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KAGOSHIMA and VICINITY



Kagoshima City (鹿児島市), with a population of 607,400 (as of Feb. 2014), 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-kinko-Bay**

National Park (霧島錦江湾国立公園) including Ebino Kogen Plateau, Sakurajima and Ibusuki Onsen.

Ibusuki Onsen (指宿温泉), a seaside hot spring, 45 km south of Kagoshima City, is reached in about 50 min. by Limited Express “Ibusuki no Tamatebako” 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 subtropical vegetation.

Access:

By Rail

Destination	Type of Transportation	Time required	One-way Fare
Tokyo via Hakata Kagoshima-Chuo Sta.	JR Shinkansen “NOZOMI”	5 hrs. 15 min.	¥29,650 (reserved seat)
	JR Shinkansen “TSUBAME”, “SAKURA” or “MIZUHO”	1 hrs. 20 min.	
Nagoya via Hakata Kagoshima-Chuo Sta.	JR Shinkansen “HIKARI” or “NOZOMI”	3 hrs. 50 min.	¥25,250 (reserved seat)
	JR Limited Express “RELAY TSUBAME” and JR Limited Express “TSUBAME”	1 hrs. 20 min.	
Shin-Osaka Kagoshima-Chuo Sta.	JR Shinkansen “SAKURA” or “MIZUHO”	3 hrs. 50 min.	〈MIZUHO〉 ¥21,600 (reserved seat)
		4 hrs. 15 min.	〈SAKURA〉 ¥21,300 (reserved seat)

By Air

Tokyo (Haneda, Narita) Kagoshima	JAL, ANA, SNA, SKY, JJP (Narita)	1 hr. 45 min.
Osaka (Itami, Kansai) Kagoshima	ANA, JAC, APJ (Kansai)	1 hr. 10 min.

By Night Bus

Osaka (Umeda) Kagoshima-Chuo Sta.	Kintetsu Bus	11 hrs. 40 min.	¥12,000
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* Access from Kagoshima Airport to downtown: 50 min. by limousine bus to Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. ¥1,200. (about ¥12,000 by taxi)

* The one-way fare is regular time price, the fare may change by season. 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.

Destinations	Transportation	Time required	Fare
Between Kagoshima & its vicinity: Yamatataya Bus Center, Kagoshima – Chiran * The Bus Center is a 15 min. by street car from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta.	Bus (Kagoshima Kotsu)	1 hr. 20 min.	¥920
Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. – Ibusuki Sta.	Train (JR Ibusuki-Makurazaki Line)	1 hr. 15 min.	¥970
Kagoshima Port – Sakurajima Port * The Pier is a 15 min. by bus from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta.	Ferry (Sakurajima Ferry)	15 min.	¥160
Between Kagoshima & Miyazaki: Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. – Miyazaki Sta.	Limited Express train “Kirishima” (JR)	2 hrs. 10 min.	¥4,220
Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. – Miyako City Terminal	Highway Bus “Hamayu” (Miyazaki Kotsu)	2 hrs. 30 min.	¥2,700

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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, is spectacular. Open: 8:30–17:30 Admission: ¥1,000 (including Shoko Shuseikan)

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, Shimadzu family.

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 Historical Museum – 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: 9:00–18:00 (enter by 17:30) Closed: Mon. (open when Mon. falls on a national holiday and the next day will be closed), 25th of each month (except Sat. and Sun.) & Dec. 31–Jan. 2 Admission: ¥310

Kagoshima City Museum of Art (鹿児島市立美術館), 15 min. by Kagoshima City View Bus from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta., 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: 9:30–18:00 (enter by 17:30) Closed: Mon. (or Tue. when Mon. is a national holiday) & from Dec. 29–Jan. 1 Admission: ¥300

Suggested Strolling Route:

	10 min. Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. Streetcar	1 min. City Hall Streetcar Stop walk	10 min. Minato Odori Park walk	
	10 min. Boardwalk walk	10 min. City Hall Streetcar Stop Streetcar		

Annual Events:

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

This is the largest firework event in Kyushu area. More than 16,000 fireworks are displayed.

Ohara-matsuri Festival: 3rd Nov.

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

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.

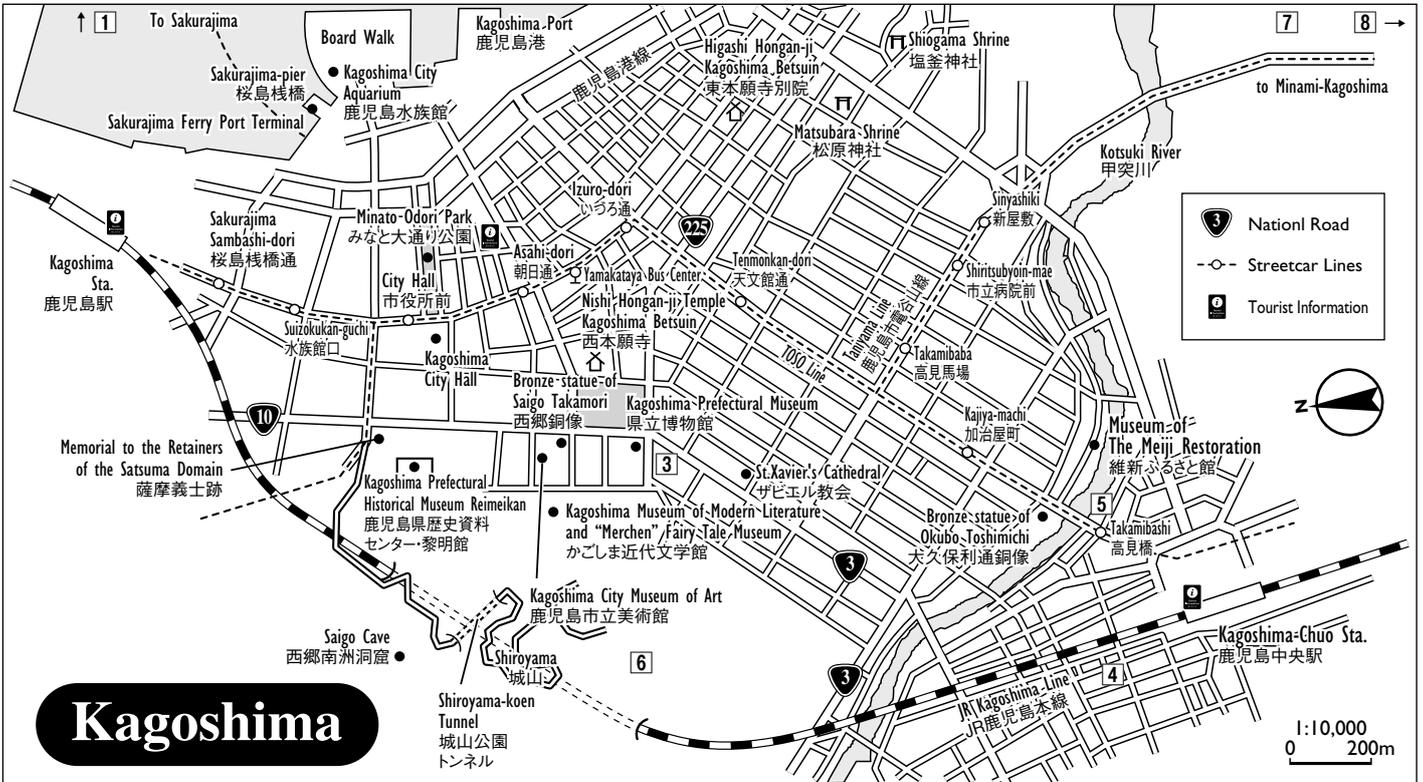
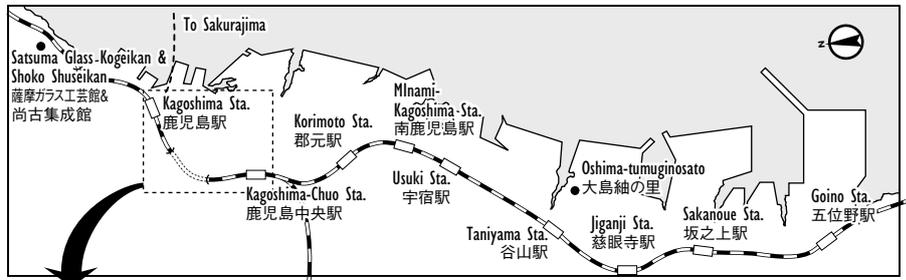
St. Xavier Park & St. Xavier's Cathedral (ザビエル公園), 10 min. by Kagoshima City View Bus from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta., was built in 1949 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of St. Francisco Xavier's landing in Kagoshima in 1549. Xavier was said to be brought Christianity into Japan for the first time.

Kagoshima City 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: 9:30–18:00 (enter by 17:00) Closed: 1st 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: 9:00–17:00 (enter by 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, 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?



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Ibusuki Onsen (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), 35 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 Nagasakibana (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.

Nagasakibana Parking Garden (長崎鼻パーキングガーデン), neighboring Cape Nagasakibana, is a zoological garden adorned with various subtropical plants and flowers. Open: 8:00-17:00 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 35 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: 9:00–17:00 Admission: ¥500 (Chiran Buke yashiki-teien Garden) Approx. 1hr. 15 min. from Kagoshima City by Kagoshima Kotsu Bus. 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. Kagoshima used to be called Satsuma in the olden days. 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

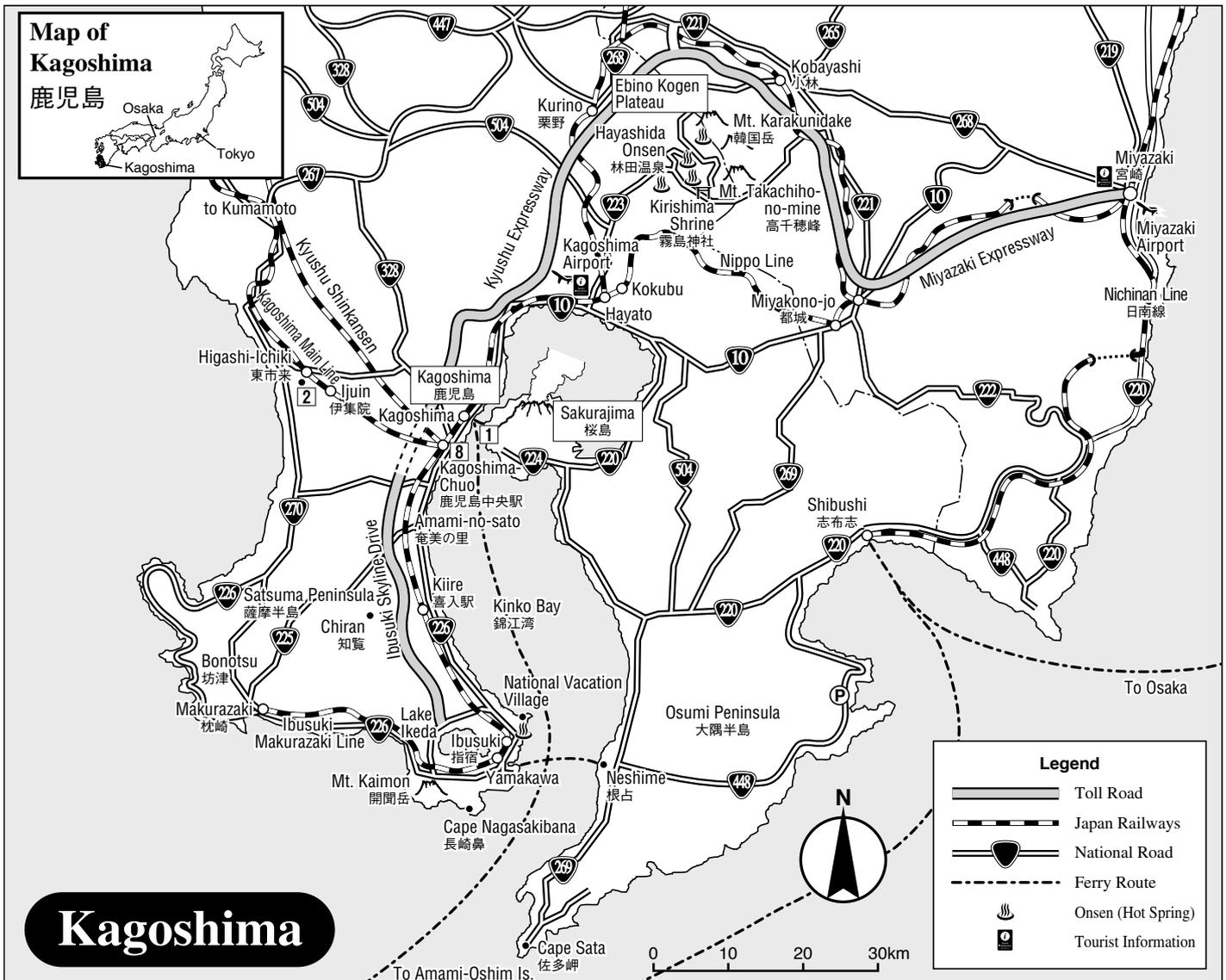
City. Also in Kagoshima City, the factory of Satsuma-yaki ware is open to the public. It is Kinko Togei, 5 min. by taxi from JR Kiire Sta. Kiire Sta. is 50 min. by train from Kagoshima-Chuo sta.

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



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Accommodations:

Name of facilities	Tel.	Room rate (¥)	Name of facilities	Tel.	Room rate (¥)
Kagoshima:			Ibusuki:		
① Sakurajima Youth Hostel (Y)	(099)293-2150	¥	Yunosato Youth Hostel (Y)	(0993)22-5680	¥
② Fukiagehama Youth Hostel (Y)	(099)292-3455	¥	Tamaya Youth Hostel (Y)	(0993)22-3553	¥
③ Hotel Fukiageso (R)	(099)224-3500	¥¥	Ibusuki Minshuku Sennarisou (M)	(0993)22-3379	¥
④ Hotel Union (BH)	(099)253-5800	¥¥	Ibusuki Phoenix Hotel (H)	(0993)23-4111	¥¥
⑤ Kagoshima Tokyu Inn (H)	(099)256-0109	¥¥	Ibusuki Seaside Hotel (H)	(0993)23-3111	¥¥
⑥ Shiroyama Kanko Hotel (H)	(099)224-2211	¥¥¥	Ibusuki Royal Hotel (H)	(0993)23-2211	¥¥¥
⑦ Kagoshima Sun Royal Hotel (H)	(099)253-2020	¥¥¥	Hotel Shusuien (R)	(0993)23-4141	¥¥¥
⑧ Rembrandt Hotel (H)	(099)257-2697	¥¥¥	Ibusuki Coral Beach Hotel (R)	(0993)22-2241	¥¥¥
			Ibusuki Hakusuikan (R)	(0993)22-3131	¥¥¥
			Ibusuki Kaijo Hotel (H)	(0993)22-2221	¥¥¥
			Ibusuki Iwasaki Hotel (H)	(0993)22-2131	¥¥¥

Remarks:

① – ⑧ correspond to those on the map on the page 3/5, 4/5

H = Hotel Rate for a twin room
 BH = Business Hotel Rate per person
 R = Ryokan Rate per person
 Y = Youth Hostel 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

Tourist Information Center (TIC)

TIC of Japan National Tourism Organization is your helping hand while in Japan. Its main services are providing travel information and free literature on Japan such as tourist spots, transportation, and suggesting tour itineraries, etc.

1st Fl., Shin Tokyo Bldg., 3-3-1, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005 Tel. 03-3201-3331
 Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed: Jan. 1st)
<http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/travel/guide/tic.html>



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JNTO Website

www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/travel/guide/guideservice.html

**TOURIST INFORMATION**

(Visit Japan Information Network)

Kagoshima Airport Information:

822 Fumoto, Mizobe-cho, Kirishima City, Kagoshima

Open: 6:30–21:30

Tel. (0995)58-4133

Kagoshima-Chuo Station Tourist Information Center:

2F, 1-1 Chuo-cho, Kagoshima City, Kagoshima

Open: 8:00–20:00

Tel. (099)253-2500

Kagoshima Prefectural Visitors Bureau:

9-1 Meizan-cho, Kagoshima City, Kagoshima

Open: 8:30–17:15

Tel. (099)223-5771

Closed: year-end & New Year's holidays

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