


Amazing OITA MAP



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Oita: Japan's best hot spring hot spot  Full of flavors

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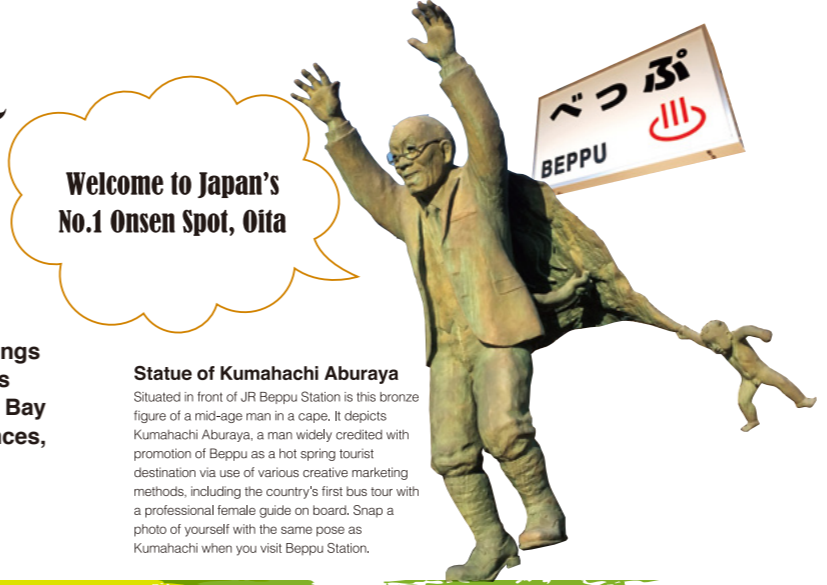
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A Journey in Amazing Oita (Beppu/Yufuin)

Oita is a prefecture located in the northeast of Kyushu. Surrounded by the mountains and the sea, nature-rich Oita Prefecture is best known for hot springs. It ranks the highest in the country for both the existing number of hot springs and the annual amount of spring water output. The total number of hot springs currently existing in the prefecture is 4,385(2018.8). Among them are some of the country's most famous onsen resorts, such as Beppu facing the Beppu Bay and Yufuin in central Oita. Along with onsen spas, Oita offers timeless history, nostalgic Japanese cultural experiences, and a wide variety of savory cuisines made with products from this resource-rich, abundant nature. A trip to Onsen Prefecture, OITA is sure to rejuvenate your body, soul, and mind as it should leave an ever lasting impression on your heart.



Welcome to Japan's
No.1 Onsen Spot, Oita

Statue of Kumahachi Aburaya
Sited in front of JR Beppu Station is this bronze figure of a mid-age man in a cape. It depicts Kumahachi Aburaya, a man widely credited with promotion of Beppu as a hot spring tourist destination via use of various creative marketing methods, including the country's first bus tour with a professional female guide on board. Snap a photo of yourself with the same pose as Kumahachi when you visit Beppu Station.

Local Cuisines Flavors of Oita



Hitan Sushi

Unlike other common sushi styles, Hitan (as in Hita's) Sushi features veggies and fruits along with the standard, fresh, raw seafood. Savor the healthy sushi of this region.

Onsen

The Highest Reputation in Japan



Beppu

The number of hot springs and the amount of spring output both ranked No.1 in the country. Beppu is one of Japan's leading hot spring resorts and is home to "Beppu Hatto" - a collective of 8 renowned onsen locations with unique components for each in the city.



Beppu Jigoku Meguri (Hell Tour)

This tour takes you through 7 unique, and rather odd, natural hot spring locations including stunning cobalt blue "Umi Jigoku" (Sea Hell) and boiling reddish "Chinoike Jigoku" (Blood Pond Hell).

Hita

Here in Hita remains the nostalgic townscape and the abundance of nature -- perfectly fitting for this renowned riverside district. Dinner on the yakatabune houseboat is available here in this onsen district where inns and spas line up along the river.



Taketa

At the foot of the Kuju mountains is Nagayu Onsen with one of the best bicarbonate hot springs in the country. It is as if you are dousing in soda as the fizz wraps all around your skin.



History & Culture

Experience History and Time



National Treasure: Usa Jingu Shrine

Constructed in A.D. 725, Usa Jingu Shrine is the main sanctuary of over 40,000 Hachiman Shinto shrines existing all throughout the country. This expansive site is entirely surrounded by the natural forest, providing a venerated atmosphere to the premises containing several structures of high historic value.

National Treasure: Usuki Stone Buddhas

Carved on the side of a rocky cliff is this cluster of over 60 figures of Buddha. Said to have been formed about 1,000 years ago between Heian and Kamakura era, this National Treasure site continues to be the symbolic spiritual protector for the locals.



Castle Town Kitsuki: Try wearing a Kimono

Town of Kitsuki with nostalgic slopes and old-time townscape is an old castle town filled with a tranquil castle town ambience. Available here are unique programs for experiencing tea ceremonies, traditional Japanese calligraphy writing, and walking tours in kimono.

Jigoku Mushi Cuisine

Jigoku Mushi Cuisine utilizes geothermal energy of the area hot springs to steam cook the seasonal veggies and seafood. This encapsulates the flavors of the ingredients while adding the aroma of the springs, deepening the overall taste.



Toriten (Chicken tempura)

Battered and tempura fried is this Oita-style local specialty fried chicken, toriten. Soft yet crisp, this juicy chicken dish is best served with another Oita specialty Kabosu citrus ponzu sauce.



Tsukumi Hyuga-don

This specialty dish features slices of lean tuna topped with an original sesame sauce, green onions, and seasonings on top of a bowl of warm rice. This fishermen's dish is sure to make you smack your lips.





Recommended spots

- Nakatsu Castle (Okudaira Clan Historical Museum)**
Built by lord Kuroda Kameie and subsequently occupied by the Okudaira Clan. Pieces of the original stone walls still remain here today.
- Karaage (fried chicken)**
Crisp and juicy. Nakatsu's Karaage is a domestically popular local specialty fried chicken.
- Maple Yaba Cycling Road**
A series of cycling courses created after abandoned train tracks. Offers a wide variety of routes featuring tunnels, stone bridges, etc.
- Shinyabakei (Hitome Hakkei)**
Capturing "high altitude" scenery in one look! In this foliage scenic spot stunningly carved out by rocky peaks and high hills.
- Mameda Town**
Offering gata sandals, Japanese sake, and other products, a variety of shops line up on the streets of this traditional district with nostalgic Eco-period townscape.
- Jion Falls**
A scenic 200m-high waterfall. Observable from the back of it. Beautifully ethereal when lit up during special occasions.
- Chestnut tiger butterfly**
A scarce 20cm-long butterfly. Observable in this beautiful, large-wooded butterfly. They annually migrate to Himeshima Island in spring and fall.
- Fukiji Temple**
Built in A.D. 718. The oldest wooden structure in existence in Kyushu, the main hall of this temple has been designated as a National Treasure.
- Tashibu no Sho**
Unique and curvy shapes of these paddy fields remain in tact from the middle ages. Now a certified Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System.
- Futagoji Temple**
The central sanctum of the Kunitaki area's mountain worship, a large stone figure of Kogane-no-ki welcomed you.
- Kumano Magaibutsu Stone Buddha**
Carved on the side of this rocky cliff are figures of Vajrapana Buddhist Acala and celestial Buddha Vairocana. Measuring 9m in height, the Acala figure is one of the largest in the country.
- Sanrio Character Park Harmonyland**
This theme park features the Sanrio characters such as Hello Kitty and Friends.
- Oyster**
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- Kyushu Wildlife Park African Safari**
One of the largest of its kind in the country, this expansive park serves as a natural habitat for wildlife animals such as lions.
- Kokonoe "Yume" Grand Suspension Bridge**
300m in length, 172m in height. Enjoy the great view from Japan's latest pedestrian-only suspension bridge.
- Yufuin Horse Carriage**
Tour through the nostalgic townscapes of this back country onsen town in a comfortable, swaying horse carriage.
- Yunotsubo Street**
This popular street features restaurants, cafes, a variety of shops set up in elegant and charming traditional buildings.
- Beppu Ropeway**
The largest lift takes you up to the top of Mt. Muroi overlooking the entire Beppu area - a great way to capture the view of each season.
- Beppu Beach Sand Bath**
A sand bath for warming yourself in the beach sand. Perfect for enjoying the relaxing sounds of waves and the aroma of the ocean.
- Takasakiyama Natural Zoological Garden**
Without the use of man-made fences and cages, cute little monkeys are observable up close here.
- Seiki Aji & Seki Saba (mackerel)**
Caught on single hooks are the Seiki aji and Seki saba mackerel of this region. Superior in quality and taste, they are mostly sold dry containing just the right amount of fat.
- Oita Stadium**
Used primarily for soccer and rugby matches. One of the host stadiums for the FIFA World Cup as well as the upcoming 2019 Rugby World Cup.
- Usuki Fugu (pufferfish)**
Throughout the year you can enjoy fresh dishes made with wild tiger puffer with firm flesh.
- Niiza Historical Street**
Many temples and shrines occupy the area along this passageway still reminiscent of the good old days from the traditional castle town era.
- Tsukumi Dolphin Island**
A facility for coming in contact with dolphins. Also offered are dolphin shows, feeding, and trainer experience programs.
- Saiki Sushi**
Based with fish of seafood, Saiki is known for sushi as well. Enjoy big chunks of seasonal seafood served as sushi.
- Tadewara Marshland**
Registered under the Ramsar Convention is the Tadewara Wetlands with prawns, one of the largest marsh areas in the country.
- Oita Bungo Beef**
The super lean and signature soft texture of Oita Bungo Beef spread throughout your mouth.
- Kuju Flower Park**
Over 5 million seasonal flowers in some 500 different types fully bloom here within the premises between spring and fall.
- Oka Castle Ruins**
Found here on the hilltop are the remains of Oka Castle and its impressive stone walls. A popular cherry viewing spot, has become the model for the renowned song "Kyo no Tsuki."
- Harajiri Falls**
An impressive waterfall with loud roaring sounds and splashing water. Selected as one of Japan's Top 100 Waterfalls.
- Inazumi Underwater Stalactite Cave**
Globally rare, underwater stalactite cave housing a countless number of stalactites and corals.
- Fujikawachi Gorge**
A spectacularly unusual scenery created by the vast rock formation. Canyoning program available during summer.

Kyushu

Transportation

Airline Routes	Long distance bus	Major Ferry Routes
Tokyo (Narita) → Oita: 1hr35min.	Fukuoka → Oita: 2hrs30min.	Kobe → Oita: 11hrs20min.
Tokyo (Haneda) → Oita: 1hr50min.	Fukuoka → Beppu: 2hrs36min.	Osaka → Beppu: 11hrs50min.
Osaka (Itami) → Oita: 55min.	Fukuoka → Yufuin: 2hrs10min.	JR
Nagoya → Oita: 1hr15min.	Fukuoka → Hita: 1hr40min.	Shinosaka → Oita: 3hrs50min. (Bullet train) Via Kokura
Seoul (Incheon) → Oita: 1hr35min.	Nagasaki → Oita-Beppu: 3hrs55min.	Hakata → Oita: 2hrs(Limited Express) Via Kokura
Airport Shuttle Bus Services	Kumamoto → Oita: 3hrs30min.	Kokura → Oita: 1hr20min. (Limited Express)
Oita Airport → Beppu: 45min.	Kumamoto → Yufuin: 4hrs15min.	Hakata → Yufuin: 2hrs12min. (Limited Express)
Yufuin Express Bus		
Oita Airport → Yufuin Sta.: 55min.		

Legend

- Expressways
- Service area / Parking area
- Junction
- Interchange
- Main road
- General road
- Railway station
- Prefectural government
- Air Port
- Onsen
- Michi-no-eki Roadside Rest Area