

Kumamoto Castle Shops

Take a stroll through these careful reconstructions of 18th-century traditional Japanese buildings, where you'll find a wide selection of the best souvenirs and foods Kumamoto has to offer.

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Yamami Chaya
Experience the Foods of Aso

Offering Aso's best, like stone-grilled horsemeat, takana (mustard greens), and other mountain vegetables.

HOURS
11AM-6PM
Last order: 6PM
TEL 096-327-9293

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Kobaian
Kumamoto's Master Sweetsmaker

Home of Kumamoto's most famous sweets, including Mushagaeshi and Jindaiko.

HOURS
9AM-6PM
TEL 096-288-0039

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Kumamoto Sakagura
Renowned Kumamoto Wine

A wide selection of local wine, sake, and shochu, including the award-winning Kumamoto Wine.

HOURS
9AM-6PM
TEL 096-288-5588

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Gozanbo Ichinokura
A Kumamoto Spin on Mentaiko

Our popular Akazake Mentaiko take a painstaking 120 hours to make.

HOURS
9AM-6PM
TEL 096-325-7530

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Miyabi
Fine Selection of Kumamoto Souvenirs

Offering all kinds of souvenirs, from traditional Japanese crafts to plenty of Kumamon-themed merchandise.

HOURS
9AM-6PM
TEL 096-288-5880

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Itsukiya Honpo
Loved by Locals for 800 Years

We take the finest tofu and age it with miso to create a rich, creamy delicacy that has been enjoyed for centuries.

HOURS
9AM-6PM
TEL 096-288-5500

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Suganoya
Experts in Horsemeat for 200 Years

Offering the freshest, highest quality basashi and other horsemeat products. Try a piping hot horsemeat croquette!

HOURS
9AM-6PM
TEL 096-312-0377

JOSAIEN MAP AND FOOD & SOUVENIR INFORMATION

Featuring a selection of the best shops and restaurants from around Kumamoto

1

Hanamasa
The Best in Fresh, Local Cuisine

Offering local dishes and splendid kaiseki courses, plus a selection of local sake and shochu.

HOURS
11AM-6PM
Last order: 6PM
TEL 096-312-3321

2

Ginnan
Fantastic Seasonal Buffet

Buffet featuring 40 different dishes, from local favorites, to desserts to satisfy your sweet tooth.

HOURS
11AM-6PM
Last order: 6PM
TEL 096-312-2691

3

Sakuranzaka
Chic Cafe

Enjoy premium coffee carefully brewed via French press method.

HOURS
11AM-5PM
TEL 096-312-2709

6

Kaimaru
Amakusa's Famous Uni Korokke

Our famous sea urchin croquettes, plus so much more!

HOURS
Dining: 11AM-3PM (last order: 2:30)
5PM-6PM (last order: 6PM)
Shop: 9AM-6PM
TEL 096-319-5073

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Sugi Bee Farm
Over 75 Years of Quality Honey Farming

We offer a selection of Japanese honeys, plus tasty honey ice cream and honey drinks.

HOURS
9AM-6PM
TEL 096-351-3838

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Shunsaikan
Souvenirs from All Over the Prefecture

Offering a full selection of local foods and specialties that make excellent souvenirs.

HOURS
9AM-6PM
TEL 096-312-2622

11

Wa Collection Mito
Kimono & Yukata Rentals

Offering full kimono & yukata outfits to rent, with fitting fees included. Over 150 yukata and kimono to choose from.

HOURS
9AM-6PM
TEL 096-245-7379

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TENTE
Featuring the Many Fruits of Kumamoto

Specializing in fresh juices, smoothies, and soft serve made with fruits, vegetables, and milk mostly from Kumamoto.

HOURS
9AM-6PM
TEL 096-288-1092

15

Ocha-no Izumi-en
Home of Nationally Renowned Green Teas

Our full-bodied yet mild teas are grown deep in the misty mountains of Kumamoto.

HOURS
9AM-6PM
TEL 096-288-0015

19

Fukuda Farm
The Best of the Shiranui Sea

Our products are made with fish caught by traditional utasebune boats in nearby Ashikita.

HOURS
9AM-6PM
TEL 096-288-4777

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Mori Karashi Renkon
A Classic, Unchanged for Centuries

Loved by the ruling lords of Kumamoto for centuries, our handmade karashi renkon are an important piece of history.

HOURS
9AM-6PM
TEL 096-351-0052

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Antagata Dokosa
Expertly Crafted Snacks

These artisanal snacks feature the tasty crunch of peanuts and the savory sweetness of soy sauce.

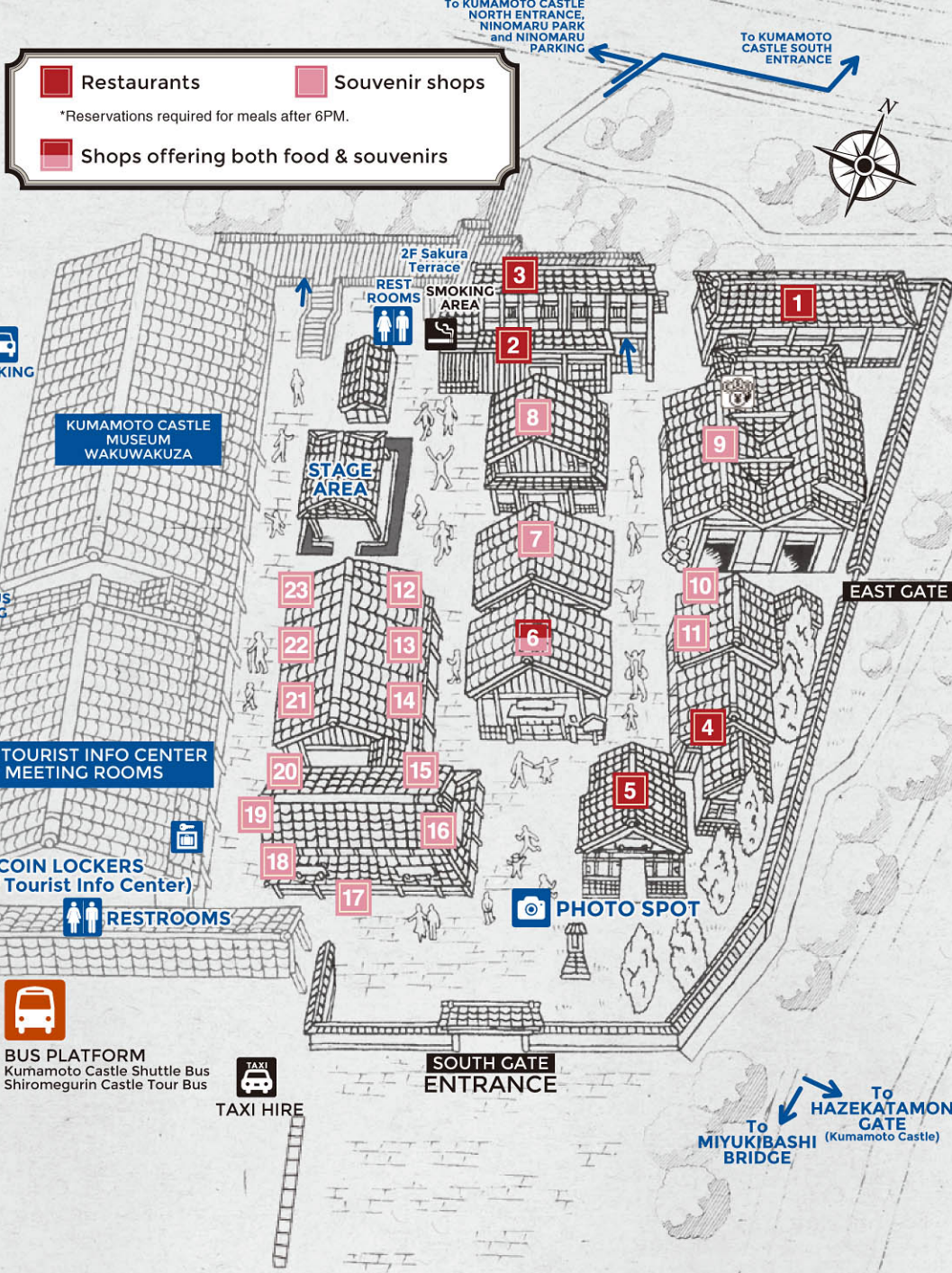
HOURS
9AM-6PM
TEL 096-288-5800

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Menya Yamamura
Kumamoto Ramen & Taipien

Featuring classic tonkotsu ramen, plus horse broth ramen and Kumamoto's famous taipien.

HOURS
11AM-6PM
Last order: 6PM
TEL 096-356-2560



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MONARIO
Healthy Soymilk Sweets

Our soymilk puddings are made with real mangoes, strawberries, melons, pears, and more!

HOURS
9AM-6PM
TEL 096-288-4777

21

Ikinariya Watanabe
Assorted Ikinari Dango Treats

We use only carefully selected sweet potatoes from the Aso-Ozu area to make our hearty ikinari dango.

HOURS
9AM-6PM
TEL 096-346-0247

KUMAMOTO CASTLE WALKING MAP

Stroll around one of Japan's most amazing castles

Kumamoto Volunteer English Tour Guides

Free tour guides are available for tours around the castle, and a good number of them can speak English! Our friendly guides can teach you all about the history and culture of Kumamoto!

HOURS 9AM-3PM
TOUR LENGTH About 45 min
TOUR GROUP SIZE 1 to 8 people
English-speaking guides may not be available at certain dates/times. Call for details.

Guided tours are available by reservation (tour fee required). Contact tour office for more details.
TEL 096-356-2333
http://www.k-yokatoko.com/english.html

Free Shuttle Bus
Sakuranobaba Josaien (Platform 1)

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Ninomaru Parking (near clock)

HOURS 9AM-5PM

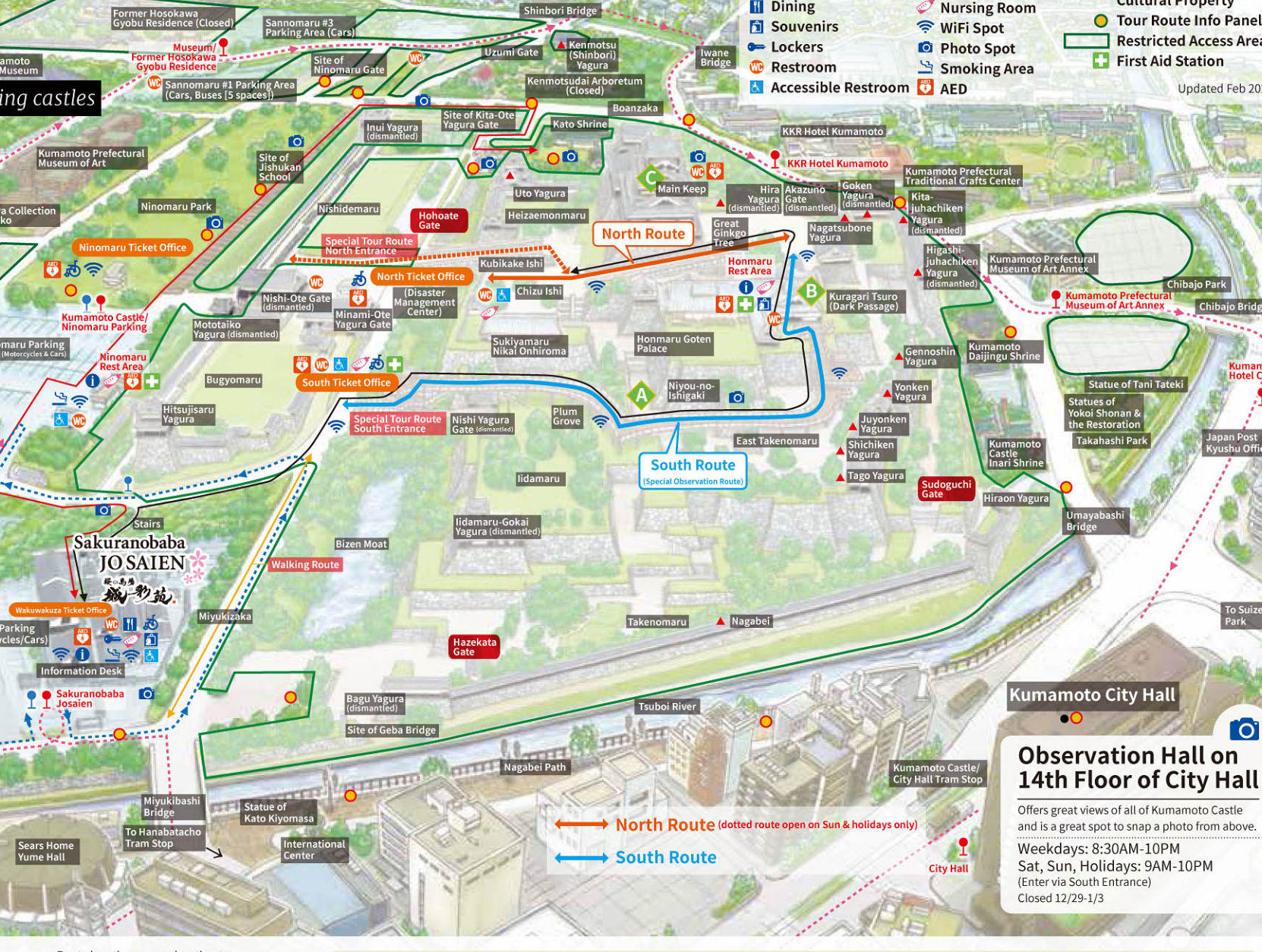
Last bus leaves from Ninomaru Parking. Buses are scheduled to run every 15 minutes but traffic conditions may cause delays. Buses are wheelchair- and stroller-accessible.

Kumamoto Castle Routes

Route lengths are rough estimates. Tickets are required to enter the castle and are available at any ticket office.

1. See the Castle Exterior (80 min)
Josaien→8 min→Ninomaru Park→5 min→Inui Yagura→5 min→Kato Shrine (Views of Uto Yagura and Castle Keep)→9 min→Ninomaru Park→8 min→Josaien (Shopping)

2. Tour the Castle Interior (180 min)
Josaien→5 min→Entry via South Ticket Office→120 min→Exit via South Ticket Office→5 min→Josaien (dine on Kumamoto cuisine)



Highlights of Reopened Castle Interior

HOURS 9AM-5PM
(Last entry: 4:30PM)

A Niyo no Ishigaki
B Honmaru Goten Main Hall (Dark Passage)
C Renovated interior of Castle Keep

JOSAIEN AREA MAP & HOTEL GUIDE

SHIROMEGURIN CASTLE LOOP BUS

Leaving daily from Kumamoto Station to spots around Kumamoto Castle. 1-3 buses an hour.

	Single Ride	Day Pass
Adult	¥160	¥400
Child	¥80	¥200

GETTING TO JOSAIEN

Sakuramachi Bus Terminal --- 5 min walk (300m)
Kumamoto Station --- 7 min walk (500m)
Ginza Dori --- 10 min walk (600m)
Ninomaru Parking --- 5 min walk (300m)
Kato Shrine --- 15 min walk (900m)

Kumamoto Hotel Guide		
1	KKR Hotel Kumamoto 3-31 Chibajo-machi, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-355-0121
2	Ark Hotel 5-16 Joto-machi, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-351-2222
3	Kumamoto Hotel Castle 4-2 Joto-machi, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-326-3311
4	Wasuki Tsukasan 7-35 Kamitori-cho, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-352-5101
5	Hotel Mielparque Kumamoto 14-1 Suido-cho, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-355-6311
6	Hotel Wing International Select 2-13 Suido-cho, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-325-1000
7	Hotel Nikko Kumamoto 2-1 Kamitori-cho, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-211-1111
8	Toyoko Inn Kumamotojo Toricho Suji 1-1 Suido-cho, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-325-1045
9	Kumamoto Green Hotel 12-11 Hanabata-cho, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-325-2222
10	Comfort Hotel Kumamoto Shinshigai 2-10 Shinshigai, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-211-8411
11	Toyoko Inn Kumamoto Shinshigai 3-25 Shinshigai, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-324-1045
12	Richmond Hotel Kumamoto Shinshigai 6-16 Shinshigai, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-312-3511
13	Nest Hotel 4-39 Karashima-cho, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-322-3911
14	Dormy Inn Kumamoto 3-1 Karashima-cho, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-311-5489
15	Kumamoto Tokyu REI Hotel 20-1 Tori-cho, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-322-0109
16	Washington Hotel Plaza Kumamoto 2-3-10 Shimotori, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-355-0410
17	Toyoko Inn Sakuramachi Bus Terminal Mae 1-24 Konyama-machi, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-322-1045
18	Mitsui Garden Hotel Kumamoto 1-20 Konyama-machi, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-352-1131
19	Hotel Mystays Kumamoto Riverside 4-12 Konyama-machi, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-355-3110
20	Hotel Hokke Club Kumamoto 20-1 Tori-cho, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-322-5001
21	ANA Crowne Plaza Kumamoto New Sky 2 Higashi Amidaji-machi, Chuo-ku	TEL 096-354-2111
22	The New Hotel Kumamoto 1-13-1 Kasuga, Nishi-ku	TEL 096-326-1111
23	Hotel Route-Inn Kumamoto Ekimae 1-14-19 Kasuga, Nishi-ku	TEL 050-5847-7557
24	Toyoko Inn Kumamoto Ekimae 2-8-10 Kasuga, Nishi-ku	TEL 096-351-1045

Parking Lot	Hours	Capacity	Prices
1 Ninomaru	April to October 8AM-6:30PM (last entry: 5:30PM)	Cars 210 Motorcycles About 10	Cars Motorcycles
2 Sannomaru #1	November to March 8AM-5:30PM (last entry: 4:30PM)	Cars 231 Motorcycles 41	Cars Motorcycles
3 Sannomaru #2		Cars 41 Motorcycles 54	Cars Motorcycles
4 Miyauchi		Cars 58 Motorcycles 42	Cars Motorcycles
5 Josaien			Cars Motorcycles
6 Sakuranobaba Bus	8AM-10:30PM (last entry: 9:30PM)		Cars Motorcycles