

Practical Travel Guide - 707

KAGOSHIMA and VICINITY



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Kagoshima City (鹿児島市), with a population of 595,285 (as of Nov. 2019), 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-**

Kinkowan 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 18.6 degrees C. (65.5 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 Air

From	To	Operated by	Approx. Travel Time	Access from / to downtown
Haneda/Narita (Tokyo)	Kagoshima	JAL, ANA, <u>SKY</u> , <u>JJP</u> , <u>APJ</u>	2 hrs. (Haneda) 2 hrs. 15 min. (Narita)	[To Kagoshima-chuo Sta.] -By Airport Bus 40 min, ¥1,300
Itami/Kansai (Osaka)		JAL, ANA, <u>JJP</u> , <u>APJ</u>	1 hr. 15 min.	

By Rail (JR)

From	To	By	Approx. Travel Time	Price*
Tokyo	Kagoshima-chuo	Shinkansen “Nozomi” & “Mizuho”	6 hrs. 35 min.	¥30,420
Shin-Osaka		Shinkansen “Mizuho”	4 hrs.	¥22,310
Hakata (Fukuoka)		Shinkansen “Mizuho”	1 hr. 35 min.	¥10,640

*Fare + express charge (with seat reservation, normal season).

By Bus

From	To	Approx. Travel Time	Price	Ticketing & Operator
Hakata Bus Terminal (Fukuoka)	Kagoshima-chuo Sta.	From 4 hrs. 45 min.	From ¥2,900	“Sakurajima” by Nangoku Kotsu Bus <u>@BUS DE</u>

Transportation in the Area:

In getting around the city center, sightseeing spots and downtown are easily connected with each other by city tram system.

[Hop-on-hop-off Pass “Cute” (¥1,000 for 1 day)] Incl. bus, tram, “City View” sightseeing bus and Sakurajima Ferry with discount offer from major sightseeing spots.

Please visit <http://www.kagoshima-kankou.com/for/areaguides/kagoshima.html> for further details.

From	To	Approx. Travel Time	Price	Ticketing & Operator
Kagoshima-chuo Sta.	Chiran	1 hr. 20 min.	¥950	Kagoshima Kotsu Bus 099-254-8970 (in JP)
	Ibusuki Sta.	1 hr. 20 min.	¥1,020	JR Ibusuki-Makurazaki Line (Local)
	Miyazaki Sta.	2 hrs. 10 min.	¥4,310	JR Ltd. Exp. “Kirishima”
	Miyako City Terminal (Miyazaki)	2 hrs. 55 min.	¥2,830	“Hamayu” by Nangoku Kotsu Bus <u>@BUS DE</u>
Kagoshima Port*	Sakurajima Port	15 min.	¥200	<u>Sakurajima Ferry</u>

* The Pier is a 15 min. by bus from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta.

*See p. 5 for admission and opening times.

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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 800 year reign of the feudal lord, Shimadzu family.

Shiroyama (城山), 20 min. by “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 tram 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. Closed: Mon. (the next day when Mon. falls on a national holiday), 25th of each month (except Sat. and Sun.) & Dec. 31–Jan. 2. Admission: ¥400.

Kagoshima City Museum of Art (鹿児島市立美術館), 15 min. by “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. Closed: Mon. (or Tue. when Mon. is a national holiday) & from Dec. 29–Jan. 1 Admission: ¥300.

Sakurajima Island (桜島), reached in 15 min. by ferry which is operated every 10 to 15 min. from Kagoshima Port, is a symbol of Kagoshima. There is an active volcano mountain (Mt. Ontake 御岳 with three peaks) 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 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 “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.

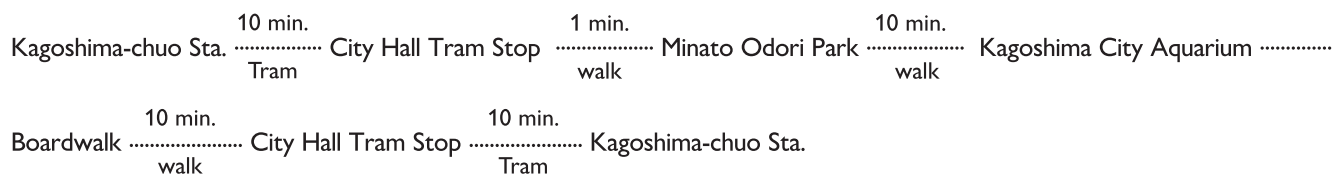
Kagoshima City Aquarium (かごしま水族館), 20 min. by bus from Kagoshima-chuo Sta., is one of the largest aquariums in Japan, featuring a theme of “the world of the South Seas and its marine life”, starting from the Kinko Bay. Visitors can enjoy watching dolphins and sea otters. Open: 9:30–18:00. (enter by 17:00) 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. 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 (しおかぜ通り), located on the corner of the Kita (north) wharf waterfront zone, is a promenade where you can enjoy strolling with the view of the harbor.

Suggested Strolling Route:



Annual Events:

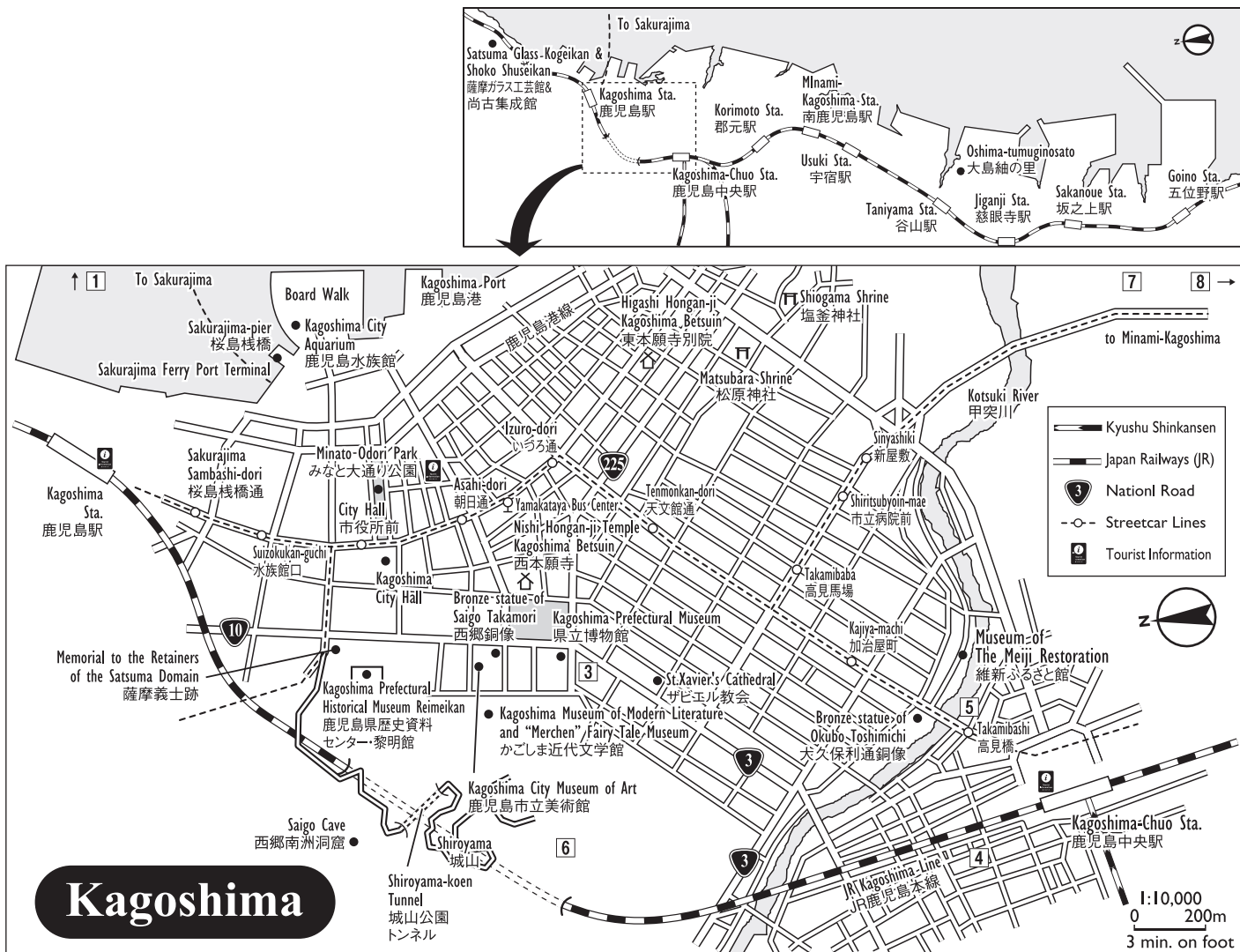
Kagoshima Summer Night Fireworks at Kinko Bay: late-Aug.

This is the largest firework event in Kyushu area. More than 15,000 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.

*See p. 5 for admission and opening times.



Note: ① - ⑧ correspond to those in the "Accommodations" list on page 5/5

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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. ¥1,100 for bathing and a rental Yukata (an informal cotton Kimono). Souvenir towels are on sale for ¥200 each.

Lake Ikeda (池田湖), 35 min. by bus from Ibusuki Sta., is a round shaped crater lake, the 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, is a volcanic mountain of impressively beautiful shape. It can be climbed in five 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.

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Chiran (知覧), located halfway between Kagoshima and Ibusuki (see page 1/1 for bus access), is an old town in which samurai residents with refined Japanese-style gardens have been preserved. Chiran is also noted for its tea plantation. **Chiran Buke yashiki-teien Garden**, Open: 9:00–17:00. Admission: ¥530.

Local Food & Products:

Satsuma-yaki Ware (薩摩焼) has been produced in Miyama, about 20 km 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

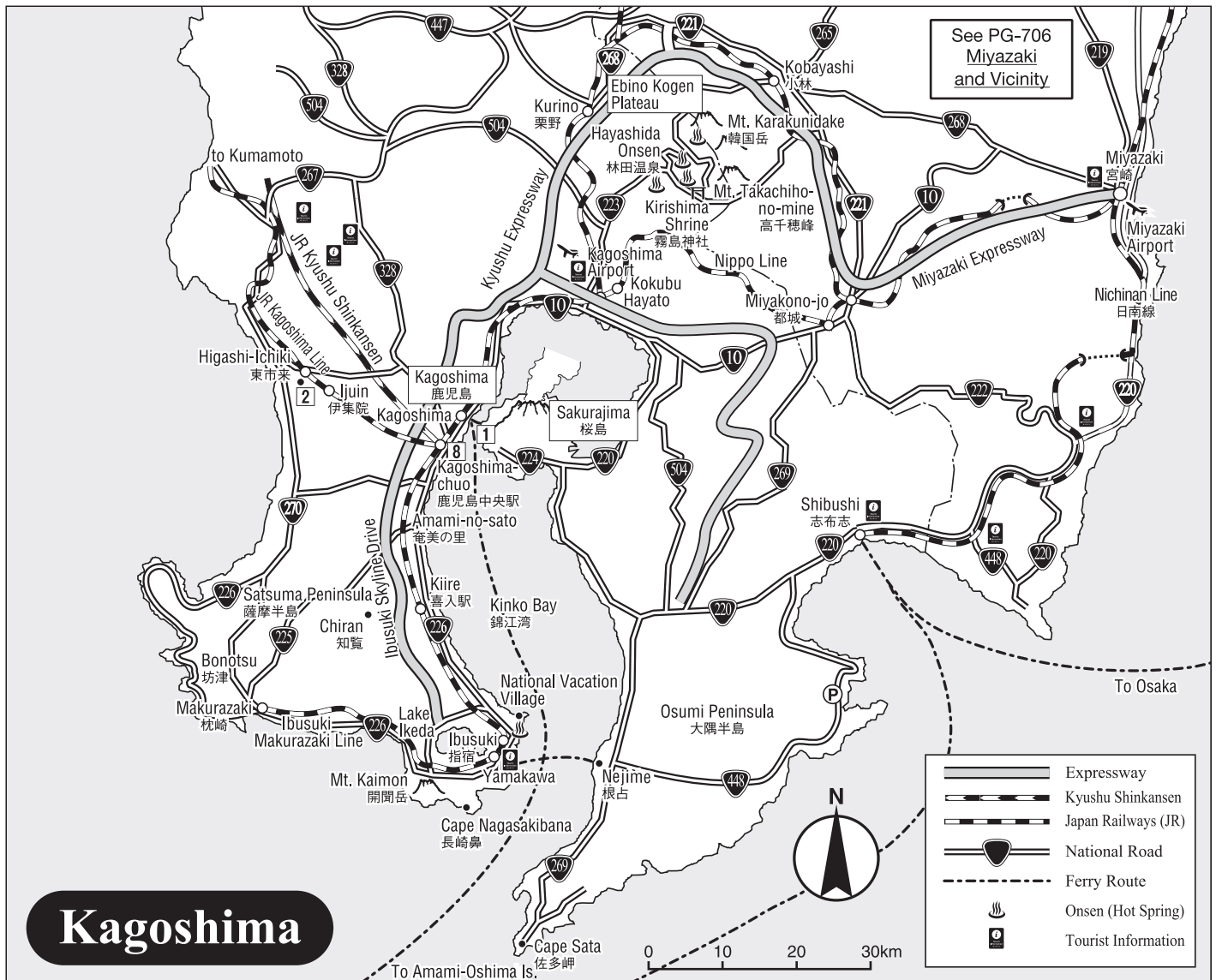
shop in Kagoshima city. Also in Kagoshima city, the factory of Satsuma-yaki ware is open to the public. It is Kinko Togeji, 5 min. by taxi from JR Kiire Sta. Kiire Sta. is 50 min. by train from Kagoshima-chuo Sta.

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 Sakurajima island.

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.



①, ②, ⑧ correspond to those in the "Accommodations" list on page 5/5

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 Rel Hotel (H)	(099)256-0109	¥	Ibusuki Seaside Hotel (H)	(0993)23-3111	¥¥
⑥ Shiroyama Hotel Kagoshima (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 Hakuikaikan (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

BH = Business Hotel

R = Ryokan

Y = Youth Hostel

M = Minshuku


Rate per person

¥¥¥ = more than 15,000 yen

¥¥ = 8,001 yen – 15,000 yen

¥ = 8,000 yen or less

*Standard basis rate (no meals, taxes included)



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- Last entry to the most of attractions is 30 min. before the closing time.
- In general, if their weekly closing day (most are on Mon.) falls on a national holiday, they are open on the day and are closed on the following day after the holiday(s).
- Most are closed throughout / a part of New Year holiday period (especially Dec. 29–Jan. 3).
- Please visit the official website of each place / your nearest tourist information center for the updates.

**TOURIST INFORMATION in the area****Kagoshima Prefectural Visitors Bureau:**

Kagoshima Sangyo Kaikan, 9-1 Meizan-cho, Kagoshima City, Kagoshima
Hours: 8:30–17:15. Closed: Weekends, Hol. & New Year Holiday.

Tel. (099) 223-5771

To find other Tourist Information Centers, visit <https://tic.jnto.go.jp/>

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