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Sitting proudly on the shores of Hakata Bay, Fukuoka is a city ablaze with the neon glare of the 21st century, moving at a slower and much more manageable pace than its better-known siblings from Honshu. There are plenty of Japanese flavours to be had here, both figuratively and in the very direct sense of the word, along with a lot of uniquely local flair for those looking to cast their nets wider than the staples of Tokyo, Kyoto, or Osaka.



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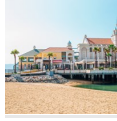
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## THE CITY



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Fukuoka is the capital city of the Fukuoka Prefecture and is situated on the northern shore of the island of Kyūshū. The city is divided into seven wards (ku) of which the central areas of Chuo-ku and Hakata-ku will be of most interest to the visitor.

West of Tenjin is Ohori-koen Park and the ruins of the old castle, whilst further along in Sawara-ku ward is the Momochi district. Momochi is a modern waterfront area with wide tree-lined streets, plenty of cafés, restaurants, and green public parks. Here you will find the Fukuoka Tower and the Fukuoka Dome, home of the city's baseball team, the Fukuoka Daiei Hawks.

East of the river in Hakata-ku is where you will find most of the old shrines and temples, whilst the entertainment district of Nakasu lies between the sandbank of the Naka River and the Hakata River. Nakasu is one of the major red-light districts in Japan as well as home to a large number of trendy restaurants. The Nakasu district also houses expensive shops along the Riverain; a stroll along the sandbank is a nice way to spend the afternoon.

## DO & SEE



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Chuo-ku Ward, located west of the Nakagawa River, is the commercial and entertainment hub of the city. At its heart lies the district of Tenjin to which most visitors will undoubtedly be drawn, lured by the bright lights of its bars and restaurants and the excellent array of boutiques.

### Fukuoka Tower



Admire the lustre of the city from the 360-degree observation deck. The tower was built in 1989 as a monument of the Asian Pacific Expo and is 234 metres high and covered with mirrors.

Photo: Sean Pavone/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2-3-26 Momochihama, Sawara-ku, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92 823 0234

Internet: [www.fukuokatower.co.jp](http://www.fukuokatower.co.jp)

### Fukuoka Castle



At the Fukuoka Castle, you can see the few remains of this early 17th-century hilltop castle. Although there isn't much left in the way of the original structure, the gardens and the view alone are worth the visit.

Photo: Thanya Jones/Shutterstock.com

Address: Jonai, Chuoku, Fukuoka

## Shrines and Temples



Marvel at the elegant beauty of the many shrines and temples dotting the city. Do not miss the Hakozaki Shrine, Kushida Shrine, Shofukuji Temple, and the Tochoji Temple.

Photo: Junseob Shin/Shutterstock.com

## Fukuoka Art Museum



The Fukuoka Art Museum hosts current as well as permanent exhibitions of modern and pre-modern art. Here you can also visit the Kids Corner, eat at the restaurant and buy something in the bookshop.

Photo: rainyclub/Shutterstock

Address: 1-6 Ohorikoen, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9:30am-5:30pm, Mon closed

Phone: +81 92 714 6051

Internet: [www.fukuoka-art-museum.jp/en](http://www.fukuoka-art-museum.jp/en)

## Yanagawa



Just 45 minutes south of Fukuoka city you will find Yanagawa city, known for the waterway that crosses it in two directions. A trip on one of the small boats is a must, as well as a visit to Ohana, where you will find Shoto Park. While in Yanagawa, try the delicious unagi (eel) dishes which the city is renowned for.

Photo: momo3oki/Shutterstock.com

Address: Yanagawa City

Public Transport: Nishitetsu Yanagawa Station

More Info: Riverboat Boarding Area: Five-minute walk from Nishitetsu Yanagawa Station

## Fukuoka City Museum



Fukuoka City Museum is a fantastic museum that gives an interesting insight into the history and culture of the area. The museum offers both permanent and special exhibitions.

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Address: 3 Chome-1-1 Momochihama, Sawara Ward, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9:30am-5:30pm, Mon closed

Phone: +81 92 845 5011

## Hakata Machiya Folk Museum



Hakata Machiya Folk Museum offers interactive displays which showcase the life and times of the Meiji era (1868-1912). This is the place to visit if you want to learn more about the life and culture of Hakata.

Photo: Eramiya/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6-10 Reizen-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Public Transport: 15-minute walk from JR Hakata Station

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 09.00-17.00

Phone: +81 92 281 7761

Internet: [www.hakatamachiya.com](http://www.hakatamachiya.com)

## Marine World



Marine World Uminonakamichi is a city aquarium that gives meaning to the secrets of the sea. It is home to diverse marine life,

including sharks and whales. You will also get to watch dolphin and sea lion shows.

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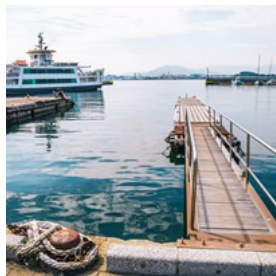
Address: 18-28 Saitozaki, Higashi Ward, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-5:30pm

Phone: +81 92 603 0400

Internet: <https://marine-world.jp>

### Nokonoshima Island



Nokonoshima is a really beautiful place. This island has great walks and cycling routes where you can enjoy the richness of the Japanese countryside.

Photo: Sanga Park/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nokonoshima

Phone: +81 92 881 2494

Internet: [www.nokonoshima.com](http://www.nokonoshima.com)

### Hakata District



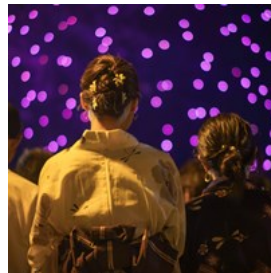
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Address: Hakata, Fukuoka

### Fukuoka Festivals

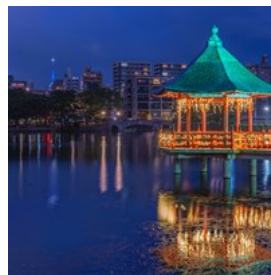


There are two annual major events that bring international acts to the city and attract a large number of visitors.

Dontaku takes place at the beginning of May and Yamasaka is a huge event lasting two weeks in July. If you are around at this time of the year make sure to check out what's on the programme.

Photo: Rei Imagine/Shutterstock

### Ohori Park



Come here for an evening walk or join the active runners on the popular jogging track. This park provides a great opportunity to flee from

the hustle of the city and enjoy a minute for yourself.

Photo: kuremo/Shutterstock

Address: Ohorikoen, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka

### Shofukuji Temple



The oldest Zen temple in all of Japan (completed in 1195), Shofukuji boasts pleasant temple grounds which contain charming old Japanese buildings,

along with a green park and pond. Entry is free of charge, but most buildings cannot be accessed by visitors.

Photo: Nattee Chalermtiragool/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6-1 Gokushomachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92-291-0775

### Momochi Seaside Park



Momochi Seaside Park is a waterside development with cafes, restaurants, and beach volleyball facilities. It is also where one will find Fukuoka's

easiest and fastest-to-reach city beach. The splendid Fukuoka Tower lies only a stone's throw away from the promenade.

Photo: Sanga Park/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2-4 Momochihama Sawara-ku, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92 822 8141

## DINING



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Fukuoka is renowned for its culinary delights with acclaimed dishes such as the Fukuoka ramen (pork-stock soup with Chinese noodles), Hakata gyoza (stuffed dumplings), and Genkai-Sea fugu (blowfish). There is a range of restaurants in which to savour these gastronomic delights. However, a trip to Fukuoka would not be complete without visiting one of the many yatai (food stalls), which set up shop in the city centre come nightfall.

### Ume no hana Tenjin



Ume no Hana is a locally owned chain with a focus on tofu and yuba (tofu skin). Here you can choose from a great variety of delicious tofu dishes as well as a range of seafood fare.

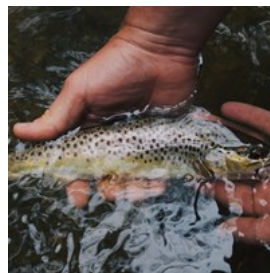
Photo: ngoc tran/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1-15-6 Tenjin Chuo-Ku, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +81 92 737 4080

### Zauo



At this excellent fish restaurant you might, literally, have to "fish for your supper"- diners are supplied with their own equipment, and fish caught that way is ends up being a better bargain than regular items off the menu. The décor is simple yet elegant and you will marvel at the little details that will make your visit a memorable one.

Photo: Hunter Brumels/Unsplash.com

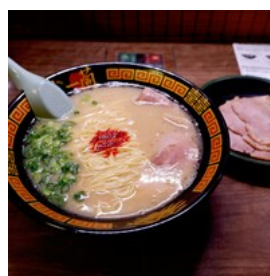
Address: 1-4-15 Nagahama, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11:30am-2:30pm, 5-8pm, Sat 11:30am-9pm, Sun 11:30am-8pm

Phone: +81 92 716 9988

Internet: [www.zauo.com](http://www.zauo.com)

### Ichiran Hakata



Ichiran Hakata is the premier venue for trying Fukuoka's speciality, tonkotsu ramen (noodles topped with a pork cutlet). Unlike some other types of ramen, the tonkotsu variety is cooked in a thick, flavourful broth, which takes nearly 12

hours to prepare. At Ichiran, diners are seated at separate booths, and orders are delivered to their booth's table directly from the kitchen via an individual window.

Photo: DoooPic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hakata Ward, Hakata Ekimae, 2 Chome-2-1, Fukuoka Center Building

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +81 92 473 0810

Internet: <https://en.ichiran.com/shop/kyushu/hakata/>

### Yatai Food Stalls



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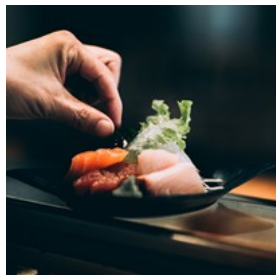
Do as the locals do and head for one of the many Yatai stalls set up along the streets. Delicacies on offer include ramen, yakitori, tempura, and

Photo: pang\_oasis/Shutterstock

Address: 13, Tenjin Kirameki Dori Building, Fukuoka

More Info: Along the Nakasu River between Nakasu and Canal City and along Nagahama-dori in Chuo-ku.

### Yamanaka



This sushi restaurant serves traditional seafood specialities with a modern twist. The friendly staff prepares excellent maki and skilfully arranges them on sharing plates. At Yamanaka, you can dine in a cosy atmosphere and a luxurious setting.

Photo: Kyle Head/Unsplash.com

Address: 2 Chome-8-8 Watanabedori, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-1:30pm / 6pm-9pm; Sun closed

Phone: +81 92 731 7771

Internet: [www.sushi-yamanaka.jp](http://www.sushi-yamanaka.jp)

### Yoshizuka Unagiya



If you're up for trying out something new, you should not miss the unagi experience of Fukuoka. Unagi is Japanese for "eel" and you can't find a

better place for this speciality than Yoshizuka Unagiya. The skilled chefs prepare the dishes to your taste and the outstanding seafood quality will leave you wanting to come back for more.

Photo: Thomas Marban/Unsplash.com

Address: 2-8-27 Nakasu, Hakataku, Fukuoka

Public Transport: 3 min. walk from Subway

Nakasu-Kawabata Station Exit 5

Phone: +81 92 271 0700

Internet: [www.yoshizukaunagi.com](http://www.yoshizukaunagi.com)

### Chikae



One of the finest seafood restaurants in the city gathers long lines at lunchtime, and for good reason: lunch offers are exceptionally great value, and seafood is so fresh, that diners can observe it still swimming in tanks inside the restaurant.

Photo: Rawpixel/Unsplash

Address: 2 Chome-2-17 Daimyo, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92 721 4624

Internet: [www.chikae.co.jp](http://www.chikae.co.jp)

### Hyotan Sushi



This place is highly recommended by guests as it serves fresh fish and varied sushi. Indulge yourself in the wide offer of sushi platters and try out some of the more unusual ones, which include sea urchin, fish roe, scallops, and more.

Photo: Jonathan Forage/Unsplash.com

Address: Tenjin, Chuo-ku Shintenakaku Bldg., Fukuoka

Public Transport: Access from Nishitetsu Fukuoka Tenjin  
Nishitetsu Omuta Line (Tenjin) station

Phone: +81 92 722 0010

### Tempura Hirao



Tempura Hirao is your place for high-quality seafood dishes, most deep-fried to a golden crisp. Grab a sushi plate and some sake for lunch

or order a large dinner at a reasonable price.

You won't forget an evening at Tempura Hirao.

Photo: gontabunta/Shutterstock

Address: 2 Chome-4-1 Higashihirao, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka

Public Transport: Walk from Nanakuma line Noke Station

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-8pm

Phone: +81 92 611 1666

Internet: [www.hirao-foods.net](http://www.hirao-foods.net)

### CAFÉS



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Japan is one of the largest consumers of coffee in the world, and coffee shops are not difficult to come by in a large city like Fukuoka. You can easily spend hours in the cosy settings and indulge in the various local delicacies on the cake menu.

### Rakusuien



Rakusuien is a lovely Japanese garden featuring a restored Meiji-era tea house, perfect for enjoying a relaxing afternoon tea

amidst serene surroundings. The beautifully landscaped gardens create a tranquil atmosphere, offering a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock

Address: 2 Chome-10-7 Sumiyoshi, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 9am-5pm, Tue closed

Phone: +81 92 262 6665

Internet: <https://rakusuien.fukuoka-teien.com>

### Refuge Sky Cafe & Dining



Drink in the sights from the Fukuoka Tower whilst sipping on a cup of matcha. Macca, or "matcha", is a fine powdered high-quality

green tea that is often used in traditional Japanese tea ceremonies.

Photo: dungthuyvunguyen/Pixabay

Address: 2-3-26 Momochihama, Sawara-ku

Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm

Phone: +81 92 833 8255

Internet: [www.fukuokatower.co.jp](http://www.fukuokatower.co.jp)

More Info: Fukuoka Tower

### Maison Kayser



Maison Keyer can be found in various locations across the globe. At their cafe in Fukuoka, you can hang out and have some baked bread and pastries,

all freshly made daily.

Photo: Nathan Dumlao/Unsplash.com

Address: 1-4-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

Phone: +92 718 3058

Internet: [www.maisonkayser.jp](http://www.maisonkayser.jp)

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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After a day of sightseeing, put on your glad rags and go to Nakasu or Tenjin, where the night owls spread their wings, preen their plumage, and strut their stuff to some serious beats.

### Off Broadway Burger+Bar



Off Broadway is a lively bar that plays a wide range of music (including live shows on Fridays & weekends, as well as nightly DJ sessions) and

serves up a veritable feast of delightful drinks and juicy burgers.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tenjin Chuo-Ku, 3 Chome, 8-10 1th Floor, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Fri-Sat , Mon-Wed 11:30am-8pm, Thu 3-8pm

Phone: +81 92 724 5383

Internet: <https://offbroadwayburgerbar.com>

Email: [hello@broadwayjapan.com](mailto:hello@broadwayjapan.com)

### The Voodoo Lounge



This late-night bar hosts live acts and cool DJs. The Voodoo Lounge is guaranteed to rock. Drop by with some friends or meet some new people

inside.

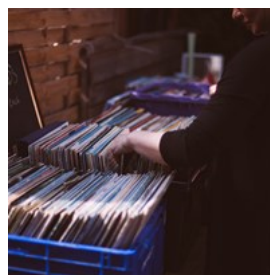
Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tenjin Bld 3F, Tenjin 3-2-13, Fukuoka

Phone: +92 732 4662

Internet: <https://voodoolounge.jp>

### Juke Joint



Juke Joint is a music lovers' dreams come true. Here you can pick your own music from the thousands of LPs lining the shelves.

Photo: Clem Onojeghuo/Unsplash.com

Address: Maizuru 1-9-23, Chūo-ku, Fukuoka

Phone: +92 762 5596

### Drum Logos



Drum Logos is a popular live rock venue showcasing the best of local and national bands. The atmosphere here is usually very

engaging, and you can expect a good time.

Photo: melis/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1-8-25 Maizuru, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka

Internet: [www.live-drum.com](http://www.live-drum.com)

### Petrol Blue



Petrol blue is the kind of upbeat bar you want to spend hours in. Be it craft beer or cocktails, inside you'll have everything you need to have a good time.

Enjoy the lounge music and relax on the cosy sofas.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Daimyo, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92 714 6786

Internet: [www.melody215.exblog.jp](http://www.melody215.exblog.jp)

## SHOPPING



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If you are looking for the latest in designer fashions, high-tech gadgets, or intricately handcrafted souvenirs, then Fukuoka will not disappoint you.

The city's main shopping district is called Tenjin. Along its busy intersections, you will find a number of department stores stocking everything from high street to high-end designer labels. Whilst heading towards Ohori-koen, along Keiyaki-dori, and around Daimyo there are a host of small boutiques.

### Canal City



For that sleek air-conditioned shopping experience head down to Canal City, a shopping and entertainment complex that will cater to your every need.

Photo: Sellwell/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sumiyoshi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka-shi

Phone: +81 92 282 2525

Internet: [www.canalcity.co.jp](http://www.canalcity.co.jp)

Email: [info@canalcity.co.jp](mailto:info@canalcity.co.jp)

### Hakata District



The Hakata district is where you will find the bulk of small artisan shops in which you can purchase some fine handcrafted souvenirs.

Your first port of call should be the Kawabata Shopping Arcade which stands as testament to the old city and in which there are a number of stalls selling all manner of goods.

Photo: cawardlion/Shutterstock

Address: Hakata, Fukuoka

### Shogetsudo



Products particular to the Fukuoka region include the Hakata Dolls, which are porcelain figurines decorated as beautiful kimono-clad women and

Kabuki performers. Other well-known products to look out for include Hakata textiles and Hakata Champon, a peculiar-sounding glass toy.

Photo: jpreat/Shutterstock

Address: 5 Chome-1-22 Nakasu, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-7:30pm, Sat & Sun  
10am-6pm  
Phone: +81 92 291 4141  
Internet: <https://shogetudo.jp>

### Marinoa City



Here you can find about 200 shops and boutiques for a whole day (or more!) of shopping. High quality clothes, sports brands, high-end electronics as well as a number of cafes and restaurants to rest your feet can be found within. It's always a good idea to drop by Marinoa City.

Photo: leungchopan/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 2-12-30 Odo Nishi-ku, Fukuoka  
Phone: +81 92 892 8700  
Internet: [www.marinoacity.com](http://www.marinoacity.com)

### Kawabata Shopping Arcade



Kawabata Shopping Arcade is Fukuoka's oldest shopping district, offering a blend of novelty and traditional Japanese items. This 400-metre-long covered arcade houses about 130 shops, including artisan gift stores and ramen joints. It's famous for selling typical clay Hakata dolls.

Photo: Niradj/Shutterstock  
Address: 6-135 Kamikawabatamachi, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka  
Internet: <https://kawabatadori.com>

### Solaria Plaza



Get high-end shopping right at the Tenjin metro-station. Solaria Plaza offers boutiques that will warm the hearts of shopaholics. Lose yourself in the latest fashion trends or get a new piece of jewellery in one of the many shops. You will come back for more.

Photo: michaeljung/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 2-2-43 Tenjin, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka  
Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 10.00-23.00  
Phone: +81 92 733 7777  
Internet: [www.solariaplaza.com](http://www.solariaplaza.com)

### Nagahama Fish Market



If you want to get an authentic Fukuoka market experience, drop by the Nagahama Fish Market. You can smell the hall from afar and find fresh and peculiar fish on offer. Take some photos or even pick up fresh seafood to cook on your own later.

Photo: javarman/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 3-11-3 Nagahama, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka  
Phone: +81 92 711 6414  
Email: [sengyo.affb@city.fukuoka.lg.jp](mailto:sengyo.affb@city.fukuoka.lg.jp)

### Yodobashi Camera



Do you happen to need a new memory card for your camera, a backup charging device for your phone or a fresh set of headphones? Then there's no better place to go than Yodobashi Camera. It's known for its extensive stock of all kinds of electronic devices, good service, and low

prices.

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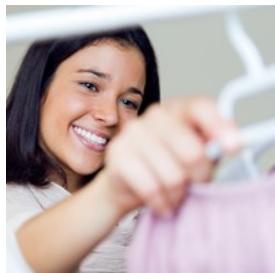
Address: 6-12 Hakataekichuogai, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka

Public Transport: JR Hakata Station

Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-10pm

Phone: +81 92 471 1010

### Konoha Mall



The Nanakuma subway ends in Hashimoto Station, and this is where you can find one of the biggest malls in the area.

The sophisticated design of the atrium and its wider offer of speciality shops make this shopping centre a favourite of locals.

Photo: nenetus/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Chome-27-2 Hashimoto, Nishi Ward, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm

Phone: +81 92 407 2800

Internet: <https://konohamall.com>

### Tenjin Underground Mall



Tenjin is an upscale underground shopping complex designed to look like a European-style arcade, with cobblestone floors and wrought iron

lanterns. The 'avenues' stretch as far as the eye can see, and the assortment of shops and cafés is extremely varied.

Photo: Daniel Valenzuela/ArrivalGuides

Address: Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

### JR Hakata City



It is impossible to miss the JR Hakata City complex - its 11 floors' worth of shops and restaurants attract both city residents and visitors

(the location right above Fukuoka's main train station, JR Hakata, is unbeatable). Check out the ground floor for food and souvenirs, and do not miss everyone's favourite Tokyu Hands.

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Address: 1-1 Hakataekichuogai, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

Phone: +81 92-431-8484

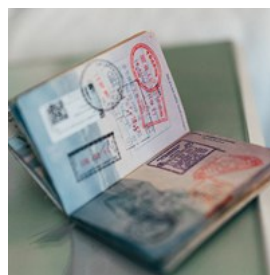
Internet: [www.jrhakatacity.com](http://www.jrhakatacity.com)

### TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Passport/Visa



Nationals from countries such as the United States, Canada, Australia, Brazil, and many European countries can enter Japan visa-free for short-term

stays (usually up to 90 days) for tourism, business, or visiting friends and relatives.

However, visitors from countries not on the visa-exempt list must apply for a visa at a

Japanese embassy or consulate before travelling. Always check the latest entry requirements as they can change.

Photo: ConvertKit/Unsplash

Internet: [www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html)

### Fukuoka Airport (FUK)



Fukuoka Airport is the city's major airport, situated only 4 kilometres from the city. There are multiple transportation options for reaching the city centre. Travellers can take advantage of buses, the subway, taxis, and car rental services. A taxi ride to the city typically takes around 15-20 minutes.

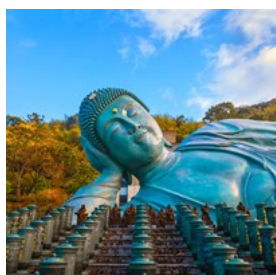
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Address: Fukuoka Airport

Phone: +81 92 483 7007

Internet: [www.fukuoka-airport.jp/en](http://www.fukuoka-airport.jp/en)

### Best Time to Visit



Fukuoka is a year-round destination, with even the winter months being not too cold for city sightseeing. If you plan to see the fabled Japanese cherry blossoms, plan your trip for somewhere around March and April, while the summer (June through August) brings warm, yet comfortable temperatures.

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### Public Transport



You can easily get around Fukuoka by bus or the subway. Both the subway system and bus services are efficient and easy to use. To pay the fare, you will either need to purchase a reusable card at one of the ticket offices or a convenience store, or prepare exact change and drop it into the fare box next to the driver. Individual subway tickets may be purchased from vending machines at station entries.

The Fukuoka Tourist City Pass is a good option for tourists as it entitles one to unlimited rides on buses and trains during one day.

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Internet:

[www.fcif.or.jp/en/en-information/living/public-transportation](http://www.fcif.or.jp/en/en-information/living/public-transportation)

### Taxi



Taxis in Fukuoka are known for being clean, safe, and reliable, with courteous and professional drivers. They are readily available in most parts of the city, especially in busy areas such as train stations, shopping districts, and major tourist attractions. Available taxis usually have a red sign, which means 'vacant', displayed on the front of the vehicle.

Another option is to use ride-hailing apps such as Uber, DiDi, and GO.

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## Post



In Fukuoka, as in the rest of Japan, the standard colour of a letterbox is red. The usual opening hours for post offices are typically: Monday to

Friday: 9am-5pm

Saturday: 9am-12:30pm

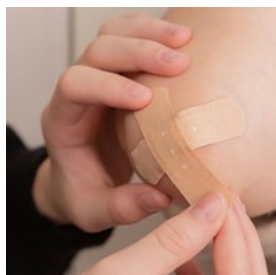
Sunday and Public Holidays: Closed

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Address: Fukuoka Central Post Office - 4 Chome-3-1 Tenjin, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-12:30pm

## Pharmacy



Some of the main pharmacy chains in Fukuoka include Matsumoto Kiyoshi - one of the largest and most well-known pharmacy

chains in Japan -, Tsuruha Drug, Welcia, and Sun Drug.

Photo: Diana Polekhina/Unsplash

Address: Matsumoto Kiyoshi - Tenjin Underground Mall

Opening hours: Daily 9am-10:30pm

Phone: +81 92 732 5353

## Telephone



Country code: +81 Area code: 092

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## Electricity



Japan operates on a 100V supply voltage and 50/60Hz. The country uses Type-A plugs, which have two flat-sided prongs.

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## Population

Metro area: 5.4 million (2023)

## Currency

Japanese Yen (JPY)

## Opening hours

Business hours are generally from Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm and Saturday from 9am-12:30pm. Banks are open weekdays between 9am and 3pm. The bigger department stores and the malls have extended opening hours.

## Newspapers

Yomiuri Shimbun (ENG): <https://japannews.yomiuri.co.jp>  
Mainichi (JPN national): <https://mainichi.jp/english>  
Nishinippon Shimbun (JPN): [www.nishinippon.co.jp](http://www.nishinippon.co.jp)

## Emergency numbers

Emergency, Fire Brigade: 119  
Police: 110

## Tourist information

Fukuoka City Information Centre  
2 Chome-1-1, Tenjin, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka  
+81 92 751 6904  
Opening hours: daily 9:30am-7pm