



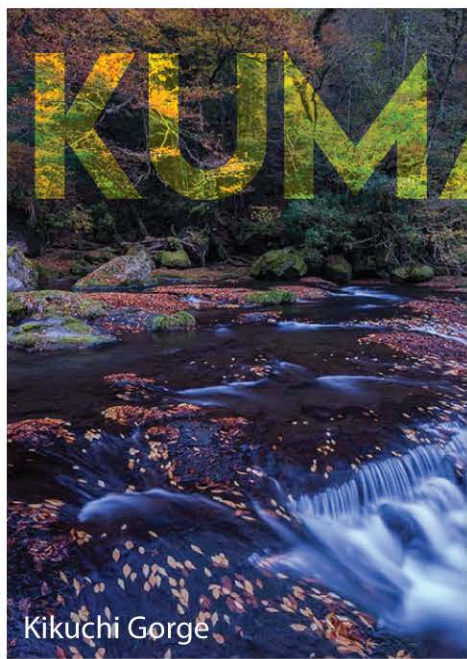
# KYUSHU IN FOCUS

FALL IN  
SOUTHERN KYUSHU





# KUMAMOTO



Kikuchi Gorge



Ume-no-ki Todorō Falls



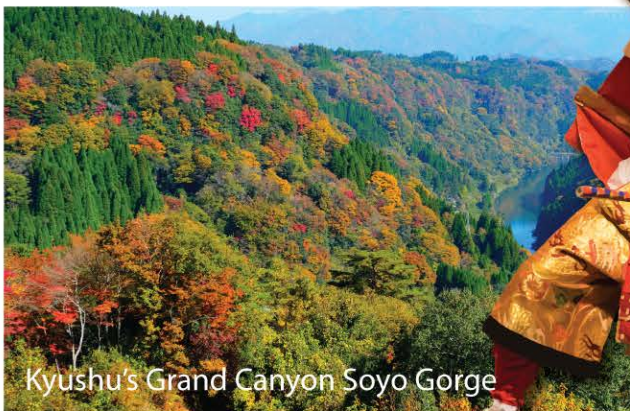
Gokanoshō, Yatsushiro



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Mount Aso



Kyushu's Grand Canyon Soyo Gorge

## A PERFECT TASTE OF AUTUMN



Yaki-imo Ice Cream

Roasted Sweet Potato Yaki-imo

Roasted Japanese sweet potato is a delight typically enjoyed when strolling through the streets. The scent of freshly roasted yaki-imo can be smelled from streets away and warms you up on a chilly autumn evening. Sweet potato is very popular in Japan, and typically found in desserts, bread and even ice cream. ■

Kumamoto is the second-largest producer of chestnuts. From the Japanese Kuri-kinton and parfaits to Western-inspired Mont Blanc and brûlée, chestnuts are a true indulgence in fall. ■



Japan's mont blanc is a must-eat

The traditional thatched private houses and a mesmerizing gorge is what makes Gokanoshō so idyllic. With plenty of welcoming guest houses, camping sites and training facilities, Gokanoshō is the perfect spot to immerse yourself in nature and Japan's traditional cultures and history. ■

Named the Grand Canyon of Kyushu, the Soyo Gorge has the most picturesque view in autumn. The variety of greenery makes a wonderful color palette of fall foliage, and can be viewed from the observatory. Best visited from late October to early November. ■

Ume-no-ki Todorō is a 116-meter long suspension bridge in Gokanoshō, from which the area's gorgeous fall foliage can be viewed. After crossing the bridge, visitors are welcomed with the relaxing sounds of the tranquil Todorō Falls. ■



Nakae Iwato Kagura





Takachiho Gorge



Shishigawa Canyon



Shirataki Falls



Takachiho Gorge



Kunimigaoka

Gorgeous and worthy of multiple visits, **Takachiho Gorge** is one of Miyazaki's most remarkable sightseeing spots. Created when Kumamoto's active volcano Mt. Aso overflowed and abruptly cooled down, Takachiho Gorge is now a unique sight, with maple trees adding gentle but vibrant colors to the gorge. November is the best time to visit for those wishing to view the enchanting momiji of Takachiho Gorge. ■

With an awe-inspiring view from its observation deck, the Michelin star-awarded **Kunimigaoka** will be one of your most unforgettable autumn memories in Kyushu. ■

With the marvelous combination of the calming sounds of water, surrounding cliffs and dazzling fall foliage, **Shirataki Falls** is a breathtaking sight and a must-visit in autumn. ■

Featuring exciting dance movements and colorful costumes, Kagura is a traditional performing art with its origins in Shinto rites. Referred to as the season of hearty appetites, Shokuyoku no Aki, autumn is rich in festivals where Kagura is often showcased.

Kagura displayed at night is called Yokagura. ■



Yokagura of Takachiho



# KAGOSHIMA



Floating on a pond and shaped like the Ginkaku-ji, **Sakura no Yakata** is a café where unique latte art and a variety of local delicious sweets can be enjoyed. ■

Just a short ride from Kagoshima City, **Sengan-en** is a classic Japanese-style garden with a quaint landscape design. Built in the Edo period by the Shimazu clan with the 'borrowed scenery' principle, the beautiful scene of Sakurajima and Kinko Bay can be viewed from the garden. ■

An incredible spot for hiking, **Lake Onami** is the highest crater lake in Japan. Along the trail, many hot springs, views and hidden treasures wait to be discovered. The ineffable scenery of Onami Lake is enriched with the warm colors of autumn. ■



Sengan-en ([www.senganen.jp](http://www.senganen.jp))

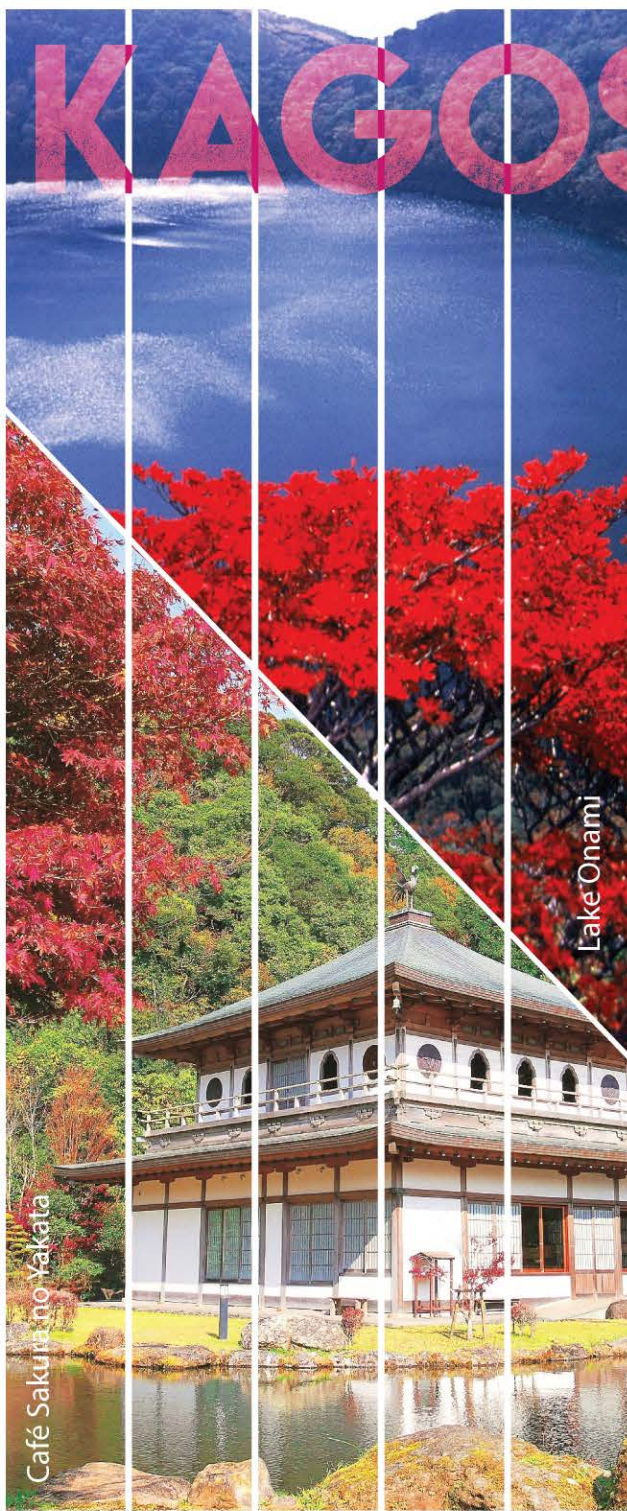
It's as if you have stepped into a movie scene. With more than 1200 ginkgo trees planted in this garden, the **Senbon Icho** ("Thousand Ginkgos") in Tarumizu City is a golden treasure. It took more than 35 years for the owner and his wife to create this magnificent view. The best season to visit is from late November to early December. ■



Kirishima Shrine



Senbon Icho



Café Sakura no Yakata

Lake Onami



## JUMP INTO KYUSHU.

Find the answers to the clues listed below. The numbers in brackets indicate the length of the answer. Then find the words in the word search on the left. The remaining letters make up a Japanese saying (read: top left to bottom right). The answer will be published in the next newsletter.

built by the Shimazu clan in the Edo period (8)

roasted street food delight (7)

must-eat Japanese fall fruit (5)

Japanese word for fall foliage (6)

type of traditional theater dance (6)

second-largest producer of chestnuts (8)

popular boating location (9)

privately-owned golden paradise (10)

highest crater lake in Japan (5)

Kyushu's Grand Canyon (4)

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Answer:


## COVID-19 AND KYUSHU.

As travel to Japan is still restricted, many sightseeing activities and festivals are restricted or cancelled this year.



The JNTO provides the latest insights into travel restrictions and cancelled or postponed events.

For more information:

<https://www.japan.travel/en/coronavirus/>.



# Dear Reader,

Wonder why some foods bring back certain memories? The enjoyment of food goes further than what your taste buds perceive. The environmental setting, timing, your companions and your mood together make up the story for that particular memory. Snacking on yaki-imo while strolling through the streets with your friends or slurping a hearty bowl of ramen in that tiny shop in the mountains with the friendly owner - these are the stories of taste that make up the wonderful autumn memories of Kyushu.

In the country of endless discovery and enjoyment, Kyushu bubbles with energy through its dynamic landscapes, bustling city streets, dramatic mountains and tranquil waters. From an adventurous fall foliage-viewing hike to a jump into its rejuvenating onsens, Kyushu will make you discover your spiritual self through its beautiful nature.

# Best wishes,

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