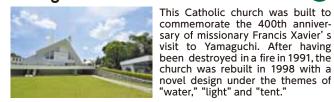


National treasure Rurikoji Temple and Five-Storied Pagoda 31.2m tall at its tip, the pagoda was completed in 1442 mainly in a uniquely Japanese style, and is characterized by a less decorative, clean construction. It is known as one of the finest structures from the mid-Muromachi period (14th to 16th century) and one of the three most prominent pagodas in Japan.

Access: 30 min by bus from Shin-Yamaguchi Sta. on JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line, Sanyo Line, Yamaguchi Line or Ube Line http://yamaguchi-city.jp/w/en/spot.html#page001

Yamaguchi Xavier Memorial Church MAP 2



sary of missionary Francis Xavier's visit to Yamaguchi. After having peen destroyed in a fire in 1991, the church was rebuilt in 1998 with a novel design under the themes of "water," "light" and "tent." Access: 15-min walk from Yamaguchi Sta. on JR Yamaguchi Line

http://yamaguchi-city.jp/w/en/spot.html#page002

SL Yamaguchi



from the Yamaguchi Line in 1973, but one of them made a comeback as "SL Yamaguchi" in 1979. The train has operated over 30 years since then, mainly on weekends from spring to fall. The passenger cars are slated for renewal in 2017. Operation: between Shin-Yamaguchi Sta. and Tsuwano Sta. on JR Yamaguchi Lii

Steam locomotives disappeared

ıttp://www.yamaguchi-city.jp/w/en/spot.html



Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine MAP 4

historical record, the Kojiki. It enshrines the god Okuninushi, who worked to build the state and villages while on earth, and is now a benevolent deity watching over us. Also called Daikoku-sama, the deity is known to bring love, luck and connections. The shrine attracts many visitors who hope for partners in love and those who will bring mutual prosperity. The photo is of the Kagura-den building for sacred Shinto music.

Access: 7-min walk from Izumotaisha-mae Sta. on Taisha Line of Ichibata ttp://www.visit-matsue.com/nearby/izumo.html

Shimane Museum of Ancient Izumo



he museum offers insight into the history and culture of Shimane Prefecure. The exhibits include objects rom the Izumo Taisha shrine, artifacts rom ancient times and items related o Iwami-Ginzan silver mine, which is lesignated a World Heritage Site. Visitors can learn about the myths of he Izumo area through visual presen-

://www.izm.ed.jp/english

Matsue Castle

This is the only castle tower in existence in the San' in region and

was designated a national treasure in 2015. It features beautiful black castle walls, and roof adornments made of copperlaminated wood, which are the largest of their kind in existence in Japan. The castle's splendid roofline is often compared to the spread wings of a plover or *chidori*, after which the castle is also called Chidori-jo or Plover Castle. The top floor of the castle tower offers a panoramic view of Matsue City. Access: 5 min by bus from Matsue Shinjiko Onsen Sta. on Kitamatsue Line of Ichibata Electric Railway ttp://www.visit-matsue.com/discover/north_side.html#matsue_castle

Lake Shinji



The lake is home to a large variety of fish and shellfish. Seven representative types of seafood found here are called the seven delicacies of Lake Shinii and include *shijimi* clams for which the lake boasts the largest catch in Japan. The lake has been selected as one of Japan's best 100 sites for viewing sunsets. Access: 13-min walk from Matsue Shinjiko Onsen Sta. on Kitamatsue Line

f Ichibata Electric Railway ttp://www.kankou-matsue.jp/shinjiko_yuuhi/en/index.html

Hinomisaki Cape Located at the western end of the



Shimane Peninsula, the Hinomisaki Lighthouse stands 43.65m tall, making it the tallest stone-built lighthouse in the East. The observation deck commands a splendid view of the Sea of Japan and Owashi-hama beach. Access: 24 min by bus from Izumotaisha-mae Sta. on Taisha Line of Ichibata

MAP 8

ttp://www.kankou-shimane.com/eng/spot/detail/40

Dogo Onsen

With its 3,000-year history, this is the oldest hot spring in Japan. The water of this alkaline simple spring is believed to heal injuries and ailments such as neuralgia, arthritis, poor circulation and fatigue. The onsen has a quaint charm and complex layout where visitors can enjoy bathing as well as a tour, which includes Shinrokaku drum tower on top of the main building, the three-level wooden Kaminoyu bath building, and Yushinden, the only bathing facility in Japan reserved for the Imperial Family. Access: 5-min walk from Dogo Onsen Sta. on intra-city streetcar routes No.

3 Matsuyamashieki Line, No. 5 JR Matsuyamaeki-mae Line or No.6 Honmattp://www.dogo.or.jp/pc/about/

Saka no Ue no Kumo Museum MAP 2 The theme of the museum is a novel of



Ryotaro Shiba. The museum presents the historical background of the Meiji period (1868-1912) and three of the main characters in the book who actually lived during that time. The building was designed by Tadao Ando, famed designer of Japan. Access: 2-min walk from Okaido Sta. on any intra-city streetcar line of Iyo Railway

the same title Clouds Above the Hill by

http://www.sakanouenokumomuseum.jp/guide/leaflet/leaflet/en.pdf

OKAYAMA (G7 Kurashiki Education Ministers' Meeting in Okayama)



This is the largest castle in Shikoku, having required quarter of a

century to complete. Located on a mountain in the plains, the

honmaru main bailey is built on the 132m-high peak, and ninomaru

and sannomaru baileys at the base. The top floor of the keep

commands a panoramic view of the Matsuyama plains and Seto

Inland Sea. The ropeway and lift offer a convenient ride to the

Access: 5-min walk from Okaido Sta. on any intra-city streetcar line of Iyo Railway

Botchan trains These are 2001 replicas of a train that once existed and was

Matsuyama Castle,

ropeway and lift

honmaru bailey

described in Soseki Natsume's novel Botchan. Even though they look like steam locomotives, they use diesel engines and the latest technology. Once they reach their destination, they switch directions in a very surprising manner Operation: from Dogo Onsen Sta. to Matsuyamashieki Sta. or Komachi Sta.

Kochi Castle

Built in 1603 when the Edo Shogunate was established, much of the

castle was lost in the great fire of 1727. The castle was restored after 25 years of rebuilding effort and 15 buildings including the tower are designated important cultural properties. Canals, stone gutters and stone walls were built to handle the large amount of rainfall, and many devices were installed to defend the castle against attack. Access: 5-min walk from Kochijo-mae Sta. on Ino Line of Tosaden Traffic http://kochipark.jp/kochijyo/wp-content/themes/castle/images/Pamphlet/pamphlet-english-201502-1.pdf



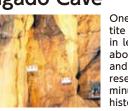
Katsurahama (statue of Ryoma Sakamoto)

worked to create Japan's first trading company and overthrow the Edo Shogunate. The statue of Ryoma facing the Pacific Ocean stands 13.5m tall including the pedestal. For two months around Nov. 15 which is Ryoma's date of birth and death, an observation stand is built next to the statue, allowing visitors the same panoramic view. Access: 35 min by bus and foot from Harimaya-bashi Sta. on Ino Line, Gomen Line or Sanbashi Line of Tosaden Traffic tp://www.attaka.or.jp.e.qy.hp.transer.com/kanko/dtl.php?ID=702

Harimaya Bridge

The bridge once connected wealthy merchants Harimaya and Hitsuya over a canal during the Edo period (1603-1867). The bridge s famous for a scene from a tragic love story in which a priest Junshin from Chikurinji Temple bought hair ornament for Ouma, a tinker. The episode is sung in Kochi's folk song Yosakoi. Access: Short walk from Harimaya-bashi Sta. on Ino Line, Gomen Line or Sanbashi Line of Tosaden Traffic

Ryugado Cave



One of Japan's three major stalactite caves, the Ryugado Cave is 4km in length. The "tourist course" runs about 1km and takes 30 minutes, and the "adventure course" requires reservation and takes about 90 minutes. The museum presents the



over 1.3km from west to east are set up, selling fresh produce and other items. The market is open from early morning to evening every Sunday.

http://www.attaka.or.jp.e.gy.hp.transer.com/kanko/dtl.php?ID=1810

HIROSHIMA (G7 Hiroshima Foreign Ministers' Meeting)

Atomi Bomb Dome &

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park The Atomic Bomb Dome is a World Heritage Site that shows the scar of the atomic weapon dropped on Hiroshima. Before the bombing, it was a facility to showcase local and other products. It suffered major damage on Aug. 6, 1945 since it stood only 160m as it stood that day to serve as a symbol and to appeal for the eradication of nuclear weapons and lasting peace. The nearby Iiroshima Peace Memorial Park is designated an important cultural

Access: Short walk from M10 Genbaku Dome-mae Sta. on Line 2, 3, 6 or 7 of Hiroshima Flectric Railway http://www.pcf.citv.hiroshima.ip/outline/outlineTop_E.html ×Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park €

Okonomimura & Okonomi Kyowakoku Hiroshima-mura Hiroshima-style okonomiyaki is flour



paste cooked on a hot plate with the addition of vegetables, meats and noodles. Okonomimura and Okonomi Kvowakoku Hiroshimamura, where popular okonomivak restaurants can be found, are highly mmended for foodies Access: for Okonomimura, 5-min walk from M7 Hatchobori Sta. on Line

1, 2 or 6 of Hiroshima Electric Railway, and for Okonomi Kyowakoku Hiroshima-mura, 3-min walk from M7 Hatchobori Sta.

Miyajima & Itsukushima Shrine World Heritage Miyajima Island is one of the three most scenic spots of Japan and

Itsukushima Shrine is a World Cultural Heritage Site. The shrine boasts architectural novelty by incorporating the sea in its precinct, and the structural beauty of the style used in a Heian period (late 8th to late 12th century) noble's residence. High tide brings the sea close to the shrine floor while low tide reveals the stilt structure below. Access: 10 min by ferry from M39 Hiroden-miyajima-guchi Sta. on Line 2 of Hiroshima Electric Railway http://visit-miyajima-japan.com/en/

Hiroshima Castle



girl I to

The castle was originally built by Terumoto Mori and the castle tower was previously designated a national treasure. However it had to be rebuilt after being destroyed by the atomic bomb. Currently, the castle serves to exhibit historical artifacts, having gone through interior renovaion to mark its 400th anniversary. Access: 15-min walk from M9 Kamiyacho-higashi Sta. on Line 1, 2 or 6 or from

M9 Kamiyacho-nishi Sta. on Line 2, 3, 6 or 7 of Hiroshima Electric Railway nttp://www.rijo-castle.jp/rijo/pdf/english.pdf

Yamato Museum



nuseum illustrates Kure's history of becom-

MAP 13



town that housed imperial navy-run factories and a navy port during WWII. The ing a coastal industrial city as well as the science and technology of shipbuilding and steelmaking. A 1/10-scale model of the Yamato is also on display. Access: 5-min walk from Kure Sta. on JR Kure Line



http://www.yamato-museum.com/download-data/ref09_3_eng.pdf

The battleship Yamato was built in Kure, a



MAP 4



Okayama Korakuen Garden MAP 14 The garden was created about 300 years ago by Tsunamasa Ikeda,

the second lord of the Okayama domain, as a place for relaxation. Changes were made by various later lords. With the passing of the era of samurai, the garden was transferred to Okayama Prefecture After suffering floods and wars, the garden was restored based on documents from the Edo period (1603-1867). It is designated as a Special Place of Scenic Beauty and considered one of the three premier gardens of Japan for its charm reminiscent of the Edo period. Access: 10-min walk from Shiroshita Sta. on Higashiyama Line of Okayama http://www.okayama-korakuen.jp/english/index.html

Tram MOMO



from the local specialty: peaches. The tram features a metallic painted exterior and interior that uses wood, and was designed by Eiji Mitooka, an industrial designer from

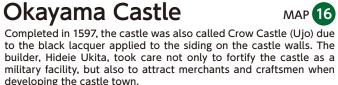
The name of the tram Momo comes

MAP **15**

MAP 7

MAP 8

Operation: from Okayamaekimae Sta. to Higashiyama or Seikibashi Sta. of



Access: 7-min walk from Shiroshita Sta. on Higashiyama Line of Okayama http://www.okayama-kanko.net/ujo/english/index.html

Yumeji Art Museum

rumeji Takehisa was an Okayama-born artist who represented Taisho romanticism in the early 1900s and created many unique paintings of beautiful women. The museum was opened to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the artist's birth and houses about 3,000 paintings and related items. His paintings are on perma-Access: 15-min walk from Shiroshita Sta. on Higashiyama Line of Okayama

Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum

located nearby.

Access: 3-min walk from Matsuyama-Machi Sta. on Line 1 or 3 of Nagasaki

Access: 15-min walk from Ouratenshudo-shita Sta. or 8-min walk using the

Glover Sky Road from Ishibashi Sta. on Line 5 of Nagasaki Electric Tramway

Nagasaki on Aug. 9, 1945. The Peace

Park was created on and around the

hypocenter with the hope for peace. The

Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum is

Glover was an active trader at the end of Edo

period (1603-1867). The Glover Garden is a

ourist spot that was created by moving western

uildings from the Mei ji period (1868-1912) to the

area where the Glover residence, an important

cultural property of Japan, and the residences of

vealthy merchants Ringer and Alt were located

The formal name is Oura Catholic Church, The

Church of 26 Martyrs. It faces Nishizaka hill to

dedicate prayers to the 26 saints who were

arrested and martyred there due to Japan's ban on

Catholicism. The church is designated a national

reasure as the oldest church in existence

representing western construction in Japan.

Access: 5-min walk from Ouratenshudo-shita Sta. on Line 5 of Nagasak

Megane-Bashi (Spectacles Bridge) MAP 12

MAP 10

MAP (11)

Nagasaki Peace Park &

Electric Tramway http://nagasakipeace.jp/english.html

Glover Garden World Heritage

http://www.glover-garden.jp/foreign/english.html

Oura Catholic Church

http://travel.at-nagasaki.jp/en/what-to-see/8/

Washuzan observatory & Seto Ohashi Bridge MAP 18



Seto Ohashi Bridge refers to six bridges that together span the 9.4km of sea between the slands of Honshu and Shikoku. It is one of the longest bridges in the world and accommolates both road and railway traffic. Washuzan observatory offers a panoramic view of the bridge and many beautiful islands.

Access: 10 min by car from Kojima Sta. on JR Seto Ohashi Line http://www.kurashiki-tabi.jp/for/en/kojima.htm

Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter MAP 19 The Bikan Quarter retains the feel of the



Access: 13-min walk from Kurashikishi Sta. of Mizushima Rinkai Railway (to Ohara Museum of Art) http://www.kurashiki-tabi.jp/for/en/bikan.html Freight & passenger railway MAP 20

The Mizushima Rinkai Railway

ing freight trains that transport

Edo period (1603-1868) when the area

flourished as a trade hub. The quaint

townscape along the river includes

houses with partial plaster walls and

buildings with thick white plaster walls.

industrial products, and passenger trains that serve commuters. Both types of trains draw the attention of

Operation: between Kurashikishi Sta. and Mitsubishijiko-mae Sta. of

Steam locomotive at Mizushima Chuo Koen Park



Shimabara Castle

http://shimabarajou.chicappa.jp/english/

town with koi fish

Samurai residences &

NAGASAKI

Mizushima Rinkai Railway (passenger train)

D51 is a type of steam locomotive manufactured over 70 years ago. This fine example has been preserved since its retirement in 1975 and still delights visitors. Access: 10-min walk from Tokiwa Sta. of Mizushima Rinkai Railway

After being dismantled in the Meiji era (1868-1912),

the castle tower, turret and long walls of Shimabara

Castle were later restored. The tower is used as a

historical museum, and the grounds also house

Seibo Memorial Hall that exhibits the works of local

sculptor Seibo Kitamura as well as the Sightseeing

Revival Hall that displays the disaster caused by the

eruption of the Unzen Fugen-dake.

Access: 5-min walk from Shimabara Sta. on Shimabara Railroad

Town with koi fish water.

Access: 10-min walk from Shimabara Sta. on Shimabara Railroad

Kotohira-gu Shrine Affectionately known as Konpira-san, the shrine is known as a deity of the sea and famous for the 1,368 stone steps in the approach to

the inner shrine. During the Edo period (1603-1867) when commoners were not allowed to travel freely, the pilgrimage to Konpira-san is said to have been akin to a special trip. Souvenir shops and udon noodle eateries line both sides of the front approach and venerable shrine buildings dot the large precinct. Access: 15-min walk from Kotoden-Kotohira Sta.on Kotohira Line of

Special place of scenic beauty: Ritsurin Garden

Ritsurin Garden is the largest of the gardens designated special places of scenic beauty of Japan, and offers a lovely landscape said to change with every step you take. The South Garden retains the feel of the garden of a feudal lord from over 300 years ago and the

Access: 10-min walk from Ritsurin-Koen Sta. on Kotohira Line of



sea portion is included. There are about 1,000 islands of various sizes that dot the Seto Inland Sea The view from the observatory in Yashima is truly magnificent.

of Takamatsu-Kotohira Electric Railroad http://www.env.go.jp/en/nature/nps/park/parks/index_6.html

Marugame Castle



The castle with a 400-year history stands high as the symbol of Marugame. The distinct curve of the inner walls to the keep is often compared to that of a folding fan and called "ougi no kobai." The castle has been selected one of the 100 most prominent castles of Japan.

FUKUOKA 7 Kitakyushu Energy Ministerial Meeting



Tenjin is the largest downtown area in Kyushu and welcomes shoppers from home and abroad. Nishitetsu Tenjin Highway Bus Terminal is centrally located, and access by train, bus and subway is convenient. The area is a leader in fashion thanks to long-established department stores and commercial complexes lining the streets. Recently, subculture shops specializing in fields

such as manga or animation are cropping up in the area.

Line of Nishinippon Railroad

Access: Short walk from Nishitetsu Fukuoka Tenjin Sta. on Tenjin Omuta

Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine MAP 2

The shrine is dedicated to Michizane Sugawara who is venerated as

the God of learning. There is a sacred tree, a plum known as

Tobiume (flying plum tree). It is said that after Michizane was falsely

charged and exiled to Dazaifu, the tree left his mansion in Kyoto

and flew to Dazaifu. Over 1,000 years later, the plum still blossoms

every year, welcoming visitors who come to pray for academic

Access: 5-min walk from Dazaifu Sta. on Dazaifu Line of Nishinippon

http://www.dazaifutenmangu.or.jp/en

Yanagawa Yanagawa is known for the canals that were created for water control and supply at the time of the construction of Yanagawa Castle over 400 years ago. The boat ride on the canals is popular

steamed on a bed of rice. Over 20 restaurants offer their own versions of the dish, permeating the area with the aroma of salty-sweet sauce all year around. Access: 5-min walk from Nishitetsu Yanagawa Sta. on Tenjin Omuta Line of Nishinippon Railroad (boat boarding area) http://www.yanagawakk.co.jp/index_e.html

among visitors thanks to the quant townscape and seasonal beauty

of the landscape. The area's specialty is "seiromushi," grilled eel

Canal City offers multi-faceted delights to visitors. Access: 10-min walk from Nakasu-Kawabata Sta. on Kuko Line of Fukuoka City Subway or short walk from Canal City Hakata-mae bus stop of Nishitetsu Bus http://canalcity.co.jp.e.jx.hp.transer.com

Momochi (Seaside Momochi) MAP 5



Canal City Hakata

Momochi Beach Park, the Momochi area bustles with people enjoying stylish waterfront facilities and beach sports. Fukuoka Yahuoku! Dome in the adjacent Jigyo area holds baseball games and concerts.

This exciting commercial complex

theater, theater, hotels and amuse-

fountains and seasonal decorations,

houses shopping malls, movie

ment facility as well as offices. With

Access: Short walk from Yahuoku! Dome-mae bus stop of Nishitetsu Bus



Kokura Castle, one of the most renowned castles in Japan, was originally built in 1602. Its prominent tower was built in a unique style called karazukuri and the splendid stonewall was created without the use of cut stones. The castle was rebuilt in 1959 to the current state. The Kokura Castle's Japanese Garden lies east of the castle, recreating the lord's villa that was used to receive guests and the garden. The villa boasts the typical shoin style and houses a tearoom with chairs where visitors can experience the art of tea ceremony. Access: 15-min walk from JR Kokura Sta. (Kokura Castle) http://www.kokura-castle.jp/

(Kokura Castle Japanese Garden) http://www.kid.ne.ip/teien/e index.html

TOTO Museum The museum provides a fun opportunity to learn Japan's plumbing

Mojiko Retro

http://www.en.mojiko.info/

bathroom. The shop offers original goods and other items created in collaboration with local businesses Access: 13-min walk from Minami Kokura Sta. on JR Nippo Line http://www.toto.co.ip/museum/en/

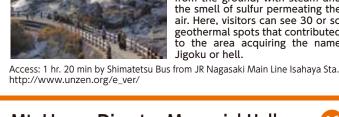
history such as that of kitchen and

The Port of Moji or Mojiko prospered for over 120 years as one of the major international ports of Japan. Currently, it is a popular tourist area where visitors can experience the feel of the era when foreign vessels Access: Short walk from Mojiko Sta. on JR Kagoshima Line

ridge is called the Spectacles Bridge due to its resemblance to a pair of spectacles when seen with the reflection of the arches of the bridge in the river. This oridge is designated an important cultural Access: 5-min walk from Kokaido-mae Sta. on Line 3, 4 or 5 of Nagasaki http://www.udmh.or.jp/english.htm nttp://travel.at-nagasaki.jp/en/what-to-see/26/

apan's first stone-built, double-arched

Unzen Jigoku



Unzen Jigoku is characterized by hot springs and gases spurting out from the ground, with steam and the smell of sulfur permeating the air. Here, visitors can see 30 or so geothermal spots that contributed

o the area acquiring the name

Shitanocho district features

samurai residences from over

400 years ago and a canal. In

swim in the canal that runs

peside private homes. These

attractions are testament to

Shimabara' s abundant, clean

MAP 14

Mt. Unzen Disaster Memorial Hall MAP 116



Naoshima Island One of the islands freckling the Seto Inland Sea, Naoshima attracts visitors from home and abroad for art objects and projects located throughout the inland. It houses the Chichu Art Museum that exhibits

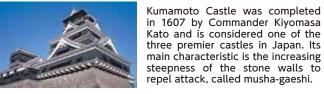
SAGA

Yoshinogari Historical Park

MAP 11

waterlily-themed paintings by Claude Monet as well as various pieces of modern art that blend in with the natural beauty of the Access: 60-min on foot and by boat from Takamatsu Sta. on JR Yosan Line

about 700 years. Yoshinogari historical park has restored buildings fences, it reproduces third century AD Access: 15-min walk from JR Yoshinogari-Koen Sta. Access: Take JR Kyudai Main Line to Yufuin Sta.



Kumamoto Castle

http://www.yoshinogari.jp/en/

http://www.naoshima.net/en/index.php

three premier castles in Japan. Its main characteristic is the increasing steepness of the stone walls to

Yoshinogari Ruins was built 2400

years ago, and it has been Japan's

biggest high academic rating ruin for

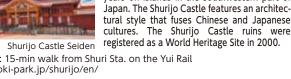
Fujisaki Hachimangu Shrine MAP 19

This guardian shrine of Kumamoto City was established in 935, when Emperor Suzaku welcomed the deity of Iwashi-

mizu Hachimangu Shrine in Kyoto to Kumamoto in a hope to end a war and bring peace to the nation. A grand

The Ryukyu Kingdom thrived for about 450 years on islands in the southwestern part of

neated sand to be covered with



history and ecology of the cave. Access: 20 min by bus from Tosa-Yamada Sta. on JR Dosan Line http://www.attaka.or.jp.e.qy.hp.transer.com/kanko/dtl.php?ID=62

Nichiyo-ichi Sunday Market MAP 9

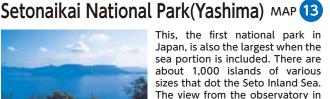


Access: Short walk from Hasuikemachi-dōri Sta. on Sanbashi Line of Tosaden Traffic

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North Garden was renovated as a modern garden in the Meiji and Taisho periods (mid-19th century to early 20th century), offering 6 ponds and 13 hills Takamatsu-Kotohira Electric Railroad http://ritsuringarden.jp/en.Top/en.top.html



Access: 10 min by shuttle bus from Kotoden-Yashima Sta. on Shido Line



Access: 10-min walk from Marugame Sta. on JR Yosan Line http://www.citv.marugame.kagawa.ip/english

OITA

spring area in Japan in terms of the amount of water that flows and number of wellheads. The town also

http://yufuin.or.jp/global/index.php?easiestml_lang=er

Sakurajima Island

the Sakurajima Visitor Center. Access: 40 min by city tram and ferry from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. on JR

Access: 5 min by car from Ibusuki Sta. on JR Ibusuki-Makurazaki Line (Sunamushi Kaikan "Saraku") http://youkoso-ibusuki.com/top/foreign/eng/indexonsen.htm

OKINAWA



Yufuin Onsen Yufuin is the second greatest hot

KUMAMOTO KAGOSHIMA





festival is held every September. Access: 3-min walk from Fujisakigu-mae Sta. on Fujisaki Line of Kumamo-**MAP** 20 Tatsuda Nature Park

> The park stands on the ruins of Taishoji Temple which was the family temple of the Hosokawa clan, the ruling clan of Kumamoto. The park houses the graves of the first lord Fujitaka and his wife, and second lord Tadaoki and his wife, as well as a tea house that was

restored based on an original drawing by Tadaoki, who was a master of tea ceremony. The park is a government- designated historical park.

Access: 5 min by car from Kitakumamoto Sta. on Fujisaki Line or Kikuchi

Access: 15-min walk from Shuri Sta. on the Yui Rail http://oki-park.ip/shurijo/en/

features classy shops, restaurants

Sakurajima Island spewing volcanic smoke is a symbol of Kagoshima. When you are in the area, drop by



more sand.

Shurijo Castle Park World Heritage MAP 24