4-DAY TRAVEL GUIDE

4 Days in Kyushu: Fukuoka, Kumamoto, Mount Aso & Takachiho

A 4-day Kyushu itinerary from Fukuoka and Kumamoto to Mount Aso, Kurokawa Onsen and the sacred landscapes of Takachiho.

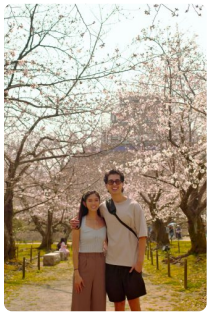


AT A GLANCE

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MAIZURU PARK - MOMOCHI - HAKATA

Day One: Fukuoka Highlights: Fukuoka Castle, teamLab Forest & Hakata



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Fukuoka Castle Ruins & Ohori Park

Hilltop ruins turn Maizuru Park into a history walk with sweeping city views Ohori Park adds a lake loop, island bridges, and a Japanese garden The...

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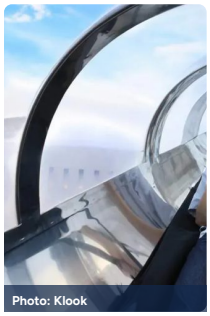


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teamLab Forest Fukuoka

An interactive digital forest where projected animals react to your movement Catch and release digital creatures to build your own collection Climb, balance, and jump through artwork that changes around you

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BOSS E - ZO FUKUOKA

An indoor entertainment complex mixing rooftop thrills, VR, baseball, Sanrio, and digital art SUBE-ZO drops you through a 100-meter tube slide outside the building You can choose one attraction or turn the building into an...

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Fukuoka Tower

A mirrored 234-meter tower rises like a sail beside Hakata Bay The observation room opens wide views across the city, sea, and distant mountains After dark, the illuminated tower becomes part of the skyline

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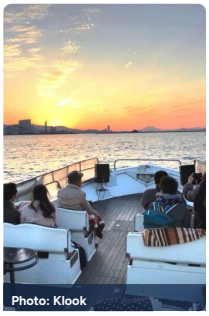


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Tochoji Temple

A peaceful Hakata temple hiding an enormous wooden Buddha inside The bright five-story pagoda is one of Old Town's prettiest landmarks The quiet grounds create an easy pause while exploring Old Town

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Fukuoka Nakasu River Cruise

A quick boat ride revealing central Fukuoka from an entirely different angle Glide past Canal City, riverside yatai, and Nakasu's bright skyline Some sailings...

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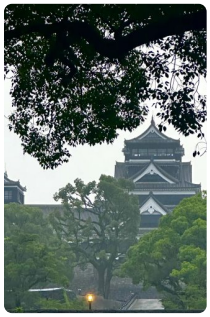
Nakasu Yatai Food Stalls

Tiny open-air stalls where everyone squeezes around one lively counter The riverside setting makes dinner feel completely different from a regular restaurant Our random stall served one of the BEST ramen bowls I've ever had!

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KUMAMOTO CASTLE

Day Two: Kumamoto: Castle, Basashi, and Kumamon!

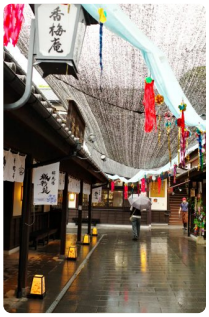


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Kumamoto Castle

Kumamoto's landmark black-and-white castle combines massive stone walls with modern history exhibits

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Sakura no Baba Josaien

Castle-town-style complex beneath Kumamoto Castle, combining local food, souvenirs, and historical exhibits Sample basashi, karashi renkon, and ikinari dango across its many shops and restaurants!

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Kumamon Square

Kumamon's home base combines an interactive stage show, playful displays, and souvenir shop His dancing show was geared toward kids, but I had SUCH a great time! Check the site for Kumamon's performance times.



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Aoyagi

Taste Kumamoto's basashi through multiple preparations in a seasonal kaiseki meal The liver was a favorite, and this basashi surpassed every version I'd tried!

MOUNT ASO - OGUNI - KUROKAWA ONSEN

Day Three: Mount Aso, Nabegataki Falls & Kurokawa Onsen



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Kamishikimi Kumanoza Shrine

100 Lanterns line atmospheric stairs through mossy cedars toward a dramatic rock opening and forest shrine The misty woods felt like stepping...

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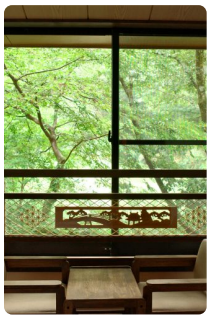


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Nabegataki Falls

Wide, curtain-like waterfall formed by the ancient eruption that created Aso's caldera When access allows, walk behind the water for an incredible misty forest perspective

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Kurokawa Onsen Hopping & Ryokan Stays

I stayed at three Kurokawa inns-Ryokan Ichinoi, Fumoto Ryokan, and Inn Noshiyu Wander Kurokawa in yukata between riverside, forest, and cave-like outdoor...

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AMANOIWATO - TAKACHIHO GORGE

Day Four: Takachiho: Sacred Shrines & Takachiho Gorge



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Amaterasu no Kakure Cafe

The sweetest little cafe break between Amano Iwato Shrine and Amanoyasukawara.



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Takachiho Gorge

Volcanic gorge where sheer basalt cliffs frame the 17-meter Manai Falls Make sure to reserve a rowboat to enjoy a slow row through the gorge itself! Reserve boats online early; check weather and walking-path closures...

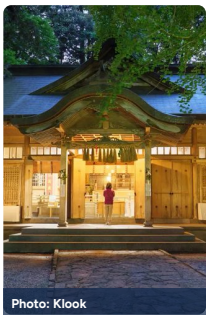
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Chiho no Ie

Catch cold somen rushing down bamboo before dipping it into sauce. Chasing lunch was the BEST part! This is right next to Takachiho Gorge, so head over after for quick lunch!



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Takachiho Shrine

Cedar-filled Shinto shrine tied to local mythology, matchmaking, and marital happiness Circle the intertwined Couple Cedars three times while holding hands with someone special Reserve the nightly Takachiho Kagura show; the...

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EXTEND YOUR TRIP

Have more time?

Consider these stops.

OTHER ITINERARY LENGTHS: 2 days in Kyushu - 3 days in Kyushu - 5 days in Kyushu - 6 days in Kyushu - 7 days in Kyushu - 8 days in Kyushu



OYAMA - YUFUIN - BEPPU

Fukuoka Full-Day Kyushu Natural Animal Park & Kinrin...

A guided day trip with Yufuin, Lake Kinrin, the Seven Hells of Beppu, and the Kyushu Natural Animal Park.

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OYAMA - YUFUIN - BEPPU

Yufuin no Mori, Yufuin Town, Dazaifu & Beppu Hells Day...

A choice of guided routes from Fukuoka combining Yufuin, Lake Kinrin, Beppu's hells, Dazaifu, and a sightseeing-train segment.

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OYAMA - YUFUIN - BEPPU

Kyushu Day Tour: Yufuin, Dazaifu & Beppu from Fukuoka

A guided day tour visiting Dazaifu Tenmangu, Beppu Ropeway, Lake Kinrin, and Yufuin, with a Yufuin no Mori train option.

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OYAMA - YUFUIN - BEPPU

Yufuin no Mori Train, Yufuin & Beppu Hells Day Trip

A flexible day trip whose published routes include Lake Kinrin, Yunotsubo Street, Yufuin Floral Village, and Umi Jigoku.

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OYAMA - YUFUIN - BEPPU

Fukuoka: Nyoirinji Temple, Beppu Hells Tickets Incl &...

A guided day trip from Fukuoka with Yufuin, Umi Jigoku, Kamado Jigoku, Mount Yufu, and Nyoirinji's frog statues.

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OYAMA - YUFUIN - BEPPU

Fukuoka: Beppu Hells Hot Spring, Frog Temple & Yufuin...

A guided Fukuoka day trip combining Yufuin, Beppu's geothermal hells, and Nyoirinji's frog-filled temple grounds.

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EXTEND YOUR TRIP

Have more time?

More bookable ideas for extending your trip.



OYAMA - YUFUIN - BEPPU

Private Oita Charter: Yufuin, Beppu Hells & Kyushu Safari...

A customizable Oita charter whose published route choices include Umi Jigoku, Jigokumushi Kobo Kannawa, Yunotsubo Street, and Yufuin.

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OYAMA - YUFUIN - BEPPU

Umi no Hotel Hajime Onsen

Book Umi no Hotel Hajime in Beppu on Booking.com.

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SHIROYAMA - SENGAN-EN -...

Sakurajima & Sengan-en One-day Volcano & Sightseeing...

A Kagoshima day tour covering Sakurajima, Sengan-en, Shiroyama Observatory, and free time in Tenmonkan.

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Sengan-en Special Tour in Kagoshima

Sengan-en admission bundled with the historic house, museum, lunch, dessert, and a traditional activity.

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Kagoshima Highlights Private Tour: Sakurajima Volcano an...

A private Kagoshima highlights tour covering Sakurajima and Sengan-en.

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DAZAIFU - TENJIN - HAKATA

Kyushu Itoshima Popular Route: Itoshima Meoto Iwa,...

A popular day tour pairing Sakurai Futamigaura in Itoshima with Dazaifu Tenmangu and a Yanagawa river cruise.

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