5-DAY TRAVEL GUIDE

# 5 Days in Kyushu: Fukuoka, Yufuin, Beppu, Kumamoto & Mount Aso

A 5-day Kyushu itinerary from Fukuoka through Yufuin and Beppu to Kumamoto, Mount Aso, Kurokawa Onsen and Takachiho.

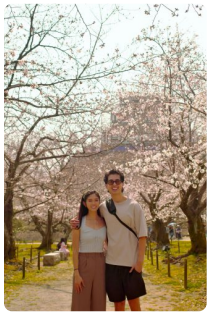



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MAIZURU PARK - MOMOCHI - HAKATA

# 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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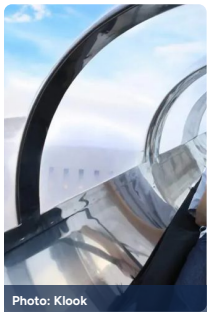



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## teamLab Forest Fukuoka

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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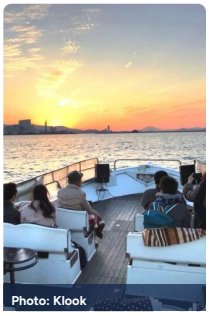



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## Tochoji Temple

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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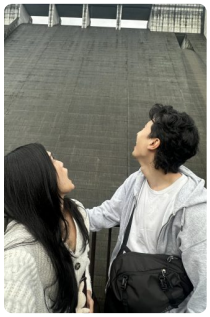
## Nakasu Yatai Food Stalls

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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OYAMA - YUFUIN - BEPPU

# Day Two: Yufuin, Beppu & Attack on Titan Statues



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## Oyama Dam: Attack on Titan Statues

Oyama Dam turns a massive wall of concrete into one of Kyushu's coolest anime stops straight out of Attack on Titan! Standing beneath it makes the scale of that scene feel surprisingly real!...




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## Lake Kinrin

Lake Kinrin is Yufuin's quiet little reset! A small torii gate sits in a quiet lake right next to the bustling streets of Yufuin Floral Village.

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## Yufuin Floral Village

Storybook shopping lane inspired by England's Cotswolds, packed with character-themed shops I had so much fun browsing Ghibli shops and finding cute character souvenirs! It's playful, ridiculously cute, and easy to explore...

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## Cook yourself a meal using hot spring steam!

Jigokumushi Kobo lets you cook lunch yourself using steam straight from Beppu's natural hot springs. I loved turning the city's hot-spring energy into...

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## Seven Hells of Beppu

Seven viewing hot springs with cobalt water, red mud, bubbling pools, and a geyser I loved seeing how completely different every steaming hell looked! Buy the combined ticket for all seven; it remains valid across two days

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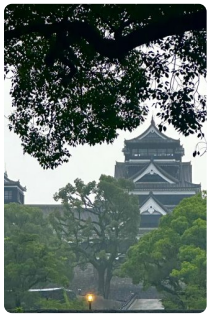
## Umi no Hotel Hajime Onsen

Seaside hotel with top-floor hot-spring baths, an outdoor soak, and panoramic sauna We ended the night in yukata and sheet masks after soaking. Such a relaxing reset! Public baths prohibit tattoos; reserve a private family...

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KUMAMOTO CASTLE

# Day Three: Kumamoto: Castle, Basashi, and Kumamon!

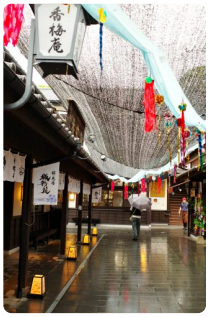


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## Kumamoto Castle

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 Four: 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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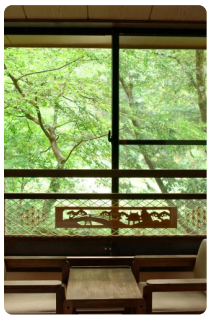


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## Nabegataki Falls

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 Five: 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...

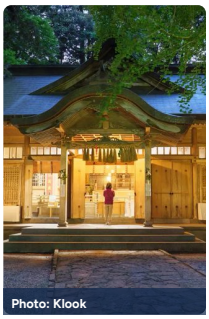
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## Chiho no Ie

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.

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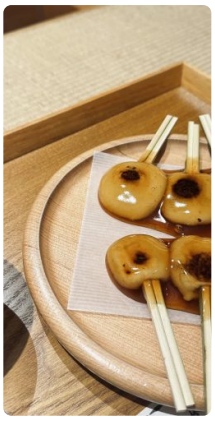


SHIROYAMA - SENGAN-EN -...

### 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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SHIROYAMA - SENGAN-EN -...

### 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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CHIRAN - IBUSUKI

### Chiran Samurai gardens & Peace Museum private tour...

A private Kagoshima-area car tour visiting the Chiran Samurai Residence gardens and Chiran Peace Museum.

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