



Basashi

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Dining

This is a local specialty of Kumamoto. Generally, horse meat is eaten with toppings such as grated ginger, garlic, or chopped spring onions. Soy sauce is poured on top. The fat in the horse meat melts at a low temperature, so the marbled meat is also refreshing. when raw. Sushi made with horse meat is also popular.

Location/View	
Access	
Season	Year- round
Related links	KUMAMOTO CITY OFFICIAL GUIDE "Food Guide" https://kumamoto-guide.jp/en/foods/



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Higo beef

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Dining

Higo Beef is popular among women because it has less fat than other types of beef, but still tastes good.

Location/View	
Access	
Season	Year-round
Related links	OFFICIAL KUMAMOTO TOURISM GUIDE https://kumamoto-guide.jp/en/foods/foods_02.html KUMAMOTO CITY OFFICIAL GUIDE "Food Guide" https://kumamoto-guide.jp/en/foods/



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Kumamoto Ramen

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Dining

Originally a variation of Kurume ramen, Kumamoto ramen has developed into the present, unique style over the years. The local's favorite noodles are distinguished by its rich pork-broth, the thick and firm noodles, and the seasonings of garlic chips and browned garlic oil. The noodles have made Kumamoto a recognized "ramen district" in the nation, arguably joining the ranks of Sapporo and Hakata. There are many Kumamoto-style ramen shops found throughout Japan; however, for an authentic Kumamoto version, you ought to try one at where they were born.

Location/View	
Access	
Season	Year-round
Related links	OFFICIAL KUMAMOTO TOURISM GUIDE https://kumamoto-guide.jp/en/foods/foods_01.html https://kumamoto-guide.jp/en/foods/ Kumamoto Ramen Noodles http://kumamoto-guide.jp/en/spots/detail/dining/43000005183.html



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Arcaded street(“Kami-toori・simo-toori・shin-shiqai”)

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Shopping

Kumamoto City (with its population over 700,000) has the largest shopping arcade in western Japan. The arcade is over 1 km long and located at the castle town section of Kumamoto Castle in the heart of Kumamoto City. Inside the arcade are department stores, electronics stores, drug stores, clothing stores, etc. There are also many restaurants and bars, and you can enjoy the wide range of delicious food that Kumamoto has to offer.

Location/View	Tetori-honmachi, Chuou-ku, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto MAP
Access	Short walk from Kumamoto SAKURA MACHI Bus Terminal
Season	Year-round
Related links	KUMAMOTO CITY OFFICIAL GUIDE https://kumamoto-guide.jp/en/spots/detail/107

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Kumamoto Castle

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Main Attractions

Kumamoto Castle, one of Japan's Three Great Castles, was built in 1607 by Kato Kiyomasa. The Castle keep Towers and Honmaru-goten Palace had to be completely rebuilt after being burned to the ground in 1877, a fate only Uto-yagura turret and a few other structures survived. However, in April 2016, both buildings sustained huge damage in the Kumamoto Earthquake. The castle was reopened to the public in phases starting in the fall of 2019. The main keep reopened to visitors in June 2021, after its restoration was completed. About 600 cherry trees bloom around late March.

Location/View	1-1, Honmaru, Chuou-ku, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto 860-0002 Japan MAP
Access	30min. via car from port (15km) Short walk from Shiromegurin, Kumamoto Castle bus stop
Season	Year-round
Related links	KUMAMOTO CASTLE OFFICIAL WEBSITE https://kumamoto-guide.jp/kumamoto-castle/en/admission/ OFFICIAL KUMAMOTO TOURISM GUIDE https://kumamoto-guide.jp/spots/detail/12303

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Aso-Nakadake crater

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Main Attractions

The Aso caldera extends for 24 km from north to south and 18 km from east to west. Mt. Nakadake, which is located inside this caldera (one of the world's largest), is an enormous volcanic crater with a diameter of 600 m, a depth of 130 m, and a bumpy lava rock circumference of 4 km. From there, you can fully enjoy a view of Aso, which is surrounded by dynamic natural surroundings. During times of strong volcanic activity, tourists may not be allowed to go near the crater.

Location/View	Kurokawa, Aso City, Kumamoto Japan MAP
Access	110 min. via car from port (60km)
Season	Year-round
Related links	Sightseeing Aso City, Mount Aso https://kumanago.jp/en/

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Suizenji Jojuen Park

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Suizenji Jojuen Park is a traditional Japanese garden landscaped around a natural spring pond. The placement of the pond, trees, and hills were supposedly meant to represent parts of the 53 Stations of the Tokaido, a famous route that ran from Edo to Kyoto, and included in the landscaping is a miniature Mt. Fuji. Izumi Shrine is located on the north side of the park.

Location/View	8-1, Suizenji-koen, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto Japan MAP
Access	40 min. via car from port (20km)
Season	Year-round
Related links	KUMAMOTO CITY OFFICIAL GUIDE https://kumamoto-guide.jp/en/spots/detail/75

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Hinokuni Festival

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This festival is held for two days and involves the participation of all Kumamoto City residents. The Otemoyan-so-odori dance, the main event of the festival, takes place in the main street of the city. The melody of the Otemoyan folk song and intense samba rhythm resonate around the city, filling the air with the dancers' excitement and emotion.

Location/View	Throughout Kumamoto's City Centre
Access	
Season	At the beginning of August.
Related links	KUMAMOTO CITY OFFICIAL GUIDE "Events" https://kumamoto-guide.jp/events/detail/541

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