Bonoma

Visit scenic spots along the coast
Feel the multifaceted history

Prefectural Natural Park

③Gotobana Lookout

With Okiakime Island (Biro Island) lying below and its emerald green waters changing colors depending on the stratification of the seabed, the Gotobana Lookout is a beautiful sight to behold. Subtropical plants such as fountain palms, Canary Island date palms, and sago palms at the lookout provide a tropical feel. The place is also famous for its sunsets, and photos taken with the sunset and fountain palms behind evoke images of a southern island.

②Yuhigaoka Park

This is a great spot for viewing the sunset. It is best to take a leisurely stroll through the park, following a pathway marked by a radio tower in the car park. It offers spectacular views over Cape Noma.

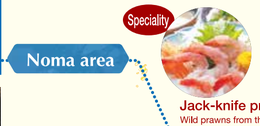
①Oto Stone Walls

The village of Oto, with its rows of houses surrounded by stone walls, makes the most of its hilly terrain. With an estimated one million natural stones stacked in the nozura-zumi style, the village is a sight to behold, and there are well-maintained walking trails and a 1,250-meter cobblestone path.

Diving spot

Coral colonies can be seen along the Oto Coast. The water is so clear in Kasasa that you can observe a huge variety of wildlife, from large fish to tiny marine creatures.
*Diving rules apply, so ask a local diving shop for information.

Akime area



Speciality

Jack-knife prawns

Wild prawns from the waters near Nomaike. They have a strong, sweet flavor.

Noma area

④Mt Noma

At 591 m above sea level, the conical mountain is composed of igneous rocks. Along with Mt Kaimon and Kinposan, it is one of the Three Famous Mountains of the Satsuma Peninsula. It takes about 40 minutes to walk from Noma Shrine to the summit. Noma rhododendrons are at their best around April. Trails are available for light trekking.

Takasakibana
Taniyama Lookout
★Eight famous sea views: terraced fields
Mt Takasaki Lookout
★Eight famous sea views: Satsuma Peninsula and Mt Sakinoyama
Kaminoshima Isl.
Tatsuba Isl.
Taniyama
Oto Stone Walls ①
Kataura Fishing Port
Oto Beach Park
Niozaki
Dendranthema ornatum colony
Noma Peninsula
Cape Noma Lighthouse
Yuhigaoka Park ②
Nomaike Minato Plaza
Nomaike Fishing Port
Cape Noma
Ushirohama Beach Lookout
★Eight famous sea views: Cape Noma
Kasasa Park
Hokinoyama Park
Mt Noma ④
Noma Shrine
Dairyu Fire Station
Kasasa Natural Hot Spring Spa Qi Tūn Shān Hé
Kataura
Remains of Miyanoyama
Kurose
Shochu Museum Toujinosato Kasasa
Kasasa Art Museum Kurose Tenbo Museum
Kasasa Museum Lookout
Kurose Beach
★Eight famous sea views: Okiakime Island
Ariki
③Gotobana Lookout
Okiakime Island
Ganjin Memorial Museum
Mt Takabone ⑤
Akime's sea fig ⑥
Mt Kamegaoka ⑦
(East China Sea Lookout)
Monument to 007's filming
Oura Speciality Shop Furusato Kujirakan
Kujira no Nemuru Oka
Rest stop
Hiruko Shrine
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⑤Mt Takabone

Reaching the summit takes about 20 minutes and is ideal for light trekking. Autumn offers wild gentians. Why not try ringing the Bell of Love on the summit or making a wish at the Love Wishing Rock?

⑥Akime's sea fig

The sea fig tree on the old Akime Primary School site is impressive even amongst the many of its kind. There is a handwritten sign describing the millennium-old tree, and it is also a great place for a relaxing stroll from Akime Port.

Speciality

Kumquats

The glossy, golden fruit has a distinctive softness and sweetness.

Mars Tsunuki Distillery

Tsunuki

⑦Mt Kamegaoka

The mountain is named Kamegaoka (tortoise hill) because its profile resembles a tortoise's shell. There is a viewing platform at the summit, from which a beautiful view of the ria coast can be seen to the southwest.

Speciality

Citrus tankan

Kagoshima Prefecture is the leading producer of tankan, a sweet and juicy citrus fruit.

Minami Satsuma City

Minami Satsuma Exchange Center Niinanamaru

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See Mt Kamegaoka's rockface

Ochimizu Lookout
★Eight famous sea views: Mt Kamegaoka rockface

Imadake
Ose
Nakanose
Chojabana
Tachimebana
Ajirobana
Hakata
Hirao
Mt Isoma ⑧

⑧Mt Isoma

The trailheads take about one hour by car from Kagoshima City. There are three trailheads: the Ganryo route, the Oura route, and the Shimotsunuki route. The most popular route is to start the ascent from the Ganryo route and descend to the Oura trailhead.
*Guided hikes are recommended. For more information, contact the Minami Satsuma Tourist Association.

Speciality

Chinese honey orange

Delicious Chinese honey oranges are planted in terraced fields, bursting with the sun's bounty.

Monument to the birthplace of Chinese honey oranges

Kushi District Community Center
Birthplace of Kuniyoshi Obara
Maremaru cenotaph
Sea figs at Kushi Bay
Mt Togyu
Mt Kusano

Bonotsu area

⑩Cape Bono Lighthouse

The working lighthouse from the Taisho era (1912-1926) still has remnants of the lighthouse staff's rest area. On a good day, you can see Mt Kaimon and the Osumi Peninsula to the east, the Satsunan Islands, Takeshima, Iojima and Kuroshima, as well as Yakushima and Kuchinoerabujima to the south, and the Noma Peninsula and Koshikishima Islands to the west.
*Contact the Bonotsu Yamabiko Society for more information about tours.

⑪View from Mimitori Pass

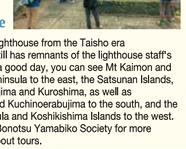
Located en route from Bonotsu in Minami Satsuma to Makurazaki, the Mimitori Pass offers a spectacular view of Bonoma Prefectural Natural Park, where you can see Mt Kaimon, Tategami Rock and the city of Makurazaki. It is a great photo spot where drivers and bikers stop to take photos.

See the eight famous sea views

The city of Minami Satsuma selected eight famous sea views, including magnificent natural and cultural heritage sites that can be viewed from National Route 226. It is also part of the Tour de Minami Satsuma route, and a whale-shaped bus is available for a scenic tour of the area.

⑨Bo's townscape

The town has preserved cobblestone pavements, Kurahama-so (an old smugglers' house), white-walled houses and stone-posted gates. The streets are lined with magnificent masonry, remnants of mansions from the Edo period (1603-1867) when trade flourished. There is Yasaka Shrine and, on higher ground, Konpira Shrine, dedicated to the safety of seafarers.



Coastline trek

⑭Coastline trek

You can descend to the coastline from the Hinokami Park Swimming Pools and trek to the closest point to Tategami Rock. You can take a leisurely walk around the area in about an hour, with breaks, and return up the stairs to the bottom of the Peace Memorial Lookout.
*Only at low tides and in good weather. Please watch your step as the rocks are all stacked on top of each other.

⑯Camping (Hinokami Park)

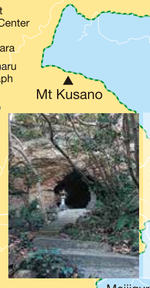
You can enjoy camping along the coast with the East China Sea right in front of you. This is an excellent location for watching the sunrise in the Mt Kaimon direction and the sunset in the Tategami Rock direction.
*Please check the city of Makurazaki's website regarding how to use the facilities.

⑮Hinokami Park

The park's majestic scenery is the best on the Satsuma Peninsula. It is also famous for its association with Umisachihiko and Yamasachihiko, mentioned in An Account of Ancient Matters and The Chronicles of Japan . The area is popular with campers and picnickers during the tourist season. The adjacent Hinokami Park Swimming Pools open in the summer, attracting many visitors.

⑫Akamizu Dairyu Gongen Shrine

The small shrine is dedicated to a great dragon deity and is housed in a hole in welded tuff. The River Karase opposite is where the dragon deity is said to have vaulted to the heavens, and the area has a mystical feel to it, making it a popular power spot.



⑬Tategami Rock

Tategami Rock, a sight to behold and a symbol of Makurazaki city, stands proudly at 42 meters high. From the eastern part of the city, the setting sun can be seen intersecting the rock at the winter solstice, attracting many tourists from home and abroad with its beauty and magic.

Speciality

Bonito

Makurazaki City is the leading producer of bonito flakes. Enjoy a wide variety of bonito dishes.

⑰Explore the River Kedo estuary

Tategami Shrine is at the estuary of the River Kedo, which flows through the center of Makurazaki, and there is access to the beach from the shrine's grounds. Take a walk at low tide and enjoy observing seasonal wild birds.

Makurazaki City

⑱Daiba Park

Daiba Park, with its expansive lawns and car park, is a recreation paradise for city residents. The seawater pool opens in the summer months. Several dried bonito flake factories are nearby, giving the area an aroma unique to Makurazaki. Hiruko Shrine, a shrine dedicated to a guardian deity for safe navigation, is situated here, and the Hiruko Shrine June Lantern Festival is held annually on 16 June of the lunar calendar.

Bonotsu Alps

The mountains Kusano, Togyu, and Kuruma are known as the Bonotsu Alps, frequented by many hiking enthusiasts. The route from Mt Sono to Marukizaki Lookout takes about six hours.
*A mountain guide is recommended, as they can introduce you to the joys and dangers of the mountains. (Bonotsu Yamabiko Society)

Minami Kyushu City

See Japan's mythological roots

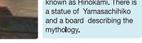
ROUTE 1 Ninigi no Mikoto Country Route

Make new discoveries!

The Bonoma Prefectural Natural Park area has many places associated with Ninigi no Mikoto. Explore the park while feeling the history!

- Roadside Station Kinpo Konohanakan
- Approx. 10 min
- Takaya Shrine — A shrine dedicated to Ninigi no Mikoto's three sons. Also famous as the shochu shrine.
- Approx. 25 min
- Mt Takasaki Lookout — A spot overlooking Kaminoshima Island, with a shrine said to be dedicated to Ninigi no Mikoto.
- Approx. 20 min
- Noma Shrine — A shrine dedicated to Ninigi no Mikoto and Princess Konohanasakuya, among others. It is bustling with people during the annual Hatsuka Mairi on 20 February.
- Approx. 25 min
- Mt Miyanoyama — Legend claims that Ninigi no Mikoto built his abode on this site with great views.
- Approx. 6 min
- Kurose Beach — Believed to be where Ninigi no Mikoto landed and is also known as Kamiwatari Kaigan.
- Approx. 40 min
- Hinokami Park — Hinokami Park was named after Yamasachihiko, also known as Hinokami. There is a statue of Yamasachihiko and a board describing the mythology.

Check out the statue of Princess Konohanasakuya and the information board about her legend! It is worth buying supplies for your journey here.



Enjoy the view from your car window

ROUTE 2 Enjoy Minami Satsuma City's Prefectural Natural Park area! Driving Tour Route

Make new discoveries!

Drive around Minami Satsuma City, home to two prefectural natural parks! Enjoy everything from activities to spectacular views of the ria coastline.

- Fukiage Beach Prefectural Seaside Park
- Approx. 1 min
- Seaside Onsen Yuraku — Enjoy camping, cycling and all sorts of recreational activities!
- Lunchtime — Fuel up on fresh fish and produce.
- Mt Takasaki Lookout
- Ushirohama Lookout — Refresh here after working up a sweat in the park.
- Kasasa Art Lookout — Great views recommended by locals, including the eight famous sea views!
- Gotobana Lookout
- Approx. 8 min
- Akime's sea fig — Take a break from driving. Go for a leisurely stroll through town.
- Approx. 25 min
- Ochimizu Lookout
- Marukizaki Lookout
- Kishinkan Lookout — Your journey comes to an end. Enjoy the unique scenery of a ria coastline that changes over time.

Gotobana Lookout

Kishinkan Lookout

We're all friends when you come here.
Suggested routes in Minami Satsuma

Rediscover!! Route5

See, Learn & Experience

Enjoy the food and experiences

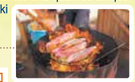
ROUTE 3 Route for enjoying Makurazaki's sea

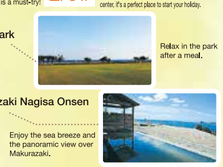
Make new discoveries!

Also, visit the Satsunan Kaigan Prefectural Natural Park to experience the foods, aromas and qualities unique to Makurazaki city!

- Makurazaki Fish Center
- Lunchtime — Besides bonito, Kago pork is a must-try!
- Daiba Park — Relax in the park after a meal.
- Approx. 5 min
- Makurazaki Nagisa Onsen — Enjoy the sea breeze and the panoramic view over Makurazaki.
- Approx. 6 min
- Four Famous Views of Makurazaki City (Futago Beach, Shirahama Sea Cave, Inu no Shirahama Beach, Magatama Beach) — Experience the sea up close at the Satsunan Kaigan Prefectural Natural Park.

Get experiences unique to Makurazaki, including straw-grilled bonito and dried bonito shaving, here! (Requires booking) With an adjoining tourist information center, it's a perfect place to start your holiday.





Inu no Shirahama Beach

Magatama Beach

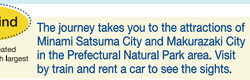
Feel the sea breeze

ROUTE 4 Enjoy the area around Makurazaki City's park! Cycling Route

Make new discoveries!

Dash around downtown Makurazaki City on a rented bicycle. The bikes are electrically assisted, so even going uphill isn't a problem!

- Makurazaki Station Tourist Information Center — Rent an electrically assisted bike and start cycling!
- Aozora Art Museum — Find unique works of art in the city!
- Meijigura, Satsuma Shuzo Shochu Distillery / Kedogawa Beer House
- Approx. 750 m
- Tategami Shrine — Have lunch here after exploring the city.
- Approx. 2.5 km
- Peace Memorial Lookout — The monument and symbolic statue of a goddess at this site represent the wish for world prosperity and everlasting peace.



Relax and unwind

ROUTE 5 Across two cities! A grown-up's holiday

Make new discoveries!

The journey takes you to the attractions of Minami Satsuma City and Makurazaki City in the Prefectural Natural Park area. Visit by train and rent a car to see the sights.

- Makurazaki Sta. → Meijigura, Satsuma Shuzo Shochu Distillery → River Namegawa Giant's Kettle → The old Kago Kinzan Post Office (Yamaneko Bottling Laboratory)
- Approx. 5 min
- Approx. 10 min → Mars Tsunuki Distillery
- Approx. 15 min → Kaseda Fumoto Samurai Houses
- Approx. 10 min → Sunset Bridge

Authentic shochu distillation since the Meiji era.

A grand sculpture created by nature. It is the fifth largest in the prefecture.

This rare building retains its Showa Modern style. It has now been renovated and turned into a café/shop.

It's not just about shochu! This Kagoshima whisky distillery is also worth a visit.

The area retains around 100 old buildings, including modern Japanese-style houses and a Western-style hospital. You will see beautiful streets with stone walls, Japanese yews, and gates of old samurai mansions.

The bridge's silhouette stands out against the setting sun over the East China Sea.
*The bridge is for pedestrians and cyclists.

We love our hometown!

Explore the town with a volunteer tour guide

Want to see the sights that don't make it into the map with a tour guide?
With traditional Japanese hospitality, they'll show you the charms of the locale you won't recognize if you're on your own.

Minami Satsuma City — NPO Bonotsu Yamabiko Society

- Ganjin's landing place 007 filming monument
- Medieval history of overseas trade and cobbled streets
- Buddhist culture (holy priests' graveyard, Deva Kings' statues, site of Ichijo-in Temple)
- The prefecture's only ria coast leisure boat
- Eight famous sea views route
- Cape Bono route

Minami Satsuma City — Kaseda Inishie Guides

- Takeda no Mori route (40 min) Takeda Shrine - Inishie no Michi - site of Jojun-in Temple
- Foot of the mountains and Takeda Shrine route (60 min) Site of Beppu Castle - Deva Kings' statues - Samurai house gates - Six Jizo Tower - Takeda Shrine - Inishie no Michi - Jojun-in Temple
- See-it-all route (120 min) Local museum - Rokkakudo - Sakihisa Shrine - site of Beppu Castle - Deva Kings' statues - Samurai house gates - Six Jizo Tower - Takeda Shrine - Inishie no Michi - site of Jojun-in Temple

Makurazaki City — Makurazaki Tankentai

- Learn about the bonito industry: Bonito hauling tour - Minus 30°C freezer experience.
- Visit the old Kinzan hamlet and gold mine entrance.
- Hidden power spots: Hinokami Park, Akamizu Daigongen and Iwato Gongen.
- Tour of the Satsunan Coast's mudflats.
- Peace Memorial Lookout (Battleship Yamato and Special Attack Units Memorial Square)