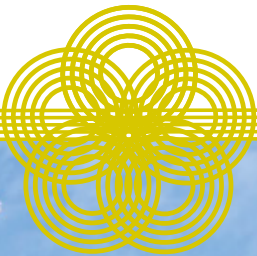


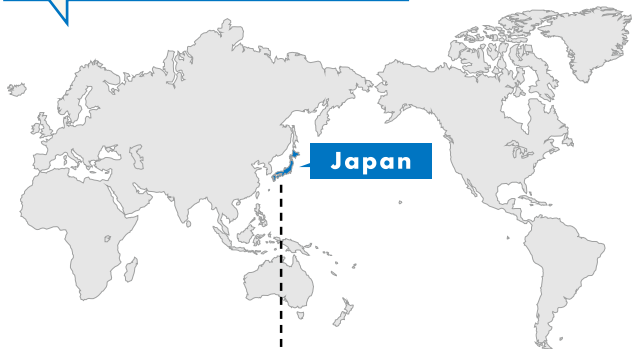


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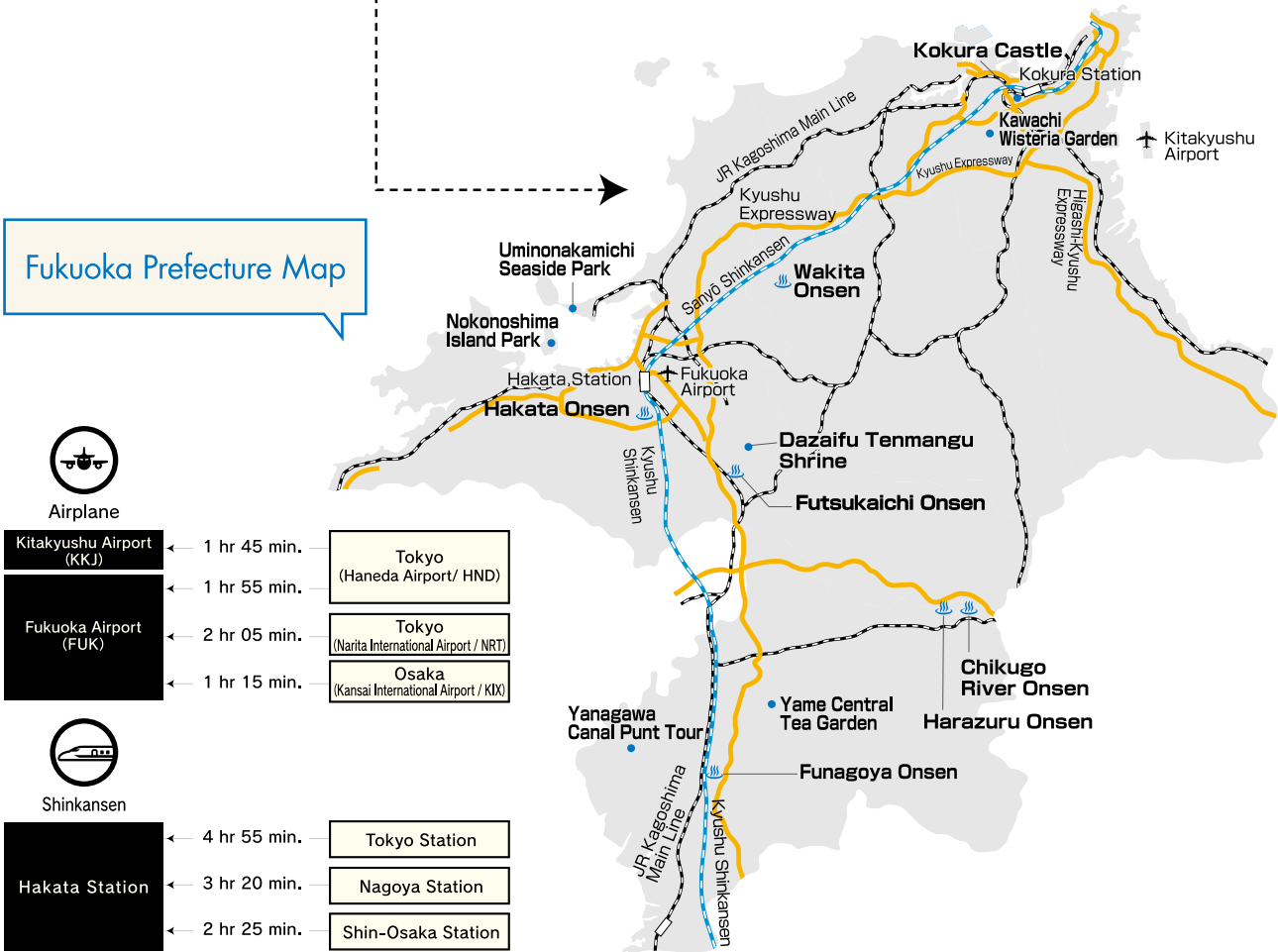
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## Popular Places to Visit



### 1. Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine

This is a nationally-renowned Shinto shrine that draws approximately 10 million worshippers every year. The scholar, politician, and poet Sugawara-no-Michizane (late 9th to the beginning of the 10th century) is enshrined here and revered as the god of learning.

●Dazaifu City [HP]<http://www.dazaifutenmangu.or.jp/>

### 2. Yame Central Tea Garden

This approximately 70-hectare tea plantation is located in Yame, one of the main tea production regions of Fukuoka. Take in the splendid landscape of the tea bushes growing on the gently rolling hills. The entire area forms an olle (hiking) course.

●Yame City  
[HP]<http://www.city.yame.fukuoka.jp/kanko/3/1457320346856.html>

### 3. Kokura Castle

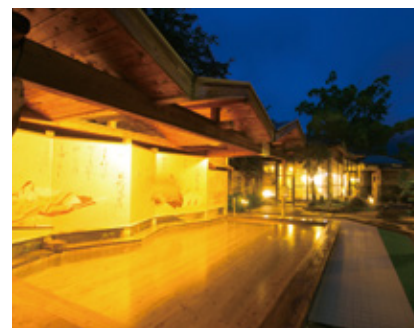
Originally built in 1602, the current building was reconstructed in 1959. Documents on the families of the domain lords Hosokawa and Ogasawara are exhibited in the interior of the castle, in addition to a diorama of the castletown of Kokura among others.

●Kitakyushu City [HP]<http://www.kokura-castle.jp/>



## Onsen Areas Throughout Fukuoka

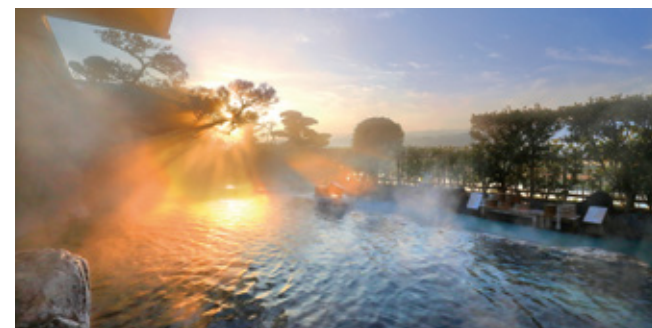
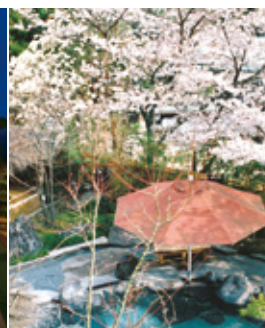
Various kinds of onsen (natural hot springs) can be found all over Fukuoka.



### Wakita Onsen

This hot spring is located between the cities of Fukuoka and Kitakyushu. Known as a "hot water for beautiful skin," it is characterized by its milky-textured, soft water.

●Miyawaka City



### Harazuru Onsen

This is one of the largest hot spring areas in Fukuoka Prefecture. There are 2 types of water that each brightens the skin and washes off old sebum. It is a popular bathing destination due to these beautifying effects.

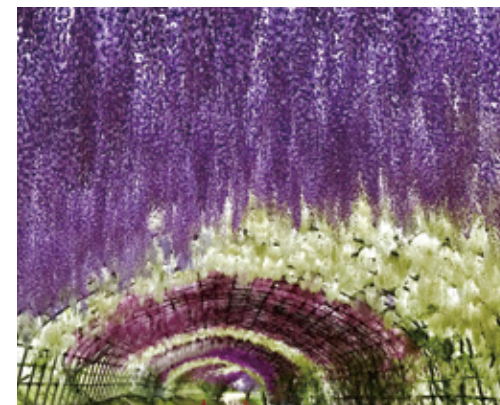
●Asakura City



## Beautiful Flowers

### Wisteria

April to May



#### Kawachi Wisteria Garden

●Kitakyushu City [HP]<https://kawachi-fujien.com/>

### Nemophila

April to May



#### Uminonakamichi Seaside Park

●Fukuoka City [HP]<https://uminaka-park.jp/>

### Cosmos

September to October



#### Nokonoshima Island Park

●Fukuoka City [HP]<http://nokonoshima.com/>



## Delicious, Classic Gourmet Dishes of Fukuoka

In Japan, Fukuoka is renowned for its ramen noodles, but there is much more to this prefecture. Here, we introduce excellent staples that you mustn't miss out on eating when you visit.



### Yatai (Food Stall)

These are food stalls that open only at night. Renowned as a food culture unique to Fukuoka, most of the shops are found in the Tenjin and Nakasu neighborhoods. Most offer Hakata specialties such as ramen (noodles), yakitori (chicken skewers), and gyōza (dumplings).  
[HP]<http://yatai.fukuoka.jp/>



### Tonkotsu Ramen (Pork Bone Broth Noodles)

Now famous worldwide, ramen is the comfort food for the people of Fukuoka. The combination of the opaque soup made from pork bone with the thin, firm noodles originated in Fukuoka. The kaedama, or extra helping of noodles, is also unique to this region.



### Delicious Fruits

Fukuoka produces delicious fruits every season. Premium fruits only exclusive to Fukuoka as well as fruit picking programs are very popular.



### 1. Yamecha (Yame Green Tea)

Yame is home to the production of Japanese green tea called sencha, including the in-demand gyokuro variety, whose volume of production ranks first in Japan. Known for its sweet and rich flavors and strong umami, gyokuro from Yame has won the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Award for 10 consecutive years at the National Tea Competitive Exhibition.

### 2. Delicious Sake of Fukuoka

Blessed with quality rice, water, and climate, Fukuoka produces many kinds of excellent Japanese sake. Visit a local sake brewery to discover your favorite sake.