

**SOUTHERN JAPAN**  
**Fukuoka, Okinawa,**  
**Takamatsu, Kagoshima**  
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**Some facts**

	JAPAN	UNITED STATES
Capital	Tokyo	Washington, DC
Area	145,000 sq miles	Whole USA: 3,718,000 sq mi Florida: 66,000 sq mi
Population	127,000,000	320,000,000 Florida: 20,000,000
States	47 Prefectures	50 States
Language	Japanese	English
President / Prime Min.	Shinzo Abe (since 2012)	Donald Trump (since 2017)

**Head of government: Prime Minister Shinzo ABE (since December 26, 2012).**

- The leader of the majority party or majority coalition in the House of Representatives usually becomes prime minister.
- Cabinet: Cabinet appointed by the prime minister.



**Japan also has an Emperor, Emperor Naruhito.**

- Hereditary.
- Succeeded his father who abdicated on April 30, 2019.
- Powers are ceremonial.
- No power in running the government.
- Defined in Japan's Constitution as "the symbol of the state and the unity of the people".

**Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako**



**Former Emperor Akihito**



**Reigned 1989 to 2019**

**Reigned since May 1, 2019**

**With the Trumps May 2019**



**Daughter Aiko, Princess Toshi**

**Viola**

**Prince Akishino and son Prince Hisahito**

**With Prince William**

**Bicameral Parliament (Diet):**

**House of Councillors:**

- 242 seats.
- 6-year terms, half renewed every 3 years.

**House of Representatives:**

- 465 seats.
- 4-year terms.



**Japan Citizenship**

**Citizenship by birth: No.**

**Citizenship by descent only: At least one parent must be a citizen of Japan.**

**Dual citizenship recognized: No.**

**Residency requirement for naturalization: 5 years.**

**Japanese Money**

**The YEN**

**Symbol is: ¥**

**About Yen = 1 US\$**



**So this 10,000 yen note is worth about US\$**



**Religion in Japan**

**"Religion does not play a big role in the everyday life of most Japanese people today."** [www.japan-guide.com](http://www.japan-guide.com)


**Wikipedia: "Less than 40% of the population of Japan identifies with an organized religion". Of that 40%:**

- 35% Buddhism (imported from China).
- 3% to 4% Shinto (developed in Japan).
- 1% to 2% Christianity.

**Name of Japan**

**In Japanese: "Nihon" or "Nippon", which means "sun origin". Why? It was once believed that Japan was the first country to see the sun rise in the East.**

**Flag: White with a large red disk representing the sun in the center.**



**Japan Median Age (2018):**

- Total: 47.7 years.
- Male: 46.4 years.
- Female: 49.2 years.

**Second oldest in the world (Monaco is first).**

**USA Median (total): 38.2 years.**

**UK: 40.5 years.**

**China: 37.7 years.**

**Japan's Ageing Population:**

**21% of population is over 65 – highest in the world.**

**Due to ageing population, Japan actually sells more adult diapers than kids' diapers.**

**Currently, the oldest (verified) humans in the world are two Japanese people at 116 and 115 years old. Both women.**

**Also 9 of oldest 20 are Japanese women.**

**Japan has so many vacant homes it's giving them away**

**By Emiko Jozuka, CNN, December 6, 2018** **TODAY CNN!**

**Four years ago, Naoko and Takayuki Ida were given a house. For free....**

**A free house may sound like a scam. But Japan faces an unusual property problem: it has more homes than people to live in them. In 2013, there were 61 million houses and 52 million households, according to the Japan Policy Forum. And the situation is poised to get worse.**

**Japan's population is expected to decline from 127 million to about 88 million by 2065, according to the National Institute of Population and Social Security, meaning even fewer people will need houses. As young people leave rural areas for city jobs, Japan's countryside has become haunted by deserted "ghost" houses, known as "akiya."**

### Economy

GDP (nominal) 2018: (World Bank, in Trillion US Dollars)

1 USA	\$20.494
2 China	13.608
3 Japan	4.970 (PPP \$5.443 trillion)
4 Germany	3.997
5 United Kingdom	2.825

### Economy:

Public debt (total government borrowings 2017):

Japan: 237.6% of GDP. Highest in the world.  
181.8%: Greece. Second highest in the world.  
USA: 78.8%.  
China: 47.0%.  
Hong Kong: 0.1%.

### Major Economic Slowdown 1990-2013.

Some recovery since 2013.  
But still a long way from 1989.



### History 1

660 BC: Emperor Jimmu began rule of whole of Japan. Founder of the imperial dynasty. Considered the start of Japanese history.

For next 2,000 years: Internal battles, regional shogunates, reunifications. For most of the period there was an Emperor of Japan with limited powers.

Late 1500s: Europeans arrived. External trade began. Civil warfare continued.

### History 2

1592: Japan invaded Korea. Heavy losses but Korea prevailed.

1603: Tokugawa Shogunate (military dynasty) began rule of all of Japan. Political, economic, and cultural stability. Near-total isolation from foreign influence. Called Edo Period.

1854: US Admiral Perry invaded Japan to open its ports to foreign trade. Unequal Treaty of Kanagawa.

### History 3

1867: Civil war. Edo period ended. Meiji Restoration (of Emperor's powers).

1860s-1890s: Japan determined to avoid becoming colonized by West. Emperor decided on course of rapid modernization and industrialization to make Japan self-sufficient.

1890s: Wars with China, Russia, Korea.

### History 4

1894-95: First Sino-Japanese War. Japan won. Obtained Taiwan and Korea, which had been a vassal state of China.

1904-05: Russo-Japanese War. Cause: Rival imperial ambitions in Manchuria and Korea. Japan won. Russia acknowledged Japan's control of Korea and got some Russian territory.

1910: Korea was completely annexed into Japan.

### History 5

1931-32: Japan invaded Manchuria (N.E. China) and won. Began second Sino-Japanese War.

1937: Japan launched full scale invasion of China. Captured many areas of eastern China. Estimated Chinese war dead (military and civilian) 20 to 30 million.

1940: Japan invaded French Indo-China (Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos).

1941: Japan invaded USA – Pearl Harbor. US entered WWII.

### History 6

1945: Surrender of Japan. WWII ends.

1950s-1980s: Strong economic growth.

1990s and 2000s: Major economic slowdown began. Just beginning to recover now.

– Dec 1989: Nikkei Index reached its peak of 38,957.

– March 2009: Low 7,055. 82% below its 1989 peak.

## FUKUOKA

### Fukuoka

- On southernmost main island of Japan: Kyushu.
- Population: 1.6 million. Metro 5.6 million.
- Ramen (noodle) capital of Japan.
- Humid subtropical climat.
- Subway system: Began 1981.
- Foreign visitors a year: 2 million.

### Jotenji Temple – Fukuoka 1242

Built to honor Shoichi Kofachi who figures out how to mill rice into flour to make udon and ramen noodles.

Fukuoka is the ramen capital of Japan.

Jotenji Temple -- Fukuoka 1242  
Meditation Garden



Jotenji Temple -- Fukuoka 1242  
Buddhist



Vending Machine – Fukuoka





Shofukuji Temple -- Fukuoka, 1195  
Zen Buddhist Temple



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Kushida Shrine  
Fukuoka, 757 AD  
Shinto



Omiyamairi -- Baby's First Shrine Visit  
One month old  
Parents  
Grandparents



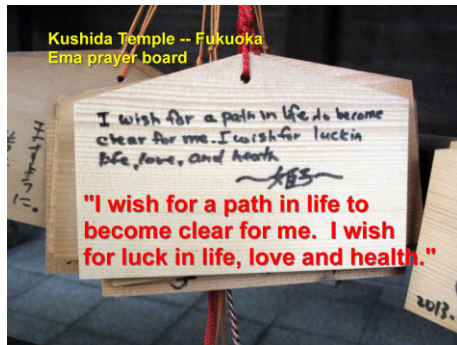
Kushida Shrine -- Fukuoka



Kushida Shrine -- Paper Prayers  
called O-Mikuji



Kushida Temple -- Fukuoka  
Wooden prayer boards, known as "Ema"



Kushida Temple -- Fukuoka  
Ema prayer board

"I wish for a path in life to become clear for me. I wish for luck in life, love and health."



You sit at a counter and watch your ramen being prepared  
Ramen Restaurant in Fukuoka



Charasu Miso Ramen -- famous in Fukuoka  
Ramen with BBQ pork in miso broth



Fukuoka



Fukuoka



Sushi Restaurant - Fukuoka  
Price depends on color of plate  
Moving carousel  
Ginger  
Soy sauce  
Hot water for tea

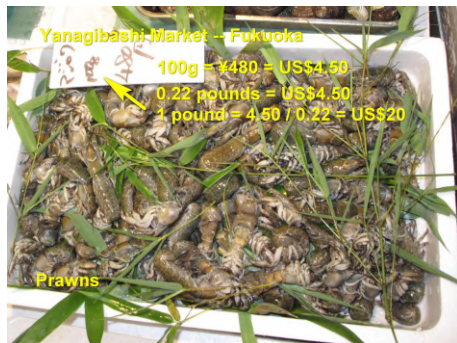
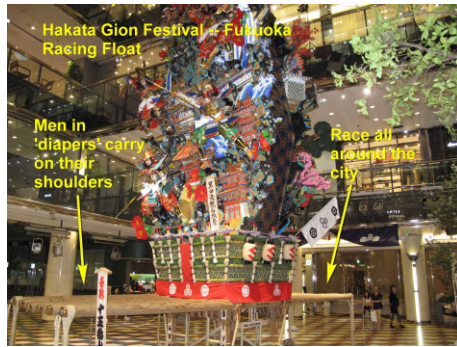


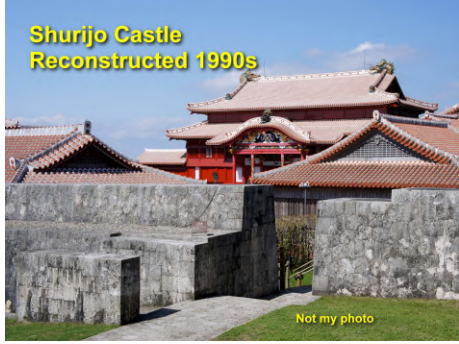
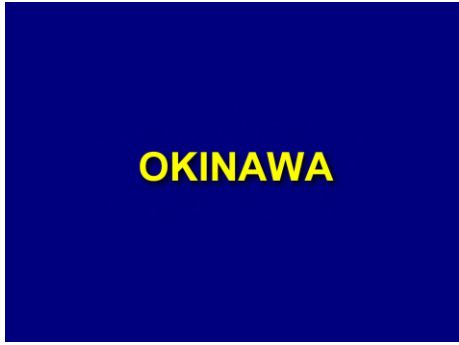
Raw horse meat sushi

Menu



Kego Shrine - Fukuoka  
Quiet place to pray in middle of the city







**TAKAMATSU**

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On Shikoku Island (Japan's 4th largest).  
— Capital of Kagawa Prefecture.  
— Population 450,000.  
— Area 145 sq miles.



— Because of its strategic importance, bombed and 80% destroyed in WW2.  
— Today several bridges from Shikoku Island to Honshu.  
— Home of Udon (fat noodles).  
— #1 sightseeing attraction is Ritsurin Koen – landscaped feudal garden from 1600s.

**Local transportation:**  
— Two train companies have lines with a number of stops within Takamatsu.  
— Local bus system.  
— Intercity trains.  
— Ferries to nearby islands and to Honshu.  
— Taxis (expensive).

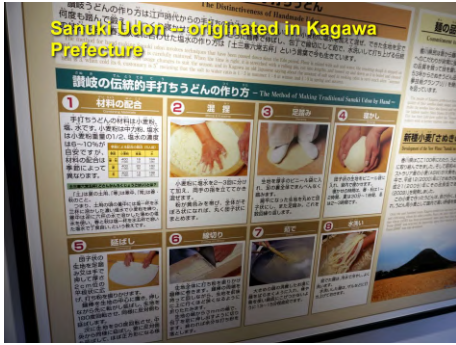




Ritsurin Koen Garden  
Local folk art museum



Ritsurin Koen Garden  
Wood carver at work



Sanuki Udon originated in Kagawa  
Prefecture



Ritsurin Koen Garden



Ritsurin Koen Garden



Ritsurin Koen Garden  
Takamatsu



Ritsurin Koen Garden  
Meditation Garden



Ritsurin Koen Garden  
Takamatsu, Shikoku Island



Ritsurin Koen Garden  
Koi



Ritsurin Koen Garden



It's as if an artist painted it!



City Centre  
Takamatsu



Takamatsu Station Square  
Next to train station and  
ferry piers



Two train companies have lines  
within Takamatsu.



Spotlessly clean, like most trains in Japan.



Taxis are plentiful in Takamatsu but expensive.



Many local buses, but very few English signs. Once you're on a bus, a phone with GPS is useful.



It is illegal to smoke on a public sidewalk in Takamatsu.



Covered shopping arcades in Takamatsu are 2.7km long (1.7 miles). Longest covered arcades in Japan. Shops, restaurants, two department stores.



Covered shopping arcade Takamatsu



Covered shopping arcade.



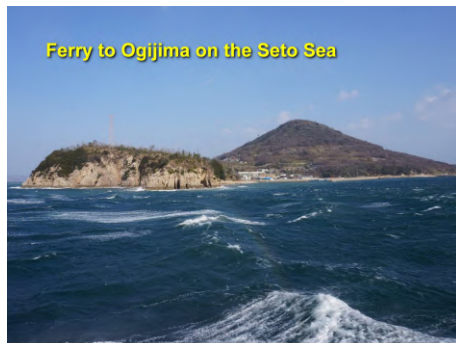
Ferry to Ogijima Island  
Population 200  
About 5 miles from Takamatsu



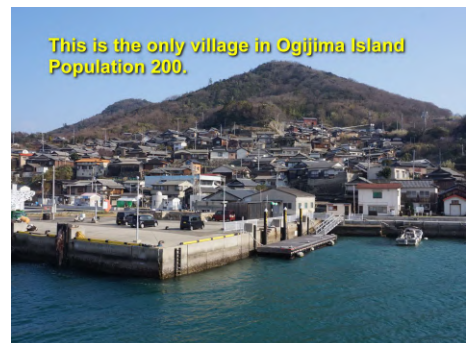
As you would expect, the ferry has seats.



You might not expect that the ferry has mats where you can lie down instead of sitting down!



Ferry to Ogijima on the Seto Sea



This is the only village in Ogijima Island  
Population 200.



Torii marking entrance to the village

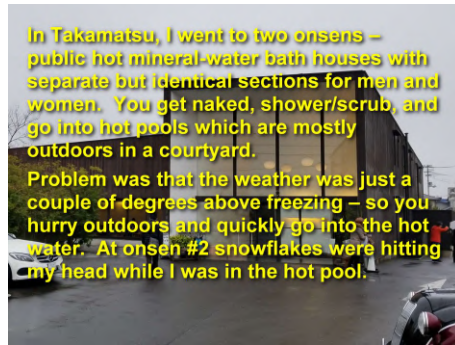


Village slate rooftops and the sea



The village does not seem to be prospering. Some buildings in bad shape or abandoned.



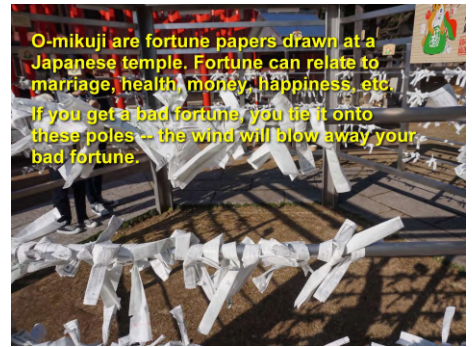




Main Hall of Yashima Temple  
1618



Viewing platform is a few minutes uphill walk from the Temple. Great views of Takamatsu and the sea.



O-mikuji are fortune papers drawn at a Japanese temple. Fortune can relate to marriage, health, money, happiness, etc. If you get a bad fortune, you tie it onto these poles - the wind will blow away your bad fortune.



Typical udon shop in Takamatsu. There are hundreds.

These bowls of udon are 450 Yen (US\$4).



Making Udon by hand



You back your car in, which trips the blue guardrail. You have to pay at the machine to make the blue thing go down to let you out.



Supermarket in Takamatsu



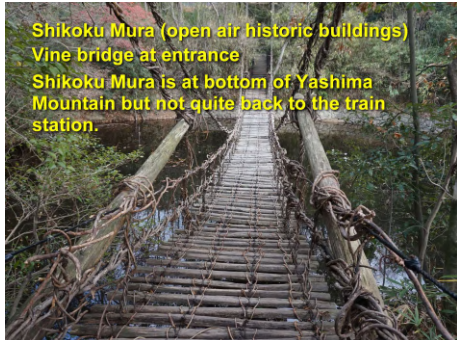
Restaurant window. Plastic replicas of items on the menu at this restaurant



Takamatsu Museum of Art  
Beautiful building but limited collection.



Calligraphy exhibition



Shikoku Mura (open air historic buildings)  
Vine bridge at entrance  
Shikoku Mura is at bottom of Yashima Mountain but not quite back to the train station.



Shikoku Mura has over 20 buildings from 1800s to 1900



Shikoku Mura



Ancient residence at Shikoku Mura



Old sugar cane press at Shikoku Mura



Shikoku Mura (open air historic buildings) at Mt Yashima



Old Soy Sauce Factory



Ferry to Shodoshima Island (an unplanned trip because we missed the ferry to Ogojima)



Buying a ferry ticket to Shodoshima



Ferry to Shodoshima Island



Arriving at Shodoshima Island



We got off the ferry with no plan-as to what to do. A lady was selling all-day bus passes. We bought them not knowing where to go.



Area of historic homes



Historic homes



Shodoshima Bus



Ming Wong Temple Built 1522



Ming Wong Temple



Ming Wong Temple



Turns out, Shodoshima is the olive growing capital of Japan. We visited an olive garden.



Lots of olives

I think our unplanned trip to Shodoshima turned out pretty well.

# KAGOSHIMA



Kagoshima City Centre Nishisengokuchō Street

Tram tracks covered with grass



Shopping Arcade

Like cars, trams drive on the left



First thing I saw when I got to the water...

Walked to the end of this pier

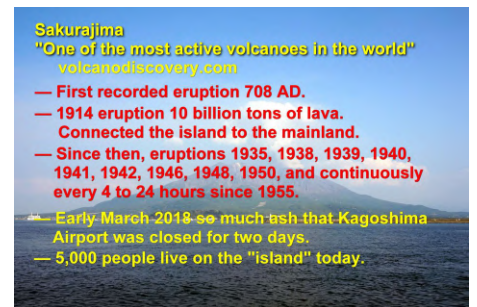


Dolphin Port Fishing Pier  
Go in afternoon - early evening for a sunlit view of Sakurajima Volcano



Sakurajima Volcano  
View from Dolphin Port

Height 3,665 feet, Circumference 30 miles  
2 miles away by ferry



**Sakurajima**  
"One of the most active volcanoes in the world"  
[volcanodiscovery.com](http://volcanodiscovery.com)

- First recorded eruption 708 AD.
- 1914 eruption 10 billion tons of lava. Connected the island to the mainland.
- Since then, eruptions 1935, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1946, 1948, 1950, and continuously every 4 to 24 hours since 1955.
- Early March 2019 so much ash that Kagoshima Airport was closed for two days.
- 5,000 people live on the "island" today.



Sakurajima Ferry from Kagoshima  
Runs 24 hours  
Daytime every 15 minutes  
Takes 15 minutes  
Fare ¥160 = US\$1.40



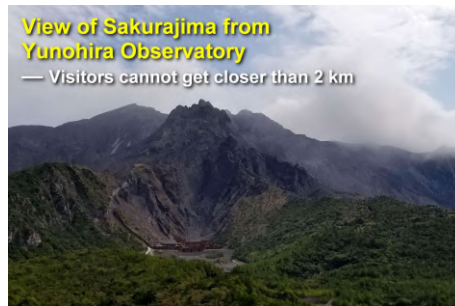
On Sakurajima Island, most tourists take a circular bus trip with 3 stops to view the volcano.  
¥500



Circular bus trip  
View from Karasujima



There is lava everywhere on Sakurajima Island



View of Sakurajima from Yunohira Observatory  
— Visitors cannot get closer than 2 km



Tsukiyomi Shrine 9th c. - In Sakurajima Town  
Was buried in 1914 eruption



- ### Five Best Museums in Kagoshima
1. Museum of the Meiji Restoration.
  2. Sengan-en, Shimazu clan gardens and museum of industrial revolution.
  3. Reimeikan, Kagoshima Prefectural Center for Historical Material [sounds dull but isn't!].
  4. Kagoshima City Museum of Art.
  5. Kagoshima City Aquarium [museum?].



In 1868, after 250 years of isolation and rule by warlords, revolutionaries overthrew the warlords and returned the emperor (Meiji) to power.

As a result:

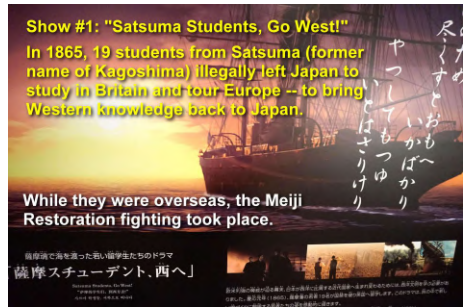
- Industrial revolution came to Japan.
- Japan opened to foreign trade.
- Internal disagreements about how open to be.



Saigo Takamori, from Kagoshima, was one of the leaders of the revolutionaries who overthrew the warlords. He is revered in Kagoshima today.

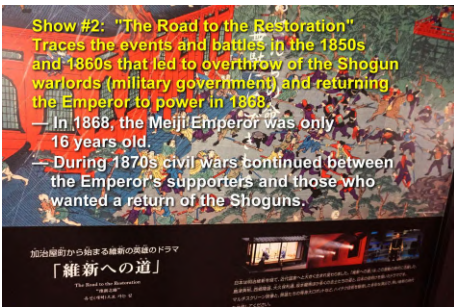


Théâtre where two major stories about the Meiji Restoration are told with video and animatronics.



In 1865, 19 students from Satsuma (former name of Kagoshima) illegally left Japan to study in Britain and tour Europe -- to bring Western knowledge back to Japan.

While they were overseas, the Meiji Restoration fighting took place.



Show #2: "The Road to the Restoration" Traces the events and battles in the 1850s and 1860s that led to overthrow of the Shogun warlords (military government) and returning the Emperor to power in 1868.

- In 1868, the Meiji Emperor was only 16 years old.
- During 1870s civil wars continued between the Emperor's supporters and those who wanted a return of the Shoguns.



Preserved 16th c Samurai House in a park near Meiji Museum



Two major shopping malls in Kagoshima: AMU Plaza and Aeon Mall. Both are at Chuo Station (intercity trains). Across the street from each other. Many shops and restaurants.



AMU Plaza Mall: Electronics Store

This store is one of the Bic Camera chain. Two other major chains of electronics stores all over Japan: Yodobashi and Yamada Denki.



In Chuo Station, Carousel Sushi Restaurant. Plate colors determine price. Or you can order off the menu (if you read Japanese). Plates of sushi move along conveyor belt. Several kinds of soy sauce. Ginger Tea.



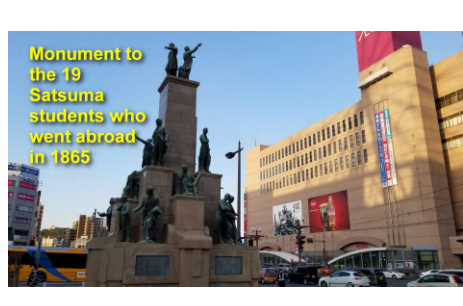
Examples of restaurants in AMU Plaza Mall. Plastic food shows menu and prices. Many varieties of Japanese food, Chinese, Western including Italian, burgers and pizza.



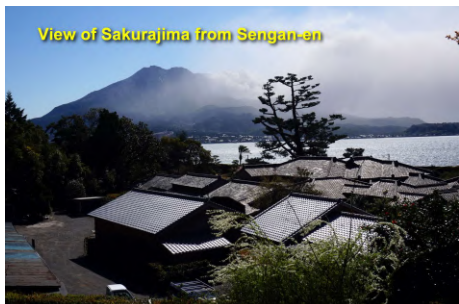
Wagyu Steak, Pork Steak, Wagyu Burger, Wagyu Filet Mignon, Dishes to the left served with white rice, bread, cup of soup, Cheeseburger, Grilled Veggies, Eggs Benedict, Quattro Formaggi Pizza, Margherita Pizza.



Ferris Wheel at AMU Plaza Mall. — Diam: 60 mt. — 36 gondolas. — 15 minutes around.

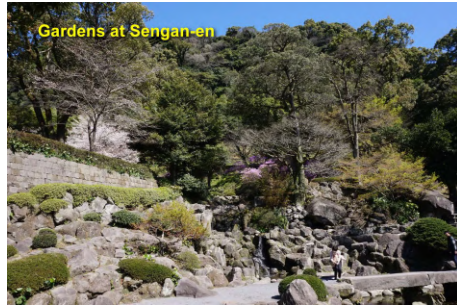


Monument to the 19 Satsuma students who went abroad in 1865





Bamboo trees at Sengan-en



Gardens at Sengan-en



View of Sakurajima from Sengan-en



Kagoshima is one of five Japanese cities that still have street trams. Notice the grass-covered tracks. ¥170 per ride no matter the distance.



Kagoshima tram



Exact change required, but if you don't have exact change there is a change machine. Pay when you get off.



City View Bus  
— Stops at 20 tourist attractions.  
— 80 minute loop.

— ¥600 for all day on/off. \*Includes city buses and trams too.  
— Or ¥190 for single ride.

Best way to get to Sengan-en, Mt Shiroyama, & Nanshu



Kagoshima City Bus.  
Not easy to use because most signs at bus stops are not in English.



Statue of Satsuma Rebellion hero Saigo Takamori.

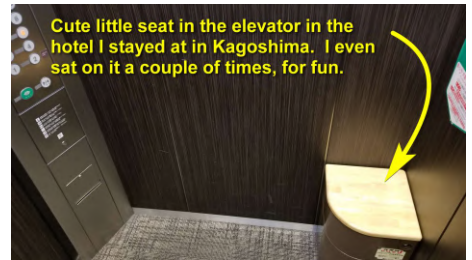


1,300 Mr Donut Shops in Japan!

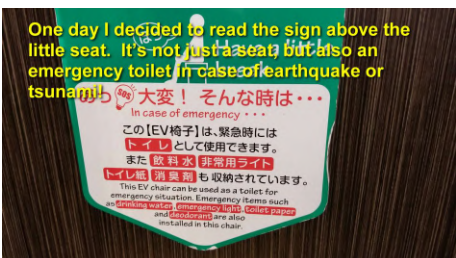
Paul recommendation: Cake donut with chocolate. Based on extensive testing.



A friend I met in Kagoshima. Sign says "100% Japanese Chicken".

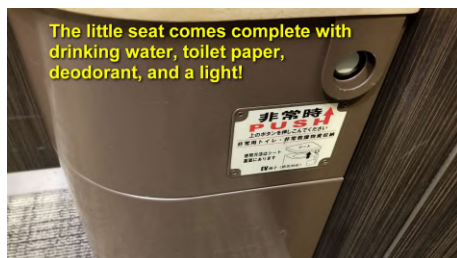


Cute little seat in the elevator in the hotel I stayed at in Kagoshima. I even sat on it a couple of times, for fun.

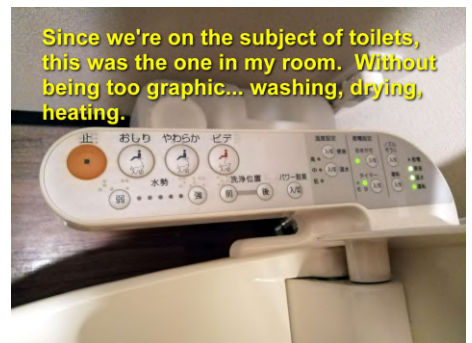


One day I decided to read the sign above the little seat. It's not just a seat but also an emergency toilet in case of earthquake or tsunami.

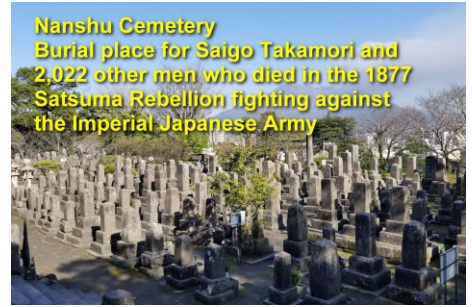
大変! そんな時は...  
In case of emergency...  
この【EV椅子】は、緊急時には「トイレ」  
として使用できます。  
また、飲料水、非常用ライト  
も収納されています。  
This EV chair can be used as a toilet for  
emergency situation. Emergency items such  
as drinking water, emergency light, toilet paper  
and flashlight are also  
included in this chair.



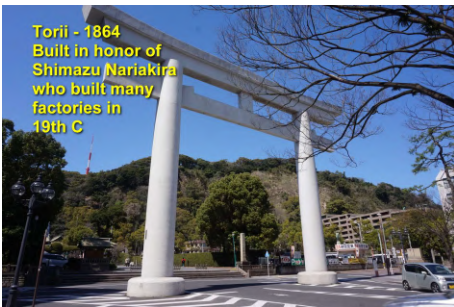
The little seat comes complete with drinking water, toilet paper, deodorant, and a light!



Since we're on the subject of toilets, this was the one in my room. Without being too graphic... washing, drying, heating.







The display is changed each season.  
**Surprising collection for a small Japanese city**  
**About Our Collection**

- Works by Artists from Kagoshima  
 KURODA Seiki, FUJISHIMA Takeji, WADA Eisaku,  
 HASHIGUCHI Goyo, ANDO Teru, NIIRO Chunosuke, etc.
- Impressionism to Contemporary Western Art**  
 Claude MONET, Pablo PICASSO, Salvador DALI,  
 Wassily KANDINSKY, August RODIN, etc.
- Paintings of Mt. Sakurajima  
 Satsuma ware and Satsuma Kiriko cut glass

In addition to these, collection also includes works  
 by Cezanne, Renoir, Matisse, Utrillo, Ernst, Sisley,  
 and Warhol.



**Kagoshima Museum of Art**  
**Examples of European collection**



**Museum #5: Kagoshima City Aquarium**  
 Next to Ferry Pier  
 ¥1,500 -- worth it!



**Dolphin show at Kagoshima City Aquarium**



**Pirarucu - world's largest freshwater fish**  
**South America**  
 — Up to 10 feet long  
 — 500 pounds



**Great Water Tank at Kagoshima City Aquarium**



**Triggerfish at Kagoshima City Aquarium**



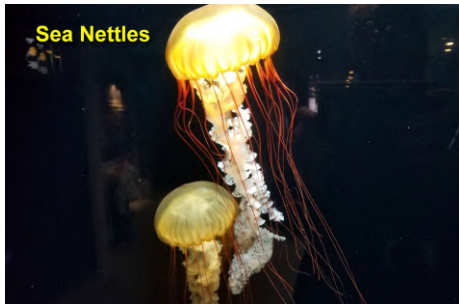
**Zebra Shark at City Aquarium**



**Zebra Turkeyfish at Kagoshima Aquarium**



**Thornhead**



**Sea Nettes**

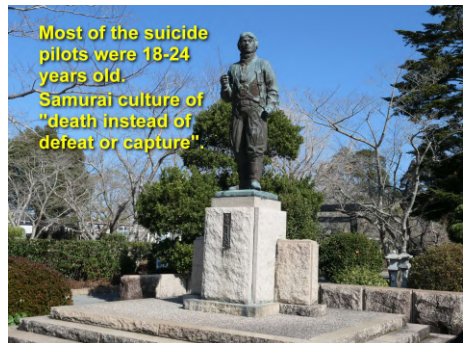


**Bus from Kagoshima Chuo Station (Platform 16)**  
**to Chiran Kamikaze Peace Museum**  
 90 minute drive, ¥950 fare



**Chiran Kamikaze (Tokko) Peace Museum**  
 Focus on personal stories of 1,036 young men  
 who made suicide attacks on Allied ships in  
 the last days of World War 2 (1945) -- after Japan  
 realized they were badly losing the war.

**The Museum is controversial.**  
 It tries to tell the personal stories  
 of the suicide pilots – their  
 comments and their families.  
 But some say the museum  
 glorifies and endorses suicide as  
 a tactic of war. And honors  
 aggression rather than  
 condemning it.



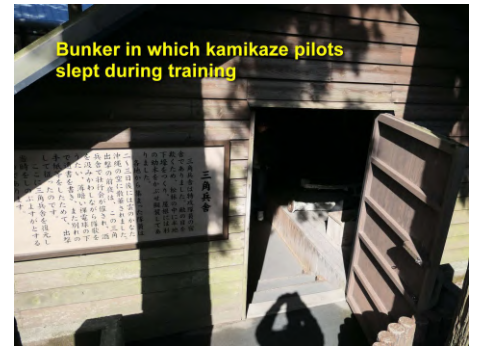
Most of the suicide  
 pilots were 18-24  
 years old.  
 Samurai culture of  
 "death instead of  
 defeat or capture"



**Kamikaze aircraft.  
13% of kamikaze missions hit  
their targets.**



**One lantern for each kamikaze pilot**



**Bunker in which kamikaze pilots  
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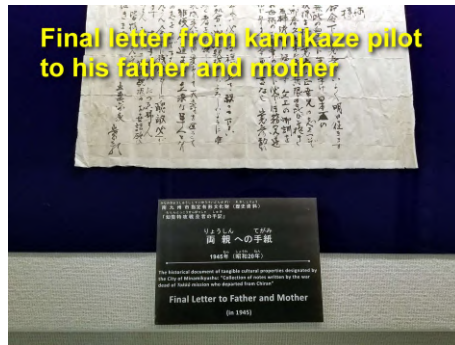
**Kamikaze Pilots**



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**Final comments written by  
kamikaze pilots just before  
their missions**



**Final letter from kamikaze pilot  
to his father and mother**

**Final Letter to Father and Mother  
(in 1945)**



**Final letter from kamikaze  
pilot to 4 month old son**

**Final Letter to a Son of Four Months  
(in 1945)**



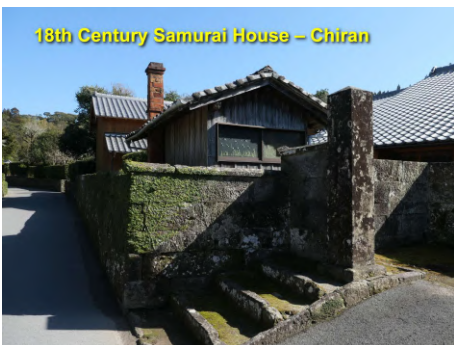
**Downhill walk from Peace Museum  
through Chiran town to preserved  
17th and 18th c Samurai houses and  
gardens. 45 minutes.**



**Shinto Temple in Chiran  
On the walk from Museum to Samurai  
Houses.**



**18th Century Samurai House – Chiran**



**13th Century Samurai House – Chiran**



**FOOD FROM  
SOUTHERN JAPAN**

**Of course, many of  
these dishes are found  
all over Japan.**



**Okonomiyaki - Savory pancake with  
cabbage and choices of other ingredients**

