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"YOKOSO" means "welcome"

# KAGOSHIMA and VICINITY

**Kagoshima City** (鹿児島市), with a population of 604,200 (as of Aug. 2007), is the capital of Kagoshima Prefecture and the center of industry, economy, culture and communications in Southern Kyushu. It is an old castle town which is often called "Naples of the Orient," because of the city's bright sunshine, blue sky and beautiful ocean. The city is closely associated with Takamori Saigo (1827-1877) who played an important role in bringing the birth of modern Japan. Kagoshima is the home prefecture of this brave, vigorous hero and there are a number of historic relics related to him in the city. Kagoshima City is conveniently linked with big attractions of **Kirishima-Yaku**

**National Park** (霧島屋久国立公園) including Ebino Kogen Plateau, Sakurajima and Ibusuki Spa.

**Ibusuki Hot Spring** (指宿温泉), a seaside hot spring spa, 45 km south of Kagoshima City, is reached in about 1 hr. by rapid train from Kagoshima-Chuo Station. Blessed with a very pleasant climate, a mean annual temperature being 18.3 degrees C. (64.5 degrees F.), and inexhaustible hot spring water, it is one of the most celebrated hot spring resorts in Japan. It owes its popularity in part to the lovely white seashore and surrounding lush sub-tropical vegetation.

## Access:

### By Rail

Destination	Type of Transportation	Time required	One-way Fare
Tokyo via Hakata Kagoshima-Chuo Sta.	JR Shinkansen "NOZOMI"	5 hrs. 28 min.	¥28,740
	JR Limited Express "RELAY TSUBAME" and JR Shinkansen "TSUBAME"	2 hrs. 35 min.	
Kyoto via Hakata Kagoshima-Chuo Sta.	JR Shinkansen "HIKARI" or "NOZOMI"	2 hrs. 55 min.	¥22,030
	JR Limited Express "RELAY TSUBAME" and JR Limited Express "TSUBAME"	2 hrs. 35 min.	

### By Air

Tokyo Kagoshima	JAL, ANA	1 hr. 40 min.	¥35,700
Osaka (Kansai, Itami) Kagoshima	JAL, ANA, JAC, JEX	1 hr. 10 min.	¥24,600

### By Night Bus

Osaka (Umeda) Kagoshima-Chuo Sta.	Bus (Hankyu Kankou Bus, Nangoku Kotsu)	11 hrs. 40 min.	¥12,000
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\* Access from Kagoshima Airport to downtown: 1 hr. by limousine bus to Kagoshima-Chuo Sta.

¥1,200. Every 10 min. (about ¥11,200 by taxi).

\* The one-way fare is regular time price.

One-way fare may change by seasons.

Please check them in advance.

**Transportation in the Area:**

\* In getting around Kagoshima City, sightseeing spots and downtown are easily connected with each other by streetcar lines. Fare: ¥160.

Destinations	Transportation	Time required	Fare
<b>Between Kagoshima &amp; its vicinity:</b> Yamakataya Bus Center, Kagoshima – Chiran * The Bus Center is a 15 min. by street car from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. (7 of them stop at Kagoshima-Chuo Sta.)	Bus (Kagoshima Kotsu)	1 hr. 18–22 min.	¥920
Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. – Ibusuki Sta.	Train (JR Ibusuki-Makurazaki Line)	53 min. – 1 hr. 29 min.	¥970
Kagoshima Port – Sakurajima Port * The Pier is a 15 min. by bus from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta.	Ferry (Sakurajima Ferry)	15 min.	¥150
<b>Between Kagoshima &amp; Miyazaki:</b> Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. – Miyazaki Sta.	Limited Express train (JR)"Kirishima"	2 hrs. 15 min.	¥4,290
Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. – Miyako City Terminal	Bus "Hamayu"	2 hrs. 30 min.	¥2,700

## KAGOSHIMA CITY

**Places of Interest:**

**Sengan-en** (仙巖園), 35 min. by bus from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta., is a fine specimen of Japanese landscape gardening, constructed in 1658 as a villa for the reigning feudal lord. A nice view of the park, with Kinko Bay and Mt. Sakurajima in the background,. Admission: ¥1,000. Open: daily 8:30–17:30 (Mar. 16–Oct. 31), 8:30–17:20 (Nov. 1–Mar. 15).

**Shoko Shuseikan** (尚古集成館), located in the ground of Sengan-en, is the museum, showing the relics of the 700 year reign of the feudal lord, Shimazu.

**Shiroyama** (城山), 20 min. by Kagoshima City view Bus from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta., is a natural forest park on a hill. A water trail leads to the observatory which offers the best view of the city and Sakurajima. It was the last battle place at the time of Kagoshima Rebellion in 1877, and Takamori Saigo committed suicide with his followers on the Shiroyama. Many historic relics are located at the foot of this hill.

**Kagoshima Prefectural Museum of Culture – Reimeikan** (鹿児島県歴史資料センター・黎明館), 15 min. by streetcar from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta., is a museum which exhibits Kagoshima's history and culture. A multi-screen audio visual presentation is also given at the museum. Open: daily 9:00–16:30 Closed: Mon. (open when Mon. falls on a national holiday and the following day is closed.) and 25th of each month (except Sat. and Sun.) and from Dec. 31 to Jan. 2. Admission: ¥300.

**Kagoshima City Art Museum** (鹿児島市立美術館), 15 min. by Kagoshima City View Bus from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta., then 5 min. walk, is a unique museum which contains a collection of great Japanese painters who were born in Kagoshima Prefecture, local folk art as Satsuma-yaki ware, antique tools and traditional utensils. Open: 9:30–17:30. Closed: Mon. (When Mon. is a national holiday, the next day will be closed) and from Dec. 29 to Jan. 1. Admission: ¥200.

**Mt. Sakurajima** (桜島), reached in 15 min. by ferry which is operated every 10 to 15 min. from Kagoshima Port, is a symbol of Kagoshima. This is an active volcano still constantly belching smoke. Sakurajima, once an island, became a peninsula at the time of its 1914 eruption. The lava from the crater blocked the 400 m–500 m (1,666 ft.)-wide channel which formerly had separated from the Osumi Peninsula.

**St. Xavier's Memorial Park & St. Xavier's Church** (ザビエル公園), 10 min. by Kagoshima City View Bus from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta., then 5 min. walk, was built in 1949 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of St. Francisco Xavier's landing in Kagoshima in 1549. Xavier was said to be brought Christianity into Japan for the first time.

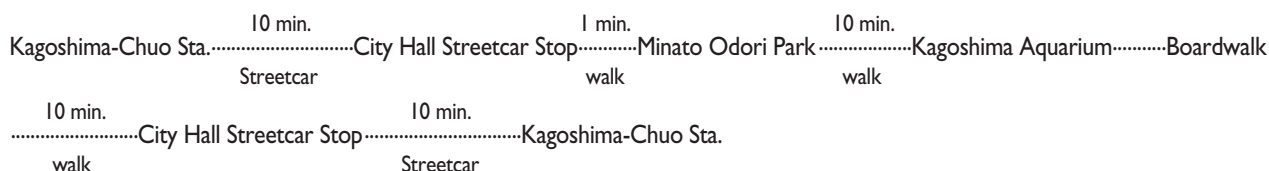
**Kagoshima Aquarium** (かごしま水族館), 20 min. by bus from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta., is one of the largest aquariums in Japan, featuring a theme of "the world of the South Seas and its marine life", starting from the Kinko Bay. Visitors can enjoy watching dolphins and sea otters. Open: 9:30-17:00. Closed: First Mon. of Dec.–4 days Admission: ¥1,500

**Museum of Meiji Restoration**(維新ふるさと館), 10 min. on foot from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta., is located in Kajiya-machi, where Saigo and his countrymen spent their childhood. Visitors can learn about the dramatic history of the Meiji Restoration through presentations using the most advanced technology. Open: Daily 9:00-16:30. Admission: ¥300.

**Minato Odori Park** (みなと大通り公園), is a grassy park stretching from the City Hall to Seaside Street. It is decorated with stone monuments and fountains, and is beloved by the people as an oasis of greenery in the middle of the city.

**Boardwalk** (ボードウォーク), is a promenade which runs along with Kita Wharf, the waterfront zone in Kagoshima City. Why not spend a delightful afternoon strolling along the beach and the harbor landscape, watching the sea and the Sakurajima Ferry?

**Suggested Strolling Route:**



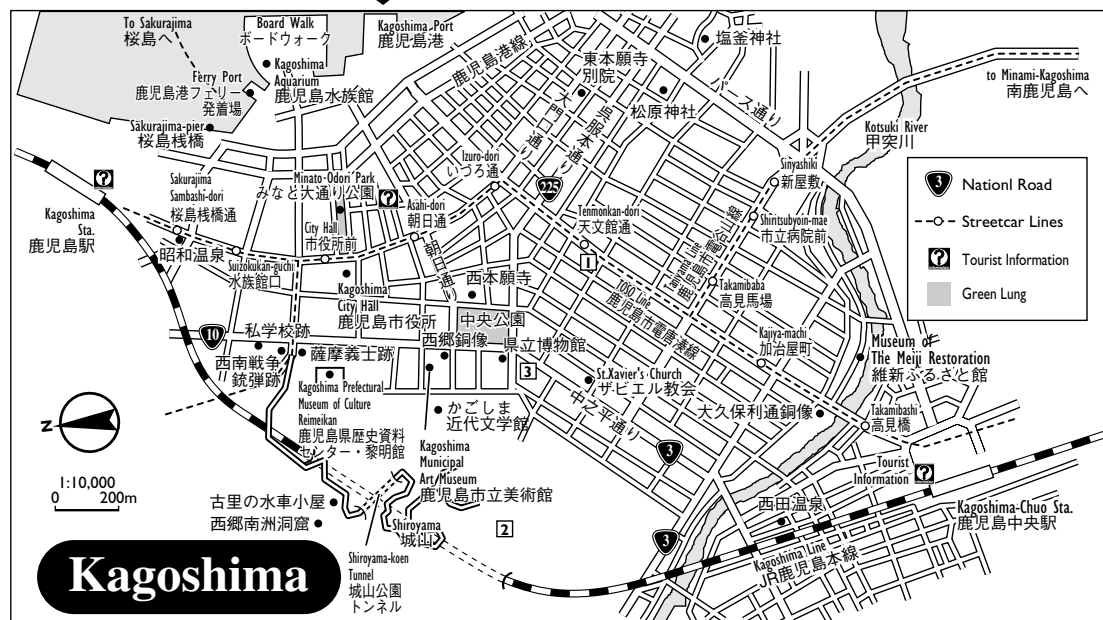
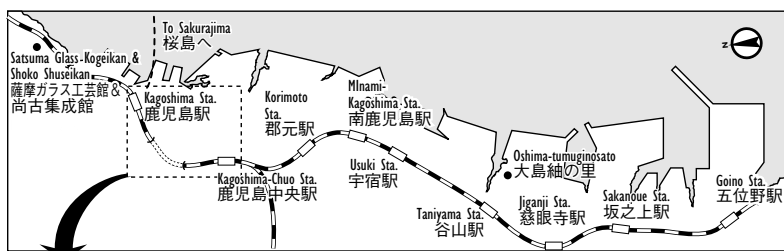
**Annual Events:**

**Kagoshima Summer Night Fireworks at Kinko Bay:** late-Aug.

This is the largest firework event in Kyushu area. More than 13,000 fireworks are displayed.

**Ohara-matsuri Festival:** Early Nov.

It features a parade of 20,000 estimated participants, in beautiful attire, dancing “Ohara-bushi” and “Hanya-bushi” which are the representative local folk dances, with accompaniment of drums, shamisen and flutes.



**IBUSUKI AND VICINITY**

**Ibusuki Hot Spring (指宿温泉)** is known for sand bathing, or natural sauna, which utilizes the natural stream passing through the sand. You can try it at Surigahama Beach, 5 min. by taxi or 20 min. walk from Ibusuki Sta. ¥900 for bathing and a rental Yukata (an informal cotton kimono). Souvenir towels are on sale for ¥100 each.

**Lake Ikeda (池田湖)**, 34 min. by bus from Ibusuki Sta., is a round shaped crater lake largest in Kyushu. Very big eels live in the lake. Local legend claims that Lake Ikeda has its own monster called “Issy,” not “Nessy”.

**Cape Nagasaki (長崎鼻)**, 25 min. by bus from Yamakawa Sta., is a scenic cape at the tip of Satsuma Peninsula. You can enjoy the beautiful scenery of Mt. Kaimon.

**Nagasaki Park (長崎鼻パーキングガーデン)**, neighboring Cape Nagasaki, is a zoological garden adorned with various subtropical plants and flowers. Open: daily 8:20–17:00. Admission: ¥1,200.

**Mt. Kaimon (開聞岳)**, alt. 924 m (3,031 ft.), is a volcanic mountain of impressively beautiful shape. It can be climbed in two hours from Kaimondake bus stop, which is 25 min. by bus from Yamakawa Sta. At the eastern foot of the mountain lies a natural park with 500 kinds of subtropical plants.

## OTHER AREA

**Chiran (知覧)**, located halfway between Kagoshima and Ibusuki, is an old town in which samurai residents with refined Japanese-style gardens have been preserved. Open daily 9:00–17:00. Admission: ¥500. (Chiran buke yashikigun-teien garden) Chiran is also noted for its tea plantation.

**Local Food & Products:**

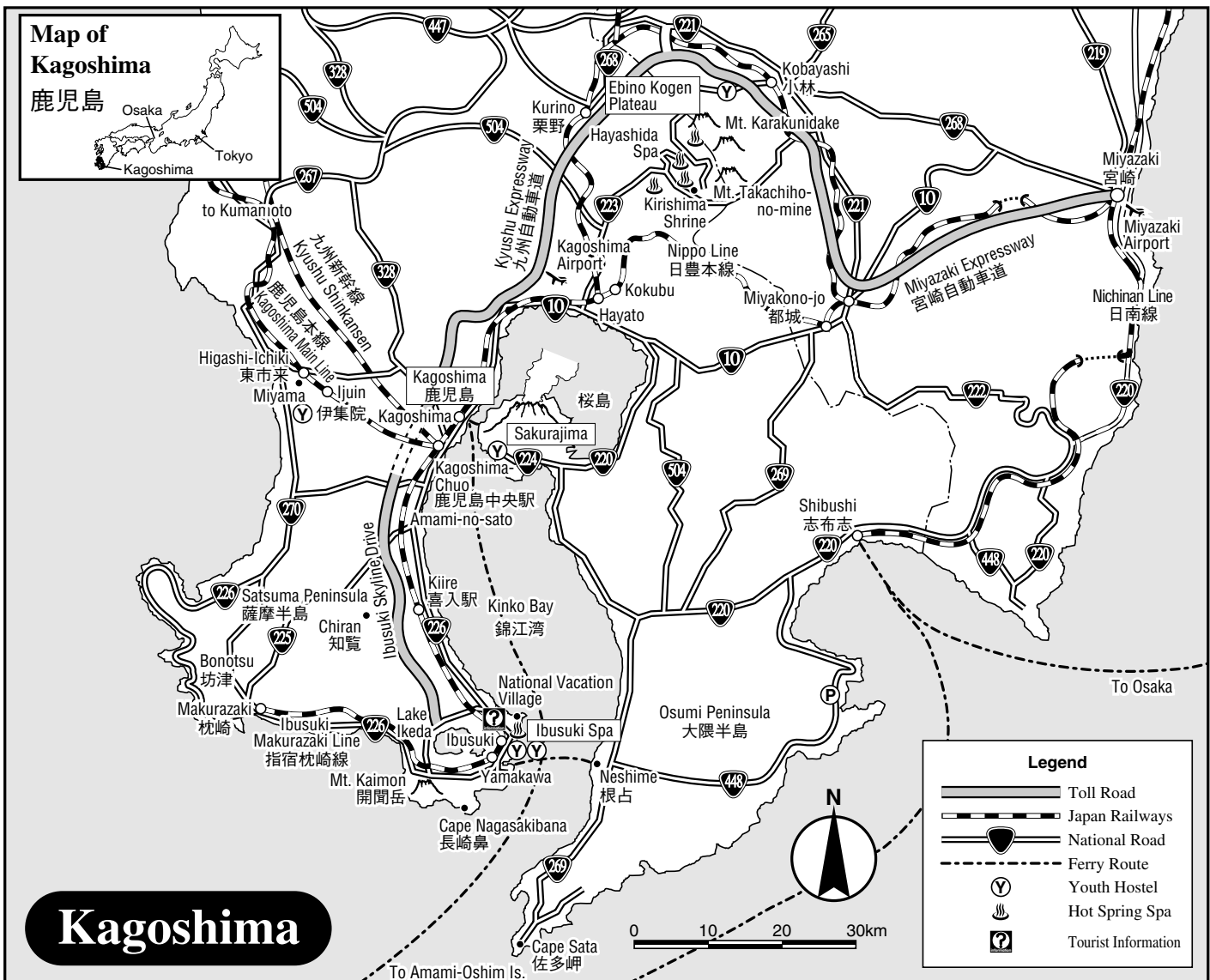
**Satsuma-yaki Ware (薩摩焼)** has been produced in Miyama, about 20 km (12.4 mi.) northwest of Kagoshima, for 400 years. There are two kinds of Satsuma-yaki ware, i.e., black Satsuma-yaki ware and white Satsuma-yaki ware. The elegant white variety was used by the former lords of the district. The black ware has always been used as practical kitchen utensils by the townspeople. Today both are admired as local folk craft and are popular as souvenir items. Visitors can inspect the production process at kilns clustered in Miyama, 5 min. by taxi from Higashi-Ichiki Sta. Higashi-Ichiki Sta. is 20 min. by train from Kagoshima-Chuo

Sta. The products are seen at every souvenir shop in Kagoshima City. Also in Kagoshima City, the factory of Satsuma-yaki ware is open to the public. It is Kinko Toge, 5 min. by taxi from JR Kiire Sta. Kiire Sta. is 50 min. by JR train from Kagoshima-Chuo sta.



**Oshima Tsumugi (大島紬)** is silk weaving carried out for centuries in Amami-Oshima Island. Visitors can see the process and products at Oshima Tsumugi-no-sato, 40 min. by bus from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta., where a factory is open to visitors. Open daily 9:00–17:00. Admission: ¥400.

**Sakurajima Radish (桜島大根)** is a huge white radish which grows in the fertile volcanic soil of Mt. Sakurajima. **Karukan (かるかん)**, the most popular confectionery in Kagoshima, dates back to the late Edo Period. This is a steamed cake made from yams and rice powder.


**Shochu (焼酎)** is distilled spirits mostly made from sweet potato.



## Accommodations:

Name of facilities	Tel.	Room rate (¥)	Name of facilities	Tel.	Room rate (¥)
<b>Kagoshima:</b>			<b>Ibusuki:</b>		
① Iwasaki Hotel Xavier450 (H)	(099)239-8888	¥¥	Ibusuki Royal Hotel (H)	(0993)23-2211	¥¥¥
② Shiroyama Kanko Hotel (H)	(099)224-2211	¥¥¥	Hotel Shusuien (R)	(0993)23-4141	¥¥¥
③ Hotel Fukiageso (R)	(099)224-3500	¥¥	Ibusuki Coral Beach Hotel (R)	(0993)22-2241	¥¥¥
Kagoshima Sun Royal Hotel (H)	(099)253-2020	¥¥¥	Ibusuki Hakusuikan (R)	(0993)22-3131	¥¥¥
Nakazono Ryokan (R) 	(099)226-5125	¥	Ibusuki Kaijo Hotel (H)	(0993)22-2221	¥¥¥
Sakurajima Youth Hostel (Y)	(099)293-2150	¥	Ibusuki Phoenix Hotel (H)	(0993)23-4111	¥¥
Hotel Union (H) 	(099)253-5800	¥¥	Ibusuki Seaside Hotel (R)	(0993)23-3111	¥¥
Kagoshima Tokyu Hotel (H)	(099)257-2697	¥¥¥	Yunosato Youth Hostel (Y)	(0993)22-5680	¥
Fukiagehama Youth Hostel (Y)	(099)292-3455	¥	Ibusuki Iwasaki Hotel (H)	(0993)22-2131	¥¥¥
			Tamaya Youth Hostel (Y)	(0993)22-3553	¥
			Minshuku Marutomi (M)	(0993)22-5579	¥¥
			New Yunohamaso (R)	(0993)23-3088	¥
			Ibusuki Minshuku Sennarisou (M)	(0993)22-3379	¥

**Remarks:** ① - ④ correspond to those on the map on the page 3/5.

H = Hotel  
R = Ryokan  
BH = Business Hotel  
Y = Youth Hostel  
M = Minshuku (family-run inn)  
P = Pension  
 = Welcome Inn member

※ ① is under reconstruction, and will be open from April. 2008

¥¥¥ more than 15,000 yen  
¥¥ 8,001 yen - 15,000 yen  
¥ 8,000 yen or less

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



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#### 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), Tokyo Tourist Information Center (10th Fl. Tokyo Kotsu Kaikan Bldg., 2-10-1, Yurakucho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo) and Kyoto Tourist Information (on the 9th Fl. of JR Kyoto Sta. Bldg.).

#### Welcome Inn Reservation Center

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## TOURIST INFORMATION

(Visit Japan Information Network)

#### Kagoshima Prefectural Tourist Information Center:

Kagoshimaken Sangyo Kaikan, 9-1, Meizan-cho, Kagoshima City, Kagoshima Pref. Tel. (099)223-5771  
8:30 - 17:15 (Mon. - Fri.), Closed: Sat., Sun., holidays and Dec.29 - Jan.3

#### Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. Tourist Information Center:

JR Kagoshima-chuo Station, 1-1, Chuo-cho, Kagoshima City, Kagoshima Pref. Tel. (099) 253-2500  
8:30 - 19:00

#### Tourist Information Desk:

Nakazono Ryokan, 1-18, Yasui-cho, Kagoshima City, Kagoshima Pref. Tel. (099) 226-5125  
(Approx) 6:30 - 20:00

#### General Tourist Information Center:

Kagoshima Airport. Tel. (0995) 58-2114  
7:00 - (approx.) 21:30

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