## Puffer Fish

The puffer fish caught in the rough ocean of Kanmon Strait is claimed to be the best in the country. The best season goes from mid-November to mid-February. The firm meat of the fresh puffer fish makes for delicious deep-fry and hot-pot, not to mention sashimi.

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## Baked Curry

There are many stories surrounding the origin of this dish. The most plausible one is that in the late 50's a cafe in Moji Port started to serve curry with cheese on top in gratin style. The perfect combination of curry, cheese, and soft-boiled egg makes it one of the most popular dishes at Moji Port.

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## Jinda Fish

It is local dish in Kitakyushu since 17c known as excellent preserved food. Usually blue-skinned fish such as sardine and mackerel are used for Jinda Fish by cooking with bran-paste for hours. Try them with rice and Japanese sake!

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Kokura Fabric

Kokura Fabric is traditional cotton cloth, which was popular in Japan from 17C. The fabric is soft and strong and was originally used for hakama (kilts for men) and obi (sash) of samurai. Woven pre-dyed cotton yarn, technically much more warp than weft, the cloth shows clear vertical stripes and the marvelous three-dimensional effect the stripes create is the most distinctive of the weaving.

Location/View
Access
Season Year-round
Parking for tour buses
Contact Required
Related links

Mojiko Retro

Aside from its restaurants, Kaikyo Plaza in Mojiko Retro, a commercial complex is replete with souvenir items unique to Moji Port such as sweets, seafood and general merchandise. There is also a one-stop shop for folk arts, craft and liquor called the Mojiko Retro Tourist Center, as well as various shops nearby within walking distance.

Location/View
Access 10 min.~ walk from port(700m~)
Season Year-round Parking for tour buses 32 buses
Related links

Around JR Kokura station and Kokura Castle

Here are adjacent shopping centers such as department stores and other commercial facilities within the vicinity from JR Kokura Station to the Kokura Castle.

Location/View
Access 11km from Moji, 20km from Hibiki
Season Year-round Parking for tour buses
Contact Required
Related links

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Kokura Castle

Kokura Castle was built in 1602. It is famous for its beautiful Chinese style main tower. The stone wall was built by simply piling up natural stones, and 8km long outer wall was one of the most magnificent structures of its kind when it was built. What we see today is the main castle tower built in 1959.

Kokura Castle

Location/View 2-1 Jonai, Kokura-kita Kitakyushu City, 803-0813
Access 28min. via car from Moji(12.5km), 30min. via car from Hibiki(20km)
Season Year-round
Parking for tour buses 5 buses
Related links History of Kokura Castle
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Kanmon Strait

Kanmon Strait, a stage for various historical events since the old days, links Honshu and Kyushu islands. There are approximately 700 ships passing on a daily basis, making it one of the transportation hubs in Japan. The Kanmon Bridge, Kanmon Tunnel Footpath, a pedestrian tunnel found only in Japan, and Kanmon Roadway Tunnel exclusive for vehicle use are three roads in an almost parallel manner that links to the opposite shore. The view of Kanmon Strait from the second observatory of Mekari Park, Norfolk Plaza and Mekari Shrine is overwhelming.

Kanmon Strait

Location/View Travel by tour:10 min. via car from berth(4km)
Individual travel: via car from port(4km)
Access Year-round
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Sankiro

Built in 1931, Sankiro is a Japanese-style restaurant that symbolizes the prosperity of Moji Port during its generation. This restaurant is also one of oldest Japanese style hotels and restaurants that exist in Kyushu. Although Sankiro was closed down during the chaos of post-war recovery, it will reopen in 2014 and revive the colorful history of the place.

Sankiro

Location/View 3-6-8 Kiyotaki, Moji, Kitakyushu City, 801-0833
Access 5 min. via car from port(1.3km)
Season Year-round
Parking for tour buses Contact Required

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Kanmon Fireworks Festival

Held on August 13 every year, Kanmon Strait Fireworks Festival is one of the best fireworks display events in Western Japan. It is a major summer event in which approximately 13,000 are lighted up on both the opposite shores of Moji and Shimonoseki.

Location/View: 2 Nishikaigan, Moji, Kitakyushu City, 801-8555
Access: 13 min. walk from port (890m)
Season: 2014/08/13

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Welcome Event

Locals welcome guests and express their hospitality through various shows that demonstrate Japanese culture such as a Kimono Show, where different Kimono wearing styles are introduced while music is played, a demonstration of master swordsman Miyamoto Musashi's "HyohoNitenIchi-ryu" (two-sword kenjutsu technique), as well as musical performances from the local children.

Location/View: 1 Nishikaigan, Moji, Kitakyushu City, 801-8555
Access: 0 min.
Season: Year-round

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Tobata Gion Festival

Tobata Gion Festival is one of the important intangible cultural assets of Japan. Proud of its 200 year old history, the festival consists of a traditional march with 12 large banners during the day. The night view changes after all decorations are cleared as it is replaced by a light pyramid consisting of 309 paper lanterns stacked in 12 levels and standing about 10 meters tall. People marching as they rhythmically say "yoitosha, yoitosha" is a must-see.

Location/View: 1-1-1 Senbo, Tobata, Kitakyushu City, 804-8510
Access: Travel by tour: 30 min. via car from berth (16.7km)
Individual travel: 10 min. walk from JR Tobata (16.7km from port)
Season: Late-July

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