



Live squid Sashimi

By Public Transport

Dining

The squid served for ikizukuri (sashimi) is so fresh that its clear body occasionally twitches. Its distinct firmness and sweet taste make it appealing to the palate. Enjoy the rest of the squid as tempura after eating some of the fresh translucent parts as sashimi.

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| Location/View | Karatsu area and Yobuko area (Hotels and restaurants in Karatsu-city) |
| Access | |
| Season | Year-round |
| Related links | http://www.karatsu-kankou.jp/guide/gourmet/ |



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Mackerel Sashimi

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Dining

This is fully-farmed mackerel sashimi. It is called Karatsu-Q-saba, mackerel farmed in Karatsu from egg in cooperation with Kyushu University. Since it is farmed from egg to maturity, it is completely safe to eat raw. The meat is very tender with nicely balanced fat and an elegant flavor.

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| Location/View | Karatsu area and Yobuko area (Hotels and restaurants in Karatsu-city) |
| Access | |
| Season | Year-round |
| Related links | https://www.city.karatsu.lg.jp/suisan/kasseikacenter/kanzenyousyokumasaba.html |



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Stall of "Sazae no Tuboyaki"

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Dining

The scent of a beach grilling the turban shell "Sazae no Tuboyaki" grown in rough waves of the Sea of Genkai and a fragrant fragrance of the soy sauce is in the air. Not only a turban shell, and a dried the cuttlefish, but also an oyster depending on season would be grilled.

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| Location/View | Hado-misaki, Chinzei-machi, Karatsu-city, Saga |
| Access | Travel by tour:35 min. via car from berth(20km) Individual travel:5 min. walk from "Hado-misaki" bus stop, Showa bus, Minato-Yobuko Line |
| Season | Year-round |
| Related links | http://www.karatsu-kankou.jp/gourmet/detail/168/Gourmet |



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Saga beef

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Dining

Saga beef is made from premium domestic grown cattle (Japanese Black) and is recognized as one of the best beef varieties in Japan. Selected by the strict standards of Japan Meat Grading Association, Saga beef has a grade of 4 to 5, which is top class among many cattle brands across the country, and a BMS (Beef Marbling Standard) of 7 or higher. Its fine and beautiful texture is called "tsuya-sashi" (glossy marble), and is loved by fine dining and gourmet restaurants all over Japan.

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| Location/View | | | |
| Access | | | |
| Season | Year-round | Parking for tour buses | |
| Related links | http://www.sagagyu.jp/en/ | | |



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Karatsu Ware

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Shopping

Since the early modern period, Karatsu ware has been the inclusive term for potteries that are made in the place that we now call eastern Saga prefecture and north of Nagasaki prefecture. There are various types of wares, from everyday utensils to tea utensils, and there are also a wide range of style and techniques used to make it. Karatsu is famous for "chawan" tea bowls, which are referred to as "Ichi-Ido, Ni-Raku, San-Karatsu" (First Raku ware, second Hagi ware, third Karatsu ware) since olden times. This type of ware is designated as a traditional craft of Japan, together with the branch of Takeo Kokaratsu ware.

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| Location/View | 2881-1,Shinkoumachi,Karatsu,847-0816 | | |
| Access | 10 min. via car from port(3km) | | |
| Season | Year-round | Parking for tour buses | 3 buses |
| Related links | http://www.karatsu-kankou.jp/guide/karatsu/ | | |



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Morning Market of Yobuko

By Public Transport

Shopping

One of Japan's three biggest morning markets, Asaichi-dori Street (morning market street) is bustling with excitement. Items fresh from the farm such as seasonal fruits, vegetables and flowers are lined up close together, and you can see various fresh seafood stored in fish boxes on both sides of the street.

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| Location/View | Yobuko,Yobukomachi,Karatsu-city ,847-0303 | | |
| Access | Travel by tour:30 min. via car from berth(20km) Individual travel:Short walk from Syouwa Bus Yobuko bus stop(20km from port) | | |
| Season | Year-round | Parking for tour buses | 6 buses |
| Related links | http://www.karatsu-kankou.jp/spots/detail/52/ | | |



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Imari Ware Arita Ware

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Shopping

Arita ware is Japanese porcelain made in the city of Arita in Saga prefecture. It is also known as "Imari" ware because its trans-shipment port is in Imari City. Although it is made from raw materials such as porcelain stones from Izumiyama and Amakusa, each of these raw materials is used differently depending on the type of porcelain.

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| Location/View | Okawachichohei, Imari-city, 848-0026 |
| Access | 45 min. via car from berth(30km) |
| Season | Year-round |
| Related links | |



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Karatsu Castle

By Foot

Main Attractions

It took 7 years from 1602 for Karatsu Castle to be built by Terazawa Hirotaka, the governor of Shima Province and retainer to Toyotomi Hideyoshi. Due to the castle's pine forest that extends from east to west, resembling a crane spreading its wings, the castle is also called "Maizuru Castle." It is also a popular place for viewing cherry blossoms and wisterias.

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| Location/View | 8-1, Higashijonai, Karatsu-city, 847-0016 | | |
| Access | 10 min. via car from port(3km) | | |
| Season | Year-round | Parking for tour buses | 5buses |
| Related links | http://www.karatsu-kankou.jp/spots/detail/181/ | | |



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Former Takatori Estate

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

The former Takatori Estate is an old house of a successful coal magnate, Koreyoshi Takatori (1850-1927). The estate stands on the shore of Kitajonai in Karatsu City. It was designated as an important cultural property on December 1998 due to assessment made by various architect experts and the Agency for Cultural Affairs. It has unique structures such as the setting of a Noh stage in the hall, as well as other numerous features such as "ran-ma" (carved wooden transoms) and "sugido-e" (sliding door paintings) designs.

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| Location/View | 5-40, Kitajonai, Karatsu-city, 847-0015 | | |
| Access | 8 min. via car from port(3km) | | |
| Season | Year-round | Parking for tour buses | 6 buses |
| Related links | http://www.karatsu-kankou.jp/spots/detail/195/ | | |



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Niji-no-Matsubara Pine Forest

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Main Attractions

Niji-no-matsubara is a pine forest that extends along the Karatsu Gulf in Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture. One of Japan's three main pine forests, it is designated as a special scenic spot and was selected as one of the top 100 white sand beaches and green pine forests of Japan. It is also selected as one of the top 100 beaches in Japan, one of the "Best 100 Fragrant Scenes" and selected as one of "Japan's top 100 Roads." A part of Genkai Quasi-National Park, the forest of black pine trees forms an arc across a length of 5km.

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| Location/View | Higashikaratsu, Karatsu-city, 847-0017 |
| Access | Travel by tour: 15 min. via car from berth (4km) Individual travel: Short walk from Nijinomatsubara station, JR Chikuh line (5km from port) |
| Season | Year-round |
| Related links | http://www.karatsu-kankou.jp/spots/detail/1/ |

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Hizen Nagoya Ruins of castle

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Main Attractions

"Hizen Nagoya Castle Site" authorized as the national historical site is the largest among the castles built in Momoyama era. The castle was designed by an executive officer Kanbee Kuroda ordered by Chief administrator Hideyoshi Toyotomi, the excellent stone wall for the castle foundation is still remained recalling past events. In the outskirts of the castle site, the camp sites of the military commander of 130 had found out.

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| Location/View | 1938-3, Nagoya, Chinzei-machi, Karatsu-city, 847-0401 | | |
| Access | Travel by tour: 30 min. via car from berth (15km) Individual travel: 5 min. walk from "Nagoyajo Hakubutsukan Iriguchi" bus stop, Showa bus, Yobuko Line | | |
| Season | Year-round | Parking for tour buses | 7 buses |
| Related links | http://www.karatsu-kankou.jp/spots/detail/221/ | | |

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Karatsu Kunchi Festival

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Topics

Karatsu Kunchi Festival is an autumn festival in Karatsu Shrine and is said to have a 400-year history. The usage of festival floats started in the year 1819, where 14 luxurious and gorgeous festival floats made from Japanese lacquered papier-mache are brought along in the march to the old castle town as the float pullers cheer - all these accompanied with music played on flute, taiko drum and gong. The festival was designated as an Important Intangible Cultural Properties of Japan in 1980.

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| Location/View | Around Karatsu shrine | | |
| Access | 5 min. via car from port (3km) | | |
| Season | November 2-4 | Parking for tour buses | |
| Related links | http://www.karatsu-kankou.jp/feature/karatsukunchi/ | | |

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Forest of Environmental Arts

By Foot

Topics

In the place of Forest of Environmental Art, the original figure of a forest has been reproduced on Mt.Sakureizan as a campus painted with colored broadleaf tree. It is not so popular as the sights of colored leaves.

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| Location/View | 667,Hirano, Kyuragi-machi, Karatsu-city, 849-3115 | | |
| Access | Travel by tour:60 min. via car from berth(32km) Individual travel:3 min. walk from "Hirano" bus stop, Showa bus, Seiryō Line (transfer from "Kyuragi-ekimae" bus stop, Saga Line | | |
| Season | Year-round | Parking for tour buses | 15 buses |
| Related links | https://morisaga.com/ | | |



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