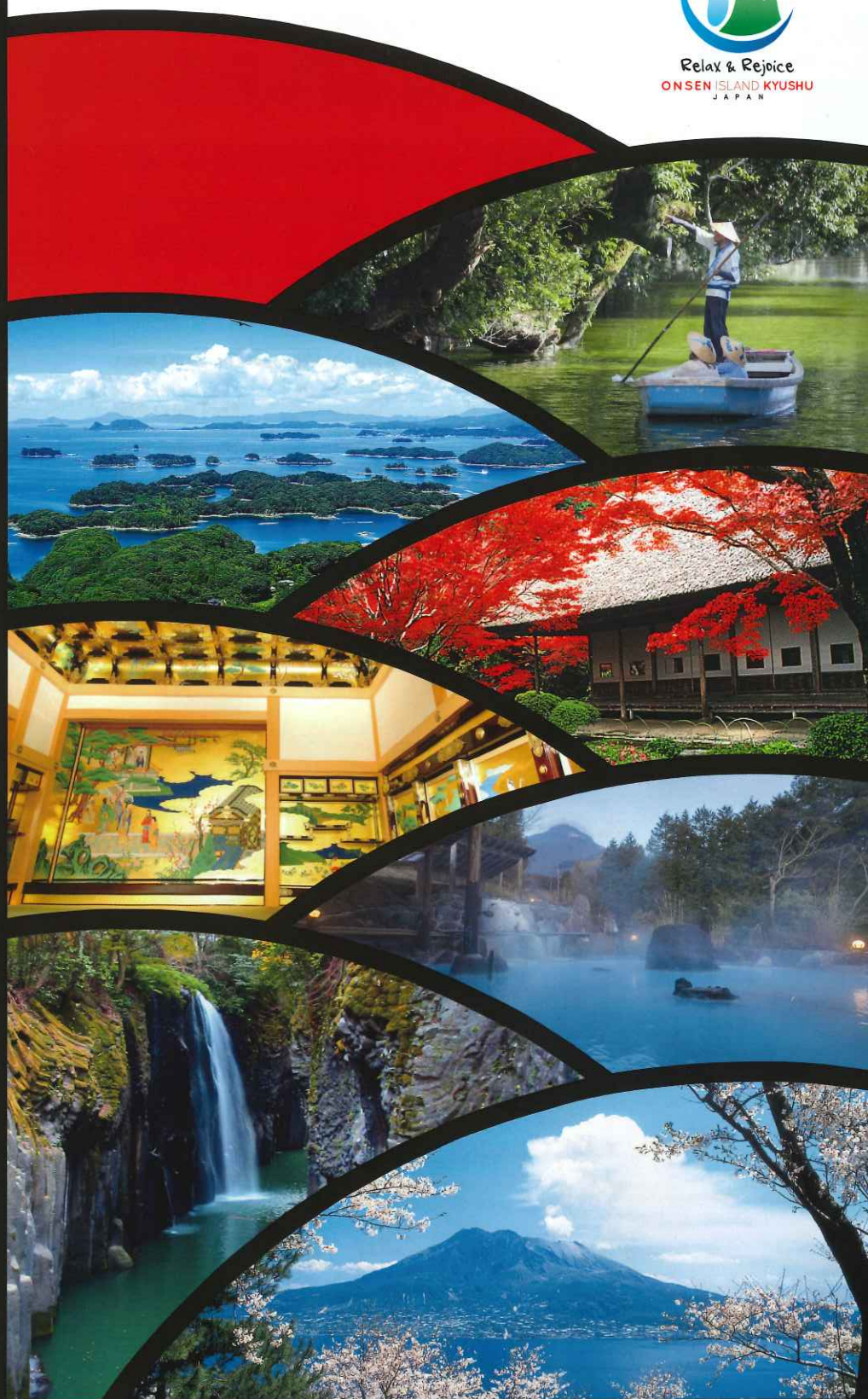


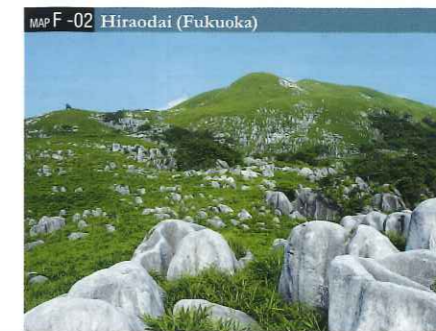
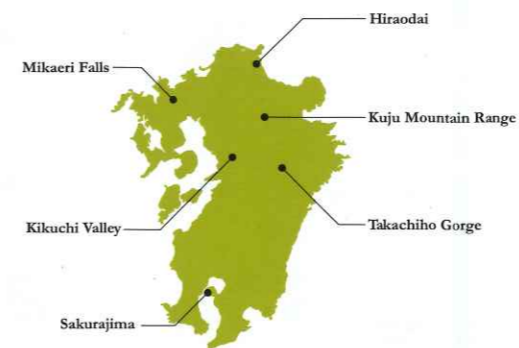
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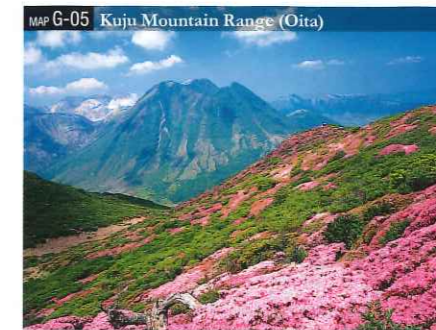
Kyushu is blessed with an abundance and variety of natural features to attract visitors through every season. For example, magnificent snow-capped mountains, natural hot springs surrounded by fresh green forests and beautiful beaches where we can enjoy marine sports in summer.



Hiraodai is one of the most well-known karst plateaus in Japan, and offers fascinating views of limestone and underground caverns.



The Hydrangea Festival is held here in June, when the beauty of the falls is enhanced by 40,000 hydrangea flowers.



The mountains are beautifully adorned with pink Miyama-Kirishima flowers during the early summer, and vivid reds and yellow trees in the autumn.



Kikuchi Valley, surrounded by beautiful seasonal natural features, has many well-designed walking trails suitable for all ages.



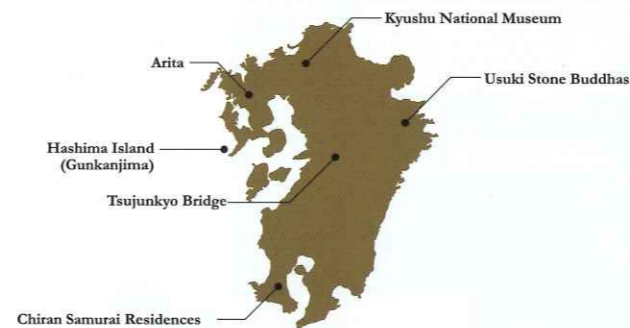
Takachiho Gorge (Miyazaki): The cliffs here, formed through the erosion of lava, rise to a height of 80–100 meters, and display a magnificent seasonal beauty with fresh greenery in the early summer and brightly colored leaves in the autumn. The Manai Falls, that flow into the Gokase river, are illuminated in the summer months to create a mystical backdrop. Visitors can enjoy taking a rowing boat out on the river to view this spectacular scenery from the water.



Sakurajima (Kagoshima): Sakurajima, an island located only 4 km from Kagoshima City, is an active volcano with an altitude of 1,117 m, it is the symbol of Kagoshima. Although it is still very active, visitors can cross to it by ferry and enjoy a lava walk and a closer look at the volcano, still regularly spewing smoke.

Culture & History

The origins of many Japanese mythological stories can be traced to Kyushu. Yet, despite treasuring its numerous home grown traditions, Kyushu has always tried to take on new things as a gateway to international cultures. By embracing this diversity, it has managed to forge its own unique culture and history.



Arita Ware (Saga):

Arita Ware is the oldest porcelain ware in Japan, dating back to the 17th century. In the mid 17th century during the Edo Period, it began to be exported to Europe from Imari Port and soon attracted the interest of European royalty and the aristocracy. Arita Ware is still popular in the present day due to its pure white surface and opulent decoration, and is enjoyed in a variety of ways, from artwork to daily tableware.

MAP C-04 Dish, Nigoshide (milky white porcelain body) with cherry blossom design, 14th Kakiemon Sakaide

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Usuki Stone Buddhas (Oita):

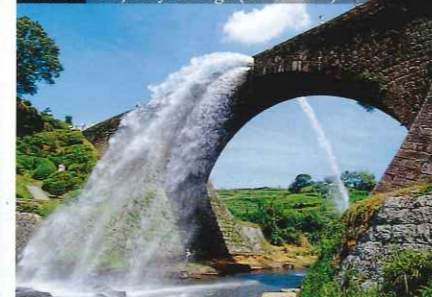
These stone Buddha statues are said to have been carved from the face of a cliff from the 12th to the 14th century. In scale, number, and sculptural quality they are among the finest Japanese works of their kind. There are over 60 in total and most are designated National Treasures.

MAP C-02 Kyushu National Museum (Fukuoka)



This museum was established as Japan's 4th national museum, and its Cultural Exchange Exhibition Room mainly displays the history of the exchanges between Japan and other Asian countries.

MAP G-06 Tsujunkyo Bridge (Kumamoto)



This is Japan's largest stone-arch aqueduct bridge, where visitors can witness a dynamic discharge of water with tranquil countryside as a backdrop. (No discharge in winter).

MAP C-07 Hashima Island (Nagasaki)

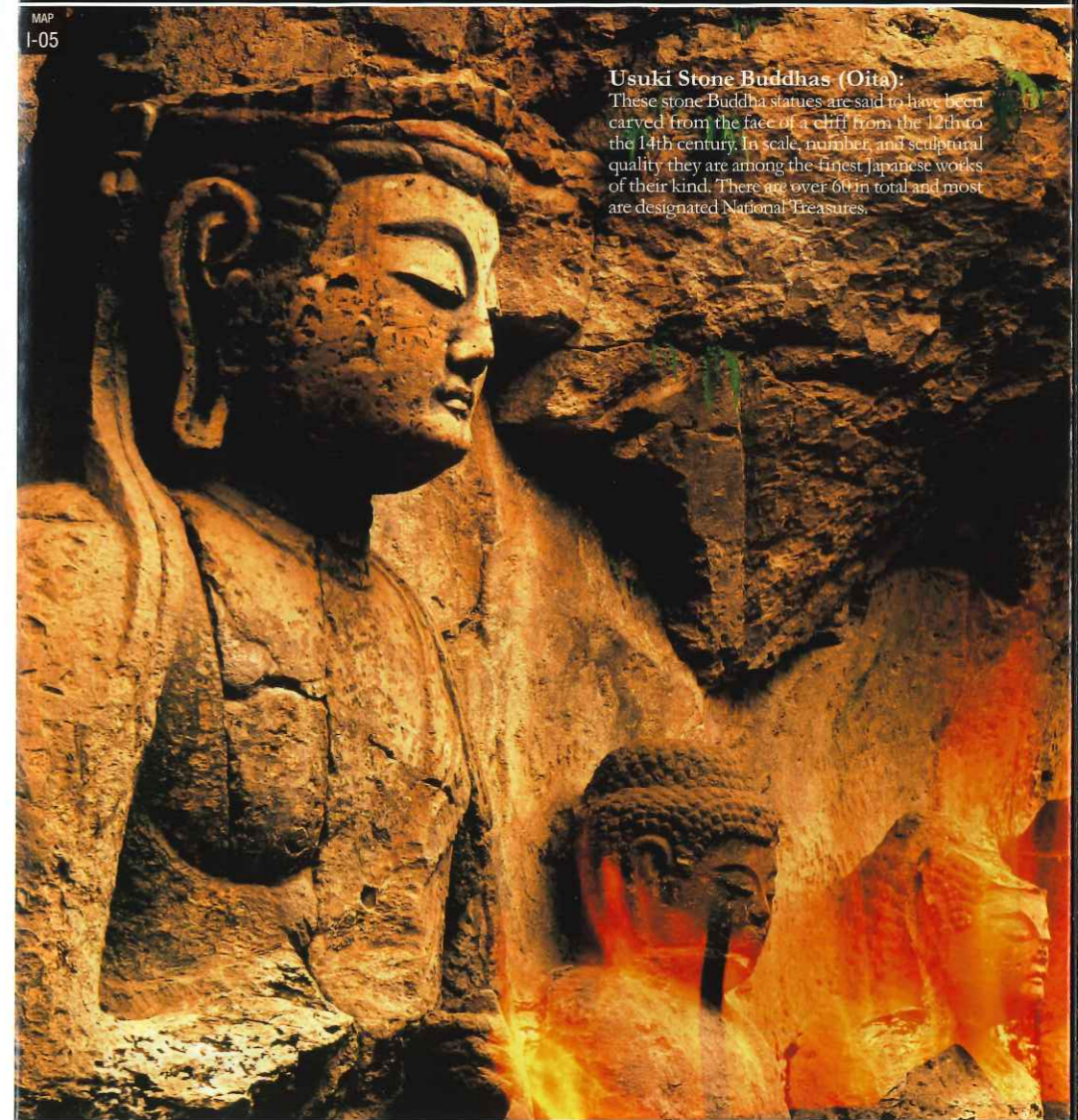


Hashima Island, also known as Gunkanjima (Battleship Island), once prospered from coal-mining and gained worldwide attention as a model for a setting in the 007 movie Skyfall.

MAP E-12 Chiran Samurai Residences (Kagoshima)

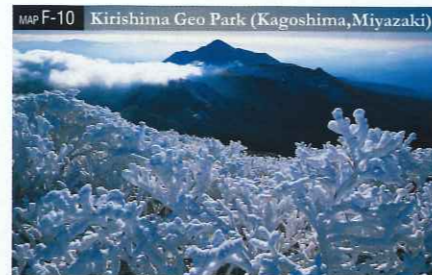
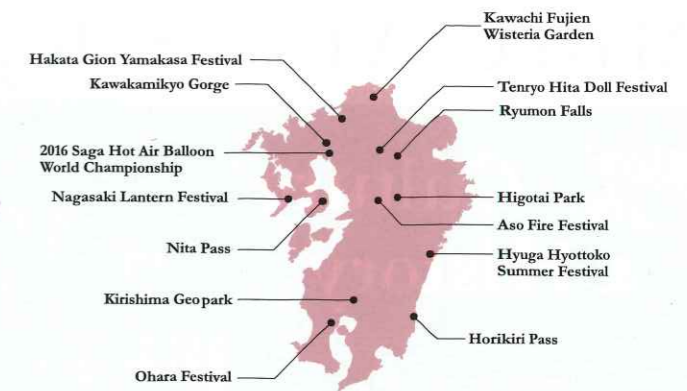


This beautiful town of traditional streets is known as "Satsuma's Kyoto." Samurai residences from the Edo Period still remain here.



Seasonal Events

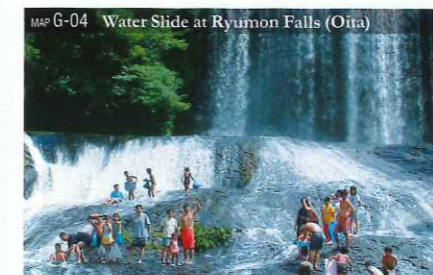
Kyushu is really a place for festival lovers, with a plethora of events to pique the interest, including traditional festivals and lively events for the passionate Kyushu people. There are also dozens of places to enjoy seasonal flowers, such as cherry blossoms and cosmos.



The Kirishima Mountain Range has over 20 volcanoes, including the highest peak on Mt. Karakuni, and a number of crater lakes, including Onami-no-ike Pond. It was designated as a Japan Geo Park in 2010.



Carp streamers are strategically placed on the downstream side of the Kanjin Bridge, Kase River, and swim effortlessly in the sky. This traditional symbol of the growth of children is set up annually between late March and early May.



These double-layered falls are 40 meters wide with a drop of 20 meters. In summer, some people enjoy playing on the natural water slide on the gently sloping rocks.



Horikiri Pass, an excellent vantage point for surveying the beautiful coastline, is further enhanced by the sight of poinsettias, which bloom from mid October to mid November.



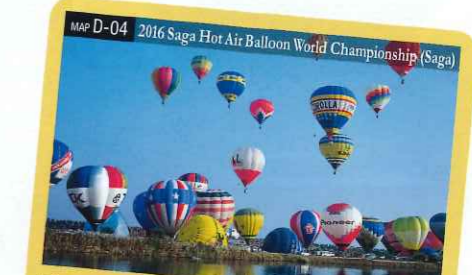
There are two tunnels of 80m and 220m with 22 types of wisteria. The beautiful blossoms attract attention from around the world. The flowers bloom from early April till early May.



Nita Pass, the tourist mecca of Unzen, is covered with 10,000 glorious pink Miyama-Kirishima, or Rhododendron kiusianum, in mid May.

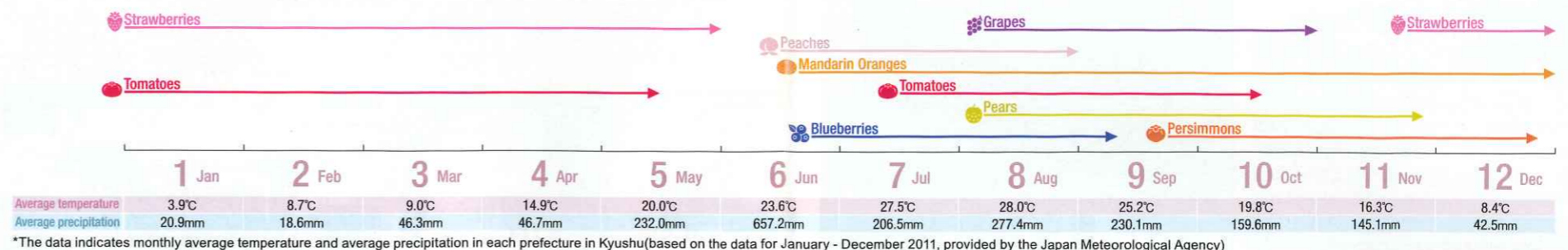


This park has a collection of flowers and rare species of wild plants native to Aso, such as Higotai, or Echinops setifer, which bloom in summer. Fields of cosmos, with their riot of color, are another special feature of autumn.



This world championship is organized by The World Air Sports Federation (FAI) in order for hot air balloon pilots from member countries to compete with each other. This is the third time for Saga to host this championship, following the events in 1989 and 1997.
Venue: Kase River bank, Saga City
Dates: Friday, October 28 to Sunday, November 6, 2016

Fruit Picking *The time may vary depending on farmers.



Nagasaki Lantern Festival (Nagasaki):
In this festival, held from late January to early February, the town is decorated with approximately 15,000 lanterns and large illuminated objects.



Aso Fire Festival (Kumamoto):
This fire festival, including a series of fire-themed events, is held from mid February to May to pray for good harvests.



Tenryo Hita Doll Festival (Oita):
Traditional hina dolls are displayed at various spots around the city, including former noted residences and museums, from mid February to March.



Hakata Gion Yamakasa Festival (Fukuoka):
Two of the special features of this festival are the lavishly decorated floats and the spectacular "Oiyama" race on the final day. Held from the 1st to the 15th of July.



Hyuga Hyottoko Summer Festival (Miyazaki):
Dancers wearing comical masks parade around in a lively festive atmosphere during this joyful event. Held on the first Saturday in August.



Ohara Festival (Kagoshima):
Over 20,000 dancers take part in this festival. It is held on the second and the third of November every year.

Cuisine

As Kyushu is blessed with an abundance of natural produce from both the ocean and mountains, it can offer distinctive local tastes with fresh ingredients. It also has a variety of unique dishes, influenced and developed through contact with other countries.



Hakata Ippudo
"Shiromaru Motoaji"



Sasebo Burger (Nagasaki):
A hamburger based on a U.S. Navy recipe adjusted to suit the Japanese palate.



Boiled Tofu at Ureshino Hot Spring (Saga):
This tofu boiled in hot spring water is this resort's specialty. A combination of nutritious tofu and spring water is good for your health. This water is good to drink and great for digestion.

Yobuko Squid (Saga):
Yobuko is well known for its fresh squid, but there are actually different species according to the season. Ikizukuri, the preparation of sashimi made from live squid, is a great way to eat and enjoy fresh squid. Squid is also extremely tasty when cooked, such as in tempura dishes.



Hakata Ramen (Fukuoka):
This pork soup and thin noodle combination is popular all over Japan. You can taste the authentic Hakata Ramen at popular restaurants and street stalls.



Amaou Strawberries (Fukuoka):
The Amaou Strawberries is a variety produced in Fukuoka. Large and red on the outside and perfectly sweet and tart inside. Amaou is popular in both Japanese and Asian markets.



Shippoku Cuisine (Nagasaki):
This is the ultimate Nagasaki cuisine with origins dating back over 400 years, from China. It was further developed to become a Nagasaki original with additions of Portuguese, Dutch and Japanese styles. In this dining experience, you receive an array of dishes laid out on a round red table, including soup, sashimi, Nagasaki-style tempura, braised pork and other seasonal specialties.



Seki-Horse mackerel, Seki-Mackerel (Oita):
Mackerel caught in the rough waters of Saganoseki are well-known all over Japan. They are caught using a traditional fishing method (caught individually by fishing rod) and taken to market under strict conditions to maintain their freshness and superior taste.



Dago Soup (Kumamoto):
Kumamoto is one of the areas that can boast an original Dago Soup, which is traditional local cuisine of the Kyushu Region. This soup typically contains thinly sliced pork and root vegetables, such as burdock, carrots and taro, as well as flat dumplings made from kneaded flour. The soup is seasoned with miso and has been long cherished by the locals for its simple yet subtle taste.



Shichijo Melon (Kumamoto):
Shichijo Melon is cultivated under strict quality control, in Mother Nature, nourished by the river waters that flow from the outer rim of volcanic Mt. Aso. The sweetness level of this extraordinary fruit is qualified by refractometer.



Shirokuma (Kagoshima):
Shirokuma, meaning Polar Bear, is Kagoshima's original shaved ice dessert with fruits like banana and cherry piled on top and covered with condensed milk.

Steamed Dishes from "Hell" (Oita):
Beppu is known for its hot springs with "hell" like features. Fresh vegetables and seafood cooked using hot spring steam acquire a profound taste due to the flavors and nutrition provided by the properties found in hot spring water.



Miyazaki Beef (Miyazaki):
Miyazaki Prefecture is one of the top black beef producers in Japan. The brand name "Miyazaki Beef" is given only to selected meat that meets strict criteria, including tenderness, taste, and color. Its rich and profound taste has garnered it a high reputation both in Japan and overseas.



Chicken Nanban (Miyazaki):
Chicken nanban is a popular dish nationwide, but has its origins in Miyazaki. It is made with crunchy and crispy deep-fried young Miyazaki chicken, dipped in an exquisite sweet and sour sauce, and dressed with tartar sauce.



Satsuma Black Pork and Black Beef (Kagoshima):
Kagoshima is well known for its livestock farming, and has the largest number of pigs and cows in Japan. Black pork is especially popular for its tender texture and deep flavor. Black beef also satisfies the tastes of many connoisseurs due to the quality of the meat and well-balanced marbling.



Hot Springs

Kyushu has the largest number of hot springs and produces the most spring water in Japan. Visitors can relax their mind and body in the hot springs and by walking around the hot spring towns in a yukata or kimono.

MAP H-04 Beppu Onsen Hot Springs (Oita)



In terms of numbers of hot springs and output of thermal water, Beppu proudly ranks first in Japan. A wide range of different spring-water types and natural settings make for highly individualized bathing experiences.

MAP F-05 Yamaga Onsen Hot Spring/Kimono Experience (Kumamoto)



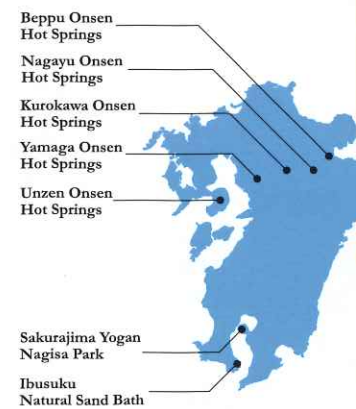
Yamaga Onsen has a Kimono salon where visitors can rent a kimono. Wearing a kimono and strolling through the old streets of Yamaga Town will create a wonderful holiday memory.

MAP E-12 Ibusuki Natural Sand Bath (Kagoshima)



One of the most unique hot spa experiences in the world, visitors lie on the beach wearing a simple, light cotton kimono and are then buried under hot spring warmed sand.

MAP E-11 Sakurajima Yogan Nagisa Park and Foot Spa (Kagoshima)



Nagayu Onsen Hot Springs (Oita): This hot spring is famous for being the most carbonated spring in Japan. It is said that drinking the water of the spring is good for your stomach and intestines. Inns in the area have outdoor hot springs where visitors can relax and enjoy the beautiful view of the green mountains.



Unzen Onsen Hot Springs (Nagasaki)

Japanese Inn
At a Japanese Inn, visitors can experience the Japanese culture and beauty of a traditional Japanese style building. Enjoy the simplicity of the old Japanese lifestyle with tatami mats, futons and shoji sliding doors.



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MAP G-05

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Legend 凡例

- Interchange: インターチェンジ
- Airport: 空港
- Toll road: 有料道路
- Urban expressway: 都市圏道路
- National road: 一般国道
- Major regional road: 主要地方道
- Sanyo Shinkansen: 山陽新幹線
- Kyushu Shinkansen: 九州新幹線
- JR (Japan Railway): JR
- Railway: 鉄道
- Sea route: 航路
- Prefectural border: 県境
- Airport: 空港
- Tourist spot (See the tourist information page): 観光スポット (観光情報ページ)
- General tourist spot: 一般観光スポット
- Hot spring: 温泉
- Michi no Eki (Rest Area): 道の駅
- Tourist Information: 観光インフォメーション

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KYUSHU RAIL PASS

This is a rail pass exclusively for temporary visitors to Japan from overseas, and provides unlimited travel on JR trains in the Kyushu region. This pass is valid for local, rapid and express trains, as well as Kyushu Shinkansen services within the area of the pass.

Ticket Types and Fees for Kyushu Rail Pass

All Kyushu	3days 15,000yen
	5days 18,000yen
North Kyushu	3days 8,500yen
	5days 10,000yen

(Half price for children aged 6 to 11)

Please access the website below for further details.
<http://www.jrkyushu.co.jp/english/railpass.html>



SUNQ PASS

This is an unlimited ride ticket on almost all highway and local buses and some ferries within Kyushu and Shimonoseki City, Yamaguchi Prefecture.

Ticket Types and Fees for SUNQ Pass

All Kyushu	3days 10,000yen
	4days 14,000yen
North Kyushu	3days 8,000yen

Please access the website below for further details.
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Tourist Information Offices with English Speaking Staff

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MAP F-04 Asakura Triple Waterwheels (Fukuoka)



These are said to be the only waterwheels that are actually used for irrigation, and at present, they are operated from June to October. The noise they make is reminiscent of a steam engine.

MAP E-07 Amakusa (Kumamoto)



Amakusa is a collection of the islands surrounded by beautiful deep blue sea, and is popular for the drive along its breathtaking coastline and dolphin watching tours. There is a great variety of seafood on offer here, and it is also famous for its history of Japanese Christianity.

*See "Amakusa" in Day 3 shown at the bottom of Model Route 2 for other information regarding Amakusa.

Nature column



Aso/Mt. Naka

The huge caldera is 24km across from south to north and 18km across east to west. The steaming crater is 4km in circumference. Inside the caldera, there are five craters: Mt. Neko, Mt. Taka, Mt. Naka, Mt. Eboshi and Mt. Kishima. Mt. Naka remains active and currently gives off white smoke. Mt. Naka, is 600m in diameter, 130m deep and 4km in circumference. The sight of this active giant crater makes you realize the magnificence of Aso. Visitors cannot get close to the crater during periods of eruption.

MAP C-03 Niji-no Matsubara (Saga)



Niji-no Matsubara is a pine forest, approx. 1 km wide 5 km long, stretching in the shape of a rainbow along Karatsu Bay. It is one of the largest pine forests in the country and designated as a National Special Place of Scenic Beauty. It has a long and distinguished history with the first tree believed to have been planted during the 17th century.

MAP E-05 Yanagawa "Kawakudari" Boat Tour (Fukuoka)



This one-hour boat ride involves taking "Donko" boats up and down the many Horiwari canals that run throughout Yanagawa City. In the winter, you can still enjoy a boat ride sitting under a kotatsu, a blanket covered table that is heated underside.

MAP D-09 Cranes of Izumi (Kagoshima)



Over 10,000 cranes migrate to Izumi to spend the winter from mid October to March every year. It is believed that the Izumi Plain is the only place where this many cranes stay so close to human dwellings. Visitors are able to observe these elegant birds from the Crane Observation Center located here.

MAP J-10 Yakushima Island (Kagoshima)



Approximately 20% of the island is forest and registered as a World Natural Heritage site. At the center of the island is the oldest Yaku-sugi (cryptomeria tree) still growing wild at over 7,000 years old. Visitors can enjoy canoeing and water climbing in the rivers here, as well as other popular marine sports.

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MAP C-02 Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine (Fukuoka)



This shrine is very popular as it enshrines the god of study. For this reason, it draws large crowds of people during the annual examination season. The grounds here offer a variety of seasonal favorites, including 6,000 plum trees.

MAP F-08 Aoi Aso Shrine (Kumamoto)



This shrine was established in 806 and has long been worshipped at as the guardian of the Kuma region. The structures within this shrine are designated as National Treasures due to their unique features, including steep thatched roofs, black lacquered buildings, and colorful decorative sculptures and designs.

Culture column



Churches Aiming for World Heritage Registration
During the 15th and 16th centuries, Kyushu was Japan's gateway to the world and Christianity was introduced. For 250 years the religion was suppressed during shogunate control. The religion was concealed and then miraculously recovered through missionary work unseen before in the world. 13 locations are registered on the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List. These include the Oura Church in Nagasaki, Hara Castle Ruins which is the site of the uprising by Christians, and Sakitsu Village in Amakusa.

MAP I-03 Sandwich Style Castle Town in Kitsuki (Oita)



This is the one and only "sandwich style" castle town in Japan, and is so named because samurai lived on the north and south hillsides while merchants lived between these two areas. The town still exhibits the atmosphere of that time, with prominent features being the samurai residences, as well as some merchant businesses that have long continued since the Edo or Meiji Period.

MAP E-06 Samurai Residences in Shimono (Nagasaki)



Samurai residences and streets from the Edo Period still remain in this area. A waterway runs down the center of these streets to provide water for domestic use. Visitors are able to enter these residences and see how samurai used to live.

MAP H-11 Ohi Castle Town (Miyazaki)



Surviving stone walls and samurai residences in this castle town generate an excellent image of the Japan of the past. On the site of the main castle enclosure is a wood called the Grove of Solace with cryptomeria cedars—some of them 140 years old. The place is celebrated for its flowering cherry trees as well.

MAP E-11 Shoko Shuseikan Museum (Kagoshima)



This museum, including the former steam-driven machinery factory, was founded by Shimazu Nariakira, the lord of the Satsuma Clan. It exhibits items to the Shimazu family, such as the oldest daguerreotype photo (replica) taken by a Japanese, and traditional handicrafts like Satsuma Kiriko glassware.

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Attraction

MAP C-05 Huis Ten Bosch (Nagasaki)



This theme park is modeled on the streets of the Netherlands. The flowers of each season are delightful and there are events and attractions throughout the year.

MAP C-05 Hizen Yume Kaido (Saga)



On entering the park, visitors time-slip to the ancient period of ninjas. There are Ninja shows and visitors can experience ninja training.

MAP H-11 Sun Messe Nichinan (Miyazaki)



With permission from Easter Island, Stone Moai statues stand along the coast, making it a popular place for tourists.

MAP C-04 Arita Pottery Experience (Saga)



Visitors can experience first hand, pottery making at a kiln in Arita Town. The course includes making your own piece of pottery on a wheel and painting it. The staff will teach you the basic skills to make ceramics.

Shopping

MAP E-04 Tosu Premium Outlets (Saga)



This is the only outlet shopping mall in Kyushu. It contains both domestic and international brands in a fashionable facility, designed with southern Californian ambience.

MAP A-01 Marinao City Fukuoka (Fukuoka)



One of the large-scale outlet shopping malls in Kyushu is located within 30 minutes drive from downtown Fukuoka. A line up of about 170 stores selling fashion and various items can be found here.

MAP E-11 Tenmonkan (Kagoshima)



Tenmonkan Street is the largest shopping arcade in southern Kyushu. The name "Tenmonkan," or hall of astronomy, is derived from the existence of an observatory built there during the 19th century. This arcade includes local food restaurants, souvenir shops and boutiques.

MAP H-10 Miyazaki City Ichibangai Shopping Arcade (Miyazaki)



This shopping arcade is the shopping center of Miyazaki City, and accommodates a wide selection of restaurants and shops. A market is held here on the fourth Saturday of each month (fifth Saturday only in October) to offer fresh ingredients delivered directly from farmers.

3 Model Route Rent-a-Car Plan





Day 1
Kumamoto

Kumamoto Castle is one of the top three castles in Japan, and is situated in the center of the city. In 2007, to celebrate 400 years since its construction, the castle was restored and visitors can see the inside and outside of the elaborate structure. Located close to the castle is Suizenji Park, a Japanese style garden.



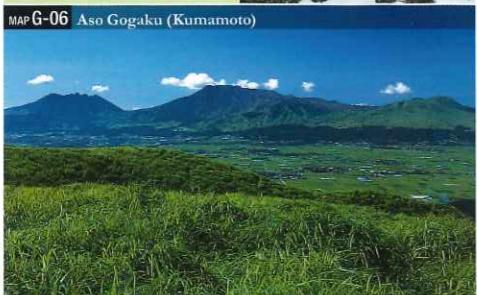
Higo Zogan: Higo Zogan is an inlaying technique, in which delicate gold or silver patterns are inserted into an iron base. It originated in the design of sword guards on the personal weapons of the Lord of the Higo Clan during the Edo Period, and has been maintained ever since as a Kumamoto special craft technique.



MAP F-06 Suizenji Park (Kumamoto)

Day 2
Aso

The size of the grass field here is the widest in Japan with 22,000ha. The area is a member of Global Geoparks Network. Visitors to this beautiful area can enjoy horse riding etc.



MAP G-06 Horse Riding in Aso (Kumamoto)

Day 3
Kagoshima

The symbol of Kagoshima is the erupting Mt. Sakurajima. There are approximately 270 hot springs in the city supplying numerous hot springs visitors can enjoy.



MAP F-11 Sakurajima (Kagoshima)

Satsuma Kiriko: This glassware was first developed during the 19th century, and features delicate cutting and distinctive colors.

Day 4
Ibusuki

Ibusuki is famous for hot spring water-infused beach sand. Mt. Kaimon is a similar shape to Mt. Fuji and is known as Satsumafuji to locals. Satsuma is the old name for the area. The largest lake in Kyushu is Ikeda Lake and the surrounding area is home to delightful flowers each season.



MAP F-10 Kirishima Onsen Hot Spring (Kagoshima)

Day 5
Kirishima

Kirishima Shrine has a rich history since it was built in the 6th century. Visitors take the cedar lined path to reach the splendid vermilion-lacquered building which has been designated an Important Cultural Property of Japan. There are hot springs in the area around Kirishima Shrine.



MAP F-10 Kirishima Shrine (Kagoshima)

Day 5
Ebino

The Ebino plateau is a treasure chest of natural beauty. In spring, the area is known for beautiful pink Kyushu Azaleas and in autumn, we can see the vivid, enchanting orange and red colored leaves. Ebino plateau, which is attractive all year round, also has popular hiking courses.



MAP F-09 Ebino Plateau (Trekking) (Miyazaki)



Day 1
Kashima

Yutoku Inari Shrine is the shrine of the guardian of food, shelter and clothing, where many people come to pray. The main hall and Kagura Hall are decorated in vibrant colors.



Day 2
Ureshino

The hot springs of Ureshino are well-known to make the skin feel and look beautiful. What's more Tofu made in the water from local springs with its smooth taste, makes the local Tofu Hot Pot a famous dish. And Ureshino Tea has an established reputation for delicious taste and fragrance.



MAP C-05 Ureshino Onsen Hot Spring (Saga)

Day 3
Sasebo

The Kujukushima Islands are the center of the Sasebo's tourist spots. More than 200 islands are dotted along the coastline in the beautiful sea. The area can be enjoyed from a pirate ship style sightseeing cruiser, sea kayak or yacht.



MAP C-06 Peace Park (Nagasaki)

Day 4
Nagasaki

During the Edo Period, Nagasaki was the busiest trading port in Japan. The influence from the Netherlands and China created a unique culture in the city. During winter, the city holds the Nagasaki Lantern Festival. It was started to celebrate the Chinese New Year and has grown to become a winter attraction in its own right.



Sea Food: Restaurants in Amakusa have fresh, wonderful seafood.

Day 5
Amakusa

Along the Amakusa coastline some 200 wild dolphins live in the sea. Dolphin watching can be enjoyed year round. *See "Amakusa" shown at the upper part of the "more about Nature & Scenery" for more details.

Day 6
Minamiaso

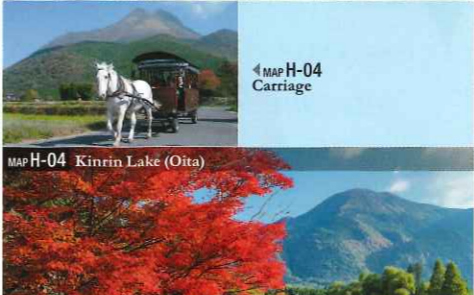
Every minute, 60 tons of spring water gushes out of the Shirakawa Suigen Spring located in Minamiaso, in the south area of Mt. Aso. There are cafes and shops near Shirakawa Suigen Spring, which use the spring water in their teas and coffees.



MAP H-04 Kinrin Lake (Oita)

Day 7
Yufuin

Yufuin is an outstanding hot spring area in Japan. There is a wide variety of accommodation available in all price ranges. Horse drawn carriage tours are available to tour around the calm the rural area in style.



Sake: Shops on the Yunotsubo Kaido Road in Yufuin provide local sake and shochu in Kyushu.



Day 1
Mojiko

The Mojiko Retro area has many western style buildings built from the end of the 19th century to the beginning of the 20th century. Art galleries, businesses, and restaurants fill the buildings.



MAP G-01 Baked Curry

Day 2
Usuki

The Usuki Stone Buddhas are a collection of stone sculptures in the local rocky mountains. The statues were selected as National Treasures of Japan. With more than 60 statues, the collection is one of Japan's best, in terms of the number and the quality of the sculptures.



MAP J-05 Saiki Sushi

Day 3
Saiki

Saiki has abundant fresh food from the nearby sea and mountains. Local dishes including Saiki Sushi and Bungo-don can be found in the many restaurants of this gourmet town.



MAP J-05 Bungo Futamigaura (Oita)

Day 4
Takachiho

It is said that Takachiho is the stage of Japanese mythology. Even now, an all night long dance dedicated to god is performed every winter. And every night of the year "Dance Number 4" can be watched at Takachiho Shrine.



MAP H-06 Takachiho Yokagura (Miyazaki)

Day 5
Hyuga

The Sea of Cruz appears to be in the shape of a cross when seen from above. It is said that those who come here will have their wishes come true. In the south, the charming, old town of Mimitsu is definitely worth seeing.



MAP I-08 Sea of Cross (Miyazaki)

Day 6
Miyazaki

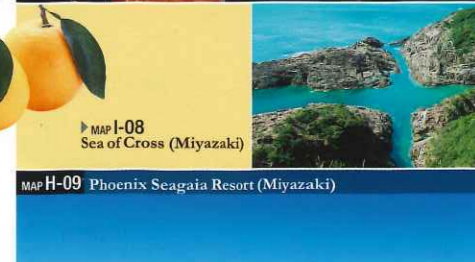
The Seagaia area has many attractions including resort hotels, golf courses, spas and zoo. To the south is the Aoshima coast area which is famous for the Aoshima Shrine of love, and marine sports. Miyazaki has many great surfing beaches.



MAP H-09 Phoenix Seagaia Resort (Miyazaki)

Day 7
Miyazaki

Nanjakora Daifuku (Miyazaki): Daifuku is a Japanese sweet that consists of a small round mochi (sticky rice cake), usually stuffed with sweet adzuki bean paste. This Daifuku contains a chestnut, strawberry and cheese covered with bean paste.



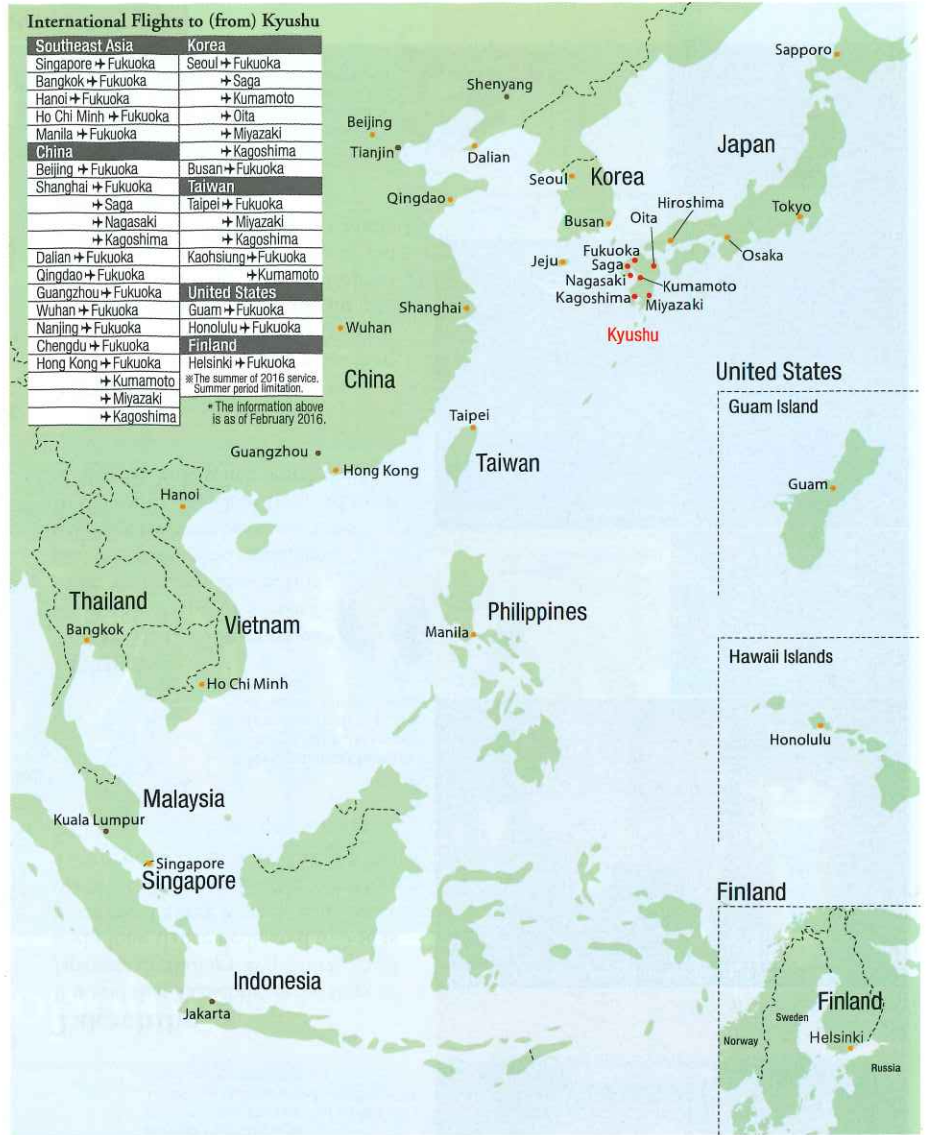
MAP H-10 Aoshima Shrine (Miyazaki)

Access

International Flights to (from) Kyushu

Southeast Asia	Korea
Singapore → Fukuoka	Seoul → Fukuoka
Bangkok → Fukuoka	→ Saga
Hanoi → Fukuoka	→ Kumamoto
Ho Chi Minh → Fukuoka	→ Oita
Manila → Fukuoka	→ Miyazaki
	→ Kagoshima
China	Taiwan
Beijing → Fukuoka	Busan → Fukuoka
Shanghai → Fukuoka	Taipei → Fukuoka
	→ Miyazaki
	→ Kagoshima
Dalian → Fukuoka	Kaohsiung → Fukuoka
Qingdao → Fukuoka	→ Kumamoto
Guangzhou → Fukuoka	United States
Wuhan → Fukuoka	Guam → Fukuoka
Nanjing → Fukuoka	Honolulu → Fukuoka
Chengdu → Fukuoka	Finland
Hong Kong → Fukuoka	Helsinki → Fukuoka
	→ Kumamoto
	→ Miyazaki
	→ Kagoshima

* The summer of 2016 service. Summer period limitation.
* The information above is as of February 2016.



TOKYO, OSAKA, NAGOYA → KYUSHU

✈ AIRLINE

Origin	Destination	Flight Time	
Tokyo (Haneda)	Fukuoka	1h55min	
	Kitakyushu	1h45min	
	Saga	2h	
	Nagasaki	1h55min	
	Kumamoto	1h50min	
	Oita	1h40min	
	Miyazaki	1h45min	
	Kagoshima	1h55min	
	Tokyo (Narita)	Fukuoka	2h05min
		Saga	2h30min
Kumamoto		2h	
Oita		1h50min	
Kagoshima		2h10min	
Osaka (Itami)	Fukuoka	1h10min	
	Nagasaki	1h20min	
	Kumamoto	1h10min	
	Oita	1h	
	Miyazaki	1h05min	
Osaka (Kanku)	Fukuoka	1h15min	
	Nagasaki	1h20min	
	Kumamoto	1h25min	
	Oita	1h05min	
	Kagoshima	1h15min	
Nagoya (Chubu)	Fukuoka	1h25min	
	Nagasaki	1h30min	
	Kumamoto	1h25min	
	Oita	1h15min	
	Miyazaki	1h20min	
Nagoya (Komaki)	Kagoshima	1h30min	
	Fukuoka	1h30min	
	Kumamoto	1h30min	

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Tokyo Sta.	4h55min	Hakata Sta.
Nagoya Sta.	3h20min	
Shin-Osaka Sta.	2h25min	
Shin-Osaka Sta.	3h	Kumamoto Sta.
Shin-Osaka Sta.	3h45min	Kagoshima-chuo Sta.



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