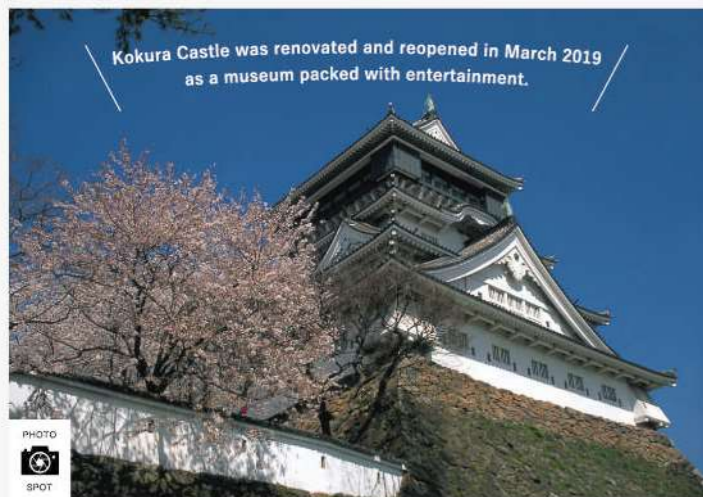




# Sightseeing Spots

## SPOT INFORMATION

We will introduce you to a number of major sightseeing spots in Kitakyushu where you can discover the different charms of each area, be it at the sea, in the mountains, with a beautiful night view, or while eating delicious gourmet foods.



Kokura Castle was renovated and reopened in March 2019 as a museum packed with entertainment.

### 01 Kokura Castle

The castle, which was originally built in 1602 by Hosokawa Tadaoki, reopened in March 2019 with completely renovated exhibits in the castle tower. In the nearby Kokura Castle Japanese Garden, you can experience Japanese culture, such as traditional manners and tea ceremonies.

☎ 093-561-1210

📍 Approximately 20 minute-walk from JR Kokura Station

## Kitakyushu Local Specialties

We will introduce you to a wide range of local gourmet foods that you cannot find anywhere else, from fresh seafood to the comfort foods of Kitakyushu.



Originated in Kokura



As a matter of fact, Kitakyushu is a treasure chest of seafood!



Originated in Mojiko

### Yakiudon (fried udon)

You can enjoy a unique taste at every restaurant. It is characterized by their grilled look and springy texture, only found in dried noodles.

### Sushi

Some sushi restaurants offer Sushi peculiar to Kitakyushu. There is also a famous restaurant ranked first in Japan at a viral site.



Stamina food for workers



Local specialty breads which have people lining up

### Yahata Gyoza Dumplings

Yahata Gyoza Dumplings were developed as a source of stamina for steelworkers. Its diversity is one of its charms, working both as dumplings cooked in an iron pan and dumplings like mom used to make.

### Popular bakeries among local people

Why don't you visit various bakeries to find your favorite one, for example, Sunny Bread from Shiroya, a croissant from Mikazukiya, or a mini croissant from MIGNON?



### 02 Tanga Market

Tanga Market is Kitakyushu's kitchen, and has continued since the Taisho era (1912-1926), with approx. 120 stores selling fresh fish, daily dishes, local traditional food "Nukadaki", and more.

☎ 093-521-4140

📍 About 2 minute-walk from Kitakyushu Monorail Tanga Station

### 03 Hiraodai

Hiraodai is one of Japan's three major karst formations. You can enjoy seasonal landscapes, such as controlled burns in the spring, fresh green in the summer, and Japanese silver grass in the autumn. Exploration of the limestone cavern is also recommended.

☎ 093-452-2715 (Hiraodai Countryside Park)

📍 About 20 minutes by car from Kokura South IC  
About 15 minutes by car from JR Ishihara-machi Station



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### 08 Mt.Sarakura

Mt.Sarakura (Sarakurayama) is recognized as one of the three most well-known night views in Japan, as well as being a popular destination for couples. You can enjoy a wonderful panoramic view complemented by a beautiful cityscape and the night. Get a different perspective on the cable car and slope car!

☎ 093-671-4761

📍 About 5 minutes by car from JR Yahata Station

### 09 Kitakyushu Museum of Natural History & Human History

In this museum of natural & human history, you can experience the great scale of history from the period of Earth's formation through to the present day. A number of reconstructed skeleton specimens of dinosaurs are very impressive.

☎ 093-681-1011

📍 About 5-minute walk from JR Space World Station



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### 04 JR Mojiko Station

The station, which is designated as an important national cultural property, was restored in March 2019 to its former appearance when it was originally built in 1914. It includes restaurants and cafes.

☎ 093-321-4151 (Mojiko Retro General Information)

📍 JR Mojiko Station



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### 05 Retro buildings

Mojiko (Port of Moji) had been prosperous as an international trade port since the Meiji era (1868-1912). In this district, there are a lot of classic-style buildings which have retained the atmosphere of that time, including the Old Moji Mitsui Club, the Old Osaka Shosen Building, and the former Moji Custom Office.

☎ 093-321-4151 (Mojiko Retro General Information)

📍 Near JR Mojiko Station



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### 06 Kanmon Tunnel Footpath

This is a rare 780-meter-long undersea tunnel for pedestrians which connects Kyushu to Honshu. The prefectural border in the tunnel is a very popular photo spot.

☎ 093-618-3141 (Kitakyushu Expressway Office)

📍 About 13 minutes by bus from JR Mojiko Station to Kanmon Tunnel Footpath Entrance



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### 07 Moji Red Brick Place

These red brick buildings were built in 1913 as the first beer brewery (Imperial Beer) in Kyushu. The area features the Kitakyushu Beer & Brick Museum in Moji where you can learn the history of beer, as well as restaurants.

☎ 093-372-0962 (Moji Red Brick Club)

📍 About 3-minute walk from JR Moji Station



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### 10 Kawachi Wisteria Garden

The Kawachi Wisteria Garden, which was designated by U.S. CNN as one of the 31 most beautiful places in Japan, features fantastic wisteria tunnels in spring, and breathtaking colored leaves in autumn.

☎ 093-652-0334

📍 About 25 minutes by car from JR Yahata Station and JR Space World Station



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### 11 Special area for viewing Imperial Steel Works, Japan First Head Office

The Imperial Steel Works, Japan was registered as a World Heritage site in 2015. Although the inside of the facility is not open to the public, you can observe the exterior from a special viewing area. An explanation with a guide and VR are available.

☎ 093-582-2922 (Kitakyushu City World Heritage Section)

📍 About 10-minute walk from JR Space World Station



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### 12 Nagasaki Kaido Koyanose Shuku

Koyanose, which had been a prosperous inn town along the Nagasaki Kaido, features the Nagasaki Kaido Koyanose Shuku Memorial Museum, residences of wealthy merchants, and other nostalgic buildings.

📍 About 5-minute walk from Koyanose Station on the Chikuho Electric Railroad



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### 13 Kitakyushu Municipal Museum of Art

The Museum of Art, called "a pair of binoculars on the hill", is an early masterpiece of architect Arata Isozaki. From a café in the museum, you can enjoy a panoramic view of the sea and the cityscape.

☎ 093-882-7777

📍 An approximately 20-minute bus ride from JR Tobata Station, get off at the Museum Exit stop, board the shuttle bus from the Museum Exit stop, and get off at the Museum stop.



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### 14 Hibikinada Green Park

In the city's largest park, visitors can see ponies, oriental short-clawed otters, capybaras and other cute animals, surrounded by a variety of seasonal flowers. The beautiful "Rose Fair" is also held in spring and autumn.

☎ 093-741-5545

📍 Approximately 10 minutes by bus from JR Futajima Station to "Hibikinada Ryokuchi Entrance." From the bus stop, about 10-minute walk.



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### 15 Cape Tomigahana

At Cape Tomigahana, you can observe precious accumulated layers of earth called the Ashiya Group. In the Edo era (1603-1868), there was a guard station here. From Myokenzaki Lighthouse with a view of the clear blue Hibikinada Sea, you can see a glorious evening scene.

📍 About 30 minutes by bus from JR Futajima Station to Kampo no Yado Kitakyushu stop



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### 16 Ainosshima Island Umashima Island

A very popular fishing spot only 35 minutes from central Kokura by ferry. Cute cats in the quiet islands will welcome you.

📍 Umashima Island : about 20 minutes by ferry (Municipal Passenger Ferry Kokura Ferry)  
Ainosshima Island: about 35 minutes by ferry (Municipal Passenger Ferry Kokura Ferry)



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### 17 Wakato Bridge/Wakamatsu Minamikaigan-dori Street

Wakamatsu used to be prosperous as Japan's largest coal port. The Minamikaigan-dori Street along Dokai Bay is lined with classic and nostalgic buildings.

📍 About a 10-minute walk from JR Wakamatsu Station; about a 10-minute walk from JR Tobata Station to Tobata Pier, and about 3 minutes by ferry



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Seven Kanmon Hearts over the Kanmon Straits



The Seven "Kanmon Hearts" appear in both the Mojiko Retro Area and the Shimomoseki (Karato) Area. Find the hearts, and post them on social media! If you find all of them, it'll be happy ever after! Probably.