Inquiry about sightseeing tour
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- Tourism Exchange Center .................................................. TEL: 099-298-5111
- Sakurajima Ferry (Kagoshima City Ship Station) .............. TEL: 099-293-2525
- Kagoshima Chuo Station Tourist Information Center ......... TEL: 099-253-2500
- Tenmachi Salon ................................................................. TEL: 099-213-9574
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Transportation at Sakurajima
© Local bus
- Sakurajima Island View Bus
- Kagoshima City Bus #60 (To Sakurajima Hospital / Higashi-Shirahama)
- Kagoshima City Bus #70 (from Higashi-Shirahama to Kurokami-Guchi)
*Please take this bus to go to Kurokami Buried Shrine Gate
  Ticket Station of Kagoshima City Bus at first floor of
  Sakurajima ferry terminal .................................................. TEL: 099-293-4220
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- Sakurajima Youth Hostel .................................................. TEL: 099-293-2150

Yokatoko Kagoshima Navi (Official Tourism Website of Kagoshima City)
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1 The volcano and people are coexisting!

How amazing that 600,000 people live alongside the active Sakurajima volcano that actively erupts on a daily basis. Disaster prevention measures are taken using the high tech volcanic monitoring system. This enables many people to live near the erupting volcano. Kagoshima is a unique place where active volcano and urban city coexist.

The sea made by the volcano! 2

Kinko-Bay expanding in front of Sakurajima was actually made by the volcano. About 30,000 years ago, a large amount of magma was released after a huge eruption occurred in the inner side of Kinko-Bay. This caused the land to become empty and dented. The dented area is called the “Aira-Caldera”. The 200m deep Kinko-Bay was created after the seawater entered in.

The eruption of Sakurajima 3

The history of Sakurajima is said to be the history of eruptions. There have been 17 huge eruptions up till today. Sakurajima’s volcanic activity can be divided into 2 periods. The North Peak was active since the time Sakurajima was born until 5,000 years ago and the South Peak has been active since 4,500 years ago. It is because of these two volcanoes, the North Peak and the South Peak are lined in a row, that Sakurajima looks so wide.

The biggest eruption in the history of Sakurajima occurred about 13,000 years ago. The eruption covered Kagoshima city with ash as deep as 1m and the whole of Kagoshima prefecture was covered with at least 10cm of ash. Another huge eruption that changed the shape of Sakurajima occurred in 1914. The lava that erupted out connected the former island of Sakurajima to Osumi peninsula. Kurokami Buried Shrine Gate and Karasujima Observatory tells us how extraordinarily huge that eruption was.

Full of wonderfulness in deep sea made by the volcano!

There is full of wonderfulness in Kinko-Bay, because it’s made by volcano! The 200m deep sea is a dented area which was made by huge eruption occurred in 300 million years ago. There is a small submarine caldera called “Wakamikko Caldera” in inner side of Kinko-Bay which erupts volcanic gas in underground. The volcanic gas floating on the surface called “Tagiri” (It means boiling in Japanese) shows the existing of submarine caldera.

Also, there are dolphins, many fishes for about 1000 species, and rare creatures such as Satsumahakorinushi in Kinko-bay. Chimney (the injection hole of hot water) and rare metals are also found in bottom of the sea.

Dolphins of Kinko-Bay are greedy!?

Despite their cute faces, dolphins need 10-15kg of food per day. Kinko-Bay is a rich ocean that dolphins can live bounding with energy.

Relationship with the sea

3 View Spots

The sunset and Sakurajima Ferry. The right view from Kagoshima Observatory
Relation with the landscape and geology

29,000 years ago in Kagoshima, there was a huge eruption that was a million times bigger than the eruptions we currently see at Sakurajima. Kagoshima was covered with magma that was as deep as 60m. The large amount of magma that jetted out caused the land to sink, creating an “Aira-Caldera”. Kagoshima was covered with a mixture of volcanic stone, ash, and gas that was combined under a heat of 600 degrees, a phenomenon called pyroclastic flow. This covered the mountains and valleys of Kagoshima, making it into flat land within a week. The “Shirasu tableland” was later created through the rivers that carved out the land.

Sakurajima’s first eruption started 26,000 years ago in the southern part of the caldera. Sakurajima grew with each repeated eruption and formed the Kita-Dake (North Peak). With time, the crater’s position moved to the South and made Minami-Dake (South Peak) creating the second volcanic body on Sakurajima. Kagoshima’s “Shirasu tableland” where we stand today, Sakurajima, and Kinko-Bay are all connected to the huge eruption that took place many years ago.

Kinko-Bay used to be a caldera!

Kinko-Bay is a landscape created from the land that was dented through the huge repeated eruptions that took place thousands of years ago. Volcanoes are not only mountains but also take the form of a dented volcano, known as caldera.

Trivia

1. The spot to experience the power of the volcano!
Looking down the Aira-Caldera from the Torayma-park observation spot, you will notice a huge dented area at the far end of Kinko-Bay. This is the caldera. Experience the great power of the volcano while having a great view of Sakurajima.

2. Check the surface of mountain!
The old Kita-Dake is rough compared to the new Minami-Dake whose surface is much smoother. The Showa-Crater (located in the Eastern steep of Minami-Dake) is covered by eruptions from new eruptions, so that its surface is still smooth.

The ground of Kagoshima was made by a huge eruption!

Shirasu tableland is not Sakurajima’s volcanic ash!

It is often mistaken that Shirasu tableland is made up of ash from Sakurajima, which fell down for millions of years. However, Shirasu tableland was made within a week by Aira-Caldera’s huge eruption.

Sakurajima is made of 2 volcanos!

Although Sakurajima looks like one mountain, it is actually combined of two volcanoes, Kita-Dake and Minami-Dake! Kita-Dake was active from the birth of Sakurajima which is 26,000 years ago until 5,000 years ago. Later on, crater moved to the South, and its volcanic activity started 4,500 years ago and still continues today. These two mountains that range from north to south make up Sakurajima. This is why Sakurajima looks wide from Kagoshima city.

Mini museum of volcano!
When you come to Sakurajima, please come here at first!

Sakurajima Visitor Center
Open 365 days (closed) 9:00-17:00
Contact 099-293-2440

Science is getting more interested, You will like Kagoshima more

Kagoshima Municipal Science Hall
[Time] 9:30-18:00 (Please enter until 17:00) (Closed) Every Tuesdays (following weekdays if it’s a national holiday), Dec. 20 to Jan. 1 (Fri) Elderly over 65 years old: 400 yen / Younger than 15 years old: 150 yen (Address) 2-31-18 Kamoda, Kagoshima City (Phone) 099-250-8011
Look at the vitality of plant species! Sakurajima is a natural museum!

Relationship with nature

Plant species cannot live under severe volcanic environment? No, there are Japanese pampas grass and Japanese knotweed near the crater and they are strong against volcanic gases. A little further from the crater, there are Eurya japonica and Alinus firma. In the area furthest from the crater, Machilus thunbergii and Japanese black pine can be seen.

With each new eruption, the plants on the ground are covered with lava, and the ground is filled with rocks, but each time plants grow back. At first, Mosses and Lichenes start to grow, and then a meadow will form. Intolerant trees such as the Japanese black pine follow. Then, shade trees such as Muchilus thunbergii will come out. In this way, the volcanic ground becomes a forest in over many years.

Sakurajima is a “natural museum”, because we can see the changes that occurred while the forest was forming by observing the varieties of lava that were made through out the different eras.

Plant species are alive even near the crater!

There are few plants on new lava such as Showa or Taisho Lava, and rich forest can be seen on old lava such as Anrei or Bunmei Lava.

Trivia

Watching plant species of three generations!

Arimura-seashore has lava of 3 eras. Anrei(1779), Taisho(1914), and Showa (1946). Find out the difference between the old lava, which is covered by trees, and the new lava with Japanese black pine and a surface of volcanic rock!!

Sakurajima-Kinkowan Geo Park

Geopark is a “park of the Earth”. The earth is like a big park where we can enjoy the stories of relationship between the Earth and human beings from the past to the future! With mountains, oceans, and forests, there are many natural attractions that have been created over millions of years.

There are many ways to enjoy our “Sakurajima-Kinkowan Geo Park”. You can enjoy the incredible scenery, tours, events, activities, and local products. Let’s play hard and study hard at Sakurajima and Kinko-Bay!

Don’t miss it!

“Sakurajima-Kinkowan Geo Park” – The relationship between volcano and people –

Watching life in Kagoshima

The residents of Kagoshima do not care about the eruptions. They are used to the eruptions because Sakurajima erupts over eight hundred times each year. Because the people of Kagoshima have coexisted with the volcano for many years, emergency drills are well constructed.

You may find ways residents have worked to coexist with the volcano through looking at their daily lives. For example, there are yellow “Kokuho Buiko” bags for collecting volcanic ashes in Kagoshima. Also, students in Sakurajima wear helmets to protect their heads from volcanic debris.

You can experience Sakurajima and Kinko-Bay!

“Sakurajima-Kinkowan Geo Park” has many Geo-Sites where you can play and learn about the land and its long volcanic history. Find out how the people lived with the volcano by learning about the products and historical sites of the land related to the volcano. You can also enjoy exciting activities, the local products, foods and so on. Where would you like to begin with?
Blessing of the volcano and the sea!

Relationship with industry

There are many treasures utilizing blessing of the volcano and the sea in Sakurajima. For example, Sakurajima mini mandarin utilize good drainage of volcanic geology, grow on the sunny slope with sunshine reflected by Kinko-Bay. There are also pottery used volcanic ash, ash-dried-fish, glass product or cosmetics using Shirasu, and grilled meat plate made by lava. The hot springs with the best in Japan for its number in capital city is absolutely a blessing of volcano. The people in Kagoshima is strong enough to change “disliked” volcanic ash to the industry.

Changing “disliked” ash into industry!

Shirasu, a product of volcanic eruptions, is used as the base for the vegetation along the tramways.

Sakurajima Island View Bus

Sakurajima Island View Bus rotate sightseeing spots once an hour from Sakurajima Port to Yunohira Observatory. On the way, the bus stops for a while at major sightseeing spots so that you can enjoy sightseeing effectively.

*One-day pass is available in the bus.

Fare (depends on the distance)

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*One-day pass is recommended if you go to Yunohira Observatory.

Sakurajima Island View Bus timetable

Contact about Sakurajima Island View Bus

Kagoshima City Transportation Operations Section 099-257-2117
Kagoshima City Transportation Kagoshima office 099-243-4220

Sakurajima Regular Sightseeing Bus

Course  Out.plex  Start  Route (Sightseeing stops)  End  Time  Fare

Kagoshima Chuo Station Visitors Information Center 099-257-2560
Kagoshima City Transportation Operations Section 099-257-2117

Contact  From Sakurajima Port  Adults 1,000 yen  Children 600 yen

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Fun to know!【The rules of Sakurajima】

The people in Kagoshima and Sakurajima follow these “rules” in their daily life. Take a look at these “rules” that will help you enjoy Sakurajima-Kinkowan Geopark safely. These are for anyone, from first-time visitors to frequent guests.

【No.1】Don’t run away when the eruption occurs.

People can enjoy sightseeing even Sakurajima erupts on a daily basis. You may understand this by looking local residents are living at the bottom of Sakurajima where the eruptions occur hundreds times a year. When the huge eruption occurs, people cannot go to Sakurajima because the ferry will stop for emergency. Please be relaxed, when you come to Sakurajima, you can enjoy sightseeing safely.

【No.2】Don’t be surprised if you hit by volcanic ash.

You won’t be painful or injured by hitting volcanic ash because those are tiny particles which are less than 2mm. However, be careful if you wear the contact lenses because it’s hurt when the volcanic ash got into the eyes. Don’t be afraid when the ash entered mouth because the research and exploration show that volcanic ash of Sakurajima do not make damage on human body.

【No.3】Let ash pass by if you want to keep it clean.

People in Kagoshima brush off volcanic ash when it fell on their clothes. However, have a break under the roof until the ash stop falling if you care about getting dirty. If you do not do want to get dirty, then there is nothing you need to do. The time of volcanic ash fall is from some minutes to ten minutes. The place under the roof, inside building are recommended place to wait until volcanic ash pass by.

【No.4】Don’t overdo it when you face “doka bai”（“doka bai” means “extremely huge amount of ash” in Japanese）

When the ash fall during your car drive, please slowdown or stop the car and wait for finishing fall just like heavy rain. However, as volcanic ash fall in small area of leeward, sometime you can escape from ash if you move from the place.

【No.5】Don’t be surprised when you see the people without wearing the masks.

You’d better wear the mask when volcanic ash falls, however it doesn’t mean that you can’t go out without masks. You may realize that there are few people wearing masks to solve volcanic ash when you go to the city of Kagoshima.

【No.6】Don’t worry too much of huge eruption.

Predictive phenomenon like frequent earthquakes happen months to days in advance of huge eruption. So that huge eruption will never occur suddenly like earthquakes. However, volcanic stone very rarely reach the bottom of Sakurajima since middle sized eruption is difficult to predict.

【No.7】If you are seriously worried, check out the information of Meteorological Agency.

Meteorological Agency will declare eruption alert level 4 (preparation for escape), or level 5 (escape) when Sakurajima is in dangerous condition such as there is a capability of huge eruption or huge eruption had already occurred. Please contact to Meteorological Agency for more details. The information are on the website as well.

*The eruption alert level of Sakurajima is level 3. (There is a restriction on entering the mountain.)

[www.data.jma.go.jp/svd/vois/data/tokyo/kokailevel.html]