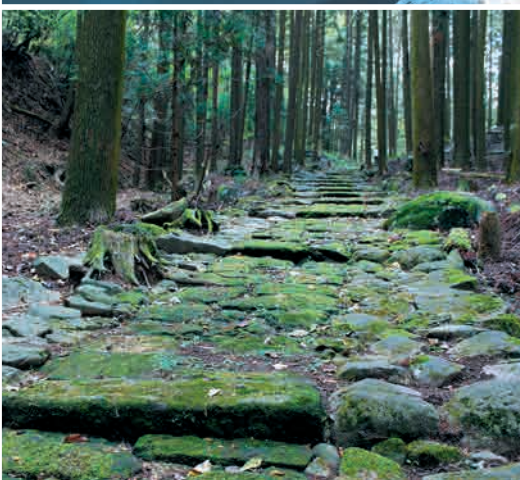
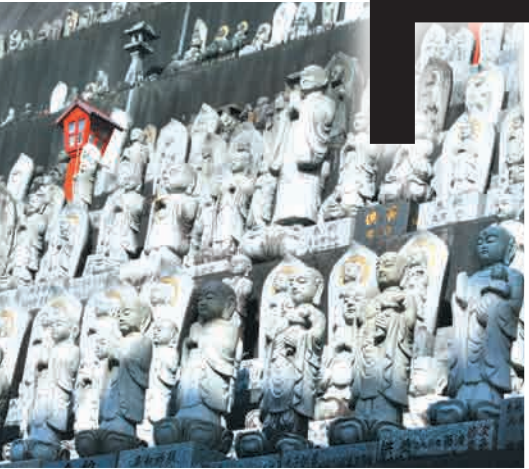


A trip Around Beautiful “Town of Water”
Hita City, Oita Prefecture

English

HITA



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Visit this place rich in water,
beautiful mountains, a unique townscape,
and good people. Visit, and you will like it!

Located roughly at the center of northern Kyushu, Hita,
with a lovely landscape and culture based on abundant water,
used to be called a “city in the mountains.”

With a streetscape in an atmosphere clearly reflecting the Edo period,
one of the best onsen in Japan, and intact wilderness,
the place makes you feel nostalgic when you arrive
even if you have never been there.

Murmuring of the water refreshes and clarifies your mind.

A trip to Hita will gently satisfy your body and mind.



Stroll in Historic Tenryo Town

During the Edo period (1603-1867), as a shogun's demesne, Hita was home to the Tokugawa shogunate's office and prospered as it was called the best area in Kyushu. With the remnants of the old days, the area has a quaint townscape, which is also called "Little Kyoto in Kyushu," providing a perfect place to stroll around.

Hita Station 日田駅

The gateway to Hita was redesigned in 2015. The spacious waiting space is filled with the pleasant aroma of Hita cedar wood.



Don't forget to take a commemorative photo
at the photo-taking spot in front of the station!

Hita City Tourist Information Center 日田市観光案内所

Located right next to the station, this tourist information center is the perfect place to get information. Coin-operated lockers and rental bicycles are also available.



Kangien Academy Site 咸宜園跡

One of the biggest private schools in modern Japan opened by Confucian scholar Hirose Tanso, who was born in Mameda-machi in the late Edo period (1603-1867). The residential building and the study building have been preserved and are open to the public. At the adjacent Kangien Education and Research Center, you can see precious documents and related items to learn about the school and its founder.



Mameda-machi 豆田町

If you stand in silence, you might hear the clacking sound of wooden geta sandals on the cobblestone, and you'll feel like you're in bygone Japan.

Mameda-machi was a flourishing merchant town in the Edo period, when it was under the direct control of the Edo shogunate. To this day the area retains the look and feel of that time, making it a favorite destination. Many of the old houses are well preserved, and even the layout of the streets has stayed relatively the same.

Kusanohonke Residence 草野本家

The buildings of Kusanohonke, which are designated an Important Cultural Property, are open to the public along with the garden, four times a year.



Tenryo Hita Hakimono Museum "ASHITAYA" 天領日田はきもの資料館 足駄や

A store directly operated by a manufacturer of "Hita Geta" (wooden clogs), which have been traditionally produced in Hita, where high-quality cedar and cypress have been harvested from a long time ago.



You will be surprised to see Japan's biggest cedar geta
with a height of over 4 meters!

Kuncho Sake Brewery 薫長酒蔵

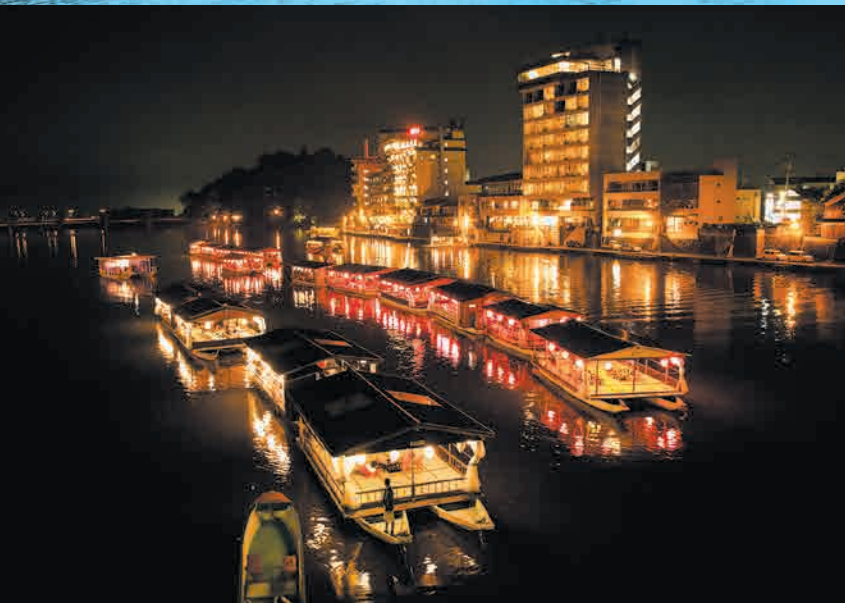
Using the old storehouse, this brewery continues to make sake.





Mikuma River 三隈川

The Mikuma River is the upstream of the Chikugo River, the largest river in Kyushu. The river is lined with Japanese-style onsen hotels, and lanterns of houseboats on the water are lit in the evening.



▲ In summertime, you can see “ukai,” a traditional fishing technique using cormorant birds, which has been a Hita’s tradition for about 400 years.

Hita Gion Yamaboko Museum 日田祇園山鉾会館

This museum displays valuable *yamaboko* floats used in the Hita Gion Festival’s Hikiyama Float Parade, which is on UNESCO’s Intangible Cultural Heritage List, and other related items.



Ohara Chaya 大はら茶屋

A Japanese restaurant located in a bamboo forest. It is highly recommended to try the “Hanatebo bento” course, where the dishes with a variety of local vegetables and wild vegetables, which were picked by the owner, are served in bamboo-woven baskets called “hanatebo.” (reservation required)



Ichiko Hita Distillery いいちこ日田蒸留所

“Ichiko” is a representative *mugi* (barley) *shochu* of Oita Prefecture. This distillery offers a tour to view preparation tanks and distillers in operation. The huge factory premises have a walking path beautifully decorated with cherry blossoms and autumn foliage in season, so everyone, even those who don’t drink shochu, can enjoy the place.



Sapporo Beer Kyushu Hita Brewery サッポロビール九州日田工場

This brewery offers a factory tour where you can enjoy learning about the history of Sapporo Beer and viewing the actual production lines, as well as a gallery with a display of packages of past products and a shop selling original goods, making you appreciate the worldview of Sapporo Beer brand.



Ontayaki Pottery Village

小鹿田焼の里

The sound of wooden mills using waterpower from the river echoes here and there in this pottery village of over 300 years old. The traditional techniques are handed down only to one child in the family. The geometric patterns formed by methods such as “*tobikan-na*,” along with the simple texture characteristic of folkcraft pottery, create beautiful pieces of art.



Rokumei-an 鹿鳴庵

A gallery near Ontayaki Pottery Village. The Japanese-style house with cedar roofing receives natural light and wind comfortably, offering visitors an idyllic atmosphere of the area.



check! Hita Yakisoba



Make sure you try Hita’s soul food, loved by local people and known throughout Japan. Hita Yakisoba noodles are grilled on an iron plate with bean sprouts, meat and other ingredients. The noodles are grilled until they reach their signature crispiness. The final touch is a juicy, delicious sauce! There are many restaurants serving Hita Yakisoba scattered around the city, each with their own style.

check! Hita Geta Workshop

The traditional craft of making *geta* sandals has been passed on from generation to generation for over 180 years in Hita. The wood from the beautiful Hita cedar is the base material for this ancient footwear, which is produced entirely in Hita. Geta are still widely used to this day and many people love the natural feel of the wood on their feet. You can buy authentic Hita Geta in the city, or learn about the making process by joining a workshop. Choose your favorite design of geta straps and have a master craftsman teach you how to assemble your own original geta.



A 1,300-year Old Onsen Village Along the River

As one of the three most famous onsen in Oita Prefecture along with Beppu and Yufuin, Amagase Onsen prospered as a place for hot spring cures during the Edo period. Onsen hotels are lined along both sides of the Kusu River. Steam from the hot springs on the riverside creates a relaxed hot spring atmosphere.

Amagase Onsen 天ヶ瀬温泉

Water quality: simple spring, sulfur spring, salt spring
Expected benefits include alleviating nerve pain and rheumatism as well as making for beautiful skin.

Riverside Onsen 川湯

There are five public open-air bath areas on the river bed, where you can immerse yourself in hot water while listening to murmuring of the river and enjoy a sense of openness.



Amagase Onsen has several places for a free foot bath and hand bath. You can drop by these places during your strolling.

Amagase Onsen Passport 天ヶ瀬温泉パスポート

Using tickets for discount admission to onsen facilities at hotels and inns in Amagase, enjoy drop-in onsen.

One booklet of 3 tickets for 1,200 yen



Sakura-daki Waterfall 桜滝

About a 10-minute walk along the walking trail starting from the back of JR Amagase Station will take you to a picturesque waterfall with a height of 25 meters. As splashes from the waterfall look like flower petals, it is called "Sakura-daki" (cherry blossom waterfall).



Things to Remember When You Go into Onsen

Follow onsen manners and enjoy bathing pleasantly for yourself and others!



**Do not bring in
a smartphone or camera.**



**Tie your long hair
so that it won't go
in the water.**

**Before getting into a bathtub,
pour hot water on yourself
several times to rinse yourself.**



**The shops and stores along
the approach are quaint as well.**

Takatsuka Atago Jizo Statues 高塚愛宕地藏尊

Said to give people divine favors by making any wishes come true, this unique group of *jizo* statues based on the syncretism of Shinto and Buddhism attracts many visitors throughout the year. More than 2,000 statues of *jizo* create an overwhelming view.



Amagase and Yuzu

Yuzu is a citrus fruit that's largely used in Japanese cuisine, beverages and even cosmetics. Its fragrant aroma makes it a great ingredient in seasonings like *yuzukosho* (yuzu pepper). Yuzu is harvested mainly in the Tsue and Amagase areas, where you can enjoy it in many ways. A special event called "Yuzu Sanpo" (yuzu walk) is held in Amagase from December to March, during which many inns, restaurants and other establishments offer a wide variety of yuzu-based sweets and other products.



Smells good!

Oyama Town, an entrance to Oku-hita, has a wonderful view of Hibiki Gorge with vertical cliff rocks and decorated by colorful leaves in autumn. There are many produce stands selling various local specialties, such as *ume* (Japanese plums) and *sumomo* (Chinese plums). The area is blessed with abundant nature.



Hibiki Gorge

Oyama Dam 大山ダム

Built on the Akaishi River, a tributary of the large Chikugo River, this concrete gravity dam has a height of 94 meters and a width of 370 meters. If you look up at the dam from the downstream observatory, it looks very powerful. You can also look down at the dam releasing water from above, which is also an amazing view.



Attack on Titan 進撃の巨人 in HITA

The popular series "Attack on Titan" was created by Hajime Isayama, a manga artist from Hita City. Part of the project launched by volunteer citizens, along with his wish of repaying his hometown, bronze statues of the main character, Eren, and his childhood friends, Mikasa and Armin, in their childhood days, are placed at the downstream park.

If you look up at the dam together with the statues,
it looks like Wall Maria from "Attack on Titan"!



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Umeshu Gura OYAMA

梅酒蔵おやま

This *umeshu* (plum liquor) factory surrounded by ume (plum) trees offers a tour to visit a tank room and see the process of bottling.



▲ Roadside Station Mizube no Sato Oyama



Located about one hour by car from Hita Station, this area is surrounded by a grand natural landscape. With lots of camping facilities, it is perfect for outdoor activities.



The view from Mt. Shaka

Taio Gold Mine 鯛生金山

At the "Underground Museum," you can walk in the tunnels of the gold mine, which used to have the biggest gold production in East Asia. With illumination and graphics using LED, you can realistically see how things worked at the mine in former times.



▲ AUTOPOLIS International Racing Course



▲ Virgin Forest of Shioji Trees (Japanese ash)



My Umeshu Making Experience



At Umeshu Gura OYAMA, you can try the unique experience of making your own umeshu plum liquor. Not only that, but you can personalize it to your taste! If you take part in the "my umeshu making experience," you'll learn how to turn the fresh plums that were harvested on the premises into sweet, delicious liquor.



First pick your container size (420 ml or 800 ml), then the staff will guide you through crafting and writing down your own recipe. The three main ingredients are plums, sugar and alcohol. You'll be able to choose among different varieties of plum and the kind of sugar that will be added. Multiple types of alcohol base (white liquor, sake, or brandy) are also available. All of these will greatly change the final taste of your umeshu. After washing and cleaning your plums you will add them to a jar with the rest of the ingredients, seal it, and store it in a box where it will have to mature for more than a year. Bringing the box home with you, this can make a unique souvenir and a way to bring a small piece of Hita home with you.

Access



Air

Fukuoka Airport ☎ 092-621-6059

TOKYO	1 hr 50 min	Fukuoka Airport	Subway 5 min	Hakata
OSAKA	1 hr 20 min	Fukuoka Airport	Subway 10 min	Tenjin



Bus

Hita Bus Terminal ☎ 0973-22-7681
HITA BUS ☎ 0973-23-3105

Fukuoka Airport	1hr 30min	Hita Bus Terminal		
Tenjin Expressway Bus Terminal	1hr 35min			
Hakata Bus Terminal	1hr 50min			
Kurokawa	35min	Tsuetate	40min	Kosoku Hita
Beppu	40min	Yufuin IC	45min	
Nagasaki Station	2hr 20min			



Car

Dazaifu IC	1 hr	Hita IC
Oita IC	1hr 15 min	
Kumamoto IC	1hr 30 min	
		10 min
		Amagase-Takatsuka IC



JR

Shin-Osaka	2 hr 40 min (Shinkansen)	Hakata	20 min (Shinkansen)	Kurume	40 min (Limited Express)	Hita
Hakata	35 min (Rapid) 20 min (Shinkansen)	Kurume	Kyudai Line 1hr 40 min (Limited Express)			
			1 hr 15 min (Limited Express)			
Kumamoto	25 min (Shinkansen)	Kurume	Kyudai Line 1hr 40 min (Limited Express)			
Yufuin			55 min (Limited Express)			
Oita			1 hr 40 min (Limited Express)			



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Isago Taxi	☎ 0973-22-3135	Daimai Taxi	☎ 0973-28-2333
Hita City Taxi	☎ 0973-22-3161	Amagase Kanko	☎ 0973-57-3181
Shin-mikuma Taxi	☎ 0973-23-3902	Oyama Kanko Taxi	☎ 0973-52-3173
Hita Kanko Taxi	☎ 0973-22-5353	Tsue Taxi	☎ 0973-54-3026
Hato Taxi	☎ 0973-23-5148		



Rental Car / Bicycle

Hita City Tourist Information Center (Bicycle rental, Electric bicycle)	☎ 0973-22-2036
Amagase Tourist Information Center (Electric bicycle)	☎ 0973-57-2166
Hita Kanko Rent-a-car (minibus for 10 or more passengers)	☎ 0973-22-2845
Hita Rental & Leasing	☎ 0973-22-5554
Times CAR	☎ 0973-24-2929
Toyota Rental & Leasing Oita	☎ 0973-24-0117
Amagase Rental & Leasing	☎ 0973-24-3938

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