



## Shio-tomato

By Public Transport

Dining

K Kumamoto prefecture is the best producer of Winter Tomato in Japan. Yatsushiro is especially famous. Yatsushiro region was used to be a sea bottom. That's why its ground contains a lot of naturel salt and mineral. Grown in there, Yatsushiro's "Shio Tomato" is very thickset with rich and sweat taste.

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| Location/View |   |                        |  |
| Access        |   |                        |  |
| Season        | January-March   | Parking for tour buses |  |
| Related links | Banpeiyu (Nagomi tourism site)<br>h HYPERLINK <a href="http://kumanago.jp/special/b_15.html">http://kumanago.jp/special/b_15.html</a> |                        |  |

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## Hinagu Chikuwa

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Dining

Hinagu Chikuwa is tubular roll of grilled fish paste, made from white flesh ingredients of fresh sea fish. It has been known as a special handmade product of Hinagu Hot Spring Resort for many, many years. Its taste, firmness and flavor are very popular as Yatsushiro local first-class food.

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|---------------|--|------------------------|--|
| Location/View | Hinagu Hot Spring Resort in Yatsushiro City of Kumamoto Prefecture |                        |  |
| Access        | 30minutes from port by car(18km)                                   |                        |  |
| Season        | Year-round   | Parking for tour buses |  |
| Related links |  |                        |  |

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## banpeiyu

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Dining

This fruit holds Guinness World Record for the heaviest type of pomelo in the world. What makes Banpeiyu popular is not only its size, but also its taste - mildly acidic yet pretty sweet

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| Location/View |  |                        |  |
| Access        |  |                        |  |
| Season        | January-March  | Parking for tour buses |  |
| Related links | Banpeiyu (Nagomi tourism site)<br><a href="http://kumanago.jp/en/spots/detail/430000005196.html">http://kumanago.jp/en/spots/detail/430000005196.html</a><br><a href="http://kinasse-yatsushiro.jp/">http://kinasse-yatsushiro.jp/</a> |                        |  |

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## GINGER

By Public Transport

Dining

Toyo is famous for its main products, ginger. Ginger is not only used as spicery but also as medicine. And it is said that effects on every sickness.

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|---------------|--|------------------------|--|
| Location/View | Toyo town, Yatsushiro city   |                        |  |
| Access        |  |                        |  |
| Season        | From Sep. to Nov.  | Parking for tour buses |  |
| Related links | Toyo Koryu Center Seseragi<br><a href="http://www.toyo-seseragi.com">http://www.toyo-seseragi.com</a><br>JA Yatsushiro Syogabukai<br><a href="http://www.shouga-bito.com">http://www.shouga-bito.com</a> |                        |  |

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## IZUMI-CHA -Green tea from Izumi-

By Public Transport

Dining

Izumi-machi is a well-known production region for green tea. Izumi green tea leaves are very fine by growing in hilly mountainous area with rich water, climate, dense fog, and etc. Enjoy the mild, soft and scented green tea.

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|---------------|--|------------------------|--|
| Location/View | Izumi town, Yatsushiro   |                        |  |
| Access        |  |                        |  |
| Season        | All year   | Parking for tour buses |  |
| Related links | Fureai Center Izumi<br><a href="http://www.izumimura.com/fureai/">http://www.izumimura.com/fureai/</a> |                        |  |

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## Yatsushiro yokatoko bussankan

By Public Transport

Shopping

Yatsushiro Yokatoko Bussankan is conveniently located nearby the JR Shin-Yatsushiro Station. It is bustling with people and sells many local agricultural products such as "Banpeiyu" which is the world's largest citrus fruit recognized by the Guinness World Record, delicious "salty Tomato" and so on. Also local fresh vegetables and fruits are able to be purchased here.

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|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Location/View | 4459-1,Kami-Hiokimachi,Yatsushiro |                        |  |
| Access        | 25minutes from port by car(12km)  |                        |  |
| Season        | Year-round                        | Parking for tour buses |  |
| Related links |                                   |                        |  |

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## Shohinken

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

Shohinken was built by Naoyuki Matsui, the feudal lord of Yatsushiro Castle, for his mother in 1688.

The Akajogaikae pond and the Akajogamori grove are incorporated as they are into the garden with the simple and majestic background of Mt. Aso to the Uto Peninsula and Unzen Volcano.

This is popular among people as the "teahouse on the seashore" and has been designated as a national scenic site.

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|---------------|---|---------------------------|--------|
| Location/View | 3-15, Kitanomaru-machi, Yatsushiro, Kumamoto 8660865<br>Japan   |                           |        |
| Access        | 20 minutes from port by car (9km)   |                           |        |
| Season        | Year-round  | Parking for<br>tour buses | 10 bus |
| Related links | Shohinken/Tourism Information/ Yatsushiro city<br><a href="http://kinasse-yatsushiro.jp/">http://kinasse-yatsushiro.jp/</a> |                           |        |

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## Shohinken

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

Legend has it that Hinagu Onsen sprung out in 1409, when a divine revelation came to Hamada Rokuro in a dream to search out this area after he had prayed for healing and cure for his father's sword wound. This exact location was under water at that time, but currently stands the main spa for this onsen region. As this miraculous story had spread, those who believed in such power started to gather in hopes of getting a treatment for themselves as well.

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|---------------|---|---------------------------|--|
| Location/View | 516, Hinagu-nakamachi, Yatsushiro, Kumamoto 8695135<br>Japan  |                           |  |
| Access        | 30 minutes from port by car (18km)  |                           |  |
| Season        | Year-round  | Parking for<br>tour buses |  |
| Related links | Hinagu Onsen<br><a href="http://kumanago.jp/en/spots/detail/43000001761.html">http://kumanago.jp/en/spots/detail/43000001761.html</a> |                           |  |

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## Gokanoshō

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

Gokanoshō is a collective name for five villages-- Hagi, Momigi, Shiibaru, Kureko, and Nitao-- and is referred to as the secluded land of Kyushu. Gokanoshō, located in the center of Kumamoto Prefecture, is a mountainous area with a poetic atmosphere where the Sugawara legend and the fleeing Heike warrior legend are passed on. Rich forests and deep ravines surround Mt. Kunimidake, the highest mountain (1,739 m) in Kumamoto. In particular, the 70-meter high Sendantodoro Falls, and the beautiful autumn leaves are popular tourist attractions.

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|---------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| Location/View | Izumi-machi Kakisako, Yatsushiro, Kumamoto 8694401<br>Japan  |                           |  |
| Access        | 110 minutes from port by car (60km)  |                           |  |
| Season        | At the middle of October-November  | Parking for<br>tour buses |  |
| Related links | Gokanoshō / Tourism Information / Yatsushiro city<br><a href="http://goka.sakura.ne.jp/goka/index.html">http://goka.sakura.ne.jp/goka/index.html</a> |                           |  |

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## Yatsushiro Myokensai

By Public Transport

Topics

The autumn festival of Yatsushiro Shrine (former Myoken-gu) which was designated as Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO, is one of Kyushu's three major festivals and continued without interruption for more than 380 years. About 1700 people join this festival as the guards of "Mikoshi" which the god inhabits, and as comforters of the god. They march in procession around the city area in a distance of 6 kilometers. The parade showcases an elaborate display, which includes 40 programs for attracting people, such as the heroic "Shishimai" (Lion Dance), an imaginary animal called as "Kida", and 9 sets of gorgeous "Kasaboko" (Decorative Portable Shrine), and so on. It is well worth seeing, and the energetic and dynamic performance fascinates a large audience every year.

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|---------------|--|------------------------|--|
| Location/View | 405, Myouken-machi, Yatsushiro, Kumamoto 8660802 Japan   |                        |  |
| Access        | Travel by tour: 30 minutes from port by car (14km)<br>Individual travel: 30 minutes from JR Yatsushiro Station by walk                         |                        |  |
| Season        | November 23th every year.  | Parking for tour buses |  |
| Related links | Multilingual Yatsushiro Myoken Festival Audio Guide<br><a href="http://kinasse-yatsushiro.jp/myoken/">http://kinasse-yatsushiro.jp/myoken/</a> |                        |  |

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## Yatsushiro National Fireworks Competition

By Public Transport

Topics

This is the only national fireworks festival in Kyushu where 30 famous pyrotechnicians from Akita in northern Japan to Kagoshima in southern Japan compete against each other through displays of skilled fireworks. As each firework gets displayed, the names of the creators and an explanation of their work are announced. Shooting up over 500 meters into the sky are uniquely concocted bottle rockets; such as ones measuring 400-meter in diameter, and ones with music, etc. More than 150,000 spectators from all over Japan and various parts of Kumamoto make their way to Yatsushiro for this event. The city overflows with bustling crowd on the 3rd Saturday of October every year.

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| Location/View | City Yatsushiro Kumagawa-river green tract of land (the new Hagiwara bridge Upstream)   |                        |  |
| Access        | 35 minutes from port by car (13km)  |                        |  |
| Season        | 3rd Saturday of October, every year<br>※will be postponed by the stormy weather.  | Parking for tour buses |  |
| Related links | Yatsushiro National Fireworks Festival<br><a href="http://www.kinasse-yatsushiro.jp/hanabi/">http://www.kinasse-yatsushiro.jp/hanabi/</a> |                        |  |

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## The Toyo Stone Takumi Museum contains Japan-Heritage certified relics of the masons who created Yatsushiro

By Public Transport

Topics

The Toyo Stone Takumi Museum is a museum of masonry and arched bridges located in Toyo Town in Yatsushiro City. This area, which was once called Taneyama, was well-known for Taneyama Masonry. A number of arched bridges, including the Tsujun Bridge were built using this kind of masonry. There are still 21 arched bridges in Toyo Town which have survived over a century of wind and snow. In 2020 the "Relics of the stone masons who created Yatsushiro" received a Japan Heritage Designation.

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|---------------|---|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Location/View | Yatsushiro-shi Toyo-cho Kita 98-2   |                        |                         |
| Access        | About 40 minutes (22km) by bus from Yatsushiro Port   |                        |                         |
| Season        | Year-round  | Parking for tour buses | Space for 15 Tour Buses |
| Related links | Yatsushiro City Tourism Information:<br><a href="https://kinasse-yatsushiro.jp/spots/detail/112">https://kinasse-yatsushiro.jp/spots/detail/112</a> (Japanese Only)<br>DMO Yatsushiro:<br><a href="https://www.dmo8246.jp/introduce/%E6%9D%B1%E9%99%BD%E7%9F%B3%E5%8C%A0%E9%A4%A8/">https://www.dmo8246.jp/introduce/%E6%9D%B1%E9%99%BD%E7%9F%B3%E5%8C%A0%E9%A4%A8/</a> |                        |                         |

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