



Fukuoka

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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 is plenty of Japanese flavour to be had here, both figuratively and in the very direct sense of the word, and 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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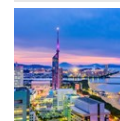
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THE CITY



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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 also 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 big number of fashionable 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 Naka-gawa 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.

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

Phone: +81 92 823 0234

Internet: 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.

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Address: Jonai, Chuoku, Fukuoka

Shrines and Temples

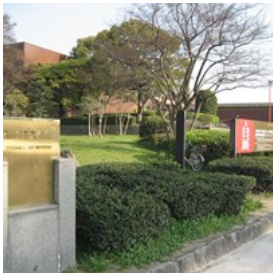


Temple and the Tochoji Temple.

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

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Fukuoka Art Museum



at the restaurant and buy something in the bookshop.

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

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Address: 1-6 Ohori-Koen Park, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka
Opening hours: Closed Mondays
Phone: +81 92 714 6051
Internet: www.fukuoka-art-museum.jp

Yanagawa



of the small boats is a must, as well as a visit to Ohana, where you will find the Shoto Park. While in Yanagawa, try the delicious unage (eel) dishes which the city is renowned for.

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

Photo: momo3oki/Shutterstock.com

Address: Yanagawa City
Public Transport: Nishitetsu Yanagawa Station
More Info: Riverboat Boarding Area: Five-minute walk from Nishitetsu Yanagawa Station

Rakusui-en

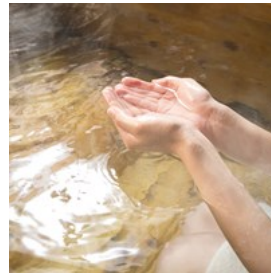


perfect place for a relaxing stroll.

Rakusui-en is a beautiful traditional Japanese garden with colourful foliage, a waterfall and a restored Meiji-era teahouse. This is the

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Address: 2-10-7 Sumiyoshi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka
Phone: +81 92 262 6665
Internet: www.rakusuien.net

Yu no Hana Onsen (Public Bath House)



beautiful natural surroundings.

Yu no Hana Onsen is a public bath house - great after a hard day's sightseeing. Here you can sit back and soak away the aches and pains in

Photo: Shinari/Shutterstock.com
Address: Nagahama 1-5-55, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka
Phone: +81 92 733 1126
Internet: www.yunohana.co.jp

Fukuoka City Museum



permanent and special exhibitions.

Fukuoka City Museum is a fantastic museum that gives an interesting insight into the history and culture of the area.

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Address: 1-1 Momochihama 3 chome, Sawara-ku, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday: 9.30-17.30

Phone: +81 92 845 5011

Internet: museum.city.fukuoka.jp

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

Marine World Uminonakamichi



Marine World Uminonakamichi is an excellent marine park that gives meaning to the secrets of the sea. You will be able to see several different kinds of sharks, whales and dolphin shows here.

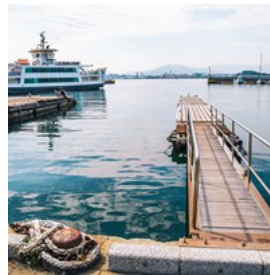
Photo: STA3816/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: 18-28 Nishi Tozaki, Higashi-ku, Uminonakamichi, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92 603 0400

Internet: www.marine-world.co.jp

Nokonoshima Island



countryside.

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

Photo: Sanga Park/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nokonoshima

Phone: +81 92 881 2494

Internet: www.nokonoshima.com

Hakata District



Your first port of call should be the Kawabata Shopping Arcade, in which there are a number of stalls selling all manner of goods.

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

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Address: Hakata, Fukuoka

Fukuoka Festivals



Dontaku takes place in 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.

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

Photo: Pontafon/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Fukuoka

Kashii-kaen



Next to the Nishitetsu Kashiikaenmae train station you can find this small amusement park with entertainment for the whole family. Step in and enjoy a full day of fun rides!

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Address: 7-2-1 Kasumigaoka, Higashi Ward, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92 681 1602

Internet: www.kashiikaen.com

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: Chris Harber/Flickr (image cropped)

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,

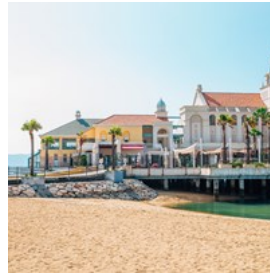
along with a green park and pond. Entry is free of charge, but most buildings cannot be accessed by visitors.

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

Robosquare



Be invited to a traditional Hungarian dance by a friendly robot, watch a robotic dog perform silly tricks (and have it face-identify you) or learn

about how robots have been making life better for Japan's children and senior citizens at Robosquare, a mix of store and exhibition space for all things robotic. Now located at the Fukuoka City Science Museum.

Photo: Daniel Valenzuela/ArrivalGuides

Address: Fukuoka City Science Museum, Ropponmatsu, Fukuoka

Internet: www.fukuokacity-kagakukan.jp

DINING



Toomore Chiang/Flickr (image cropped)

Fukuoka is renowned for its culinary delights with acclaimed dishes such as Fukuoka ramen (pork-stock soup with Chinese noodles), Hakata gyouza (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



seafood dishes.

Ume no Hana is a locally owned chain of tofu restaurants. Here you can choose from a great variety of delicious tofu dishes and a range of

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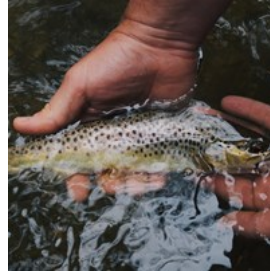
Address: 1-15-6 Tenjin Chuo-Ku, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 120 274 080

Internet: www.umenohana.co.jp

More Info: Ayasugi Bldg

Zauo Fishing Restaurant



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

Phone: +81 92 716 9988

Internet: www.zauo.com

Ichiran Ramen



Ichiran Ramen is the premier venue for trying Fukuoka’s specialty, 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.

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Address: 1-10-15 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92 736 5272

Internet: www.ichiran.co.jp

Yatai Food Stalls



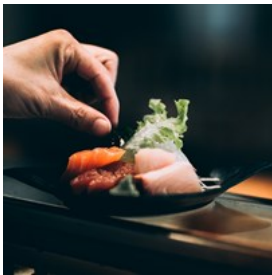
Do as the locals do and head for one of the many Yatai stalls set up along the streets. Delicacies on offer include ramen, yakitori, tempura and oden.

Photo: Richard West/Flickr (image cropped)

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: 2-8-8 Watanabe doori, Chuo-ku, Fukuokashi, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92 731 7771

Internet: 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

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, 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

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 Shintenaku 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.

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Address: 2-4-1 Higashihirao, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Public Transport: Walk from Nanakuma line Noke Station

Phone: +81 92 611 1666

Internet: www.hirao-foods.net

CAFES



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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.

Rakusui-en



calm you down.

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon tea in a restored Meiji era teahouse set amidst beautiful gardens. The atmosphere is sure to

Photo: STA3816/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: 2-10-7 Sumiyoshi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Sky Lounge Refuge Fukuoka Tower



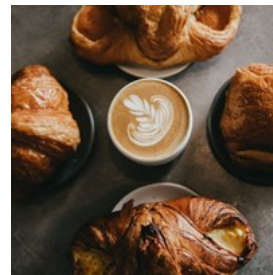
Drink in the sights from the Fukuoka Tower whilst sipping on a cup of matcha. Maccha, or "matcha", is fine powdered high quality green tea that is often used in traditional Japanese tea ceremonies.

Photo: dungthuyvunguyen/Pixabay

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

Internet: www.fukuokatower.co.jp

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 each day.

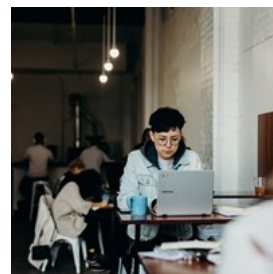
Photo: Nathan Dumlao/Unsplash.com

Address: Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka

Phone: +92 718 3058

Internet: www.maison-kayser.com

Early Believers



Early Believers is a cool, funky café. Here you can sit back with a cup whilst recording your latest tune in the on-site recording studio. They also host frequent live music performances.

Photo: Brooke Cagle/Unsplash.com

Address: 3-5-19 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92 738 7337

Internet: www.e-b.jp

C'est tres bon



C'est tres bon is a French bakery in the heart of Fukuoka, offering authentic French baguettes as well as a wide array of other baked goods. There is space to sit down and enjoy your purchases and you also have the possibility to have lunch here.

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Address: Hirao, Chuoku, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92 533 9722

Internet: www.cest-tresbon.com

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



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.

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Address: 1-8-40 Maizuru, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92 724 5383

Internet: www.offbroadwayjapan.com

Voodoo Lounge



inside.

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

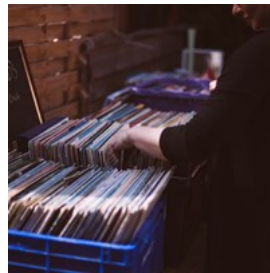
Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

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

Phone: +92 732 4662

Internet: www.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.

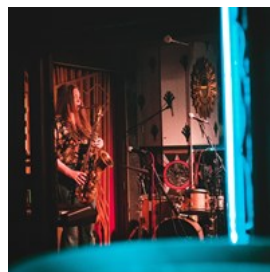
Photo: Clem Onojeghuo/Unsplash.com

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

Phone: +92 762 5596

Internet: www.juke-records.net/jukejoint

River Side



If you like jazz you can head to River Side. This excellent jazz bar offers regular live performances by bands playing for a hip and swinging crowd.

Photo: Christian Chen/Unsplash.com

Address: Nakasu 3-7-34, Hakata-ku

Phone: +92 281 6843

Internet: www.jazz-riverside.jp

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

Hard Rock Cafe Fukuoka



The Hard Rock Cafe can be found all over the world and Fukuoka is no exception. Come here to enjoy a rock'n'roll vibe among signed posters of well-known acts and guitar heroes.

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Address: JRJP Hakata Bldg. 2F, 8-1 Hakataeki Chuogai, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92 433 2975

Internet: www.hardrock.com/cafes/fukuoka

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.

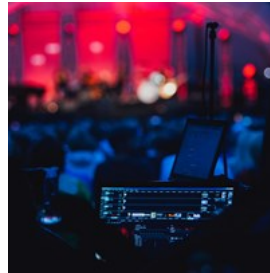
Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Daimyo, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92 714 6786

Internet: www.melody215.exblog.jp

Club X



This is your place for 24 hours of partying and fun. At Club X you can get cold drinks and meet happy people in a steamy atmosphere. Dance all night long and mingle with an international crowd. You won't see any bored faces at Club X.

Photo: Markus Spiske/Unsplash.com

Address: 1 Chome-8-38 Maizuru, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92 741 3800

Internet: www.clubxfukuoka.com

SHOPPING



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If you are looking for the latest in designer fashions, high tech gadgetries 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. If you are looking for something special to slip into for the evening's entertainment then head on down to Tenjin.

Canal City



your every need.

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

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Address: Sumiyoshi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka-shi

Phone: +81 92 282 2525

Internet: www.canalcity.co.jp

Email: 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: coloredby/Flickr (image cropped)

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: Travis Rigel Lukas Hornung/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: 5-1-22 Nakasu, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92 291 4141

Internet: www.shogetudo.jp

Email: info@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

Kawabatadori Shopping Street



Near Canal City you can find yet another stunning shopping experience in Fukuoka. This indoor shopping street holds dozens of shops and boutiques vending Japanese crafts, traditional and modern fashion, and exotic foods. Come here to spend money and have a good time.

Photo: oneinchpunch/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kamikawabatamachi Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Yanagibashi Market



Whether you're a second-hand enthusiast or just like to buy cute little souvenirs, the Yanagibashi Market is for you. Here you will find all kinds of things from all over Japan, from clothes to toys and antiques. You won't leave this place

empty-handed.

Photo: View Apart/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1-5-1 Haruyoshi, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 08.00-18.00

Phone: +81 92 761 5717

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

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

Yodobashi Camera



Do you happen to need a new memory card for your camera, a back-up charging device for your phone or a fresh set of headphones? Then

there's no better place to go than Yodobashi Camera. It's know for an extensive stock of all kinds of electronic devices, good service and low prices.

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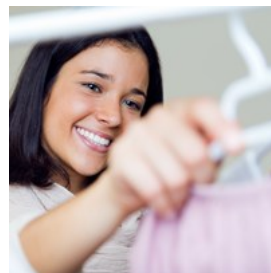
Address: 6-12 Hakataekichuogai, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka

Public Transport: JR Hakata Station

Phone: +81 92 471 1010

Internet: www.yodobashi.com

Kanoha Mall Hashimoto



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: Nishi Ward, Hashimoto, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 10.00-21.00

Phone: +81 928 11 5007

Internet: <http://konohamall.com>

Tenjin Chikagai



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

and wrought iron lanterns. The streets stretch as far the eye can see, and the assortment of stores

and cafes is extremely varied.

Photo: Daniel Valenzuela/ArrivalGuides

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

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.

Photo: Ariwasabi/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1-1 Hakataekichuogai, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm

Phone: +81 92-431-8484

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Fukuoka Airport



Fukuoka Airport is the city's major airport. It is situated only 4 kilometres from the city. To reach the city you can catch one of the buses operating

between the city and the airport. There is also a free shuttle bus operating between the Domestic and International terminals.

Taxis and car rental companies are available at the airport. A taxi to the city takes approximately 15-20 minutes.

Fukuoka City Taxi Association

+ 92 852 7111

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Fukuoka Airport, Fukuoka

Phone: +81 92 483 7007

Internet: www.fuk-ab.co.jp

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 upon exiting (on buses). 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.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



You can call for a taxi or pick up one at a designated taxi area. An orange sign in the front window means the taxi is available. Taxis in

Fukuoka are very safe.

Post



Letter boxes in Japan are yellow. Fukuoka Central Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 4-3-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka

Phone: +92 713 2455

Internet: www.post.japanpost.jp

Pharmacy



You can easily find a pharmacy in Fukuoka. Sogo Medical:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 1 Chome-3-38, Tenjin, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka

Internet: www.sogo-medical.co.jp

Telephone



Country code: +81 Area code: 092

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity

100V, 60Hz



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

1,483,052

Currency

Japanese Yen (JPY)

¥100 ~ US\$0,90

Opening hours

Business hours are generally from Monday to Friday between 9 am and 5 pm and Saturday from 9 am to 12.30 pm. Banks are open weekdays between 9 am and 3 pm. The bigger department stores and the malls have extended opening hours.

Newspapers

Fukuoka Globe (ENG)

Nishinippon (JPN)

Kyushu Yomiuri (JPN)

Mainichi (JPN national)

Emergency numbers

Emergency, Fire Brigade: 119

Police: 110

Tourist information

Fukuoka Tourist Information Centre

1-10-1 Tenjin, Fukuoka City

Open: Mon-Fri 9 am-5.45 pm

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