

Ichinomiya

Right in the heart of Aso is the town of Ichinomiya, where visitors will find Aso Jinja Shrine and Miyaji Station. Surrounded by dramatic landscapes, from the five peaks of Mt. Aso on the south to the massive caldera wall to the north, for centuries this spot has been associated with the divine.

Among the terraced paddies in the massive caldera are many cultural treasures, including ancient burial mounds known as *kofun*, Aso Jinja Shrine, and the remnants of the Bungo Kaido, a stone-paved road dating back to the Edo period (1603–1868). Throughout the year the town hosts colorful festivals and rituals that have been passed down for generations.