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1,415,000

Currency:

Yen, 1 JPY = 100 Sen

Opening hours:

Business hours are generally
Mon-Fri, 09.00-17.00 and Sat,
09.00-12.30.

Banks are open Mon-Fri,
9:00-15:00.

The bigger department stores and
the malls have extended opening
hours.

Internet:

www.fukuoka-now.com/index.php

www.fukuokaguide.com

www.yokanavi.com

Newspapers:

Fukuoka Globe (ENG)

Nishinippon (JPN)

Kyushu Yomiuri (JPN)

Mainichi (JPN national)

Emergency numbers:

Police 110

Fire/Ambulance 119

Tourist information:

Fukuoka Tourist Information
Centre

Address: 1-1-1, Chuo-ku, Tenjin,
Fukuoka City, 2nd Floor, ACROS
Fukuoka Bld

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FUKUOKA

Sitting proudly on the shores of Hakata Bay, Fukuoka is a city ablaze with the neon glare of the 21st century whilst at the same time in touch with its rich cultural heritage and its natural surroundings. With excellent commercial and entertainment facilities, a wealth of historical and cultural sites and a stunning natural location, Fukuoka will delight every type of traveller.

THE CITY



Fukuoka is the capital city of the Fukuoka Prefecture and is situated on the northern shore of the island of Kyūshū. The city is divided into seven wards (ku) of which the central areas of Chuo-ku and Hakata-ku will be of most interest to the visitor.

Chuo-ku ward, located west of the Naka-gawa River, is the commercial and entertainment hub of the city. At its heart lies the district of Tenjin to which most visitors will undoubtedly be drawn, lured by the bright lights of its bars and restaurants and the excellent array of boutiques.

West of Tenjin is Ohori-koen Park and the ruins of the old castle whilst further along in Sawara-ku ward is the Momochi district. Momochi is a modern waterfront area with wide tree lined streets, plenty of cafés and restaurants and green public parks. Here you will find the Fukuoka Tower and also the Fukuoka Dome, home of the city's baseball team, the Fukuoka Daiei Hawks.

East of the river in Hakata-ku is where you will find most of the old shrines and temples, whilst the entertainment district of Nakasu lies between the sandbank of the Naka River and the Hakata River. Nakasu is one of the major red-light districts in Japan as well as home to a big number of fashionable restaurants. The Nakasu district also houses expensive shops along the Riverain and a stroll along the sandbank is a nice way to spend the

afternoon.

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DO & SEE



Fukuoka Tower

Admire the lustre of the city from the 360 degree observation deck.

Address: 2-3-26 Momochihama, Sawara-ku

Phone: +81 (0)92 823 0234

Internet: www.fukuokatower.co.jp

Fukuoka Castle

Very little remains of this early 17th century castle, however the gardens and the view are worth the visit alone.

Address: Chuo-ku

Phone: +81 (0)92 781 2154

Internet: www.japanese-castle-explorer.com/castle_profile.html?name=Fukuoka%20Castle

Shrines & Temples

Marvel at the elegant beauty of the many shrines and temples dotting the city. Don't miss the Hakozaki Shrine, Kushida Shrine, Shofukuji Temple and the Tochoji Temple.

Phone: +81 (0)92 725 9100 (Tourist Information)

Internet: www.city.fukuoka.jp

Fukuoka Art Museum

The Fukuoka Art Museum hosts current as well as permanent exhibitions of modern and pre-modern art.

Address: 1-6 Ohori-Koen Park, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka
Opening hours: Every Monday(except for Mondays which fall on a holiday, the following Tuesday will be closed). New Year's Holidays:December 28-January 4
Phone: +81 (0)92 714-6051
Internet: www.fukuoka-art-museum.jp

Yanagawa

Just 45-minutes south of Fukuoka City you'll find Yanagawa City, known for the waterway that crosses it in two directions. A trip on one of the small boats is a must, as well as a visit to Ohana, where you'll find the Shoto Park. While in Yanagawa, try the delicious unage (eel) cuisine which the city is renowned for.

More information: Riverboat Boarding Area: Five-minute walk from Nishitetsu Yanagawa Station

Rakusui-en

A beautiful traditional Japanese garden with colourful foliage, a waterfall and a restored Meiji era teahouse.

Address: 2-10-7 Sumiyoshi, Hakata-ku
Phone: +81(0)92 262 6665
Internet: www.mori-midori.com

Yu no Hana Onsen (Public bathhouse)

After a hard day's sightseeing, sit back and soak away the aches and pains in this beautiful Japanese onsen.

Address: Nagahama 1-5-55, Chuo-ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 733 1126
Internet: www.yunohana.co.jp

Fukuoka City Museum

A fantastic museum that gives an interesting insight into the history and culture of the area.

Address: 1-1 Momochihama 3 chome, Sawara-ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 845 5011
Internet: www.museum.city.fukuoka.jp

Hakata Machiya Folk Museum

Interactive displays showcase the life and times of the Meiji era (1868-1912)!

Address: 6-10 Reizen-machi, Hakata-ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 281 7761
Internet: www.hakatomachiya.com

Marine World Uminonakamichi

An excellent marine park that gives meaning to the secrets of the sea!

Address: 18-28 Nishi Tozaki, Higashi-ku, Uminonakamichi
Phone: +81 (0)92 603 0400
Internet: www.marine-world.co.jp

Nokonoshima

This island has great walks and cycle routes where you can enjoy the richness of the Japanese countryside.

Address: Nokonoshima, Nishi-ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 881 2494
Internet: www.nokonoshima.com

EATING



Fukuoka is renowned for its culinary delights, contributing such nationally acclaimed dishes as Fukuoka Ramen (pork-stock soup with Chinese noodles), Hakata Gyouza (stuffed dumplings) and Genkai-Sea Fugu (blowfish). There are a range of restaurants in which to savour these gastronomic delights, however a trip to Fukuoka would not be complete without visiting one of the yatai (food stalls), that flood the streets come dusk.

Yatai (food stall)

Do as the locals do and head for one of the many Yatai stalls that set up on the streets. Delicacies on offer include ramen, yakitori, tempura and oden.

Address: Along the Nakasu River between Nakasu and Canal City and along Nagahama-dori in Chuo-ku.

EXCLUSIVE **Ume no Hana**

A locally owned chain of tofu restaurants, serving delicious tofu cuisine and a range of seafood dishes!

*Address: Hakata Excel Hotel Tokyu 2F, 4-6-7 Nakasu, Hakata-ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 262 3777
Internet: www.umenohana.co.jp*

Gei-Hinkan French Restaurant

Set in a Japanese garden, this atmospheric restaurant serves excellent French cuisine.

*Address: 1-22-1 Hakozaki, Higashi-ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 651 1100
Internet: www.hanateien.co.jp*

Ahobonji

Serving sensational food and good sake in sumptuous surroundings!

*Address: 2-9-5 Daimyo, Grand Building
Phone: +81 (0)92 726 2828
Internet: www.ug-gu.co.jp*

MID-RANGE **Sala Rim Naam**

A beautiful restaurant serving authentic Thai cuisine...excellent!

*Address: Akasaka 3 chome 9-25, Chuo ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 715 1418
Internet: www.salarimnaam.com*

Zauo

An excellent fish restaurant where you literally have to "fish for your supper"!

*Address: 1-4-15 Nagahama, Chuo-ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 716 9988
Internet: www.zauo.com*

La Boheme

Exquisite Italian restaurant serving a range of dishes in beautiful surroundings!

*Address: 2-3-24 Tenjin, Chuo-ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 737 2601
Internet: www.qualita.boheme.jp*

Karonouron

This 19th century noodle house serves delicious home cooked dishes and is a firm

favourite among the locals.

*Address: Kamikawabatamachi 2-1, Hakata-ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 291 6465
Internet: www.nishinippon.co.jp*

Ichiran Ramen

The premier venue for trying Fukuoka's specialty, tonkotsu ramen (noodles topped by a pork cutlet).

*Address: 1-10-15 Tenjin, Chuo-ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 736 5272
Internet: www.ichiran.co.jp*

CAFÉS



Sky Lounge Refuge Fukuoka Tower

Drink in the sights from the Fukuoka Tower whilst sipping a cup of maccha.

*Address: 2-3-26 Momochihama, Sawara-ku
Internet: www.fukuokatower.co.jp*

Kawabata Zenzai

This café sells a range of refreshing teas as well as zenzai sweet-bean dessert, a Hakata speciality.

*Address: Kamikawabata-machi 10-254, Hakata-ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 281 6223 (Arcade Association)*

Rakusui-en

Take afternoon tea in a restored Meiji era teahouse set amidst beautiful gardens.

*Address: 2-10-7 Sumiyoshi, Hakata-ku
Internet: www.mori-midori.com*

Early Believers

A funky café in which you can sit back with a cuppa whilst recording your latest tune in the on-site recording studio.

Address: 3-5-19 Tenjin, Chuo-ku
Phone: +81 (0)92-738-7337
Internet: www.centennial.jp

Le Union

Cool interiors with an eye for design, film screenings, listening booths...oh, and great coffee.

Address: 1-6-1 Maizuru, Chuo-ku

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



After a day of sightseeing put on your glad rags and Nakasu or Tenjin where the night owls spread their wings, preen their plumage and strut their stuff to some serious beats.

Off Broadway

Lively bar that plays a range of music from Latin to Jazz and serves up a veritable feast of delightful drinks.

Address: 2F, 3-2-13, Tenjin, Chuo-ku
Internet: www.broadwayjapan.com

Voodoo Lounge

Late night bar that hosts live acts and DJ's. Guaranteed to rock!

Address: Tenjin Bld 3F, Tenjin 3-2-13
Internet: www.voodoo-clubvibe.com

Juke Joint

Music lovers' dreams are made of this...pick your own music from the thousands of LP's lining the shelves!

Address: Maizuru 1-9-23, Chūo-ku

River Side

Excellent Jazz bar with regular live

performances playing to a hip and swinging crowd.

Address: Nakasu 3-7-34, Hakata-ku
Internet: www.jazz-riverside.com

Sam & Dave

One of the biggest clubs in Fukuoka, playing a selection of classic house, hip hop and R&B!

Address: 3F West Side Bldg, 2-8-22 Tenjin, Chuo-ku
Internet: www.samanddave.jp

Decadent Deluxe

A high energy club playing a range of house and techno and with live dance acts.

Address: 1-8-28 Maizuru, Chuo-Ku
Internet: www.d-deluxe.jp

Drum Logos

Live rock venue showcasing the best in local and national bands.

Address: 1-8-25 Maizuru, Chuo-ku
Internet: www.live-drum.com

The Dark Room

Popular gaijin hangout that plays a mix of rock and alternative sounds to a young and energetic crowd.

Address: Tenjin Bacchus House 8F, 3-4-15 Tenjin
Internet: www.thedarkroom.biz

Zepp

Rock venue hosting local and national acts with the occasional foreign gig thrown in for good measure!

Address: 2-2-1 Jigyō-hama, Chuo-ku
Internet: www.zepp.co.jp

SHOPPING



If you're looking for the latest in designer fashions, high tech gadgetries or intricately handcrafted souvenirs then Fukuoka will not disappoint you.

The city's main shopping district is Tenjin. Along its busy intersections you will find a number of department stores stocking everything from high street to high end designer labels whilst heading towards Ohori-koen, along Keiyaki-dori, and around Daimyo there are a host of small boutiques. So if you're looking for something special to slip into for the evening's entertainment then head on down to Tenjin.

The Hakata district is where you will find the bulk of small artisan shops in which you can purchase some fine handcrafted souvenirs. Your first port of call should be the Kawabata Shopping Arcade which stands as testament to the old city and in which there are a number of stalls selling all manner of goods. Products particular to the Fukuoka region include the Hakata Doll, which are porcelain figurines decorated as beautiful kimono clad women and Kabuki performers. Other well known products to look out for include Hakata textiles and Hakata Champon, a peculiar sounding glass toy.

For that sleek air-conditioned shopping experience head down to Canal City, a shopping and entertainment complex that will cater for your every need.

SLEEPING



EXCLUSIVE Hotel Nikko Fukuoka

Stylish hotel with all the attendant luxuries expected of a quality establishment.

*Address: 2-18-25 Hakata-eki Mae, Hakata-ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 482 1111
Internet: www.hotelnikko-fukuoka.com*

Grand Hyatt Fukuoka

Spacious and sumptuously furnished rooms located just a few minutes from the Nakasu entertainment district.

*Address: 1-2-82 Sumiyoshi, Hakata-ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 282 1234
Internet: www.fukuoka.grand.hyatt.com*

MID-RANGE Nishitetsu Grand Hotel

A beautiful hotel with comfortable rooms and excellent service!

*Address: 2-6-60 Daimyo, Chuo-ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 771 7171
Internet: www.grand-h.jp*

Hotel Centraza Hakata

Comfortable and well appointed hotel situated in the heart of the city.

*Address: 4-23 Chuo-gai, Hakata-eki
Phone: +81 (0)92 461 0111
Internet: www.centraza.com*

BASIC Kashima Honkan

This ryokan offers a taste of traditional Japanese hospitality with washitsu (Japanese style rooms) and an onsen (communal bathing facilities).

Address: 3-11, Reisen-Machi, Hakata-ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 291 0746
Internet: www.japaneseguesthouses.com

Khaosan Fukuoka International Hostel

Situated right in the thick of the action, budget accommodation doesn't come any better than this.

Address: 11-34 Hiemachi, Hakata Ku
Phone: +81 (0)92 404 6035
Internet: www.khaosan-fukuoka.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



Airport

Fukuoka Airport is the city's major airport and is situated 4km from the city.

Phone: +81 (0)92 483-7007
Internet: www.fuk-ab.co.jp

To And From Airport

By taxi to the city it takes approximately 15-20 minutes and costs 1500-2000 JPY.

Phone: +81 (0)92 852 7111 (Fukuoka City Taxi Association)

There is a free shuttle bus that takes international passengers to the Fukuoka City Subway (Domestic Terminal). The journey from the airport to central Fukuoka takes approximately 15 minutes and costs 250 JPY.

The number 1 runs from the Domestic Terminals to various points within the city. The cost is 250-400 JPY and takes approximately 20-30 minutes.

Phone: +81 (0)92 734 7800 (Subway Telephone Centre)
Internet: www.subway.city.fukuoka.jp

Public Transport

The Fukuoka Welcome Card entitles the holder to a number of discounts including transport within the city.

Internet: www.city.fukuoka.jp

Subway

The subway system is efficient and easy to use.

Internet: www.subway.city.fukuoka.jp

Bus

Bus services in Fukuoka are fast and efficient.

Internet: <http://jik.nnr.co.jp>

Taxi

Fukuoka Showa Taxi (Chuo-ku)

Phone: +81 (0)92 761 2531
Internet: www.fukuokashowataxi.com

Dai-Ichi Kotsu Sangyou (Hakata-ku)

Phone: +81 (0)92 481 6400
Internet: www.daiichi-taxi.com

Post

Hakata Post Office

Address: 8-1 Hakataeki Chuogai, Hakata-ku
Opening hours: Mon-Fri, 09.00-17:00; & Sat-Sun, 09.00-12:30
Phone: +81 (0)92 431 0711
Internet: www.yuubinkyoku.com

Pharmacy & Dentists

For questions on emergency hospitals, call the Prefectural Emergency Hospital Information Center at

Phone: +81 (0)92 471-0099 (Open 24 hours a day). Only Japanese speaking. If you cannot speak Japanese, please ask your friends or acquaintances to assist you.

Internet: <http://tokyo.usembassy.gov/e/acs/tacs-fukuokadoctors.html>
More information: For a list of medical centres, dentists and hospitals please check out the website link.

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