



City of Kitakyushu

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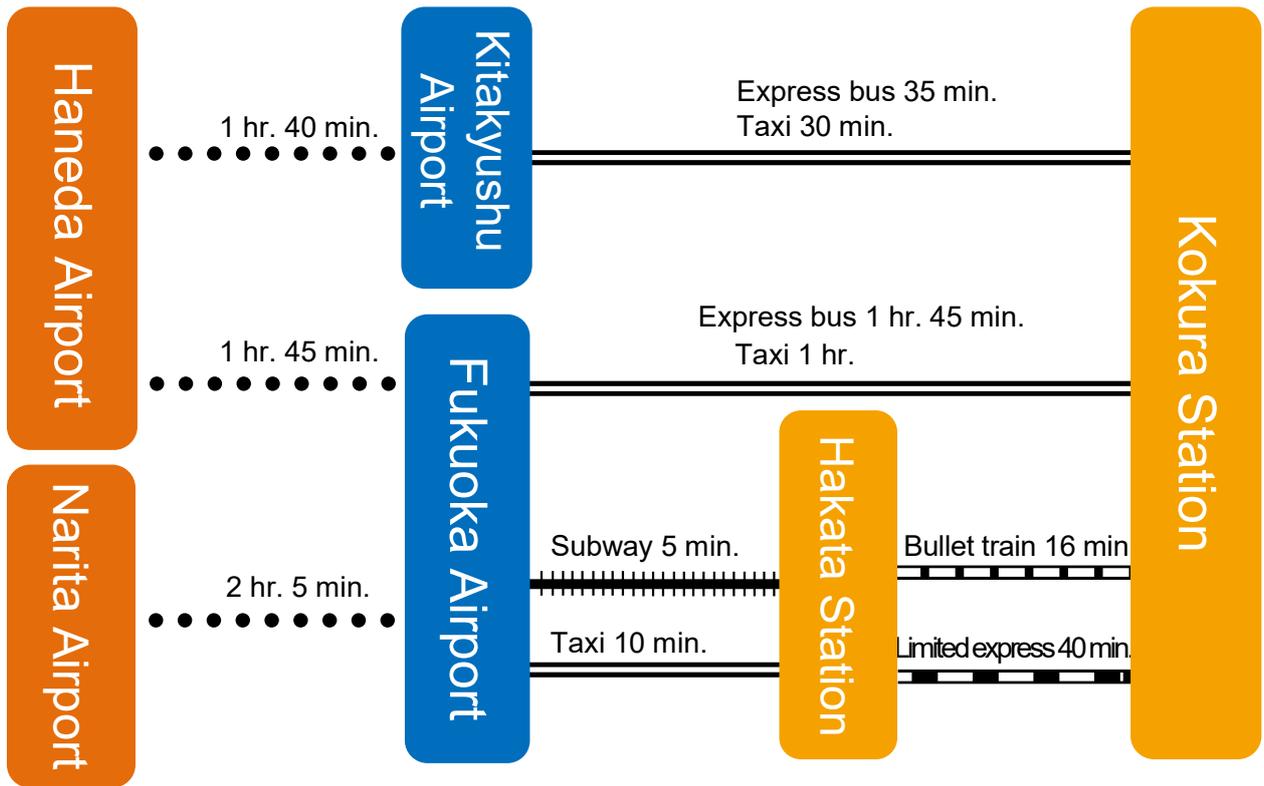
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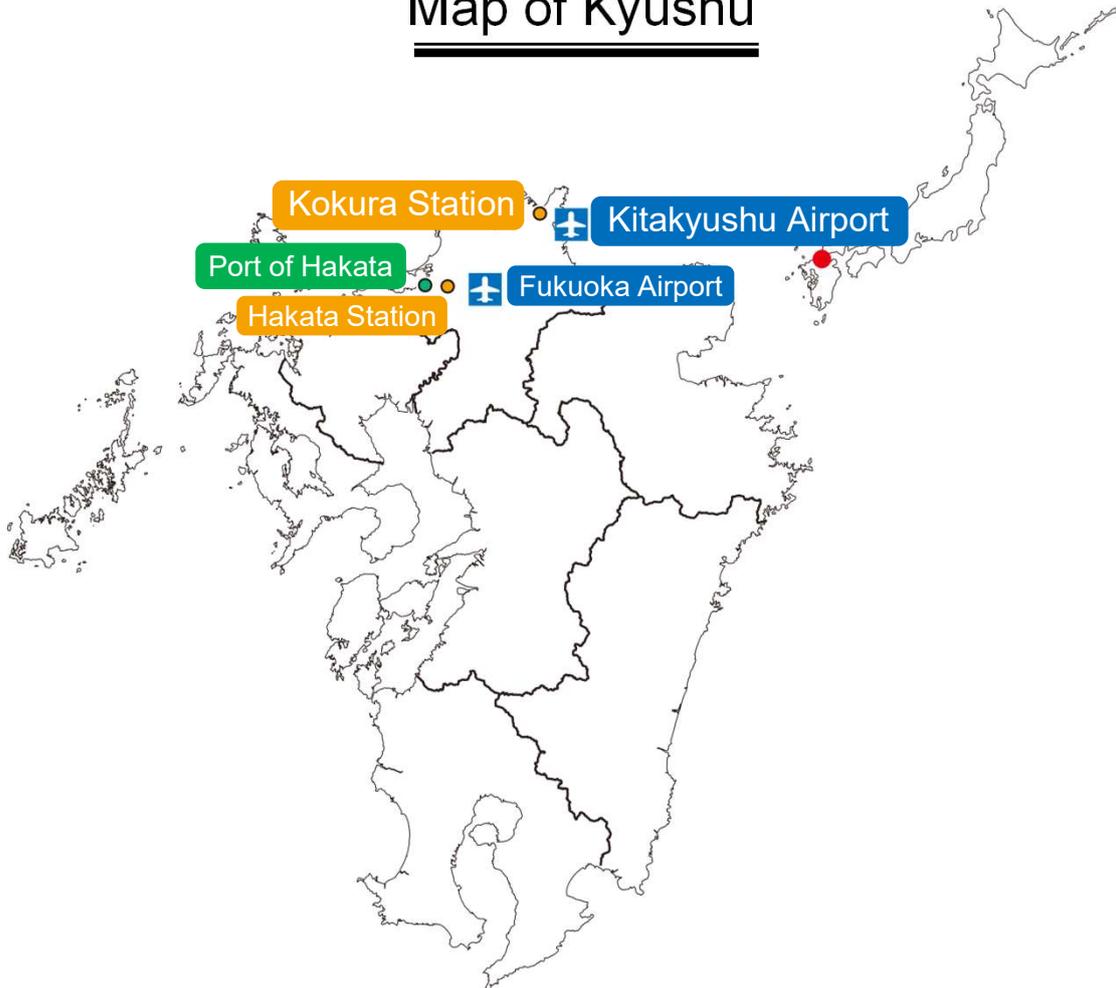
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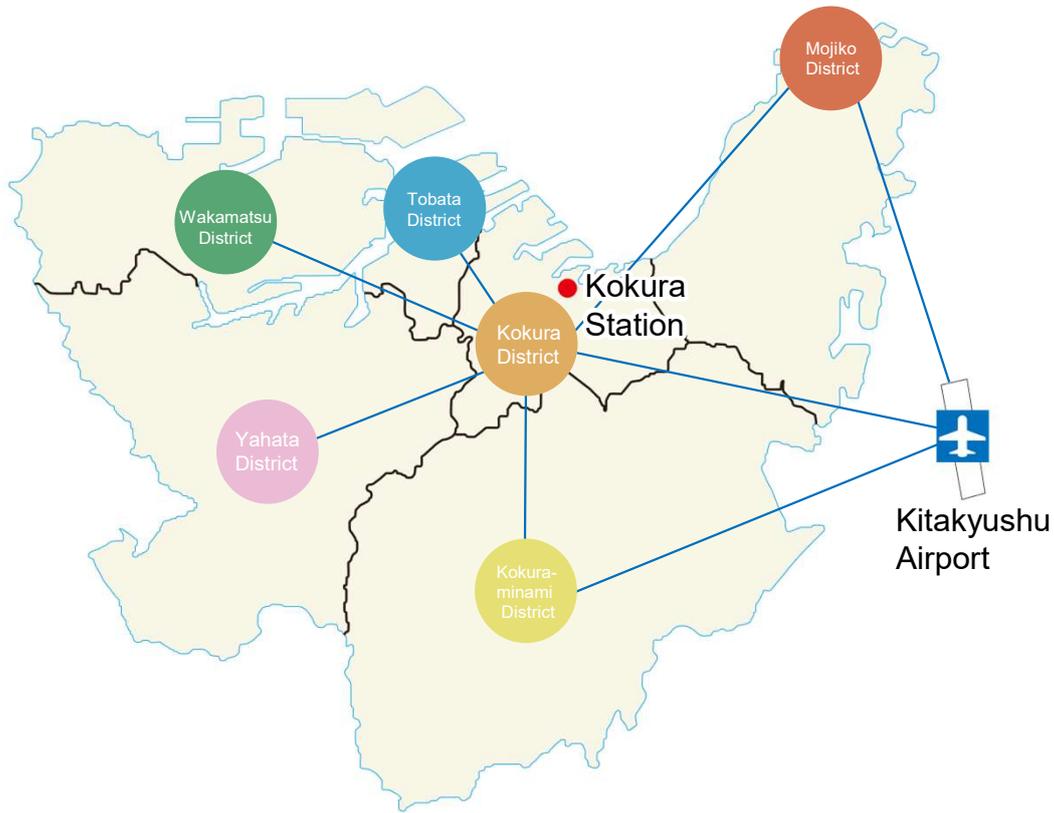
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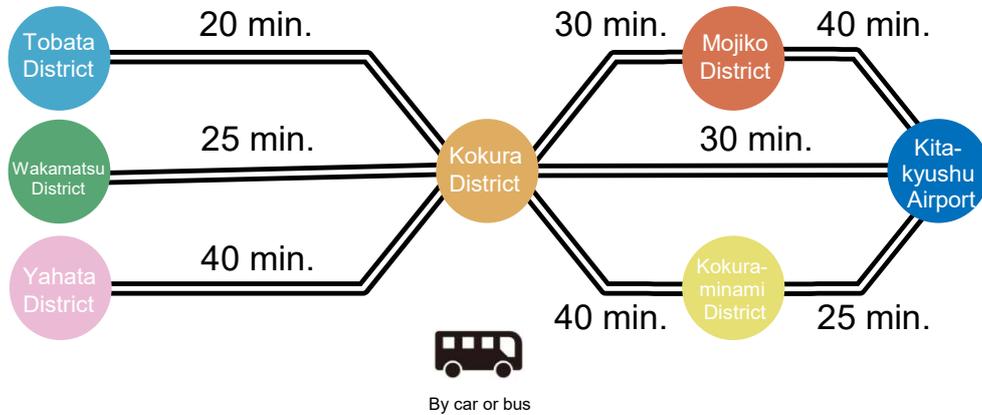
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Map of the City of Kitakyushu



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The S, D, and C shown under “Capacity” in “Hotel & Banquet” refer to school-style, formal dinner-style, and cocktail-style events, respectively.

In addition, unless specifically marked they indicate normal capacity and are not appropriate for social distancing.

Data is current as of July 2022.

Please note that services may be suspended or changed due to COVID-19, so be sure to check directly with each facility before use.

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Kokura Castle

Kokura
District



The castle keep of Kokura Castle was built by Tadaoki Hosokawa, a military commander who lived in the Sengoku period to the early Edo period. Distinguished by the “karazukuri” architectural style, there are no roof eaves between the 4th and 5th floors, and the 5th floor is larger than the 4th. In addition, the castle’s stone masonry was constructed without hewn stones. Instead, stones were brought from Mt. Adachi and piled atop one another in their natural shape. The castle keep was renovated in 2019 and is now available as a party venue.

The Fukuoka area, including Kokura Castle, is the only area in Japan to have been selected by CNN Travel as one of the “19 best places to visit in 2019.” A photo of Kokura Castle was featured at the top of the article.

Parties

Capacity	Seated dining up to 30 people, Cocktail-style up to 60 people
Fee	Seated dining plan 25,000 yen/person and up Cocktail-style plan 15,000 yen/person and up *Tax not incl.
Languages	English, Chinese, Korean, Russian
Other	Optional services are available (Gion Daiko, etc.).
Location	2-1 Jonai, Kokurakita-ku
TEL.	093-561-1210 (Kokura Castle)
Website	https://www.kokura-castle.jp/ (Kokura Castle) https://unique-venue.com/ (UV)



Kokura
Castle

UV



Unique
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Kokura Castle Japanese Garden

Kokura
District



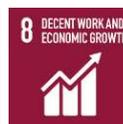
This is the restored daimyo villa of the Ogasawara family, who succeeded the Hosokawa family that built Kokura Castle. It recreates a daimyo garden and the typical “shoin-style” of samurai residences in what was once the Ogasawara’s second home.

The Japanese garden offers the most picturesque view of Kokura Castle. You can even dine on kaiseki cuisine and other dishes while enjoying attractions such as a laser show that lights up the garden.



Parties

- Capacity** Seated dining up to 40 people
- Fee** Seated dining plan 18,000 yen/person and up
*Tax not incl.
- Languages** English, Chinese, Korean, Russian
- Other** Optional services are available.
- Location** 1-2 Jonai, Kokurakita-ku
- TEL.** 093-582-2747 (garden)
- Website** <https://www.kokura-castle.jp/> (garden)
<https://unique-venue.com/> (UV)



Garden

UV



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Mikuni World Stadium

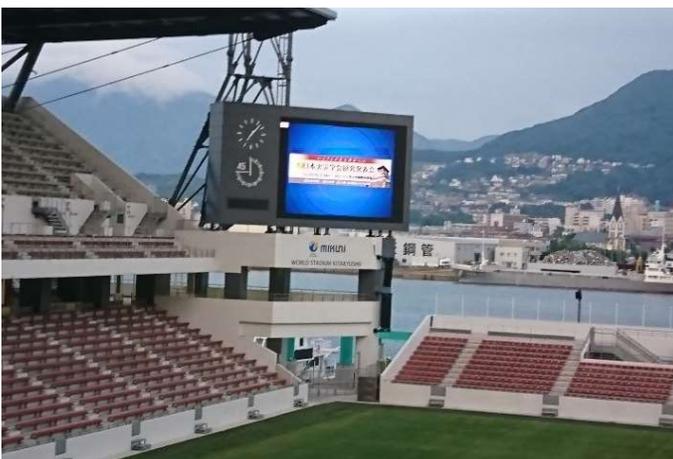
Kokura District



This is the home stadium of Giravanz Kitakyushu, a team in the Japan Professional Football League (J.League). It stands next to Kitakyushu International Conference Center, which was designed by Arata Isozaki, an architect who won the Pritzker Prize, known as the Nobel Prize of architecture. Parties can be held and catered in the stadium lounge.

Parties

- Capacity** 30 people
- Fee** Business Lounge 1 3,270 yen/hr.
Business Lounge 2 4,690 yen/hr.
Business Lounge 3 4,920 yen/hr., other
- Other** Lounges 1–3 can be connected and used together; a pantry is available.
- Location** 3-9-33 Asano, Kokurakita-ku
- TEL.** 093-521-2020
- Website** <https://www.kitakyushu-stadium.jp/>





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Kanzanso Bekkan

Kokura
District

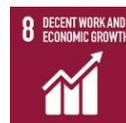


This long-established Japanese-style restaurant housed in a “sukiya-style” building encloses one of the best Japanese gardens in Kitakyushu.



Parties

- Capacity** Up to 120 people
- Fee** Lunch: Hana Kaiseki 4,400 yen (weekdays only), other
Dinner: Kaiseki meal course 5,500 yen and up, other
*Tax incl.
A shuttle bus is available.
- Location** 3-10-41 Saburomaru, Kokurakita-ku
- TEL.** 093-941-2151 / 0120-033-081
(Reservations accepted 9:00 am–10:00 pm)
- Website** <https://www.kanzan.net/bekkan/>





Former Moji Mitsui Club



This was built as a social club for the Moji Branch of Mitsui & Co., Ltd. in 1921 in Tanimachi, Moji-ku. The following year, Albert Einstein and his wife stayed overnight when visiting Japan for a lecture. The building features the half-timber style of traditional European wooden construction with modern art-deco design incorporated into the interior. It was designated a national important cultural property in March 1990. Banquets can be held in the reception hall and rooms with a view of the sea. In addition, the first-floor multipurpose space can be utilized for music events such as concerts, exhibits, and other events. There is also a piano.

*The building will be closed for preservation/repair work and earthquake proofing April 1, 2022–March 2023 (scheduled; the restaurant will remain open).



Parties (Mitsui Club -Japanese/Western-style restaurant-)

- Capacity**
 - Large hall up to 80 seats
 - Medium-size hall up to 30 seats
 - Small hall up to 25 seats
 - Japanese-style room up to 24 seats
- *Some halls are not available for use. Please contact the restaurant for details.

Fee Seated dining 3,190 yen and up *Tax incl.

Location 7-1 Minatomachi, Moji-ku

TEL. Mitsui Club
(Japanese/Western-style restaurant)
Parties: 093-332-1000
Mojiko Retro General Information
Events: 093-321-4151

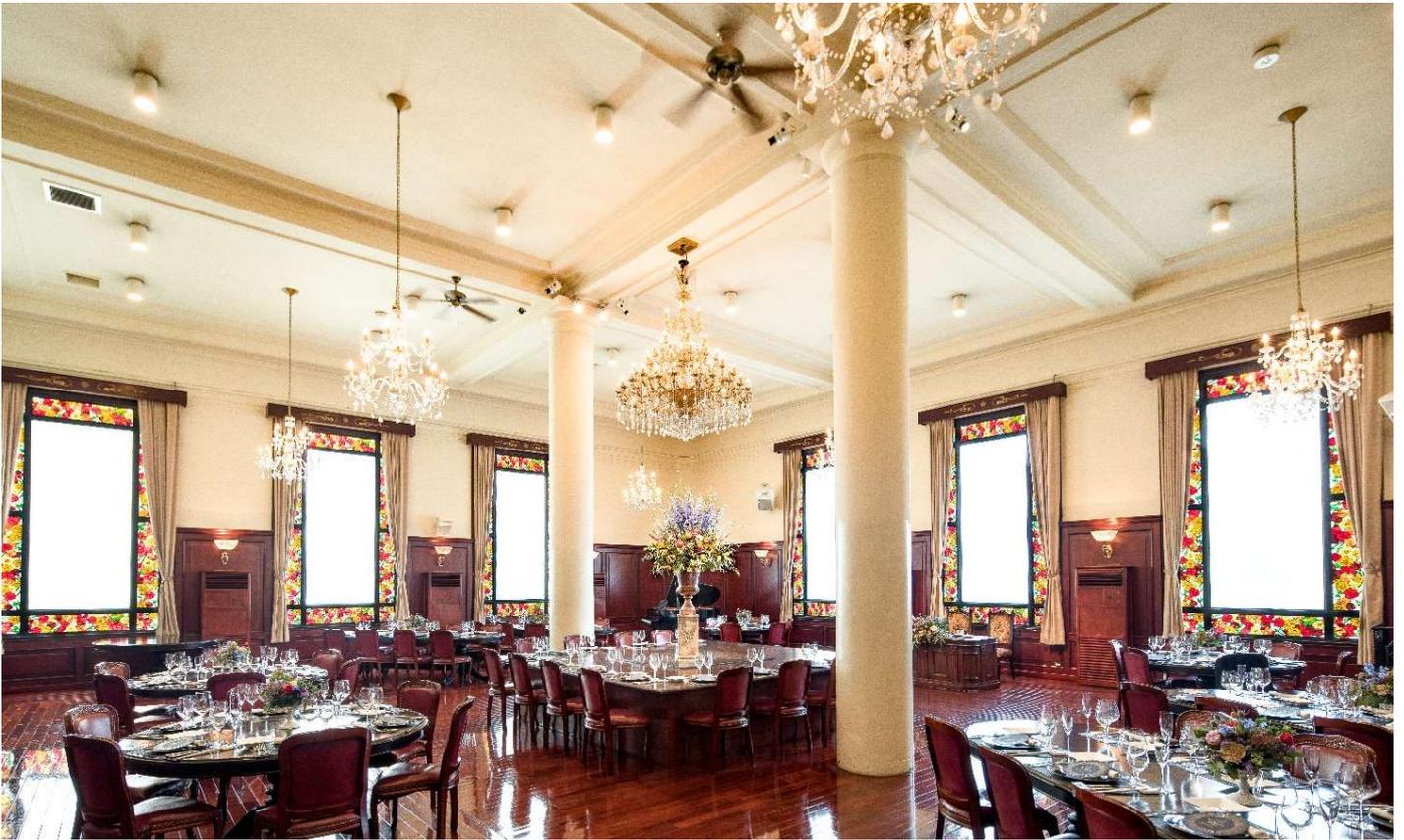


Website Parties <http://www.mitsui-club.com/>
Events <https://www.kanmon-kaikyo-museum.jp/about-mojiko-retro/guidance-of-facility-rental-hall/>

Events, etc.

Venue Multipurpose space (73 m²) 1F
9:00 am–12:00 pm 1,050 yen
12:00 pm–5:00 pm 1,650 yen
5:00 pm–10:00 pm 2,700 yen, other





Unique
venue

Marrygold Mojiko Geihinkan

Mojiko
District



This renovated building was once the Moji Branch of Fukuoka Bank, constructed in 1950. Though it's currently used primarily as a wedding hall, it's also available for banquets and parties. It serves French cuisine prepared from seasonal ingredients and fresh fish from Kanmon. The menu is created based on the purpose of the party and the guest composition. Optional services that add color to a party, such as live jazz music, are also available.



Parties

- Capacity** Seated dining 10–130 people, Cocktail-style 40–150 people
- Fee** Meal courses 5,000 yen, 8,000 yen
Free drinks (2 hr.) 2,000 yen *Tax not incl.
- Location** 2-21 Minatomachi, Moji-ku
- TEL.** 093-322-5588
080-0888-8743
(Reservations accepted 11:00 am–7:00 pm)
- Website** <https://www.marrygold-mojiko.jp/>





Unique venue

Former Mitsui O. S. K. Line

Mojiko District



The building was constructed in 1917 as the Moji Branch of O.S.K. Lines, Ltd., a shipping company established in 1884. It is a nationally registered tangible cultural property. At the time of its construction, as many as 60 passenger ships sailed from Moji Port to Taiwan, China, India, and Europe in a single month. The Mitsui O. S. K. Line Bldg. was a ship hub, with the first floor used as a waiting room and the second floor as offices. It was once busy with people excitedly departing for foreign lands. Today, the first floor houses the Watase Seizo Gallery and other facilities, and the second floor is a multipurpose space called Kaikyo Roman Hall.



Meetings, events, etc.

Venue	Kaikyo Roman Hall (230m ²)
Capacity	Up to 70 people
Fee	9:00 am–12:00 pm 1,050 yen 12:00 pm–5:00 pm 1,650 yen 5:00 pm–10:00 pm 2,700 yen, other
Location	7-18 Minatomachi, Moji-ku
TEL.	Mojiko Retro General Information 093-321-4151
Website	https://www.kanmon-kaikyo-museum.jp/about-mojiko-retro/guidance-of-facility-rental-hall/



*Terms/conditions of use and precautions must be agreed to in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. For more information, please contact the facility (as of June 2022).





Unique venue

Former Dalian Sea Route Warehouse

Mojiko District



This building was constructed in 1929 as Moji Customs Terminal 1 and was used for international passengers. It was designed by Yoshikuni Okuma, an architect who also worked on the National Diet Building. Currently, a film and performing arts museum called the Matsunaga Archives is on the first floor, while the second floor has a hall that can be used for showing movies, holding musical performances, or other events.

Meetings, events, etc.

Venue	Multipurpose rooms A1/A2 (90 m ²) and B (200 m ²), Multipurpose space (800 m ²), Hall (400 m ²)
Fee	Multipurpose rooms A1/A2
	9:00 am–5:00 pm 260 yen/hr. 5:00 pm–10:00 pm 420 yen/hr. *Both rooms A1 and A2 can be divided in half. (The fee is halved when half the room is used.)
Fee	Multipurpose room B
	9:00 am–5:00 pm 590 yen/hr. 5:00 pm–10:00 pm 950 yen/hr.
Fee	Multipurpose space
	9:00 am–5:00 pm 1,310 yen/hr. 5:00 pm–10:00 pm 2,100 yen/hr.
Hall	9:00 am–5:00 pm 1,100 yen/hr.
	5:00 pm–10:00 pm 1,790 yen/hr.



Website

<https://www.kanmon-kaikyo-museum.jp/about-mojiko-retro/guidance-of-facility-rental-hall/>



Location

1-3-5 Nishikaigan, Moji-ku

TEL.

093-322-5020

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For more information, please contact the facility (as of June 2022).





Unique venue

Former Moji Customs Bldg.

Mojiko District



Moji Customs was established in 1909, and the Former Moji Customs Bldg. was constructed in 1912 as a two-story brick structure with a tiled roof. It was used as a customs building until the early Showa period. In 1994, the City of Kitakyushu placed a special order for red bricks and restored the building. The spacious first floor features an atrium and has a rest area, coffee shop, and exhibit room with permanent displays on Moji Customs. The second floor can be used for exhibitions and other events.

Events, etc.

Venue Exhibit space
* Collecting entrance fees and conducting sales are not permitted.

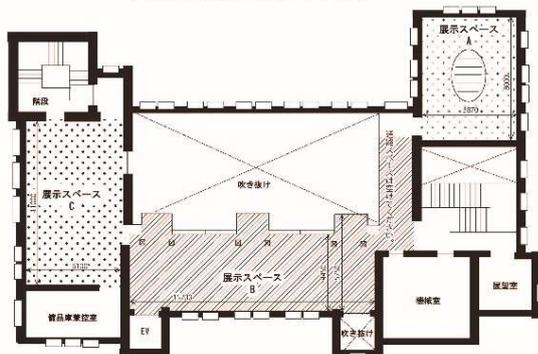
Fee A (46 m²), B (76 m²), C (67 m²)
A 9:00 am–12:00 pm 240 yen
12:00 pm–5:00 pm 410 yen
B 9:00 am–12:00 pm 460 yen
12:00 pm–5:00 pm 760 yen
C 9:00 am–12:00 pm 420 yen
12:00 pm–5:00 pm 710 yen

Location 1-24 Higashiminatomachi, Moji-ku

TEL. Mojiko Retro General Information
093-321-4151

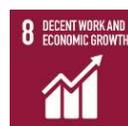
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Website

<https://www.kanmon-kaikyo-museum.jp/about-mojiko-retro/guidance-of-facility-rental-hall/>





Unique venue

Kanmon Strait Museum

Mojiko District



Experience the long history of the Kanmon Strait with all five senses through hands-on activities at this museum. The multipurpose hall on the museum's first floor is a reproduction of the design used in the former Mojiko branch of the YMCA that once stood in Mojiko Port. It can be used for a variety of events such as exhibits, lectures, and mini concerts.

Events, etc.

Venue	Multipurpose hall (130 m ²)
Fee	9:00 am–12:00 pm 1,100 yen 12:00 pm–5:00 pm 1,700 yen, other
Location	1-3-3 Nishikaigan, Moji-ku
TEL.	093-331-6700
Website	https://www.kanmon-kaikyo-museum.jp/about-mojiko-retro/guidance-of-facility-rental-hall/

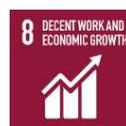


Venue, parties

Venue	5th-floor observation area
Fee	Inquire about fees and the number of people that can be accommodated.
Website	https://www.kanmon-kaikyo-museum.jp/uniquevenue/



*Please note that to prevent the spread of COVID-19, at present plans including meals are suspended and restrictions are placed on the number of people participating in venue rental plans that do not include meals. Reservations may be temporarily suspended, depending on circumstances related to COVID-19. For more information, please contact the facility (as of June 2022).





Unique venue

Dalian Friendship Memorial

Mojiko District



This is a replica of the Chinese Eastern Railway Office built by the Russian Empire in China (Dalian) in 1902. It was constructed to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the friendship agreement made between the cities of Dalian and Kitakyushu.

Dalian Acacia (a Chinese restaurant) is on the first floor, and the Mojiko Retro Exchange Space on the second floor can be used as a unique avenue from 6:00 pm after the facility closes.



Parties

- Venue** Mojiko Retro Exchange Space (2nd floor)
- Fee** Inquire about fees and the number of people that can be accommodated.
- Location** 1-12 Higashiminatomachi, Moji-ku
- TEL.** Mojiko Retro General Information 093-321-4151

Website

<https://www.kanmon-kaikyo-museum.jp/uniquevenue/>



*At present, services are suspended to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (as of June 2022).





Mojiko Retro Products Shop Minato House



This facility promoting local products and tourism has a souvenir shop selling an array of Kitakyushu goods, a take-out corner, and other shops.

The second-floor multipurpose halls can be used for meetings, lectures, and events.



Meetings, events, etc.

Venue	Multipurpose halls A/B
Fee	9:00 am–5:00 pm 370 yen 5:00 pm–10:00 pm 600 yen, other *The fees shown are for the use of a single room.

Location 6-72 Higashiminatomachi, Moji-ku

TEL. Mojiko Retro General Information
093-321-4151

Website <https://www.kanmon-kaikyo-museum.jp/about-mojiko-retro/guidance-of-facility-rental-hall/>



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For more information, please contact the facility (as of June 2022).





Unique venue

Sola Land Hiraodai

(Hiraodai Countryside Park)

Kokuraminami District



Hiraodai, one of the three major karst formations in Japan, has been designated a natural monument and quasi-national park. Hiraodai Countryside Park is located on the karst plateau, which is unusual for its rocks that resemble a flock of sheep. Here, you'll find a variety of playground equipment, sandpits, grass sledding, a hands-on workshop for making pottery, Forest Camp Kokura that offers glamping, and a campsite.

Venue, events

- Hours** 9:00 am–5:00 pm
(Winter: Dec.–Feb. 10:00 am–4:00 pm)
Closed: Tue., year-end/New Year's
- Fee** Entrance: Free Parking: 1,100 spaces
Parking fee: Passenger cars 300 yen, Oversize vehicles 1,000 yen
- Location** 1-1-1 Hiraodai, Kokuraminami-ku
- TEL.** *Facilities in Countryside Park
093-452-2715
Hiraodai Countryside Park
*Restaurant and glamping
080-6446-0111
Restaurant Mouton
(Restaurant Mouton lunch buffet:
Sat, Sun., national holidays 11:00 am–2:00 pm,
last order 1:30 pm)



Website <https://cocokite-yokatta.jp>





Unique venue

Former Furukawa Mining, Wakamatsu Bldg.

Wakamatsu District



Furukawa Mining expanded into Wakamatsu to develop its coal business in the Chikuho region. This two-story office building was constructed in 1919 as the Wakamatsu Branch Office.

It can be used today as a multipurpose hall and meeting room.



Venue, events, parties

Venue Multipurpose halls A/B, Meeting rooms A/B/C
*Drinks (alcohol) can be brought in.

Fee Multipurpose halls A/B
9:00 am–12:00 pm 840 yen
12:00 pm–5:00 pm 1,320 yen
5:00 pm–10:00 pm 2,160 yen
Meeting rooms A/B/C
9:00 am–10:00 pm 100 yen/hr.

Location 1-11-18 Honmachi, Wakamatsu-ku

TEL. 093-752-3387

Website <https://www.spina.co.jp/business/facility/furukawa/>





Unique venue

Ryotei Kinnabe (Japanese-style restaurant)

Wakamatsu District

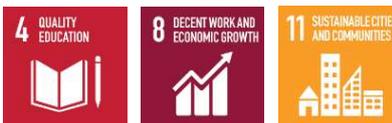


This historical Japanese-style restaurant was established in 1895. The original building burned down. The building standing today was constructed between the late Meiji period and early Taisho period and is still used as a Japanese-style restaurant. The solemn black plaster exterior of the main building and round timber used in the front gate speak to the prosperity of Wakamatsu back when it was reconstructed. The building has also become a valuable asset in a community that is losing its historical townscape. The main building and front gate are nationally registered tangible cultural properties.



Parties

- Capacity** Up to 100 people (tatami room)
Up to 70 people (tatami room with tables)
- Fee** Banquet course (8 people or more)
*Kaiseki cuisine + all-you-can drink
Matsu meal course: 7,000 yen (tax, service fee not incl.)
Take meal course: 9,000 yen (tax, service fee not incl.)
Ume meal course: 11,000 yen (tax, service fee not incl.)
- Location** 2-4-22 Honmachi, Wakamatsu-ku
- TEL.** 093-761-4531
- Other** Various catered boxed lunches are available.
*Delivery is available for orders of 10,000 yen or more.
- Website** <https://www.kinnabe.com/>





Boat Race Wakamatsu



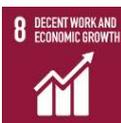
At Boat Race Wakamatsu, catered parties can be held in the Members Room while viewing boat races. It also has a food court and café.

Plus, the facility has Wakawaku-Land offering a variety of educational toys from BørneLund for children age 6 months to third grade, and Red Rock, a bouldering park for children age 4 to sixth grade (both are free).



Events, parties

Venue	Members Room, West Wing, 4th floor
Capacity	Please inquire.
Fee	Free (100 yen entrance fee required to enter the facility)
Location	13-1 Akaiwamachi, Wakamatsu-ku
TEL.	093-791-3400
Website	https://www.wmb.jp/





Unique venue

CuReCa Wakamatsu

Wakamatsu District



This facility was built next to Boat Race Wakamatsu with the aim of becoming a boat race track appreciated by the community. There is a large mirror in the multipurpose hall on the first floor.

The second-floor civic hall can be utilized for lectures and meetings that use a screen. When utilized in combination with ROKU, where boat tickets can also be purchased, it can accommodate a cocktail-style party for approximately 200 people. There is a full concert grand piano at ROKU.

*Utilization for the purpose of selling goods is not permitted.

Venue, parties

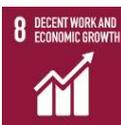
Venue	Multipurpose hall (174 m ²) Civic hall (230 m ²) Civic hall and Roku (554 m ²) Meeting room 1 (37 m ²)/Meeting room 2 (26 m ²)
Capacity	Multipurpose hall (81 people)/ Civic hall (120 people)/ Civic hall and Roku (160 people)/ Meeting room 1 (18 people)/Meeting room 2 (18 people)
Fee	Multipurpose hall 900 yen/hr. Civic hall 1,100 yen/hr. Meeting room 1 250 yen/hr. Meeting room 2 200 yen/hr.



Location 13-1 Akaiwamachi, Wakamatsu-ku

TEL. 093-791-3449

Website <https://www.wmb.jp/facilities/cureca/>





Unique venue

Gyoan Senjojiki

Wakamatsu District



This restaurant was built in 1969 on land next to Senjojiki Rocks, which has been designated Genkai Quasi-National Park.

All rooms on the spacious grounds are private or detached, and diners can enjoy meals such as kaiseki cuisine.



Parties

Capacity Up to 40 people
*Please inquire for details.

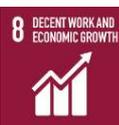
Fee Kaiseki cuisine 5,400 yen and up (tax, service fee not incl.)
Senjojiki lunch 1,800 yen and up (tax, service fee not incl.)
*Please inquire for details.

Other Shuttle service is available for 10 or more people.

Location 3175 Oaza Arige, Wakamatsu-ku

TEL. 093-741-1191

Website <https://www.sr-mizukami.jp/>





Unique
venue

Former Matsumoto Residence (The Industry Club of West Japan)

Tobata
District



The Western-style building was designed by Kingo Tatsuno, the architect who designed Tokyo Station and the head office of the Bank of Japan. This is a typical residence from the Meiji era for a person of noble rank, and has been designated a national important cultural property. It was home to one of the founders of the Kyushu Institute of Technology, Kenjiro Matsumoto (the second son of Keiichiro Yasukawa, founder of Yaskawa Electric Corporation). The residence was used by the Matsumoto family until World War II, but was seized by the U.S. military after the war. Later, the residence was taken over by the Industry Club of West Japan when the association of Kitakyushu business leaders was formed. At present, it's only opened to the public once a year and its use is limited to events such as weddings and dinners.



Parties

Capacity Western-style bldg. Cocktail-style up to 160 people,
Seated dining up to 120 people
Japanese-style bldg. Seated dining up to 50 people

Fee Lunch 6,325 yen
Dinner 8,855 yen and up *Tax incl.

Location 1-4-33 Ichieda, Tobata-ku

TEL. 093-871-1031

Website <http://www.nkc.or.jp/>





Unique venue

Former Residence of Yasukawa

Tobata District



This was the residence of Keiichiro Yasukawa who was an entrepreneur that built the foundation of the industrial City of Kitakyushu. He operated a series of coal-related companies during the Meiji period and helped bring the Imperial Steel Works to the city. It has been designated a tangible cultural property by the City of Kitakyushu. Keiichiro Yasukawa served as president of Meiji Mining Company and established a limited partnership, Yaskawa Electric (now Yaskawa Electric Corporation), in 1915 with his third son, Seizaburo and fifth son, Daigoro. In addition, aiming for an "educational utopia," he invested a considerable amount of his own money to establish the Meiji College of Technology (now Kyushu Institute of Technology) and its affiliated elementary school (now Meiji Gakuen) for the purpose of developing social and public welfare. The Yasukawa family had interactions with Sun Yat-sen, and a commemorative photo was taken at this residence when the leader and his associates came to visit in 1913. When you visit the residence today, you can look out at the beautiful garden while enjoying Japanese tea and sweets. General public admission began in earnest in April this year, and the residence may be made available as a unique venue in the future.



Tours of the residence

Hours	9:00 am–5:00 pm (doors open until 4:30 pm)
Closed	Tue.
Fee	General admission 260 yen, Groups (25 or more) 200 yen
TEL.	Former Residence of Yasukawa 093-482-6033



Website <https://www.yaskawatei.org>

Utilization as a unique venue

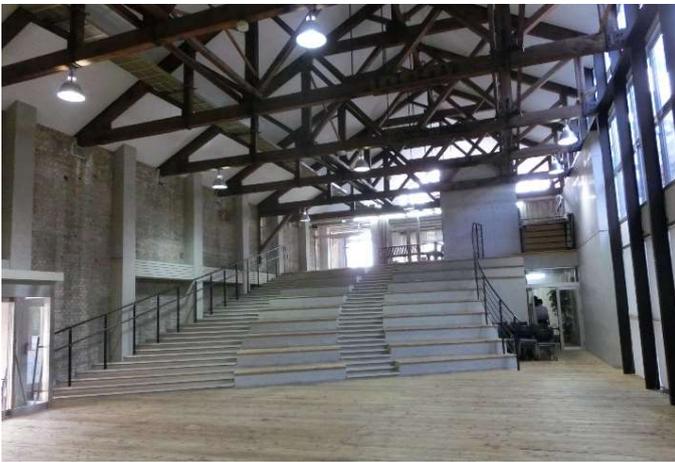
Please contact the Kitakyushu Convention & Visitors Association Promotion Division.

TEL. 093-551-4111





Moji Red Brick Place
Red Brick Exchange Center
 (former warehouse bldg.)



Imperial Beer was established on this site in 1912 and began brewing the following year. The company entered the beer industry with the release of Sakura Beer. Since then, the company name has changed from Sakura Beer to Dainippon Beer, Nippon Beer, and Sapporo Beer, and the Sapporo Beer Kyushu Factory continued to support Moji's industry until 2000.

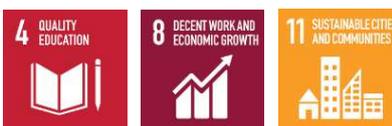
The Red Brick Exchange Center is one of several buildings that still remain at Moji Red Brick Place where the factory once stood. It has since become a place for community interaction as a hall available for rent. It is a nationally registered tangible cultural property.

Venue, events, parties

Venue	Red Brick Hall/Meeting room A/Meeting room B Please inquire.
Fee	Brick Hall 10:00 am–5:00 pm 4,000 yen/hr. 5:00 pm–10:00 pm 6,000 yen/hr. 10:00 am–10:00 pm 40,000 yen Meeting rooms A/B 10:00 am–5:00 pm 600 yen/hr. 5:00 pm–8:00 pm 800 yen/hr. 10:00 am–10:00 pm 7,000 yen *These are general rates. Separate rules exist for commercial purposes.



Location	3-11-1 Dairihonmachi, Moji-ku
TEL.	093-372-0962
Website	https://mojirenga.jp/place.html





Unique
venue

Moji Red Brick Place BRICK HALL

Other



Imperial Beer was established on this site in 1912 and began brewing the following year. The company entered the beer industry with the release of Sakura Beer.

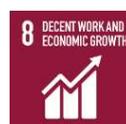
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BRICK HALL is a renovated brewery building that is available to use for various events and parties.



Events, parties

Capacity	Inquire about the number of people that can be accommodated.
Fee	<p>Weekdays</p> <p>9:00 am–5:00 pm 5,000 yen/hr.,</p> <p>5:00 pm–12:00 am 6,000 yen/hr.,</p> <p>Sat., Sun., national holidays</p> <p>9:00 am–5:00 pm 10,000 yen/hr.,</p> <p>5:00 pm–12:00 am 12,000 yen/hr., other</p>
Location	3-6-1 Dairihonmachi, Moji-ku
TEL.	093-391-4411
Website	http://www.brickhall.com/index.php





Unique
venue

Kitakyushu Urban Monorail

Other

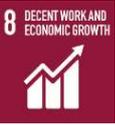


The Kitakyushu Urban Monorail spans 8.8 km and connects Kokura Station, the gateway to the City of Kitakyushu, to Kikugaoka Station in Kokuraminami-ku. The monorail cars can be exclusively reserved for a roundtrip of approximately one hour. You can bring your own boxed lunches and have a party.



Events, parties

- Venue** Inside the monorail
- Capacity** Up to 70 people
- Fee** Basic fee 50,000 yen (incl. round-trip fare)
- Location** 2-13-1 Kikugaoka, Kokuraminami-ku
- TEL.** 093-961-0103
- Website** <http://www.kitakyushu-monorail.co.jp/>





Rihga Royal Hotel Kokura



The hotel is about a 3-min. walk from JR Kokura Station via a directly connected corridor. In addition to the hotel's convenience, the guest rooms offer a panoramic view of the Kitakyushu nightscape from above, with the Kanmon Strait to the east and the Genkai Sea to the west.

- Venue fee** Please inquire.
- Meal charge** Buffet dishes: 5,000 yen/person and up
Platters: 5,000 yen/person and up
Western-style meal course: 7,000 yen/person and up
Free drinks: 2,300 yen and up/person/2 hr.
*Tax incl.; budget and other details negotiable
- No. of rooms** 295
(258 twin, 20 double, 13 triple, 4 suites)
- Languages** English, Chinese, Korean
- Other** Free Wi-Fi in rooms
- Location** 2-14-2 Asano, Kokurakita-ku
- TEL.** 093-531-1121
- Website** <https://www.rihga.co.jp/kokura>

- Venue** Royal Hall (1,235 m²)/
Empire Room (1,135 m²)/
Orchid (208 m²)/Crystal (204 m²)/
Diamond (175 m²)/Sapphire (98 m²)/
Emerald (75 m²)/RIHGA Top (462 m²)
other
- Capacity** Royal Hall
S: 800 people D: 600 people C: 1,100 people
Empire
S: 800 people D: 600 people C: 1,000 people
Orchid
S: 120 people D: 108 people C: 110 people
Crystal
S: 120 people D: 108 people C: 110 people
Diamond
S: 100 people D: 90 people C: 100 people
Sapphire
S: 60 people D: 60 people C: 60 people
Emerald
S: 45 people D: 40 people C: 40 people
RIHGA Top
D: 120 people C: 120 people other





Hotel Banquet

JR Kyushu Station Hotel Kokura

Kokura District



The hotel can be directly reached from JR Kokura Station, right outside the ticket gates. Not only does the location offer convenient transportation, but the hotel can also accommodate a variety of needs, from business trips for one to family trips and large banquets.



- Venue** Hisho (810 m²)/Hibiki (99.07 m²) other
- Capacity** Hisho S: 500 people D: 480 people C: 700 people (SD S: 270 people D: 216 people C: 300 people) Hibiki S: 60 people D: 72 people C: 80 people (SD S: 18 people D: 24 people C: 30 people) other
- Venue fee** Hisho: Basic fee for meetings (2 hr.) 544,500 yen Hibiki: Basic fee for meetings (2 hr.) 84,700 yen, other
- Meal charge** Banquet cuisine (food + free drinks) 5,500 yen and up *Budget and other details negotiable
- No. of rooms** 294 (84 standard, 20 comfort double, 75 twin, 8 excellent twin, 20 deluxe twin, 1 universal, 84 standard double, 1 suite, 1 Japanese-style)
- Languages** English, Chinese, Korean

- Other** Free Wi-Fi in rooms
- Location** 1-1-1 Asano, Kokurakita-ku
- TEL.** 093-541-7111
- Website** <https://www.station-hotel.com/>





**Hotel
Banquet**

Art Hotel Kokura New Tagawa

**Kokura
District**



The hotel has an elegant European interior and a Japanese garden with a history of approximately 130 years. The stately banquet hall can accommodate up to 700 and features a crystal dome that can be opened and closed for the perfect lighting effect. In addition, a medium-size banquet room that can accommodate up to 580 can be used for a wide range of purposes such as cocktail-style parties and seminars. There is also a tatami room where guests can quietly relax. Each venue can be divided to accommodate different types of gatherings. The hotel can be reached on foot in 8 min. from JR Kokura Station and in 1 min. from the Tanga Monorail Station.



- Languages** English
- Other** Free Wi-Fi in rooms
- Location** 3-46 Furusenbamachi, Kokurakita-ku
- TEL.** 093-521-7000
- Website** <https://art-kokura.com/>

- Venue** Hana (587 m²)/Art Room (313 m²)/
Mai (500 m²)/Caroline (201 m²)/
Shikinoma (72 tatami mats), other
- Capacity** Hana S: 360 people D: 320 people C: 510 people
Art Room S: 180 people D: 180 people C: 250 people
Mai S: 288 people D: 264 people C: 430 people
Caroline D: 70 people C: 130 people
Shikinoma 70 people
- Fee** Please inquire.
- Meal charge** Table service/buffet: 4,000 yen and up
(drinks not incl.)
Free drinks: 2,000 yen
French full-course meal: 5,500 yen
(with free drinks)
*Tax incl. in above Summer 2022 Menu
- No. of rooms** 93 (Japanese-style rooms are available.)





**Hotel
Banquet**

THE STEEL HOUSE

**Kokura
District**

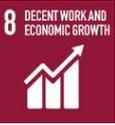


THE STEEL HOUSE is a new style of hotel situated in a sophisticated environment full of greenery amid Otemachi in central Kokura. It offers a restaurant, café, and wedding and banquet facilities.

The planning and production skills of an accomplished MICE concierge will create a one-of-a-kind experience and setting.



- Venue** 3 venues (Main venue: 360 m²)
- Capacity** Main venue
S: 200 people D: 200 people C: 250 people
- Venue fee** Please inquire.
- Meal charge** Please inquire.
- No. of rooms** 89
(16 single, 40 double, 16 twin, 9 suites)
*Japanese-style rooms are available.
- Languages** English, Korean
- Other** Free Wi-Fi in rooms
- Location** 12-3 Otemachi, Kokurakita-ku
- TEL.** 093-592-5401
- Website** <https://thesteelhouse.jp/>





Hotel Crown Palais Kokura



Located in central Kokura, this hotel is close to Tanga Market, Kokura Castle, and downtown. It's 11 min. on foot from Kokura Station and 5 min. from Tanga Station on the Kitakyushu Urban Monorail.

- Altair Meetings**
60,500 yen/2 hr. Banquets 30,250 yen
- Vega (same as Altair)**
- Luna (same as Emerald)**
- Meal charge** 5,500 yen and up (food + free drinks), other
- No. of rooms** 90
(36 single, 30 twin, 14 double, 6 deluxe twin, 4 Japanese-style)
- Languages** English
- Other** Free Wi-Fi in rooms
- Location** 1-2-1 Bashaku, Kokurakita-ku
- TEL.** 093-511-4111
- Website** <https://www.crownpalais.jp/kokura/>

- Venue** Diamond Hall (486 m²)/
Kobai (264 m²)/Emerald (53 m²)/
Altair (92 m²)/Vega (92 m²)/
Luna (49 m²)
- Capacity** Diamond
S: 276 people D: 240 people C: 400 people
(SD S: 72 people D: 132 people C: 108 people)
Kobai
S: 144 people D: 120 people C: 200 people
(SD S: 36 people D: 72 people C: 54 people)
Emerald
S: 24 people D: 20 people C: 35 people
(SD S: 8 people D: 12 people C: unavailable)
Altair
S: 48 people D: 40 people C: 50 people
(SD S: 12 people D: 24 people C: 18 people)
Vega (same as Altair)
Luna (same as Emerald)
- Venue fee** Diamond Meetings
181,500 yen/2 hr. Banquets 90,750 yen
Kobai Meetings
96,800 yen/2 hr. Banquets 48,400 yen
Emerald Meetings
36,300 yen/2 hr. Banquets 18,150 yen





**Hotel
Banquet**

Arcadia Kokura

**Kokura
District**



This is a wedding hall located 5 min. by car from Kitakyushu International Conference Center and 7 min. by car from Kokura Station. The facility is available for MICE events.

Parties

Venue PALAIS DE PROVENCE (463 m²)/
PALAZZO SAN MARCO (345 m²)/
KENT GALLERY HOUSE (277 m²)/
ST. MORRITZ (170 m²)

Capacity PALAIS DE PROVENCE D: 280 people
PALAZZO SAN MARCO D: 156 people
KENT GALLERY HOUSE D: 140 people
ST. MORRITZ D: 80 people

Meal charge Party plan (drinks incl.)
5,500 yen and up *Tax incl.

Meetings

Capacity Please inquire.

Fee PALAIS DE PROVENCE 50,000 yen/hr.
PALAZZO SAN MARCO 45,000 yen/hr.
KENT GALLERY HOUSE 40,000 yen/hr.
ST. MORRITZ 35,000 yen/hr.

Other A shuttle bus is available.

Location 1-5-1 Takahama, Kokurakita-ku

TEL. 093-533-0606

Website <https://arcadia-group.co.jp/ak/>





Premier Hotel Mojiko



The hotel was designed by Aldo Rossi, one of Italy's master architects and winner of the Pritzker Prize, known as the Nobel Prize of architecture. It's only a 2-min. walk from Mojiko Station and offers a great view overlooking the Kanmon Strait.

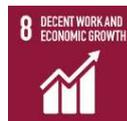
- Languages** English
- Other** Free Wi-Fi in rooms
- Location** 9-11 Minatomachi, Moji-ku
- TEL.** 093-321-1111

Website

<https://premierhotel-group.com/mojikohotel/>



- Venue** Spazio (392 m²)/Gioia (347 m²)
- Capacity** Spazio
S: 200 people D: 150 people C: 250 people
Gioia
S: 150 people D: 120 people C: 200 people
- Venue fee** Spazio 142,780 yen/2 hr.
Gioia 127,050 yen/2 hr.
- Meal charge** Menus can be modified upon customer request.
Please be sure to inquire.
- No. of rooms** 162
Premier floor 28
(20 Premier Ocean Deluxe Twin, 3 Premier Deluxe Twin, 3 Premier Junior Suites, 2 Premier Ocean Suites)
Standard floor 134
(20 Double, 107 Twin, 2 Junior Suites, 2 Suites, 3 Japanese Modern)





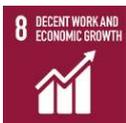
Hotel Crown Palais Kitakyushu



This hotel is located 5 min. by car or 15 min. on foot from Kurosaki Station in the center of Yahatanishi-ku. It's also close to central Kurosaki. Aeon Town is located nearby.



- Venue** Diamond Hall (875 m²), other
- Capacity** S: 750 people D: 600 people C: 1,200 people, other
- Venue fee** Diamond Hall
Meetings 363,000 yen/2 hr.
Banquets 181,500 yen/2 hr., other. *Tax incl.
- Meal charge** Small-plate dishes 4,500 yen and up, other
Free drinks 2,000 yen, other *Tax incl.
- No. of rooms** 220
(104 single, 49 twin, 24 triple, 40 double, 3 suites)
- Languages** English
- Other** Free Wi-Fi in rooms, free parking, laundromat
- Location** 3-1 Higashimagarimachi, Yahatanishi-ku
- TEL.** 093-631-1111
- Website** <https://www.crownpalais.jp/kitakyushu/>





Kamenoi Hotel Genkainada

(former Kanpo no Yado Kitakyushu)



This hotel stands on the coast of Iwaya Beach in Genkai Quasi-National Park and offers an excellent view. It has a natural hot spring.



- Venue** Meeting room (141 m²)/Large hall (100 tatami mats)/Medium-size hall (40 tatami mats)
- Capacity** Meeting room S: 70 people
- Venue fee** Large hall Please inquire.
Medium-size hall Please inquire.
Meeting room 22,000 yen/3 hr.
Large/medium-size hall Please inquire.
- Meal charge** Please inquire.
- No. of rooms** 50
(5 Western-style twin, 28 Japanese-style, 2 mixed Japanese/Western-style, 15 other rooms)
- Other** Free Wi-Fi in rooms, free parking, large communal bath (natural hot spring)
- Location** 2829 Oaza Arige, Wakamatsu-ku
- TEL.** 093-741-1335
- Website** <https://www.kanponoyado.japanpost.jp/kitakyushu/index.html>





Go SUP surfing on the Murasaki River



Enjoy SUP (standup paddleboarding, a water sport where you stand on a large surfboard and paddle) on the Murasaki River, which flows through Kokura. The river's gentle current makes it comparatively easy for even beginners to paddleboard. There is also a point along the river where Kokura Castle can be seen that is perfect for a commemorative photo. In addition to the basic SUP experience on water, there are a variety of other things to do such as the Café Cruise where you can get coffee and other drinks from nearby cafés and enjoy them on board, SUP Yoga where you do yoga on a paddleboard, and SUP & BEEF that combines a SUP experience with lunch at a restaurant in Shikoju next to the Murasaki River.



No. of people Approx. 10
 (Maximum no. of people who can participate at one time)

Fees/duration

SUP Cruise	Adults 2,500 yen/person	60 min.
Café Cruise	Adults 3,000 yen/person	60 min.
SUP Yoga	Adults 4,000 yen/person	90 min.
SUP & BEEF	Adults 6,000/person	SUP 60 min. + lunch

Start time Morning

Languages English

Other There are changing rooms (separate for men and women), running water to wash hands/feet, and bathrooms. No equipment is necessary (everything is available to borrow). Wear exercise clothes.

TEL. Kitakyushu Urban SUP Association
 090-5020-4633

Website <https://kcitysup.wixsite.com/website>





Activity

Wear kimono

Kokura District

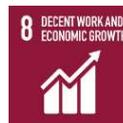


Muromachi Comon offers kimono rental and dressing through its standard experience, as well as the matcha tea experience where you can wear a kimono and drink matcha tea at Tsujiri Tea Shop.

Muromachi Comon

- Hours** 10:30 am–5:00 pm
- Closed** Tue., other
- Fee** Standard experience: 3,480 yen/person
Matcha tea experience (Tsujiri Tea Shop): 3,480 yen/person
*The fee for matcha tea is not included.: 1,000 yen/person
Kimono and rickshaw experience: 4,980 yen/person and up

- Languages** English, Korean
- Location** 2-5-15 Muromachi, Kokurakita-ku
- TEL.** 050-3558-4736
- Website** <https://8030812comon.shopinfo.jp/>





Activity

Ride in a rickshaw

Kokura District

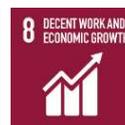


Aside from the standard experience offering kimono rental and dressing, Muromachi Comon also has the kimono and rickshaw experience that lets you wear a kimono and take a rickshaw ride around the Kokura Castle area. (Currently suspended as of July 2022.)



Muromachi Comon

- Hours** 10:30 am–5:00 pm
- Closed** Tue., other
- Fee** Kimono and Rickshaw Plan: 4,980 yen/person and up
- Location** 2-5-15 Muromachi, Kokurakita-ku
- TEL.** 050-3558-4736
- Website** <https://8030812comon.shopinfo.jp/>





Experience matcha tea



Muromachi Comon offers kimono rental and dressing through its standard experience, as well as the matcha tea experience where you can wear a kimono and drink matcha tea at Tsujiri Tea Shop. (Currently suspended as of July 2022.)



Muromachi Comon

- Hours** 10:30 am–5:00 pm
- Closed** Tue., other
- Fee** Matcha tea experience (Tsujiri Tea Shop)
3,480 yen/person
*The fee for matcha tea is not included.
1,000 yen/person
- Location** 2-5-15 Muromachi, Kokurakita-ku
- TEL.** 050-3558-4736
- Website** <https://8030812comon.shopinfo.jp/>





Weave Kokura-ori



At Muromachi Comon, the Buzen Kokura-ori Society teaches visitors how to weave a Kokura-ori coaster or decorative cord.



Muromachi Comon

- Hours** 10:30 am–5:00 pm
- Closed** Wed., Thur., and 4th Sat. of the month
- Time required** Approx. 90 min.
- Fee** Coaster weaving: 1,000 yen/person
Cord weaving: 500 yen/person
- Location** 2-5-15 Muromachi, Kokurakita-ku
- TEL.** 050-3558-4736
- Website** <https://8030812comon.shopinfo.jp/>





Take a cruise



Take a cruise around the Kanmon Strait or a cruise to view the nightscape.

Charter cruises are also available.

Mojiko Retro Cruise

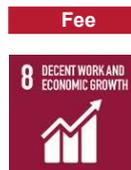
- Hours** No regularly scheduled cruises
- Time required** Approx. 20 min.
(Day cruises from 11:00 am (Sat./Sun. from 10:00 am), night cruises from sundown)
- Fee** Adults 1,000 yen/person, Children 500 yen/person
- Other** Please inquire in advance since there are no regularly scheduled cruises.

Night Cruise

- Hours** Night Cruise to View Factory Lights (Capacity: 70 people)
Runs on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Sat./Sun. of the month
Kokura Port (Ainoshima/Umashima ferry landing point) ⇒ Kokura factory lights ⇒ Wakato Bridge ⇒ Dokai Bay ⇒ ferry landing point
- Kanmon Night Cruise + Factory Lights (Capacity: 70 people)
Runs on 4th Sat./Sun. of the month
Moji Port (Kanmon jetty ⇒ Kanmon Bridge ⇒ Kanmon Strait ⇒ Kokura factory lights ⇒ jetty ⇒ ferry landing point
Apr.–Sept. Departure around 7:00 pm
Oct.–Mar. Departure around 6:30 pm
- Fee** Adults 2,500 yen, Children 1,250 yen

Kanmon Strait Sightseeing Cruise

- Hours** Sat. (no regularly scheduled cruises)
- Time required** 40 min. (1:00 pm–1:40 pm)
- Fee** Adults 1,200 yen/person, Children 600 yen/person
- Other** Please inquire in advance since there are no regularly scheduled cruises.
- Location** 1-4-1 Nishikaigan, Moji-ku
- TEL.** Kanmon-Kisen Co., Ltd.
093-331-0222
- Website** <http://www.kanmon-kisen.co.jp/index.html>





THE OUTLETS KITAKYUSHU



This commercial facility aimed at regional development opened in the Higashida District on April 28, 2022. The facility implements various sustainable action initiatives (endeavors for achieving a sustainable society), including the introduction of a bio composter and doggie bags (bags for taking home leftover food) in the food court. On the outlet floor, you can have fun shopping at the approximately 140 outlet shops, one of the largest in Kyushu, and savor gourmet foods and original menus unique to Kitakyushu. The site also has facilities such as the Kitakyushu City Science Museum “Space LABO,” and “ASOBLE,” an amusement park with games and playground equipment from around the world.



- Hours** Outlet floor 10:00 am–8:00 pm
*Check the website for information on other facilities.
- Site area** Approx. 270,000 m²
- Parking** Approx. 4,500 spaces (incl. off-site parking)
*For use by group buses and large buses, there is a fee of 1,100 yen (tax incl.) for each use of a parking space. A parking application must be submitted 7 days prior to use. (Please inquire for details.)
- Location** 4-1-1 Higashida, Yahatahigashi-ku
2-min. walk from JR Space World Station
- TEL.** THE OUTLETS KITAKYUSHU
093-663-7251
- Website** <https://the-outlets-kitakyushu.aeonmall.com>





Guided karst tours



Take a stroll around Hiraodai with a guide to learn all about the landscape.



- Hours** 10:30 am–12:00 pm
(Guided tours in the afternoon require discussion in advance.)
- Requirements** Participants must be able to walk for at least 1 hr. Groups must consist of at least 3 people.
- Time required** Approx. 1.5 hr.
- Fee** 1,000 yen/person
- Other** Reservation required.
- Location** 1-1-1 Hiraodai, Kokuraminami-ku
- TEL.** Hiraodai Countryside Park
093-452-2715
- Website** <https://cocokite-yokatta.jp>





Explore limestone caverns



Mejiro Limestone Cavern

- Hours** 9:00 am–5:00 pm (no regularly scheduled closings)
- Fee** Adults 500 yen/person, Junior high school students and under 250 yen/person
- Location** 3-1-1 Hiraodai, Kokuraminami-ku
- TEL.** 093-451-2812
- Website** <http://mejiro-cave.com/>



Ojika Limestone Cavern

- Hours** 10:00 am–5:00 pm (Sat., Sun., and national holidays until 6:00 pm during summer vacation)
- Fee** Junior high school students and older 500 yen/person, Elementary school students 300/person, Preschoolers (age 4 and up) 200 yen/person
- Location** 2-6-58 Hiraodai, Kokuraminami-ku
- TEL.** 093-451-0165

There are said to be more than 200 limestone caverns in Hiraodai over the expansive karst plateau. Three of them are open to exploration by visitors. Don't miss the entrance to Senbutsu Limestone Cavern, which has been designated a national natural monument. About 480 m. in, you'll find yourself splashing along the trail that winds through a creek. Mejiro Limestone Cavern is also a must-see. It's one of the largest monolithic stalactites in Japan.

Senbutsu Limestone Cavern

- Hours** 9:00 am–5:00 pm (Sat., Sun., national holidays until 6:00 pm)
*However, during fall and winter entrance to the cavern is permitted up to 30 min. prior to closing at sunset. (In winter, entrance is permitted until 4:15 pm regardless of whether it's a weekday, Sat., Sun., or national holiday.)
- Fee** Adults 900 yen/person, Junior high school students 600 yen/person, Elementary school students 500/person, Preschoolers (age 4 and up) 200 yen/person
- Location** 3-2-1 Hiraodai, Kokuraminami-ku
- TEL.** 093-451-0368
- Website** <http://www.senbutsu-cave.com/>





Make pottery



Try making different kinds of pottery at Hiraodai Countryside Park.

Making pottery (pottery wheel)

- Hours** Thur., Sat., Sun., national holidays
1st session from 9:30 am (apply until 1:30 pm)
- Time required** Around 3 hr.
- Fee** 3,000 yen/person (4,500 yen/pair)
- Other** Reservation required.

Handcrafting pottery

- Hours** Wed., Fri., Sat., Sun., national holidays
1st session 10:00 am–12:00 pm
2nd session 1:00 pm–3:00 pm
- Time required** Approx. 2 hr.
- Fee** 2,500 yen/person
- Other** Reservation required.

Making a teacup/mug

- Hours** Wed., Fri., Sat., Sun., national holidays
1st session 10:00 am–12:00 pm
2nd session 1:00 pm–3:00 pm
- Time required** Approx. 2 hr.
- Fee** 1,300 yen/person
- Other** Reservation required.

Pottery painting

- Hours** Wed., Thur., Fri., Sat., Sun., national holidays
1st session 10:00 am–12:00 pm
2nd session 1:00 pm–3:00 pm
- Time required** 30 min.–1 hr.
- Fee** 2,300 yen/person
- Other** Reservation required.
The finished pottery will be sent 3–4 months by mail; postage not included.
- Location** 1-1-1 Hiraodai, Kokuraminami-ku
- TEL.** Hiraodai Countryside Park
093-452-2715
- Website** <https://cocokite-yokatta.jp>





Make foods



You can try making bread in a brick oven and Edo-style soba noodles at Hiraodai Countryside Park.

Making Edo-style soba noodles

- Hours** Apr.–Nov. Sat. 10:30 am–12:30 pm
- Capacity** Up to 4 persons
- Fee** 2,400 yen/person
- Other** Reservation required.

Brick oven bread making

- Hours** By request 10:00 am–12:00 pm
- Time required** Approx. 2 hr.
- Capacity** Available for a min. of 10, max. of 15 people
- Fee** 2,500/person and up (incl. cost of materials)
- Other** Reservation required.
- Location** 1-1-1 Hiraodai, Kokuraminami-ku
- TEL.** Hiraodai Countryside Park 093-452-2715
- Website** <https://cocokite-yokatta.jp>





Make accessories



You can try making a variety of crafts at Hiraodai Countryside Park.

Making beads

Hours Wed., Sat., Sun., national holidays
(Wed. only Dec.–Feb.)
1st session 10:00 am–12:00 pm
2nd session 1:00 pm–4:00 pm

Time required 30 min.–1 hr.

Fee 600-yen session/person
1,100-yen session/person

Other Reservation required.

Making natural stone bracelets

Hours Wed., Sat., Sun., national holidays
1st session 10:00 am–12:00 pm
2nd session 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

Time required Approx. 1 hr.

Fee 2,000 yen/person (3,500 yen/pair)

Other Reservation required.

Location 1-1-1 Hiraodai, Kokuraminami-ku

TEL. Hiraodai Countryside Park
093-452-2715

Website <https://cocokite-yokatta.jp>





Forest Camp Kokura Glamping Hiraodai



Experience glamping at Hiraodai, one of the three major karst formations in Japan that attracts numerous visitors from all over Japan. The fully equipped tents have everything from beds to a refrigerator, Wi-Fi, and even air conditioning and heating for a luxurious resort-like stay. However, the expanse of nature waits just outside. You can enjoy the serenity of the mountain at night and the beauty of the sunrise, all within a 30-min. drive from the city center. An overnight stay includes a full-course outdoor dinner made with an abundance of local ingredients, and since Hiraodai Countryside Park is right next door, your whole family can enjoy outdoor activities together.



Hours Basic Plan 1 night incl. dinner, breakfast (Dinner includes all-you-can-drink.)
Check-in 3:00 pm, Checkout 10:00 am
Closed: Tue. (subject to change if Tue. is a national holiday)
*Check the website for details.

Reservation <https://reserve.489ban.net/client/forestcamp-kokura/0/plan>

Location 1-1-1 Hiraodai, Kokuraminami-ku

TEL. 080-6446-0111

Website <https://forestcampkokura-fck.jp/>





Eat vegetarian dishes at a Buddhist temple



Goshoji Temple is a temple in the Soto sect with a history of approximately 600 years.

You can try Buddhist vegetarian dishes at Kaguya-no-Sato, located next door to the temple's main hall.

Hours	12:00 pm–2:00 pm
Fee	4,000 yen/person
Other	A reservation is required, so please inquire.
Location	307 Tsujimitsu, Kokuraminami-ku
TEL.	093-451-1116





Go out cycling in nature



北九州市立響灘緑地 / GREEN PARK

サイクリングコースマップ



Rental bicycles are available for cycling around the Tonda Reservoir area along 4.2 km and 6.8 km routes.

- Hours** 9:00 am–4:20 pm (last rental)
Closed Tue., year-end/New Year's
- Fee** Bicycle rental fee
1 bicycle up to 2 hr.: General fee 300 yen,
Jr. high school students 190 yen, Elementary school
students and under 150 yen
- Location** 1006 Takenami, Wakamatsu-ku
- TEL.** Hibikinada Green Park
093-741-5545
Cycling only
080-4125-9509
- Website** <https://hibikinadagp.org/>



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<http://www.hibikinadagp.org>
 お問い合わせ TEL.093-741-5545

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Play on the world's longest swing



In Green Park, you can try out the “World's Longest Swing” measuring 163.35 m (535 ft 11 in). It was certified by Guinness World Records and can hold 100 people at once.



Hibikinada Green Park

- Hours** 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Closed Tue., year-end/New Year's
- Fee** General admission 150 yen, Elementary/jr. high school students 70 yen,
Preschool children are free
- Location** 1006 Takenami, Wakamatsu-ku
- TEL.** 093-741-5545
- Website** <https://hibikinadagp.org/>





**Industrial
tourism**

Kokura No. 1 Plant, TOTO LTD./ Kokura Plant, TOTO SANI TECHNO LTD.

**Kokura
District**



In 1917, when the sewage system was not yet developed, TOTO began developing and manufacturing flush toilets (sanitary ware) to “provide a healthy and civilized way of life.” TOTO is known throughout the world as a pioneer in sanitary ware that aims to improve home living. Since its founding, the company has carried out research and development to create an enriched and more comfortable lifestyle and culture with a focus on kitchen and bathroom needs. Water-saving sanitary ware that can be used in various water conditions helps improve the quality of life in many countries.

Hours Mon.–Thur.
 (1) 9:30 am–10:40 am (2) 10:30 am–11:40 am
 (3) 1:30 pm–2:40 pm (4) 2:30 pm–3:40 pm
 Tours are not available Fri.–Sun., national holidays, and other plant holidays.

Time required Sanitary ware manufacturing process Approx. 70 min.

Reservation Kokura No. 1 Plant Office Management Group
 093-951-2053
 *Tours are currently suspended (as of June 2022).
 *Apply by telephone 2 months to 2 weeks in advance.
 *For information including whether group tours are suspended due to COVID-19, please check “information on plant tours” on the TOTO website.

Location 2-1-1 Nakashima, Kokurakita-ku

TEL. 093-951-2053



Website

<https://tst.jp.toto.com/product/factory/kokura>





Industrial
tourism

SUNAQUA TOTO LTD.

Kokura-
minami
District



This company employs people with disabilities under a third-sector system formed by Fukuoka Prefecture, the City of Kitakyushu, and TOTO.

It was established to provide a rewarding work environment for people with disabilities who have the will and ability to work, but lack employment opportunities. You can see how the company provides reliable manufacturing and services through operational improvements adapted to individual disability characteristics, and the creation of a comfortable working environment for everyone, regardless of whether they have a disability.



Hours Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri.
Morning 9:00 am–11:30 am
Afternoon 1:30 pm–4:30 pm
Tours are not available Tue., Sat., Sun., national holidays, summer vacation, and year-end/New Year's.

Time required 70 min.

Reservation Use the application form on the website.
<https://sat.jp.toto.com/tour>
*Tours are currently suspended (as of June 2022).

Location 1-2-1 Maigaoka, Kokuraminami-ku

TEL. 093-964-0141

Website <https://sat.jp.toto.com/>





Industrial
tourism

Yaskawa Electric Corporation

Yahata
District



Since being established in 1915, the company has focused on promoting industrial automation, creating mechatronics, and advancing technology for industrial robotics with a view to contributing to the welfare of humanity and assisting with Japan's industrial development. The company shipped the very first industrial robot, MOTOMAN in 1977. More than 500,000 units have been shipped worldwide to date, making MOTOMAN a leader in the industrial robot market both in Japan and overseas.

At Yaskawa Electric Robot Village, you can tour the Robot Plant where robots are made, and visit YASKAWA Innovation Center that conveys robot technologies and the wonder of manufacturing.

Hours Mon.–Fri.
9:30 am–11:10 am, 1:30 pm–3:10 pm
*Please check the company website for details.

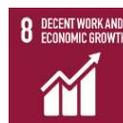
Time required 100 min.

Reservation Reservation required. *Applications for individual visitors are not accepted.
*For more information on applying for a plant tour, be sure to check the company website.

Location 2-1 Kurosakishiroishi, Yahatanishi-ku

TEL. 093-645-8801

Website <http://www.yaskawa.co.jp/>





Industrial
tourism

Shabondama Soap Co., Ltd.

Wakamatsu
District



Shabondama Soap was founded in Wakamatsu in 1910 and has grown as one of the leading manufacturers of additive-free soaps in Japan. It can be called a pioneer in additive-free soaps. The company's soaps are gentle on the skin. They are made from high-quality natural oils and fats, and manufactured using a traditional saponification method over a period of about one week. The company's philosophy is to "promote healthy bodies and clean water," and Shabondama is well regarded for its efforts to improve environmental issues. Take a tour of the plant where you'll first learn about the characteristics of additive-free soap and the impact household wastewater has on the environment, then view the plant's manufacturing floor.

Hours Mon.–Fri., first Sat. of the month
(excluding national holidays)
Morning 9:00 am–12:00 pm
Afternoon 1:30 pm–3:00 pm

Time required 70–90 min. *Duration is negotiable.

Reservation A reservation is required 6 months to 2 weeks in advance.
*Reservations are accepted for the online factory tour only from March 2022. For more information, please visit the company's website.
*Confirmation is required for on-site plant tours.

Location 2-23-1 Minamifutajima, Wakamatsu-ku

TEL. 093-791-4800
Telephone no. exclusively for plant tours
093-588-5489

Website <https://www.shabon.com/>





Eco-Town, Next Generation Energy Park



Kitakyushu Eco-Town Center is a facility that exhibits and introduces the Kitakyushu Eco-Town Project, which aims to realize a resource-recycling society, and the Next Generation Energy Park, which contributes to decarbonization efforts. In addition to touring the facility, you can actually view a recycling plant and energy plant. The museum is used as a living educational tool for thinking about environmental and resource issues while becoming familiar with corporate initiatives and research on innovative technologies. It also offers facilities for environmental studies, exchange activities, and research activities.



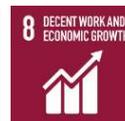
- Open** Mon.–Sat.
Sun., national holidays, year-end/New Year's
Closed Dec. 29–Jan. 3
- Tours** Eco-Town
Mon.–Fri.
9:30 am–11:30 am, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm
Next Generation Energy Park
Mon.–Sat.
9:30 am–11:30 am, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm
- Time required** General explanation 45 min. + tour of 2 facilities 60 min.
*Reservations can be made for just the general explanation.
This is only offered Mon.–Sat. 9:00–17:00.
- Reservation** Up to 2 weeks before the desired date of visit
(However, reservations will no longer be accepted once the number of participants reaches capacity.)

Participants Reservations accepted for 1 or more persons
*A single tour may be given to more than one group at a time.

Location 10-20 Koyomachi, Wakamatsu-ku

TEL. Eco-Town Center
093-752-2881

Website <https://www.kitaq-ecotown.com/>





Museum

Kitakyushu City Museum of Peace

Kokura District



War and residential living zone



360° theater: "The Fateful Days of August 8 and 9, 1945"

This new museum was established in 2022 on the site where the Kokura Army Arsenal once existed with the belief that the tragedy of war must not be forgotten, especially now that over 70 years have passed since WWII ended and most people today have never lived or experienced the miseries of war. War materials and everyday items donated by residents have been utilized to recreate the wartime damage suffered by the five cities that existed prior to merging into the City of Kitakyushu. Visitors are encouraged to reflect on the tragedy of war, the importance of peace, and the preciousness of life through the "Memories" exhibit which shows the vibrant prewar lifestyle that was lost due to the war by utilizing the latest video and sound technologies, such as projection mapping and a 360° theater.

Hours

9:30 am–6:00 pm (doors open until 5:30 pm)
Closed Mon. (or Tue. if Mon. is a national holiday),
year-end/New Year's

Fee

General admission 200 yen, Junior/senior high school students 100 yen, Elementary school students 50 yen
Groups (30 or more people)
General admission 160 yen, Junior/senior high school students 80 yen, Elementary school students 40 yen

Time required

40–60 min.

Location

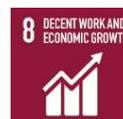
4-10 Jonai, Kokurakita-ku

TEL.

093-592-9300

Website

<https://www.kitakyushu-peacemuseum.jp/>





Kitakyushu Manga Museum



This museum opened in 2012 in the City of Kitakyushu, which is home to many famous manga artists. It broadly introduces manga culture on the theme of “see, read, and draw.” In addition to exhibits of works by manga artists associated with Kitakyushu, the museum also features the Manga Time Tunnel and Seven Wonders of Manga that explain the history and structure of manga, as well as a Narikiri Camera that lets you explore a database in a game-like fashion. The Reading Zone has a library of approximately 70,000 books that visitors are free to read. In the Event Corner, a firsthand Manga Experience and Manga School are held that allow visitors to draw manga with professional tools. These events are not held on a regular basis.



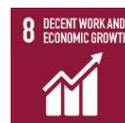
Location 2-14-5 Asano, Kokurakita-ku
Aruaru City 5th floor/6th floor

TEL. 093-512-5077

Website <https://www.ktqmm.jp/>

Languages English, Chinese, Korean, French

- Hours** 11:00 am–7:00 pm
*Doors are open until 30 min. before closing.
Closed Tue. (or the next day when Tue. is a holiday),
year's end/New Year's, etc.
- Entrance fee** General admission: 480 yen, Jr. high/high school students: 240 yen, Elementary school students: 120 yen, Preschoolers: Free, Groups (30 or more people)
General admission: 380 yen, Jr. high/high school students: 190 yen, Elementary school students: 90 yen, Preschoolers: Free
(Special exhibits require a separate entrance fee.)
- Reservation** Fill out an electronic application or download and FAX a group tour application from the museum website.





TOTO MUSEUM



The TOTO MUSEUM was established in 2015 on the grounds of TOTO's head office to commemorate the company's 100th anniversary, which was celebrated in 2017. The museum displays approximately 1,000 items, including the first seat-type flush toilet (replica) in Japan completed in 1914 and Japan's first unit bathroom (based on JIS standards) developed in 1963. It introduces the company's history from its founding to present day and its approach to manufacturing. You'll gain an appreciation for the process of manufacturing, packaging, and shipping TOTO products to the world both through actual items and video.



Hours 10:00 am–5:00 pm (doors open until 4:30 pm)
Closed Mon., summer vacation, year-end/New Year's

Time required Approx. 60 min.

Reservation Use the form on the company's website to apply for a tour.
*Tours are currently suspended (as of June 2022).
<https://jp.toto.com/knowledge/visit/museum/>

Location 2-1-1 Nakashima, Kokurakita-ku

TEL. 093-951-2534

Website
<https://jp.toto.com/knowledge/visit/museum/>





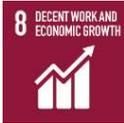
Matsumoto Seicho Memorial Museum



Seicho Matsumoto was an author from the City of Kitakyushu and winner of the Akutagawa Prize. This distinctive exhibit introduces his life and is structured as a journey through his profound thoughts. A portion of his home in Suginami, Tokyo that includes his study where he wrote many of his works has been recreated here at his place of birth. In this zone, you can view rooms as they were at the time of his passing. The display of 700 of his works at the entrance to the exhibit room impresses on you what a prolific writer he was. This museum shows the origins of his creations that pioneered a new genre called social crime fiction.



- Hours** 9:30 am–6:00 pm (doors open until 5:30 pm)
Closed Mon. (or the following day if Mon. is a national holiday), year-end/New Year's, days closed for organization
*Please check the museum website.
- Entrance fee** General admission: 600 yen, Jr. high/high school students: 360 yen, Elementary school students: 240 yen
Groups (30 or more people)
General admission: 480 yen, Jr. high/high school students: 280 yen, Elementary school students: 190 yen
- Location** Matsumoto Seicho Memorial Museum, 2-3 Jonai, Kokurakita-ku
- TEL.** 093-582-2761
- Website** <https://www.seicho-mm.jp/>





ZENRIN MUSEUM



Based on the concept of presenting maps that reflect history, this museum introduces history alongside exhibits of Western maps of Japan made in the 16th–19th centuries, as well as changes in maps made in Japan, including the Ino maps. The activities of people through the ages and their worldviews are reflected in maps, and at ZENRIN MUSEUM you can get to know the stories that unfold in those maps. One way to enjoy the museum is through its special staff, Z Curators, who show you how to enjoy maps and tell you various stories that can't be fully explained in texts alone.



Hours 10:00 am–5:00 pm (doors open until 4:30 pm)
 Closed Mon. (or the following weekday if Mon. is a national holiday)
 *The museum may also be closed at other times, such as year-end/New Year's.

Entrance fee 1,000 yen
 (Free for elementary school students and under accompanied by a parent/guardian)
 Groups (8 or more people) 800 yen

Time required Approx. 60–90 min.

Languages Explanatory text available in English, Chinese (traditional and simplified), and Korean for permanent exhibits only.
 *Utilizing visitors' smartphones

Other Reservation required for groups (8 or more people).
 *Groups are accepted only on weekdays.
 *Groups of 20 or more may be divided up and admitted separately.

Location 1-1-1 Muromachi, Kokurakita-ku
 River Walk Kitakyushu 14th floor

TEL. 093-592-9082

Website
<https://www.zenrin.co.jp/museum/>





Museum

Kyushu Railway History Museum

Mojiko District



This museum recreates the railway station setting through the main building, which retains the red-brick architecture from when it was built in 1891 as the headquarters for the Kyushu Railway Company, and a display of passenger cars that were in service during that same period. It introduces the joy of traveling on the railroad through the history of railway development in Kyushu, a Driving Simulator for experiencing how it feels to operate a train, and a large panoramic display of Kyushu Railway. Outside, there is a display of real trains, including SL trains that ran throughout Kyushu and the KIHA07 that has been designated a national important cultural property. There is also a Miniature Train Park where you can experience train operation with authentic equipment including one-track/double-track sections and signals.



Hours 9:00 am–5:00 pm (doors open until 4:30 pm)
 Closed 2nd Wed. of the month (except Aug.),
 and the 2nd Wed. and Thur. of the month in July
 *When the 2nd Wed. is a national holiday, it will be open on that day and closed the following day.

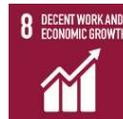
Entrance fee Adults: 300 yen, Jr. high school students and under: 150 yen (children age 4 and under are free)
 Groups (30 or more people)
 Adults: 240 yen, Jr. high school students and under: 120 yen

Reservation Fill out the designated form to apply (PDF, Word available).

Location 2-3-29 Kiyotaki, Moji-ku

TEL. 093-322-1006

Website
<http://www.k-rhm.jp/>





Kitakyushu Museum of Natural History & Human History



Learn about human history, archaeology, and natural history while journeying through life that has continued from the birth of the solar system until today. In the Natural History Zone where you can enjoy and experience the roots and evolution of living things, there are impactful displays of various dinosaurs, including an approximately 13 m.-long, full-body skeletal model of a tyrannosaurus. In the History Zone, a variety of exhibits are designed to bring you closer to the local culture. These include exhibits on Japanese culture, the history of trade with neighboring countries, important cultural properties, and the lifestyles of people in each era as they developed in Kitakyushu.



Hours

For more information, please check the museum website. Closed during year-end/New Year's, and pest control periods

Entrance fee

General admission: 600 yen, High school students and older students: 360 yen, Elementary/jr. high school students: 240 yen, Preschoolers: Free

Groups (30 or more people)

General admission: 480 yen, High school students and older students: 280 yen, Elementary/jr. high school students: 190 yen

Application

Check the museum website for available dates and times, and information on reservations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

School group reservations

<https://www.kmnh.jp/organization/school/>

General group reservations

<https://www.kmnh.jp/organization/general/>

*Online reservations are required.

Languages

English, Chinese, Korean

Location

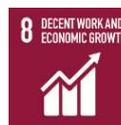
2-4-1 Higashida, Yahatahigashi-ku

TEL.

093-681-1011

Website

<https://www.kmnh.jp/>





Museum

Space LABO (Kitakyushu City Science Museum)

Yahata District



The planetarium is one of the largest in Japan (with a dome diameter of 30 m.). It offers the ultimate in visuals that reproduce the starry sky in its natural state. The area that celebrates Dr. Tetsuya Fujita, a global authority on meteorology from Kitakyushu, has one of the biggest tornado generators in Japan (approx. 10 m. high). There are exhibits that allow you to experience and feel mysterious scientific phenomena, actual materials related to space, and digital images such as VR and AR that provide a more in-depth experience. The facility is a place where adults and children alike can see, touch, and have fun to explore the “Why?” experienced in daily life.



Hours 10:00 am–6:00 pm (doors open until 5:30 pm)
*Fri., Sat., and the day before a national holiday only the planetarium is open until 8:00 pm.
Closed year-end/New Year's (Dec. 29–Jan. 3).
*May be closed on other days for facility maintenance, etc.

Entrance fee General admission: 400 yen, Jr. high/high school students: 300 yen, Elementary school students: 200 yen
Groups (30 or more people)
General admission: 320 yen, Jr. high/high school students: 240 yen, Elementary school students: 160 yen
Planetarium
General admission: 600 yen, Jr. high/high school students: 300 yen, Elementary school students: 200 yen
Groups (30 or more people)
General admission: 480 yen, Jr. high/high school students: 240 yen, Elementary school students: 160 yen

Reservation General reservations, group reservations (30 or more persons)
<https://www.kitakyushuspacelabo-yoyaku.jp>

Location 4-1-1 Higashida, Yahatahigashi-ku

TEL. 093-671-4566

Website <https://www.kitakyushuspacelabo.jp/>





Eco Gold Bookmarks/ 3D bolt-shaped USB

Kitakyushu Convention and Visitors Association SPECIAL SOUVENIR

Product introduction

Eco Gold Bookmarks

These gold bookmarks are made out of material recovered from discarded electronic substrates used in computers and other electronics. They are produced in collaboration with Astec-irie Co. Ltd. (City of Kitakyushu), a company that engages in urban mine recycling, which is highly regarded as the only technology of its kind in the world.

Design: Kokura Castle and cherry blossoms
Diameter: 50 mm, Thickness: 0.3 mm
(excluding cardboard backing)
Clip-type (round) bookmark, gold-plated finish
Price: 850 yen/set (tax not incl.)



3D BOLT shape

These original USB flash drives are inspired by the popular local product, "Neji Choco." They make great novelty items for conferences, conventions, and events.

Logo: Kokura Castle and cherry blossoms
(Color: black or white on top of bolt)
Size: 56 mm x 36 mm x 32 mm, 8 GB memory capacity
Price: 2,000 yen each (tax not incl.)

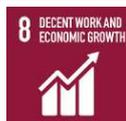


The IEEE International Conference on Microelectronic Test Structures (ICMTS) was held in the City of Kitakyushu in March 2019. Since half of our guests are from foreign countries, we always take care to select a fun souvenir. At this conference, we handed out the electronic version of the proceedings of the international conference. When we looked for a product associated with Kitakyushu, we heard about the 3D bolt-shaped USB flash drive and immediately chose it because it's characteristic of this area. Attention is paid to detail, down to the way the screws are cut, which is symbolic of Japanese craftsmanship. Like "Neji Choco," it was well received. I recommend it as a souvenir or gift.

~Comment by Prof. Yoshio Mita, The University of Tokyo, international conference organizer~

For sales and orders for printing original logo/name
Kitakyushu Omiyage-Kan

Mojiiko Retro Products Shop "Minato House" 1st floor, 6-72 Higashiminatomachi, Moji-ku, Kitakyushu TEL. 093 321-6167





Original manju sweets



Original manju from Izutsuya manju

Original manju (sweet buns with filling) can be created using manju from Izutsuya, a company that has been producing and selling manju at its main store for over 60 years.

Lead time	Approx. 1 month
Cost	Original branding iron fee + original manju fee (incl. packaging) *Original branding iron fee: 30,000–50,000 yen (depending on the brand mark) *Original manju 35–70 yen/manju (depending on packaging, etc.)
Types	Frozen manju (6-month shelf life), regular manju (3-day shelf life)
Other	The original branding iron can be repeatedly used for a long period.
Information	Restaurant Izutsuya Co., Ltd. 093-522-2851 Contact: Nishikawa





Bread Weizen



←Bread crusts are mixed with malt and converted to sugar.

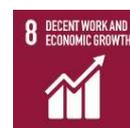


This beer is brewed by Mojiko Retro Beer, a craft beer company in the City of Kitakyushu. The ingredients used to make the beer include discarded bread crusts from bread made by Crown Baking Co., Ltd., which is known for providing bread to school lunches in Kitakyushu. Wheat malt flour comprises over 50% of the ingredients in “Weizen” Mojiko Beer, and these bread crusts are used in place of the wheat malt flour, making up about 10% of “Bread Weizen” beer.

- Price** 550 yen/can (350 ml)
- Alcohol** 5.5% (low-malt beer)
- Shops** Kitakyushu Omiyage-Kan (Mojiko) Mojiko Retro Beer Restaurant (Kokurakita-ku), other
- Other** Barrels (10 L, 20 L) are available for gatherings, etc. and beer servers can be provided. *Inquire about fees, etc. in advance. Online sales are available (from the website below). At Mojiko Retro Beer Restaurant, you can try a variety of craft beers, homemade ham, and sausage pairings.

Contact Mojiko Retro Beer Co., Ltd. TEL. 093-332-5155

Website <https://mojikobeer.co.jp/>





Kitakyu Palette



This chocolate has been jointly developed by students from the University of Kitakyushu and OA Center Co., Ltd., the company that manufactures the famous souvenir from Kitakyushu, “Neji Choco.” It’s made from ‘imperfect’ fruits and other ingredients grown locally in Kitakyushu that don’t fit standards (shape, size, etc.) and would otherwise go unused. The sweet chocolate is made with couverture chocolate containing 50% cocoa.

*The fruits and other ingredients utilized change, depending on the season.

Price 756 yen/bag (consumption tax incl.)

Shops GRAN DA ZUR Kuzuhara shop (Kokuraminami-ku)
(GRAN DA ZUR)
GRAN DA ZUR soigner shop (Kokurakita-ku)

Other Mass production is difficult due to the use of imperfect fruits and other ingredients. Labels can be affixed to product bags to use as souvenirs and novelty items for conferences and other events (inquire in advance).

Website Food Dept., OA Center Co., Ltd.
<https://www.oacenter.co.jp/food/>





Kokura Bamboo Incense



Label example

These bamboo incense sticks are made from the moso bamboo used in the Kokura Castle Takeakari Festival.* The container is made from Japanese timber bamboo. The incense has the distinctive aroma of refreshing green bamboo. After being emptied, the bamboo container can be repurposed as a pen holder or some other function. With the cooperation of the Kokura Castle Takeakari Planning Committee, the incense is manufactured and sold by Nogami Shinbutsugu-ten (a shop selling Shinto and Buddhist items) in the City of Kitakyushu.

*Kokura Castle Takeakari (Bamboo Light) Festival
The event aims to turn overgrown bamboo that invades surrounding vegetation into something of value. Bamboo from such mountain groves is cut down, made into bamboo lanterns with help from residents, and lit up at Kokura Castle every fall to create an enchanting spectacle.

Price 2,000 yen/container (consumption tax incl.)
*Sales are scheduled to begin in March 2023.
*The amount shown is the base price. If purchased as a gift, an additional box fee is required.

Manufacturing /sales Nogami Shinbutsugu-ten (2-2-11 Uomachi, Kokurakita-ku)

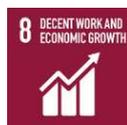
Support Kokura Castle Takeakari Planning Committee

Other Labels can be printed to use as souvenirs and novelty items for conferences and other events (inquire about delivery date and other details).

Contact Nogami Shinbutsugu-ten TEL. 093-521-1005

Website

Nogami Shinbutsugu-ten
<http://www.nogami-but Sudan.com/>
 Kokura Castle Takeakari Festival
<http://kokurajotakeakari.com/>



Nogami Shinbutsugu-ten



Kokura Castle Takeakari Festival



Bamboo Charcoal Blend Coffee and Sweets



Bamboo Charcoal Blend Coffee is a unique blended coffee made from fair trade coffee cultivated without pesticides and chemical fertilizers, and "Take Summy," an edible bamboo charcoal powder developed by students at the local Kokura Commercial High School from bamboo that is disposed of in large quantities when bamboo groves in the city are trimmed. It is produced at BOCCHI, a welfare service business for people with disabilities that is located in the city, in collaboration with Chikurin Kyoshin, a group that makes bamboo instruments and holds musical performances using bamboo instruments. BOCCHI also makes sweets such as Bamboo Charcoal Coffee Cookies and Sake Lees Sticks made using sake lees from Mizokamishuzo, a local sake brewery.

Price
 Bamboo Charcoal Blend Coffee: 300 yen/bag (drip type)
 Bamboo Charcoal Coffee Cookies: 180 yen each
 Sake Lees Sticks (marble): 180 yen each, other

Other
 Inquire about the number and combination of products (at least one month in advance). The products can be packaged in boxes and paper bags made from repurposed Braille newspapers (paper bags can also be printed with the name of a society or other organization).

Contact
 BOCCHI, Wakuwa-ku (NPO)
 TEL. 093-671-1221

Website
<http://www.wakuwa-ku.com/>

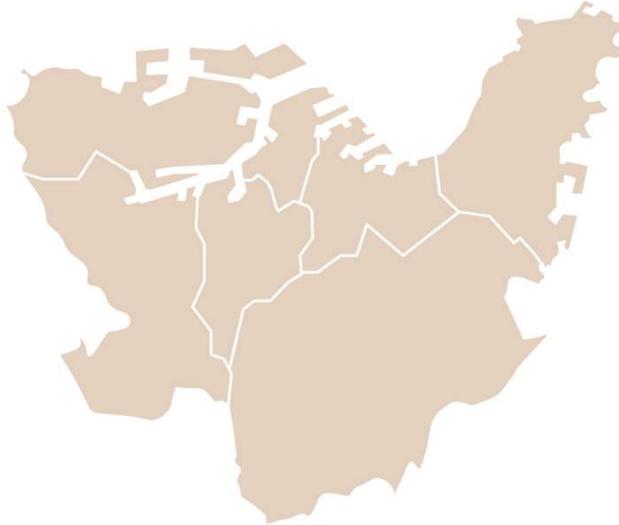


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Get to know performing arts that exude the energy of Kitakyushu residents who support industrial development



Orio Kagura

This sacred music and dance is derived from Iwami Kagura (designated as an intangible folk cultural property by Shimane Prefecture). It was started in 1970 by the Orio Kagura Preservation Society and is presented to shrines throughout Kitakyushu. Dancers wear gorgeous costumes and dance at a fast and furious tempo.

*Orio Kagura Preservation Society: 093-601-3623

*Please inquire for times and prices.



Kokura Gion Daiko

The Gion Festival has been held in Kokura for 400 years and is designated as a nationally important intangible folk cultural asset. It's distinctive for double-sided taiko drums that are drummed as the player walks.

*Society for the Preservation and Promotion of Kokura Gion Daiko / 093-562-3341

*Generally, 2 taiko drums in a group of 6 for approx. 10 min.

*Basic fee for performing within the city 45,000 yen (transportation, other fees not incl.)



Goheita Bayashi

Wakamatsu Port once flourished as the largest coal shipping port in Japan. Coal was shipped out on boats called kawahirata. Goheita Bayashi is said to have originated with the kawahirata boatmen who, in between their strenuous work, would hum popular songs and folk tunes while tapping the edge of the boat.

*Chikuzen Wakamatsu Society for the Promotion and Preservation of Goheita Bayashi / goheitabayashi@outlook.jp



Tatakairi Banana Auctions

Banana imports from Taiwan began during the Meiji period, and the need to exchange bananas that had ripened or been bruised during transport for cash as quickly as possible led to their sale by sweet-talking street vendors who attracted customers with their banter. Today, the practice is carried on by the Mojiko Tatakairi Banana Auction Association.

*Mojiko Tatakairi Banana Auction Association

080-5208-1391 (manager)



Jazz performances

The pianist, Daiki Watanabe and saxophonist, Takeyuki Kondo make up this 2-person jazz unit. The duo perform primarily in the suburbs of the City of Kitakyushu. They have played at city events and academic banquets.

*Jazz duo Futari Botti

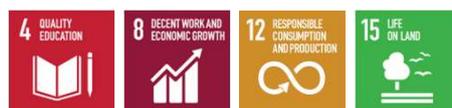
*Daiki Watanabe 2bt@ymail.ne.jp



Chikurin Kyoshin concerts

This music group holds Chikurin Kyoshin concerts using creative, handmade musical instruments crafted from discarded bamboo from the bamboo grove famous for the Oma bamboo shoots. They also hold workshops for making a Chikurin Kyoshin bamboo cello.

*Chikurin Kyoshin 090-3604-2313



Koto and shakuhachi

Performances are given using koto and shakuhachi instruments. Music can be played that includes everything from solemn compositions to lively songs. In addition to musical performances, audiences can also try playing the instruments.

*Wagakukeimei (NPO) 093-641-5587

*Performances are up to approx. 30 min.

*Inquire about trying out instruments, etc.





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