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# FUKUOKA

**FUKUOKA** (福岡) lies on the northern coast of Kyushu, the southernmost of the four main islands of Japan. The city has a 2,000-year history and has prospered since ancient times as a gateway of Asia. With a population of over 1,591,000 (Sep. 2019) people, making it the 6th largest city in Japan, it is the administrative, economic and cultural center of Kyushu. Fukuoka is a modern city with many hotels and other facilities and also temples, shrines, and other places of cultural and historic interest are carefully preserved. Moreover, it is surrounded by a diverse natural environment boasting numerous mountains, hot springs, seas, and parks located nearby the downtown area. And while Fukuoka offers all the conveniences of a major city, its slower pace allows visitors to relax as well.

Fukuoka boasts exceptional accessibility with over 300 international flights per week to and from about 20 cities in Asia and beyond, plus of course numerous daily flights to and from airports in Tokyo, Osaka and all other major domestic destinations. Visitors arriving at Fukuoka Airport can reach the city center, Tenjin Station, in only 11 minutes by subway. JR Hakata Station, the principal railroad station in both Fukuoka and Kyushu as a whole, is served by the Shinkansen, with minimum traveling times from Tokyo about 5 hours. Fukuoka is conveniently located as a base for exploring Kyushu, either by Shinkansen / express train or highway bus which provide quick connections to such cities as Kumamoto, Kagoshima, Saga, Nagasaki, Beppu, Oita and Miyazaki.

During the Edo Period, the Naka River divided the present-day city of Fukuoka into the two areas: the castle town of “Fukuoka” on the western side and the merchants’ town of “Hakata” to the east. In 1889, the two towns were incorporated into the present Fukuoka City, but even today facets of old Hakata remain, with

for example the preservation of traditional crafts such as Hakata Dolls and Hakata Textiles.

The people of Fukuoka love festivals, and there is a full calendar of events to match. The four most representative examples are Hakata Dontaku Festival (May 3–4), where citizens' groups dressed in costumes parade through the streets of the city; Hakata Gion Yamakasa Festival (Jul. 1–15), the climax of which involves seven teams of several hundred men, each carrying one-ton floats over a five-kilometer course in a time trial; Hojoya Festival (Sep. 12–18), which has a 1,100-year history held in Hakozaki-gu Shrine; and Asian Month (Sep.), a month-long celebration of Asian culture. There are also numerous smaller festivals held in and around Fukuoka, all of which can add color to your trip.

## Transportation in the City:

The easiest way to travel around Fukuoka is by subway – each station is identified by a number and a symbol related to a cultural topic around the area. Kuko Line runs from Fukuoka airport to Meinohama via Hakata, Nakasu-Kawabata, Tenjin and Ohorikoen (for Ohori Park). Hakozaki Line runs from Nakasu-Kawabata to Kaizuka via Hakozaki-Miyamae (for Hakozakigu Shrine). Nanakuma Line runs from Tenjin-minami to Hashimoto via Fukudai-mae.

Fukuoka is also served by an extensive network of bus routes which takes you to most points of interest within the city and beyond. Hakata Bus Terminal, one of the principal terminals both for local and intercity buses, is located next to JR Hakata Sta. Another one, Tenjin Expressway Bus Terminal, is located on the 3rd fl. of Nishitetsu-Tenjin Sta., the terminal of Nishitetsu Tenjin-Omuta Line trains bound for Dazaifu, Kurume and Yanagawa.

**Access:**

**By Rail:**

From	To	By	Approx. Travel Time	Price*
Tokyo	Hakata (Fukuoka)	JR Shinkansen (By Nozomi)	5 hrs.	¥23,390
		JR Shinkansen (By Hikari / Sakura)**	6 hrs.	¥22,750
Osaka (Shin-Osaka)		JR Shinkansen (By Nozomi)	2 hrs. 30 min.	¥15,600
		JR Shinkansen (By Sakura)	2 hrs. 35 min.	¥15,280
Hiroshima		JR Shinkansen (By Nozomi)	1 hr. 10 min.	¥9,310
		JR Shinkansen (By Sakura)	1 hr. 30 min.	¥9,100

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

\*\*Transfer once at Shin-Kobe Sta.

**By Air:**

From	To	Operated by	Approx. Travel Time	Access to Downtown
Tokyo	Fukuoka	JAL, ANA, SKY, SFJ (Haneda)	1 hr. 30 min.	[To Hakata Sta. (Fukuoka)]
		JAL, ANA, JJP (Narita)	1 hr. 50 min.	- By Subway
Osaka		JAL, ANA, IBX (Itami)	1 hr. 5 min.	5 min. ¥260
		JAL, ANA, APJ, JJP (Kansai)	1 hr. 5 min.	[To Tenjin Sta. (Fukuoka)]
Nagoya		JAL, ANA, JJP, SFJ, IBX (Centrair)	1 hr. 15 min.	- By Subway
				11 min. ¥260

Note: Airfares vary depending on the season.

\*See p. 6 for admission and opening times.

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**FUKUOKA OPEN TOP BUS**, a double-decker sightseeing tour bus with audio guide, is also available (¥1,570 for one tour with free ride on local buses in the city center).

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**Places of Interest:** [① – ⑮: Location on the City Map]

### TENJIN AREA

① **Tenjin** (天神): [subway Tenjin Sta.] Bustling with energy, Tenjin is Fukuoka's principal commercial center. Here there are a large number of shops and department stores (Iwataya, Daimaru and Mitsukoshi) jostling for space with offices and even ancient shrines. For shopping, also check out **Tenjin Chikagai** (天神地下街), an underground mall which runs past the subway station entrance. In the western part of Tenjin is **Tenjin West Street** (天神西通り), a must for fashion-conscious young people, while in the eastern part is

**ACROS Fukuoka** (アクロス福岡), a center for information and culture, covered with a terraced garden which descends into the adjacent **Tenjin Central Park** (天神中央公園).

② **Yanagibashi Market** (柳橋連合市場): [20 min. walk from JR Hakata Sta.] Fukuoka is very proud of its fresh fish, and a good place to see many varieties available is at Yanagibashi Market, the best known market in the city.

### HAKATA & NAKASU AREA

③ **Canal City Hakata** : [10 min. walk from JR Hakata Sta.] This futuristic city-within-a-city is the first of its kind in Japan. Centered around a 180-meter canal, it hosts a variety of attractions including Canal City Theater, a 13-screen movie theater, a futuristic amusement theme park, hotels, hundreds of stores, restaurants and daily street entertainment.

Yosai returned to Japan and introduced Zen Buddhism, establishing Shofukuji Temple as Japan's first Zen Buddhist temple. Yosai also introduced tea, and the first tea bushes in Japan were cultivated in the temple grounds.

④ **Yatai** (屋台): Yatai are mobile food stalls which appear on the streets in late afternoon and early evening. There are 104 (as of Oct. 2019) in Fukuoka, mainly in the Nakasu and Tenjin areas, serving such dishes as Hakata ramen (Chinese noodles in a rich pork soup) and *Oden* (vegetables and fish simmered in a light fish broth).

⑨ **Tochoji Temple** (東長寺): [Short walk from subway Gion Sta.] While the structure is modern, the temple has been long established. Completed only in 1992, the biggest attraction for visitors is its image of Buddha, which at 10.8 meters (36 ft.) is Japan's tallest such wooden image.

⑤ **Kushida-jinja Shrine** (櫛田神社): [8 min. walk from subway Gion or Nakasu-Kawabata Sta.] The oldest shrine (Shinto place of worship) in Fukuoka City. Kushida-jinja Shrine is thought to have been founded in the year 757, with the present structure dating back to 1587. Many people visit to pray for a long healthy life and business prosperity. The shrine serves as the center of the Yamakasa Festival, and a festival float is on permanent display within the grounds.

⑩ **Hakata Riverain** : [immediately above subway Nakasu-Kawabata Sta. Exit 6] A new commercial complex with a theater, a hotel, shops and restaurants. On the 7, 8th floor is the **Fukuoka Asian Art Museum** featuring a collection of contemporary Asian art. Hours: 9:30–18:00, –20:00 (Fri. & Sat.). Closed: Wed. (Thu. when Wed. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 26–Jan. 1. Admission: ¥200. <http://faam.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/eng/home.html> On the 5th & 6th floor is **Anpanman Children's Museum**. Hours: 10:00–18:00 (enter by 17:00). Admission: ¥1,800.

⑥ **Hakata Machiya Folk Museum** (博多町家ふるさと館): [5 min. walk from subway Gion Sta.] Located just in front of Kushida-jinja Shrine, the museum presents the life and times of the people of Hakata during the Meiji and Taisho Eras (1868–1926). Particularly popular are video presentations of the Yamakasa Festival and the small shop which sells a comprehensive range of local crafts. Hours: Hakata Machiya Folk Museum Exhibition hall 10:00–18:00. Closed: Dec. 29–31. Admission: ¥200.

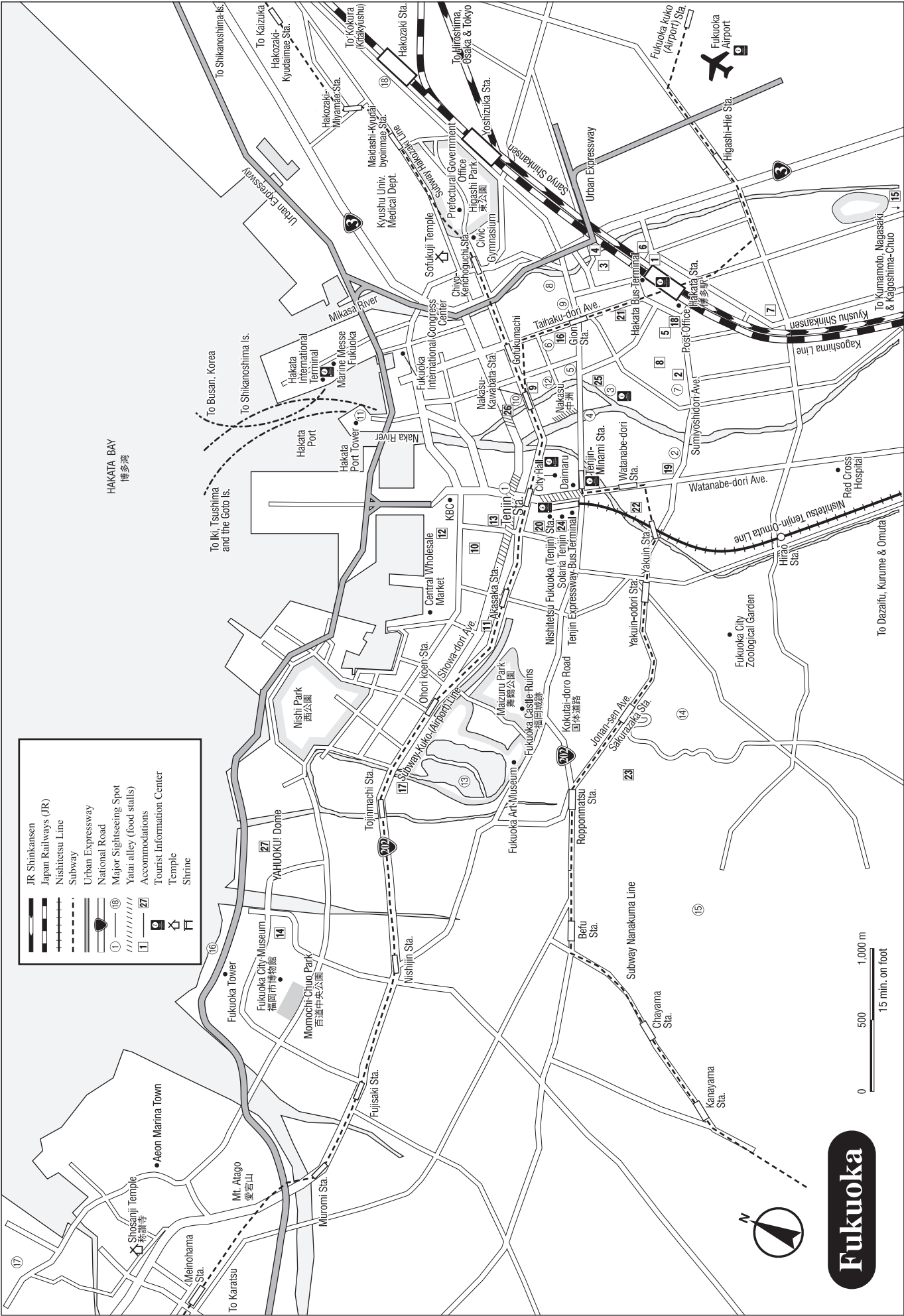
⑪ **Bayside Place Hakata** : [25 min. walk from subway Tenjin Sta. or 20 min. by bus from Hakata Sta.] This waterfront complex of shops and restaurants is one of Fukuoka's most popular attractions. The interior features a large columnar aquarium, while the outside has broad wooden decks for strolling along the waterfront. This is also the departure point for Hakata Bay cruises and for ferries to nearby islands.

⑦ **Sumiyoshi-jinja Shrine** (住吉神社): [15 min. walk from JR or Subway Hakata Sta.] This shrine is said to be one of the oldest in Kyushu and is dedicated to the guardian god of sailors. The present main shrine, restored in 1623, retains the typical “Sumiyoshi-zukuri” style of architecture.

⑫ **Hakata Traditional Craft and Design Museum** (はかた伝統工芸館): [5 min. walk from subway Gion Sta. or Nakasu-Kawabata Sta.] Located next to the Kushida-jinja Shrine, this tow-storied wooden building is a home to Fukuoka's various traditional arts and crafts such as “Hakata-Ori” (woven textile) and “Hakata Ningyo” (dolls). Various exhibitions, workshops, and lectures are held in the Gallery Room in the first floor. The second floor mainly focuses on “Hakata-Ori” and “Hakata Ningyo”, explaining their history and manufacturing methods. Hours: 10:00–18:00. Closed: Wed. & Dec. 29–31. Admission: Free.

⑧ **Shofukuji Temple** (聖福寺): [5 min. walk from subway Gion Sta.] After four years of study in China, a priest named

\*See p. 6 for admission and opening times.



①—⑱ correspond to those on the page 2/5 & 4/5 ①—⑲ correspond to those on the "Accommodations" list on page 5/5

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## OHORI PARK AREA

- ⑬ **Ohori Park** (大濠公園): [7 min. walk from subway Ohorikoen Sta.] This large park is comprised mostly of a central lake, which originally formed part of the outer moat of Fukuoka Castle. Around the lake runs a broad path which is popular with joggers, cyclists and walkers alike. Ohori Park is also home to **Fukuoka Art Museum** (福岡市美術館) Hours: 9:30–17:30, –20:00 (Fri. & Sat. of Jul.–Oct.). Closed: Mon. (Tue. when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 28–Jan. 4. Admission: ¥200. and **Ohori Park Japanese Garden** (大濠公園日本庭園) Hours: 9:00–17:00 (enter by 16:45), –18:00 (Jun.–Aug.). Closed: Mon. (Tue. when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 29–Jan. 3. Admission: ¥250. Adjoining Ohori Park on the east side is **Maizuru Park** (舞鶴公園) where you can explore the ruins of **Fukuoka Castle** (福岡城跡), which was originally completed in 1608.
- ⑭ **Minami Park** (南公園): [20 min. by bus from Hakata Sta.] This large park situated on a hill in the southern part of the city and is home to **Fukuoka City Zoological Garden and Botanical Gardens** (福岡市動物園／植物園) Hours: 9:00–17:00. Closed: Mon. (Tue. when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 29–Jan. 1. Admission: ¥600 for each facilities.
- ⑮ **Yusentei Garden** (友泉亭公園): [40 min. by bus from JR Hakata Sta.] Originally built as a villa for a feudal lord, Yusentei Garden was remade into a classic Japanese-style garden. Hours: 9:00–17:00. Closed: Mon. (Tue. when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 29–Jan. 1. Admission: ¥200.

## SEASIDE MOMOCHI AREA

- ⑯ **Seaside Momochi Beach Park** : [15 min. walk from Subway Tojinmachi or Nishijin Sta.] Built on reclaimed land, this waterfront location presents Fukuoka's most modern face, and is home to a large number of cultural and commercial facilities: **Fukuoka Tower** is Japan's tallest coastal tower offering excellent views over adjacent Hakata Bay and the city as a whole from the observation deck at 123 meters. Hours: 9:30–22:00. Admission: ¥800. <http://www.fukuokatower.co.jp/english/> Immediately to the north, flanked by sandy beaches, is a pier called **Marizon** from where you can cross Hakata Bay by boat to **Uminonakamichi Seaside Park** (海の中道海浜公園), while just to the south is **Fukuoka City Museum** (福岡市博物館). The central theme of the museum is the role the city has played as a center of exchange in East Asia. Hours: 9:30–17:30. Closed: Mon. (Tue. when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 28–Jan. 4. Admission: ¥200. To the east is **Hawks Town** which features **Fukuoka YAHUOKU! Dome**, Japan's first retractable-roofed dome and home to the Fukuoka Softbank HAWKS professional baseball team. The promenade which rings the dome at the 3rd floor level is popular with visitors and residents alike.
- ⑰ **Marinoa City Fukuoka** : [15 min. by bus from subway Meinohama Sta.] This waterfront outlet mall is also home to a Ferris wheel.

## HAKOZAKIGU SHRINE AND SIDE TRIP TO THE VICINITY

- ⑱ **Hakozakigu Shrine** (筥崎宮): [3 min. walk from subway Hakozaki-Miyamae Sta.] Established in 923, the present structures date back to the mid-16th to early 17th centuries. An important festival, Hojoya, takes place here from September 12–18 every year. Along the main approach to the shrine is **Hakozaki-gu Shrine Flower Garden** (筥崎宮花庭園) which features peonies and other flowering plants in season. Hours: 9:30–17:00. Closed: Wed. (Tue. when Wed. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 11–31. Admission ¥100–¥500 depending on season.
- Admission: ¥500.
- Kyushu National Museum** (九州国立博物館): [10 min. walk from Dazaifu Sta. on Dazaifu Line. or 15 min by taxi from Futsukaichi Sta. on JR Kagoshima Honsen Line] It's focusing on the cultural heritage of Japan and cultural exchange with the rest of Asia. Hours 9:30–17:00 (Sun., Tue.–Thu.), –20:00 (Fri.–Sat.). Closed: Mon. (Tue. when Mon. falls on a national holiday). Admission: ¥430. <https://www.kyuhaku.jp/en/>

### Side Trip to Dazaifu (太宰府):

[20 min. by Nishitetsu Tenjin-Omuta Line from Nishitetsu Fukuoka (Tenjin) Sta., changing at Nishitetsu-Futsukaichi Sta., get off at Dazaifu Sta.] The city is famous as the home of **Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine** (太宰府天満宮), established in 905 to deify Michizane Sugawara, a great scholar of Chinese literature, as the “guardian god of learning.” The present main shrine dates back to 1591. The grounds are planted with 6,000 Japanese plum trees which bloom from late January to March. **Homotsuden (Treasure Hall)** (宝物殿) also in the grounds has a small but very fine collection of artifacts. Hours: 9:00–16:30. Closed: Mon. Admission: ¥400. Don't miss nearby **Komyozenji Temple** (光明禅寺) which has a beautiful moss garden. Hours: 8:00–17:00.

### Side Trip to Yanagawa (柳川):

[50 min. by Nishitetsu Tenjin-Omuta Line from Nishitetsu Fukuoka (Tenjin) Sta., get off at Nishitetsu-Yanagawa Sta.] Yanagawa's principal attraction is the network of canals which crisscrosses the town. Visitors can ride in flat-bottomed boats along the canals, taking them leisurely past flowering plants, weeping willows and historic buildings.

**Accommodations:**

Name of Facility	Tel.	Fax.	Room rate (¥)
<b>1</b> Hakata Green Hotel Annex (BH)	(092) 451-4112	(092) 451-4177	¥¥
<b>2</b> Hotel Hokke Club Fukuoka (BH)	(092) 271-3171	(092) 272-2095	¥
<b>3</b> Reisenkaku Hotel Ekimae (BH)	(092) 441-8601	(092) 441-8625	¥
<b>4</b> Hotel ETS Inn Hakata (BH)	(092) 642-4563	(092) 642-4628	¥
<b>5</b> R & B Hakataeki-mae(BH)	(092) 473-9898	(092) 434-7577	¥
<b>6</b> Hotel LA FORESTA (BH)	(092) 483-7711	(092) 483-7755	¥
<b>7</b> Toyoko Inn Hakataeki-Minami (BH)	(092) 475-1045	(092) 475-1046	¥
<b>8</b> Accord Hotel (BH)	(092) 434-1850	(092) 434-1889	¥
<b>9</b> Amenity Hotel in Hakata (BH)	(092) 282-0041	(092) 282-0044	¥
<b>10</b> Heiwadai Hotel Tenjin (BH)	(092) 737-1000	(092) 737-1003	¥
<b>11</b> Nissei Hotel Fukuoka (BH)	(092) 732-0900	(092) 732-0909	¥
<b>12</b> Hamanomachi Byoin mae S.B. Hotel (BH)	(092) 717-6600	(092) 717-6622	¥
<b>13</b> Hotel Etwas Tenjin (BH)	(092) 737-3233	(092) 737-3266	¥¥
<b>14</b> Seaside Hotel TWINS MOMOCHI (BH)	(092) 822-5001	(092) 847-3110	¥
<b>15</b> Fukuoka Youth Hostel (Y)	(092) 473-4555	(092) 473-4555	¥
<b>16</b> Kashima Honkan (R)	(092) 291-0746	(092) 271-7995	¥
<b>17</b> Iwai Hotel (R)	(092) 712-5800	(092) 712-5806	¥
<b>18</b> ANA Crowne Plaza Hotel Fukuoka (H)	(092) 471-7111	(092) 471-1109	¥¥¥
<b>19</b> Hotel New Otani Hakata (H)	(092) 714-1111	(092) 715-5658	¥¥
<b>20</b> Nishitetu Grand Hotel (H)	(092) 781-0711	(092) 751-8224	¥¥
<b>21</b> Hotel Nikko Fukuoka (H)	(092) 482-1111	(092) 482-1127	¥¥¥
<b>22</b> Takakura Hotel Fukuoka (H)	(092) 731-1661	(092) 731-1669	¥¥
<b>23</b> AGORA Fukuoka Hilltop Hotel (H)	(092) 771-2131	(092) 483-7755	¥¥¥
<b>24</b> Solaria Nishitetsu Hotel (H)	(092) 752-5555	(092) 781-1211	¥¥¥
<b>25</b> Grand Hyatt Fukuoka (H)	(092) 282-1234	(092) 282-2817	¥¥¥
<b>26</b> Hotel Okura Fukuoka (H)	(092) 262-1111	(092) 262-7701	¥¥¥
<b>27</b> Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk (H)	(092) 844-8111	(092) 844-7887	¥¥¥

**Remarks:**

**1** – **30** correspond to those on the map page 3/5. Rate per person.

H = Hotel

R = Ryokan

BH = Business Hotel

Y = Youth Hostel

¥ = 8,000 yen or less

¥¥ = 8,001 yen – 15,000 yen

¥¥¥ = more than 15,000 yen      \*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).
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 Hours: 9:30-19:00 Closed: Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 Tel.: 092-751-6904

**Fukuoka City Tourist Information (JR Hakata Sta. General Information Center):**

1-1 Hakata-eki Chuogai, Hakata-ku Fukuoka city, Fukuoka  
 Hours: 8:00-21:00 Tel.: 092-431-3003

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

