

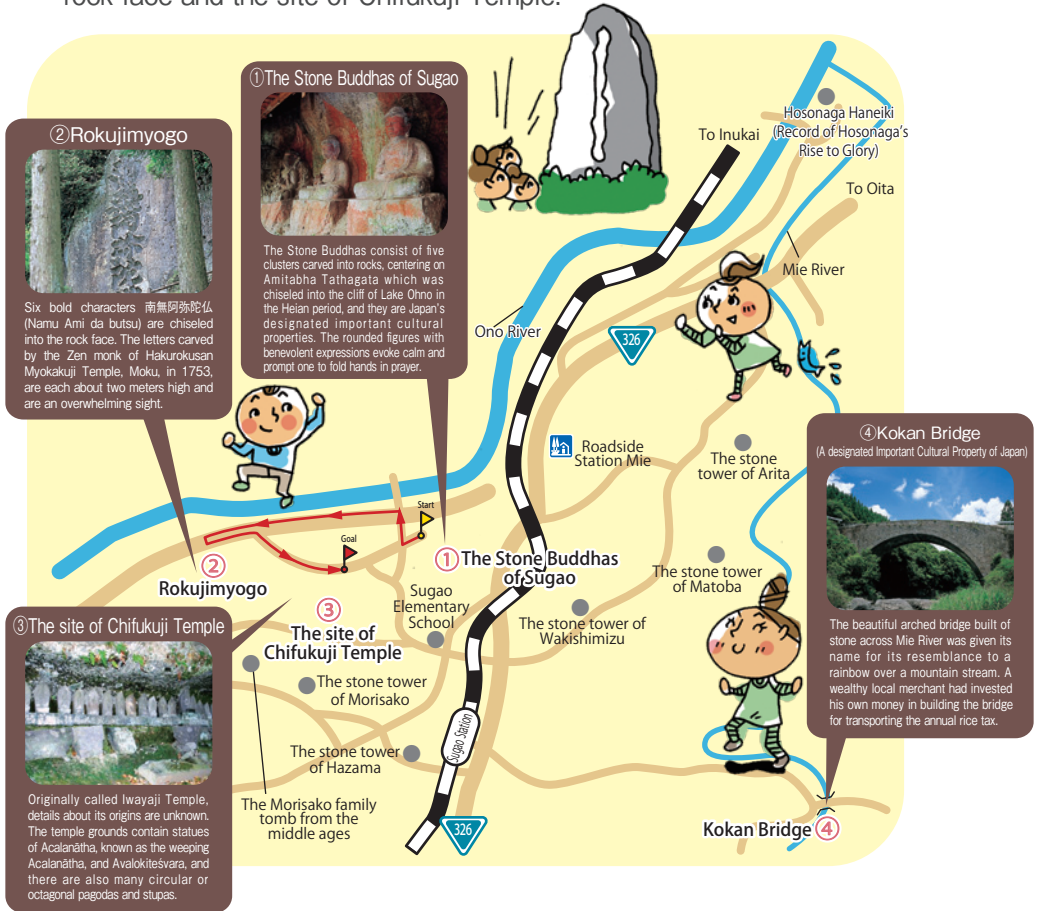
Guides

Sugao Sekibutsu-womamoru-kai

See the Stone Buddhas of Sugao and Rokujimyogo in a region steeped in the culture of stone carving.

Bungo-Ono City

Go on a walking trail to see the Stone Buddhas of Sugao, Rokujimyogo inscribed "Namu Ami da butsu" on a 12-meter high Buddha carved into the rock face and the site of Chifukuji Temple.



① The Stone Buddhas of Sugao



The Stone Buddhas consist of five clusters carved into rocks, centering on Amitabha Tathagata which was chiseled into the cliff of Lake Onno in the Heian period, and they are Japan's designated important cultural properties. The rounded figures with benevolent expressions evoke calm and prompt one to fold hands in prayer.

② Rokujimyogo



Six bold characters 南無阿彌陀仏 (Namu Ami da butsu) are chiseled into the rock face. The letters carved by the Zen monk of Hakurokusan Myokakuji Temple, Moku, in 1753, are each about two meters high and are an overwhelming sight.

③ The site of Chifukuji Temple



Originally called Iwayaji Temple, details about its origins are unknown. The temple grounds contain statues of Acalanātha, known as the weeping Acalanātha, and Avalokitesvara, and there are also many circular or octagonal pagodas and stupas.

④ Kokan Bridge

(A designated Important Cultural Property of Japan)



The beautiful arched bridge built of stone across Mie River was given its name for its resemblance to a rainbow over a mountain stream. A wealthy local merchant had invested his own money in building the bridge for transporting the annual rice tax.

Course	① The Stone Buddhas of Sugao → ② Rokujimyogo → ③ The site of Chifukuji Temple → (④ Kokan Bridge: by request.)	Book	Tourism Bungo-Onno TEL: 0974-22-3706 (Japanese only) FAX: 050-3730-6057 (Japanese only)
When?	As and when needed		
Times	As and when needed		
Meet-up	Sugao Sekibutsu parking area Sugo, Mie-machi, Bungo-Ono City, Oita Prefecture.	Fee	Call for details.

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