



Meeting
Place
Fukuoka

FUKUOKA

Meeting Planner's Guide



Welcome to Fukuoka

As a major point of exchanges with various places in Asia, Fukuoka has developed its own culture while maintaining a wonderful sense of hospitality known as “Omotenashi.” The city boasts the nation’s highest rates of population growth and young population. Among the major cities in Japan, Fukuoka draws particular attention as one of the most vigorous cities. Direct access to countries across the world, the convenience of compactly aggregated city functions and other factors provide the city with the advantage of being able to host various types of meetings, and therefore the number of international conferences held in the city was the second largest in the nation for 6 consecutive years*.

Fukuoka, a bustling city in beautiful harmony with nature, will bring a variety of experiences beyond your expectations.

* Criteria of the Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) as of 2015

Your Meeting Place

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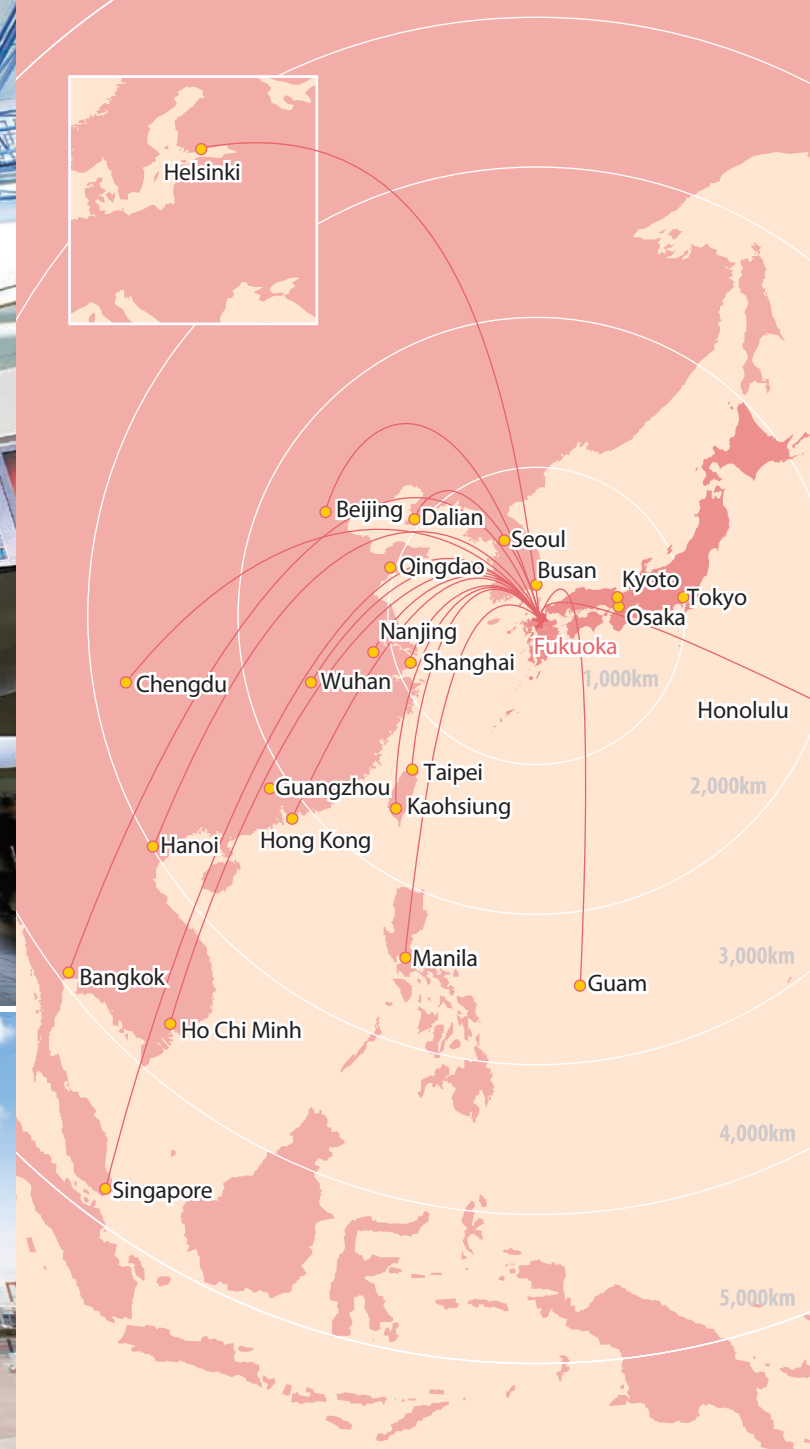
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[Accessibility]

Stress-free connection to the World and Asia

Major cities in East Asia are within 2,000 km of Fukuoka. There are many direct flights from overseas to Fukuoka. Fukuoka is the only city in East Asia that can hold international conferences in which foreign attendees can participate in one-day events and return home the same day.

By taking advantage of the convenient location, a number of important international meetings in the Asia-Pacific region have been held in the city, such as the historic "Japan-China-South Korea Trilateral Summit" held at the Kyushu National Museum in Dazaifu city in 2008. In addition, thanks to good connections to international hub airports, the access between European/American cities and Fukuoka is also easy.



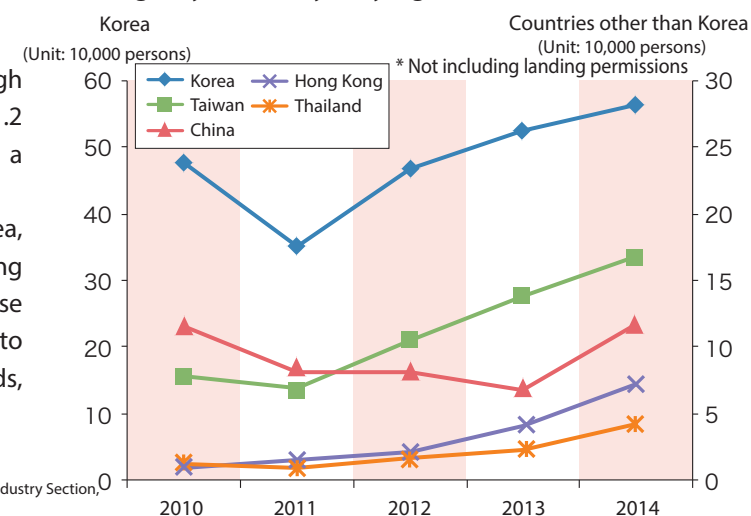
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1.2 million foreigners visit Fukuoka annually. The number of foreign visitors to Fukuoka has been increasing every year.

The number of foreigners entering Japan through Fukuoka Airport or the Port of Hakata in 2014 was 1.2 million, up 300,000 from the previous year, and hit a record high for three consecutive years. With the largest number of tourists coming from Korea, there are also many tourists from Taiwan, China, Hong Kong and Thailand, while there has been a strong increase in the number of visitors from Germany, in addition to Thailand, Hong Kong, Singapore, and the Netherlands, which have direct flights to Fukuoka.

Source: "Number of foreigners entering Japan in 2014 (final figures)" compiled by Tourism Industry Section, Economy, Tourism & Culture Bureau of the Fukuoka City Government

Number of foreigners entering Japan through Fukuoka Airport or the Port of Hakata Changes by nationality or by region



International Flights (272/week)

City	Travel Time	Number of Trips (Per Week)
Seoul	1 h 20m	70
Busan	55m	42
Shanghai	1 h 40m	42
Beijing (including via)	4 h 25m	14
Dalian	2 h 00m	7
Guangzhou	3 h 20m	3
Nanjing	2 h 15m	3
Chengdu (via)	5 h 45m	3
Kaohsiung	3 h 00m	5
Qingdao (via)	2 h 20m	7
Wuhan (via)	4 h 30m	7
Taipei (including via)	2 h 40m	28
Hong Kong (including via)	3 h 55m	21
Manila	3 h 35m	7
Bangkok (including via)	5 h 55m	14
Singapore (including via)	6 h 35m	14

City	Travel Time	Number of Trips (Per Week)
Hanoi	4 h 55m	4
Ho Chi Minh	5 h 25m	2
Guam	3 h 45m	7
Honolulu	7 h 50m	7
Helsinki(Summer)	10 h 30m	3

International Ferry and High Speed Ferry (26/week)

City	Travel Time	Number of Trips (Per Week)
Busan(Ferry)	5 h 30m	7
Busan(High Speed Ferry)	2 h 55m	19

Major Domestic Flights (784/week)

City	Travel Time	Number of Trips (Per Week)
Haneda (Tokyo)	1 h 30m	378
Narita (Chiba)	1 h 45m	84
Chubu Centrai Int'l (Aichi)	1 h 10m	84
Komaki (Aichi)	1 h 20m	35
Kansai Int'l (Osaka)	1 h 00m	42
Itami (Osaka)	1 h 10m	84
New Chitose (Sapporo)	2 h 10m	35
Sendai (Miyagi)	1 h 40m	42

Shinkansen (250/day)

City	Travel Time	Number of Trips (Per day)
Tokyo	5 h 10m	32
Nagoya	3 h 25m	34
Kyoto	2 h 45m	34
Shin-Osaka	2 h 30m	69
Hiroshima	1 h 05m	81

As of September 2015

[Compact and Stress-free]

The airport, conference facilities and downtown area are located within a 2.5 km radius of each other. Compact yet highly attractive city

Fukuoka is one of the major cities around the world that has the best access from the airport to the city center. It takes only 5 minutes from Fukuoka Airport to JR Hakata Station, the city's central station, by metro, while it takes 10 minutes from the airport to Tenjin, the center of the city. The airport, conference facilities and the downtown area are all located within a 2.5 km radius of each other, while various facilities such as shrines and temples, a seaside resort and the latest shopping facilities are concentrated in the downtown area, making Fukuoka a very attractive and delightfully compact city possessing both Japan's traditions and innovation.

■ Comparison of Access Times from Domestic Airports to Downtown Areas

City	Distance	Transportation	Time
Fukuoka (Fukuoka - Hakata Station)	3.3km	Metro	5min
Tokyo (Haneda - Tokyo Station)	20km	Express Train	36min
Tokyo (Narita - Tokyo Station)	79km	Limited Express Train	60min
Osaka (Kansai - Osaka Station)	51km	Train	55min
Kyoto (Kansai - Kyoto Station)	99km	Train	79min
Singapore	18km	Train	30min
Bangkok	30km	Train	20min
Incheon	30km	Train	33min



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Major city, but low-cost and Stress-free

You should take note of the city's cost effectiveness!

Food prices in Fukuoka are the cheapest among 20 major cities in Japan. The city's general consumer prices excluding house rent are the second cheapest among the cities. Such high cost effectiveness is one of Fukuoka's charms. According to a survey conducted by the Nikkei Research Institute of Industry and Regional Economy on 1,000 business people across Japan, Fukuoka ranked top in the list of best places to live among other cities in the country, while the city also ranked 12th in the world in the city evaluation of British magazine "MONOCLE" in 2015.

Data from "Statistics in Fukuoka (the May, 2013 issue)"

*20 major cities: Ordinance-designated cities excluding Sagami-hara and Tokyo's 23 wards.

*51 cities: Prefectural capitals, Tokyo's 23 wards and ordinance-designated cities (Kawasaki, Hamamatsu, Sakai and Kitakyushu)

■ Regional difference index of consumer prices in major cities



[Hospitality]

For both hosts and attendees the best satisfaction will be provided

The organisational structure of the Meeting Place Fukuoka (MPF) was enhanced in order to promote the efforts to host more conferences and events in the city, and the MPF will provide total support, from finding a venue, accepting inspections, to offering information after conventions. We promise organiser satisfaction with our one-stop services provided by a team of professionals on travel, transportation, and planning and management of conventions. Our acceptance system excellent in service quality results in the large number of international conventions held in Fukuoka and abundant records of "hospitality" services. The number of international conferences held in Fukuoka has been the country's second largest for 6 years in a row.

*For details of MPF's one-stop services, please see Page 37 to Page 40.

■ Comparison of International Convention Hosting in Japanese Cities (Data from JNTO)

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
2014	Tokyo 543	Fukuoka 336	Kyoto 202	Yokohama 200	Nagoya 163
2013	Tokyo 531	Fukuoka 253	Yokohama 226	Kyoto 176	Osaka 172
2012	Tokyo 500	Fukuoka 252	Kyoto 196	Yokohama 191	Osaka 140
2011	Tokyo 470	Fukuoka 221	Yokohama 169	Kyoto 137	Nagoya 112
2010	Tokyo 491	Fukuoka 216	Yokohama 174	Kyoto 155	Nagoya 122
2009	Tokyo 497	Fukuoka 206	Yokohama 179	Kyoto 164	Nagoya 124

■ Major Conventions Held and Scheduled to be Held in Fukuoka (For actual records by field, please see Page 7 to Page 12)

Year	Month	Meetings / Event	Venue	# of Attendances
2016	6	Lions Clubs International Convention	4 total venues, including the FUKUOKA YAHUOKU! DOME and Marine Messe Fukuoka	35,000
2016	6	International Communication Association (ICA 2016)	Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk	2,000
2015	8	ICCA Asia Pacific Chapter Client/Supplier Business Workshop 2015	Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk	40
2015	2	Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies (APRICOT 2015)	Fukuoka International Congress Center, Marine Messe Fukuoka, and others	1,000
2014	7	Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery International Congress and Exhibition (CARS 2014)	Fukuoka International Congress Center, Marine Messe Fukuoka, and others	700
2012	11	51th Orient and South East Asian Lions (OSEAL) FORUM in FUKUOKA	Fukuoka International Congress Center, Marine Messe Fukuoka, Hotel New Otani Hakata	17,396
2008	12	Japan-China-South Korea Trilateral Summit	Kyushu National Museum (Dazaifu city)	200
2006	10	The 20th IPSA World Congress Fukuoka	Fukuoka International Congress Center	2,000
2005	10	The 56th International Astronautical Congress	Fukuoka International Congress Center, Fukuoka Sunpalace, Marine Messe Fukuoka	2,300
2004	11	The 59th Junior Chamber International World Congress	Fukuoka International Congress Center	12,000
2002	11	The 14th Conference of the Electric Power Supply Industry	Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk, FUKUOKA YAHUOKU! DOME	2,200

Example of hospitality services

ICCA Asia Pacific Chapter Client/Supplier Business Workshop 2015 was held!

Date: 26th-28th August, 2015

Venue: Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk

Inviting about 40 people, including officials with the authority to decide venues for international conferences and representatives from convention bureaus, from 10 countries mainly in the Asia-Pacific region, Fukuoka co-hosted the "ICCA Asia Pacific Chapter Client/Supplier Business Workshop 2015" with the ICCA Asia Pacific Chapter. The workshop was a business meeting aimed at inviting international conferences and events, and was held for the first time in Japan. The workshop also provided an opportunity to promote Fukuoka's charms such as hospitality by conducting inspection tours in Fukuoka Prefecture and holding an exchange party before and after the workshop.

* ICCA: International Congress and Convention Association

Participant Feedback

Fukuoka's genuine hospitality "Omotenashi" is what that impressed our delegates the most. Their sincere friendship and warm hospitality had made our stay truly a memorable one. If you are looking for your next destination, you should not miss Fukuoka!

Noor Ahmad Hamid
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International Congress and
Convention Association (ICCA)



Business meeting

Fam trip in Yanagawa city

Business hub linking Eastern Asia and Kyushu's industries-Fukuoka

Being a preferable location surrounded by the major cities in Eastern Asia within 2,000 km, Fukuoka has a convenient access of only 10 minutes from the airport to the center of the city. With the well-maintained transportation network, such as expressways and Kyushu Shinkansen, connecting each region of Kyushu, a variety of industries are integrated in Fukuoka through active human exchange and physical distribution. Fukuoka is a city that makes an absolutely attractive destination for meeting stage.

FUKUOKA

Major Industrial Clusters

Automobile-related industry in the northern part of Kyushu, as well as next-generation technological industry such as hydrogen energy, are being actively promoted.

Major products

Strawberry (AMAOU Brand), Bamboo Shoots, Refined Green Tea (Gyokuro)
Japanese Sake

SAGA

Major Industrial Clusters

While aiming to be a center for the creative industry mainly in Karatsu-city/Genkai-cho area, Saga is developing the next-generation industry related to new energy.

Major products

Beef (Saga Beef)
Squid
Porcelain (Aritayaki)
Japanese Sake

NAGASAKI

Major Industrial Clusters

In addition to the food industry based on fishery, the ocean energy development system generating power from wind or tidal flow is also actively being promoted.

Major products

Horse Mackerel
Loquat

KUMAMOTO

Major Industrial Clusters

Taking advantage of abundant agricultural, forest and fishery products, "Food Valley", to integrate research and development function for food/biotechnology, as well as the companies, is being promoted. Led by the market in developing nations, this area is the central point for the two-wheeled vehicle industry, which would be steadily expanded in the future.

Major products

Water Melon, Tomato
Raw Horsemeat

KAGOSHIMA

Major Industrial Clusters

While being the highest livestock production prefecture in Japan, Kagoshima is forming a large food industry cluster for processing/manufacturing of agricultural products making practical use of the huge farm.

Major products

Sweet potato, Tea, Berkshire pork, Shochu

YAMAGUCHI

Major Industrial Clusters

The area around Yamaguchi/Ube is the center for medical treatment/medical science, while eastern Yamaguchi Prefecture is the focal point for the transportation machinery manufacturing industry.

Major products

Fugu (Puffer), Kamaboko (Boiled fish paste)

OITA

Major Industrial Clusters

Making practical use of the assembled major firms/local companies as well as accumulated technology, Oita is the focal point for the next-generation technological industry (semiconductor) with international competitiveness.

Major products

Horse Mackerel (Sekijaji), Mackerel (Sekisaba)
Kabusu (Citrus fruit), Dried Shiitake Mushroom

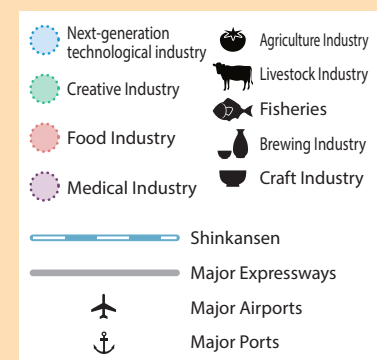
MIYAZAKI

Major Industrial Clusters

One of the foremost development/production centers in the world for medical equipment related to blood/vein. Under the theme of "Creating Plan for Miyazaki in Future", the accumulated technology such as renewable energy, next-generation automobile and space infrastructure maintenance is being promoted.

Major products

Broiler chicken
Mango, Cucumber

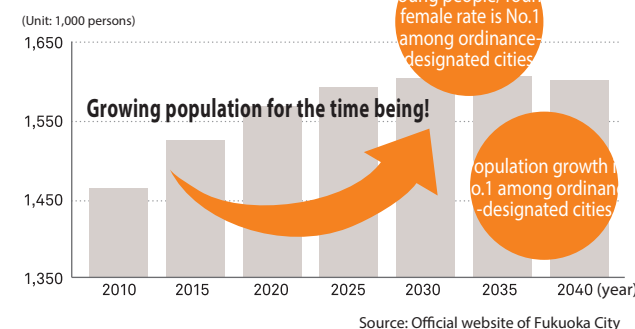


Competitive Cluster

No.1 for population growth rate and business establishment rate! The city where people gather—FUKUOKA

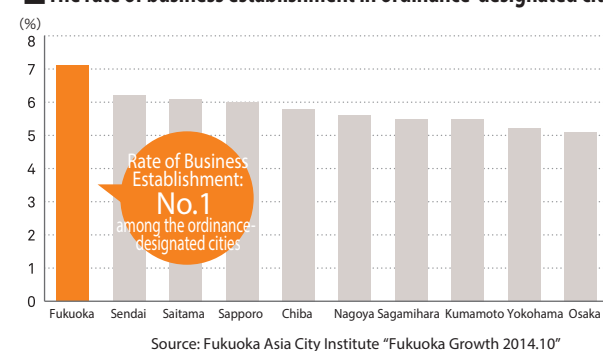
Developing city with continuous population growth for the next 20 years. Speaking about a "Livable city", Fukuoka comes first.

Future population estimates in Fukuoka

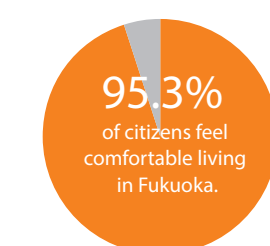


High rate for business establishment

The rate of business establishment in ordinance-designated cities



Attitude survey about city government administration FY2014



Livable cities voted by Office workers

Ranking	City
No.1	Fukuoka
No.2	Sendai
No.3	Hiroshima
No.4	Sapporo
No.5	Shizuoka

Source: Nikkei Research Institute of Industry and Markets "Inquiry Survey for 1,000 Businesspersons"

The rate of young people among entrepreneurs is top!

The rate of young people (25-34 years old) among entrepreneurs



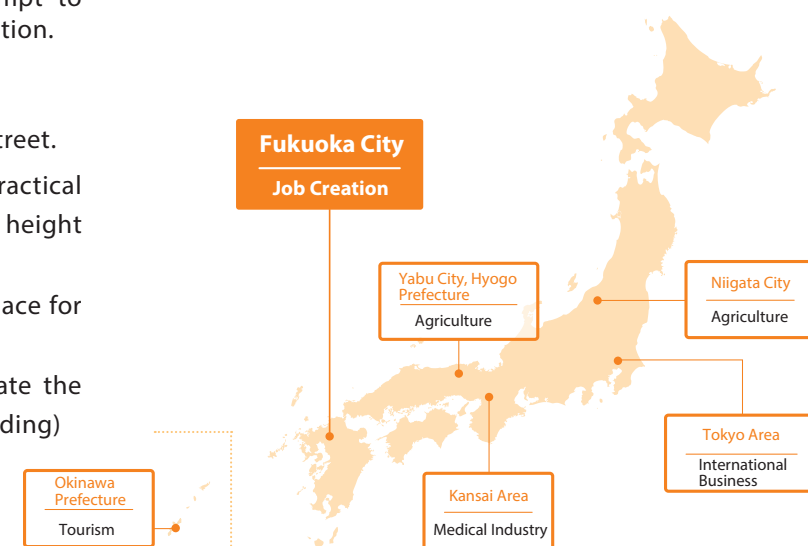
National Strategic Special Zones "Fukuoka City Special Zone for Global Startups & Job Creation"

In 2014, Fukuoka City was authorised as one of the National Strategic Special Zones by the Prime Minister. The designation of such special areas aims to reform the regulation and institution limited only in their local areas and verify the effect in an attempt to regenerate the Japanese economy from stagnation.

Approach cases of Fukuoka City

- Organizing Party in making private use of a street.
- Forming of attractive business district in practical use of "Approval of Special Case for the height limitation designated by Aviation Law".
- Opening of "Start-up Café" as the meeting place for future entrepreneurs.
- Relaxation of the Radio Law aiming to create the base for IoT, Internet of Things. (Request pending)

Subject areas for National Strategic Special Zones



Competitive Cluster in Fukuoka



●Next Generation Technology Automobile / Hydrogen Energy / Robotics

●Creative Industry Game / Fashion

●Food Industry Foodstuff / Food distribution / Food-related Event

●Medical Technology Advanced Research / Experience of holding Mega Conferences

●Sports Home to professional sports teams

[Next Generation Technology] Automobile Industry

●Fukuoka—Center of automobile manufacturers producing the world's highest quality

Northern Kyushu is a major center of automotive industries, considered to be one of Asia's most advanced production hubs.

4 major automobile manufacturers—Nissan Motor Kyushu Co., Ltd., Toyota Motor Kyushu, Inc., Daihatsu Motor Kyushu Co., Ltd. and Nissan Shatai Kyushu Co., Ltd.—are located in Northern Kyushu. This area has grown to be a key production hub capable of producing 1.54 million units annually. There are brisk trading activities with Asian auto parts manufacturers, including factory inspections and commercial discussions, expanding business opportunities.

Fukuoka Motor Show

Held once every 2 years like its counterpart in Tokyo, Fukuoka Motor Show attracted a record 147,057 visitors in 4 days of the show period in January 2014. By holding this event in Northern Kyushu, which is capable of producing over 1.5 million vehicles, it also provides a platform for technical engineers both at home and from abroad to network with each other.



Major meetings related to Next-Generation Technology (Automobile) in Fukuoka

Month/Year	Meetings/Events	Venue	# of Attendances
February 2015	Fukuoka Custom Car Show 2015	FUKUOKA YAHUOKU! DOME	46,436
October 2014	MONODZUKURI Fair 2014	Marine Messe Fukuoka	12,398
January 2014	Fukuoka Motor Show 2014	Marine Messe Fukuoka and others	147,057
October 2013	Tribology Conference 2013, Autumn	ACROS Fukuoka	600
July 2012	COMODIA 2012-The Eighth International Conference on Modeling and Diagnostics	Fukuoka Recent Hotel	313
September 2009	Japan/Korea Automobile parts compatible cooperation-Assembly	Hotel Okura Fukuoka	140

Competitive Cluster

[Next Generation Technology] Hydrogen Energy and Robotics

●Central hub for the leading education research center of hydrogen energy

Kyushu University (World's one and only research/educational center of hydrogen energy)

●International Research Center of Hydrogen Energy

Aiming to realize a big goal of the hydrogen society, it is working for the technical solution and new technology development as a management/operational organization for whole hydrogen center at Kyushu University. It is engaged to conduct development of highly professional human resources, basic and generic research programs as well as industry-academia joint research programs in an integral manner.

●Next-Generation Fuel Cell Research Center (NEXT-FC)

Aiming for the practical implementation of next-generation fuel cell led by "Solid Oxide Fuel Cell", the clean and effective power generation system, it is engaged to conduct industry-academia joint research program through the close relationship with development companies for conquering a variety of subjects such as securing of durability, reliability and higher efficiency.

●International Institute for Carbon-Neutral Energy Research (I²CNER)

Selected as one of key strategic research centers in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology's "World Premier International Research Center (WPI) Initiative", it is aiming for the low-carbon society and top-level frontline researchers at home and from around the world are working together for multi-disciplinary research programs.



Kyushu University Hydrogen Station and MIRAI



External appearance of buildings (the left part from center: I²CNER, the right part: NEXT-FC)

Practical use of hydrogen energy

- A local business firm, Fukuoka Prefecture and Fukuoka City have introduced fuel-cell operated vehicles (FCVs).
- Installation of hydrogen stations at 10 locations has been decided. Number of planned installations ranks 3rd in Japan after Aichi and Tokyo.
- Sewage biogas hydrogen station. (Central Fukuoka City Water Recycling Center)

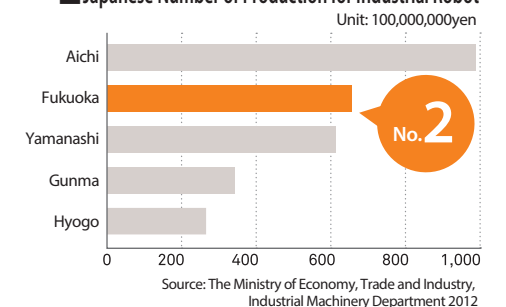


Fuel cell powered vehicle (FCV)

●Japan as a robotics super power. Fukuoka's robot production ranks 2nd nationwide.

Japan is a world top-class robotics super power. Above all, in Fukuoka, not only the top global manufacturers are located but also numerous venture businesses in developing robots are found, boasting the nation's 2nd highest output of robots. An industry-academia joint organization, Fukuoka Smart Robot System Industry Development Council (tentative name), aims to lead the world in creating robot industries.

Japanese Number of Production for Industrial Robot



Major meetings related to Next-Generation Technology (Hydrogen Energy and Robotics) in Fukuoka

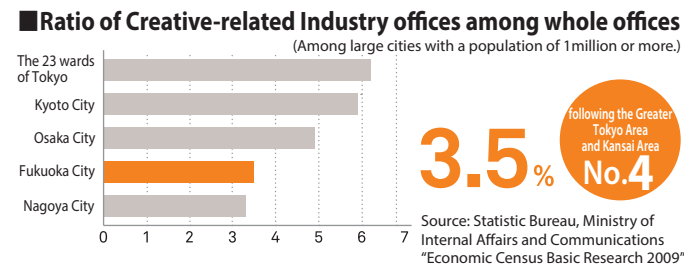
Month/Year	Meetings/Events	Venue	# of Attendances
February 2015	International Hydrogen Energy Development Forum 2015	Kyushu University/Ito Campus	500 or more
November 2014	Fukuoka Science Month	Clover Plaza	Approx. 3,000
September 2014	The 32nd Annual Conference of the Robotics Society of Japan	Kyushu Sangyo University	2,093
March 2014	Kyushu Hydrogen/Fuel Cell Forum	Denki Building Mirai Hall & Conference	120
January 2014	International Hydrogen Energy Development Forum 2014	Kyushu University/Ito Campus	158
November 2013	The 20th Steering Committee Meeting of International Partnership for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Economy	Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk	144
January 2013	International Hydrogen Energy Development Forum 2013	Grand Hyatt Fukuoka	388
October 2012	Gas Style 2012	Marine Messe Fukuoka	36,000
January 2012	International Hydrogen Energy Development Forum 2012	Grand Hyatt Fukuoka	452
February 2011	International Hydrogen Energy Development Forum 2011	Grand Hyatt Fukuoka	795
Annually	Fukuoka Strategy Conference of Hydrogen Energy Annual General Meeting	Hotel New Otani Fukuoka	300

[Creative Industry]

● Highest ratio of young population in Japan — Fukuoka is a creative city full of dynamism.

Proud to be a uniquely creative city — Fukuoka

With IT and other information-based businesses already flourishing for a long time in the first place, Fukuoka City now demonstrates its power by applying its accumulated knowledge to the creative field of businesses, such as games, images and application development. The city administration has established a dedicated department to further promote these creative businesses, providing support that will lead to future creation and expansion of business with domestic and overseas companies.



Major meetings related to Creative Industry in Fukuoka

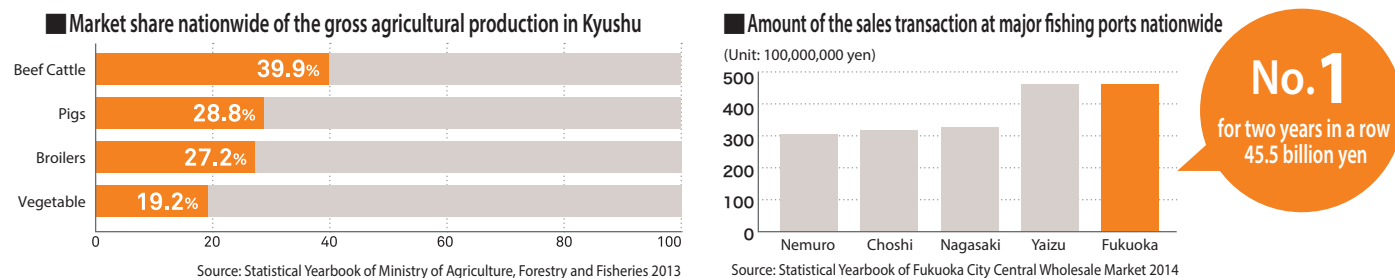
Region	Month/Year	Meetings/Events	Venue	# of Attendances
Japan	March 2015	Street Party (Organized by We Love Tenjin Council)	The streets of Tenjin area	130,000
	March 2015	Fashion Week Fukuoka 2015 (Organized by Fukuoka Asia Fashion Suishin Kyoten Kaigi)	The streets of Tenjin area	50,000
	Feb.-Mar., 2015	APRICOT-APAN 2015	Fukuoka International Congress Center	1,000
	October 2014	The Creators	Fukuoka City Hall Fureai Plaza	8,000
	July 2014	Ad Tech Kyushu 2014	Fukuoka International Congress Center	3,855
	March 2014	GFF2014	CANAL CITY HAKATA	30,000
	Annually (from 2009)	Fukuoka Asia Collection (FACo)	Fukuoka Kokusai Center	7,546(in 2015)
	June (Annually)	Fukuoka International Beauty Show (Supported by Fukuoka Convention & Visitors Bureau)	Marine Messe Fukuoka	Approx. 10,000
	September (Annually)	Asia Focus/Fukuoka International Film Festival	CANAL CITY HAKATA	Approx. 30,000
	January 2015	Cool Japan Fukuoka in Hanoi, Vietnam.	National Museum of Vietnamese History	7,000
Overseas	May 2014	Fukuoka Asia Collection in Singapore (FACo in Singapore)	Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre	20,000
	October 2013	Fukuoka Asia Collection in Busan, Korea (FACo in BUSAN)	Busan Exhibition & Convention Center	2,000
	Annually (from 2011)	Fukuoka Asia Collection in Dalian, China (FACo in Dalian)	Dalian World Expo Center/Dalian Xinghai Convention & Exhibitions Center	30,000

[Food Industry]

● Delivering the local specialty of Kyushu to the world

Kyushu is a treasure house of foodstuff

The gross agricultural production of Kyushu accounts for 20% of the market share nationwide, which supports Japan as a food supply center. Furthermore, Fukuoka ranked as No.1 in terms of amount of the sales transactions for marine products among the whole major fishing ports and approximately 300 sorts of fresh seafood are displayed in the fish markets in Fukuoka.



Major meetings related to Food Industry in Fukuoka

Month/Year	Meetings/Events	Venue	# of Attendances
October 2014	Gaisyoku Business Week 2015	Marine Messe Fukuoka	15,817
October 2014	Food EXPO Kyushu (Business Meeting for domestic and foreign Foods)	Fukuoka Kokusai Center	4,301
October 2014	Food EXPO Kyushu (Kyushu Umaimono Daishokudo)	Tenjin Chuo Park	99,000
May 2014	Professional Foodservice, Industry & Creation	Marine Messe Fukuoka	21,168
May 2012	The 6th International Symposium on EDIBLE ALLIACEAE	ACROS Fukuoka	177

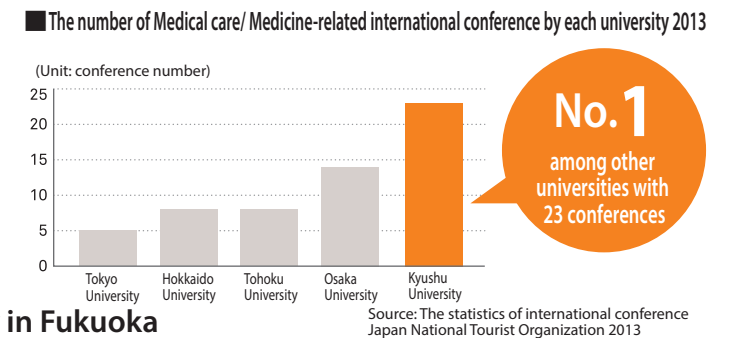
Competitive Cluster

[Medical Technology]

● Highest number of international conventions among universities in Japan

Kyushu University ranks 1st among the nation's universities in the number of international conventions held on medical care and medicine.

Kyushu University boasts the top track record among the nation's universities in the number of international conventions it hosted in 2013. Above all, in the field of medical care and medicine, Kyushu University is second to none with a lead over University of 2nd place by far.



Major meetings related to Medical Technology in Fukuoka

Month/Year	Meetings/Events	Venue	# of Attendances
March 2015	The 5th World Congress Asian Psychiatry	The Kyushu University School of Medicine Centennial Hall	600
November 2014	The 44th Meeting of Japanese Society of Clinical Neurophysiology The 51st Symposium of Japanese Society of Clinical Neurophysiology	Fukuoka International Congress Center	2,031
October 2014	The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Association for Acute Medicine/Symposium Workshop	Fukuoka International Congress Center	5,040
September 2014	The 67th Symposium Workshop of Japanese Association for Thoracic Surgery	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunplace	3,319
September 2014	The 55th Annual Scientific Meeting of Japanese Society of Ningen Dock	Fukuoka International Congress Center	3,562
September 2014	National Meeting for Fight Cancer 2014	Nishitetsu Grand Hotel/ACROS Fukuoka	2,404
July 2014	The 12th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Medical Oncology	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunplace/Fukuoka Kokusai Center	5,153
June 2014	The 56th Annual Meeting of Japan Geriatrics Society	Fukuoka International Congress Center	2,134
May 2014	The 55th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Neurology	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunplace/Fukuoka Kokusai Center/The Kyushu University School of Medicine Centennial Hall	6,843
May 2014	The 87th congress of the Japan Gastroenterological Endoscopy Society	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunplace/Marine Messe Fukuoka	6,536
April 2014	The 87th Annual Meeting of Japan Endocrine Society	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunplace	3,120
November 2013	The 26th Annual Meeting of the Japan Society for Endoscopic Surgery	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Marine Messe Fukuoka	5,389
October 2013	The 58th Congress of Japanese Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Marine Messe Fukuoka	3,000

[Sports]

● Home to professional sports teams: Fukuoka

Fukuoka hosts more than 500 sports events annually

In Fukuoka, there are a large number of professional sports teams, and more than 500 sports events are held annually. In addition to such abundant records, relevant facilities and a well-developed transportation network receive high evaluation internationally, and therefore the city has been chosen as a host city of the FINA World Aquatics Championships and as a location for a pre-training camp for the Olympic Games. Fukuoka has been actively promoting efforts to host and accept international sports events.

Citizens having a "sports spirit" will welcome you all.



Fukuoka SoftBank HAWKS
Chairman
Honorary citizen of Fukuoka
Sadaharu Oh

Fukuoka, which hosts a large number of international sports events, is home to professional sports teams such as baseball and football, while the city was chosen as one of venues for the upcoming Rugby World Cup. To this end, Fukuoka is known as a city dedicated to sports. There are many opportunities for citizens to see top-level plays and have exchanges with athletes. Taking advantage of this environment, many citizens enjoy doing various types of sports. Sports, which help vitalize both people and cities, are a source of Fukuoka's vitality, a city having exchanges with Asia, and one of the city's charms. We will give a hearty welcome to sports lovers from around the world.

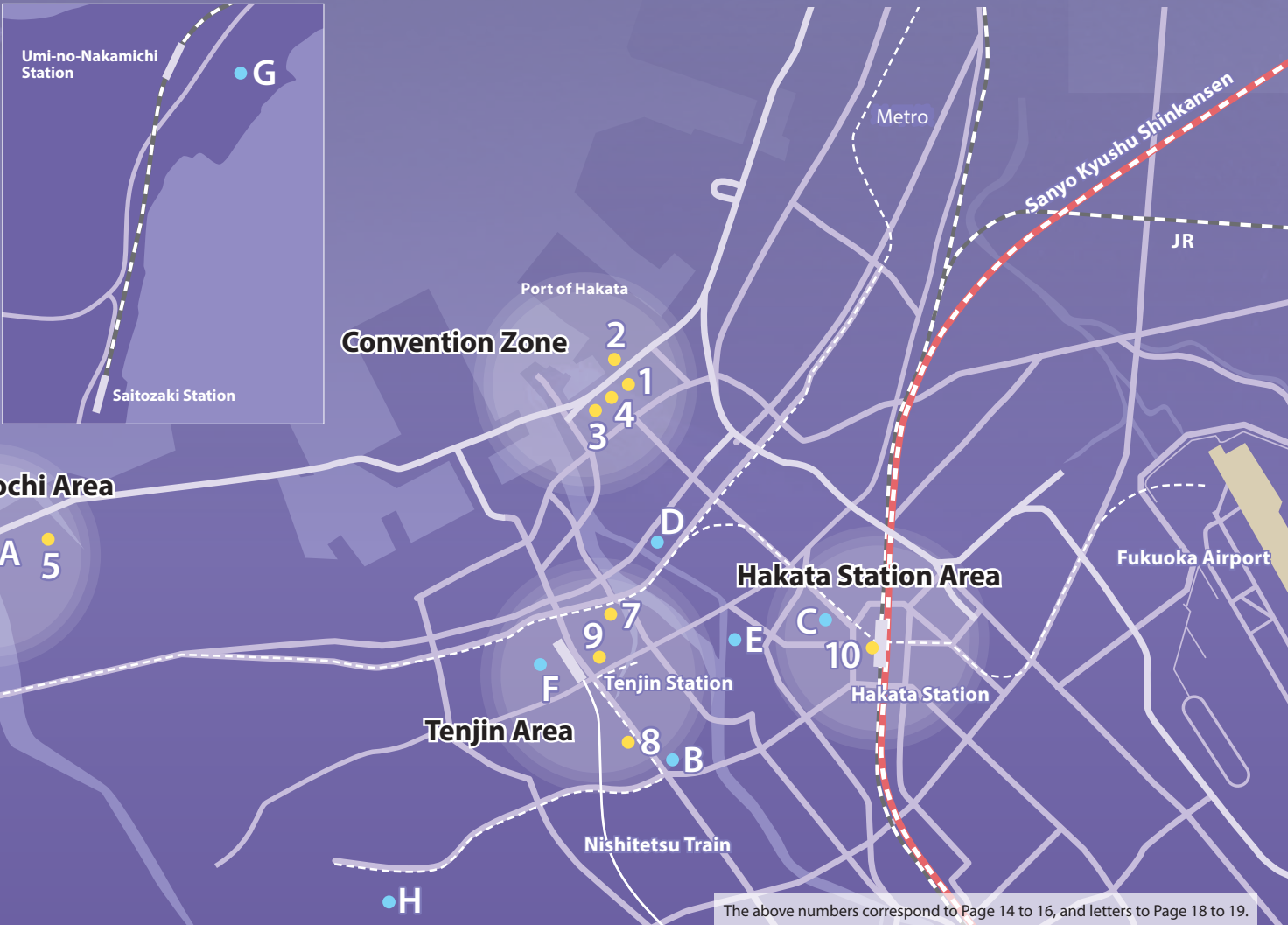
Major meetings related to Sports in Fukuoka

Month/Year	Meetings/Events	Venue	# of players (Audiences)
December 2013	ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2013/2014	Marine Messe Fukuoka	72
October 2012	GOLDEN OLDIES WORLD RUGBY FESTIVAL FUKUOKA JAPAN 2012	UMINONAKAMICHI Seaside Park/GANNOSU RECREATION CENTER/SAWAYAKA Sports Plaza	2,540
April 2006	34th IAAF World Cross Country Championships Fukuoka 2006	UMINONAKAMICHI Seaside Park	579 (20,000)
July 2001	The 9th FINA World Championships FUKUOKA2001	Marine Messe Fukuoka and others	1,498 (156,656)
August 2000	The 11TH WORLD CHILDREN'S BASEBALL FAIR 2000	GANNOSU RECREATION CENTER/FUKUOKA YAHUOKU! DOME	140
November 1998	1998 FIVB Volleyball World Championship	Marine Messe Fukuoka	—
July 1998	12th Asian Athletics Championship 1998	Hakatanomori Athletics Stadium	Approx. 800
August 1995	The 18th Fukuoka Summer Universiade	Fukuoka city and metropolitan area	3,949 (836,675)

4 areas where meeting facilities are concentrated

In Fukuoka, there are 4 areas where meeting facilities are concentrated, and all areas are located in very convenient locations, each within 20 minutes away from the airport by car. These facilities can accommodate a wide range of conferences from small meetings to large-scale conferences attended by around 10,000 people, and have an established reputation for providing stress-free management of meetings.

Venues



The above numbers correspond to Page 14 to 16, and letters to Page 18 to 19.

Convention & Exhibition Centers

[Convention Zone]



1
Fukuoka International Congress Center
 2-1 Sekijo-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka
<http://www.marinemesse.or.jp/eng/congress/>

Name of Conference Rooms	Number of Rooms	Area (m ²)	Capacity	
			Theater	Classroom
Main Hall	1	1,300	1,000	—
Multi-purpose Hall	1	1,320	1,536	882
International Conference Room	1	420	420	264
Medium-sized Conference Rooms	8	135	128	75
Small Conference Rooms	10	40-225	45-216	27-156



2
Marine Messe Fukuoka
 7-1 Okihamamachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka
<http://www.marinemesse.or.jp/eng/messe/>

Name of Conference Rooms	Number of Rooms	Area (m ²)	Capacity	
			Theater	Classroom
Multi-purpose Exhibition Hall	1	8,000	15,000	—
Sub-arena	1	851	1,300	860
Large Meeting Room	1	410	500	250
Meeting Rooms	4	44-140	20-130	12-56

[Convention Zone]



3

Fukuoka Kokusai Center
2-2 Chikkohonmachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka
<http://www.marinemesse.or.jp/eng/kokusai/>

Name of Conference Rooms	Number of Rooms	Area (m ²)	Capacity	
			Theater	Classroom
Exhibition Hall	1	5,052	9,852	—
Training Rooms	2	207	198	126



4

Fukuoka Sunpalace Hotel & Hall
2-1 Chikkohonmachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Name of Conference Rooms	Number of Rooms	Area (m ²)	Capacity	
			Theater	Classroom
Main Hall	1	2,746	2,316	—
Palace Room	1	396	480	300
Heian, Suehiro, Chikushi	1	59-102	50-100	36-70

[Momochi Zone]



5

FUKUOKA YAHUOKU! DOME
2-2-2 Jigyohama, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka
<http://www.softbankhawks.co.jp/global/english/index.php>

Name of Conference Rooms	Number of Rooms	Area (m ²)	Capacity	
			Theater	Classroom
Arena	1	11,813.6	38,500	—



6

Fukuoka SRP Center Building
2-1-22 Momochihama, Sawara-ku, Fukuoka
http://www.fukuoka-srp.co.jp/english_leaflet.pdf

Name of Conference Rooms	Number of Rooms	Area (m ²)	Capacity	
			Theater	Classroom
Momochihama SRP Hall	1	456	500	300
Training Rooms	3	62-153	—	30-90
Meeting Rooms	7	21-74	—	8-28 (Hollow-square)

[Tenjin Area]



7

ACROS Fukuoka
1-1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka
<http://www.acros.or.jp/english/>

Name of Conference Rooms	Number of Rooms	Area (m ²)	Capacity	
			Theater	Classroom
Fukuoka Symphony Hall	1	1,202	1,867	—
Event Hall	1	700	900	378
International Conference Hall	1	440	300	198
Large Conference Room	1	260	250	198
Conference Room	15	40-95	—	18-63



8

Denki Building Miraihall & Conference
Denki Building Kyosokan 3F, 2-1-82 Watanabedori, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka

Name of Conference Rooms	Number of Rooms	Area (m ²)	Capacity	
			Theater	Classroom
Mirai Hall	1	471	504	306
Large Conference Room	1	275	180	180
Medium Conference Rooms	2	145	108	108
Small Conference Rooms	3	70	30	30



9

ELGALA Hall
1-4-2 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka

Name of Conference Rooms	Number of Rooms	Area (m ²)	Capacity	
			Theater	Classroom
Main Hall	1	540-650	654	357
Medium Hall	1	300	330	204
Multipurpose Hall	1	155	140	75
Conference Rooms	3	38-87	54-63	30-45

[Hakata Station Area]



10

**JR Hakata City Conference Rooms
JR Kyushu Hall**
1-1 Hakataekichuogai, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Name of Conference Rooms	Number of Rooms	Area (m ²)	Capacity	
			Theater	Classroom
JR Kyushu Hall	1	660	680	504
10 th Floor Large Meeting Room	1	226	200	144
Medium and Small Meeting Rooms	9	135	110	24

[Hotels]

	Name of conference Rooms	Area (m²)	Theater	Classroom	Others
Inter Media Station IMS 9F, 1-7-11 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka	IMS Hall	407	461	180	1
Fukuoka Building Hall 1-11-17 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka	Main Hall	380	250	180	6
RESOLA NTT YUME-TENJIN HALL 2-5-55 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka	RESOLA HALL	285	252	135	—
Nishitetsu Hall 6F, 2-11-3 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka	Nishitetsu Hall	500	464	200	—
Tenjin Building 2-12-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka	Meeting Room 10	313	350	270	9
TSUKUSHI KAIKAN 4-8-10 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka	Hall	622	570	—	9
Fukuoka Civic Hall 5-1-23 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka	Main Hall	1,834	1,770	—	2
Fukuoka Health Promotion Support Center 2-5-1 Maizuru, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka	AIREF Hall	871	262	—	7
Fukuoka Fashon Building FFB Hall 2-10-19 Hakataekimae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka	Hall A	992	1,000	600	12
Hakata Starlanes Exhibition Hall 1-18-33 Hakataekihigashi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka	Diamond Hall A, B	1,785	3,000	612	6
Fukuoka Chamber of Commerce and Industry Building 2-9-28 Hakataekimae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka	301	363	400	300	19
Hakata Bus Terminal 2-1 Hakataeki Chuogai, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka	Main Hall (9, 10, 11)	191	180	132	10
Momochi Palace 2-3-15 Momochi, Sawara-ku, Fukuoka	Main Hall	1,100	800	—	14
Nishijin Palace Hall 2-10-1 Nishijin, Sawara-ku, Fukuoka	A+B+C	237	240~250	135	4
Fukuoka Small and Medium Enterprise Support Center 9-15 Yoshizukahonmachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka	Main Hall (A+B+C)	558	621	324	11
Papillon 24 1-17-1 Chiyo, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka	Gas Hall	580	503	210	13



A Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk 2-2-3 Jigyohama, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/japan/hilton-fukuoka-sea-hawk-FUKHIHI/index.html		
Main Hall Area (㎡)	Capacity : Theater	Capacity : Classroom
2,440	3,300	1,800
Party : Standing Buffet	Party : Seated	Additional Conference Rooms
3,500	1,500	31
Total Number of Guest Rooms	Single Guest Rooms/Double	Twin Guest Rooms
1,053	259	709



B Hotel New Otani Hakata 1-1-2 Watanabedori, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka http://www.newotani.co.jp/en/group/index.html		
Main Hall Area (㎡)	Capacity : Theater	Capacity : Classroom
1,618	2,000	1,200
Party : Standing Buffet	Party : Seated	Additional Conference Rooms
2,300	1,100	8
Total Number of Guest Rooms	Single Guest Rooms	Twin Guest Rooms
387	35	331



C Hotel Nikko Fukuoka 2-18-25 Hakataekimae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka http://www.hotelnikko-fukuoka.com/en/		
Main Hall Area (㎡)	Capacity : Theater	Capacity : Classroom
1,500	1,500	900
Party : Standing Buffet	Party : Seated	Additional Conference Rooms
2,000	800	11
Total Number of Guest Rooms	Single Guest Rooms	Twin Guest Rooms
360	139	135



D Hotel Okura Fukuoka 3-2 Shimokawabata-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka http://www.okura.com/domestic/kyusyu/okura_fukuoka/		
Main Hall Area (㎡)	Capacity : Theater	Capacity : Classroom
1,500	1,500	850
Party : Standing Buffet	Party : Seated	Additional Conference Rooms
2,000	800	11
Total Number of Guest Rooms	Single Guest Rooms	Twin Guest Rooms
264	32	149

[Hotels]



Grand Hyatt Fukuoka		
1-2-82 Sumiyoshi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka		
http://fukuoka.grand.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html		
Main Hall Area (㎡)	Capacity : Theater	Capacity : Classroom
1,064	1,040	600
Party : Standing Buffet	Party : Seated	Additional Conference Rooms
1,000	580	8
Total Number of Guest Rooms	Single Guest Rooms	Twin Guest Rooms
370	134	191



Solaria Nishitetsu Hotel		
2-2-43 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka		
http://www.solaria-h.jp/english/		
Main Hall Area (㎡)	Capacity : Theater	Capacity : Classroom
875	1,200	700
Party : Standing Buffet	Party : Seated	Additional Conference Rooms
800	600	10
Total Number of Guest Rooms	Single Guest Rooms	Twin Guest Rooms
173	50	80



THE LUIGANS SPA & RESORT		
18-25 Saitozaki, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka		
http://www.luigans.com/en/		
Main Hall Area (㎡)	Capacity : Theater	Capacity : Classroom
479	300	120
Party : Standing Buffet	Party : Seated	Additional Conference Rooms
300	240	5
Total Number of Guest Rooms	Single Guest Rooms	Twin Guest Rooms
98	—	94



AGORA Fukuoka Hilltop Hotel & Spa		
1-1-33 Terukuni, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka		
http://agorafukuoka-hilltop.com/english/		
Main Hall Area (㎡)	Capacity : Theater	Capacity : Classroom
570	900	400
Party : Standing Buffet	Party : Seated	Additional Conference Rooms
350	300	4
Total Number of Guest Rooms	Single Guest Rooms	Twin Guest Rooms
48	7	25

	Capacity (Main Hall)				Number of Guest Rooms		
	Theater	Classroom	Party : Standing Buffet	Party : Seated	Total Number	Single	Twin

[Tenjin/Nakasu area]

KKR Hotel Hakata							
4-21-1 Yakuin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka	576	396	500	240	130	90	30
http://www.kkr-hakata.com/en/							
Nishitetsu Grand Hotel							
2-6-60 Daimyo, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka	790	510	500	360	279	98	137
http://www.grand-h.jp/english/							
TAKAKURA HOTEL FUKUOKA							
2-7-21 Watanabedori, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka	450	280	300	260	107	71	28
http://www.hankyu-hotel.com/cgi-bin2/cms2/index_en.cgi?hid=takakura							
Fukuoka Garden Palace							
4-8-15 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka	360	270	250	180	73	42	15
Ark Hotel Royal Fukuokatenjin							
3-13-20 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka	400	260	300	260	163	135	23

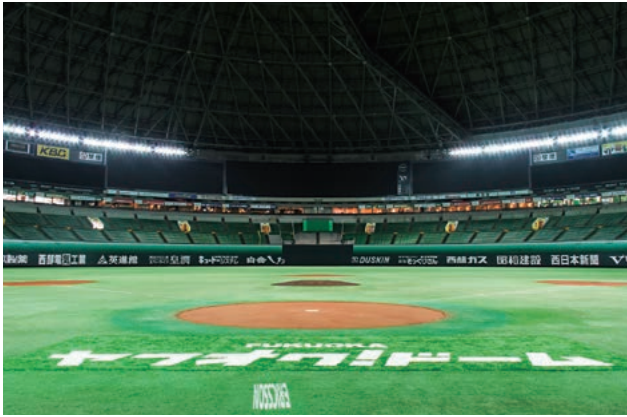
[Hakata area]

ANA Crowne Plaza FUKUOKA							
3-3-3 Hakataekimae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka	700	400	500	300	320	83	173
http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/fukuoka/hakja/hoteldetail							
Hotel Centraza Hakata							
4-23 Chuogai, Hakataeki, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka	600	400	500	380	194	89	87
http://www.centraza.com/english/							
Hyatt Regency Fukuoka							
2-14-1 Hakataeki-higashi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka	450	250	320	220	244	12	116
http://fukuoka.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html							
Hakata Miyako Hotel							
2-1-1 Hakataeki-higashi, Hakata-ku Fukuoka	400	250	250	150	254	109	119
http://www.miyakohotels.ne.jp/hakata/english/index.html/							

[Others]

Fukuoka Recent Hotel							
2-52-1 Hakozaiki, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka	400	240	300	200	49	25	12

[Sports Facilities]



FUKUOKA YAHUOKU! DOME

2-2-2 Jigyohama, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka

Area & capacity / ground: 11,813.6 m²
*Coca-Cola Seats are not included
Capacity: 38,500 people
Height from the field: 68m
Sports events / Nippon Professional Baseball, World Baseball Classic, Concerts



GANNOSU RECREATION CENTER

1302-53 Nata, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka

Area & capacity / Ball game field: 28,000 m²/458 seats, grass bleachers 4,070 m²
Softball field: Back stand 476 seats, infield grass seats 317 m²
Baseball field: Grass seats 2,790 m²
Ball game field A: Bench seats with a capacity of 500 people
Sports events / Baseball, Softball, Football, Rugby, Golf, Lacrosse



Higashi Hirao Park Hakata no Mori Track and Field Stadium

2-1-2 Higashi-Hirao Koen, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Area & capacity / Track and field stadium: 13,746 m² (400 m×9 lanes)
30,000 seats (Main stand: 10,000 seats/Backside stand: 20,000 seats)
Supplementary field: 5,505 m² (400m×8 lanes), Second baseball stadium (also serving as a throwing practice field): 6,360 m²
Sports events / Track and field event, Baseball, Softball
Remarks / Track and field stadium: First-class track approved by the Japan Association of Athletics Federations (JAAF)
Supplementary stadium: Third-class track approved by JAAF

Facility	Area & number of seats / sports events, others
General Gymnasium *Scheduled to open in 2018 or 2019 6, Kashii Teriha, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka	Main arena: More than 3,105 m ² (45 m×69 m) or more/More than 5,000 seats Sub arena: 1,728 m ² (36 m×48 m)/ More than 700 seats, martial arts facility, kyudo (Japanese archery) hall Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Handball, Futsal, Table Tennis, Gymnastics, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Judo, Kendo, Karate, Naginata
Fukuoka City Civic Gymnasium 8-2 Higashi Koen, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka	Main stadium: 1,764 m ² (36 m×49 m)/Fixed seating: 2,383 seats, Movable seating: 938 seats Supplementary stadium: 693 m ² (21 m×33 m) Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Handball, Futsal, Table Tennis, Kendo
Fukuoka Kyuden Kinen Gymnasium 4-14-1 Yakuin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka	Arena: 1,645 m ² (35 m×47 m)/1,992 seats Kyudo hall (from archery range to target): 28 m Badminton, Volleyball, Basketball, Table Tennis, Kendo, Karate, Judo
Fukuoka Municipal Nishi Civic Pool Complex 1-4-1 Nishinooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka	Main pool: 2,408 m ² (50 m×10 lanes)/1,030 seats *Splittable into two pools, each having 25m×10 lanes Swimming race, Synchronised swimming, Water polo 50-metre international pool authorised by the Japan Swimming Federation 25-metre international pool authorised by the Japan Swimming Federation
Maizuru Park 1-4, Jonai, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka	Heiwadai athletics stadium: 19,619 m ² (400 m×8 lanes)/Stand: 25,000 people Ball game field: 9,129 m ² Baseball field: 6,714 m ² Track and Field, Football, Baseball, Rugby Third-class track approved by JAAF
Kasuyamachi General Gymnasium 3-2-1 Kayoicho, Kasuyamachi, Kasuya-gun	Main arena: 1,882 m ² (54.9 m×34.5 m)/748 seats Sub arena: 729 m ² (33.5 m×20 m)/58 seats Martial arts facility: 628 m ² Kyudo hall: 152 m ² (11.5 m×8.5 m) Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Futsal, Tennis, Table Tennis, Judo, Kendo, Kyudo
Kasuga Park 3-1-4 Haramachi, Kasuga	Ball game field: Main stand (3,500 seats), Grass seats (6,500 seats) Baseball stadium: Main stand (8,800 seats), Bleacher seats (1,200 seats), Tennis courts (16 courts) Baseball, Football, Rugby, American football, Tennis, Lacrosse, Gateball, Petanque

Facility	Area & number of seats / sports events, others
IMAZU SPORTS PARK 2201 Tsumoto, Imazu, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka	Grass ball game field A: 16,000 m ² Multipurpose ball game field: 26,400 m ² Outdoor tennis courts: 18 courts Gymnasium: 1,225 m ² *Scheduled to be installed at a new baseball stadium Baseball, Football, Rugby, Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Clay shooting
HIBARU SPORTS PARK 5-30-1 Hibaru, Minami-ku, Fukuoka	Baseball stadium: (Wings 98 m, Center 122 m)/2,315 seats Tennis courts: 7 courts Baseball, Softball, Tennis
Umi-machi Comprehensive Sports Park 1-2-1 Yurigaoka, Umimachi, Kasuya-gun	Track and field stadium: 400 m×8 lanes/about 1,300 seats Track and field events, football, Ground golf Some events may not be allowed depending on activities taking place at the park.
GLOBAL ARENA 46-1 Yoshidome, Munakata	Main stadium (10,000 seats) Track and field stadium, multipurpose grounds (3 grounds) Outdoor tennis courts (10 courts), indoor tennis courts (3 courts) Gymnasium, martial arts facility Football, Rugby, Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Handball, Lacrosse, Gymnastics, Rhythmic gymnastics, Judo, Kendo, etc. Accommodation facility is attached to the park
The Equestrian Sports Field of Fukuoka Prefecture 564 Mushirouchi, Koga	Show jumping field: 8,000 m ² (100 m×80 m)/800 seats Dressage field: 4,081 m ² (53 m×77 m) Indoor equestrian training facility: 2,400 m ² (32 m×75 m) Show jumping, Dressage
Uminonakamichi Seaside Park 18-25 Saitozaki, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka	Large lawn area: 24 ha Outdoor theater: 2 ha *with a capacity of 20,000 people Cross-country skiing, 2012 Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival, Marathon, Outdoor concerts Some events may not be allowed depending on activities taking place at the park.
Fukuoka City Sports Center for People with Disabilities 1-17-15 Shimizu, Minami-ku, Fukuoka	Gymnasium (816 m ²), Table tennis room Sub gymnasium, Archery hall (30m) Heated pool (25 m×6 lanes), Training room Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Tennis, Table tennis, Swimming, Archery, etc.



Level-5 Stadium

2-1-1 Higashi-Hirao Koen, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Area & capacity / Ball game field: 13,935 m²
Capacity: 22,563 people (Main stand 7,073 people, back stand 9,094 people, side stand 6,396 people)
Sports events / Football, Rugby, American football



Higashi Hirao Park Hakata no Mori Tennis Stadium

1-1-1, Higashi-Hirao Koen, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Area & capacity / Center court 4,692 m²/3,468 people
15 outdoor courts/4,250 people
4 indoor courts/2,004 people
Sports events / Tennis

Memorable receptions in Fukuoka, which is coloured by various cultures

You can enjoy social gatherings and meetings at venues unique to Fukuoka, such as street parties on bustling streets in Fukuoka as well as entertainments featuring the sea such as cruising and seaside parties.

Unique Venues

[Street Party]

Original venues specific to the Special Zone for Global Startups and Job Creation

Designated as a special zone for global startups and job creation, Fukuoka is a place where many new companies tend to be born. In the bustling city endowed with an abundance of young human resources, a large number of events and exhibitions related to cultural and creative industries, such as game, anime, image, fashion and design, as well as social gatherings associated with meetings, are held. Unique venues making use of streets are also our huge advantage.



[Kirameki-dori Avenue]

Possible to hold street parties in a tie-up with other events

Kirameki-dori Ave. is a 250-meter public street in the downtown area of central Fukuoka. At a street party held in a tie-up with "Fashion Week Fukuoka 2015," hosted by the Fukuoka Asia Fashion Kyoten Suishin Kaigi, a fashion show was held on a special stage. In a similar vein, some people hold part of their events on a public street in a tie-up with a street party.

Access

Car : About 20 minutes from Fukuoka Airport, about 12 minutes from JR Hakata Station

Capacity	Seated	—
	Stand-up	About 1,000 people

[Kawabata Shopping Arcade]

Experience the local history and culture party at a shopping arcade

Kawabata shopping arcade is a 400-meter shopping arcade. The shopping arcade is one of the oldest shopping districts in Fukuoka, and there are many long-established stores selling traditional crafts and Japanese-style confectionaries. Using the long shopping street as a venue, you can hold parties and other events. Along with food and drink provided by stores on the shopping arcade and events to experience the Japanese traditional performing arts, you can bring additional excitement to parties together with stores on the shopping arcade.



Access

Car : About 7 minutes from JR Hakata Station, about 20 minutes from Hakata Port International Terminal

Capacity	Seated	—
	Stand-up	About 2,100 people (Performance base)



[Marchen Square]

The nation's largest marionette clock called "Marchen Chime" welcomes you

Shintencho Marchen Square is an arcaded square located at the centre of Shintencho, a long-established shopping mall opened in 1946. It is possible to hold parties or events without being affected by weather conditions by setting up a temporary stage under the country's tallest clock tower "Marchen Chime."

Access

Car : About 20 minutes from Fukuoka Airport, about 12 minutes from JR Hakata Station

Capacity	Seated	—
	Stand-up	About 130 people



[Elgala Passage Square]

You can enjoy the kazariyama floats and illuminations of the Hakata Gion Yamakasa festival

The Elgala Passage Square is located in a department store in central Fukuoka. People can enjoy looking at the Kazariyama floats of Hakata Gion Yamakasa Festival in summer and lovely illuminations in winter. In the all-weather space, you can hold parties by making use of the square and events using a stage.

Access

Car : About 20 minutes from Fukuoka Airport, about 12 minutes from JR Hakata Station

Capacity	Seated	—
	Stand-up	About 100 people



[Bay Area]



[Bayside Place Hakata]

13-6 Chikkohonmachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka
<http://www.baysideplace.jp/eng/>

Outdoor parties at the port area

Called a “bayside jack,” we have conducted an open-air social gathering using the entire bayside area. With high quality “foods” of which Fukuoka boasts, various stage entertainments such as a tuna disassembling performance, band performance and Hakata’s traditional performing arts brought a lot of excitement to the party.

Access

Car : About 20 minutes from Fukuoka Airport,
 about 10 minutes from JR Hakata Station,
 about 5 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity	Seated	—
	Stand-up	About 500 people (Performance base)



[Restaurant Ship on Hakata Bay MARIERA]

13-6 Chikkohonmachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka
 (address of Bayside Place Hakata) <http://www.mariera.jp/english/>

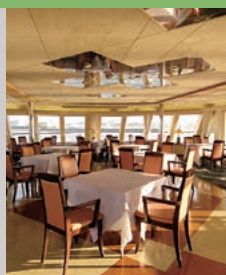
You can have a party while enjoying nature and the townscape of Fukuoka seen from the sea

You can enjoy French cuisine while cruising Hakata Bay. Buffet style cuisine can be prepared for a simple and convenient party. If you charter the ship, live musical performances and other services can also be arranged.

Access

Car : About 20 minutes from Fukuoka Airport,
 about 10 minutes from JR Hakata Station,
 about 5 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station
 (To a boarding point of Bayside Place Hakata Port)

Capacity	Seated	180 people
	Stand-up	270 people



[THE LUIGANS SPA&RESORT]

18-25 Saitozaki, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka
<http://www.luigans.com/en/>

Garden party at a resort hotel

This is a spa & resort facility located in the Uminonakamichi Seaside Park, about 30 minutes away from central Fukuoka by car. In the garden, one of the largest grass gardens in the country,* you can hold a night party while enjoying the night view. Meanwhile, you can set off large fireworks to wrap up a party, commemorate anniversaries or give a surprise.

Access

Car : About 30 minutes from Fukuoka Airport,
 about 30 minutes from JR Hakata Station,
 about 30 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

*Free shuttle bus services are available

Capacity	Seated	240 people
	Stand-up	300 people



*One of the largest gardens adjacent to a hotel



[Fishing Restaurant ZAUO]

(Tenjin Branch) 1-4-15 Nagahama, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka
<http://www.zauo.com/en/>

A party in which guests can fish and eat the freshly-caught fish is popular among foreigners

You can enjoy fishing while eating fresh fish and seafood. A zashiki (Japanese-style tatami mat room) modelled on a fishing boat is surrounded by a fish tank. We will prepare and cook any fish that you catch. You can fully enjoy fresh fish and seafood as well as the atmosphere of an izakaya Japanese bar.

Access

Car : About 15 minutes from Fukuoka Airport,
 about 12 minutes from JR Hakata Station,
 about 7 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

*Free shuttle bus services are available

Capacity	Seated	180 people
	Stand-up	—



[Traditional Japanese Concept of “Wa”]



[Ishikura-shuzou Hakata Hyakunengura]

1-30-1 Katakasu, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

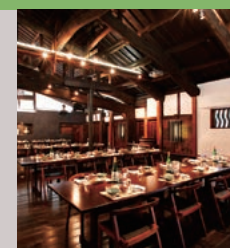
A party at a sake brewery retaining the atmosphere of the Meiji era

The sake brewery is designated as a national tangible cultural asset. The brewery’s building having a long history creates a tranquil atmosphere while being equipped with the latest equipment such as audio, audiovisual and lighting facilities as well as air-conditioning apparatus. Various types of cuisine from traditional kaiseki-style Japanese cuisine, local dishes and buffet style cuisine can be offered at your request. Freshly brewed sake that can be offered only in a sake storehouse also receives a high reputation.

Access

Car : About 15 minutes from Fukuoka Airport,
 about 5 minutes from JR Hakata Station,
 about 10 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity	Seated	110 people
	Stand-up	110~120 people



[Sakurazaka Kanzanso(Traditional Japanese restaurant)]

1-3-20 Tani, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka
<http://www.kanzan.net/en/sakurazaka.html>

A party to enjoy both the night view and modern Japanese-style cuisine in season

In addition to the traditional kaiseki-style Japanese cuisine, we can arrange other entertainment services such as koto performance and Hakata geigi (traditional Japanese female entertainers). As the restaurant is located on a quiet hill in central Fukuoka, you can enjoy a night view of the downtown area of Fukuoka. The restaurant has 11 rooms, including one that can accommodate up to 100 people and a private room. For guests from abroad, we can place a table and chairs on a tatami mat.

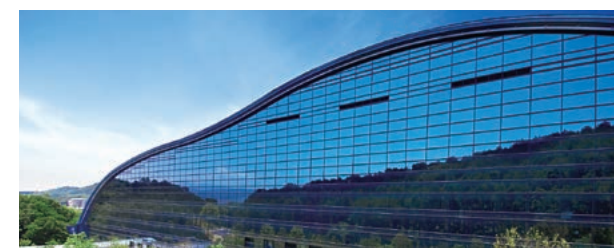
Access

Car : About 30 minutes from Fukuoka Airport,
 about 20 minutes from JR Hakata Station,
 about 10 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity	Seated	100 people
	Stand-up	—



[Museum]



[Kyushu National Museum]

4-7-2 Ishizaka, Dazaifu-shi
<http://www.kyuhaku.com>

Learn the history of exchanges with Asia at a national museum

Kyushu National Museum is the fourth oldest museum in the country, and located in Dazaifu in the Kyushu region, a city once called “To no Mikado (Distant Imperial Court).” In the Cultural Exchange Exhibition Gallery (regular exhibition rooms), exhibits are changed around 300 times annually based on the theme of “Ocean Ways, Asian Paths” and exhibitions highlighting certain topics are held to constantly offer fresh contents. Located next to a major sightseeing spot Dazaifu Tenmangu, shrine, the museum is connected to the shrine by a “rainbow tunnel.”

Access

Car : About 30 minutes from Fukuoka Airport,
 about 30 minutes from JR Hakata Station,
 about 40 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity	Museum Hall	288 people
	Entrance Hall	About 500 people (Stand-up)



Enjoy Japan's traditional culture and food in the Kyushu region through the five physical senses

Fukuoka is home to cutting-edge industries such as the world's first hydrogen station and important industrial heritages inscribed on the World Cultural Heritage List. A wide range of hands-on programmes are available, including technology site visit and tours to enjoy the food and traditional culture boasted by Fukuoka.

Activities

[Teambuilding]



[Forest Adventure ITOSHIMA]

312-390 Nijoikisan, Itoshima-shi, Fukuoka
<http://fa-itoshima.foret-aventure.jp/eng/>

In the crystal-clear air, you can enjoy a fun adventure in the great outdoors!

You can enjoy a variety of activities in the forest on Itoshima Island blessed with a rich natural environment. Through activities such as zipboarding, aerial skate boarding using a zip line, the solidarity of your team will be strengthened.

Access

Car : About 2 hours from Fukuoka Airport, about 1 hour and 45 minutes from JR Hakata Station, about 1 hour and 45 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity Open to negotiation



[Nokonoshima Shizen Noen (Nokonoshima Nature Farm)]

Nokonoshima, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka

Coastal dragline fishing and recreation

On Nokonoshima Island in the Genkai Sea, you can experience unique coastal dragline fishing. Conducting the fishing by working all together will enhance the group's decision-making abilities. Fish caught by beach seine can be cooked and eaten at a beach barbecue. It takes only about 10 minutes from an urban central area to Nokonoshima Island by ferry. These are activities unique to Fukuoka, where nature and the city harmoniously coexist.

Access

Car : About 40 minutes from Fukuoka Airport, about 30 minutes from JR Hakata Station, about 25 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station (To Noko-tosenba (Ferry Terminal)) About 10 minutes by ferry from Noko-tosenba

Capacity 30 - 200 people



[Technology Site Visit]



[Chubu Wastewater Treatment Center]

2-2-1 Aratsu, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka

Produce car fuel from sewage. The world's first hydrogen station

This facility is the world's first hydrogen station where hydrogen is produced from sewage and supplied to "fuel cell vehicles (FCVs)", a type of eco car. You can inspect the technologies jointly developed by Kyushu University, Mitsubishi Kakoki Kaisha, Ltd. and Toyota Tsusho Corporation as the first phase of the "Hydrogen Leader City Project" promoted by Fukuoka city aiming to realize a hydrogen energy society.

Access

Car : About 30 minutes from Fukuoka Airport, about 20 minutes from JR Hakata Station, about 10 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity About 50 people



[Uminonakamichi Nata Sea water Desalination Center]

1302-122 Oaza Nata, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka
<http://www.f-suiki.or.jp/english/index.php>

Japan's largest seawater desalination plant

The plant is Japan's largest facility of this kind capable of producing up to 50,000 m³ of fresh water per day by desalinating seawater. In order to produce high-quality, stable fresh water without being affected by weather conditions, the plant introduced the world's most advanced technologies. At the plant, you can inspect various technologies such as the seawater desalination system. In addition, you can compare fresh water produced in the plant with tap water, and feel the difference in their tastes.

Access

Car : About 30 minutes from Fukuoka Airport, about 30 minutes from JR Hakata Station, about 30 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity About 100 people



*For parties of more than 100 people, a consultation is necessary.



[ASAHI BREWERIES Ltd.]

3-1-1 Takeshita, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka
<http://www.asahibeer.co.jp/brewery/hakata/>

Experience the freshness of "Asahi Super Dry" from the brewery after the inspection

A brewery founded in 1889. After having contributed to the rising time of the Japanese beer industry, Asahi Breweries, Ltd introduced the first Japanese dry-tasting draft beer "Asahi Super Dry" in 1987 which could be a big hit product causing a revolution in the beer industry. Every brewery nationwide is equipped with inspection course where a guide gives you an explanation about the brewery process as well as trivia.

Access

Car : About 15 minutes from Fukuoka Airport, about 10 minutes from JR Hakata Station, about 15 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity Open to negotiation



[TOYOTA MOTOR KYUSHU, INC.]

1 Kamiariki, Miyawaka-shi, Fukuoka
<http://www.toyota-kyushu.com/english/index.html>

Observe the manufacturing of the world's top quality cars

You can observe the assembly line to attach parts to painted car bodies as well as an inspection line from a special viewing aisle. At the WING 21 visitor center, you can see the latest Lexus models and a dynamic view of the car production process at a theater. In addition, you will have the option to inspect an education facility for human resource development (training center).

Access

Car : About 45 minutes from Fukuoka Airport, about 45 minutes from JR Hakata Station, about 50 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity 50 people (A busload)



*Overseas: Available in English and Korean. Advance reservation is required.

[Food Experiences]



[Child Kitchen]

2F Sanno Factory 2-2-7 Sanno, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Hands-on Workshop on How to Make Ramen and Dumplings with Flour

"Tonkotsu Ramen" or Chinese noodles with rich pork bone soup, which originates in Fukuoka, is now popular in Europe and Asia. Challenge yourself to make noodles and dumplings with special flour for ramen, "Ra-mugi," developed through continued research in Fukuoka Prefecture. Please help yourself to delicious ramen and jiaozi you cooked with your self-made ingredients.

Access

Car : About 20 minutes from Fukuoka Airport,
about 10 minutes from JR Hakata Station,
about 20 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity 48 people



[The museum of Hakata's food and culture "HAKUHAKU"]

2-14-28 Sharyo, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka

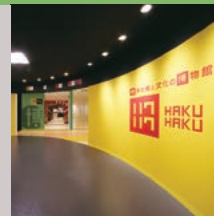
Make Your Own Spicy Cod Roe (Karashi Mentaiko)

This museum provides you with opportunities to tour the founding manufacturer's plant for "Spicily Seasoned Cod Roe (Karashi Mentaiko)," one of the specialties in Hakata, as well as to experience in manually making your own spicy cod roe. In addition, you can feel and understand the festivals, food and crafts in Hakata with your five senses. In this facility, you can experience the essence of tourism in Fukuoka and Hakata at a time.

Access

Car : About 10 minutes from Fukuoka Airport,
about 15 minutes from JR Hakata Station,
about 20 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity About 150 people



[Fruit Picking]

1320 Amagi, Asakura-shi, Fukuoka

Enjoy seasonal-best fruit picking

The Asakura area in Fukuoka Prefecture, where differences in the temperature between day and night are large, produces delicious fruit as its specialty. You can taste seasonal-best persimmons, pears, grapes, apples, or any other fruit grown and matured in Mother Nature after picking them by hand under the direction of their producers. We will advise you of picking the best fruit in season.

Access

Car : About 40 minutes from Fukuoka Airport,
about 40 minutes from JR Hakata Station,
about 35 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity Acceptable from small to large number of people



[Sample Riki Co., Ltd.]

4-20-30 Kashiara, Minami-ku, Fukuoka

Make imitation food used as restaurant samples

The idea of imitation food, which was created in Japan, has now grown to its unique culture. Today, food samples are used as visual menus for selection or display of the restaurant throughout the country. At a hands-on workshop, you can experience in making a sample just like a real dessert. Please enjoy also performance using the wax ingredient.

Access

Car : About 50 minutes from Fukuoka Airport,
about 40 minutes from JR Hakata Station,
about 30 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity About 40 people



[Traditional Culture Experiences]



[HAKATAORI KOUGEIKAN:Factory and Gallery of traditional textile "Hakataori"]

SANUI ORIMONO Co.,Ltd, 3-51-22 Odo, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka

Take a tour of the Hakataori textile factory and view historical documents

Hakataori textiles were favoured by shoguns in the Edo period. You can take a tour of a machine-weaving factory producing the beauty of the textiles. You can also view historical documents about Hakataori textiles and experience handweaving. At an exhibition hall, not only Japanese kimonos using the textiles but also other modern Hakataori textile products are displayed. You can purchase these Hakataori textile products at outlet prices.

Access

Car : About 30~40 minutes from Fukuoka Airport,
about 30~40 minutes from JR Hakata Station,
about 30 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity Up to 50 people each time



[Yusentei Park]

1-46 Yusentei, Jonan-ku, Fukuoka

Experience matcha green tea and origami paper folding in a Japanese garden

The "Chisen Kaiyushiki" garden, a traditional garden style in the Edo period, is recreated in the park. You can experience the procedure for making matcha tea at a spacious room overlooking a flock of carp in a garden pond. In addition, you can learn how to fold seasonal plants and other items using traditional Japanese origami paper.

Access

Car : About 30 minutes from Fukuoka Airport,
about 20 minutes from JR Hakata Station,
about 20 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity About 10 people



[Hakata Doll Shop Shogetsudo]

1F Shogetsudo Building, 5-1-22 Nakasu, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Experience painting of Hakata dolls

"Hakata dolls" are an elegant and subtle traditional craft representing Japan. The Hakata doll shop offers visitors an opportunity to become familiar with the history and culture of Hakata through the experience of painting an unglazed Hakata doll. You can take the Hakata doll of your own making back home as a keepsake of your visit.

Access

Car : About 20 minutes from Fukuoka Airport,
about 10 minutes from JR Hakata Station,
about 5 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity 50 people



[Zen experience at Nyoirinji temple]

1-2-7 Kashiieki Higashi, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka

Feel Japanese culture through the Zen experience at a temple

You can have a Zen experience at the garan hall in Nyoirinji temple of the Myoshinji school. Through Zen practices such as a sermon by a Buddhist priest, seated meditation, and shakyo sutra copying, you can truly experience Japan's rich culture. By getting away from your busy lifestyle and spending some quiet time, you can reflect on life.

Access

Car : About 25 minutes from Fukuoka Airport,
about 25 minutes from JR Hakata Station,
about 25 minutes from Tenjin Metro Station

Capacity 10~30 people
(We accept bookings from groups of 10 people or more)



Based in Fukuoka, you can travel to sightseeing areas in various parts of the Kyushu region

By making use of the Shinkansen bullet trains and expressways, you can smoothly go sightseeing in the Kyushu region where there are a variety of sightseeing spots.



Shinkansen / JR line *Required time is shown as a criterion in the applicable section. It is subject to change depending on the train or the time zone.

Tokyo Station	About 4h 55min	Hakata Station	About 40min	Saga Station Limited Express "Kamome" / Limited Express "Midori" Limited Express "Huis Ten Bosch"	Shin-Osaka Station	About 3h	Kumamoto Station	About 1h 20min * About 1h 30min in the case of "Aso Boy!"	Miyaji Station Limited Express "Aso Boy!" Limited Express "Kyushu Odan Tokkyu"
Nagoya Station	About 3h 20min	Hakata Station	About 2h	Nagasaki Station Limited Express "Kamome"	Shin-Kobe Station	About 2h 50min	Kumamoto Station	About 1h 25min * About 2h 30min in the case of "SL Hitoyoshi"	Hitoyoshi Station "SL Hitoyoshi" / Limited Express "Kumagawa" Limited Express "Kyushu Odan Tokkyu"
Shin-Osaka Station	About 2h 25min	Hakata Station	About 2h 10min	Yufuin Station Limited Express "Yufuin no Mori" Limited Express "Yufu"	Okayama Station	About 2h 15min	Kumamoto Station	About 1h 40min	Kagoshima-Chuo Station Kyushu Shinkansen "Mizuho," "Sakura," or "Tsubame"
Okayama Station	About 1h 40min	Hakata Station	About 40min	Kumamoto Station Kyushu Shinkansen "Mizuho," "Sakura," or "Tsubame"	Hiroshima Station	About 1h 40min	Kumamoto Station	About 50min	Kagoshima-Chuo Station Kyushu Shinkansen "Mizuho," "Sakura," or "Tsubame"
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Tokyo Station	About 4h 40min	Kokura Station	About 1h 20min	Oita Station Limited Express "Sonic"	Shin-Osaka Station	About 3h 45min	Kagoshima-Chuo Station	About 50min	Ibusuki Station Limited Express "Ibusuki no Tamatebako"
Nagoya Station	About 3h	Kokura Station	About 2h	Miyazaki Station Limited Express "Sonic" Limited Express "Nichirin"	Shin-Kobe Station	About 3h 30min	Kagoshima-Chuo Station	About 1h 5min	Kirishima-Onsen Station Limited Express "Hayato no Kaze"
Shin-Osaka Station	About 2h 10min	Kokura Station	About 4h 40min * Transfer at Oita Station		Okayama Station	About 3h	Kagoshima-Chuo Station	About 2h	Miyazaki Station Limited Express "Kirishima"
Okayama Station	About 1h 20min	Kokura Station			Hiroshima Station	About 3h	Kagoshima-Chuo Station	About 2h	

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 West Japan Railway Company <https://www.westjr.co.jp/global/en/>
 Nishi-Nippon Railroad Co., Ltd. <http://www.nishitetsu.jp/en/>
 Heisei Chikuhō Railway Co., Ltd. <http://www.heichiku.net/>
 Minami-Aso Railway Co., Ltd. <http://www.mt-torokko.com/>
 Kumagawa Railway Co., Ltd. <http://www.kumagawa-rail.com/>
 Hisatsu Orange Railway Co., Ltd. <http://www.hs-orange.com/english/>
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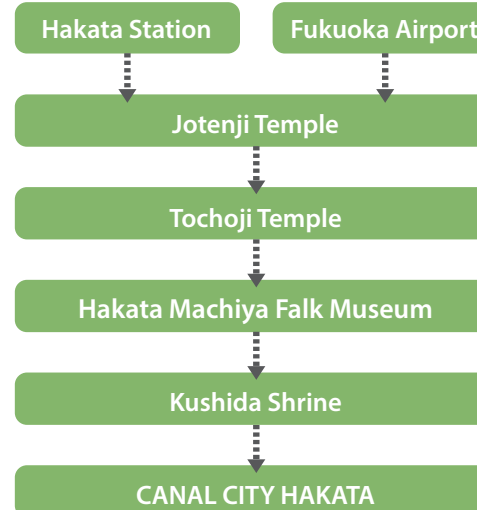
Fukuoka city tour

About 3 hours

Tour of temples and shrines in Hakata and shopping

Walking tour of the town of Hakata that has many historical spots such as shrines and temples. You can also enjoy shopping at "CANAL CITY HAKATA" a leisure complex facility nearby.

Model Course



1 Jotenji Temple

It is believed that the production methods of udon and soba noodles, yokan (a bar of sweetened and jellied bean paste) and manju bean paste buns were passed on to the temple from the Song dynasty.

1-29-9 Hakataekimae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka



2 Tochoji Temple

Tochoji temple is Japan's oldest temple founded by Kobo Daishi. The temple has the country's largest wooden seated statue.

2-4 Gokushomachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka



3 Hakata Machiya Folk Museum

The facility offers opportunities to learn about the daily lives and culture in Hakata in the olden days. Traditional crafts and souvenirs are also available.

6-10 Reisenmachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka



4 Kushida Shrine

Hakata Gion Yamakasa festival is dedicated to the deity enshrined here. The shrine has many features such as a giant ginkgo tree and the Hakata Historical Museum.

1-41 Kamikawabatomachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka



5 CANAL CITY HAKATA

CANAL CITY HAKATA is a large-scale leisure complex facility housing a hotel, stage and movie theater, shops and restaurants.

1-2 Sumiyoshi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Volunteer guides introduce Hakata area

Having knowledge about the history and the culture, volunteer guides will show you must-see sights in Fukuoka city.

*Advanced reservations are required. For a tour for foreigners, an interpreter needs to be arranged.



FUKUOKA OPEN TOP BUS that gives you a feeling of freedom

Arriving at and departing from the Fukuoka city government building, a two-story open-top bus makes a tour of major sightseeing spots in the city. You can enjoy a great view from a height of about 3.2 meters.



Dazaifu city tour

About
half-day tourFeel the history and culture
in the tourist city of Dazaifu

In "Nihon Shoki" (the Chronicles of Japan), there is a description of Dazaifu. The tour will visit the Dazaifu Tenmangu shrine that enshrines Michizane Sugawara as the god of learning and is crowded with many worshippers throughout the year, as well as the nation's fourth oldest national museum, the Kyushu National Museum, and other places.



Dazaifu Tenmangu shrine

People visit the shrine from across the country to pray for success with their examinations. The shrine also has many attractions such as the Houmotsuden (Shrine Museum) that houses national treasures.

TEL. +81-92-922-8225
4-7-1 Saifu, Dazaifu-shi



Komyozenji Temple

Komyozenji temple has one of the best karesansui (dry landscape) gardens in the Kyushu region. You can enjoy a beautiful view of nature such as new green leaves in early summer and the gold and orange of autumn leaves.

TEL. +81-92-925-1880
(Dazaifu City Tourist Information Center)
2-16-1 Saifu, Dazaifu-shi



Kyushu National Museum

The Kyushu National Museum houses the Cultural Exchange Exhibition featuring the history of exchanges between Japan and Asian countries, and holds special exhibitions four times a year.

TEL. +81-50-5542-8600
4-7-2 Ishizaka, Dazaifu-shi

Model Course

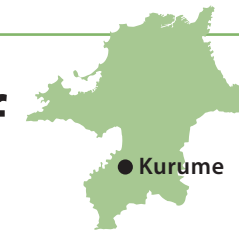
Making Umeageomochi rice cakes
and traditional crafts

"Dazaifukan" is a facility equipped with a tourist information center and a free space for relaxation. In the facility, you can experience making Umeageomochi rice cakes and painting traditional craft "Kiuso."



Dazaifukan
TEL. +81-92-918-8700
3-2-3 Saifu, Dazaifu-shi

Kurume city tour

About
half-day tourFruit picking and tour of
sake breweries

It takes 17 minutes at the earliest from central Fukuoka city to Kurume city rich in nature. You can fully enjoy various flowers, seasonal fruits and the culture of sake brewing unique to Japan.



Fruit picking

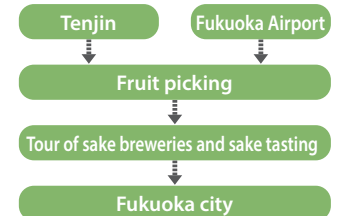
You can enjoy picking seasonal fruit such as grapes, strawberries and persimmons at tourism farms. You can eat the just picked fresh fruit at the farms or take them back home as a souvenir.



Tour of sake breweries and sake tasting

Kurume city is one of the best sake production areas in Japan. There are 15 sake breweries in the city and tours of these breweries and sake-tasting opportunities are available. In February, the Kurabiraki open brewery event, which is one of the largest events of its kind in the Kyushu region, is held in the city, attracting 100,000 people.

Model Course



You can enjoy yakitori (Japanese grilled chicken skewers), which is a part of the Japanese food culture



Kurume city is one of cities having the largest number of yakitori restaurants. You can enjoy the Japanese style of chefs cooking yakitori in front of customers that is typical of Japanese yakitori restaurants, along with a wide variety of yakitori.

The birthplace of tonkotsu (pork bone broth)
ramen. Kurume tonkotsu ramen

Kurume city is the birthplace of tonkotsu ramen that is also popular in overseas countries. You will never forget the delicious taste of the thick, cloudy white coloured soup.

Yanagawa city tour

About
half-day tourYou can enjoy the atmosphere of a
castle town as well as a river punting

Yanagawa is a city famous for its river punting to visit the water town of Yanagawa, which is designated as a National Site of Scenic Beauty. In the tour, participants can feel the tradition and food culture unique to the "water town."



River Punting

You can enjoy a leisurely river trip while seeing historic sites. A boatman's handling of oars is one of the river trip's attractions.

TEL. +81-944-74-0891
(Yanagawa City Tourist Association)



Tachibana Garden

(designated as a National Site of Scenic Beauty)
At the Tachibana Hakushaku-tei, the home of Yanagawa's ruling Tachibana family built in the Meiji era, you can view art crafts and a beautiful garden.

TEL. +81-944-73-2189
1 Shinhokamachi, Yanagawa-shi

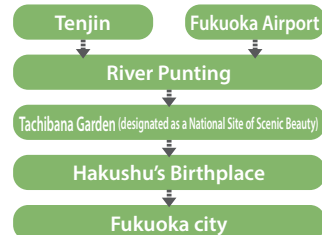


Hakushu's Birthplace

You can visit the home where Hakushu Kitahara, one of the most renowned poets in Japan, was born, and view the exhibitions of his works and relics.

TEL. +81-944-72-6773
55-1 Okinohatamachi, Yanagawa-shi

Model Course



Seasonal Events

Nakayama Ofuji
(wisteria) Festival

The wisterias are in full bloom in April.

Local dishes featuring food
delicacies in the Ariake Sea

We hope you will try the fish and seafood caught in the Ariake Sea, such as Mutsugoro mudskippers and shellfish called "Mekaja." We recommend the Yanagawa-nabe dish using weatherfish and eels cooked in steaming baskets.

Discount ticket for
touring Fukuoka

If you want to fully enjoy Fukuoka and surrounding areas, we recommend free pass tickets that can be used on the public transportation network at bargain prices.



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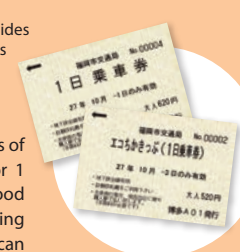
The Fukuoka Tourist City Pass gives foreign tourists unlimited rides on buses, trains and metro trains operating in Fukuoka city for one day. The convenient one-day pass ticket can be used on five public transportations: Nishitetsu buses, Showa buses, JR Kyushu trains, Nishitetsu trains and metro trains operating in the city.



One-day pass ticket for unlimited rides on both Nishitetsu trains and buses

FUKUOKA
1DAY PASS

The ticket allows unlimited uses of Nishitetsu trains and buses for 1 day. The ticket gives you a good deal and is convenient for doing sightseeing in Fukuoka. You can fully enjoy the charms of "Fukuoka city" with this ticket.



One-day unlimited rides on metro trains!

One-day pass ticket (weekdays)
Eco Chika Kippu
(weekends and national holidays)

The ticket allows unlimited rides on all metro trains for one day. The ticket is convenient and reasonable for tourism, shopping and business.

Enjoy sightseeing in Fukuoka with a 1 day free ride bus ticket

Green Pass

The ticket is convenient for sightseeing, leisure and shopping as it gives you unlimited travel for 1 day to and from Fukuoka Airport and Marinao City as well as in central Fukuoka.

Green Pass Dazaifu

You can use the Dazaifu liner bus "Tabito" in addition to travels to areas covered by the Green Pass.

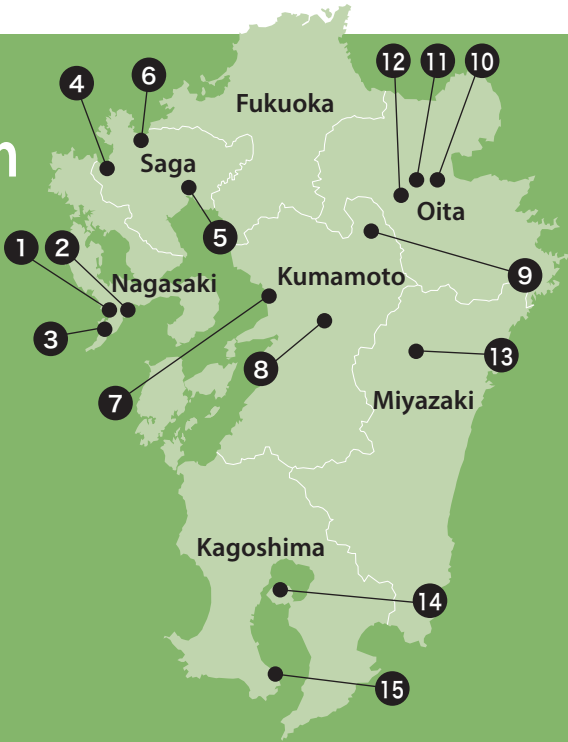
For inquiries about sightseeing

Fukuoka	■ Fukuoka City Tourist Information (Tenjin)	TEL. +81-92-751-6904
	■ Hakata Station general information center	TEL. +81-92-431-3003
Dazaifu	■ Dazaifu City Tourist Information Center	TEL. +81-92-925-1880
Yanagawa	■ Yanagawa City Tourist Association	TEL. +81-944-74-0891

Kurume	■ Kurume Tourist Information Center
	[JR Kurume Station building] TEL. +81-942-33-4422
	[Nishitetsu Kurume Station building] TEL. +81-942-33-3338

6 prefectures in the Kyushu region are within a day trip of Fukuoka. Smooth access to attractive sightseeing areas

The Kyushu region is home to World Heritage sites and cultural heritage sites. The convenient transportation network enables one-day sightseeing trips.



Northern Kyushu [Nagasaki Prefecture]



1 One of the new three major night views of the world
Nagasaki was selected as one of the new three major night views of the world along with Monaco and Hong Kong. Mt. Inasa is one of the representative spots commanding a superb view, while you can also enjoy great night views from other places such as Mt. Nabekamuri and Kazagashira Park.



2 Glover Garden
Located on the top of a hill of Minami-Yamate, the Glover Garden commands a stunning view of the Port of Nagasaki and still retains the atmosphere of the foreign settlement period.



3 Gunkanjima (Hashima Island)
Hashima Island, which once thrived on the coal mining industry, is called "Gunkanjima (Battleship Island)" because of its appearance resembling a battleship. The island was inscribed on the World Cultural Heritage list in 2015 and landing tours are popular.

Northern Kyushu [Saga Prefecture]



4 Imari porcelain / Arita porcelain
On clear white porcelain, unique styles such as Koimari, Kakiemon and Nabeshima stand out.



5 Saga International Balloon Fiesta
The Saga International Balloon Fiesta is one of the largest fire balloon festivals in Asia. The annual event is held mainly on the banks of the Kase River in Saga city in early November.



6 Karatsu City
Karatsu City has a wide range of features such as the beautiful Karatsu Castle, foods in the Genkai Sea and the nationally-known Karatsu wares. You can enjoy strolling for history at leisure.

Central Kyushu [Kumamoto Prefecture]



7 Kumamoto Castle
The Kumamoto Castle was built by Kiyomasa Kato in 1607. Its Honmaru Goten palace and gorgeous interior were restored in celebration of the castle's 400th anniversary.



8 Aso City
Aso City, which has five peaks of Mt. Aso and one of the world's largest calderas, is an "Earth heritage" designated as a Japanese Geopark. Its changing sceneries of four seasons keep visitors from being bored.



9 Kurokawa hot springs
Each ryokan inn has its own hot spring source and therefore the hot springs differ between ryokan inns in smell, color and quality. A hot spring ticket for three different open-air baths (1,200 yen) is gaining popularity.

Central Kyushu [Oita Prefecture]



10 Beppu hot springs
The modernised city and the atmosphere of the long-established hot spring resort coexist in the hot spring town. There are many spring qualities, and the city boasts Japan's largest amount of hot spring discharge.



11 Yufuin hot springs
Yufuin is a hot spring resort boasting a high profile and popularity throughout the country and has a wide variety of inns. At the Kinrin Lake, which is a symbol of Yufuin, visitors can see the fantastical view of the fog-infested lake in the morning from late autumn to winter.



12 Kokonoe "Yume" Otsuribashi
The Kokonoe "Yume" Otsuribashi is Japan's highest and longest suspension bridge. From the 390 metre-long, 173 metre-high bridge at a height of 777 metres above sea level, you can enjoy a stunning view. There are hot springs around the bridge so you can enjoy these hot springs.

Southern Kyushu [Miyazaki Prefecture]



13 Takachiho Gorge
The Takachiho Gorge was created by lava pouring down from an eruption of Mt. Aso, and has steep cliffs. The Manai-no-taki falls that were chosen as one of the 100 best waterfalls in Japan are illuminated in summer, creating a fantastical view. You can enjoy a dynamic view of the falls and cliffs from a boat.

Southern Kyushu [Kagoshima Prefecture]



14 Sakurajima Volcano
Sakurajima is a globally-known active volcano where smoke still rises and ash falls. It is an active composite volcano comprising Kita-dake (northern peak), Naka-dake (central peak) and Minami-dake (southern peak,) and there are many records of eruptions since ancient times.

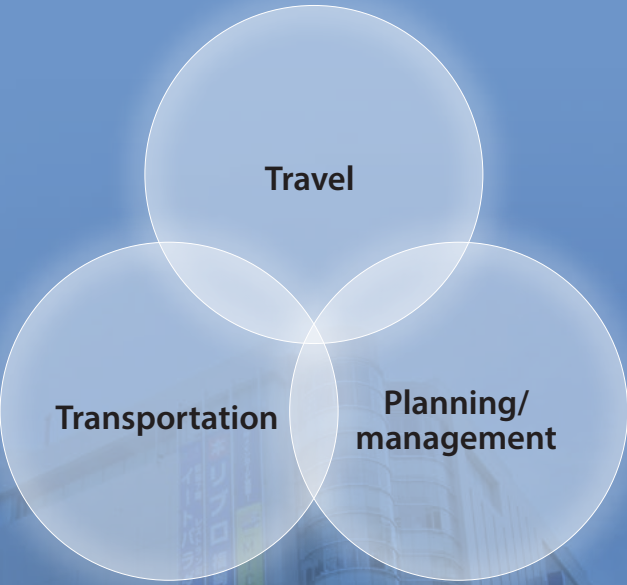


15 Ibusuki hot springs
Ibusuki is known for its steaming-hot sand bath, or sunamushi onsen, where you lie on a beach that seeps with hot spring water and are buried in the sand comfortably. The bath is believed to have better effects than regular hot springs, and is popular among women because the bath is said to prevent inflammation and increase the skin's metabolism.



Please feel free to consult us concerning any issues, including travel, transportation, planning/management

The Meeting Place Fukuoka (MPF) is staffed with personnel with expertise in meeting organisation. We provide consultation for any issues including travel, transportation, and planning/management. We provide support in all aspects of holding conferences in Fukuoka, such as compiling estimates, booking venues, accepting inspection tours, project proposals for attracting conferences, and introducing related bodies.



One-stop services at Meeting Place Fukuoka(MPF)

We provide tailored support in accordance with any purpose such as international/ domestic conferences, and incentive/study tours. Holding events in Fukuoka will offer better-than-expected satisfaction to you.

Step-1

Choosing a Location for the Event

① Provision and Rental of Advertisement and Media Materials

When you decide on a candidate location for your event, we will provide the necessary advertisement and media materials.

② Inspecting the Venue

At Meeting Place Fukuoka, we will handle all the necessary arrangements so that you can visit convention and lodging facilities to ensure they meet your standards.

③ Compilation of Estimates and Proposals

At your request, we will compile the estimates and proposals required for your event.

④ Subvention system for holding conventions*

For conventions, the host cities of which have yet to be decided and which are promoted to be held in Fukuoka city through the provision of subventions, we have a system to provide subventions according to the total number of participants and so forth.

* For details, please ask officials in charge of related matters.

Step-2

Making Preparations after Hosting Venues are Set

① Supply of Pamphlets and Other Materials

- a. Fukuoka Sightseeing Pamphlets (Languages: Japanese / English / Korean / Traditional Chinese / Simplified Chinese)
- b. Fukuoka Cuisine & Souvenir Guidebook (Japanese Only)
- c. Nakasu Food Map (Japanese Only)

② Unique Party Options

In addition to the usual hotel options, we will also introduce you to some unique party locations and lovely reception venues unavailable anywhere else.

③ Volunteer Tour Guides and Interpreters

Upon your request, we can refer you to volunteer tour guides and interpreters to help make your stay more comfortable.

④ Cooperation with Advertising Initiatives

We will provide materials and DVDs required for your advertising initiatives, and also handle functions such as contacting related institutions and making sure your event is listed on the appropriate webpages

⑤ Support for foreign participants

For organisers who hope to hold Japanese culture experience programmes, we introduce organisations offering experience programmes of tea ceremony, flower arrangements, etc.

⑥ Assistance and Welcome Speeches

Depending on certain conditions, the city of Fukuoka and the Fukuoka Convention & Visitors Bureau will deliver a welcome speech to the participants, and provide additional assistance in the handling of your event.

Step-3

At Convention Time

① Supply of Welcome Signs and Traditional Performances

Depending on certain conditions (number of participating countries, scale of the event, etc.), Meeting Place Fukuoka will provide and set up welcome signs for large-scale convention events, or carry out traditional performances for participants to enjoy free of charge(1 type of performance).

[Examples of Welcome Signs]

- Welcome signs and an information desk at Fukuoka Airport.
- Welcome banners on the information display board "Sora Net Vision" at Fukuoka Airport, etc.
- Welcome banner at the Shinkansen entrance in Hakata Station, etc.

[Examples of local performing arts to be offered]

- Hakata Koma (traditional top spinning performance)
- Kinjishi Taiko (Japanese drum), Hakata Minyo (local traditional dance), etc.

② Referrals to Traditional Artists

We can provide referrals to traditional artists who can carry out performances as part of your convention's opening ceremony or reception, at special convention bureau prices.

③ Dontaku Happi Coat Loans

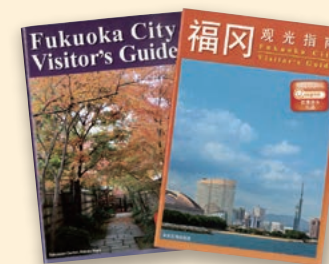
One of the major festivals in Hakata is "Hakata Dontaku." The happi coats used in this festival are available for use in promotional applications related to previous years' conventions, or for reception staff during the hosting of your event.

Support menus for incentive tours

For incentive tours to stay one or more nights in Fukuoka city, we offer various support menus.

1 Giving guidebooks

Groups of 10 or more guests will receive the "Fukuoka City Visitor's Guide," which includes discount and hospitality coupons for incentive tour participants. (Available in English, Korean, simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese, and Japanese)



* Guidebook appearing in the photo is the latest version as of 2015.

2 Offering a set of a greeting card and illustrated postcards

Groups of 10 or more guests will receive set of a welcome letter and Fukuoka tourism postcards.



3 Welcome ceremony at airport or port

Staffers wearing a happi coat will welcome visitors by preparing a welcome banner. In addition, we will deliver a welcoming speech and present commemorative gifts associated with Fukuoka to representatives of incentive tours.



4 Performance of local performing arts

At a welcoming ceremony or an awarding ceremony at a hotel, we will offer a free performance of any one of the local performing arts including koma-mawashi (top spinning performance), taiko (Japanese drum,) and minyo local traditional dance.

<An example of traditional performing arts>



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