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ACCESS

Kawasaki Town is located just half way between Fukuoka City and Kitakyushu City.

BY JAPAN RAILWAYS

【From Kokura Station】 1 hour via JR Hita-Hikosan Line ⇒ Buzen Kawasaki Station

【From Hakata Station】 Fukuhoku-Yutaka Line (Sasaguri Line) — Gotoji Line — Hita-Hikosan Line⇒ Buzen Kawasaki Station

BY BUS

Fukuoka City⇒ Approx. 1 hours by Highway Bus ⇒ Gotoji (Change to local bus)⇒ Approx. 5 min. by Nishitetsu Bus BY CAB

【From Kitakyushu City】Approx. 50 min. (30 km) on Route 322

[From Fukuoka City] Approx. 70 min. (45 km) on Route 201

WHERE TO STAY

If you want to experience a truly Japanese evening and night we are happy to arrange a host family stay that can also include outdoor activities such as farming or fruit picking. Please send inquiries by e-mail.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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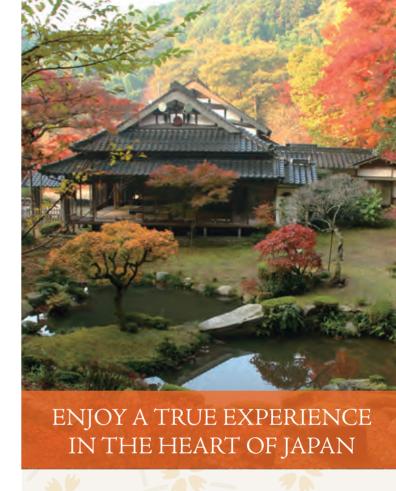
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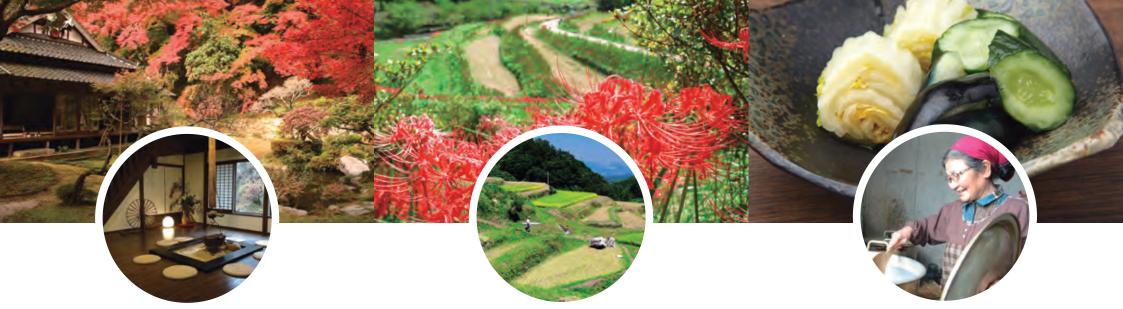
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For more information and pictures: http://www.town-kawasaki.com/english





The residents of Kawasaki Town have always been very open-minded and welcomed all new comers when the coal mining industry flourished. This warm spirit is still very present today, and the town aims at being known as a "town where people are inviting new people"



GYORAKU-EN

魚楽園

This exceptional Japanese garden offers different views and scenes for all four seasons. Gyoraku-en garden is designated as a National Site of Scenic Beauty.

Gyoraku-en was designed by the famous Buddhist monk Sesshu in the 15th century. He was also known as the master of ink-wash paintings. Gyoraku-en literally means "fish enjoying a garden". The name came originally from a old Chinese poem: "If fish can enjoy, people can enjoy, too; if people can enjoy, fish can enjoy, too." When this garden was designed, Japan was in chaos with many wars tearing it apart. Sesshu felt so much regret about this that he designed many Shangri-La gardens, hoping for peace.

ADDRESS: 6388 Oaza Amagi, Kawasaki Town, Tagawa-gun

Fukuoka, Japan, 827-0001

Website: http://gyorakuen.jp Tel: +81-(0)947-72-7777 Opening hours: 9:00 - 16:00; closed on: Mondays

Free Parking - Adult entrance : 300yen High school student or below : 100yen

SCENERY, FOOD & RESTAURANTS

Kawasaki Town is located in a basin valley surrounded by steep mountains and is blessed by a beautiful natural scenery, with rivers flowing with clear and fresh water.

Visitors can enjoy the beauty of sun flowers in Nahiko Field, or Higan-bana (cluster amalilys) in Ataka area. Due to the mountainous ground, rice fields have been built in terraces, offering an harmonious and peaceful sight with many shades of green and blue.

DELICIOUS LOCAL PRODUCTS

Kawasaki Town is proud of its fresh and delicious local products. You can buy all the local vegetables, fruits and finest domestic honey in our farmer's market De-Al. As for fruit picking, Laputa Farm provide pear or grape picking experience in summer time. Farmers of Kawasaki Town also produce and collect natural honey called "Kokusan Tennen Hachimitsu", based on various types of flowers and plants as well as astragalus.

DID YOU KNOW? Ms. Koume AKASAKA was a popular Geisha singer and actress in Taisho and Showa eras. She was born on April 20, 1906 in Kawasaki Town. The Hakata folk songs "Kuroda-bushi (Samurai in Kuroda Clan)" and "Tanko-Bushi (Coal mining song)" that take place in Tagawa area became very popular all over Japan thanks to her performance. Today, Kawasaki Town's mascotte and guide is directly inspired by Ms. AKASAKA. You can see and find "Koume-chan" all around town.

LAPUTA FARM ラピュタファーム

Laputa Farm restaurant offers more than 60 delicious dishes made with over 40 fresh vegetables and fruits, most of them locally grown. All of their products available at their shop, such as bread, sweets and jams, are homemade and can also be bought for being enjoyed at home. Outside the main restaurant, a lively cottage offers a friendly open space for events or BBQ.

ADDRESS: 4408-11 Oaza Amagi, Kawasaki Town, Tagawa-gun, Fukuoka, Japan, 827-0001

Website: http://laputa-f.com Tel: +81-(0)947-47-4000

Lunch time: 11:30-14:45 (until 15:45 on Sat, Sun, National Holidays); closed on Monday and Thursday, except when during a national holiday

THE KOKU KOKU RESTAURANT

穀×極(こくこく)

KOKU-KOKU is a buffet-style natural food restaurant, located amid natural beauty. You can enjoy a lot of fresh vegetables local rice grown and harvested in the rice terraces of Ataka area. Enjoy a beautiful scenery and view of the river from the restaurant.

ADDRESS: 5316-1 Oaza Amagi, Kawasaki Town, Tagawa-gun,

Fukuoka, Japan, 827-0001

Website: http://kanko-kawasaki.net/kokukoku/

Tel: +81-(0)947-49-5959

Opening hours: 11:00-15:00, closed on Tuesday, except if this

is a national holiday.