

If stopping and appreciating

the sensitive beauty of a few pleasing roadside flowers here and there



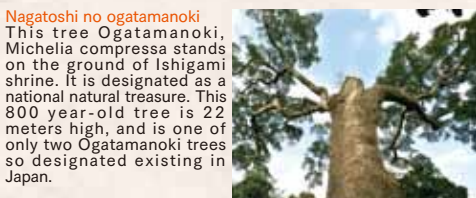
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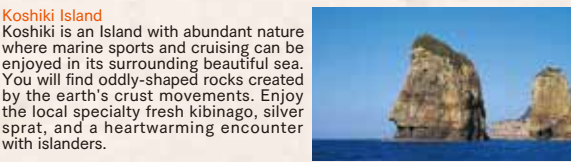
Nitta Shrine
Nitta Shrine located on the top of Mt. Eno is a prestigious shrine of the Satsuma domain. To reach the top climb the mildly inclined 322 steps surrounded by a forest. You will enjoy the freshness of the natural green beauty.



Midoriya is a ryokan where Yosano Akiko, a famous female Japanese poet, stayed.
Ichihino Hot Spring
The 2nd lord of the Satsuma Clan, Shimadzu Mitsuhide, described this hot spring as "outstanding". It is lined with ryokan, Japanese style inns. The waterfall with a drop of 6 meters is in the center of the town.



Nagatoshi no ogatamanoki
This tree Ogotamanoki, Michelia compressa stands on the ground of Ishigami shrine. It is designated as a national natural treasure. This 800 year-old tree is 22 meters high, and is one of only two Ogotamanoki trees so designated existing in Japan.



Koshiki Island
Koshiki is an island with abundant nature where marine sports and cruising can be enjoyed in its surrounding beautiful sea. You will find odd-shaped rocks created by the earth's crust movements. Enjoy the local specialty fresh kibinago, silver sprat, and a heartwarming encounter with islanders.



Napoleon iwa, rock said to be shaped like Napoleon's head.



Akune Oshima Island
This uninhabited island has one of the most beautiful oceans in Japan. You can enjoy marine sports and camping in summer. Visitors can also enjoy feeding some of the about 130 wild deer living there.



Lodging house Akune touring STAY'ion
This lodging house makes use of a former express train with sleeping berths known as Naha, which was in operation until 2008. Meet local people as well as travelers from many different places.



Akune Hot Spring
There are many attractive places to enjoy such as public bathhouses regularly visited by local people, ryokans, Japanese style inns, and a hilltop hotel offering panoramic views of the East China Sea. During the harvest season (from Dec to Feb) of citrus fruits bontan, you can also enjoy a bontan bath.



Yunoko Hot Spring resort and Yunokojima Island



Mikasaya, where Tokutomi Soho stayed.

Yunoko Hot Spring
It is said that the hot spring was discovered by a turtle taking a hot-water bath. A turtle monument is found on the Yunokojima Island which is connected by land. Enjoy fishing ribbon fish between spring and autumn.



Yunotsuru Hot Spring Resort



Yuyado Tsurumisou

Yunoko Villa Espanola Fukuda Farm
Serves multi-national cuisines, homemade jam, juice and wine, made from fruit picked in the home garden. The farm commands a panoramic view of Shiranui Sea as well as seasonally blooming flowers.



You can also enjoy wine tasting.



Otachimisaki Hot Spring Center



Otachimisaki Park
Both adults and children can enjoy tennis, putting golf, fishing and other activities. A major swimming beach of Kumamoto is close by. There are also camping-site and log cottages. Stay over and enjoy the beautiful sunset and night sky.

田浦エリア
Tanoura Otachimisaki Park area
御立岬公園

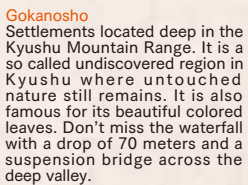


Shohinken
This tea house was established by Matsui Naoyuki, lord of Yatsushiro, for his mother. Beautiful Higo irises and Iris laevigata bloom near the pond in early summer, and spectacular foliage with autumn color spread out before you. Successive family treasures of Matsui family are on display in the house. Designated as national historical property.



Shiranui and Mizushima Island
Designated as national historical property. Located near the mouth of the Kuma River, it is one of the three fastest rivers in Japan. According to Japan's oldest chronicle Nihon Shoki, the water began gushing out when Emperor Keiko visited.

八代エリア
Yatsushiro area



Gokanoshio
Settlements located deep in the Kyushu Mountain Range. It is a so called undiscovered region in Kyushu where untouched nature still remains. It is also famous for its beautiful colored leaves. Don't miss the waterfall with a drop of 70 meters and a suspension bridge across the deep valley.



川内

Sendai

上川内

Kami Sendai

草道

Kusanmichi

薩摩高城

Satsuma Takachiho

西方

Nishikata

薩摩大川

Satsuma Okawa

牛ノ浜

Ushinohama

阿久根

Akune

折口

Oruguchi

野田郷

Nodagou

高尾野

Takeano

西出水

Nishi Izumi

出水

Izumi

米ノ津

Komenotsu

袋

Fukuro

水俣

Minamata

新水俣

Shin Minamata

津奈木

Tsunagi

湯浦

Yanoura

佐敷

Sashiki

海浦

Uminoura

肥後田浦

Higo Tanoura

御立岬公園

たのうら

Tanoura Otachimisaki Park

上田浦

Kami Tanoura

肥後二見

Higo Futami

日奈久温泉

Hinagu Onsen

肥後高田

Higo Kouda

八代

Yatsushiro



Sendaitaki Hot Spring
It is located in the oldest hot spring resorts in Kagoshima, where ryokans, Japanese style inns, and shops quietly lined along the foot of these mountains. The hot spring was designated as one of the 100 greatest hot springs in Japan by its high spring quality. The ryokan and hot spring where Saigo Takamori stayed still remain.

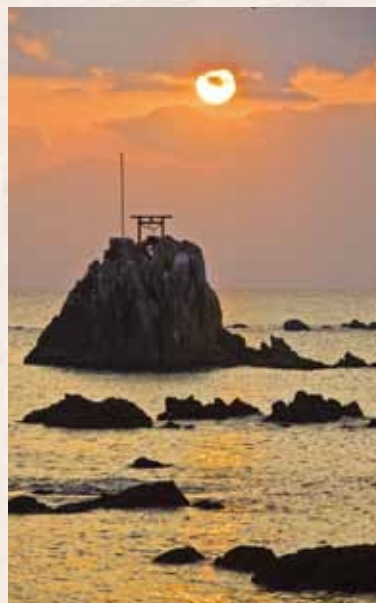


A communal bath where Saigo Takamori took.



Ningyo iwa
One of the odd-shaped rocks on Nishikata Coast along the Route 3. It is said this rock was created by the strong feeling of a mother who died on the beach while waiting to meet her husband and her child. You can enjoy the beautiful sandy beach on the nearby coast.

西方エリア
Nishikata area



Ushinohama scenic spot
A part of the Kagoshima prefectural Natural Park and with a number of odd-shaped rocks and reefs along the coastline. The sun setting over the rock with a shrine gate is spectacular. You can also enjoy this beautiful view from the train windows.

牛之浜エリア
Ushinohama area



Stopover for cranes
It is one of the rarest spots in the world where people can have a close look at a group of more than 10,000 cranes and hear their call. The scene of cranes storming up against a backdrop of the rising sun is overwhelming. The migrating period is from late October to late March.



Samurai houses at Izumi Fumoto
These samurai houses had played both the role of residence and the position of power for Kagoshima samurai warriors. Stone walls as well as buildings with samurai house gates still remain at an elementary school and residences. Some of the samurai houses are opened to the public. Why don't you explore this area in a sightseeing oxcart?

出水エリア
Izumi area



Kannoji Temple
It is the oldest Zen temple in Kagoshima. By order of Shimadzu Tadahisa, the first head of the Shimadzu family, it was constructed by Eisai, the founder of the Rinzai sect of Zen Buddhism. This temple owns the Thousand Armed Avalokiteshvara and four heavenly kings' statues, which had been secretly stored in a jar during the anti-Buddhist movement at the beginning of the Meiji era.

津奈木エリア
Tsunagi area



Tsunagi Hot Spring Shikisai
The monorail will take you to an open-air bath located in the middle of the cliff called Chohangan. You can enjoy the wonderful aroma of the forest as well as superb views of Shiranui Sea and town from 30 meters above the ground.



Satsumakaido Sashikishuku
This area once flourished as a Sashiki castle town and a posting station on the way from Satsuma. The remains of the townscape can still be found. The traditional feel of the shopping street is due in part to the various kinds of specialized era stores lining its length, including fish mongers, groceries and soy sauce storehouse.

佐敷エリア
Sashiki area

日奈久エリア
Hinagu area
温泉街



Kinparo found about 100 years ago.



Oriya where Santoka stayed



Koda-yaki Pottery Agano Kiln
The Hot Spring resort is lined with rare three-story buildings, historic ryokans, Japanese style inns, and old style public bathhouses where you can encounter local people. The wandering haiku poet Taneda Santoka visited here and he wrote "I wish I could stay forever".



Kamikoshiki I

Nakakoshiki Island

Shimokoshiki Island



Local people living along the Hisatsu Orange Railway

