









## Town of the Merchants Hakata Traditional Culture Course

<p><b>Hakata Ori Kaikan</b></p>  <p>Address   5-10 Naraya-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City</p> <p>In 1976, Hakata-ori was designated as one of the nation's traditional crafts, and especially as an obi for kimono, it has received high praise for "being flexible yet durable." The "Hakata-ori Gallery" on the 2nd floor of the Hakata Ori Kaikan, where all the products that textile manufacturers take pride in are to be found, will open in April 2021. Representative works by textile manufacturers and weavers who work by hand, who have passed down over 780 years of history and tradition, are to be exhibited here. We will also exhibit and sell small items.</p> <p>Map Number <b>A</b></p>	<p><b>Birthplace of Kawakami Otojiro</b></p>  <p>Address   3-8, Komondo-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City</p> <p>This monument commemorates the birth of Kawakami Otojiro. Born to a merchant family in Hakata in 1864, he became famous across Japan for his satirical song <i>Oppekepe Bushi</i> that he performed at an amateur theater for the Freedom and People's Rights Movement.</p> <p>Map Number <b>B</b></p>
<p><b>Fukuoka Asian Art Museum</b></p>  <p>Address   7-8F 3-1, Shimo-kawabata-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City</p> <p>This is the only museum in the world that systematically collects and exhibits Asian modern and contemporary art. It houses approximately 2,900 works from 23 countries and regions across Asia.</p> <p>Map Number <b>C</b></p>	<p><b>Hakataza Theater</b></p>  <p>Address   2-1, Shimo-kawabata-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City</p> <p>As one of the leading theaters in Japan dedicated to drama, the Hakataza presents a diverse array of shows that include popular theatrical plays, <i>kabuki</i> performances, and musicals. Eating meals between the acts and purchasing original merchandise are also part of the fun when visiting this theater!</p> <p>Map Number <b>D</b></p>
<p><b>Kawabata Shopping Arcade</b></p>  <p>Address   Kami-kawabata-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City</p> <p>This shopping arcade, the oldest of its kind in Hakata, is around 400 meters long. Approximately 130 shops sell everything from souvenirs to Yamakasa festival merchandise. The street is also lined with restaurants that serve seafood from the Genkai-nada Sea and popular ramen houses.</p> <p>Map Number <b>E</b></p>	<p><b>Kushida Shrine</b></p>  <p>Address   1-4-1, Kami-kawabata-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City</p> <p>According to oral tradition, Kushida Shrine was constructed in 757. The Hakata Gion Yamakasa Festival, which is dedicated at this shrine every year, was designated as an Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO in 2016.</p> <p>Map Number <b>F</b></p>
<p><b>Hakata Traditional Performing Arts Centre</b></p>  <p>Address   2-20, Reisen-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City</p> <p>At this cultural facility, you can experience the allure of Hakata's traditional arts that have been handed down over generations, including Japanese classical dance, folk dance, and Hakata spinning tops. Also available are song and dance performances and other events hosted by traditional female entertainers called Hakata <i>geigi</i>.</p> <p>Map Number <b>G</b></p>	<p><b>Hakata Machiya Folk Museum</b></p>  <p>Address   6-10, Reisen-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City</p> <p>The daily lives of the people of Hakata from the late 19th century to the early 20th century are showcased at this facility. You can watch traditional craftwork demonstrations, try your hand at painting craft products, and purchase souvenirs that are unique to Hakata.</p> <p>Map Number <b>H</b></p>

## 博多旧市街 HAKATA OLD TOWN

Hakata's Old Town prospered as the hub of Hakata, which was the largest port city for trade in Japan during the Middle Ages (roughly the early 12th to late 16th centuries CE). As a testament to this past, the area exudes the unique history, tradition, and culture of the era.

Visiting this area will make your travel experiences in Fukuoka more profound; stroll down peaceful streets lined with historic temples and shrines, visit the lively shopping arcade, appreciate the traditional craft and performing arts of Hakata, and experience the lifestyle and culture of *Hakata-ko*, the people of Hakata, known for their love of festivals.

### Hakata Kyushigai (Old Town) Area exploration course

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To the west of Taihaku-dori Avenue, you can enjoy Hakata's grand tutelary shrine "Kushida Shrine," various tourist facilities such as the "Fukuoka Asian Art Museum" and "Hakata Machiya Folk Museum" as well as shopping in Kawabata Shopping Street. Recommended for those who want to enjoy the lively town developed by Hakata merchants.

#### Experience Authentic History Hakata Shrines and Temples Course

Located to the east of Taihaku-dori Avenue, this course gives visitors a look at the birthplaces of traditional culture through various shrines and temples, not to mention impressive sights such as the Great Buddha of Fukuoka, which are definitely worth a look. Guaranteed to be a pleasant trip for anyone looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

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<p><b>Hakata-sennen-no-mon Gate</b></p>  <p>Address   1-7, Hakata-eki-mae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City</p> <p>This welcome gate that leads to the temple and shrine area of Hakata was named in honor of the venerable history of the district and in the hope for a thousand more years of prosperity.</p> <p>Map Number <b>A</b></p>	<p><b>Waka Hachimangu Shrine</b></p>  <p>Address   1-29-47, Hakata-eki-mae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City</p> <p>Also known as Yaku Hachiman or Yakuyoke Hachiman, this shrine draws not only devout local residents but also people from the surrounding region. On the eves of both the Western and Chinese New Year, numerous people flock to this shrine to offer prayers to ward off bad luck or evil spirits.</p> <p>Map Number <b>B</b></p>
<p><b>The Grave of Xie Guoming</b></p>  <p>Address   1-25, Hakata-eki-mae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City</p> <p>Xie Guoming was a merchant trader who moved from Song China to Hakata, during Japan's Kamakura Period (c.1185-1333 CE). He was a pious Buddhist who devoted himself to the construction of Jotenji Temple. This is his gravesite.</p> <p>Map Number <b>C</b></p>	<p><b>Jotenji Temple</b></p>  <p>Address   1-29-9, Hakata-eki-mae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City</p> <p>Built in 1242 CE, Jotenji Temple is known as the place where foods such as udon, soba, as well as manju originated. A memorial stone marking the birthplace of Hakata-ori textile can be found on the premises as well.</p> <p>Map Number <b>D</b></p>
<p><b>Tochoji Temple</b></p>  <p>Address   2-4, Gokusho-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City</p> <p>This is the oldest temple in Japan that was founded by the Japanese Buddhist monk Kobo Daishi. At the Great Buddha Hall, take the "tour of hell and heaven" under the giant wooden statue called the Great Buddha of Fukuoka. At 10.8 meters, it is one of the largest statues in Japan.</p> <p>Map Number <b>E</b></p>	<p><b>Ryuguji Temple</b></p>  <p>Address   4-21, Reisen-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City</p> <p>First built near Sode-no-Minato Port, legend has it that a mermaid caught in 1222 CE was buried on its grounds. To this day, the temple preserves a scroll which depicts the mermaid being found, as well as what is believed to be its bones.</p> <p>Map Number <b>F</b></p>
<p><b>Engakuji Temple</b></p>  <p>Address   13-11, Gokusho-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City</p> <p>Built in 1246 CE, this temple has passed down a text known as the <i>Nanporoku</i> (The Southern Record), which contains the secrets of tea master Sen no Rikyu's art of tea ceremony, and is said to have been given to his disciple Nambo Sokei. To this day, Engakuji is known for being a dojo that teaches Zen and tea ceremony.</p> <p>Map Number <b>G</b></p>	<p><b>Myotenji Temple</b></p>  <p>Address   9-12, Naka-gofuku-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City</p> <p>Myotenji Temple is said to have been built in what is now Yanagawa City, in the Chikugo region of Fukuoka Prefecture. It was moved to its current location in 1603 CE, to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the founding of the Nichiren sect of Japanese Buddhism. In the same year, a religious dialogue was reportedly held between Buddhist and Christian monks.</p> <p>Map Number <b>H</b></p>

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### Signs for Exploring the Hakata Old Town Area

You will find multilingual information signs at major tourist spots in the Hakata Old Town Area. You can also easily locate the way to your sightseeing destination by using the directional signs located near intersections and other places throughout the area. Please make use of these signboards when exploring Hakata's Old Town!



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