

## Sightseeing Information



### Kumamoto City Sightseeing Map

Contains information on sightseeing spots and transportation in Kumamoto City.



### Recommended Routes

Kumamoto Castle, Suizenji Jojuen Park, ONE PIECE statues and Musashi Miyamoto's footprint...Suggests 4 routes.



### Kumamoto Gourmet Book

Contains information on dining, souvenirs, and accommodations in Kumamoto City.



## Sightseeing Questionnaire

We are conducting an online questionnaire survey in order to improve tourism in Kumamoto City, and to use for future tourism projects. (Time required: About 2 minutes)  
Please present a screen showing your completed answer at any of the following 6 locations and receive an original Kumamoto Castle postcard!



- ◆ Kumamoto Castle Honmaru Rest Area
- ◆ Kumamoto Castle Ninomaru Rest Area
- ◆ Kumamoto City Museum Shop
- ◆ Kumamoto City Zoological and Botanical Gardens Kiosk
- ◆ Sakuranobaba Josaien Tourist Information Center
- ◆ Kumamoto Station Tourist Information Center

## Kumamoto Souvenir

### 熊本城御城印帳

Kumamoto Castle Gojoun Seal Book



Special book for keeping Gojoun Seal. It is accordion-folded style blank notebook so not only put Gojoun Seal on but also use various ways.

### 熊本城御城印

Kumamoto Castle Gojoun Seal

Honmaru Limited

Ninomaru Limited



Gojoun Seal, one of Japanese unique souvenirs, is a memento of visiting castle. Bushouin Seal is also available. The staff will write in the date when you buy it at Kumamoto Castle.

### 武将印

Bushouin Seal

\*Gojoun Seal Samurai Edition



### 「水前寺なアイス」 「水前寺菜ドレッシング」

"Suizenjina Ice Cream"

"Suizenjina Dressing"



Suizenjina, one of Kumamoto's traditional vegetables, is grown in Kumamoto city even in Suizenji Jojuen. It includes abundant nutrition such as polyphenol and iron and is very good for your health. Here, we introduce you to "Suizenjina Ice Cream" and "Suizenjina Dressing". "Suizenjina Ice Cream" is produced by a Japanese cuisine chef with many improvements. The flavor is very unique, not too sweet and refreshing. You could feel you haven't ever had before. "Suizenjina Dressing" is a French style dressing and keeps the light purple color of Suizenjina itself. It will go well with any vegetables.



Ninomaru Rest Area



Honmaru Rest Area



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# Let's Enjoy!

## in Kumamoto

### Guide to Experience



Explore the castle town Kumamoto in a kimono



Fruit-picking experience



Kumamoto Castle



Making Food Samples



Japanese sweets making experience in Furumachi



Try kayak or SUP in Ezu Lake!





# Hands-on programs

There are the programs that even beginners can enjoy.  
Let's try Kumamoto's famous food and traditions while interacting with the Kumamoto locals.

## Making Food Samples

In this trial event, you will make samples of foods that are mainly exhibited in restaurants. You can make samples of mini-parfait, pudding à la mode, tempura, etc. just like the real thing.



Fried rice decorated with shrimp and green onions. Finally, it is hardened with glue.



It was very fun. Please feel the Japaneseess!



- Event Date/All year (Negotiable)
- Charge/1,100yen~ ● Operating Hours/10:00-12:00, 14:00-16:00
- Trial length/20 Minutes (Changes depending on the number of attendees)
- Signing up/Reservation required (2 days in advance)
- Number of People/1 to 5
- Address/3-10-30 Kurokami, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City (Nihon Bijutsu)



## Furumachi Wagashi Making Experience

Would you like to make traditional Japanese sweets [Wagashi]? The type of Wagashi that you make will be changed depends on season, such as unbaked sweets that express shiki (four seasons) in Japan, or Mizu-yokan (azuki-bean jelly). After you have completed making it, you can enjoy it with matcha.



This is Japanese culture.

It is fun to experience how to make Japanese sweets.



Following the teacher's example, make three different types of sweets.



- Event Date/All year(Negotiable)
- Charge/2,000yen~ ● Operating Hours/10:00-12:00
- Trial Length/about 90 minutes
- Signing Up/Reservation required (by the day before)
- Number of People/5 to 20
- Address/40 Kouya, Amidaji-Machi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City (Tomodachiya Seika Honpo)



These pictures were taken in the past.

- Due to the influence of COVID-19 etc., the program may be changed.
- Depending on the situation of shops, restaurants and tourist facilities, you can't join the program. Please make a reservation as soon as possible.
- Some programs need not to be reserved. But it is better to ask before you go.
- Supported Languages / E : English C : Chinese K : Korean G : gesture (English speaking staffs are not always available)

No.	Programs	Event Date	Charge	Operating Hours	Trial length	Signing up	Number of People	Address	Supported languages
1	Kumamoto Castle VR highlights	All year (Except December 29th to 31st and during events)	Adults:300yen Elementary and junior high school students:100yen	10:00-12:00-14:00-	About 15 minutes	No reservation required. (except during events).	1 to 100	Wakuwakuzo, 1-1-1 Ninomaru, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City	E,C,K
2	Making Higo-zogan (damascene)	All year (Except December 29th to January 4th, August 13th to 15th)	4,000 yen (An extra shipping fee [770 yen] will be added.)	9:00-16:00	About 1 hour	Reservation required (by the day before)	1 to 6 (groups of more than 6:negotiable)	Mitsusuke, 3-2-1 Shin-machi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City	G
3	Explore the castle town Kumamoto in a casual kimono or yukata	All year (Except Tuesdays, Wednesdays and during events)	Day Plan:2,750 yen Overnight Plan:3,300 yen	11:00-18:00	11:00 to 18:00 (Day Plan:return the kimono by 18:00)	No reservation required. *Groups of 5 or more must book 5 days in advance.	1~	Wakura, 45 Renpeicho, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City, Hayano Building 1F	G
4	Explore the castle town Kumamoto in a kimono	All year (April to May:kimono,June to September:yukata)	3,850 yen Kimono rental (includes kimono, fitting, a pair of tabi socks, and a complimentary Japanese draw-string purse) or yukata rental (includes yukata, fitting, and a complimentary Japanese draw-string purse)	10:00-17:00	About 10 minutes for the fitting. Customers are free to explore the town afterwards.	No reservation required. *You may not be accommodated if all places are filled. *Groups of 5 or more must book 3 days in advance.	1 to 30	Wa Collection Mito, 4-3 Suizenji Koen, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City	E,C,K
5	Traditional Crafts Experience of the day	Check the Kumamoto Handicrafts Promotion Center's schedule.	Depends on the programs	10:00-16:00	Depends on the programs.	No reservation required. *You may not be accommodated if all places are filled.	Depends on the programs.	Kumamoto City Handicrafts Promotion Center, 1-3-58 Kawashiri, Minami-ku, Kumamoto City	G
6	Fruit-picking experience	August 1st to early May (In case of rain, please ask them.)	Satsuma orange picking: Admission from 600 yen (Admission fees vary by fruit.) *Separate charges apply to take-out.	9:00-17:00	About 1 hour	No reservation required. *Groups of 10 or more must book 7 days in advance.	1 to 100	Yuhon Fruit land, 1144 Kawachi-machi Take, Nishi-ku, Kumamoto City	G
7	Making magatama (comma-shaped stone beads used in ancient times)	All year (except days when the museum is closed or when lectures and classes are held)	Free (Admission fees apply: 200 yen for high school students and older and 100 yen for elementary and junior high school students.)	9:00-15:00	About 60 to 90 minutes (varies by experience)	No reservation required. *Groups of 6 or more must book in advance.	1 to 20	Kumamoto City Tsukawara Museum, 1924 Tsukawara, Johnan-machi, Minami-ku, Kumamoto City	G
8	Making a coaster with angin (an ancient style of knitted cloth)	All year (except days when the museum is closed or when lectures and classes are held)	Free (Admission fees apply: 200 yen for high school students and older and 100 yen for elementary and junior high school students.)	9:00-15:00	About 60 to 90 minutes (varies by experience)	No reservation required. *Groups of 6 or more must book in advance.	1 to 20	Kumamoto City Tsukawara Museum, 1924 Tsukawara, Johnan-machi, Minami-ku, Kumamoto City	G
9	Making traditional, additive-free miso	All year (Except Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays and December 20th to January 10th)	From 2,490 yen (includes 5.2 kg of miso)	10:30-11:30 13:30-14:30	About 1 hour	Reservation required (up to the morning of the day before). *You may not be accommodated if all places are filled.	1 to 25	Ikedaya Jozo, 1-10-21 Kyo-machi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City	G
10	Making candles	All year	1,500 yen (includes drink)	10:00-16:00	About 1 hour	Reservation required (2 days in advance)	1 to 12	CANDLE HOUSE, 3-31 Uoyamachi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City	E
11	Making ikinari dango (dumplings with sweet potato and bean jam filling)	All year (Except Sundays and national holidays)	3,500yen	Please contact the organizer concerning availability after 13:30.	About 1 hour	Reservation required (2 days in advance)	Minimum of 2 participants (Please contact the organizer for more information.)	Ikinariya Watanabe, 4-9-31 Tsuboi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City	E,K
12	Kumamoto soy sauce tasting	All year (Except Obon holidays and New Year holidays)	2,500 yen (includes soy sauce-flavored soft-serve ice cream)	10:00-17:00	About 30 minutes	Reservation required (2 days in advance)	2 to 10	Hamada Shoyu, 6-9-1 Oshima, Nishi-ku, Kumamoto City	E,C
13	Experiencing and studying tea and green tea	Saturday (Except May to June and New Year holidays)	1,000yen	14:00-17:00	About 1 hour	Reservation required (2 days in advance)	1 to 5	Takeda Seicha, 2044 Sakano, Johnan-machi, Minami-ku, Kumamoto City	G
14	Touring Kumamoto as it undergoes reconstruction with a volunteer tour guide	All year (Except December 29th to January 3rd)	2,000 yen in travel costs per guide	9:00-17:00	Please contact the organizer for more information.	Reservation required (3 days in advance)	1 to 15	1-1-3 Ninomaru, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City	E,C,K
15	Kawashiri landmark tour	All year (Except Monday)	Free	10:00-17:00	From 1 hour (Please contact the organizer for more information.)	Reservation required (3 days in advance for individuals and 7 days for groups)	2 to 40	Kumamoto City Handicrafts Promotion Center, 1-3-58 Kawashiri, Minami-ku, Kumamoto City	G
16	Making tatami	All year (Except the Obon holiday, New Year's, and the Golden Week holiday) (Please contact the organizer concerning availability on Saturdays and Sundays.)	Adults: 2,000 yen, Children (up to high-school age): 1,000 yen [Living in Kumamoto] Adults: 1,500 yen, Children (up to high-school age): 1,000 yen	10:00-15:00	About 45 to 70 minutes	Reservation required (7 days in advance)	1 to 5	Ichijoya, 5-2-27 Tsuboimachi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City	G
17	Touring a sake brewery and tasting its products	Tuesday through Friday (Except national holidays)	1,500 yen (includes souvenir)	10:00-11:00 13:00-16:00	About 1 hour	Reservation required (7 days in advance)	2 to 30	Tohi Taishogura, 1-3-72 Kawashiri, Minami-ku, Kumamoto City	G
18	Making your own soy sauce	All year (Except Sundays) (Please contact the organizer concerning availability on Saturdays and national holidays.)	3,000 yen (includes souvenir)	10:00-13:00-15:00- (Negotiable)	About 1 hour	Reservation required (7 days in advance)	3 to 15	Foodpal-Kumamoto, 780-7 Mitsugumachi, Kita-ku, Kumamoto City	G
19	Making candles using beeswax!	All year (Except Saturday mornings, Sundays, national holidays, the Obon holiday, and New Year's)	300 yen	10:00-15:00	About 20 minutes	Reservation required (7 days in advance)	1 to 20 (Can be divided to accommodate groups of 20 or more.)	Foodpal-Kumamoto, 571-15 Mitsugumachi, Kita-ku, Kumamoto City	E,C,G
20	Tabaruzaka, the bloodiest battlefield of the Seinan War	All year (Except December 29th to January 3rd)	2,000 yen per group of up to 25 (Separate admission fees apply: 300 yen for high school student and older, 100 yen for elementary and junior high school students)	9:00-17:00 (Last entry 16:30)	About 60 to 90 minutes	Reservation required (7 days in advance) *Please contact the organizer for more information.	1 to 20	Kumamoto City Tabaruzaka Seinan Civil War Museum, 55-1 Daiwa, Uekimachi, Kita-ku, Kumamoto City	E
21	Try kayak or SUP in Ezu Lake!	Saturdays,Sundays and holidays	7,000 yen	9:30-16:00	About 120 minutes (includes a change of clothes and lecture)	Reservation required (by the day before)	2 - 6	funearth,24 Kuwamizuhonmachi, Chuo-ku,Kumamoto City	G

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