" "Sonic" (change at Kokura)	3 hrs. 50 min. – 4 hrs. 30 min.	15,940
Kokura Sta.	JR Limited Express "Nichirin" "Sonic"	1 hr 10 min. – 1 hr 30 min.	4,290	

Fares are subject to change by seasons.

#### Round-trip Reserved-seat Discount Ticket (往復割引きっぷ):

This ticket is good for a regular reserved seat on the Shinkansen [A], or a B-class sleeper (except compartment) on the limited express [B].

No stopover.

Tokyo–Beppu / Oita\*: ¥41,600 (A+A), ¥37,110 (A+B), ¥32,620 (B+B) ... good for 2 weeks

Osaka–Beppu / Oita: ¥26,600 (A+A), ¥25,530 (A+B), ¥24,460 (B+B) ... good for 1 week

\*This ticket is sold in Kyushu. For more information, contact JR.

#### By Ship:

Osaka / Kobe–Beppu by Kansai Kisen Line (関西汽船), One-way fares: ¥8,800–26,700

18:50	21:00	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	Osaka (South Pier 南港フェリー乗り場)	↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑	8:40	6:30
–	Ar. 22:10 Lv. 22:40 (Port Terminal)		Kobe		Ar. 6:50 Lv. 7:40 (Rokko Island port)	–
–	Ar. 6:25 Lv. 6:55		Matsuyama		Ar. 22:10 Lv. 22:40	–
–	–		Oita		Ar. 16:40 Lv. 18:40	–
6:30	10:35		Beppu		16:00	19:00

Osaka South Pier is 5-min. walk from Ferry Terminal.

Kobe Port Terminal is near Port terminal Sta.

**Places of Interest:**

**Eight "Hells"** (別府地獄), 20 min. by bus from Beppu Sta., are great natural wonders that visitors to Beppu should not miss. The largest of the boiling "hells" is Umi (sea) Jigoku (hell), so called because of its azure color. It is said to be 200 m in depth with a temperature of 98°C. **Jigoku Meguri** (地獄巡り) or a tour of the gurgling holes which eject mud and mineral water is available for ¥2,000. (Except Bozu Jigoku.)

**Beppu Tower** (別府タワー), a 100-meter-tall TV tower, a 10-min. walk from Beppu Sta., is located to the east of Beppu Sta. The observatory, 60 meters above sea level, is good for a panoramic view of the city. Open: 9:00–22:00. Closed: Wed. Admission: ¥200.

**Beppu Wonder Rakutenchi** (別府ワンダーラクテンチ), 20 min. by bus from Beppu Sta., is a recreation complex located in the middle of Mt. Tateishi. This amusement park contains a zoological garden, roller coaster and a swimming pool. In spring, you can also enjoy the beautiful cherry blossoms. Open: 9:00–17:00. Closed: Wed. (except national holidays, spring and summer vacations and GW) Admission: ¥1,000.

**Takasakiyama Natural Zoo** (高崎山自然動物園), 10 min. by bus from Beppu Sta. is the habitat of some 1,200 wild Japanese monkeys living in a forest on the steep slope of Mt. Takasaki, alt. 628 m. Open: 8:30–16:30. Daily. Admission: ¥500.

**African Safari** (アフリカン・サファリ), 50 min. by bus from Beppu Sta., is a natural zoo on the Ajimu Plateau for 1,300 animals, such as bears, lions, giraffes, elephants, and zebras. Visitors riding in protected vehicles can study the animals' ecology and feed them. The Safari is the largest in scale in Asia. Open: 9:00–17:00 (Mar.–Oct.), 10:00–16:00 (Nov.–Feb.). Admission: ¥2,300 Jungle bus: ¥1,000.

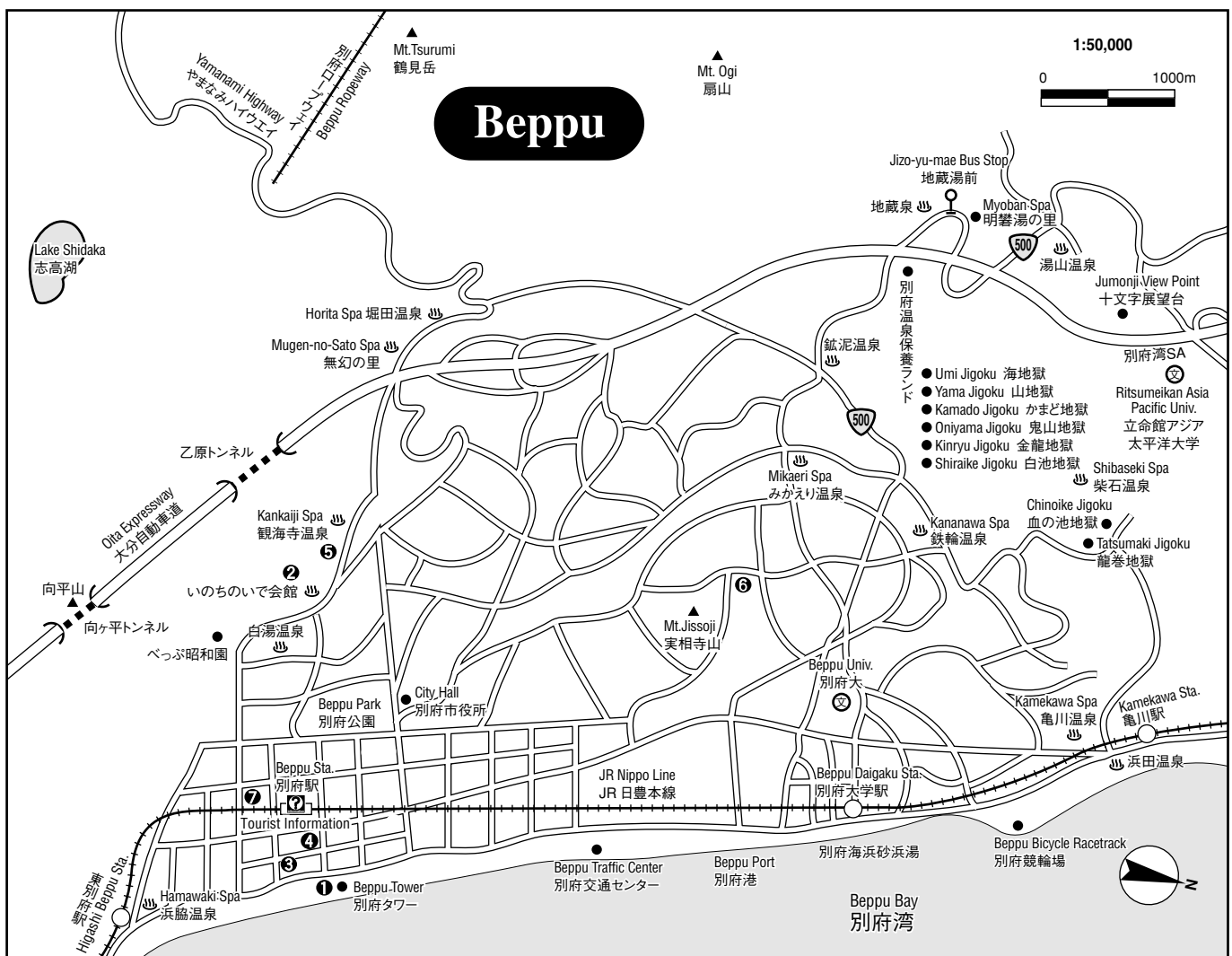
**Annual Events:**

First Sun. of Feb.: Betsudai Mainichi Marathon (別大毎日マラソン)

Early Apr.: Beppu Hot Spring Festival (別府温泉まつり)

Jul.: Fireworks Display (花火大会)

Late Dec.: Beppu Christmas HANABI Fantasia (べっぶクリスマス HANABI ファンタジア)



Numbers ①–⑦ correspond to those in the Accommodations list on page 3/5.

**Discount Bus Tickets for Kamenoi Bus** (亀の井バス割引切符)

Unlimited bus rides in Beppu and its vicinity, covering major tourist spots like Beppu Sta., Tsurumidake Ropeway, hot spring ponds, Beppu Port, Beach Sand Bath, and Suginoi Palace. The following three kinds of bus passes available at several places including the Visit Japan Information Network counter at the station, Kamenoi Bus Terminal in Kannawa.

One-day Mini Pass (ミニパスー1日): ¥900 (within the city)

One-day Wide Pass (ワイドパスー1日): ¥1,600 (for the city and vicinity\*) \*Including Yufuin and ropeway to Mt. Tsurumi.

Two-day Wide Pass (ワイドパスー2日): ¥2,400 (same as the above)

**YUFUIN**

**Yufuin** (湯布院), 1 hr. by bus or by limited express train from Oita, is the general name for a dozen hot springs scattered in a basin along Yufu River. Mt. Yufu known as “Bungo Fuji” is located to the north of the basin. Long-established inns, smart-looking small inns called “pension” (family type inns in Japan), unique art museums, small galleries, sophisticated restaurants and coffee shops mingle together in there, giving the area an attractive atmosphere. Yufuin Onsen tourism Association. <http://www.yufuin.gr.jp/>

**Access:**

By Train

JR limited Express “Yufu DX” (特急ゆふ号) or “Yufuin-no-mori” (特急ゆふいの森号)

Oita	↓	8:20	13:29	14:58	17:50	Yufuin	↓	10:03	12:28	14:43	19:36
Yufuin	↓	9:06	14:14	15:46	18:40	Oita	↓	10:47	13:11	15:30	20:21

Fare (one-way): ¥2,010.

The local trains are also available. Fare(one-way): ¥910.

Time schedule and fare may change by seasons. Please check in advance.

JR Kyushu: <http://www.jrkyushu.co.jp/english/index.html>

**Places of Interest:**

**Lake Kinrin** (金鱗湖), made of hot spring water reflects Mt. Yufu on fine days. It combines with steam from the lake to create a fantastic scene on cold mornings.

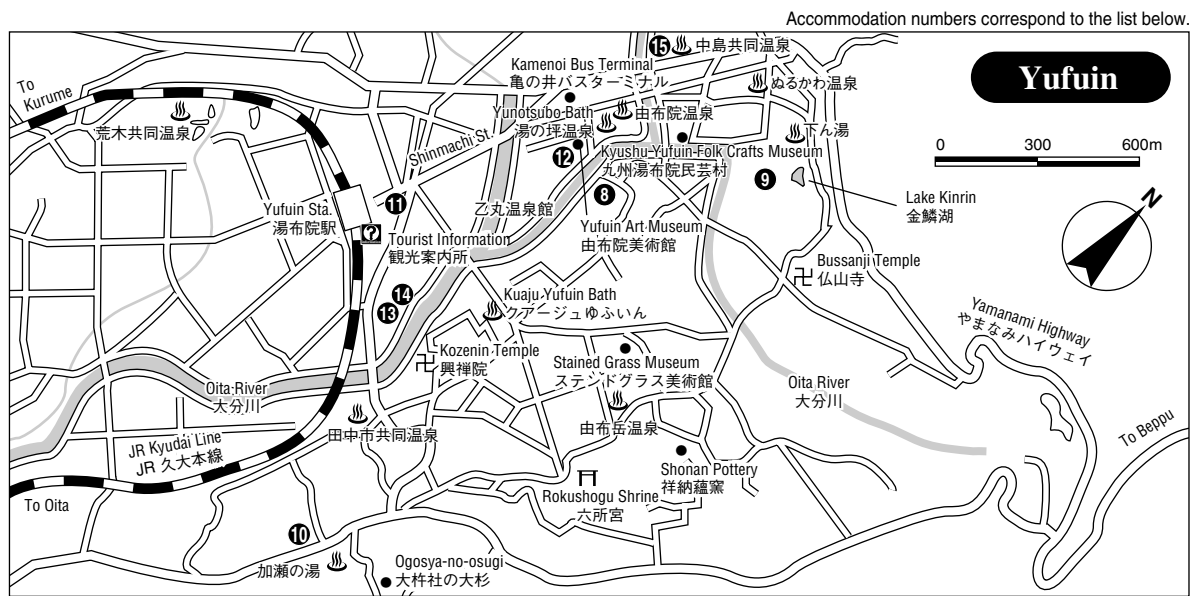
**Yufuin Folk Crafts Museum** (湯布院民芸村) presents visitors with demonstrations of making pottery, glass and Japanese paper called “washi.”

**Annual Events:**

Late Jul.: Yufuin Music Festival (ゆふいん音楽祭)

Late Aug.: Yufuin Film Festival (湯布院映画祭)

Oct.: Beef-Eating & Shouting Contest (牛喰い絶叫大会)



Rental cycles are available at ryokan and Yufuin Information Center. The rental fee is about ¥300 per hour, plus ¥100 for each additional hour.

**Beppu and Vicinity****Accommodations:**

Accommodation numbers correspond to the map on page 2/5 &amp; 3/5.

Name of facility	Tel.	Fax.	Room rate (¥)	Name of facility	Tel.	Fax.	Room rate (¥)
<b>Beppu:</b>				<b>Yufuin:</b>			
① Beppu Hotel Seifu (R)	(0977) 24-3939	(0977) 25-5831	¥¥	⑧ Tamanoyu Ryokan (R)	(0977) 84-2158	(0977) 85-4179	¥¥¥
② Suginoi Hotel (R)	(0977) 24-1141	(0977) 21-0010	¥¥¥	⑨ Kamenoi Besso (R)	(0977) 84-3166	(0977) 84-2356	¥¥¥
③ Hotel New Tsuruta (R)	(0977) 22-1110	(0977) 21-1019	¥¥	⑩ Hotel Musoen (R)	(0977) 84-2171	(0977) 85-4281	¥¥¥
④ Minshuku Kokage (M) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(0977) 23-1753	(0977) 23-3895	¥	⑪ Yufusanso (PL)	(0977) 84-2105	(0977) 85-3252	¥
⑤ Beppu Youth Hostel (Y)	(0977) 23-4116	(0977) 22-0086	¥	⑫ Pension Shiroi Buranko (P)	(0977) 84-2233	(0977) 84-4848	¥¥
⑥ Hotel Fugetsu Hammond (H)	(0977) 66-4141	(0977) 66-1232	¥¥¥	⑬ Pension Yufuin (P)	(0977) 85-3311	—	¥
⑦ Kamenoi Hotel (H)	(0977) 22-3301	(0977) 21-1232	¥	⑭ Minshuku Hasuwa (M) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(0977) 85-5199	(0977) 85-4804	¥
				⑮ Yufuin Youth Hostel (Y)	(0977) 84-3734	—	¥

**Remarks:**

①—⑮ correspond to those on the maps on pages 2/5 &amp; 3/5.

H = Hotel Rate for a twin room.

R = Ryokan Rate per person

Y = Youth hostel Rate per person

 = **Welcome Inn** member

P = Pension Rate per person

PL = People's lodge Rate per person

M = Minshuku (family-run inn) Rate per person

¥¥¥ more than 15,000 yen

¥¥ 8,001 yen – 15,000 yen

¥ 8,000 yen or less

Note: The Welcome Inns provide single rooms priced at 8,000 yen or less.

**USUKI**

**Usuki** (臼杵) was formerly a castletown of Sorin Otomo and thrived as a port for trade with Portugal in 16 century. About 20 min. by bus from Usuki Sta. There is Usuki-no-Sekibutsu, where at the site of Mangetsuji

Temple, more than 60 ancient stone image Buddha are elaborately carved from the rocky cliffs. Usuki-no-Sekibutsu: Open 8:30–17:00 (Nov.–Mar.), 6:00–20:00 (Apr.–Oct.). Admission: ¥530.

**Access:**

By Train

From	To	Type of Transportation	Fare	Frequency
Beppu Sta.	Usuki (via Oita) Sta.	JR Limited Express "Nichirin" "Dream Nichirin" "Sonic"	¥2,010 (No reserved seat)	10-15 / a day

JR Bus from Usuki Sta. to Usuki-no-Sekibutsu, takes 20 min. One way, ¥300. Frequency: 9-10 / a day.

**Annual Events:**

Apr. 1–10: Cherry Blossom Festival (さくら祭)

Second Sun. in Jul.: Usuki Gion Festival (臼杵祇園)

1 week from Aug. 28: Usuki Stone Buddha Fire Festival (石仏火まつり)

## YAMANAMI HIGHWAY

The 300 km Trans-Kyushu Highway links Beppu with Kumamoto via Mt. Aso and continues on to Nagasaki. A toll road between Beppu and Mt. Aso, called "Yamanami Highway," threads its way through the Kuju and Aso Mountain ranges, the backbone of Kyushu. Passengers can enjoy

the beautiful mountain scenery along the route. The "Trans-Kyushu Highway" sightseeing buses are operated regularly by Kyushu Kokusai Kanko Bus Co. Ltd..

### "Trans-Kyushu" Sightseeing Bus (Beppu-Mt. Aso-Kumamoto):

Name	Depart. Beppu Sta.	Aso Sta.		Mt. Aso west		Arrive Kumamoto Sta.	Fare	Notes
		Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.			
Kuju #2	8:20	11:23	11:26	-	-	13:01	¥3,850	
Aso #2(A) *	9:00	12:03	12:06	12:30	14:00	16:03	¥6,450	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow 90 min. for sightseeing at Mt. Aso west.</li> <li>• Last stop is Kumamoto Kotsu Center. (Ar. 15:43)</li> </ul>
Kuju #4	14:30	17:33	17:36	-	-	19:11	¥3,850	
Kuju #6	15:40	18:43	18:46	-	-	20:21	¥3,850	

\* Including lunch.

No English-speaking guides.

Reservation required. Tel. (096) 354-4845 Kyushu Sangyo Kotsu (Kyushusanko) Bus



**Welcome Inn Reservation Center (WIRC)** is here to help you book economical accommodations at participating inns throughout the country. Our participating establishments, called "Welcome Inns", comprise a range of accommodations from hotels, business hotels, Ryokan, minshuku, pensions and Shukubo (temple lodgings) to youth hostels. Most of them have guest rooms at rates which do not exceed ¥8,000 yen per night (excluding tax and service charges) for a single room.

#### Reservation over the Internet

Visit our website at <http://www.itcj.jp> and apply through our system.

Application deadline – generally 5 days ahead of your check-in date

#### Reservation at booking counters in Japan

To take advantage of our service, you must appear in person at any of the Welcome Inn reservation counters located at the Tourist Information Centers (at Narita International Airport and Kansai International Airport) and Kyoto Tourist Information (on the 9th Fl. of JR Kyoto Sta. Bldg.).

### Welcome Inn Reservation Center

c/o International Tourism Center of Japan

Kinseisha-Kanda Bldg. 3F, 3-15 Kanda-Nishikicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0054

Tel:03-3233-3303 Fax:03-3233-3305



**Goodwill Guide Groups** offer tourists from overseas local tours guided in English or other languages. The guides are registered with JNTO and display the badge shown. As they are volunteers, there is no charge for their service. You are only expected to pay for their transportation, admission to tourist facilities if you visit any and their meals if you eat with them.

JNTO Website

[www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/essential/guideservice.html](http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/essential/guideservice.html)



## TOURIST INFORMATION

(Visit Japan Information Network)

#### Beppu City Tourist Information:

JR Beppu Station., 12-13, Ekimae-cho, Beppu City, Oita Pref.  
Tel.(0977)24-2838

8:30 – 17:30

#### Yufuin Hot Spring Information Center:

Yufuin Sta., Yufuin-cho, Oita-gun Tel.(0977)84-2446

#### Beppu Tourist Information office:

Beppu Sta. 12-13 Ekimae-cho, Beppu City Tel.(0977)23-1119

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