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1. Geographical location

Located on the northern coast of the Kyushu Island in southwestern Japan, Fukuoka covers an area of 340.03 square kilometers. The city is surrounded by mountains on east, west, and south, and on the north is the Sea of Genkai. Fukuoka is 1100 km away from the capital city Tokyo. The city is at the centre of the Fukuoka Plain at an altitude of about 9 m. The area is prone to earthquakes and typhoons. The Kego fault runs through the city northwest to southeast. Rivers like Tatara, Mikasa, Naka, etc. run through the city originating from the Sefuri, Sangun, and Inunaki mountains.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Fukuoka Is The 5th Largest City In Japan. An Integrated Network Of Roads And Rail Connect The City To The Other Cities In The Prefecture And Also To The Major Cities In Japan. Kurume Is The Nearest City Within The Prefecture At A Distance Of 31 Km. Kitakyushu, Another Designated City Like Fukuoka In The Same Prefecture Is About 49 Km Away. The Nearest Prefecture Is Saga With Its Capital City At A Distance Of 37.53 Km From Fukuoka. The Historical City Of Nagasaki Lies 104.5 Km Away. Oita Is Another Neighboring Prefecture And The Capital City Of The Same Name Is Situated 118.5 Km Away From The Fukuoka City.



3. Significance

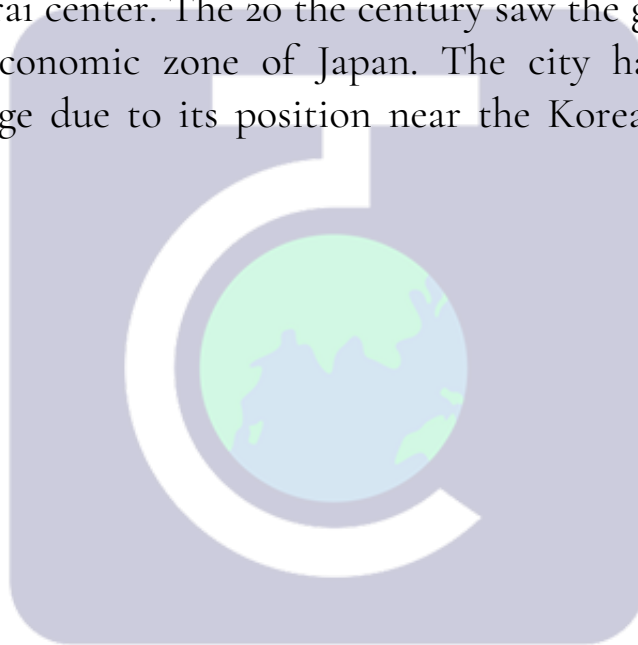
Fukuoka is an economically significant city in Japan. It is the centre of startup and many small industries. The proximity to the sea makes the city a major fishing industry hub in the country. Historically, the port and the nearby cities have been instrumental in many international transactions. The Hakata city still remains a commercial center. Cruise ship tourism has become a major source of income for the city as well as the country. Ease of access through port and airport has made Fukuoka a gateway to the rest of Japan for visitors especially from the Korea and Asia. Due to international tourism, tax revenue and population is on the rise.



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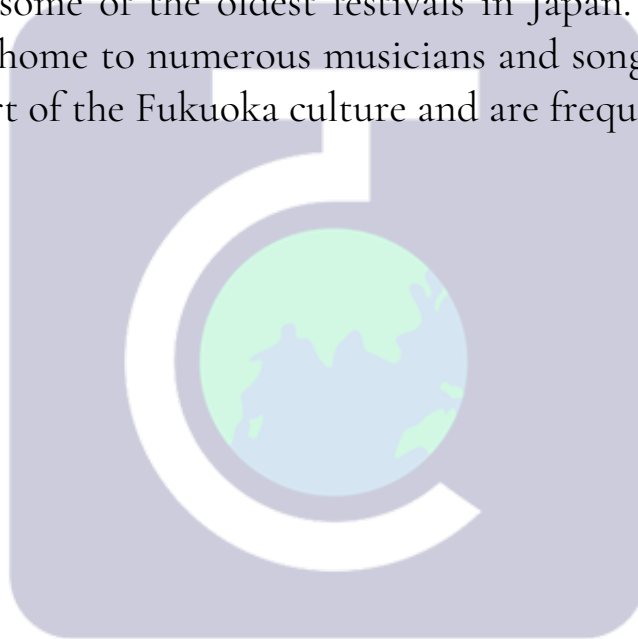
4. History

Earliest human settlements in the area are said to be as old as the Old Stone Age. The region was an administrative capital around mid-7th century. From 1274 to 1281, the area witnessed several Mongol invasions which were luckily thwarted by severe weather conditions. The modern city of Fukuoka was formed in 1889 merging Hakata and Fukuoka cities. Hakata was the port and merchant city while Fukuoka was a samurai center. The 20th century saw the gradual growth of the city into a major economic zone of Japan. The city has a long history of international exchange due to its position near the Korean Peninsula and the Asian continent.



5. Cultural identity

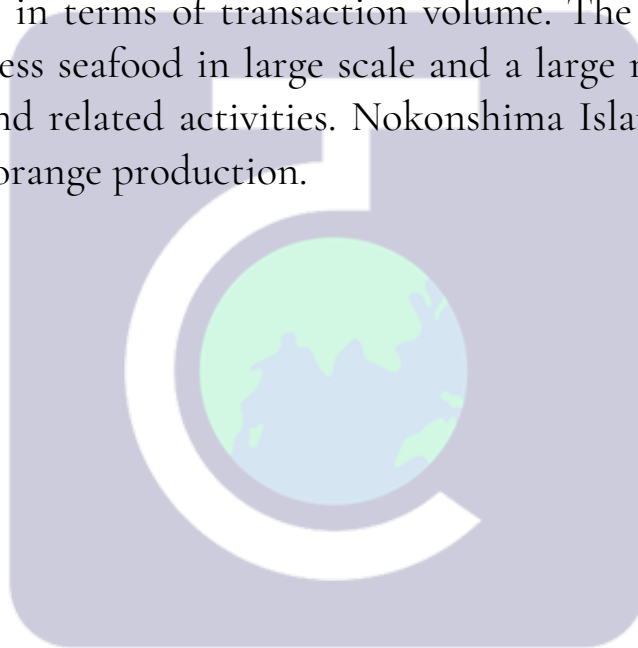
With diverse culture and tourist attractions, Fukuoka is a much visited Japanese city. Its vast number of museums dedicated mainly to traditional and modern art and cultural and historical heritage offer a spectacular view into the lives of its people both in modern times and in the past. Several festivals are celebrated all around the year, the most famous being the Hakata Dontaku and Hakata Gion Yamakasa. Both are some of the oldest festivals in Japan. Fukuoka has a great music culture and is home to numerous musicians and song writers. Shrines and temples also are a part of the Fukuoka culture and are frequently visited by locals and visitors alike.



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6. Natural resources

Fukuoka is home to a large number of unique home-grown products in agriculture, forestry, and fishery. Hakata Amao, Hakata Tomatoes, Fukuoka-shimin Rice, Hakata Scallion, Ebisukaki Oysters, and Shiowakame Seaweed are some of the popular local brabd products. Farmlands, forests, and fishing ports provide multiple opportunities for food production. Fukuoka's fish market is the fifth largest in Japan in terms of transaction volume. The proximity to sea has made it easier to access seafood in large scale and a large number of people are engaged in fishing and related activities. Nokonshima Island near the Fukuoka city is renowned for orange production.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)**7.1. Paid****7.1.1. Marine World Uminonakamichi**

Marine World Uminonakamichi is a public museum consisting of over 70 gigantic tanks. The larger tanks are used for dolphins, sea lions and sharks. This destination is famous for its enthralling dolphin shows that are held every day, where you can enjoy the sight of dolphins jumping through the hoops and performing other stunts.

Address : 18-28 Saitozaki, Higashi Ward, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture 811-0321, Japan

Zipcode : 811-0321

Location : 33.6636364, 130.36291440000002

Contact : +81 92-603-0400

Website : <http://www.marine-world.co.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Uminonakamichi Station – Train Station

Entry Fee : Adult – 2160 yen; Group (20+) – 1,730 yen JHS student – 1180 yen; Group (20+) – 940 Elementary student – 820 yen; Group (20+) – 660 yen Children – 570 yen; Group (20+) – 460 School Discounts – High School – 1,510 yen Junior High School Students – 830 yen Elementary Students – 570 yen Preschool children – 400 yen

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-21:30hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Fukuoka Tower

This 234-meter tall tower is known for its 3 observation decks. One is at 116 meters, the second is situated at 120 meters and is a lounge, whereas the third deck is at a height of 123 meters. This architectural marvel is made strong enough to withstand earthquakes with a magnitude as high as 7 in the Richter scale.

Address : Japan, 814-0001 Fukuoka Prefecture, Fukuoka, 814-0001 – 814-0001

Zipcode : 814-0001

Location : 33.59326419999999, 130.35151440000004

Contact : +81 92-823-0234

Website : <http://www.fukuokatower.co.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Fujisaki Station – Subway Station

Entry Fee : Adult – 800 yen; group – 640 yen; disabled – 500 yen; school groups – 400 yen Student – 500 yen; group – 400 yen; disabled – 300 yen; school groups – 250 yen Child – 200 yen; group - 160 yen; disabled – 100 yen; school groups – 100 yen People over 65 years – 500 yen

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:30hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Fukuoka Asian Art Museum

Established in 1999 and has attracted eyeballs from all over the globe as it is the only museum in the world which is known for its systematically collection and exhibition of Asian modern and contemporary art. Art enthusiasts from all over the world visit this place for its unique art exhibits which no other museum displays.

Address : 3-1 Shimokawabatamachi, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture 812-0027, Japan

Zipcode : 812-0027

Location : 33.59518200000001, 130.40584009999998

Contact : +81 92-263-1100

Website : <http://faam.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/eng/home.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Ohorikoen Station – Subway Station

Entry Fee : Adult – 200 yen; group - 150 yen High school and college students – 150 yen; group - 100 yen Junior high school and elementary students - FREE

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 10:00hrs-20:00hrs; Monday Closed

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Fukuoka Municipal Zoo and Botanical Garden

Situated within Minami-koen, the Fukuoka City Zoological Garden was established in 1953. This botanical garden houses around 1,300 varieties of

outdoor plants whereas the greenhouse consists of 1,200 plant species including orchids, ferns, and cacti. The zoo is a home to over 700 animals from 168 species, including several species of mammals, birds and reptiles.

Address : Japan, 〒810-0037 Fukuoka Prefecture, 〒810-0037 Chuo Ward, Hiraojosuimachi, 9-1, 1 〒810-0037

Zipcode : 810-0037

Location : 33.5701842, 130.39183619999994

Contact : +81 92-711-4111

Website : <http://zoo.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Sakurazaka Station – Subway Station

Entry Fee : Adult – 600 yen; group (30+) – 480 yen High School – 300 yen; group (30+) – 240 yen Middle School and younger - FREE

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday–Sunday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs; Monday Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Kyushu National Museum

Established in 2005, the Kyushu National Museum was the first newly established national museum in Japan after a span of 100 years. This museum holds displays which give you an insight into the formation of the Japanese culture through its highly modernized techniques. Apart from the permanent exhibits which are displayed on the 4th floor, it also holds temporary exhibitions.

Address : 4 Chome-7-2 Ishizaka, Dazaifu, Fukuoka Prefecture 818-0118, Japan

Zipcode : 818-0118

Location : 33.518269, 130.53812300000004

Contact : +81 92-918-2807

Website : <http://www.kyuhaku.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Dazaifu Station – Train Station (NR)

Entry Fee : Adults – 430 yen; group (20+) – 220 yen College students – 130 yen; group (20+) – 70 yen

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 09:30hrs-17:00hrs; Monday Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Komyozen-ji Temple

Komyozenji Temple is a Zen temple which was established in 1273 by a Buddhist priest and caters to the Rinzai sect of Buddhism. It features 2 styles of Japanese garden; a stone Zen garden and a moss garden. Built in the Karesansui style in Kyushu, this garden is one of its kind known for its alpine roses and autumn leaves.

Address : 2 Chome-16-1 Saifu, Dazaifu, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan

Location : 33.5183817, 130.53417519999994

Contact : +81 92-921-2121

Nearest Public Transport : Dazaifu Station – Train Station

Entry Fee : Adult – 200 yen Child – 200 yen

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Kanzeon-ji

Established in the 7th century, Kanzeon-ji is one of the most elegant temples in the city. It is popular amongst the locals and tourist as it houses the oldest bell in Japan which dangles from the bell tower of the temple. Apart from the bell which is a national treasure, this temple also houses a large number of wooden statues and cultural relics.

Address : Japan, 818-0101 Fukuoka Prefecture, Dazaifu, 56-1

Zipcode : 818-0101

Location : 33.515021, 130.52131

Contact : +81 92-922-1811

Website : <http://www.dazaifu.org/map/tanbo/tourismmap/4.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Nishitetsu-Gojo Station – Train Station

Entry Fee : Adult – 500 yen High-University students – 300 yen Junior high school & elementary students – 150 yen

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Ohori Park

Ohori Park is a pleasant city park with a large pond at its center encircled by a walking path. Popular for jogging and leisurely strolling, the park's tranquil atmosphere is perfect for meditation and yoga. Built in 1929, it depicts the traditional Japanese style of gardens and is famous for its peculiar features like tea houses and dry landscapes.

Address : 1-2 Ohorikoen, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture 810-0051, Japan

Zipcode : 810-0051

Location : 33.5858152, 130.3764135

Contact : +81 92-741-2004

Website : <http://www.ohorikouen.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ropponmatsu Station – Subway Station (NR)

Entry Fee : 240 yen

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No



7.1.9. Island City Central Park

Situated on the eastern side of the Hakata Bay, the Island City Central Park is spread over a 400-hectare artificial island. Its major attraction is the "GRIN GRIN" park which features a pond, greenhouse, and a playground. It also features the first building to be built on the island that finds itself among the architectural masterpieces of the city.

Address : Japan, 813-0017

Zipcode : 813-0017

Location : 33.6642965, 130.42098169999997

Contact : +81 92-661-5980

Website : <http://ic-park.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Kashiikaen-Mae Station – Train Station (NR)

Entry Fee : Adult – 100 yen Child – 50 yen

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday-Monday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. Kawachi Fuji-en

One of the most beautiful gardens on earth, the Kawachi Fuji Garden will steal your heart with its scenic wonder and calmness. The main attraction of this garden is the 2 Wisteria Tunnels, which consist of bright wisteria flowers that enfold them. Note: Purchase entry tickets in advance as the garden finds many visitors, especially during the peak season, and the are chances of the tickets getting sold out.

Address : 2 Chome-2-48 Kawachi, Yahatahigashi Ward, Kitakyushu, Fukuoka Prefecture 805-0045, Japan

Zipcode : 8050045

Location : 33.8312121, 130.7924719

Contact : +81 93-652-0334

Website : <http://kawachi-fujien.com/>

Entry Fee : Blooming, blooming finished-500 yen Intermediate-1,000 yen Around it-1,500 yen Below high school student free

Open & Close Timing : Mid April - Mid May (Fuji)- 08:00hrs-18:00hrs Mid November - Early December (Momiji)- 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : Yes

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7.2. Free**7.2.1. Kushida Shrine**

Founded in 757, the Kushida Shrine is a Shinto shrine, dedicated to Amaterasu and Susanoo. The Hakata Gion Yamakasa festival which is famous as the summer festival of Hakata, is dedicated to this shrine.

Address : 1-41 Kamikawabatamachi, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture 812-0026, Japan

Zipcode : 812-0026

Location : 33.3252919, 129.63587710000002

Contact : +81 92-291-2951

Nearest Public Transport : Gion Station – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 04:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Hakata Gion Yamakasa

Hakata Gion Yamakasa is a Japanese festival celebrated from the 1st to the 15th of July. It is centered on the Kushida Jinja and is famous for the Kakiyama. This festival is believed to be over 770 years old and it attracts up to a million spectators each year. Yamakasa's sound has also been selected as one of the 100 Soundscapes of Japan by the Ministry of the Environment.

Address : 1 Kamikawabatamachi, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture 812-0026, Japan

Zipcode : 812-0026

Location : 33.5929851, 130.41049250000003

Contact : +81 92-291-2951

Website : <http://www.hakatayamakasa.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gion Station – Subway Station

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Tōchō-ji

Tōchō-ji is one of the oldest Shingon temples in Japan housing the largest seating

Buddha statue which is over 10 meters tall and weighs close to 30 tons. The statue features a ring of light behind the Buddha that stands 16 meters in height and is carved with a number of images of Buddha.

Address : 2-4 Gokushomachi, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture 812-0037, Japan

Zipcode : 812-0037

Location : 33.59521349999999, 130.41414639999994

Contact : +81 92-291-4459

Nearest Public Transport : Gion Station – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Maizuru Park And Fukuoka Castle Remain

Maizuru Park is the place in Fukuoka where you can find the ruins of the Fukuoka Castle. Completed in the early Edo period, this sublime Japanese castle is also known as Maizuru Castle or Seki Castle. Situated on top of the Fukusaki hills, this historic site is a must-visit for all history buffs.

Address : 1 Jonai, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture 810-0043, Japan

Zipcode : 810-0043

Location : 33.5852886, 130.38317519999998

Contact : +81 92-781-2153

Website : <http://www.midorimachi.jp/park/detail.php?code=302001>

Nearest Public Transport : Ohorikoen Station – Subway Station (NR)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Hakata Brewery

Asahi Beer's Hakata Brewery is the one and only brewery in Fukuoka City. The company is famous for its super dry beer which has a vast trail of history. This company also makes other beverages which are primarily shipped to Kyushu and Yamaguchi Prefectures. The tour here provides an insight of the history of super dry beer and the process of making beer.

Address : Japan, 3-1-1 Takeshita, Fukuoka, 816-0095

Zipcode : 816-0095

Location : 33.5709459, 130.43090559999996

Contact : +81 92-431-2701

Nearest Public Transport : Takeshita Station – Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Hakata Port Tower

Built in 1964, this 130-meter high tower is a famous observation deck. It is the 6th tower built by the famous Japanese designer Naito Tachu who rose to fame after designing the Tokyo Tower. Situated in front of the Hakata Bay, this architectural marvel is a must-visit when in Fukuoka.

Address : Bayside Place, - Chikkohonmachi, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture 812-0021, Japan

Zipcode : 812-0021

Location : 33.60428439999999, 130.3977562

Contact : +81 92-291-0573

Website : http://port-of-hakata.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/healing_leisure/port_museum.html

Nearest Public Transport : Nakasukawabata Station – Subway Station (NR)

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Canal City Hakata

With over 250 shops, cafés, restaurants, a theatre, game center and hotels, this place is often referred as a "city within the city". This is a great shopping and entertainment venue with a canal passing through the complex. It also features various carvings and sculptures which attract a many tourists.

Address : 1 Chome-2 Sumiyoshi, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture 812-0018, Japan

Zipcode : 812-0018

Location : 33.5895256, 130.41144250000002

Contact : +81 92-282-2525

Website : <http://canalcity.co.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gion Station – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Shofukuji

Founded by Eisai in 1195, the Shofukuji is the oldest Zen temple in Japan. Although there is a restriction to enter the main temple building, visitors can walk on the magnificent temple grounds. You will find beautiful paintings of cloud dragons on the ceilings and walls of the Butsuden Hall, which is a major attraction here.

Address : Japan, 〒812-0037

Zipcode : 0037

Location : 33.5974241, 130.4143848

Contact : 092-291-0775

Website : <http://www.shofukuji.or.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gofukumachi Station – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Tenjin

Tenjin is a huge area dotted with shopping complexes, department stores and street after street of clothing shops. Whether you are looking for high-end fashion, or something a little more casual, this place has it all.

Address : Chuo Ward, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture 810-0001

Zipcode : 810-0001

Location : 33.5902074, 130.39766020000002

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Hakata Ward

Hakata is known for huge shopping complexes, unlike Tenjin which is clustered with small stores and shops. This place features both high-end stores and modest shops. The biggest stores in the area are Tokyu Hands, a megastore where you can buy from a range of products catering to all your needs.

Address : Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture Japan

Location : 33.59135759999999, 130.41487830000005

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Fukuoka actively supports football, baseball, basketball, and rugby. The Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks is one of the best professional baseball teams in Japan. Avispa Fukuoka is home football team. A number of annual sporting events are hosted in the city including the All Japan Judo Category Championships, the Kyushu ekiden which the longest relay race in the world, Sumo tournaments, and Fukuoka International Open Marathon Championships.

- **Fukuoka Yafuoku! Dome:**

Address : 2 Chome-2-2 Jigyohama, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture 810-8660, Japan

Location : 33.5953605,130.36219470000003

Contact No : +81 92-847-1006

Website : <http://www.softbankhawks.co.jp/stadium/>

Open/Close time : Depends upon the events

- **Higashi-Hirao Park Hakata-no-Mori Stadium:**

Address : Higashihirao Park, 2-1-1 Higashihiraokoen, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture 816-0052, Japan

Location : 33.5858683,130.4607803

Contact No : +81 92-612-7070

Website : <http://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/>

Open/Close time : Depends upon the events

9. Spas and relaxation

- **Teriha Spa Resort:**

Address : 5 Chome-2-15 Kashiiteriha, Higashi Ward, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture 813-0017, Japan

Location : 33.6657646,130.41642130000002

Contact No : +81 92-683-1010

Website : <http://terihaspa.jp/>

- **The Luigans Spa & Resort:**

Address : 18-25 Saitozaki, Higashi Ward, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture 811-0321, Japan

Location : 33.663359,130.36467900000002

Contact No : +81 92-603-2525

Website : <http://www.luigans.com/en/>

- **oliveSPA:**

Address : Japan, 810-0001 Fukuoka Prefecture, Fukuoka-shi, Chūō-kuChūō-kuChuo Ward, Tenjin, Daimyō, 1 Chome-14-8 5f

Location : 33.587531,130.39610400000004

Contact No : +81 92-718-2626

Website : <http://www.olivespa.co.jp/fukuoka/index.php>

10. Events calendar

Month

Events

Toka Ebisu Festival @ Toka Ebisu Shrine (8th to 11th)

A festival set apart for the god of fisheries, Ebisu with the geisha girls taking a walk visit on 9th at around three o'clock.

Setsubun Festival @ Kushida Shrine (3rd)

A festival whereby people go to the shrines and temples to shed off bad luck by tossing beans and striving to catch the beans thrown by the priests.

Kyokusui no En @ Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine (every first Sunday of the month)

A ritual whereby every attendant makes a poem by a stream and waits for a cup of sake which they should drink when it reaches them.

Fukuoka Cherry Blossoms @ Fukuoka Castle Maizuru Park (at the beginning of the month)

At this festival, people enjoy viewing variety of cherry trees

with night illumination.

**Hakata Dontaku Port Festival @
Tenjin and other various
locations (3rd to 4th)**

**This festival is marked by the
Dontaku parade and various
performances throughout the
city**

**The Great Amazon Exhibition @
Fukuoka City Museum (from
25th)**

**An exhibition of plants, birds,
mammals and fishes found in the
Amazon river.**

**Hakata Gion Yamakasa @
Kushida Shrine (1st to 15th)**

**A ritual whereby official coming
of summer in Hakata, a district in
Fukuoka is announced.**

**Nishinihon Ohori Fireworks @
Ohori Park (1st)**

**An event whereby fireworks are
displayed from the central island
on the lake in Ohori Park.**

**Hojoya @ Hakozaki Shrine (12th
to 18th)**

**A ritual where people give thanks
for rich harvest and pray for
more blessings though in the**

**past it was a ritual for paying respect to all living beings.
Nakasu Festival @ Nakasu (at the beginning of the month)**

An event characterized by special activities and organized to bring new energy in Nakasu area.

The Kyushu Grand Sumo Tournament @Fukuoka Kokusai Center (starts on every second Sunday of the month and lasts for 15days)

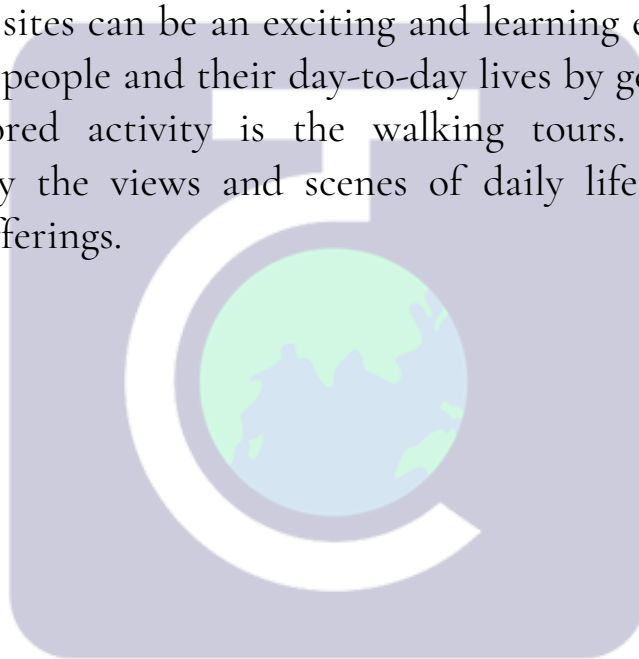
**An event whereby wrestlers from Kyusu wrestle and people from all over come to cheer.
Oshiroi Matsuri @ shrines and temples in Fukuoka (2nd)**

A ritual whereby the Japanese are smeared with a white paint ground from rice on their faces as a prayer asking for a good harvest.

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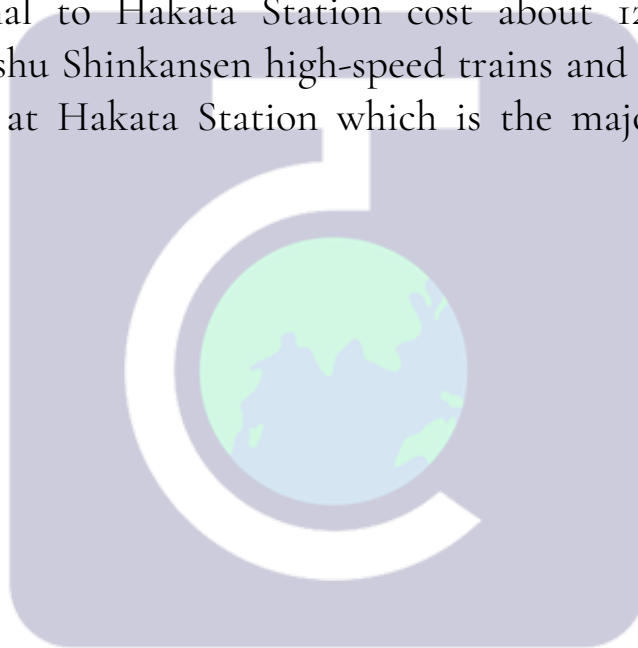
11. Key local guides and tours

Fukuoka offers diverse options for the international travelers. Many visitors prefer to explore the city and its offerings all by themselves while others like to have a guided tour of the various important sights and activities. Private and group tours are organized by many tour and travel companies. Biking tours in Fukuoka are very popular. Riding a cycle through the busy streets, shopping centers, and historic sites can be an exciting and learning experience to see and understand the local people and their day-to-day lives by getting closer to them. Another much favored activity is the walking tours. This also gives an opportunity to enjoy the views and scenes of daily life in the city and its numerous culinary offerings.



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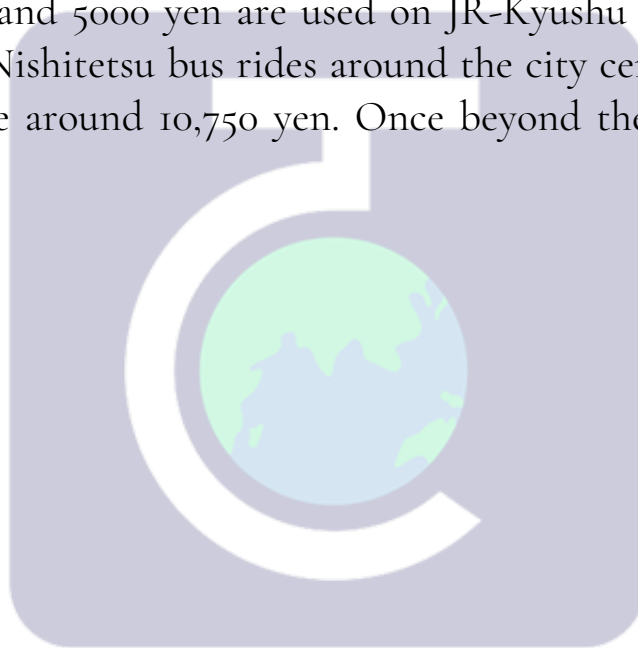
Fukuoka is served by the Fukuoka Airport . The airport is close to the city centre which is accessible by bus and subway. The international terminal is connected to the Hakata Station by Nishitetsu Buses that take 15 minutes to reach the station and cost around 260 yen. By taking the free shuttle bus from international to domestic terminal travelers can catch the subway to downtown. Taxi rides from international terminal to Hakata Station cost about 1200 yen. The Sanyo Shinkansen and Kyushu Shinkansen high-speed trains and the JR Kyushu trains have their terminus at Hakata Station which is the major railway station in Fukuoka.



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13. Transportation cost

The subway ride to the airport costs around 250 yen. Subway passes for weekdays and weekends are available. Weekday passes for a whole day cost 600 yen, and weekend and holiday passes called Ecopasses cost 500 yen. For 100 yen you can travel to the next station. The Yokanet cards of 3000 and 5000 yen with value of 1100 and 3300 yen can be used on all Nishitetsu services and subway. WaiWai cards of 1000, 3000, and 5000 yen are used on JR-Kyushu lines around the city and on the subway. Nishitetsu bus rides around the city centre cost 100 yen and monthly passes range around 10,750 yen. Once beyond the city limits, the fare goes up to 440 yen.



Index**14. Baggage allowance**

Trains in Japan do not have sufficient luggage space as they are mostly commuter trains. Buses also do not have much space for luggage. Visitors to Fukuoka are advised not to travel with heavy and huge pieces of luggage as it can be really difficult to travel with it during rush hours. Many left luggage facilities are available at airports and railway stations where you can keep your luggage for a fee per hour or day. Another convenient way to handle luggage in Fukuoka is to make use of the luggage delivery service. These services can carry your luggage to the specified address. The charge can vary from 1500 to 3000 yen.



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15. Restaurant & Nightlife

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Food -

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- **Ichiran:**

Address : 5 Chome-3-2 Nakasu, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka-ken 810-0801, Japan

Location : 33.593244,130.404615

Contact No : +81 92-262-0433

Website : <http://ichiran.co.jp>

Open / Close Time : Open 24 hours

- **Yakitori Fuji:**

Address : 1 Chome-15-3 Tenjin, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan

Location : 33.592596,130.402046

Contact No : +81 92-714-5077

Website : <http://kushiyaki-fuji.com>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 17:00hrs-00:00hrs; Sunday Closed

- **NOKO-UDON:**

Address : DEITOS, 1-1 Hakataekichuogai, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka,

Fukuoka Prefecture 812-0012, Japan

Location : 33.591061,130.421258

Contact No : +81 92-473-5180

Website : <http://www.noko-udon.com/?mode=f3>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

- **Akamachaya Asago:**

Address : 1-4-14, Shirogane, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka

Location : 33.580129,130.404205

Contact No : 092-526-4582

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-21:00hrs

- **A Vin de Garde:**

Address : 4F, TIO Imaizumi, 2-4-36 Imaizumi, Chuo-ku Fukuoka

Location : 33.585482,130.395579

Contact No : 092-732-6711

Open / Close Time : Daily 18:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Yoshizuka Unagiya:**

Address : 2-8-27 Nakasu, Hakataku, Fukuoka 810-0801, Fukuoka

Location : 33.592557,130.408905

Contact No : +81 92-271-0700

Website : http://yoshizukaunagi.com/#_=_

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-20:30hrs

- **Chikae Fukuoka:**

Address : 2-2-17 Daimyo, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka 810-0041, Fukuoka

Location : 33.587747,130.392286

Contact No : +81 92-721-4624

Website : http://chikae.co.jp/ryotei/about.html#_=_

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Tempura no Hirao Tenjin:**

Address : 2-6-27 Tenjin, Chuo-ku | Tenjin Toho Bldg.1F, Fukuoka

Location : 33.589321,130.396582

Contact No : +81 92-752-7900

Website : <http://www.hirao-foods.net/shop/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:30hrs-21:30hrs

- **?????:**

Address : Japan,  810-0073 Fukuoka Prefecture, Fukuoka, Chuo Ward, Maizuru, 1 Chome-8-38,     






Location : 33.593032,130.394751

Contact No : +81 92-741-3800

Website : <http://clubxfukuoka.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 22:00hrs-05:00hrs

- **Happy Cock:**

Address : Japan, Fukuoka Prefecture, Fukuoka, Chuo Ward, Daimyo, 2 Chome-1-51,      519F

Location : 33.588849,130.395830

Contact No : +81 92-734-2686

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Saturday 22:00hrs-05:00hrs; Sunday 22:00hrs-00:00hrs; Monday Closed

- **BRITISH PUB MORRIS 'RED FOX:**

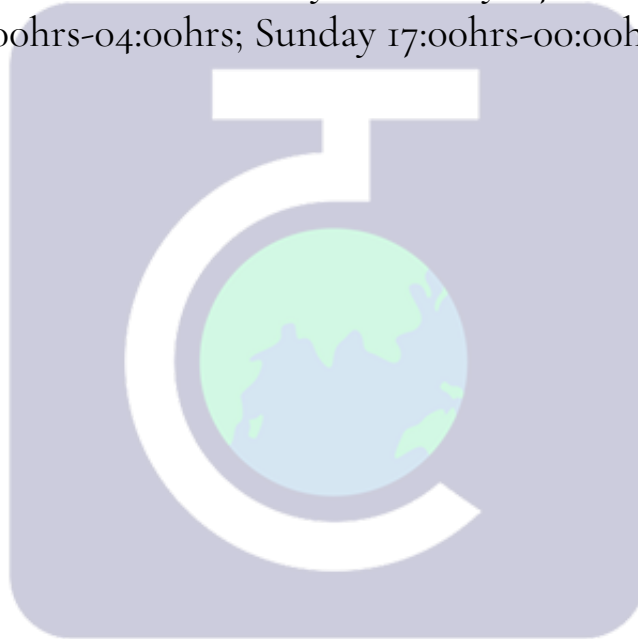
Address : Japan, 〒810-0041 Fukuoka Prefecture, Fukuoka, 〒810-0041 2-1-4

Location : 33.588687,130.396056

Contact No : +81 92-771-4774

Website : <http://www.morris-pub.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Thursday 17:00hrs-01:00hrs; Friday & Saturday 17:00hrs-04:00hrs; Sunday 17:00hrs-00:00hrs



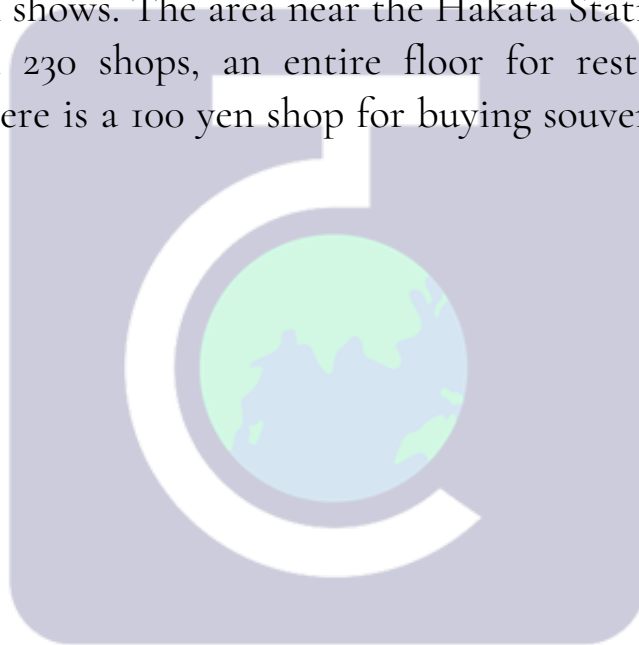
Index**16. Average meal cost**

A normal meal at an inexpensive restaurant can be purchased at 650.00 yen. A three course meal at a mid-range restaurant for 2 people is available at 3,000.00 yen. You can have a Mc meal at McDonald's (equivalent combo meal) at 800.00 yen. A fresh cappuccino is available at 300.00 yen. 11.2 oz small bottle of water can be purchased at 101.60 yen. You can have 1 pint draught of domestic beer at 500.00 yen whereas in supermarket 0.5 litre of it is available at 287 yen. 11.2 oz small bottle of imported beer can be purchased at 500.00 yen.



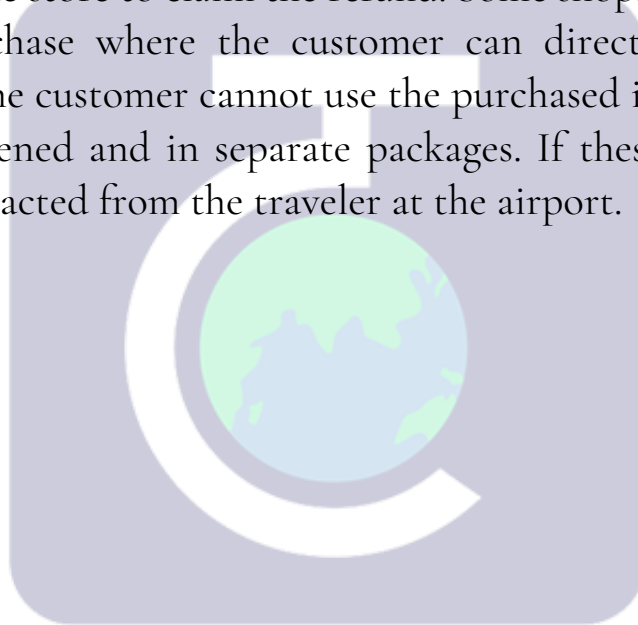
17. Shopping

The largest shopping district in Fukuoka is Tenjin . Designer stores, department stores, boutique areas, restaurants and other shopping centres are plenty here. Shopping arcades are the best places to buy discounted items. You can find great deals for used kimonos, traditional paper crafts, curtains, and bakeries. Canal City is a popular mall with clothing stores, restaurants, character goods shops, theater, and fountain shows. The area near the Hakata Station called the Hakata City has more than 230 shops, an entire floor for restaurants, and a rood observation deck. There is a 100 yen shop for buying souvenirs, toys, dishes, and much more.



Index**18. Tourist benefits**

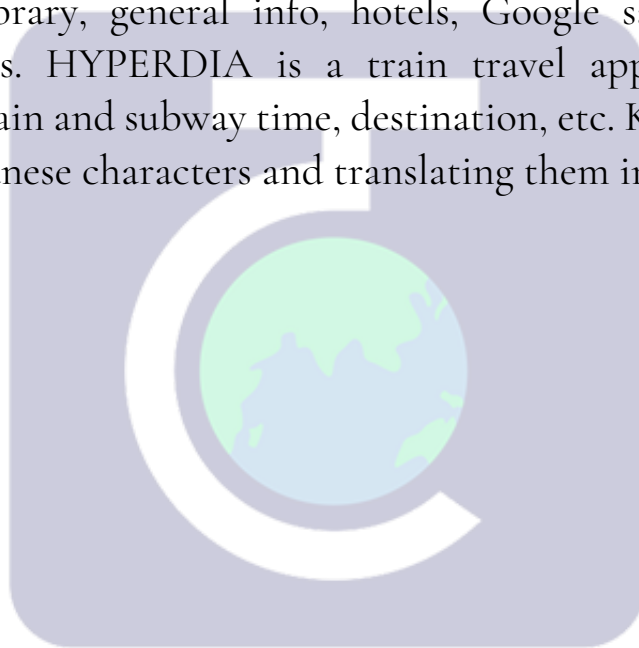
Japan offers tax refunds to tourists for their purchases from affiliated stores. Many malls, department stores, and other shops offer tax-free shopping or tax refunds to the foreign visitors if the purchase amount is above 5000 yen. The tax refund process is completed on the same day at the store. The customer has to pay the full amount and then produce the receipt of purchase and passport at the tax-free counter at the store to claim the refund. Some shops like drugstores offer VAT deducted purchase where the customer can directly pay the final tax deducted amount. The customer cannot use the purchased items within Japan. It has to be kept unopened and in separate packages. If these conditions are not met, an 8% tax is extracted from the traveler at the airport.



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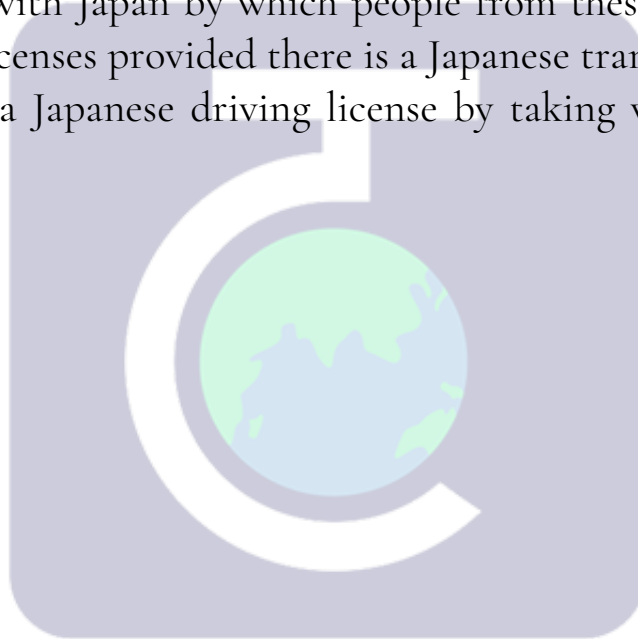
19. Essential local apps

Several travel and local apps are available for use on mobile and other devices to make travelling around the city easier for the visitors. Some of these are available with multi-language options. Fukuoka Guide is a Japanese language iPhone and iPad app with information like sightseeing spots, hotels, restaurants, souvenirs, etc. Fukuoka Japan Travel Guide is compatible with many devices. The app includes a photo library, general info, hotels, Google satellite maps, and a navigational compass. HYPERDIA is a train travel app that gives reliable information about train and subway time, destination, etc. Kanji Goggles helps in taking photos of Japanese characters and translating them into English.



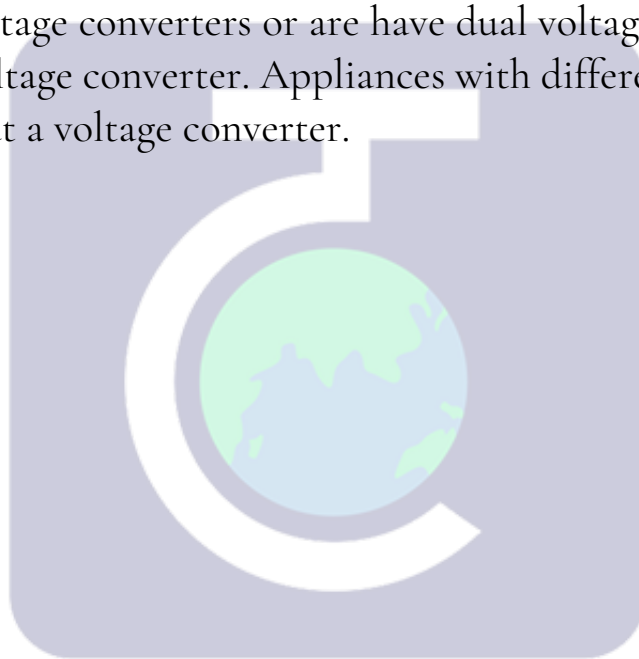
20. Driving

Many tourists prefer to self-drive to explore the city on their own. It is possible for foreign visitors to drive a vehicle in Fukuoka if they possess an International Driving Permit. The tourists must obtain this license from their countries of origin as Japan does not issue it. Japan accepts only those International Driving Permits which are based on the 1949 Geneva Convention. Some countries have a bilateral agreement with Japan by which people from these countries can drive with their national licenses provided there is a Japanese translation along with it. All others must get a Japanese driving license by taking written and practical exams.



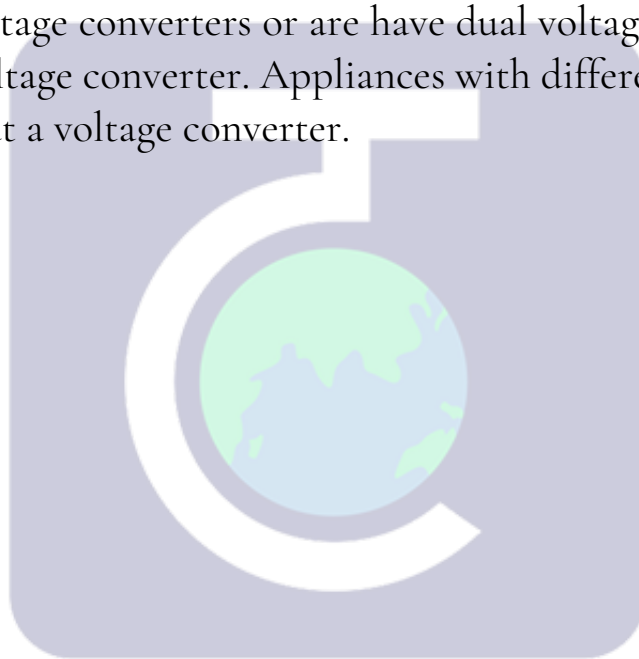
Index**21. Travel essentials**

Fukuoka has a standard voltage of 100 volts with a frequency of 60 Hz. Many sockets found in this city are the two-pin plug and the three-pin plug type of sockets. A travel adapter is highly recommended so that you fit in any type of plugs you get. If your electronic appliances do not match with the city's standard voltage, then you will have to buy a voltage converter. There are some appliances that have in-built voltage converters or are have dual voltage. Such appliances do not usually need a voltage converter. Appliances with different voltages will blow up when used without a voltage converter.



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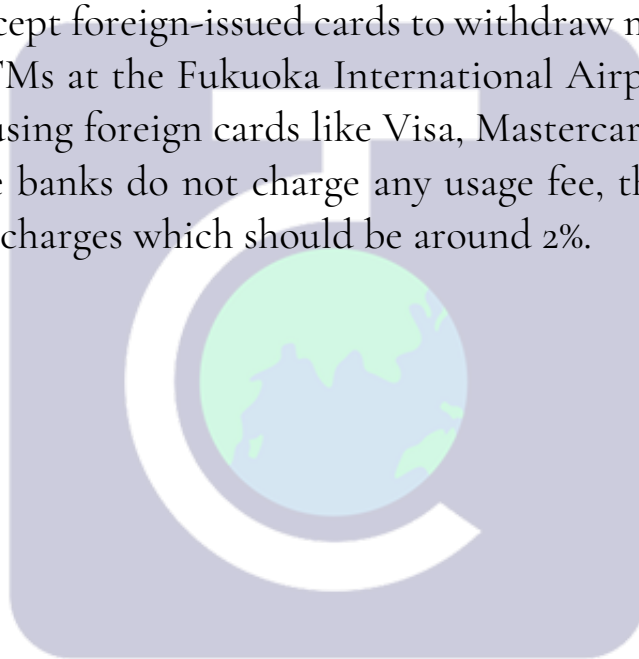
Index**23. Local currency**

The local currency of Fukuoka is Japanese Yen. It is denoted as ¥. 1 USD = 104.09 yen.



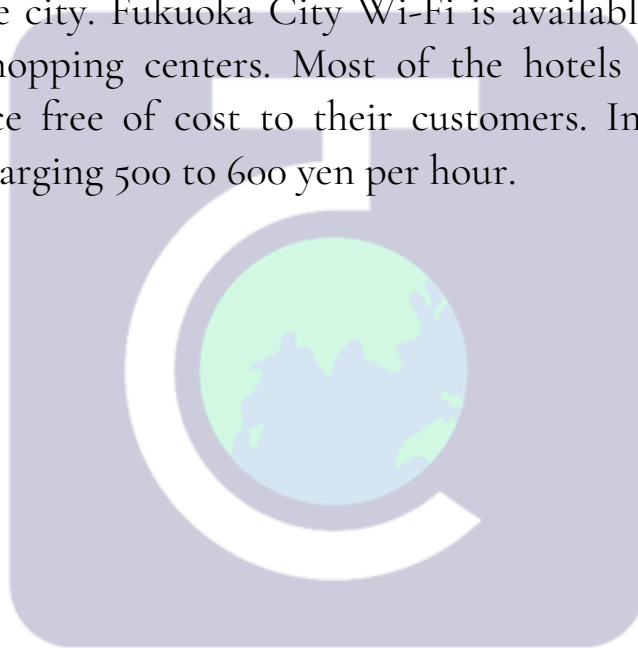
Index**24. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Currency exchange services are provided by leading banks in Fukuoka. These banks and other currency exchange companies have their counters at the airport. Rates can differ for all banks and companies; it is usually approximately 2% - 3%. It is really hard to find an ATM in Fukuoka that accepts foreign cards. Most Japanese ATMs do not have this facility. However, those at the post offices and 7-Eleven stores do accept foreign-issued cards to withdraw money. They also have an English menu. ATMs at the Fukuoka International Airports also can be used to withdraw money using foreign cards like Visa, Mastercard, American Express, etc. Though Japanese banks do not charge any usage fee, the card holder's bank may levy transaction charges which should be around 2%.



25. Staying connected

Visitors to Fukuoka can either buy prepaid SIM cards or rent data SIM cards or data with voice call cards and even mobile phones for use during their stay in the city. There are many providers that offer rental services. The rent for a day for a data card with voice call is about 110 yen. Mobile phone daily rent comes in the range of 260-540 yen. Call and data are charged on usage. There are many free Wi-Fi access spots in the city. Fukuoka City Wi-Fi is available in railway stations, main streets, and shopping centers. Most of the hotels and restaurants also provide Wi-Fi service free of cost to their customers. Internet cafes are also present in the city charging 500 to 600 yen per hour.



26. Time Zone

Fukuoka follows Japan Time Zone with UTC + 09:00 hours.



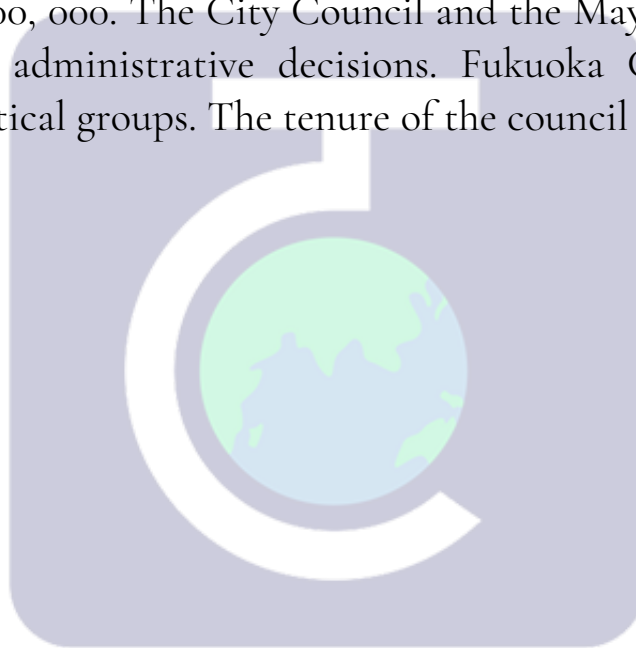
27. Languages

Hakata and Japanese dialects are spoken widely in Fukuoka.



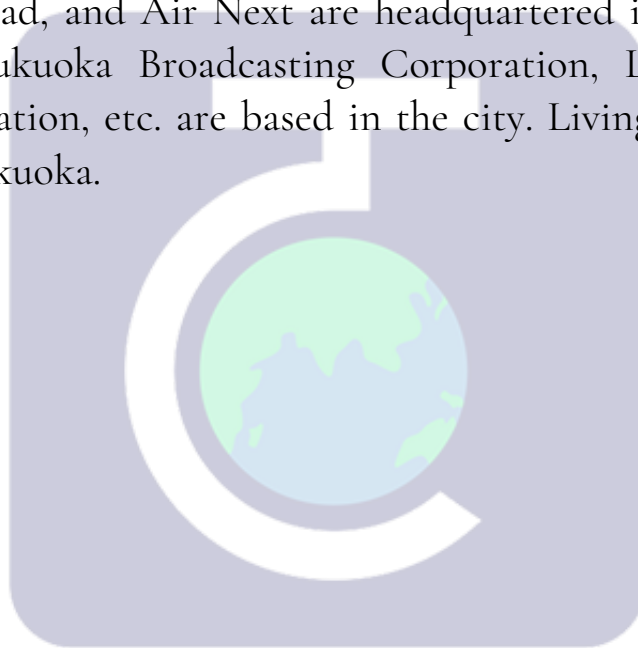
28. Political Scenario

Fukuoka is the capital city of the Fukuoka Prefecture. The city has 7 wards. The Mayor of Fukuoka is Soichiro Takashima. The Fukuoka Prefecture is administered by Governor Hiroshi Ogawa. The Prefecture has 12 districts and 60 municipalities. Fukuoka city is one of the 28 cities of the Prefecture. The city has special authorization to perform many of the prefectural duties because it has a population of over 500, 000. The City Council and the Mayor have the power to take legislative and administrative decisions. Fukuoka City Council has 62 members from 7 political groups. The tenure of the council is 4 years.



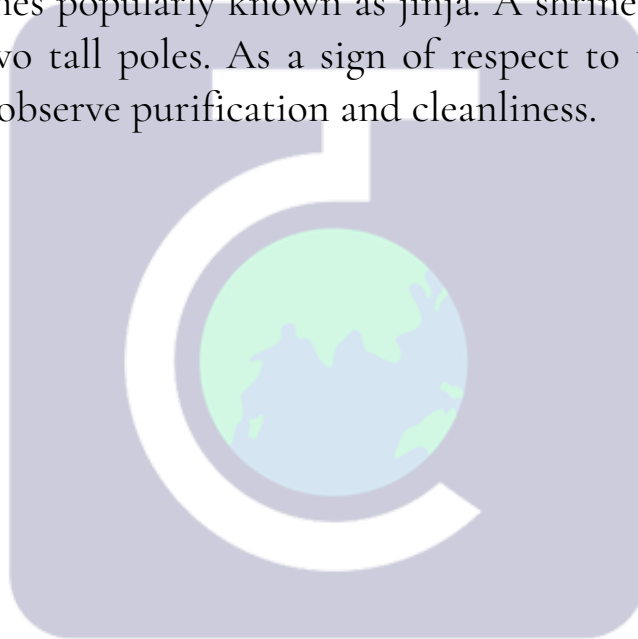
Index**29. Economic Scenario**

The economy of Fukuoka is centered on the service sector with several big retail outlets, and regional headquarters for banks, insurance companies and real estate. The city is the only economic zone in the country for startup. It also has many small firms in the field of logistics, IT, and high-tech manufacturing. Fukuoka is a hub of regional transport with its port and airport. Kyushu Railway Company, Nishi-Nippon Railroad, and Air Next are headquartered in Fukuoka. Regional broadcasters like Fukuoka Broadcasting Corporation, Love FM, Television Nishinippon Corporation, etc. are based in the city. Living expenses and office rents are lower in Fukuoka.



Index**30. Religious belief**

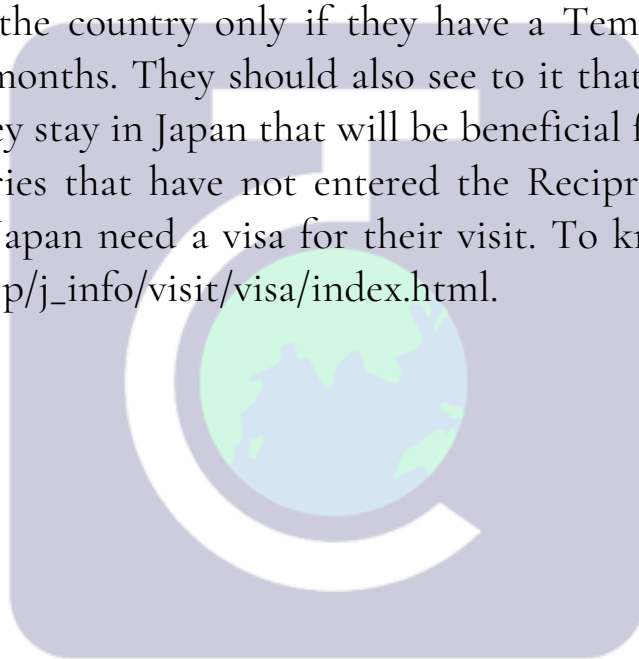
The main religion in Fukuoka is Shintoism with around 50%, followed by Buddhism with roughly 28%, Christianity is 12% while Judaism is 7% and the remaining 3% do not have a specific religion. Most locals here practice and believe in both Buddhism and Shintoism. Their passage ceremonies are conducted in either of the religions. Buddhists go to temples and those who believe in Shintoism go to shrines popularly known as jinja. A shrine is characterized by a wooden gate with two tall poles. As a sign of respect to their gods those that believe in Shintoism observe purification and cleanliness.



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31. Visa requirements

Japan has exempted the citizens of 66 countries from obtaining a visa to enter the country as a tourist under the Reciprocal Visa Exemption Arrangements. Visa free stay up to 90 days is granted for nationals of some countries under this scheme whereas people from some other countries coming under the same arrangement has a 15 day visa free stay limit. However, the visitors from these 66 countries can enter the country only if they have a Temporary Visitor's Visa which is valid for 3 months. They should also see to it that they do not take up any activity when they stay in Japan that will be beneficial for them money-wise. Visitors from countries that have not entered the Reciprocal Visa Exemption Arrangements with Japan need a visa for their visit. To know more, check out http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html.



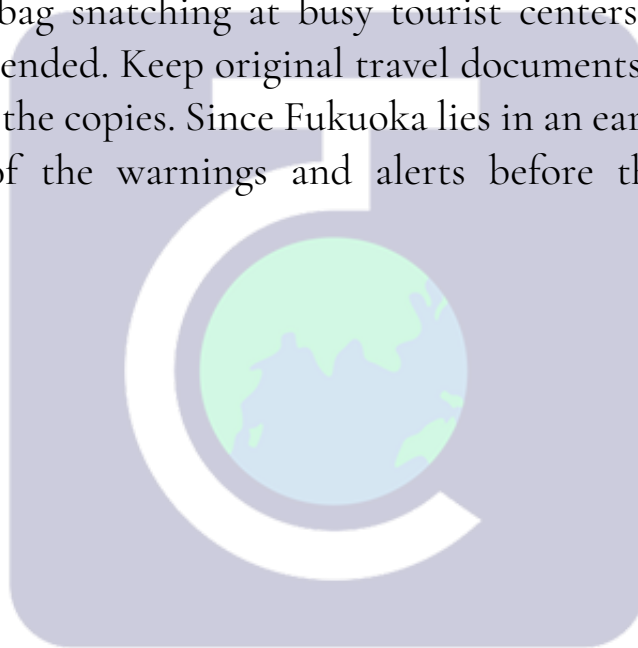
Index**32. Essential vaccination**

Before travelling to Fukuoka the following vaccines are required. A yearly flu shot, measles-mumps- rubella vaccine, varicella vaccine, polio vaccine and diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine. Japanese Encephalitis vaccine, hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccines are also recommended.



Index**33. Theft and Safety**

Like all other Japanese cities, Fukuoka is also a very safe place for tourists. Personal safety of the visitors is guaranteed at all times. However, theft is always a possibility. Tourists are frequently targeted as they are more prone to carry valuable items with them like money, travel documents, etc. Take extreme caution while travelling in crowded trains or buses, especially during rush hours. Pick-pocketing and bag snatching at busy tourist centers are common. Never leave your bags unattended. Keep original travel documents in lockers or safes in hotels and carry only the copies. Since Fukuoka lies in an earthquake zone visitors have to be aware of the warnings and alerts before they make the travel arrangements.



Index**34. Embassy/Consulate**

Fukuoka houses a range of foreign embassies and consulates. You can find more information at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/japan>.



Index**35. Accessibility**

Fukuoka city provides adequate special provision for the disabled people. Their information desks have a bit lower counters to serve people on wheelchairs; they have writing materials to facilitate communication for people with hearing disabilities and those who can't speak fluently. Their restrooms are also very accessible with automatic doors and automatic lighting. The city too has accessible elevators and touch-sensitive guide boards.



36. Emergencies

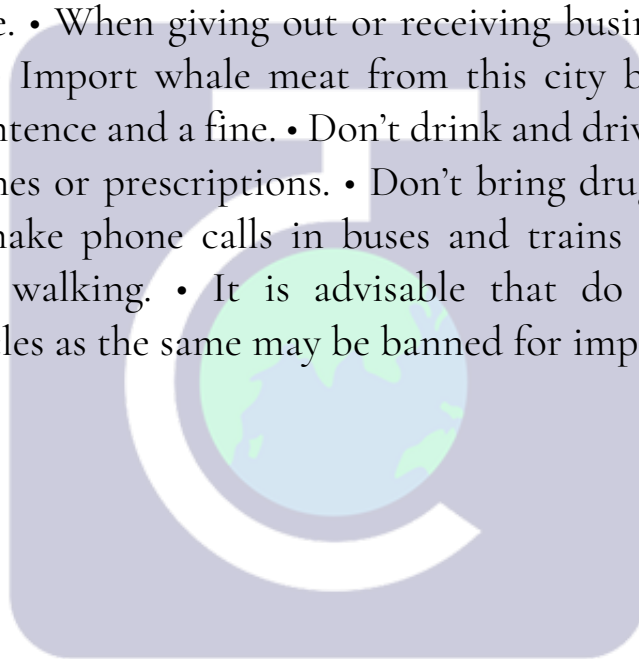
Fukuoka Sanno Hospital is a good hospital to visit for emergency services. Kyushu University Hospital is another great hospital with great facilities and accepts medical insurance. To get ambulance services call 119, for police services call 110 and for fire services dial 119.



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37. Do's and Don'ts

Do's • Always carry your passport with you at all times. • Bow slightly when greeting a local • Remove your shoes when entering temples and shrines • Dress decently when visiting the temples and shrines. • Bring a gift from your native country especially if you are going to stay at a local's home. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • When giving out or receiving business cards, do it with both hands. Don'ts • Import whale meat from this city because doing so will attract a custodial sentence and a fine. • Don't drink and drive • Don't buy banned over-the-counter medicines or prescriptions. • Don't bring drugs to this city or risk detention. • Don't make phone calls in buses and trains • Don't smoke while riding a bicycle or walking. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.



Index**38.Tipping basics**

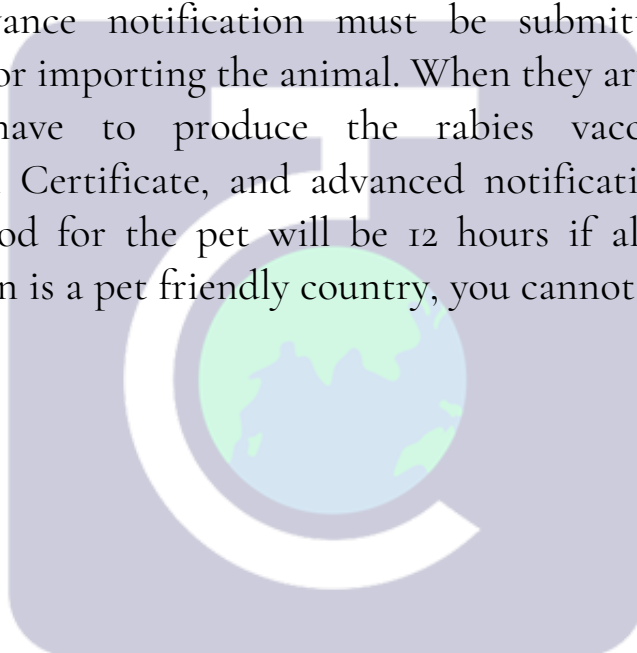
Tipping in restaurants, hotels and bars is not customary in this town. The staff will often reject your tips as they always charge a service fee. However, the tour guides are allowed to take tips because of the many tourists who are used to tipping.



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39.Pet info

Visitors from foreign countries can bring their pets along with them to Fukuoka provided they conform to the regulations set by Japan regarding travelling with pets. The pet must be microchipped before travel. Two vaccinations against rabies should be taken after that in specified intervals. A Blood Titer Test must be performed if the pet is coming from a country that Japan does not consider as rabies-free. An advance notification must be submitted to the Animal Quarantine Service for importing the animal. When they arrive at the Hiroshima airport, travelers have to produce the rabies vaccination certificates, International Health Certificate, and advanced notification acknowledgment. The quarantine period for the pet will be 12 hours if all the documents are correct. Though Japan is a pet friendly country, you cannot travel with your pets on public transport.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Conclusion – Why choose Fukuoka Fukuoka is a modern city with a touch of history. It is a consumerist metropolitan city that offers everything that an international traveler is looking for. From global shopping feel to tranquil meditation time, Fukuoka is a treasure chest of experiences for the visitors. For the seekers of history and heritage, there are many shrines and Buddhist temples in the city with statues and remnants of wars and invasions. Shofukuji, the first Zen temple in Japan is also in Fukuoka. The many parks of the city offer ample space for leisure and relaxation. These havens of peace in the middle of the hustle and bustle of the city with walking trails and lookout points attract many nature lovers. The parks are lined with cherry trees, and when it is the season the cherry blossoms lend an otherworldly charm to the entire area. If it is beaches that you are looking for, Fukuoka has its share of coastal entertainment like sunbathing, sandboarding, swimming, and sunset watching. You can catch some live sumo wrestling matches if you are visiting in November. They also do a bit of tourism sumo on streets as well. Never leave Fukuoka without paying a visit to any of its traditional ramen stalls. The open air food stalls called yatai along the river on Nakasu Island offer delicious snacks and drinks and provide a great opportunity to mingle with the local people. From small streets and shops selling toys and souvenirs to modern malls with global brand outlets, Fukuoka is a paradise for shopping lovers. The prices are also very reasonable as compared to other big cities in Japan.

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