

## Aso-bo Pamphlet

### Aso: Living in Harmony with Volcanoes

Aso is a land of constant surprises, showing a different face for each season. Discover this dynamic region, from its active volcanoes and lush grasslands to its centuries-old celebrations.

## Spring

### Aso Jinja Shrine

Visit one of Japan's oldest shrines, home to several Important Cultural Properties.

### *Hifuri Shinji*

Watch blazing torches and spinning rings of fire light up the night during this ancient ritual to pray for an abundant harvest.

### Grasslands

See Aso's grasslands carpet the craters and mountainsides in green after yearly controlled burns, a tradition handed down from generation to generation.

## Summer

### Mt. Nakadake Crater

Get up close and personal with an active volcanic crater inside one of the world's largest calderas.

### Milk Road

Drive under wide-open skies and through lush grasslands dotted with Akaushi cattle.

### Spring Water Fountains

Sip the crisp, refreshing water that comes from the 30 natural spring water fountains around Aso.

## Autumn

### *Susuki* grass (miscanthus grass)

Wander through fields of *susuki* grass glowing gold in the autumn sunlight around Daikanbo lookout and Milk Road.

### Iwato Kagura

Feel the beat of this sacred dance that has told stories linking the worlds of humans and gods for over 200 years.

### Sea of Clouds

Gaze down over the “sea” of clouds that fills the caldera, one of Aso’s most dramatic early-autumn phenomena.

## **Winter**

### Snow-Covered Scenes

Breathe in the crisp winter air and marvel at the silver-white snow covering Aso’s peaks and grasslands.

### Onsen

Relax in steaming hot springs heated by the same volcanic forces that created the Aso caldera.

### Koga Falls

During the winter, this towering waterfall transforms into glistening natural ice sculptures.