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Welcome to

TAKEO

GUIDE BOOK





Benefits: 51°C
Temperature: Mild alkali simple hot spring
Water quality: Colorless transparent
Color: Soft and smooth, leaves a slightly smooth feel
Feel: Helps protect skin temperature and moisture, restore fatigue, and promote health
Benefits:

Tonosamanoyu

Takeo Onsen

History

Recognized as a high-quality onsen for about 1300 years, and used by famous historical figures including Miyamoto Musashi and von Siebold. A popular onsen with high-quality water.

Romon

Roumon Area

Vermilion gate at the entrance to Takeo Onsen. Constructed in 1915, to the design of Kingo Tatsuno, an architect famous for the design of Tokyo Station, the Bank of Japan and other buildings. Designated a national important cultural property.

Access: 15 min. walk from Takeo Onsen Sta. 1.0 km



Shinkan

Roumon Area

The 2-story building you can see after passing through the Romon was built at the same time. Originally the 1st floor held the baths and the 2nd floor a lounge, and it was a highly popular site. Today it holds a place for you to try your hand at pottery, and displays of the history of Takeo Onsen.

Tour for free

Access: 15 min. walk from Takeo Onsen Sta. 1.0 km



Public bath

Roumon Area

A public bath extensively used since ancient times. Enjoy mingling with the local people!

Family bath

A private bath where you can enjoy bathing with family or friends in privacy.

Takeo-onsen

Motoyu

Horaiyu

Saginoyu

Adult: ¥300 Child: ¥150 6:30-24:00

Adult: ¥400 Child: ¥200 6:30-21:30

Adult: ¥600 Child: ¥300 6:30-24:00



Asaichi (Morning Farmers Market)

Roumon Area

Special products from throughout the city are offered, attracting residents and tourists alike. You can buy lemongrass tea, fruit picked that morning, vegetables and more.

Day and time: Sun., 7:30-

Access: 13 min. walk from Takeo Onsen Sta. 0.8 km

Place: Takeo onsen street.



Roumon burger

Healthy burgers made with vegetables and fish tempura. ¥100

Takeo Onsen

Roumon Area

Tonosamanoyu 1 room, ¥3,800/hour

Karayu 1 room, ¥3,000/hour

Tsukasakitei 1 room, ¥2,300-/hour

* 10:00-23:00 (admission until 22:00)

Kitagata Onsen

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Nanaironoyu 1 room, ¥2,200-/hour

8 rooms

Weekdays 12:00-22:00 (admission until 21:00)

Sat., Sun. and holidays 10:00-22:00 (admission until 21:00)



Onsen



You may use the onsen without lodging at a ryokan or hotel. Enjoy a variety of baths, including outdoor bathing!

Fee: ¥500-



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Foot bath

The ashiyu is a footbath that you can put your legs into up to the knee. A great place to soak away fatigue! A quick and simple way to enjoy an onsen.

Kurokami no Mori Onsen

Hours: 10:00-16:00

Fee: ¥100-

Closed: Wed.



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Ceramic sauna

Wrap yourself in a bath towel and lie down on a warm panel of Arita-yaki pottery, and build up a healthy sweat like a sauna.

Kitagata Onsen Nanairo no yu

Fee: ¥1,500-

Hours: Weekdays 12:00-21:40

Sat., Sun. and holidays 10:00-21:40



City Information & Traditional Arts and Crafts

Population ● 52,000
Area ● 195.44km²

Takeo City is located in Saga Prefecture, Kyushu, in the western part of the prefecture close to Nagasaki Prefecture. With a rich natural environment and mild climate, industry is primarily agriculture, forestry and livestock, and the region has developed as a tourist destination offering onsen and Yakimono.

Traditional Performing Arts



Kurokami shrine

MAP A-2

Yabusame

This traditional ritual was held for at least 800 years. Horsemounted archers shoot at three targets in succession.

Date: Oct. 23
Venue: Takeo Shrine
Access: 20-min. walk from Takeo Onsen Sta. 1.6 km
Date: Oct. 29
Venue: Kurokami Shrine
Access: 6 min by car from Mimasaka Sta. 3.2 km



Takeo shrine

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Araodori

A traditional event carried on for at least 400 years. Originally danced to celebrate a victory in battle, the colorful costumes are fascinating. Designated a national important intangible cultural property. Date and time: Sept. 24.



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Utode no Araodori
Venue: Shoichii Shrine
Access: 20 min. walk or 16 min by car from Takeo Onsen Sta. 9.2 km

Nakano no Araodori
Venue: Iwai Hachimam Shrine
Access: 5 min. by car from Takeo Onsen Sta. 2.4 km

Koze no Araodori
Venue: Matsuo Shrine
Access: 20 min. by car from Takeo Onsen Sta. 11.6 km



Tourist Spots

A Takeo's Okusu

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At least 3000 years old, this tree is sacred to Takeo Shrine, the oldest shrine in Takeo.

Height: 30 m, **girth:** 20 m, **root radius:** 26 m
Access: 20 min. walk from Takeo Onsen Sta. 1.6 km

B Kawago's Okusu

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At least 3000 years old, the 5th-largest tree in Japan. Stands in a park with a waterwheel.

Height: 25 m, **girth:** 21 m, **root radius:** 33 m
Access: 20 min. by car from Takeo Onsen Sta. 9.0 km

C Tsukasaki's Okusu

MAP G-6

At least 2000 years old. The top 9 meters or so were lost in a lightning strike, but the tree still presents an imposing appearance.

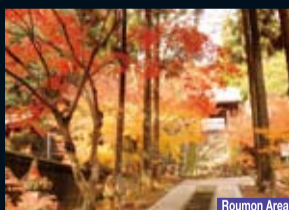
Height: 18 m, **girth:** 13.6 m, **root radius:** 38 m
Access: 20 min. walk from Takeo Onsen Sta. 1.5 km



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MAP A-2



Roumon Area

D Ennou-ji

Famous for its cherry blossoms. The arched cherry trees over the road are beautiful in early April.
/ Free / 15 min. walk from Takeo onsen sta. / 1.5 km

E Mt. Kurokami

Beautiful throughout the year, with cherry blossoms in the spring, the autumn colors. Two rocks, called the "husband and wife stones," face each other.
/ 12 min by car from Mimasaka Sta. / 60 min. walk from Mimasaka sta. / 6.3 km

F Kofuku-ji

The exquisite statues of the four heavenly kings (Buddhist guardian gods) are wood carvings made about 800 years ago.
/ 9:00 - 17:00 / ¥300 / 15 min. walk from Takeo onsen sta. / 1.5 km



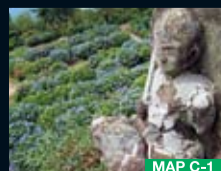
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G Hoyoumura park

This vacation facility, offers boats, canoes and cycling. In early June 10,000 fireflies fill the night skies with illusion.
/ 10 min. by car from Takeo onsen sta. / 4.3 km

H Saga Space and Science Museum

Enjoy space simulations or try walking in the gravitational pull of the moon.
/ 9:15 - 17:15 / ¥500 / Mon. / 10 min. by car from Takeo onsen sta. / 4.3 km / Tel. 0954-20-1666

I Koya-ji

Famous for rhododendrons. The giant Buddha is carved from a huge cypress at least 500 years old.
/ ¥500 / 11 min. by car from Takeo onsen sta. / 5.2 km

J Daishou-ji

A famous spot for hydrangeas. The scenic outlook on top of the mountain offers a splendid view of the city.
/ ¥200 / 20 min. by car from Takeo onsen sta. / 10.5 km

Yakimono



Takeo's Yakimono

Takeo Kogaratsu-yaki ceramic plates, cups, roof tiles and tea implements have been made since the 1600s, offering a simple, thick design and warm, natural coloring. Pottery is also fired in the region, which is adjacent to Arita and Imari. There are about 90 kilns in the city, opened to the public every November.



— Pottery Making Workshop —



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Roumon Area

Takeokoba Kiln no Mori Park - Hirugama

Hours: 9:00-17:00
Closed: Tue.
Tel: 0954-27-3383
Access: 13 min. by car from Takeo Onsen Sta. 9.0 km
Experience charge: ¥800~

Takeo Onsen Shinkan (hands-on workshop)

Hours: 10:00-17:00
Closed: Tue., Wed.
Tel: 0954-23-7622
Access: 15 min. walk from Takeo Onsen Sta. 1.0 km
Experience charge: ¥1,000~



Kyushu Ceramic Museum

A collection of ceramics from throughout Kyushu Exhibitions of Hizen Kogaratsu, Early Imari, Kakiemon-style pieces, Nabeshima-han Kiln pieces, etc. You can also see bold new works by modern artists.
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00 **Access:** 10 min. walk or 5 min by car from Arita Sta.
Closed: Mon. **Admission:** Free **Tel:** 0955-43-3681

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Food, Drinks & Souvenirs



Wakakusu Pork Shabu-shabu

High-grade pork raised in the city for the tender meat, top-class nationwide! Shabu-shabu is a healthy Japanese hotpot with meat and vegetables in a delicious broth.



Champon Noodles

The perfect lunchtime dish, with ample meat and vegetables on top of noodles. There are so many champon restaurants in the Kitagata region it is called the "Kitagata Champon Road."



Green Tea

Green tea grown with the clear streams and fertile earth of the city, with a clean, simple taste.
¥1,000~



Lemongrass

An herb grown in Takeo, with the fresh scent of lemons. Relax body and spirit, improving your concentration and sharpening your thinking. Herb tea (dried) 30 grams ¥500 / 15 grams ¥300



Kuromai

Black rice from the Yamauchi region is an ancient variety, rich in vitamins and minerals. The Nanasai Restaurant at the Michinoeki offers kuromai black rice cuisine. Prepared foods such as kuromai pasta and kuromai castella are also popular.



Sake

Gapai Kofuku shochu, an authentic shochu made from kuromai black rice grown in Saga Prefecture. 74 proof 720 ml ¥5,250
Yuhoho no Ho (Japanese sake) Made with water from Takeo Onsen. 30 proof 720 ml ¥1,000



Yuhoho

A series of skin care products made with water from takeo Onsen... Give the gift of beautiful skin.

Skin Toner 80 g ¥1,000
Soap 100 g ¥1,000
Cream 20 g ¥1,800

T-shirts

T-shirts reading "Saga's Gabai Baachan" and "Lemongrass," and "Takeonchu" available only in Takeo.



What is Saga's Gabai Baachan?

The title of a book by manzai stand-up comic Yoshichi Shimada, about his grandmother that he stayed with in Saga when he was young. Though she was poor and had numerous troubles, she was always happy and optimistic. Takeo City is well known as the place where the TV drama was filmed, and the city still has many happy, optimistic elderly women!



Welcome to TAKEO!



Location site MAP C-2

The main filming location for "Saga's Gabai Baachan", the TV drama that was so popular in 2006. There are still many of that type of old-style home in the area.

Admission: Free Access: 8 min. by car from Takeo Onsen Sta. 4.4 km

Takeo
dialect

- Very: Gabai
- Hot: Atsuka
- Cold: Samuka

- See you: Soigii

Access



Tokyo

Saga Airport - Haneda Airport (Tokyo) (1 hour 40 min.)
Fukuoka Airport - Haneda Airport (Tokyo) (1 hour 35 min.)

South Korea

Fukuoka Airport - Seoul (Korea) (1 hour 30 min.)
Fukuoka Airport - Busan (Korea) (1 hour,)
Jet ferry Beetle /
Fukuoka - Busan (Korea) (2 hours 55 min.)

China

Fukuoka Airport - Shanghai (China) (1 hour 40 min.)
Fukuoka Airport - Beijing (China) via Qingdao (2 hours,)
Fukuoka Airport - Beijing (China) via Dalian (2 hours 10 min.)

Taiwan

Fukuoka Airport - Taipei (Taiwan) (2 hours 15 min.)
Fukuoka Airport - Hong Kong (Taiwan) (3 hours 20 min.)

JR (limited express)

MIDORI HUIS TEN BOSCH

15min

Arita

TAKEO

30min

Saga

30min

Hakata

Automobile

Expressway

15min

Arita

TAKEO

40min

Saga

60min

Hakata

Tourist Information

Takeo City Tourist Association

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805 Oaza Showa, Takeocho, Takeo 843-0023
Tel. 0954-23-7766
Fax: 0954-23-9726

Access: 4 min. by car from Takeo Onsen Sta. 1.3 km
<http://takeo-kk.net/>
takeokankou@yahoo.co.jp

Takeo Onsen Station Tourist Information Center

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8260 Oaza Morooka Takeocho, Takeo 843-0024
Inside JR Takeo Onsen Sta.
Tel./Fax. 0954-22-2542
Hours: 9:00-17:45

Tourist Information Center. Gabai

Roumon Area

Tel./Fax. 0954-23-1145
Hours: 9:00-17:00
Access: 13 min. walk from Takeo Onsen Sta.
<http://blog.goo.ne.jp/takeomachinaka/>
takeomachinaka@yahoo.co.jp
Closed: Wed.



Takeo Onsen Station Tourist Information Center



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