

Okubungo Area

Highlights

Taketa City
Bungo-Ono City

Okubungo hot spring village offers a rich variety of attractions, including the hot springs in its castle town, the historic open-air baths on the river bank, and hot springs in the open-air of the highlands

The spring water at Nagayu Onsen is highly-concentrated carbonated water, so that the water bubbles on the skin as you soak in the bath

If you visit...

Okubungo Hot Spring Village - Filled with variety

There is a wide variety of hot springs in Okubungo, including hot springs in the castle town, the historic open-air bath on the river bank, and hot springs with views of the majestic highlands. Legend has it that it provided respite not only to commoners but also to the lords of Oka, and the village is famous for its hot springs that have been loved by literati such as Tekkan Yosano and Santoka.



Highly-concentrated carbonated water leaves air bubbles on the skin.
Nagayu Onsen
Ramune Onsen-kan
Taketa City M D-6



Nearly 500 trees change color in the autumn at the former villa of the chief retainer of the Oka Domain.
Yujaku Park
Bungo-Ono City M E-6



The castle ruins that are thought to have provided inspiration for Rentaro Taki's famous song 'Kyojo no Tsuki'.
Oka Castle Ruins
Taketa City M D-6



A good balance of lean meat and marbled texture with an exquisite flavor.
Oita Bungo Beef (Taketa City, etc.)
Popular for bringing about family happiness and expelling evil influences.
Hime Daruma (Taketa City)
Enjoy enoha fish that has been raised in famous waters either grilled with salt or deep fried.
Enoha Fish Cuisine (Taketa City)

A subtle sourness and a special aroma add flavor to dishes.
Kabosu Citrus (Taketa City)
Handmade flavor with a subtle aroma of rice malt.
Sake Manju (Bungo-Ono City)
A selection of unique sweet potato and barley shochu.
Regional Sake and Shochu (Bungo-Ono City)

If you want fun

Kyushu Olle Okubungo Course

The Okubungo Course, which stretches over Bungo-Ono City and Taketa City, is about 12km. Trekkers start from Asaji Station in Bungo-Ono City, trekking through beautiful rural landscapes and visiting Yujaku Park, Fukoji Temple, and Oka Castle Ruins in Taketa City, before arriving at Bungo-Taketa Station.

Hita / Yaba Areas

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Hita City
Nakatsu City
Kusu Town



The streets of Hita Mameda, the old center of politics, economy and culture in Kyushu, under the direct control of the Edo Shogunate

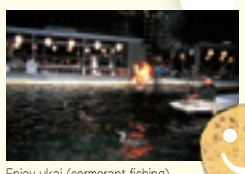
In the summer, enjoy Ukai (cormorant fishing), fireworks, and the regional specialty, ayu sweetfish cuisine, on a leisure boat on the River Mikuma

Explore the Nakatsu castle town, an area that provided the backdrop for the NHK Historical Drama, Kanbei Kuroda

If you visit...

Enjoy the sound of flowing river water while soaking in hot springs on the river bank

In Hita, which has been known since the olden days as 'Suikyo (riverside district)', there are hot spring inns along the river, as well as the public bathhouses of Amagase Onsen, which feature open-air baths, where you can enjoy feeling as if you are having a soak in the river.



Enjoy ukai (cormorant fishing) and meals with style on a zashiki-boat (with low tables and tatami mats).
River Mikuma Leisure Boats
Hita City M A-4



The only roundhouse in Kyushu still in its original condition.
The Old Bungo Mori Roundhouse (Kusu Town)
Kusu Town M C-4



An historic hot spring village, which goes back 1,300 years.
Amagase Onsen
Hita City M B-4



Savor Bungo beef in the refreshing highlands. Accommodation is also available.
Shinyabakei Gorge
Nakatsu City M C-3



A beauty spot with monumental rock formations and vibrant fresh greenery and autumnal foliage.
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Compare the deep fried chicken of different stores.
Nakatsu Karaage (Nakatsu City)

The ears of the rice are sun-dried, creating a richer flavor.
Kusu Rice Balls (Kusu Town)

The crispy texture of the noodles is addictive.
Hita Yakisoba (Hita City)

Aromatic soba noodles made with 100% locally produced soba flour.
Bungo-Takada Soba (Bungo-Takada City)

A brand that has an established reputation for its freshness and flavor.
Himeshima Tiger Prawns (Himeshima Village)

A locally produced, collagen-rich skin-beautifying food.
Soft-shelled Turtle Cuisine (Usa City)

Thickly sliced sashimi can be enjoyed throughout the year.
Usuki Blowfish

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Fujigawachi Gorge (Saiki City)

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Tsurumizaki Nature Park (Saiki City)

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Kunisaki City M F-2

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Fukiji Temple
Bungo-Takada City M E-2

The original "sandwich-shaped" castle town.
Suya-no-saka
Kitsuki City M F-3

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The Ruins of Senjoj Temple
Kunisaki City M F-1

A free tour bus that goes through the nostalgic 'Showa-no-machi'.
Bonnet Bus

An island created by a volcano that is full of mystery and nature.
Oita Himeshima Geopark

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The Sunset on the Matama Coast
Bungo-Takada City M E-1

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Kyushu African Safari Park
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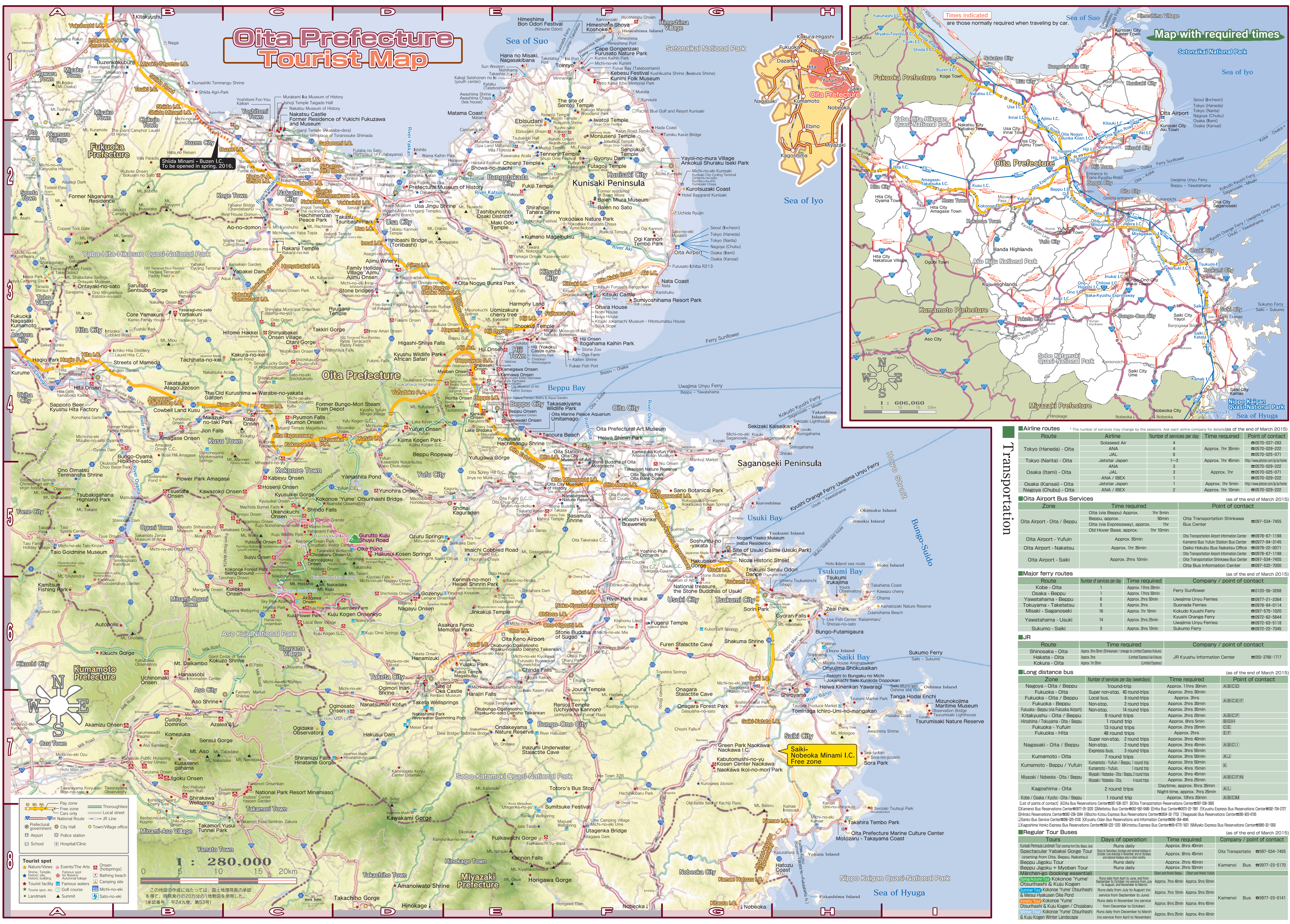
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Airline routes					• The number of services may change by the seasons. Ask each airline company for details (as of the end of March 2015)			
Route		Airline	Number of services per day	Time required	Point of contact			
Tokyo (Haneda) - Oita		Solaseed Air	4		0570-037-283			
		ANA	4	Approx. 1hr 35min	0570-028-222			
Tokyo (Narita) - Oita		JAL	6		0570-025-071			
		Jetstar Japan	1-3	Approx. 1hr 45min	http://www.jetstar.co.jp/home			
Osaka (Itami) - Oita		ANA	3		0570-028-222			
		JAL	3	Approx. 1hr	0570-025-071			
Osaka (Kansai) - Oita		ANA / IBEX	1		0570-028-222			
		Jetstar Japan	1	Approx. 1hr 5min	http://www.jetstar.co.jp/home			
Nagoya (Chubu) - Oita		ANA / IBEX	2	Approx. 1hr 10min	0570-028-222			
Oita Airport Bus Services					(as of the end of March 2015)			
Zone		Time required		Point of contact				
Oita Airport - Oita / Beppu		Oita (via Beppu) Approx.	1hr 5min	Oita Transportation Shinkawa Bus Center	097-534-7455			
		Beppu, approx.	50min					
		Oita (via Expressway), approx.	1hr					
		Old Hover Base, approx.	1hr 10min					
Oita Airport - Yufuin		Approx. 55min		Oita Transportation Airport Information Center	0978-67-1198			
Oita Airport - Nakatsu		Approx. 1hr 35min		Kamenno Bus Yufuin Station Bus Center	0979-84-3145			
Oita Airport - Saiki		Approx. 2hrs 10min		Daiko Hakubu Bus Nakatsu Office	0979-22-0071			
				Oita Transportation Airport Information Center	0978-67-1198			
				Oita Transportation Shinkawa Bus Center	097-534-7455			
				Oita Bus Information Center	097-532-7000			
Major ferry routes					(as of the end of March 2015)			
Route		Number of services per day	Time required	Company / point of contact				
Kobe - Oita		1	Approx. 1hrs 20min	Ferry Sunflower	0120-56-3268			
Osaka - Beppu		1	Approx. 1hrs 50min					
Yawatahama - Beppu		6	Approx. 2hrs 50min	Uwajima Unyu Ferries	0977-21-2364			
Tokuyama - Takatsuki		5	Approx. 2hrs	Suwayama Ferries	0978-84-0114			
Misaki - Saganoseki		16	Approx. 1hr 10min	Kokudo Kyushii Ferry	097-575-1020			
Yawatahama - Usuki		14	Approx. 2hrs 25min	Kyushii Orange Ferry	0972-62-5844			
Sukumo - Saiki		3	Approx. 3hrs 10min	Uwajima Unyu Ferries	0972-53-5118			
				Sukumo Ferry	0972-22-7345			
JR								
Route		Company / point of contact						
Shin-osaka - Oita	Approx. 3rs 30min (Shinkansen / change to Limited Express Kuroshio)							
Hakata - Oita	Approx. 2rs	(Limited Expressive Kuroshio)						
Kokura - Oita	Approx. 1hr 20min	(Limited Express)						
				JR Kyushu Information Center				
				050-3786-1717				
Long distance bus					(as of the end of March 2015)			
Zone		Number of services per day (weekdays)	Time required	Point of contact				
Nagoya - Oita / Beppu		1 round-trip	Approx. 1hrs 30min	A B C D				
Fukuoka - Oita		Super non-stop, 40 round-trips	Approx. 2hrs 30min					
Fukuoka - Oita / Beppu		Local bus, 3 round-trips	Approx. 3hrs					
Fukuoka - Beppu		Non-stop, 2 round-trips	Approx. 2hrs 30min	A B C E F				
Fukuoka - Beppu (via Fukuoka Airport)		Non-stop, 14 round-trips	Approx. 2hrs 35min					
Kitakyushu - Oita / Beppu		9 round trips	Approx. 2hrs 20min	A B C F				
Hiroshima / Tokuyama - Oita / Beppu		1 round trip	Approx. 6hrs 5min	B G H				
Fukuoka - Yufuin		13 round trips	Approx. 2hrs 20min	C E				
Fukuoka - Hita		48 round trips	Approx. 2hrs	E F				
Nagasaki - Oita / Beppu		Super non-stop, 2 round trips	Approx. 3hrs 40min					
		Non-stop, 2 round trips	Approx. 3hrs 45min	A B C I J				
		Express bus, 3 round trips	Approx. 3hrs 55min					
Kumamoto - Oita		7 round trips	Approx. 3hrs 50min	A J				
Kumamoto - Beppu / Yufuin		Kumamoto - Yufuin / Beppu, 1 round trip	Approx. 3hrs 50min					
		Kumamoto - Yufuin, 1 round trip	Approx. 4hrs 15min	K				
Kumamoto - Yufuin / Beppu / Yufuin		Myazaki / Nobeoka - Oita / Beppu, 2 round trips	Approx. 3hrs 45min					
Myazaki / Nobeoka - Oita / Beppu		Myazaki / Nobeoka - Oita, 4 round trips	Approx. 3hrs 25min	A B C E F N				
Kagoshima - Oita		2 round trips	Daytime, approx. 3hrs 35min					
			Night-time, approx. 3hrs 25min	A L				
Kobe / Osaka / Kyoto - Oita / Beppu		1 round trip	Approx. 1hrs 20min	A B C M				
List of points of contact (Oita Bus Reservations Center 097-538-5371, Boku Transportation Reservations Center 097-538-3655, Kamenno Bus Reservations Center 0972-22-0071, Miketsubo Bus Center 0972-9485, Hita Bus Center 0972-22-7891, Fukuoka Express Bus Reservations Center 092-724-277, Hiroshima Express Bus Center 092-238-3344, Fukuoka Kokusai Express Bus Reservations Center 093-34-7783, (Nagasaki) Bus Reservations Center 095-223-4155, Sanko Bus Service Center 095-23-0100, Kyushu Oda Bus Reservations and Information Center 095-35-4645, Kitakyushu Hanko Express Bus Reservations Center 093-22-1221, Miketsubo Express Bus Center 0972-671-1861, Niiyama Express Bus Reservations Center 095-2-100)								
Regular Tour Buses					(as of the end of March 2015)			
Tours		Days of operation	Time required	Company / point of contact				
Kurashiki Peninsula Landmark Tour (starting from Oita, Beppu, Usuki)		Runs daily	Approx. 3hrs 40min	Oita Transportatio	097-534-7455			
Spectacular Yabakei Gorge Tour (starting from Oita, Beppu, Nakatsu)		Runs daily	Approx. 3hrs 45min					
Beppu Jigoku Tour		Runs daily	Approx. 2hrs 40min	Kamenoi Bus	0977-23-5170			
Beppu Jigoku + Myoban Tour		Runs daily	Approx. 3hrs 50min					
Marchenko (booking essential)		Runs daily from April to June, and from September to October (no service from July to August)	Approx. 3hrs 40min	(Start and End Locations: Oita and Hiroshima, Yufuin)				
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