

Visit Kyushu



About Kyushu

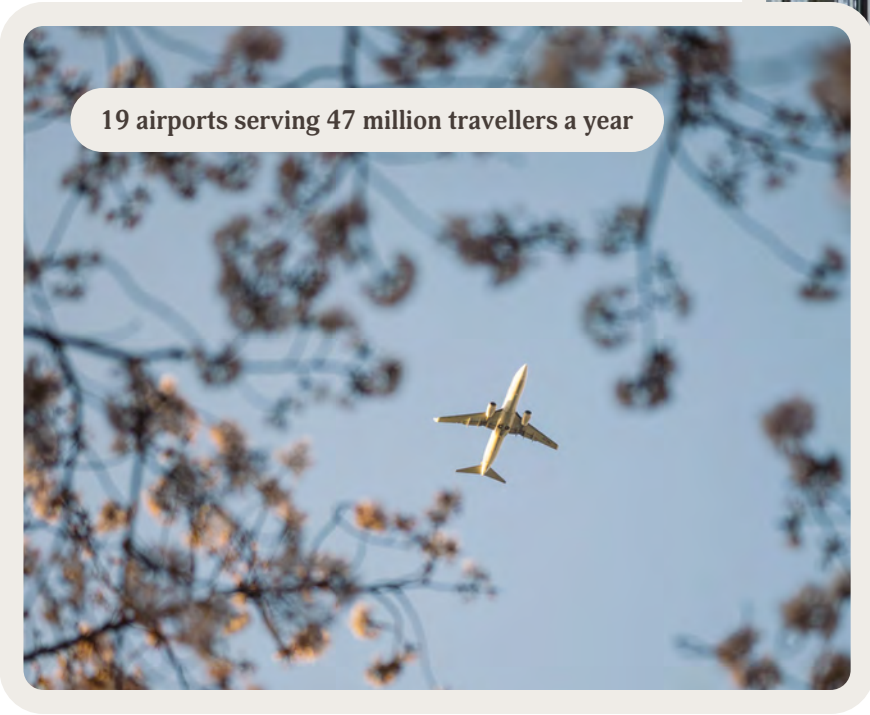
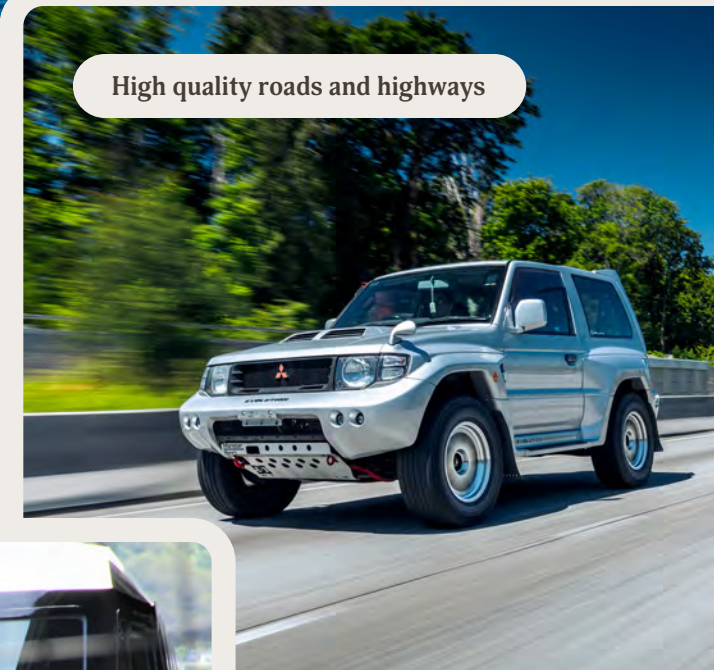
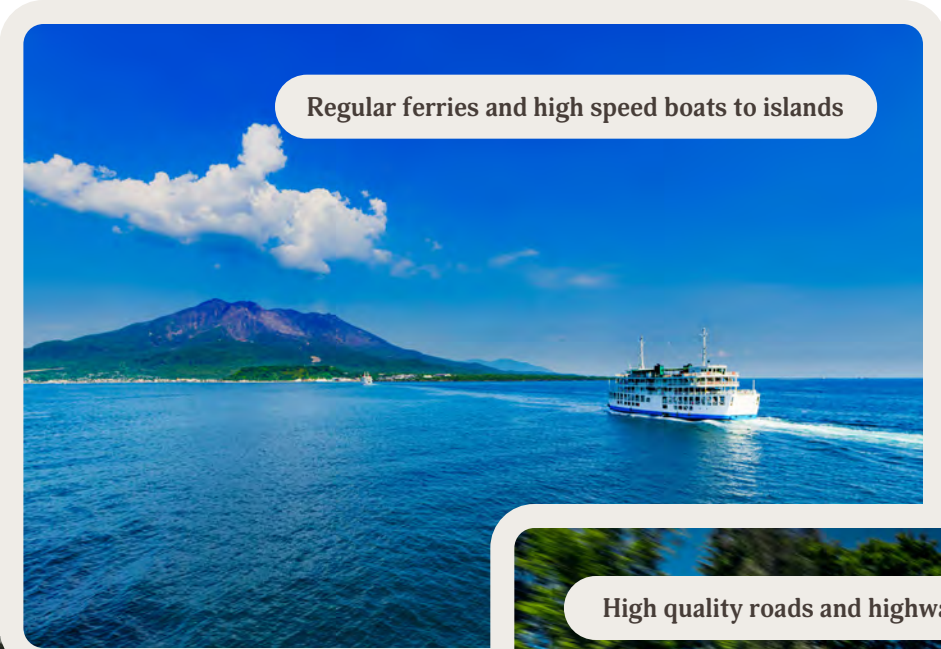
Welcome to Kyushu, a vibrant tapestry of unfiltered local life, culture, and dynamic natural landscapes. Japan's southernmost major island offers something for every traveller. Adventure seekers are drawn to its volcanic terrain, history buffs relish in its samurai past, and those seeking tranquillity find solace in its serene onsen retreats. The island's culinary delights are as varied as its scenery, promising a treat for every palate.

Accessible yet unspoiled, Kyushu is the road less travelled, brimming with authentic experiences. This guide invites you on a journey through this enchanting region via four different routes.



Getting around Kyushu

Kyushu offers tourists exceptional accessibility with its robust transportation network. International airports provide convenient global connections. High-speed and local trains ensure swift and comfortable travel across the island. An extensive, world-class highway system facilitates seamless road journeys, while high-speed boats and ferries offer easy access to surrounding islands, enhancing the travel experience.



ACCOMMODATION

Discover Kyushu's Comfort: Luxurious Hotels, Traditional Ryokan, and Inviting Resorts

A growing number of luxury hotels in Kyushu provide a blend of modern amenities and refined elegance, offering exquisite dining options, state-of-the-art facilities, and impeccable service, ensuring a comfortable and memorable stay. They are ideal for travellers seeking a lavish retreat amidst Kyushu's vibrant culture and scenic beauty.

Ryokan, the traditional Japanese inns, offer a unique experience. With tatami-floored rooms, sliding doors, and often an onsen (hot spring bath), staying in a ryokan is a cultural immersion. The hospitality, known as omotenashi, is heartfelt and meticulous, and the cuisine is a culinary journey through local flavours.

Mid-market options are also abundant, offering comfort and convenience at an affordable price. These accommodations range from business hotels with essential amenities to charming guesthouses, where personal service and local insights are part of the experience.

Each accommodation type in Kyushu offers its own unique experience, allowing visitors to choose based on their personal preferences, be it luxury, cultural immersion, leisure, or affordability. The region's diverse lodging options ensure that every traveller can find a place that feels like a home away from home, deepening their connection to Kyushu's rich culture and stunning natural beauty.

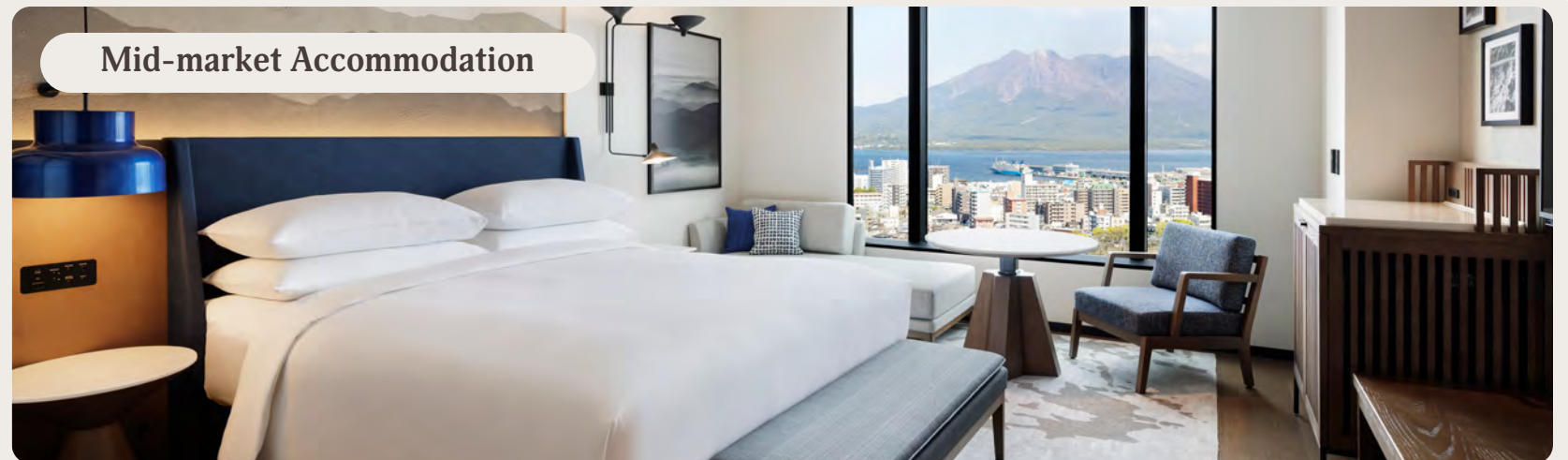
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Traditional Ryokan



Mid-market Accommodation



ROUTE 1

Cities & Samurai



ROUTE 2

Taste & Tradition



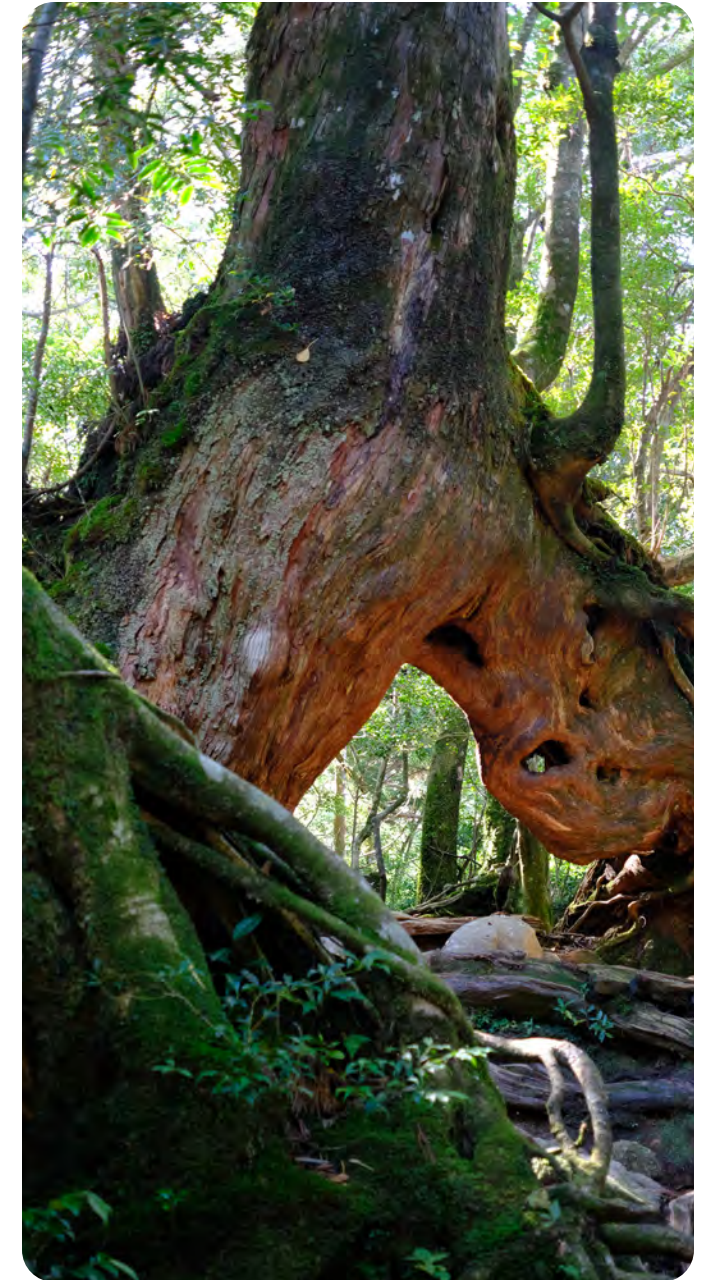
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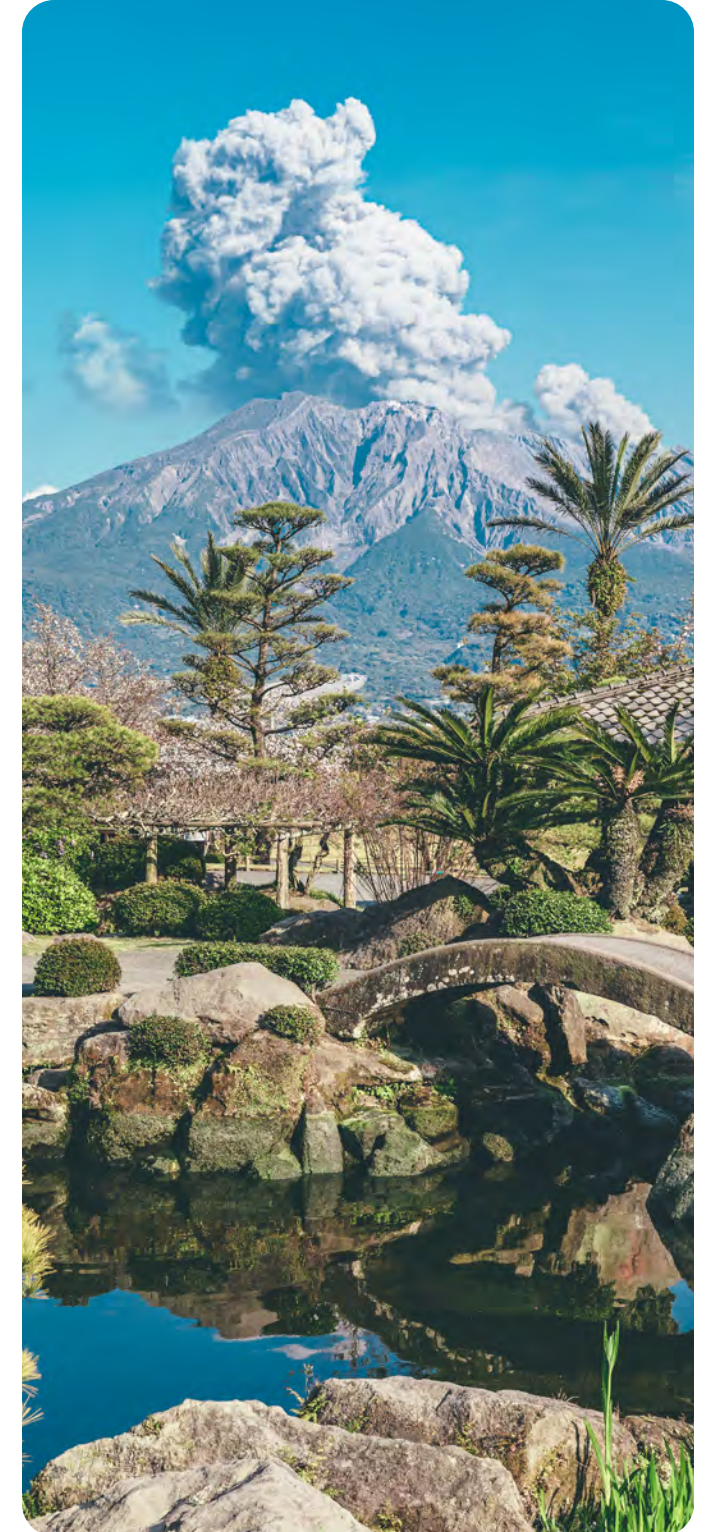


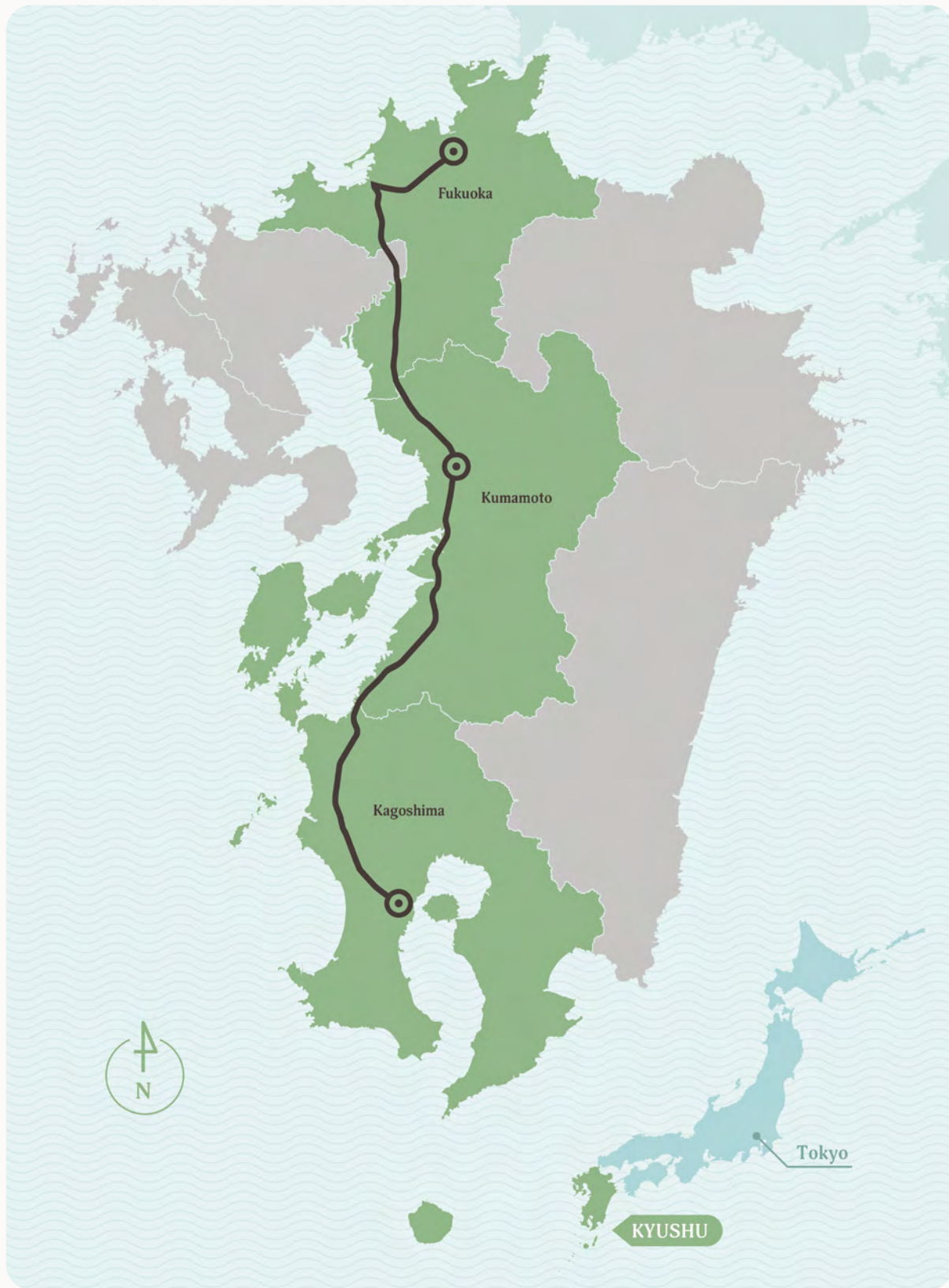
ROUTE 1

Cities & Samurai

Discover Kyushu's samurai martial, artistic, and cultural legacy on a dynamic four-day tour. A swift, culturally-rich journey blending ancient samurai spirit with modern cities in comfort via the Shinkansen and JR Kyushu Rail Pass.

 Duration 4 days	 Season Year round	 Group size 2 to 8 persons
 Type Private	 Prefectures Fukuoka, Kumamoto, Kagoshima	





ROUTE 1

Cities & Samurai

Embark on an exhilarating four-day journey into the heart of Kyushu's samurai heritage. This tour weaves through the streets of Hakata Old Town, visiting quite temples and delving into the art of traditional textiles, before culminating in a Yatai food stall dining experience. Be whisked away by Shinkansen to uncover the secrets of legendary samurai and their martial arts in Kumamoto. The adventure continues in Kagoshima, with Sakurajima offering a backdrop for exploration and inspiration. Conclude your journey amidst the historic beauty of Sengan-en. This tour, blending speed with tradition through the use of the Shinkansen and JR Kyushu Rail Pass, offers an unforgettable dive into the samurai culture of Kyushu.

DAY	PREFECTURE	ACTIVITY
1	Fukuoka	Hakata Old Town Tour, Yatai Food Stall Dinner
2	Kumamoto	Reigando, Shimada Art Museum, Iaido Experience
3	Kumamoto, Kagoshima	Kumamoto Castle, Sakurajima Kayak Tour
4	Kagoshima	Sengan-en, Transfer from Kagoshima Airport



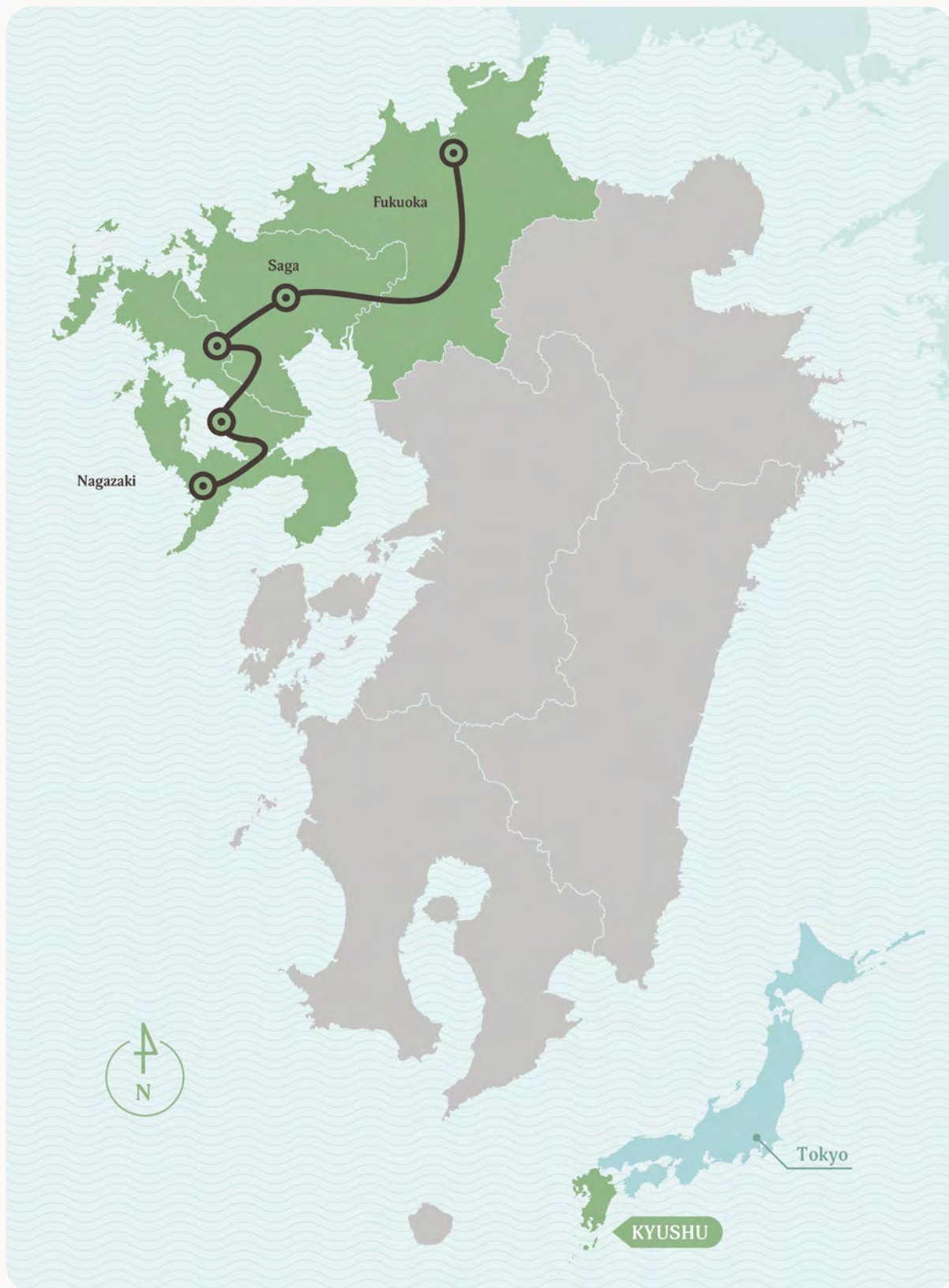
ROUTE 2

Taste & Tradition

Depart on a journey that immerses you in the cultural and culinary richness of western Kyushu, born from a fusion of Japanese views on nature and religion with foreign cultural influences. Travel via the new West Kyushu Shinkansen and local trains for seamless access.

 Duration 6 days	 Season Year round	 Group size 2 to 8 persons
 Type Private	 Prefectures Fukuoka, Saga, Nagasaki	





ROUTE 2

Taste & Tradition

Enjoy a six-day sensory and cultural voyage through Kyushu. Starting in the dynamic streets of Fukuoka with its famous Yatai food stalls, this journey weaves through the serene pottery towns of Saga, and into the historic heart of Nagasaki. You'll uncover the rich heritage of Japanese porcelain in Arita, sip traditional Ureshino tea, and stroll through the multicultural backdrop of Nagasaki's Chinatown and European-influenced sites. This tour masterfully blends culinary delights, artisanal craftwork, and historical exploration, culminating in a deeply enriching experience that captures the essence of Kyushu's allure.






DAY	PREFECTURE	ACTIVITY
1	Fukuoka	Hakata Old Town Tour, Yatai Food Stall Dinner
2	Saga	Takeo Onsen, Mifuneyama Rakuen, Takeo Library
3	Saga	Izumiyama Quarry, Arita Town, Norito Kiln, Kakiemon Kiln
4	Saga, Nagasaki	Ureshino Tea Experience, Dejima to Teramachi Walking Tour
5	Nagasaki	Chinatown, Glover Garden, Oura Church, Ryotei Kagetsu
6	Nagasaki	Transfer to Nagasaki Airport or travel to Unzen



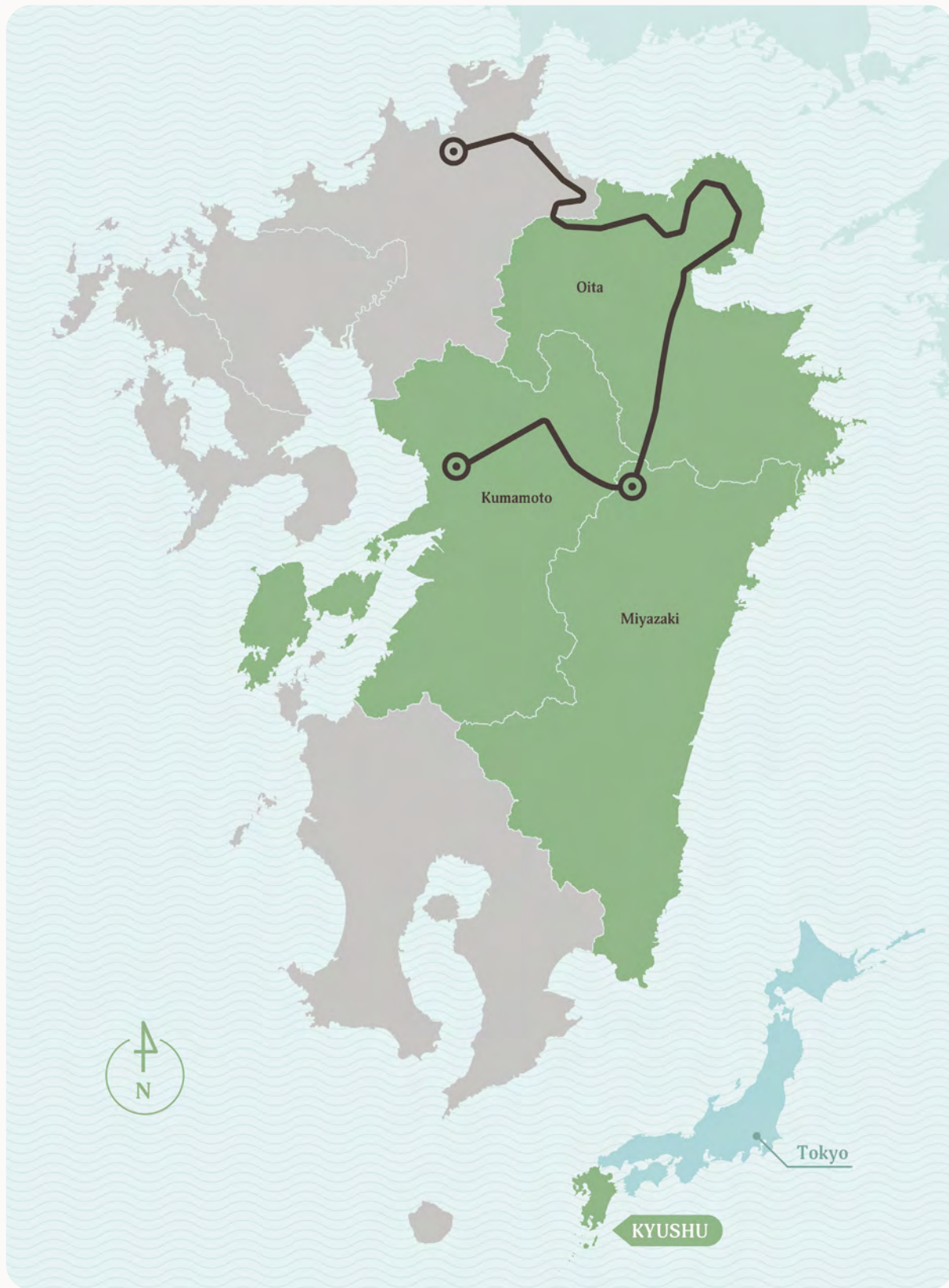
ROUTE 3

Spirit of Nature

Follow the road less travelled in this self-drive tour of Eastern Kyushu. Explore the deep connection between nature and spirituality in the mountains of Kyushu. Travel by car on quiet country roads and get far off the tourist trail in this excursion into rural Japan.

 Duration 7 days	 Season Year round	 Group size 2 to 6 persons
 Type Private	 Prefectures Oita, Miyazaki, Kumamoto	





ROUTE 3

Spirit of Nature

Immerse yourself in the landscapes and spirituality of Kyushu with this self-drive tour, designed for travellers seeking a deep regional experience. Explore the historic Buddhist temples and spiritual sites of the Kunisaki Peninsula, and learn about impermanence and gratitude surrounded by breathtaking natural scenery. Relax in the hot springs of Beppu, and discover the charm of traditional Japanese towns. Journey to the mystical beauty of Takachiho and experience traditional Kagura dances depicting tales of gods and goddesses, before journeying to the stunning Aso Caldera and ending the tour in Kumamoto City.

DAY	PREFECTURE	ACTIVITY
1	Fukuoka, Oita	Yabakei Gorge Cycling, Rakan-ji
2	Oita	Usa Jingu, Kumano Magaibutsu, Fuki-ji
3	Oita	Shikan Meditation, Kunisaki K1 Trail Hike
4	Oita	Beppu Hells, Jigoku-mushi Cooking
5	Miyazaki	Takachiho Gorge, Amanoiwato Shrine, Kagura
6	Kumamoto	Aso Caldera, Mountain Biking, Kurokawa Onsen
7	Kumamoto	Kumamoto Castle, Reigando, Transfer to Hakata

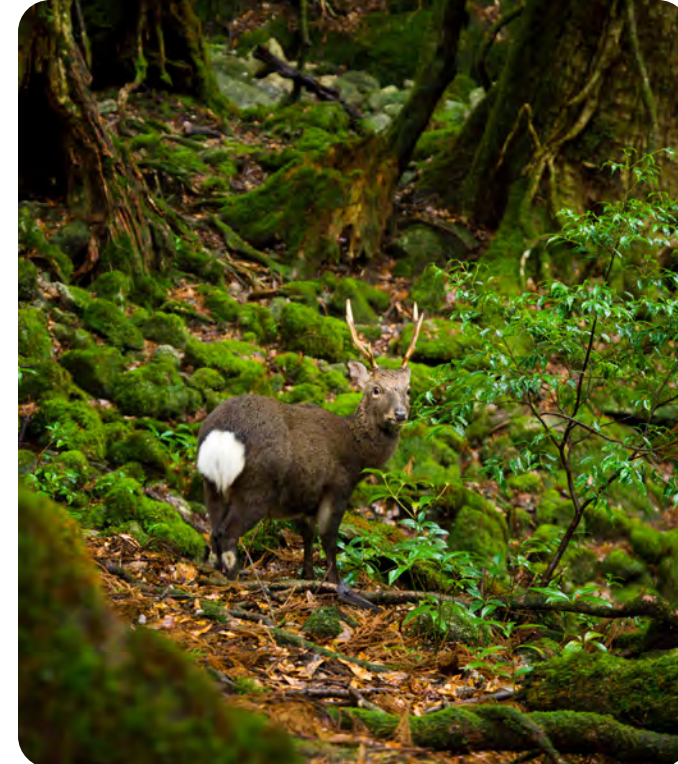


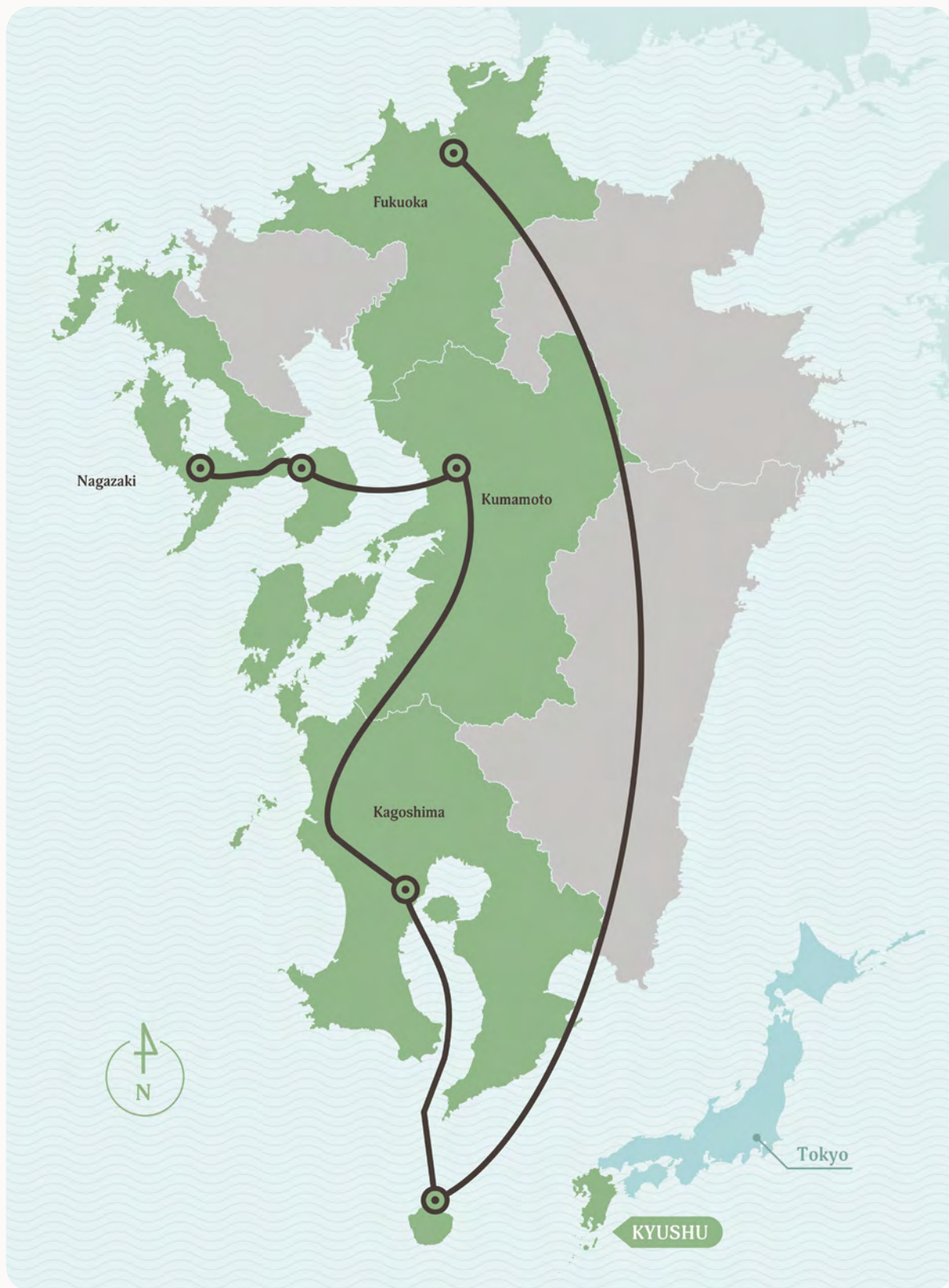
ROUTE 4

The Living Earth

Feel the power of the earth in this comprehensive tour from the ancient island forest of Yakushima to the volcanic landscape of Unzen. Travel seamlessly by plane, train, and ferry to access the best of Kyushu's landscape, formed over millenia by powerful natural forces.

 Duration 10 days	 Season Year round	 Group size 2 to 8 persons
 Type Private	 Prefectures Fukuoka, Kagoshima, Kumamoto, Nagasaki	





ROUTE 4

The Living Earth

Embark on an enchanting journey to Yakushima, immersing yourself in the mystical forests of ancient cedars. Feel the thrill of kayaking around the Sakurajima volcano in Kagoshima. Discover the historical grandeur of Kumamoto, unwind in the tranquil Unzen Onsen, then sample the rich cultural tapestry of Nagasaki, from a captivating cruise to the enigmatic Gunkanjima to an exquisite geisha dinner.

DAY	PREFECTURE	ACTIVITY
1	Fukuoka, Yakushima	Flight to Yakushima
2	Yakushima	Shiratani Unsui Gorge or Jomon Sugi Hiking
3	Yakushima	E-bike Tour, Snorkelling
4	Yakushima, Kagoshima	Sakurajima Sea Kayak Tour
5	Kagoshima	Fish Market Tour, Sengan-en
6	Kagoshima, Kumamoto	Kumamoto Castle, Iaido Experience
7	Kumamoto, Unzen	Unzen Onsen Guided Tour
8	Unzen, Nagasaki	Dejima to Teramachi Walking Tour
9	Nagasaki	Gunkanjima Cruise, Glover Garden, Geisha Dinner
10	Nagasaki	Transfer to Hakata or Nagasaki Airport



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We hope that the vivid descriptions and enticing itineraries have ignited your wanderlust. Kyushu is not just a destination; it's a mosaic of unfiltered local experiences waiting to be lived. From the adrenaline rush of exploring its volcanic landscapes to the tranquility of soaking in an onsen under the stars, every moment here is a story waiting to unfold.

Kyushu's charm lies in its blend of raw natural beauty, deep-rooted history, and warm hospitality. Whether it's the thrill of samurai tales, the allure of culinary explorations, or the simple pleasure of a serene nature walk, Kyushu is ready to welcome you with countless untold adventures.

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