

OITA WALK PROGRAM WITH LOCAL GUIDE



Oita Prefecture has many local guides.
You'll come to love Oita even more when you
see it with a guide.
Let's go to Oita, a nostalgic and heart-warming
neighborhood!



Historic Trail

Oita City

[Guides] Oita Funai Volunteer Guides



The trail takes you on a tour of
the Stone Buddhas, temples,
and shrines around Ueno and
Moto-machi which flourished
as the center of Bungo.

[Book] Oita Funai Volunteer Guides
TEL: 097-537-7043(Japanese only)
[Fee] Free



Tour of Otomo Funai's historical sites

Oita City

[Guides] Volunteer Guides Otomoshi Yugakukai



The walking trail takes you on
a tour of the historical sites
associated with the Otomo
family while unraveling the
history of the Otomos that
enjoyed the height of glory
for nearly 400 years.

[Book] Volunteer Guides Otomoshi Yugakukai
Mobile: 090-9566-4929 (Japanese only)
[Fee] 200 yen per person (inclusive of accident insurance)
Free admission for elementary and junior high school children.



Historical trail of Tsurusaki

Oita City

[Guides] Tsurusaki Volunteer Guides Club



The course takes you through
the historical sites of Tsurusaki
which flourished as the
enclave of Lord Kiyomasa of
the Higo Domain, as you
learn about the history and
culture of the area.

[Book] Tsurusaki Volunteer Guides Club
[Fee] Free



An attractive town that exudes an air of history and culture.

Oita City

[Guides] Hetsugi Anzu-no-kai



With a focus on Hoashi Honke
Sake Brewery, you will tour
the historic streets that
prospered from the late Edo
period to before World War II.

[Book] Hetsugi Anzu-no-kai
[Fee] 200 yen per person, 1,000 yen per group of 10 and up to 20.
※An extra 1,000 yen charged for every 20 people



Historic Walking Trail through the cobbled street of Imaichi on Higo Highway

Oita City

[Guides] Notsuharu Volunteer Guides Council



Imaichi was a post station of the Oka Domain, and the Higo Domain also used the cobbled street on their journey to perform their Sankinkotai detail (where feudal lords were required to spend alternate years residing in Edo.) Let's stroll through the historical highway, imagining what things were like back in the day.

[Book] Notsuharu Volunteer Guides Council
[Fee] Free



The Saganoseki Ryoma saw

Oita City

[Guides] Saganoseki Volunteer Guides Association



Explore the historical streets while learning about the time Katsu Kaishu and Sakamoto Ryoma visited Saganoseki in 1864.

[Book] Saganoseki Volunteer Guides Association
NPO Saganoseki Machizukuri Council
TEL: 097-575-2000 (Japanese only)
[Fee] 300 yen (contribution)



Tour of Beppu's Historical Sites

Beppu City

[Guides] Beppu Hatto Tatsujin Guides



The Battle of Ishigakibaru fiercely fought between Kuroda Kanbei and Otomo Yoshimune's army is regarded as "Kyushu's Battle of Sekigahara." See what remains of the dreams of the feudal powerful as you listen to the stories told by an expert local guide.

[Book] Beppu City Tourism Association
TEL: 0977-24-2828
[Fee] 700 yen (include tea and snack)



"Kumahachi Tour" explore the alleys of Takegawara at dusk

Beppu City

[Guides] Beppu Hatto Tatsujin Guides



You will be taken on a guided tour of the sites associated with Aburaya Kumahachi by a guide dressed as the man himself, known as the "father of Beppu's tourism," or Japan's first female bus guide.

[Book] Hirano Museum
TEL: 0977-23-4748
[Fee] 700 yen (include Abuhachi rice crackers and Kumahachi pamphlet)



Explore the alleys of Takegawara area

Beppu City

[Guides] Beppu Hatto Kataribe-no-kai



Why not meander through the back alleys that retain the look of the good old days of the hot spring town, Beppu? The tour will visit many public baths and old establishments cherished by the locals. You will find the undiscovered charms of Beppu Onsen.

[Book] Beppu City Tourism Association
TEL: 0977-24-2828
[Fee] Adult 700 yen (include tea and snack)



Hamawaki Onsen /Nostalgic Tour

Beppu City

[Guides] Hamawaki Club



Visit the scenic town that has flourished since the olden days as a hot spring resort which retains the faded ambiance of Meiji, Taisho, and early Showa.

[Book] Beppu Tsuge Kogei
TEL/FAX: 0977-23-3841
[Fee] 300 yen



Things to note when using guides

Unlike professional tour guides, Furusato Guide will show you around places they recommend as locals, giving commentaries unhurriedly. You will be able to experience local charms more profoundly.

You will need an interpreter as commentaries are in Japanese.

You may also need to book ahead. (Especially group) When you call to inquire, please note that most organizations only take calls in Japanese only.



A romantic journey through Asamigo

[Guides] Asami Chiiki Shinkokai

Beppu City



The origins of Beppu, history, famous water, and views. The Beppu City area was called Asamigo in the olden days. There is tranquility in the air and time flows quietly in the Asami region that has retained the prestigious place name.

[Book] Asami Chiiki Shinkokai

TEL/FAX: 0977-23-0592

[Fee] 700 yen, child 400 yen, (include tea and snack.)

※Please book as tea and snack must be arranged.



Explore the town of Horita Onsen shrouded in steam

[Guides] Beppu Hatto Horita Onsenkyo Club

Beppu City



Horita Onsen resort opened in the Edo period to offer hot spring cures, and the area was a key junction of traffic that led to Yufuin, Hita, and Dazaifu. Let's explore the town shrouded in steam while imagining how it prospered from the Edo period to early Showa as you walk on the original cobbled stone streets.

[Book] Beppu Hatto Horita Onsenkyo Club

TEL: 090-2502-8055 (Shuto)

[Fee] 700 yen (include tea and snack)



An evening tour of Kannawa Onsen

[Guides] Kannawa Yukemuri Club

Beppu City



We want visitors to see life in Kannawa, where Onsen culture is in the air, while walking on Oita's longest cobbled street, and feel soothed by the town that is likened to a place where time stands still.

[Book] The office with in Hotel Fugetsu Hammond

TEL: 0977-66-8483

[Fee] 500 yen



Take a leisurely stroll through a town with a lot of heart, Kamegawa

[Guides] Kame-kame Club

Beppu City



The area of Kamegawa which used to be directly governed by the Shogunate has an abundance of flowing hot springs and is visited by Onsen connoisseurs across Japan. Why not explore the area where historical buildings survive?

[Book] Kamegawa Onsen Kame-kame Club

TEL/FAX: 0977-67-2646

[Fee] 1,000 yen *(Include a meal.)



Take a tour of Uchinari with students from APU

[Guides] APU Hatada Study Group LSB Study Group

Beppu City



Would you like to experience rural life surrounded by 1,300 terraced paddies? At the end of the course, you get the unique chance of tasting the rice harvested from the Uchinari rice paddies.

[Book] Uchinari Tanada-no-Kai

TEL: 0977-25-6633 (Goto)

[Fee] Adult 1,000 yen (include experiences and lunch)



Go on a historical romance trail of Kankaiji

[Guides] Kankaiji Historical Romance Club

Beppu City



Have a fun exploration of the famous historical sites in Kankaiji, including the location of the encampment of the Ohtomo troops during the Battle of Ishigakibaru, Kyushu's Battle of Sekigahara.

[Book] Restaurant & Inn Matsubaya

TEL: 0977-22-4271

[Fee] Adult 700 yen



Overview of Oita

Oita is renowned for its onsen and many other tourist attractions. Have you ever tried Oita's brand fish, Seki Aji (horse mackerel) Seki Saba(mackerel), and Shiroshita Karei (flounder)? How about Oita's soul food, toriten(chicken tempura)and karaage(fried chicken)? Are you familiar with Rokugo Manzan, Oita's 1,300-year-old mystic religious Culture? What about Oita's unique homestay program in a rural village where you can experience the farmer's life?

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Meander through the alleys of Takegawara at night

Beppu City

[Guides] Beppu Hatto Takegawara Club



See the neon-lit streets of Beppu while listening to the guitars played by second-generation buskers Hacchan and Bunchan.

[Book] Hirano Museum
TEL/FAX: 0977-23-4748

[Fee] 1,000 yen (with a complimentary illustrated postcard)



Onsen Steam and jizo pilgrimage

Beppu City

[Guides] Jizo Pilgrimage Project



The tour takes you to the hot spring spas in the area, as the saying goes, “where there is a hot spring, there is a jizo.” If time allows, you might find a jizo that is not on the map.

[Book] Beppu City Tourism Association
TEL: 0977-24-2828

[Fee] 600 yen



Nakatsu Castle Town Highlights Course

Nakatsu City

[Guides] Nakatsu Yabakei Tour Guides(Nakatsu)



The course takes you on a tour of the highlights of the castle town, Nakatsu. It includes typical sights such as Nakatsu Castle, the old residence of Fukuzawa Yukichi, and Tera-machi.

[Book] Nakatsu Yabakei Tourism Association.
TEL: 0979-64-6565

[Fee] 2,000 yen (per person) *A booking is taken for a group of two or more people. There is no admission to establishments included in the tour.



Ao-no-Domon/Rakan-ji Temple Course

Nakatsu City

[Guides]



Priest Zenkai spent 30 years with an uncompromising attitude... Would you like to feel the markings of the chisel that have survived to this day? One can imagine hearing the sound of the tool in areas where the images have survived almost intact.



Mameda Town Walking Tour

Hita City

[Guides] Hita Local Conductor



Hita's local conductor will respectfully provide an introduction to Mameda-machi that retains the ambiance of the era when the region was under the direct control of the Edo shogunate.

[Book] Hita City Tourism Association
TEL: 0973-22-2036

[Fee] 1,200 yen (per person) ※Booking is accepted for a group of two or more.



Japan's No.1 onsen

Often referred to as the Hot Spring Prefecture, Oita is renowned for its onsen. It takes pride in having Japan's largest number of hot spring sources and the largest volume of spring water. Visitors can experience different kinds of effects according to the quality of the water. As the theme and the style of bathing also differ at each ryokan inn, visitors can enjoy a variety of onsen experiences while soaking in the bath.



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Tour of the national treasures, the Stone Buddhas of Usuki.

Usuki City

[Guides] Sekibutsu Volunteer Guide no Kai



The national treasure Usuki Stone Buddhas with a 1,200-year history is a secret spiritual vortex. Tour the four clusters of Stone Buddhas while feeling the history of Usuki.

[Book] Usuki Sekibutsu Volunteer Guide no Kai
Sekibutsu Office
TEL: 0972-65-3300
[Fee] Free



Usuki City Guides (Nioza: Machihaccho)

Usuki City

[Guides] Usuki City Guides



Visitors can explore the temples, samurai residences, and the labyrinthine castle town centered around Usuki Castle, and walk through the remarkable streets while reflecting on the history.

[Book] Usuki Machinami Guide-no-kai (Society of Usuki City Guides)
TEL: 0972-63-7898 ※City Walking Tour Guide
Usuki Town Tourism Kenkyukai (Usuki Town Tourism Study Group)
TEL: 0972-62-8138 ※Usuki Castle Town Tour Guide
[Fee] 2,000 yen per guide.



A walking tour of Hoto Island

Tsukumi City

[Guides]



Hoto, an island of romance that gives off the scent of the Black Current. Let's explore Hoto Island with the vibrant cerulean waters of Bungo Channel, home to Japan's largest tuna fleet!



A path of discovering the castle town.

Taketa City

[Guides] Taketa City Volunteer Tour Guides Committee



The ancient streets to meander, listening to the gentle sound of the flow of clear water.

[Book] Taketa City Volunteer Tour Guides Committee
TEL: 0974-63-2638(Japanese only)
[Fee] 3,000 yen per guide.



Visit the dear old town of the Showa era

Bungo-Takada City

[Guides] Showa-no-machi Guides



Let's experience the Showa era at Showa Romangura after exploring the town with a unique guide.

[Book] Bungo-Takada City Kanko Machizukuri Co.Ltd.
TEL: 0978-23-1860
[Fee] 2,000 yen per guide(Not including admission fees for Romangura or lunch.)



Cultural exploration course of Rokugo-manzan (Mountain of Six Sanctuaries)

Bungo-Takada City

[Guides] Tashibu Tour Guides no Kai



A local guide will take you on a tour of the cultural properties in the Tashibu district tailored to your needs, such as the Kumano Magaibutsu, Fukiji Temple, and Maki Ohdo Temple. Get to know Rokugo-manzan with a thousand-year-old history through a tour only a local guide can provide.

[Book] Bungo-Takada City Commerce, Industry and Tourism Division
TEL: 0978-25-6219(Japanese only)
[Fee] Fukiji Temple, Maki Ohdo Temple, Tashibunoshō: 1,000 yen per place
Kumano Magaibutsu: 2,000 yen, up to 4,000 yen.



Enjoy Oita's nature! Walking Courses in Oita

Oita Prefecture nestled in opulent natural surroundings is full of spots for enjoying a walk. It has unique trails such as Footpath, Kyushu Olle, Long Trail, Kyushu Nature Trail, and Forest Therapy Road. Enjoy a variety of ways of walking in Oita, be it leisurely alone or pleasantly with friends.



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Explore the Kitsuki castle town, the little Kyoto in a kimono.

Kitsuki City

[Guides] Jokamachi Kitsuki Volunteer Guide no Kai (Kitsuki Castle Town Volunteer Guides Society)



Change into a kimono and explore the streets of Japan's one and only "sandwich-shaped" castle town that very much retains the ambience of Edo.

[Book] Kitsuki City Tourism Association
TEL: 0978-63-0100

[Fee] 4,000 yen (include kimono rental and tour guide fee)

※The fee is due for revision.



Explore the streets of temple town, Yokkaichi.

Usa City

[Guides] Usa City Tourism Association(Yokkaichi Densho Club)



The walking trail is about 1km. You will walk through the historic city where religion, politics, and trade integrated as you see Kyushu's largest timber structure, Tozai Betsuin, the satellite office of Hita Magistrate, and Sakuragaoka Shrine where a market opened on the dates of four.

[Book] Usa City Tourism Association Yokkaichi Densho Club
TEL: 0978-37-0202(Japanese only)

[Fee] 500 yen per person (60-min course, a group of three or more)

※1,000 yen per person for the 120-min course.



Explore the port town of Donko river and Sankinkotai detail.

Bungo-ono City

[Guides] Donko Inukai-no-Kai



See the town of Inukai where there were local government's buildings such as lodging houses, the magistrate's office, and storehouses, and the site of the Port of Inukai which was used during the Sankinkotai detail (a shogunate scheme requiring feudal lords to stay in their residences in Edo every other year.)

[Book] Tourism Bungo-ono
Mobile:080-2796-7329 (Japanese only)

[Fee] Call for details.



See Kichijoji Temple and Shiroyama Shrine famous for Matsuo Kagura

Bungo-ono City

[Guides] Council for the Promotion of Tourism in Shiroyama



Tour Kichijoji Temple where many historical artefacts lay waiting, and Shiroyama Shrine famous for Matsuo Kagura, and enjoy the view from the summit of Mt. Shiroyama.

[Book] Tourism Bungo-ono
Mobile:080-2796-7329 (Japanese only)

[Fee] Call for details.



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

Bungo-ono City

[Guides] Sugao Sekibutsu-wo-mamoru-kai



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

[Book] Tourism Bungo-ono
Mobile:080-2796-7329 (Japanese only)

[Fee] Call for details.



Experience life in the country at schoolhouse with a red roof.

Bungo-ono City

[Guides] Akai Yane-no-Kai



Get the taste of country living as you observe nature on a trekking trail, try char-grilling, roast sweet potatoes, inoculate logs with shiitake spawns, and cook rice in bamboo.

[Book] Akai Yane-no-Kai
[Fee] Call for details.



Japanese-style green tourism "Nohaku"

began over 20 years ago in Ajimu-machi, Usa City, Oita Prefecture.

Nohaku is a unique homestay experience where guests get to step into the lives of local families that work in the field of agriculture, fishing and forestry. Also referred to as "farmstay", guests immerse into the rural community by working alongside the families and the locals, learning about the culture and the beauty of the land in a very hands on, interactive way.

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See a stone bridge, a waterwheel, and Harajiri Falls.

Bungo-ono City

[Guides] Ogata Tour Guides Society



Tour the historical sites associated with the region's traditions and culture, and Ogata Saburo Koreyoshi, as you walk among the landscape that boasts the Harajiri Falls, a waterwheel, and irrigation channels.

[Book] Tourism Bungo-ono
Mobile:080-2796-7329 (Japanese only)
[Fee] Call for details.



Explore an ancient garden and the town of fine art

Bungo-ono City

[Guides] Asaji Asobokai



Enjoy the rural scenery as you visit the expansive Yujaku Park with gorgeous autumnal foliage, trek the country lanes, and see the Asakura Fumio Museum of Sculpture.

[Book] Tourism Bungo-ono
Mobile:080-2796-7329 (Japanese only)
[Fee] Call for details.



A walking tour of Lake Kinrin and Unagi Hime Shrine, the origin of Yufuin.

Yufu City

[Guides] Yufu'in Guide Asagiri Association



Visit the temple of priest Zenkai who dug the Blue Tunnel in Yabakei Gorge and the shrine dedicated to the deity who founded Yufuin.

[Book] Yufuin Guide Asagiri Association
※Tour guide booking form submission (by fax)
[Fee] 1,000 yen for a group of up to 5 people, 2,000 yen for up to 10, and an additional 1,000 for every five people.



Experience the mysterious beauty of Yufugawa Gorge and Hasama's history.

Yufu City

[Guides] Hasama-machi Volunteer Guides Furusato Kenkyukai (Study Group)



See the temples and shrines associated with the Hasama family and the remains of canals to be protected and passed down to future generations.

[Book] Hasama-machi Volunteer Guides Furusato Kenkyukai
TEL/FAX: 097-583-4316(Japanese only)
[Fee] Free



Tour the spiritual power vortexes that bring good fortune

Kunisaki City

[Guides] Tomiku Yonarekai



The Kaiun Road Tomikuji / Takarakuji Kigan - Tomikuji Tosen Mairi is a walking trail approximately 3km long, named after a street that is supposed to bring wealth and the lucky place-name.

[Book] Tomiku Yonarekai Office
TEL/FAX: 0978-74-0452 (c/o Kiyokuni) Japanese only
[Fee] 3,000 yen (1,000 yen per spot)



Kunisaki City Other walking courses

- Learn about the history and culture of Kunisaki
[Guides] Kunisaki Tabi-Navi Yume Yuyu
- Explore the historical Manzan Pilgrimage Trail, Kunisaki Peninsula
[Guides] Kunisaki Peninsula Eco Tour Guides

For more learn about "NOHAKU"

Nohaku "Farm stay" in Oita have become increasingly popular. You can experience farm stay in various places in Oita Prefecture. Of course It is good choice NOHAKU + guided walk in local area! Access the article about farmhouse stays here [Teppan!OITA](#)



Stroll through Himeshima Island with a chief Shinto priest

Himeshima Village

[Guides] Shima-no-Kaze



Explore the village with an illustrated map from the Meiji era in hand and enjoy the unchanged and changed sceneries as you imagine what Himeshima must have been like in the olden days.

[Book] Shima-no-Kaze

TEL/FAX: 0978-87-2844(Japanese only)

[Fee] ①2,500 yen (include lunch) ②1,000 yen(exclude lunch)



Take it slow – meander through the castle town by the sea –

Hiji Town

[Guides] Hiji-machiaruki Guide no Kai



Hiji is one of a few castle towns associated with the Toyotomi family. Enjoy visiting the town's cultural properties while appreciating the quaint old streets and the superb view of Beppu Bay.

[Book] Hiji tourism association

TEL: 0977-72-4255(Japanese only)

[Fee] 500 yen per person ※Call for group prices.



Tadewara Nature observation meeting

Kokonoe Town

[Guides] Kokonoe no Shizen wo Mamoru-kai



Tadewara marshlands is included in Aso Kuju National Park special protected Area and was registered with the Ramsar convention in 2005. Take a slow stroll through Tadewara marshlands and a forest trail

[Book] Kokonoe no Shizen wo Mamoru-kai

TEL/FAX: 0973-79-2154(Japanese only)

[Fee] Free



Guided walk in mountains

Kokonoe Town

[Guides] Kuju Nature Guides Club



While watching the magnificent Kuju Mountains, Enjoy the experience according to your wishes. This area is "Aso Kuju National Park".

[Book] Kuju Nature Guides Club

<http://kuju-ngc.com>(for inquiry)

[Fee] The fee varies by distance and the number of participants.



A relaxing tour of Japan's designated historical sites and views.

Kusu Town

[Guides] Kusu Town Tourism Association



The course will satisfy the mind, body, and soul as it includes the site of Tsunomure Castle with high stone walls from the Shokuho period and the old Kurushima family garden built by a domain lord who was now permitted to own a castle.

[Book] Kusu Town Tourism Association

TEL: 0973-72-1313(Japanese only)

[Fee] Free (3,000 yen per group if a tour guide is required.)

Admission to Seihoro is 2,000 yen per group.



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