

Recommendations around the Bungotakada area

In Kitakyushu, Fukuoka Prefecture, about 90 minutes by bus from Bungotakada city, there is a collection of destinations for field trips for making things, corporate museums and environmental learning facilities.



Kitakyushu Innovation Gallery & Studio

At first modern iron making was done in Japan, and then industries such as iron, chemicals, glass and electricity came about, and Kitakyushu developed into an industrial city. You can learn about manufacturing technology and innovation and then experience them up close.



Kitakyushu Manga Museum

Here you can learn about the culture and history of manga, which is the pride of Japan. There are anime and manga shops gathered in Aru Aru City, the building you enter to go into the facility. You may find a rare souvenir in one of them.

Access

By airplane

Haneda Airport1 hr 30 mins.....	Kitakyushu Airport
Narita Airport1 hr 35 mins.....	Oita Airport
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Chubu Int'l Airport1 hr.....	Oita Airport
Itami Airport1 hr.....	Oita Airport

By JR

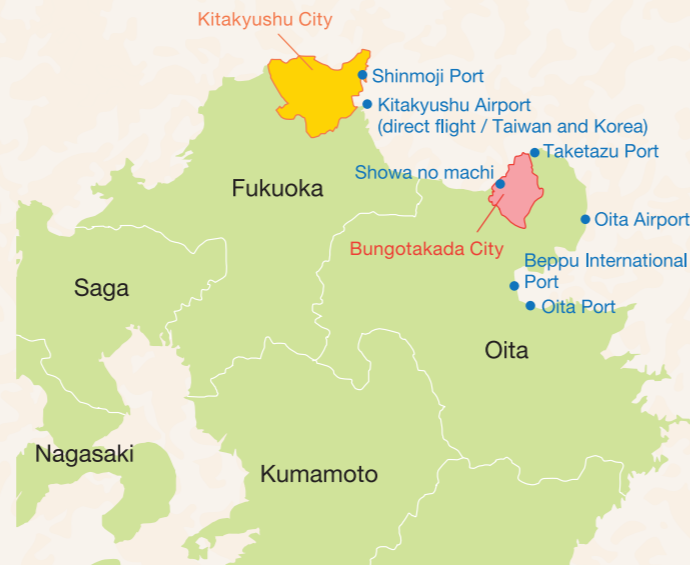
Shin-Osaka Station3 hrs.....	Usa Station
Hiroshima Station	.....1 hr 40 mins.....	
Hakata Station	.....1 hr 35 mins.....	
Kokura Station	.....50 mins.....	
Oita Station	.....40 min.....	

By ferry

Osaka South Port	• Night departure & next morning arrival •	Shinmoji Port
Osaka South Port	• Night departure & next morning arrival •	Beppu Int'l Tourism Port
Kobe Port	• Night departure & next morning arrival •	Oita Port
Tokuyama Port	.....2 hrs.....	Taketazu Port
Yawatahama Port	.....2 hr 45 mins.....	Beppu Int'l Tourism Port

By car

Shinmoji Port	.....93 km.....	1 hr 30 mins
Kitakyushu Airport	.....79 km.....	1 hr 20 mins
Fukuoka Airport	.....145 km.....	2 hrs
Oita Airport	.....39 km.....	50 mins
Beppu Int'l Tourism Port	.....43 km.....	1 hr
Usa Interchange	.....17 km.....	25 mins
Usa Station	.....4 km.....	10 mins



Educational Travel

Bungotakada City, Oita Pref., Kyushu



Real Japan is here!



Bungotakada Green Tourism Promotion Committee

To help develop international human resources, Oita Prefecture encourages schools to accept school exchange events when educational trips to Japan take place.

School Exchange

(Elementary to high school students)



▲ Experiencing Japanese play such as origami and kendama at Kakaji Elementary School.



▲ The soba making team at Takada High School. It competes in nationwide competitions for high school students.



Exchange through sports



Japanese cultural experiences such as calligraphy

Requests (related to school exchange event timing)

It may be difficult to accept school exchanges during long school closures, when there are a lot of school events and during school admissions testing. If you would like to have a school exchange during such times, be sure to contact us at least two months in advance.

Long school closures (vary from school year to school year)

- Summer break / July 20 to Aug 31
- Winter break / Dec 25 to Jan 7
- Spring break / Mar 25 to Apr 7

Other times when it is difficult to accept a school exchange event

- During regular examinations: May, July, October, December (about 1 week each)
- During high school tests and the graduation ceremony in February-March

(For reference)

Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Spring break				Summer break				Winter break			Spring break
Start of the school term	Regular exam	Culture festival	Regular exam			Athletic festival	Regular exam	Regular exam			End-of-school-year exam School admissions exam Graduation ceremony

Note: Regular examinations and school events are held at different times depending on the school.

The process from application to the day of the exchange

- As a general rule, applicants must fill out the designated application form and apply by email at least 2 months before the day they want to have an exchange.
- A school exchange coordinator will check the content of the application, then match the applicants with a school based on their objective, schedule, lodging location, the number of people who want to visit and other factors.
- The coordinator will inform the applicant when the school that will accept a visit has been decided on. The school exchange coordinator will contact the applicants as needed to make arrangements with regard to the wishes of both schools that will be involved in the exchange on the day in question.
- The school exchange coordinator will be present on the day of the exchange, so you can visit the school with no worries.

Application: TOURISM OITA (Oita Prefectural Tourism Association)

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Students stay in farmers' houses in small groups, and with their host families, pick vegetables and cook meals.

Farm Stays - Staying in Farming Villages



1 Welcome ceremony
Traveling in the host family's car



2 Picking vegetables and fishing
Harvesting edible wild plants, etc.



3 Cooking using the
harvested vegetables



4 Dinner and a bath
(Note: Participants will bathe in the home's bathtub or in a local hot spring facility.)



Goodnight

Popular group programs

The day after the farm stay, we recommend the host family and students meet and engage in these experiences together.



1. Pounding mochi

Make mochi (rice cakes) the old-fashioned way with a mortar and mallet.

2. Bamboo work and nagashi somen (fine white noodles served flowing in a bamboo flume)

You will use bamboo to make chopsticks and bowls, then use the chopsticks to skillfully pick up and eat somen noodles flowing in water in a bamboo flume.

3. Taiko drumming experience

This is a taiko playing experience and display of ancient Shinto music and dancing by Misaki Taiko.

4. Soba making

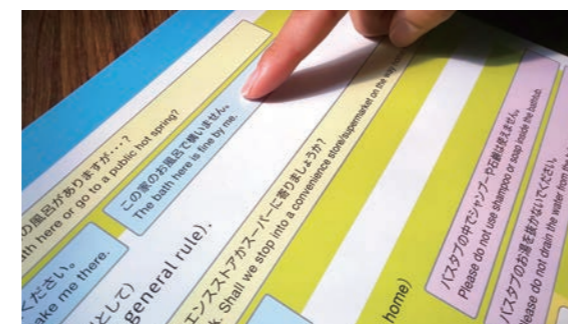
Bungotakada is one of the leading soba producing areas in western Japan. You will do authentic soba making in a soba dojo.

5. Zazen (seated meditation)

At an historical temple in Mt. Rokugomanzan, you will experience zazen under the guidance of the chief priest.

6. GEP (Global Exploration Program) at Showa no Machi

Using the app Actionbound, you go around visiting shops and checkpoints to deepen your understanding of life in the Japan of long ago.



▲With YUBISASHI, you talk by pointing

Things to be aware of

- We will take from you in advance a list of the names of students with information on allergies, such as to food or animals.
- If there are students whose health or communication ability you are worried about or you would like to watch the activities, a member of the executive office staff will tell the host family.
- So that students and hosts who don't speak the same language can communicate, we have handed out point-and-talk phrasebooks for farmstays to all the homes.

Contact / to apply: Bungotakada Green Tourism Promotion Committee

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