

# Suggested Routes

Check here for more suggested routes -> \*Japanese language only

## Route 1 Kumamoto Castle & Suizenji Tour Route (about 5 hr)



We recommend the Two Hall Joint Admission Ticket

## Route 2 The Full Kumamoto City Experience Route (about 7 hr)



We recommend the Three Hall Joint Admission Ticket

One of Japan's Three Great Castles. The 2016 Kumamoto Earthquakes caused extensive damage, but since the keeps were completely restored in 2021, visitors can enjoy the interesting and unique exhibits on each floor and the great view from the top of the Great Keep. Make sure you don't miss the sakura in the spring and the autumn leaves and bamboo sculptures in the fall!

Centered around a pond fed by spring waters from Aso, Suizenji Jojuen Garden is a great place to enjoy the changing of the seasons. You can also try some matcha and a sweet at Kokin Denju-no-ma.

Packed with Kumamon goods you'll only find here, plus Kumamon's office and a cafe! If you time it right, you can meet Kumamon, too!

The largest shopping arcade in the prefecture. Lined with department stores and boutiques and acting as Kumamoto's center for fashion and entertainment, the arcades also feature plenty gourmet options as well.

# Tourist Information

**Kumamoto City Sightseeing Guide Kumabon**

Introducing Kumamoto's various attractions, including Kumamoto Castle!  
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General Info

**Let's Enjoy! Guide to Experiences**

Learn about activities you'll only find in Kumamoto and meet the locals while you're at it!

Activities

**Kumamoto Activity Program**

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Activities

**Kumamoto Gourmet Book**

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

Cuisine

**Kumamoto City Sightseeing Guide Map**

We also recommend downloading the digital version of this map!

Map

## Sightseeing Questionnaire

We are conducting a web survey to improve tourism in Kumamoto City and to help us prepare sightseeing projects in the future. (Time required: about 2 minutes) Amazon gift card(E-mail type) worth 500 yen will be given to 10 people chosen at random every month who have completed this questionnaire.



## Kumamoto Castle Audio Guide Service

Audio guides are available at the Sakuranobaba Josaien Tourist Information Center. Your audio guidance will begin as you approach signs within Kumamoto Castle. Includes earphones and a speaker, which means groups of people can share one audio guide device. Available in Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean.

Price: ¥500 (tax incl.) Hours: 9AM-3PM

There are no guides within the castle park grounds, including the Reconstruction Observation Path, castle keeps, etc.



# Kumamoto City Sightseeing Guide Map

For more sightseeing information:

**Sakuranobaba Josaien Tourist Information Center**

Phone: 096-322-5060  
9AM-5:30PM Open Year-Round  
1-1-3 Ninomaru, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City (in Sakuranobaba Josaien)

**Kumamoto Station Tourist Information Center**

Phone: 096-327-9500  
9AM-5:30PM Open Year-Round  
3-15-30 Kasuga, Nishi-ku, Kumamoto City (inside Kumamoto Station)

**Kumamoto International Convention and Tourism Bureau**

Senju Bldg. 5F, 4-30-1 Saiku-machi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City 860-0041  
Phone: 096-359-1788  
8:30AM-5PM Closed Saturdays, Sundays, National holidays, Year-end and New Year holidays

# Transportation Information

Public transportation makes sightseeing convenient and easy!

## Shiromegurin Kumamoto Castle Loop Bus Stops

- Kumamoto Station (Platform 2) (Start)
- Gionbashi
- Meihachibashi
- Shinmachi
- Urusanmachi
- Fujisakidai-shita
- SAKURA MACHI Bus Terminal (Platform 5)
- Sakura-no-baba Josaien (Platform 2)
- Kumamoto Castle, Ninomaru Parking
- Children's Center
- Kumamoto Castle, Niinomaru Parking
- Kumamoto City Museum and the former residence of Hosokawa Gyobu
- Kumamoto Prefectural Museum Art Annex
- City Hall
- Kumamoto Hotel Castle
- Sakura-no-baba Josaien (Platform 3)
- SAKURA MACHI Bus Terminal (Platform 4)
- The Kumamoto Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- ANA Crowne Plaza Hotel (Kumamoto New Sky)
- Kumamoto Station (Platform 3) (Final Stop)

**Operating Hours**  
Departs from Kumamoto Station every 30 min from 9AM to 5PM (except 12:30PM) on weekdays. On Sat, Sun, and holidays, buses depart from Kumamoto Station every 20 min from 9AM to 5:00PM from Kumamoto Station (except from 12PM to 2PM when buses depart every 30 min.)

**Fares**

- Flat rate
- Adults ¥180 (JHS and older)
- Children ¥90 (Elementary)
- 1 Day Pass
- Adults ¥500 (JHS and older)
- Children ¥250 (Elementary)

## Kumamoto City Tram Route Map

**Fares**

- Adults ¥180 (JHS and older)
- Children ¥90 (Elementary)

**Kumamoto City Tram 1 Day Pass**

A one-day pass for tram rides only. Instead of paying ¥180 per ride, a ¥500 adult ticket allows for unlimited rides plus discounts around Kumamoto.

- Adults ¥500 (JHS and older)
- Children ¥250 (Elementary schoolers)

## Shiromegurin Kumamoto Castle Loop Bus

Shiromegurin Kumamoto Castle Loop Bus departs Kumamoto Station and loops around the castle, giving you easy access to various sightseeing spots.

## Wakuwaku 1 Day Pass

This pass lets you use local buses, trams, and trains within the designated area as many times as you like for one day. As a special bonus, you can use affiliated facilities throughout the city at discounted rates.

Zone	Adults	Children
Zone 1	¥800	¥400
Zone 2	¥1,000	¥500
All-Prefecture	¥2,200	¥1,100

**Amu Plaza Bus Stop Information (Shirakawa Entrance)**

- Bus Stop --- Sakuramachi Bus Terminal, Torichosuji
- Bus Stop --- Sakuramachi Bus Terminal, Kikuchi & Yamaga
- Bus Stop --- Kami-Kumamoto
- Bus Stop --- Takaki Khibi, Aqua Dome
- Bus Stop --- Rendaji, Kumamoto Port, SW Kumamoto City, Amakusa
- Bus Stop --- University Hospital (towards Sangyo-doro Ave.)
- Bus Stop --- Aso Kumamoto Airport, Takamori, Long-Distance & Highway Buses
- Tram Stop --- For Downtown, Takabashi

**Bus Stop Map**

**Amu Plaza Bus Stop Information (Shirakawa Entrance)**

**Contact**

- Train Phone: 096-361-5233
- Kumamoto Tohri Bus Phone: 096-312-5077
- Saiko Bus Contact: managing office directly
- Dentetsu Bus Phone: 096-343-3023
- Dentetsu Rail Phone: 096-343-2552
- Kumamoto Bus Phone: 096-378-3447

# Kumamoto Castle Area Map

**Free Kumamoto Castle Volunteer Guides**

- Reception: Next to Sakuranobaba Josaien Info Center
- Hours: 9AM-3PM
- Tour length: about 45 min
- Guide Fee: Free
- Closed: 12/29-1/3
- No reservations.
- Each guide can take up to 8 guests.
- (Availability of foreign language guides may be limited.)
- Contact: Kumamoto Yakotaku Guide Association Phone: 096-356-2333

**City Hall 14th Floor Observation Lobby**

Weekdays: 8:30AM-10PM  
Weekends & holidays: 9AM-10PM  
On weekends, holidays, and weekdays after 6PM, please use the south entrance. Closed for New Year's holiday.

**Legend:**

- Restricted Entry Area
- Open on Sat, Sun, & holidays only
- Restroom
- Multipurpose Restroom
- Free wheelchair rental
- Nursing Room
- Reconstruction Observation Path