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Puffer Fish

By Foot

Dining

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.

Location/View			
Access	10 min. on foot from port (Moji)		
Season	Year-round (Mid-November - Mid-February at seasonal time)	Parking for tour buses	Contact Required
Related links	Kitakyushu information dissemination strengthening Committee https://www.gururich-kitaq.com/en/spot/fugu		

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Mojiko's Original Baked Curry

By Foot

Dining

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 dish at Moji Port.

Location/View			
Access	5 min. on foot from port (Moji)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	Contact Required
Related links	Kitakyushu information dissemination strengthening Committee https://www.gururich-kitaq.com/en/spot/moji-originated-grilled-curry		

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Nukadaki Fish

By Public Transport

Dining

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 Nukadaki Fish by cooking with bran-paste for hours. Try them with rice and Japanese sake!

Location/View			
Access			
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	5 buses
Related links	Kitakyushu information dissemination strengthening Committee https://www.gururich-kitaq.com/en/spot/nukamiso-daki		

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Kokura Fabric

By Public Transport

Shopping

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	Kitakyushu information dissemination strengthening Committee https://www.gururich-kitag.com/en/spot/kokura-castle-japanese-garden		

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Mojiko Retro

By Foot

Shopping

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. on foot from port (Moji)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	32 buses
Related links	Kitakyushu information dissemination strengthening Committee https://www.gururich-kitag.com/en/mojiko		

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Around JR Kokura station and Kokura Castle

By Public Transport

Shopping

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	Located right after getting off at JR Kokura St.		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	Contact Required
Related links	Kitakyushu information dissemination strengthening Committee https://www.gururich-kitag.com/kokura-central-part		

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Kokura Castle

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

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.

Location/View	2-1 Jonai, Kokura-kita Kitakyushu City ,803-0813		
Access	30 min. by car from Port (Moji)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	12 buses
Related links	Kitakyushu information dissemination strengthening Committee https://www.gururich-kitaq.com/en/spot/kokura-castle		

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Kanmon Strait

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

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.

Location/View			
Access	10 minutes by car from Port (Moji)		
Season	Year-round		
Related links	Kitakyushu information dissemination strengthening Committee https://www.gururich-kitaq.com/en/spot/kanmon-bridge		

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Sankiro

By Foot

Main Attractions

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.

Location/View	3-6-8 Kiyotaki, Moji, Kitakyushu City ,801-0833		
Access	10 min. on foot from Port (Moji)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	Contact Required
Related links	Kitakyushu information dissemination strengthening Committee https://www.gururich-kitaq.com/en/spot/sankirou		

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Kanmon Fireworks Festival



Held on August 13 every year, Kanmon Strait Fireworks Festival is one of the best fireworks display event 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			
Season	August 13th every year	Parking for tour buses	Contact Required
Related links	Kitakyushu information dissemination strengthening Committee https://www.gururich-kitag.com/en/spot/kanmon-strait-fireworks		

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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 Nishikaigann, Moji, Kitakyushu City ,801-8555		
Access			
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	50 buses
Related links	Port of Kitakyushu https://kitagport.jp/index_e.html		

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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 "yoitosa, yoitosa" is a must-see.

Location/View	1-1-1 senbo, Tobata, Kitakyushu City ,804-8510		
Access	30 min. by car from Port (Moji)		
Season	Late July every year	Parking for tour buses	Contact Required
Related links	Kitakyushu information dissemination strengthening Committee https://www.gururich-kitag.com/en/spot/tobata-gion-oyamakasa		

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