

**鹿児島**  
The area around Kagoshima airport

# Kirishima

## Guide Map?

Explore this vast natural landscape! (Officially recognised by the Japanese Geoparks Network)

With a useful complimentary Google Maps. \*The QR codes included may not be accessible depending on phone signal status.

Isa City      Aira City

Kirishima City      Yusui Town

## Getting there

### From outside of Kagoshima prefecture

**Flight**  
 Tokyo→Kagoshima (≈ 1hr 55min)  
 Osaka (Itami)→Kagoshima (≈ 1hr 20min)  
 Seoul→Kagoshima (≈ 1hr 30min)  
 Shanghai→Kagoshima (≈ 1hr 40min)  
 Taipei→Kagoshima (≈ 2hr)  
 Hong Kong→Kagoshima (≈ 3hr)

**Shinkansen Bullet Train (shortest time)**  
 Shin-Osaka→Kagoshima Chuo (≈ 3hr 41min)  
 Hakata→Kagoshima Chuo (≈ 1hr 16min)

### From Kagoshima city

**Car**  
 Kagoshima IC→Mizobe Kagoshima Kuko IC (≈ 30min)

**JR Train**  
 Kagoshima Chuo→Kirishima Jingu (≈ 50min)  
 Kagoshima Chuo→Yoshimatsu (≈ 1hr 30min)  
 \*JR Special Express "Hayato-no-Kaze": 2 trips per day  
 (Operates primarily during Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, as well as spring break, Golden Week, summer break, and winter break. Call JR Kyushu for operated days.)

**Highway Bus**  
 Kagoshima Chuo→ Airport (≈ 40min)



**Enquiries**

- Kagoshima Airport Information Counter ..... ☎0995-58-2740
- Kagoshima City Tourism Exchange Centre ..... ☎099-298-5111
- Kagoshima Chuo Station Information Centre ..... ☎099-253-2500

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## Rent-A-Car

Eki Rent-A-Car Kyushu Reservation Centre ..... ☎092-282-1200  
 Kagoshima Rent-A-Car Association ..... ☎099-261-6706

## Private Taxi

A wide array of tour courses to choose from.  
 Jumbo taxi caters to a group of up to maximum 9 passengers available.

Enquiries **Kagoshima Taxi Association** ..... ☎099-222-3255

## Sightseeing Bus

### Kirishima Sightseeing Bus

**Routes**

**Ryoma-go Kirishima Mountain Course**

- ★Kokubu Station (Start 9:00)
- ↓ Hayato Station
- ↓ Hinatayama Segodon Village
- ★Kagoshima Airport
- ★Seigo Park
- ★Karegawa Station
- ★Shiohatahi Onsen Ryoma Park
- ★Maruo (lunch)
- ★Kirishima Shinwa-no-Sato Park (lunch)
- ↓ Kirishima Jingu Shrine
- ↓ Kirishima Jingu Shrine (bus stop)
- ★Maruo
- ★Kagoshima Airport
- ★Hayato Station
- ★Kokubu Station (Finish 17:17)

**Segodon-go Kinko Bay Ocean Course**

- ★Kagoshima Airport (Start 10:20)
- ↓ Hayato Station
- ★Kagoshima Jingu Shrine
- ↓ Hinatayama Segodon Village
- ★Kokubu Station
- ★Sakamoto Kurozu (Black Vinegar) Tsuibotake Information Center & Restaurant (lunch) Odd numbered months
- ★Kurozu-no-Sato Kakuida (lunch) Even numbered months
- ★Uenohara Jomon-no-Mori
- ★High-tech observatory
- ★Kokubu Station
- ★Hayato Station
- ★Kagoshima Airport (Finish 16:32)

The "Kirishima Sightseeing Bus" tours the significant sights of Kirishima City from key transportation hubs. The bus is decorated with a compelling design that depicts the natural surroundings of Kirishima and the statues of Takamori Saigo and Ryoma Sakamoto. Visitors can enjoy every minute of the ride through Kirishima while appreciating the views without having to change buses.

Karegawa Station▲ Kirishima Jingu Shrine▲ Kirishima Onsenkyo▲

Adults 1,100 yen (children 550 yen)  
 \* Priority is given to customers with reserved seating (walk-ins are accepted when there are seats available)

Reservation **Kagoshima Transport Kokubu Sales Office**  
 ☎0995-45-6733 (Weekdays 10:00-17:00)

Enquiries **Kirishima City, Kirishima PR Division** ..... ☎0995-64-0705

### Airview-go -Aira City Sightseeing Bus - (start/finish Kagoshima Chuo Station)

\*Fares: Adults 3,800 yen, children 2,000 yen (including lunch)  
 \*Operated days: Call for information as operated days are subject to change according to seasons.  
 \*Route: Seasonal Course  
 Departs from JR Kagoshima Chuo Station at 9:15 HRS / Arrives at 17:00 HRS

Enquiries **Aira View Operations Office** ..... ☎0995-226-1515

## Recommended Seasonal Events

### Spring

**Hatsu-uma Festival**  
 Third Sunday of Jun  
 Kagoshima Jingu (Kirishima City)

**Ryoma Honeymoon Walk**  
 Mid-Mar  
 Makizono / Hayato / Kirishima (Kirishima City)

**Tadamoto Park Sakura Festival**  
 Late Mar - Early Apr  
 Tadamoto Park (Isa City)

**Fuji Matsuri (Japanese Wisteria Festival)**  
 Mid-Apr - Early May  
 Wake Park (Kirishima City)

**Miyama-Kirishima of Kirishima (Kyushu Azalea)**  
 Mid-May - Mid Jun  
 Kirishima City / Yusui Town

**Spider Fight**  
 Third Sunday of Jun  
 Kajiki Welfare Centre (Aira City)

**Kirishima International Music Festival**  
 Late Jul - Early Aug  
 Miyama Conseru (Kirishima City)

**Tenson Korin Kirishima Festival**  
 Late Aug  
 (Kirishima City)

**Fruit Picking**  
 Grape / Pear harvesting (Kirishima City),  
 Blueberry picking (Isa City)

### Autumn

**Meisui Maruike Kansha no Yube (Thanksgiving Night)**  
 Early Sep  
 Maruike Park (Yusui Town)

**Kogen Fair/Sculpture Exhibition/Chainsaw Art Competition**  
 Early Nov (2 days)  
 Kurinodake Recreation Village (Yusui Town)

**Largest Camphor Autumn Festival**  
 Third Sunday of Nov  
 Kamou Hachiman Jinya (Shrine) / Kamou Elementary School (Aira City)

**Sogi Waterfall Park Maple Festival**  
 Late Nov  
 Sogi Waterfall (Isa City)

**Autumn Leaves of Kirishima**  
 Late Oct - Nov  
 Kirishima City / Yusui Town

### Winter

**Uono-no-Unkai**  
 (The sea of clouds of Uono)  
 Late Nov - Late Jan  
 Around Uono Flight Area (Yusui Town)

**Ice World in Kagoshima Isa**  
 Early Feb  
 In front of Isa City Bunka Kaikan (Isa City)

**Soft rime of Kirishima**  
 Kirishima City / Yusui Town

**Tenson Korin Kumendaiko Show**  
 1st Jan  
 Kirishima City

## Further Enquiries Regarding Events

●Kirishima City Hall ..... ☎0995-45-5111      ●Aira City Hall ..... ☎0995-66-3111  
 ●Isa City Hall ..... ☎0995-23-1311      ●Yusui Town Hall ..... ☎0995-74-3111

## Kirishima City

Kirishima - The mystical lands where the Gods dwell and a volcanic hot spring resort. Said to be the very first honeymoon destination in Japan, this beautiful place will certainly capture your hearts!



- 1 Kirishima Mountain Range**  
 Having a volcanic cluster of about 20 volcanoes, the Kirishima mountain range is blessed with breathtaking sceneries across the four seasons, attracting many tourists and hikers alike.
- 2 Hot Spring Villages (Onsenkyo)**  
 There are four hot spring villages in Kirishima city, namely the Kirishima Onsenkyo, Kirishima Jingu Onsenkyo, Shinkawa-Keikoku Onsenkyo, and Hinatayama Onsenkyo, where one can get to try many types of different hot springs.
- 3 Kareigawa Station and Osumi Yokogawa Station**  
 These two wooden train stations, oldest in the prefecture, have been in operation since 1903. They are designated as a National Tangible Cultural Asset.
- 4 Hinatayama Segodon Village**  
 The tourist complex has a restaurant, souvenir shop, foot spa, and tourist information center in addition to Segodon-no-Yado (Takamori Saigo's lodging).
- 5 Kirishima Jingu Shrine**  
 The deity "Ninigo-Mikoto" from the ancient myth Tenson Korin is enshrined here. During certain events, one can also catch the Kirishima Kagura, a traditional music and dance performance, in the shrine complex.
- 6 Kagoshima Jingu Shrine**  
 The royal shrine of the ancient Osumi country, the Hatsuuma Festival, where horses decorated with bells are paraded, is held here every spring.

**Check this out!**

**Sekihira Spring Water / Sekihira Hot Spring**  
 The Sekihira spring water, rich in minerals, has been enjoyed by the locals from a long time ago. A retail outlet selling the spring water is located next to the hot spring bath facility.

**Fukuyama Kurozu Black Vinegar**  
 Fukuyama town, where the original Kurozu black vinegar is brewed, overlooks the Kinko Bay. Over here, one can enjoy the view of the field of ceramic vinegar vats with Mount Sakurajima in the background.

Further enquiries **Kirishima City Tourism Association** ☎0995-78-2115

## Isa City

Majestic cherry blossoms in spring, cooling waterfall in summer, valley autumn leaves in fall, and the silver frosts in winter - Enjoy the beautiful four seasons of Japan here!



- 7 Sogi Waterfall** Highly Recommended!  
 Boasting the grandest scale with a width of 210 meters (the widest in Japan) and a height of 12 meters, the waterfall is also called "The Niagara Falls of the East."
- 8 Remains of the Sogi Hydropower Generator**  
 This hydropower generator was originally built in 1909. It is usually half submerged but during the dry season from May to September, the water level goes down, revealing the full brick structure.
- 9 Tadamoto Park**  
 Famous for its cherry blossom, the park is lined with thousands of Sakura trees for about 2km. During the cherry blossom season, the park is illuminated using thousands of lanterns so that visitors may enjoy viewing the Sakura trees during night time as well.
- 11 Koriyama Hachiman Jinjya Shrine**  
 The Koriyama Hachiman Shrine was built in 1194. When repair works were carried out in 1954, scribbling by the carpenters who built the shrine was discovered.
- 12 Largest Edohigan cherry tree in Japan**  
 Discovered in 1977, this is the largest Edohigan cherry tree in Japan, with a height of 28m, a circumference of 10.99m and an estimated age of more than 600 years.

**Check this out!**

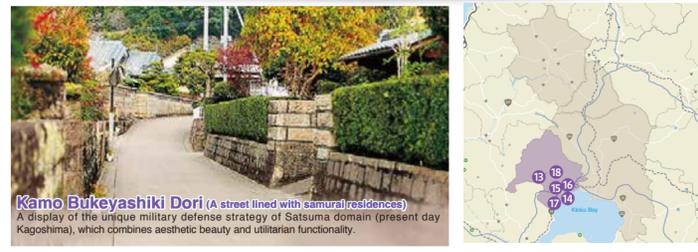
**Isa Shochu Liquor**  
 Isa city is blessed with cool temperature and rich natural environment. Using good quality water, rice and sweet potatoes, the city produces Imo-jochu (sweet potato Shochu liquor), famous throughout Japan.

**Isa Rice**  
 With a large annual temperature range and abundant fresh water, Isa city is famous for its succulent, tasty rice.

Further enquiries **Isa City Tourism and Special Products Association** ☎0995-29-5013

## Aira City

An ancient tree and the cobblestone trails - Travel through time and enjoy the endless romance.



- 13 The Camphor Tree of Kamou**  
 Recognised as the largest tree in Japan in 1988, with an estimated age of 1,500 years and the trunk circumference measuring 24.22m.
- 15 Tastumonjizaka** Highly Recommended!  
 A major road in Satsuma domain (present day Kagoshima) during the Edo period (17th century), about 500m of the original street remains till today. Saigo Takamori made use of this road to attack Kumamoto during the Seinan War. This beautiful ancient road is lined with mossy cobblestones.
- 17 Shirakanezaka**  
 This highway was built along the borders of Satsuma country and Osumi country. Only about 3km of it remains till today. During the Period of the Warring States (16th century), it is said that Shimadzu Yoshihiro, overlord of Satsuma domain (present day Kagoshima) and his generals set up defense formations in this vicinity.
- 18 The Yamada Arch of Triumph**  
 This stone arch was built in 1906 to pray for the safe return of soldiers during the Russo-Japanese war.

**Check this out!**

**Kajiki Manju (Steamed Cakes)**  
 Glutinous rice, rice malt and Amazake (fermented rice beverage) are mixed and kneaded into dough, in which sweet red bean paste is added to make this exceptionally delicious steamed cake.

**Ryumonjizaki Pottery Ware**  
 A simple but exquisite style of pottery with various natural glazes.

Further enquiries **Aira City Tourism Association** ☎0995-66-3111

## Yusui Town

The name "Yusui" means "natural spring water", and the town is named after the natural spring water of Takenaka and Maruike pools. Enjoy the crystal clear waters, great nature, and outdoor art here!



- 19 Maruike Natural Spring**  
 The area has a spring that is designated as one of the 100 Greatest Springs of Japan. The spring produces about 60,000 tons of water a day, and visitors can see the water bubbling up.
- 20 Kirishima Open Air Museum** Highly Recommended!  
 An outdoor art museum that showcases the works of local and overseas artists. Enjoy the perfect balance of art and nature here!
- 21 Takenaka Swimming Pool**  
 This swimming pool, equipped with slides of different sizes and a children's pool, is filled with natural spring water flowing from the foot of the Kirishima mountain range.
- 22 Kurinodake Hot Spring**  
 There are four different bath facilities here - white mud bath, heating hot spring, drinkable hot spring, and steam sauna. The town has fumaroles called Hachiman Daijigoku which continuously fume white steam.
- 23 Kirishima Art Farm**  
 Visitors can explore a natural forest trail on a leisurely horseback ride.
- 24 Uono Flight Area**  
 The moisture on the ground rises as mist in the early mornings in winter, creating a majestic sea of clouds distinctive to a valley. Visitors can try paragliding, too.

**Check this out!**

**Kirishima Sanroku Maruike Spring Water**  
 The fresh spring mineral water from the Maruike spring is said to be good for your health and beauty!

**Yusui Tea**  
 High quality tea grown on highlands with a large daily temperature range

Further enquiries **Kirishima Sanroku Yusui Town Tourism Association** ☎0995-74-5690



### Delicious local cuisine not to be missed!

**Food made with black vinegar**  
The dishes are made with lashings of black vinegar produced traditionally since the Edo period. The experience of having a meal while appreciating the views of Tsubobatake and Sakurajima Island is exceptional.

**Tebaking**  
Chicken wings stuffed with the specialty products of Isa City such as rice, spring onions, Gobo (Burdock root), etc. are battered before deep frying. The Tebaking is filled with the charms of Isa City.

**Aira AGO Nikuyaki**  
Meat from the pig's head is grilled to perfection on a metal hot plate with garlic, seasoned with salt and pepper, and topped with salty spring onion sauce before serving.

**Almond ramen**  
The popular ramen is made with an abundance of almonds that have beauty and health benefits in the soup and toppings.

## Quick topper

### Bussankan (Products Market)

— A Treasure Trove of Local Products

Showcasing a wide array of local special products and souvenirs

★ Restaurant available ★ Light meals available

<p>1 Kokubu Bussankan Jomon Ichiba Market ☎0995-45-3322 5-3-10 Kokubu-chuo, Kirishima city</p> <p>2 Mizobe Bussankan Products Market Yokodero ☎0995-58-2949 2408 Mizobe-cho Fumoto, Kirishima city</p> <p>3 Takenoko-no-Sato Kirakukan Market ☎0995-59-2425 607-1 Mizobe-cho Takaze, Kirishima city</p> <p>4 Yokogawa Bussankan Products Market Yoiyanse ☎0995-64-6088 3411-2 Yokogawa-cho Kamino, Kirishima city</p> <p>5 Makizono-cho Tokusanhin Kyokai (Makizono Special Products Association) ☎0995-78-2741 2057 Makizono-cho Santaido, Kirishima city</p> <p>6 Makizono-cho Fukushi Tokusanhin Hanbaisho (Makizono Welfare Special Products Sales Outlet) ☎0995-78-3498 2057 Makizono-cho Santaido, Kirishima city</p> <p>7 Kirishima Onsen Ichiba Hot Spring Market ☎0995-78-3121 3878-14 Makizono-cho Takachito, Kirishima city</p> <p>8 Michi-no-Eki Kirishima Yokamon Ichiba Market ☎0995-57-1711 2583-22 Kirishima Taguchi, Kirishima city</p>	<p>9 Iki-Iki Fureai Tokusan-ichi Market ☎0995-57-3901 501 Kirishima Taguchi, Kirishima city</p> <p>10 Nagamizu Hyakusho-kan Market ☎0995-57-1001 3973-12 Kirishima Nagamizu, Kirishima city</p> <p>11 Kareigawa Fureai-kan Market (Open on Saturdays and Sundays only) ☎0995-43-9124 2170-3 Hayato-cho Kareigawa, Kirishima city</p> <p>12 Hama-no-Ichi Fureai Centre ☎0995-42-7072 390 Hayato-cho Shinko, Kirishima city</p> <p>13 Fukuyama-cho Fuku-Fuku Fureai-kan Market ☎0995-56-3765 6268-48 Fukuyama-cho Fukuyama, Kirishima city</p> <p>14 Isa Bokujo Yume Sakurakan (Isa Ranch and visitor center) (Open on Saturdays and Sundays only) ☎0995-43-9124 2170-3 Hayato-cho Kareigawa, Kirishima city</p> <p>15 Hishikari Koryu-kan Centre ☎0995-26-4709 2280-17 Hishikari Kawakita, Isa city</p> <p>16 Kamou Bussankan Market Kusukusukan ☎0995-54-3099 2539-1 Kamou-cho Kamigyutoku, Aira city</p>	<p>17 Kajiki Tokusanhin Uriba Market Fureai-bussankan ☎0995-62-5311 401 Kajiki-cho Motomachi, Aira city</p> <p>18 Yusui-cho Yoshimatsu Bussankan Market ☎0995-75-3987 1032-1 Nakatsugawa, Aira-gun Yusui-cho</p> <p>19 Yusui-cho Kurino Bussankan Market ☎0995-75-2908 405-1 Yonenaga, Aira-gun Yusui-cho</p> <p>20 Kirishima Sanroku Yusui-cho Tourism Association Kuritaro-kan ☎0995-74-5690 677 Koba, Aira-gun Yusui-cho</p> <p>21 Kanko SL Kaikan ☎0995-54-2177 789 Kawanishi, Aira-gun Yusui-cho</p> <p>22 Kirishima Fumotono Station ☎0995-76-2888 2125-1, Shuku Kubota, Makizono-cho, Kirishima City.</p> <p>23 Hinatayama Segodon Village Souvenir Shop Kirishima Take ☎0995-43-7775 1487-1, Hayato-cho, Kirishima City.</p>
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### Tourism Information Centre

<p><b>Kirishima City</b></p> <p>Kirishima Onsen Tourism Information Centre ..... ☎0995-78-2541</p> <p>Kirishima City Tourism Information Centre ..... ☎0995-57-1588</p> <p>Hinatayama Segodon Village Tourist Information Center ..... ☎0995-73-3828</p>	<p><b>Aira City</b></p> <p>Aira City Tourism Association ..... ☎0995-66-3111</p> <p>Kamou Tourism Exchange Centre ..... ☎0995-52-0748</p>	<p><b>Yusui Town</b></p> <p>Kirishima Sanroku Yusui-cho Tourism Association ..... ☎0995-74-5690</p>
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#### Have your fill of the hot springs

**Feel cleansed in mind and body!**

A sweeping introduction to the numerous famous hot springs that enjoy the bounty of Mt. Kirishima!

#### Kirishima Onsenkyo

☎in the area- Kirishima Onsen Market ☎0995-78-3121

About 40 minutes' drive from Kagoshima Airport

Kirishima Onsenkyo with hot springs gushing from the heart of the mountain is comprised of eight hot spring spas of various sizes where visitors can enjoy a variety of spring quality.

#### Kirishima Jingu Onsenkyo

☎in the area- Kirishima City Tourist Information Center ☎0995-57-1588

About 50 minutes' drive from Kagoshima Airport

The hot spring resort across the area of Kirishima Shrine of the Tenson Korin legend (the descend to earth of the grandson of the sun goddess) exudes a mystical ambience.

#### Myoken/Anraku Onsenkyo

☎in the area- Shiohishi Onsen Ryoma Park ☎0995-76-0007

About 15 minutes' drive from Kagoshima Airport

The hot spring resort has a diverse range of hot springs, including Myomi Onsen with rows of Japanese-style inns, Anraku Onsen that attracts many visitors seeking hot spring cures, and Shiohishi Onsen where Ryoma Sakamoto had visited.

#### Yuno'o Onsenkyo

☎in the area- Hishikari Koryukan ☎0995-26-4709

About 40 minutes' drive from Kagoshima Airport

The hot spring resort with a calm ambience is on a lake in Yuno'o District in the upper reaches of Kasendai River.

#### Hinatayama Onsenkyo

☎in the area- Hinatayama Station

About 20 minutes' drive from Kagoshima Airport

Takamori Saigo is said to have frequented Hinatayama Onsen. There are inns, public bathhouses, and family bathhouses along both sides of Amori River.

#### Yoshimatsu Onsenkyo

☎in the area- Yoshimatsu Station

About 40 minutes' drive from Kagoshima Airport

The hot spring resort is in the northwest side of Mt. Kurino and consists of Kawanishi, Tsurumaru, Hannayaji and so on. The area is dotted with public bathhouses with a rustic ambience.

#### Kurinodake Onsen

☎0995-74-3511

About 40 minutes' drive from Kagoshima Airport

There are four types of spring quality: a white, opaque mud bath, one that has a therapeutic effect, one that can be drunk, and a steam bath that uses natural steam.