



## SAGA Model Course TOUR.03 Filming Locations

This course will guide you to the filming locations of popular Thai movie and dramas.

**DAY 1**

**Fukuoka Airport**

**Niji-no-Matsubara Pine Forest (Karatsu City)**  
This beautiful pine forest area like a rainbow along Karatsu Bay. The Thai drama "Stay" was filmed here.

**Karatsu Burger**  
This is a popular hamburger shop located along Karatsu Bay. The Thai movie "Tomlin" was filmed here.

**10km / 25min**

**Karatsu Castle (Karatsu City)**  
This castle is famous for its beautiful flowers, including cherry blossoms and wisteria. The Thai movie "Tomlin" was filmed here.

**2km / 5min**

**Hikiyama Exhibition Hall (Karatsu City)**  
This facility's permanent exhibition features Hikiyama Festival floats, which play a leading role in Karatsu Kunchi, a representative festival in Karatsu.

**2km / 5min**

**Downtown Karatsu**  
Here there are plenty of accommodations, including hotels and inns, Japanese or Western-style. The area around the north entrance of Karatsu Station is home to many excellent restaurants that appear in restaurant guides.

**DAY 2**

**Yuboku Morning Market (Yuboku City)**  
This market, full of fresh marine products caught off the shore of Yuboku, is open from 7:30 a.m. to noon every day. This was also a filming location for the Thai movie "Timeless".

**8km / 15min**

**Hado Misaki (Karatsu City)**  
Cape Hado is famous for its beautiful sunset and beach. A fresh and tasty grilled turbot and it is a must-eat local specialty. The Thai drama "Stay" was filmed here.

**48km / 75min**

**Ookawachiyama Nabeshima Domain Kiln Park (Nabeshima City)**  
A beautiful townscape of stoneware-style buildings with white walls lets you feel the history and tradition of pottery here. This place was also a filming location for the Thai movie "Timeless" and Thai dramas "Stay" and "Koi Kimono".

**29km / 50min**

**Downtown Takeo**  
This is a historic spa town with many long-established Japanese-style inns. The area around the north entrance of the hot springs.

**DAY 3**

**Keishuen Garden (Takeo City)**  
This traditional Japanese garden, about 1.3 hectares in size, is known as one of the most beautiful gardens in Kyushu. This was also a filming location for the Thai movie "Timeless".

**2km / 5min**

**Yutoku Inari Shrine (Kashima City)**  
The main building of this shrine is beautifully decorated in brilliant colors on red lacquered surfaces. There is also a Japanese garden and a flower garden, where you can enjoy beautiful flowers each season. The Thai movie "Timeless" and Thai dramas "Stay" and "Koi Kimono" were filmed here.

**20km / 35min**

**Downtown Saga**

## Welcome to Kyushu Japan's most beautiful island

Driving time from Saga (minutes)

**Access Information**

**International Flights**

- Shanghai ⇄ Saga: 1h30min~2h
- Seoul ⇄ Saga: 1h20min

**Domestic Flights**

- Tokyo (Haneda) ⇄ Saga: 2h
- Tokyo (Narita) ⇄ Saga: 2h

**Shinkansen**

- Tokyo ⇄ Shin-Tosu: 3h30min
- Osaka ⇄ Shin-Tosu: 3h
- Kyoto ⇄ Shin-Tosu: 3h30min

**Climate and Terrain**

Saga's gentle climate provides a comfortable living condition. Most land areas are either open-plain or hilly terrain, with flowers and trees found everywhere. The annual mean temperature is around 16°C (61°F). Saga also has fewer volcanoes and earthquakes compared to other regions of Japan.

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# You KOSO SAGA

heart project to link "you" and "Saga"

Where do you want to go?  
Tokyo? Kyoto?  
Saga is a lovely place.  
So where next? **Saga!**

## SAGA. Japan Drive Map!



## SAGA Model Course TOUR.01 History & Shopping

This course will delight you with a visit to historic buildings and areas as well as shopping.

**DAY 1**

**Fukuoka Airport**

**Saga Nishiki Textile**  
This is a traditional woven fabric made with Japanese Washi paper and silk threads. Popular Saga Nishiki products include handbags and wallets.

**16km / 30min**

**Saga Castle History Museum (Saga City)**  
This is a restored wooden building with a beautiful grand 300-tatami chamber. An English audio guide is available to help you learn the history of Saga. This place is also famous for its cherry blossoms.

**2km / 5min**

**Saga Retrokan (Saga City)**  
This building, built in 1887, currently houses a restaurant serving Saga beef, a cafe and a bakery.

**5min**

**Saga City Cultural Museum (Saga City)**  
This museum is located in an area with many historic buildings, unique to the castle city of Saga. There are cafes, shops selling cute little things, and a kitchen rental shop. You can stroll leisurely through the area wearing a kimono.

**2km / 5min**

**Hizen Vetro Glassware**  
This beautiful traditional blown-glassware is a ideal gift.

**17km / 30min**

**Downtown Saga**  
A central city of Saga with an atmosphere of a historic castle town, where you can find cultural facilities, nice restaurants and bars.

**DAY 2**

**Tosu Premium Outlets (Tosu City)**  
This shopping mall houses about 100 popular brand shops from Japan and abroad. Some shops offer duty-free services.

**14km / 30min**

**Yoshinogari Historical Park (Kanzaki City/Yoshinogari Town)**  
This is an archaeological site from the Yayoi period (From 800 to 400 BC). Enjoy a simulated experience of the ancient Yayoi way of living and culture.

**17km / 30min**

**Dazaifu Tenmangu (Fukuoka)**  
This shrine, dedicated to the god of learning, is busy with visitors throughout the year. The entrance path to the shrine is lined with souvenir shops, cafes, and restaurants.

**15km / 30min**

**Fukuoka Airport**



## SAGA Model Course TOUR.04 Great Nature

On this course, you can experience beautiful Mother Nature in Saga.

**DAY 1**

**Fukuoka Airport**

**Keishuen Garden (Takeo City)**  
This traditional Japanese garden, with an area of about 1.3 hectares, is known as one of the most beautiful gardens in Kyushu. With views changing from season to season, it is an ideal place to take a stroll. This was a filming location for the Thai movie "Timeless".

**5km / 10min**

**Takeo Onsen Hot Springs (Takeo City)**  
This historic hot spring was used by feudal lords long ago. Both public bath and private baths are available here. The grounds are lined with dozens of spa hotels and Japanese-style inns.

**5km / 10min**

**Mituneyama Rakuen (Takeo City)**  
In this garden, 5,000 cherry blossom trees and 50,000 azaleas provide a breathtaking view in the spring. The Thai movie "Timeless" and Thai dramas "Stay" and "Koi Kimono" were filmed here.

**21km / 40min**

**Yutoku Inari Shrine (Kashima City)**  
The vivid red colored buildings are truly impressive. There is also a Japanese garden and a flower garden, where you can enjoy beautiful flowers year-round. The Thai movie "Timeless" and Thai dramas "Stay" and "Koi Kimono" were filmed here.

**40km / 40min**

**Hizenhamashuku Area (Kashima City)**  
Home to sake breweries, this area is called "Sake Brewery Street". You can visit the breweries to see the sake brewing process. The grounds lined with old buildings with white-plastered walls are also worth seeing.

**3km / 5min**

**Takezaki Crab (Tara City)**  
The best way of cook fresh crab is to boil it in salty water. You can enjoy its delicious taste all year round.

**27km / 45min**

**Downtown Ureshino**  
With a number of long-established Japanese-style inns, this area is a beautiful place to stay. The area around the north entrance of the hot springs is lined with many excellent restaurants that appear in restaurant guides.

**DAY 2**

**Ureshino Onsen Foot Bath (Ureshino City)**  
Free foot baths in the center of the Ureshino spa town are open to everyone.

**1km / 1min**

**Hizen Yoshida Pottery Hall (Ureshino City)**  
This facility exhibits and sells works by Ureshino Pottery craftsmen. You can also try your hand at painting ceramics. Duty-free service is available here.

**4km / 10min**

**Ureshino Onsen (Ureshino City)**  
This is a spa town with many long-established Japanese-style inns. It has a hot spring and you can enjoy walking around town wearing a yukata.

**40km / 45min**

**Huis Ten Bosch (Nagasaki)**

## SAGA Specialties & Gourmet Food

You can buy these products at shops and restaurants in Saga Prefecture!

**Arisa Yaki Gozen**  
This is a kind of swimming crab, which changes its color to a bright red when cooked. It is a local specialty of Saga.

**Takezaki Crab**  
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**Kakiyaki**  
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**Kanazaki Somen**  
Enjoy the combination of thin noodles and soybean paste.

**Saga Beef**  
This is the highest-quality beef in Saga.

**Squid Crackers**  
These crackers are made from squid, which is a local specialty of Saga.

**Sagahonoka**  
You can enjoy these sweet strawberries with low acidity between January and May.

**Saga Oranges**  
Come try these sweet & tasty oranges between April and December.

**Saga Nori**  
Saga is No.1 in Japan in nori quality and production.

**Kinkato**  
Candies shaped like sea breams and fish are used for special celebrations.

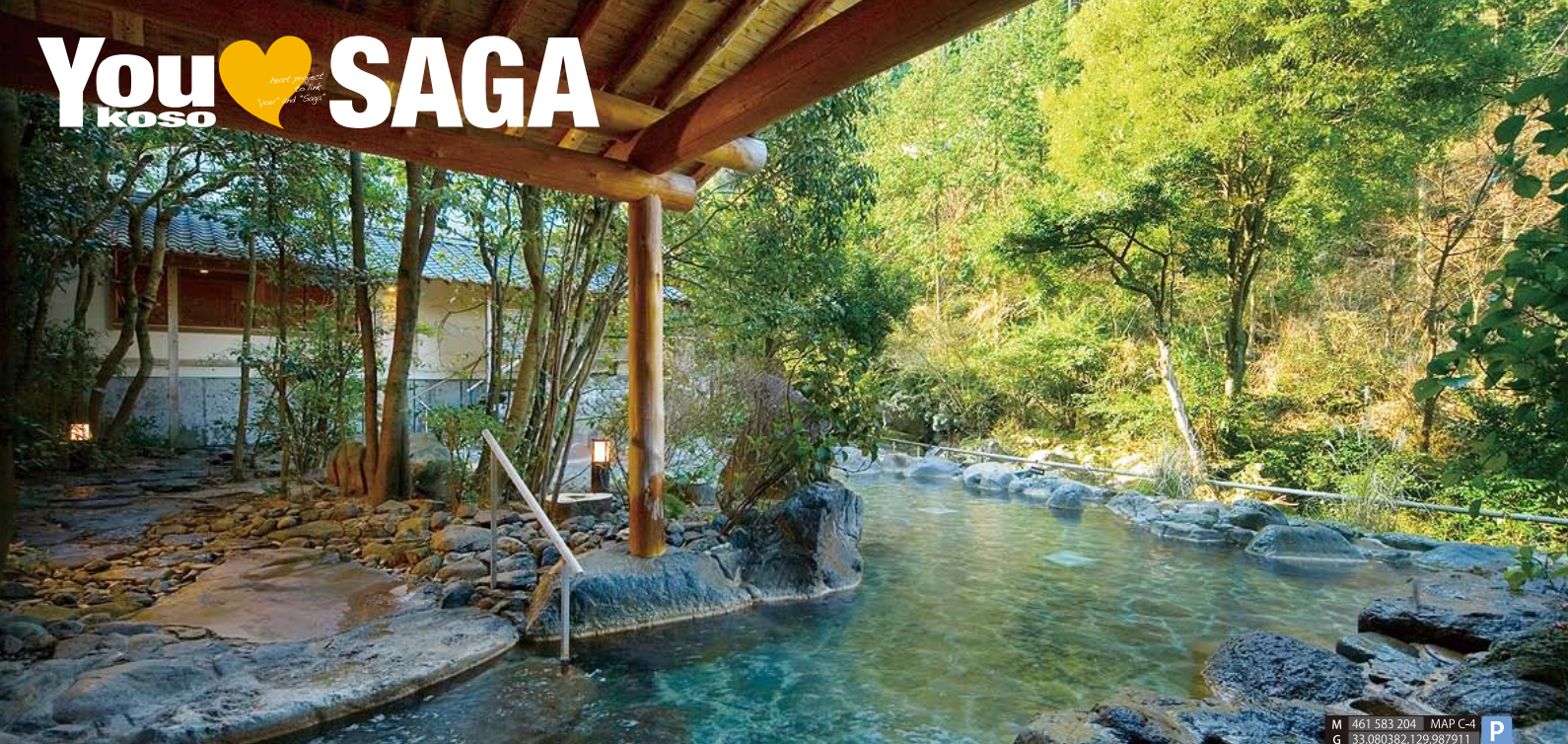
**Ureshino Green Tea**  
This high-quality tea features a wonderful aroma.

**Ogi Yukan**  
Sweet adzuki bean jelly.

**Maruboro**  
This baked cake features a soft texture.

**Chiyo-musubi**  
This candy is believed to bring good luck.

**Soft Serve Ice Cream**  
Try soft serve ice cream with local flavors.



## SAGA Model Course TOUR.02 Pottery & Onsen

This course will guide you to beautiful porcelain and relaxing hot springs.

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**16km / 30min**

**Saga Prefectural Kyushu Ceramic Museum (Nabeshima City)**  
This museum exhibits a collection of precious ceramics, including old Inari and Arisa porcelain, as well as works by contemporary artists.

**16km / 30min**

**Inari and Arisa Porcelain**  
The world's famous Inari and Arisa porcelain with a 400-year history.

**16km / 30min**

**Arisa Yaki Gozen (Nabeshima City)**  
This beautifully presented cuisine made from locally produced chicken and vegetables is served in Arisa Porcelain.

**16km / 30min**

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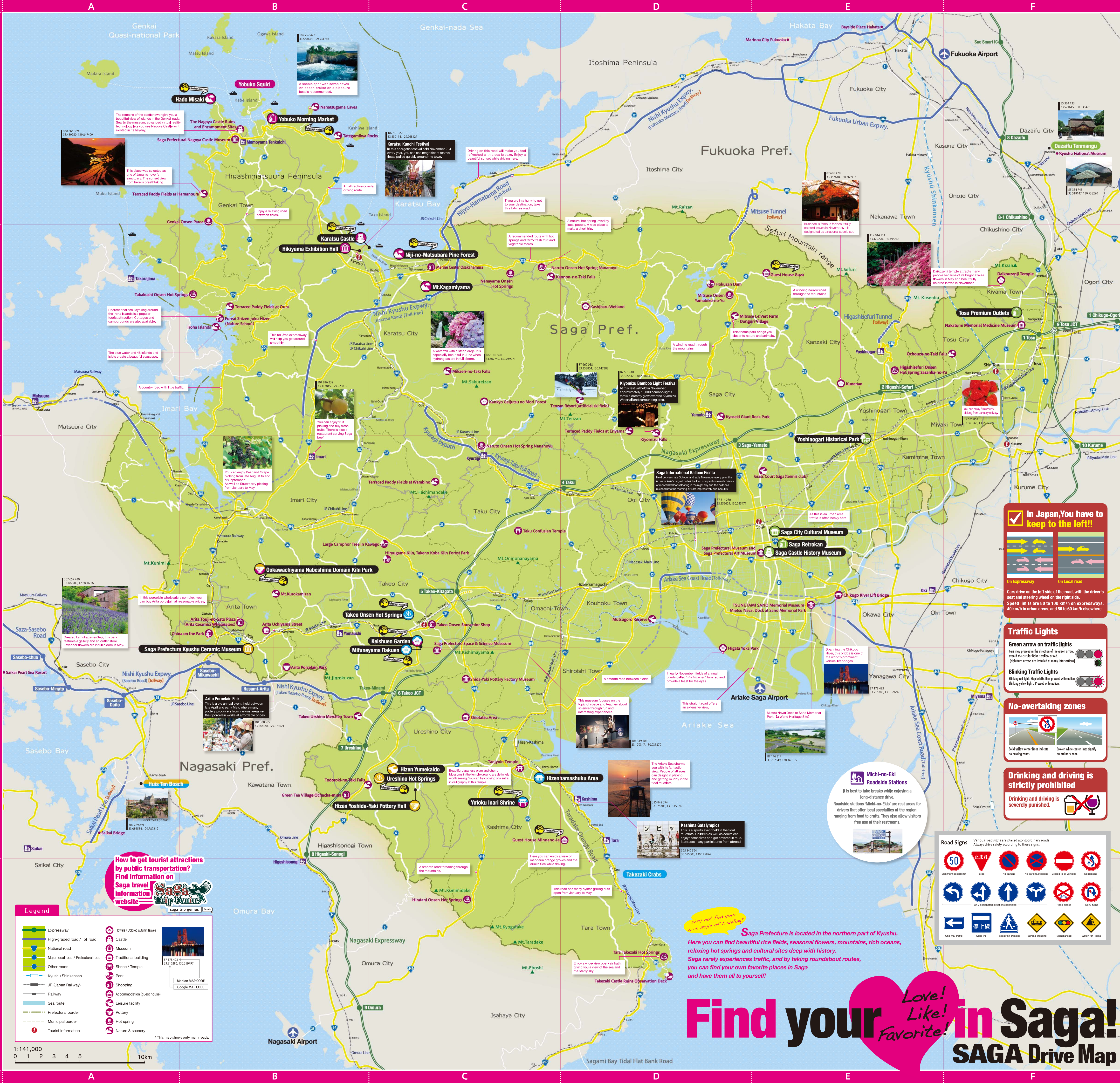
**4km / 10min**

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**40km / 45min**

**Huis Ten Bosch (Nagasaki)**





# About Driving

## About Renting a Car

### International driving permits

To drive in Japan, you need to show your driver's license or translated license documents depending on your country of residence.

### ETC Card for Rent

ETC stands for Electronic Toll Collection. The ETC system can be used by inserting the ETC card into the in-vehicle device. Drivers can pass smoothly through toll gates with ETC. You can find the ETC card option on rental car reservation forms.

### GPS Navigation

Most rental cars come with a GPS navigation system built into the dashboard. The system in some vehicles can be set to display the map and menus and to read directions in English, however English language systems are not available at every rental company. Whether the GPS system is in English or not, most users will find it easy to input their destinations by simply entering the phone number of their destination.

## Reservations

To reserve a rental car, visit a car rental company's website and enter the required information, including your name, phone number, and rental dates, into the online reservation form provided. Go to the car rental company on your reserved pick-up date, and fill in the documents to complete the procedure.

★What to bring : Your international driving permit, Passport, Credit card, etc.

★Be sure to fill up the gas tank before you return the car.

## Passing Through Expressway Toll Gates

About toll gates : All of the expressways run by West Nippon Expressway Company Ltd. (NEXCO) are toll roads. Both the distance-based toll system and flat-rate toll system are used. On distance-based toll roads, drivers are required to take a ticket issued when they enter the road and pay a toll according to the distance traveled at their exit toll gate.

### ETC Lane

Signs to alert a toll gate after 1 kilometer

### ETC Lane, Speed Limit

The ETC Lane Speed limit is 20km/h

### General Vehicle Lane

Sign to alert a toll gate after 500 meters

### General Vehicle (No ETC)

**At the entrance**  
While drivers usually need to take a ticket at their entrance gate and pay a toll at their exit gate, the advance payment system is also being used on some roads, including urban expressways.

**Ticket Dispensers**  
Stop at the entrance gate and take a ticket from the ticket dispenser. Make sure not to lose your ticket since you need to show it at the exit toll gate.

**Toll Collectors**  
Press your ticket to the tollgate attendant and pay the toll. At unattended toll gates found at some interchanges, put your ticket into the toll collection machine and insert the amount of money as displayed on the machine.

## How to Read Road Signs for Expressways

When you are on a national road and near an expressway entrance, you will see signs that guide you to the entrance. When you are on an expressway and near an exit, you will see signs that tell you about the exit in advance. Its direction, and any connecting roads.

### Entrance Sign

九州自動車道 KYUSHU EXPWY

### Exit Sign

佐賀 大和 SAGA YAMATO

### Sign for Service Area (SA)

Gas Station, Restaurant, Light Meals

### Destination Sign

佐賀 大和 16 km SAGA YAMATO

### Be careful not to drive in the wrong direction on expressways!!

A driver misses their exit and accidentally turns in to the entrance lane.

Through traffic (entrance lane)

Through traffic (center median)

Through traffic (exit lane)

A driver enters the expressway and continues driving in the wrong direction.

A driver crosses a tollgate and accidentally drives in to the exit lane.

## Emergency Telephone number

Police **110** Ambulance/Fire **119**

## About ONSEN

### How to enter the bath

- Remove all clothing.
- Bring a small towel.
- Wash your body while seated outside the bath.
- Step into the bath.

Bathing too many times a day can make you feel sick. We recommend bathing no more than three times a day. Be sure you drink enough water and rest well after each bath.

### Bathing Manners

- Do not enter the bath first without washing your body.
- Do not bring towels or clothing into the bath.
- Do not wash your hair or body in the bathtub.
- Do not wash clothing or towels in the bath area.
- Do not go back to the dressing room without drying yourself with a towel.

## Tourist Information

Useful Tourist Information about Delightful Saga

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