



Kumamoto Green Tourism

This pamphlet lists facilities that can accommodate international travelers to Japan, and it includes the names of the facilities, their contact information, any fees, etc. This information is current as of January 2017.

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Introduction

The rural areas of Kumamoto offer a wide variety of attractions, including unspoiled nature, beautiful landscapes, traditional arts handed down for generations, and unique cuisine made from fresh, local farm products.

“Sustainable Green Tourism,” which takes advantage of these diverse resources, is becoming more and more popular in recent years. Sustainable Green Tourism allows visitors to spend a holiday in farming villages, stay at a farm house, and experience what working on a farm is like.

“Green Tourism” offers a wealth of benefits, like providing important leisure time for consumers and city dwellers and offering educational trips, etc., as well as secondary societal benefits such as helping residents learn the value of local resources (culture, historical buildings, nature, etc.), and motivating community building. As such, various localities in Kumamoto are engaging in Green Tourism to revitalize local communities.

In Kumamoto, an aging and shrinking population and slumping prices for agricultural, forestry, and fishing products are damaging to the economic vitality of rural areas. We support revitalization of these rural areas via Green Tourism by increasing awareness of the various functions of farming villages and agriculture among urban residents, consumers, and children.

List of facilities by area

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- (1) Kichijien Tourism Farm

Uki-shi

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- (6) Miyagawa Youran Orchids

Misato-machi

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- (8) Misato Footpath Association

Tamana-shi

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Yamaga-shi

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Kikuchi-shi

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Aso-shi

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(ASO Countryside Museum General Information Office)

Minamiaso-mura

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Minamata-shi

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Yunomae-machi

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Amakusa-shi

- (32) Miyajiidake Farmers Association Agricultural Cooperative

- (33) Goshoura Island Tourism Conference

- (34) Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association

No.	Type	Name	Contact info (address, phone #, email)	Services offered, prices, etc.	Services for int'l visitors	HP
(1)	Agricultural Tourism	Kichijien Tourism Farm	556-1 Kitome, Ueki-machi, Kita-ku, Kumamoto-shi 096-273-2544 info@kichijien.co.jp	Try your hand at picking these fruits: Strawberries (December – May), Grapes (July – September), Pears (August – October), Mikan oranges (September – November), Apples (August – November), Persimmons (October – November) All You Can Eat and Take Home courses available.	Chinese (Traditional) pamphlet available.	http://www.kichijien.jp/
(2)	Farmer's Market	SunSun Ukikko Misumi	1160-179 Misumi-ura, Misumi-machi, Uki-shi 0964-53-4188	Our farmer's market has farm produce and food items from the Uki/Misumi area. Especially popular are our mikan oranges, our famous Dekopon oranges, and our beautiful moth orchids.		http://www.jauki.or.jp/tyokubai.html
(3)	Farmer's Market	Shiranui Onsen LLC	1910-1 Nagao, Shiranui-machi, Uki-shi 0964-42-3300	Hot spring entrance fee: Adults 500 yen, Children 200 yen, Private family bath 1000 yen to 1,000 yen for 50 min. Restaurant menu: Asari clam soup set 980 yen, Sashimi set 1350 yen, Local citrus items Mid-Sept. to July, Dekopon Mid-Dec. to Early April, Grapes July to Sept., all sold at market price.		http://www.shiranui-spa.co.jp/
(4)	Farmer's Market	Agripark-Toyono LLC	599 Yamasaki, Toyono-machi, Uki-shi 0964-45-2339	Enjoy local specialties made with local vegetables, fruits, and horsemeat at Abumino, our buffet restaurant. Adults 1,200 yen, Seniors 75 years old and up, and 4-year-olds to elementary school students 880 yen, Kids under 3 eat free.		http://agripark-toyono.net/publics/index/12/
(5)	Farmer's Market	SunSun Ukikko Ukisaikan	757-3 Kugu, Matsubase-machi, Uki-shi 0964-34-0377	We have a large selection of vegetables and fruits that you can take home. Our gelato ice-cream is also very popular. Single-scoop 270 yen, Double-scoop 370 yen		http://ukisaikan.jp/
(6)	Agricultural Tourism	Miyagawa Youran Orchids	397 Tobase, Misumi-machi, Uki-shi 0964-53-0752	You can dry an orchid from our greenhouse and make your own glass flower arrangement to bring home as a souvenir or gift. (Prices) Mini glass gift 1,800 yen (tax not incl.) Normal glass gift 3,000 yen (tax not incl.) Premium glass gift 5,000 yen (tax not incl.)	English support available.	http://www.livingorchid.com/
(7)	Activity	Forest Adventure Misato	3081-1 Ueno, Misato-machi, Shimomashiki-gun, Kumamoto-ken 080-8387-3310 misato@foret-aventure.jp	Rules for use: 4th graders and older or over 140 cm in ht. up to 130kg in wt. Reservations required. *Please check our HP for details.	English signage available.	http://fa-misato.foret-aventure.jp/
(8)	Activity	Misato Footpath Association	749-1 Baba, Misato-machi, Shimomashiki-gun, Kumamoto-ken 0964-53-9997 mfa@town-misato.net	Enjoy a new style of vacation by taking a walk along one of our paths and exploring Aso's Great Outdoors. Currently 15 courses are available. Join in events, walk on your own, or book a walking guide.	We can arrange English-speaking guides (there is a charge).	https://misatofp.jimdo.com/

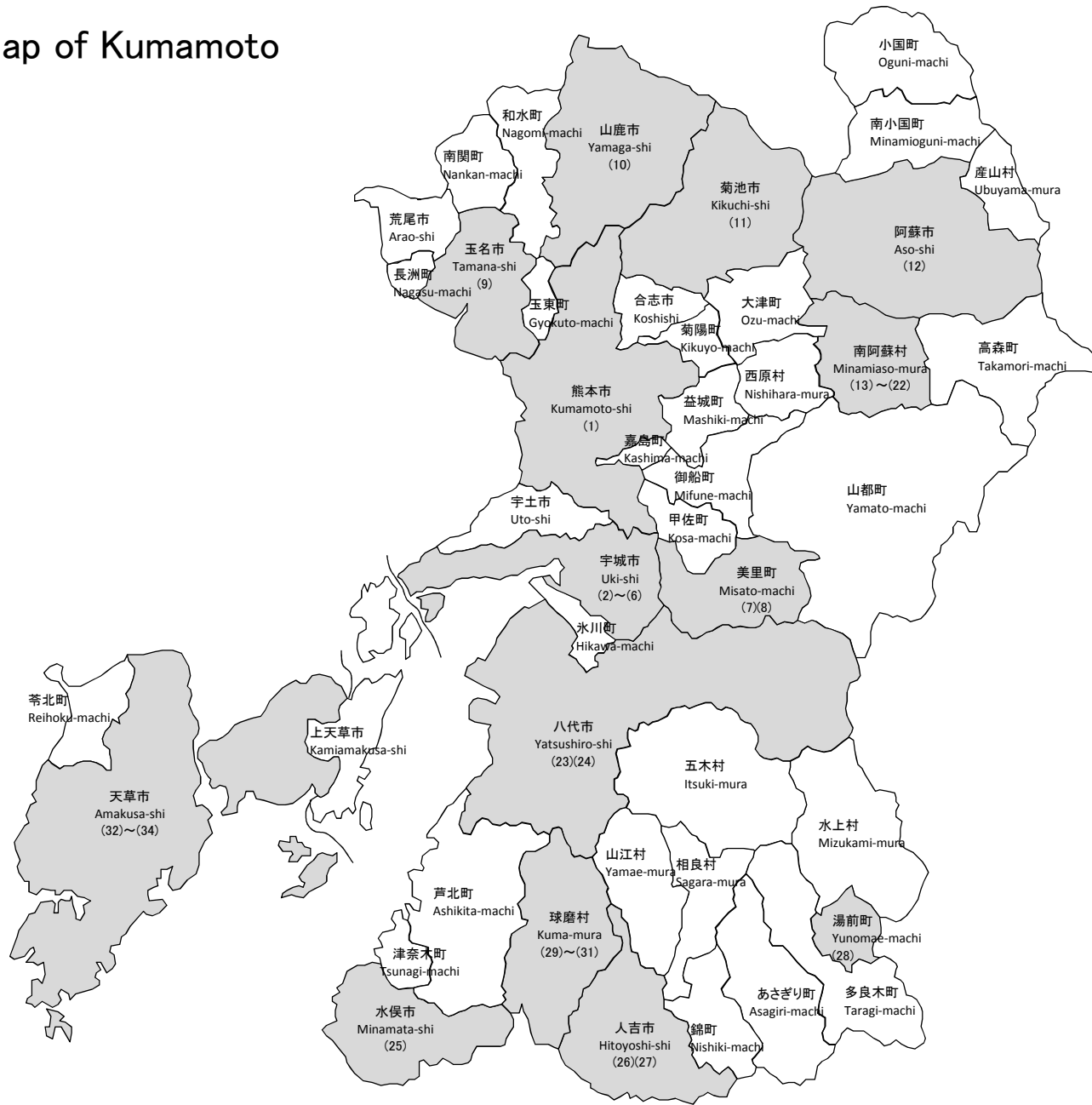
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(9)	Farmer's Market	Furusato Center Y-Box	1716 Yokoshima, Yokoshima-machi, Tamana-shi 0968-84-3700	We offer a wide selection of famous Yokoshima strawberries, tomatoes, mini-tomatoes, and other local fresh vegetables. You can pick your own strawberries (all-you-can-eat, no time limit) from Dec. to May. (Reservations required in advance, elementary school students and older 1,500 yen, infant to pre-school 500 yen)		(none)
(10)	Tourism Information	Yamaga Onsen Tourism Association	510-2 Chuodori, Yamaga-shi, Kumamoto-ken 0968-43-2952 y-kankouyoukai@viola.ocn.ne.jp	Sightseeing and hot springs information Accommodations (including campgrounds) Activity information (including harvesting workshops)		http://www.y-kankouyoukai.com/
(11)	Miscellaneous	Kikuchi Furusato Suigen Community Center	1600 Haru, Kikuchi-shi 0968-27-0102 kirari@suigen.org	Located in Japan's unique countryside, and offering activities, meals, and accommodations that allow you to experience the wondrous outdoors. Popular activities include the "IDEventure" tour (kayaking down agricultural canals), walking local footpaths, bamboo crafts, enjoying the local cuisine, etc. Contact us for individual planning.	Korean interpreter on site.	http://www.suigen.org/
(12)	Tourism Information	Michi no Eki Aso (ASO Countryside Museum General Information Office)	1440-1 Kurokawa, Aso-shi 0967-35-5077 denku-y@aso-denku.jp	Tourist information, shopping, restrooms, Wi-Fi, parking, bicycle parking, drinking water, 24-hour restroom, charging area, electric car/motorcycle charging area, temporary luggage storage	Support available in English, French, and Chinese (depending on staff)	http://www.aso-denku.jp/
(13)	Tourism Information	General Incorporated Association Minamiaso Tourism Association	2807-banchi Hisaishi, Oaza, Minamiaso-mura, Aso-gun, Kumamoto-ken 0967-67-2222	Providing sightseeing and tourism facility information.	Pamphlets in English, Korean, Chinese	http://minamiasokanko.jp/
(14)	Agricultural Tourism	Tanoue Tourism Vineyard	651-banchi 1 Shirakawa, Oaza, Minamiaso-mura, Aso-gun, Kumamoto-ken 0967-62-1522	Free entrance 1 kg 1,200 yen to 1,500 yen (Grape season) September - October		(none)
(15)	Agricultural Tourism	Minamiaso Fureai Farm	1273-banchi 1 Ichizeki, Oaza, Minamiaso-mura, Aso-gun, Kumamoto-ken 090-2717-4478	Pick your own strawberries (Mid-Dec. to Mid-May). All You Can Eat and Take Home plans available. Our new Sweets Shop is now open, too.	English and Chinese signage available.	http://www.fureainoen.com/
(16)	Agricultural Tourism	North Grape Farm	858-banchi Yoshida, Oaza, Minamiaso-mura, Aso-gun, Kumamoto-ken 0967-62-9051	Pick your own grapes (Sept.) Free entrance, PYO grapes are 1,250 yen per kg. Fresh grape juice, soft-serve ice cream, raisins and other fresh products available. Reservations needed for groups of more than 10.	Simple English, Chinese explanation for grape picking available	http://userweb.www.fsinet.or.jp/dorimu/

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(17)	Agricultural Tourism	Minamiaso Thomas Farm	90 Nakamatsu, Oaza, Minamiaso-mura, Aso-gun, Kumamoto-ken 090-1925-1477	Pick your own strawberries (Dec. to May) Free entrance. Take Home and All You Can Eat plans available.		http://www.asonavi.jp/spots/detail/2414
(18)	Farmer's Market	Michi no Eki – Asobo no Sato Kugino	2807-banchi Hisaishi, Oaza, Minamiaso-mura, Aso-gun, Kumamoto-ken 0967-67-3010	Ajiwaikan Restaurant, huge lawn and free dog run, Ancient Spring spring water, Kugino Park Golf Course, Seasonal Ajiwaikan produce market, Akaushi beef cuts for sale, Akaushi-kan yakiniku restaurant.	At the Ajiwaikan Restaurant, we have simple menus in English.	http://aso-kugino.jp/asobou.html
(19)	Farmer's Market	Akaushi no Yakata	2815-banchi Hisaishi, Oaza, Minamiaso-mura, Aso-gun, Kumamoto-ken 0967-67-0848	Enjoy yakiniku with Akaushi wagyu beef.	English, Chinese, Korean menus available.	http://www.aso-kugino.jp/akaushi.html
(20)	Farmer's Market	Jinenan Farmer's Market	2096-1 Shirakawa, Oaza, Minamiaso-mura, Aso-gun, Kumamoto-ken 0967-62-3303	Business hours 9AM to 5PM No fixed holidays We sell local produce, souvenirs, and mineral water. Parking lot capacity: 10 large buses, 100 regular cars. Parking available.		http://shizenan.aso-hakusui.com/
(21)	Rural Inn	Nakamura Farm and Inn Experience	858-banchi Ichizeki, Oaza, Minamiaso-mura, Aso-gun, Kumamoto-ken 0967-62-9019	1 night, 2 meals (farming workshop, hot spring fee incl.) 9,000 yen (+1,000 yen in April, May, and Sept.)	Wi-Fi available. We welcome international visitors, but have no special services for international visitors. We communicate using translation apps.	https://ja-jp.facebook.com/nakamura.bokujyo/
(22)	Rural Inn	Nowake Vintage Inn	3617-banchi 8 Kain, Minamiaso-mura, Aso-gun, Kumamoto-ken 0967-67-0744	Basic no-frills lodging 3,000 to 3,500 yen on weekdays, 4,000 to 4,500 yen before holidays. Breakfast incl. (bread, coffee, salad). Dinner not available.		http://minamiasokanko.jp/yado/nowake.html
(23)	Tourism Information	DMO Yatsushiro	4774-2 Kamihioki-machi, Yatsushiro-shi 0965-31-8200	Yatsushiro Funadeuki Boat Picnic ·Open from the middle of April to the end of November ·Starting at 30,000 yen (for 5 people), plus 5,000 yen for each additional person Up to approx. 10 people per boat *Reservations required at least one week in advance	Maps in various languages	http://www.dmo8246.jp/ja/
(24)	Activity	Tourism Gokanosho Contact: Shingo Hashizaki	148-2 Shiibaru, Izumi-machi, Yatsushiro-shi TEL: 090-1976-1812 FAX: 096-300-3845 Email: schingo.tk@gmail.com	·Kyushu mountain ridge trekking at Gokanosho (mountain climbing) ·January to December ·Starting at 30,000 yen per group ·Rates vary depending on trek content ·Pick-up/drop-off available	Interpreter-guides available.	https://gokanosho.com/

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(25)	Tourism Information	Minamata Tourism and Produce Association	305-1 Hastuno, Minamata-shi, Kumamoto-ken info@minamata-kbk.or.jp	·Various tourism information ·Car/bicycle rental registration	Pamphlets in English, Korean, Chinese. English interpreter available.	http://minamata-kbk.or.jp/index.php
(26)	Rural Inn	Kotoka	1439-2 Sagari, Aza, Shimoharada-machi, Hitoyoshi-shi, Kumamoto-ken 0966-22-6535	Rice farming with ducks (June to Sept.). Meals made with mountain vegetables you pick yourself.	English, Chinese (Mandarin), and Korean guide signs available.	(none)
(27)	Farm Restaurant	Local Home-Cooking Himawari-Tei	1880-2 Yaguro-machi, Hitoyoshi-shi, Kumamoto-ken TEL: 0966-22-1044 Email: h-setsu@giga.ocn.ne.jp	Restaurant offering heartfelt, homemade dishes made by local moms. Menu includes 1,080 yen set meal or 1,620 yen monthly deluxe set.	Please ask us about halal or vegetarian menus.	http://himawari-tei.com/
(28)	Rural Inn	Neko no Ie - Katarai no Yado	2102-1 Yunomae-machi, Kuma-gun, Kumamoto-ken 080-2750-2020	Neko no Ie (Cat House) - Our Home: Pizza workshop (starting with harvesting vegetables) Bamboo-baked bread and bamboo-shoot dishes (reservations required) Natural potato soba learned at Itsuki Mountain Cabin: Mountain cabins for up to 80 people (BBQ, etc.) Firefly watching (Mid-May to mid-June) Somen noodle-catching (somen-nagashi) (July to Sept.)		(none)
(29)	Farm Restaurant	Sangaura Country-life Experience Community Center	629-3 Otsu, Sangaura, Oaza, Kuma-mura, Kuma-gun, Kumamoto-ken 0966-32-0443 sangaura@kmmb.jp	Serving country cooking (local cuisine). 1,000 yen per meal.		http://www.sangaura.com/
(30)	Activity	LAND EARTH	1379-1 Otsu, Watari, Oaza, Kuma-mura, Kuma-gun, Kumamoto-ken 0966-34-7222	1 day rafting tour 13,800 yen (tax incl.), 1/2 day rafting tour 8,000 yen (tax incl.)	Web reservations in English, English-speaking guides aboard, DVDs for sale that can be shipped overseas, group discounts available.	http://www.landearth.co.jp/
(31)	Camping Area	Kumagawa Riverside Camping Group	1534 Otsu, Sangaura, Oaza, Kuma-mura, Kuma-gun, Kumamoto-ken 0966-33-0002	·Cottage accommodation: 1 to 5 guests per building 17,000 yen (not incl. tax) · Auto camping: 4,000 yen per night (not incl. tax) · BBQ (including ingredients): 2,500 yen (not incl. tax) per adult · Pizza Workshop: 1 person 1 pie 1,500 yen (not incl. tax) · Rafting: 5,500 yen (not incl. tax) *Discounts available for groups of ten or more		http://kumacamp.com/

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(32)	Rural Inn	Miyajidake Farmers Association Agricultural Cooperative	5434-2 Miyajidake-machi, Amakusa-shi 0969-27-8933	18 members of the Miyajidake Farming Association opened a farm house bed and breakfast for the purpose of expanding and establishing communication exchange, and we welcome visitors from all over. Lodging fee = 6,500 yen (2 meals incl.) Workshop fee = 2,000 yen (workshop only) to 5,000 yen (lunch included)		http://www.miyajidake.jp/
(33)	Rural Inn	Goshoura Island Tourism Conference	219-2 Makishima, Goshoura-machi, Amakusa-shi 0969-67-1080 m-h1954@theia.ocn.ne.jp	We hold island activity workshops, including fishing and fossil digging.	We've had customers from Taiwan before and some geopark sites have signs in English, Chinese, and Korean.	http://www.goshoura.org/
(34)	Tourism Information	Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association	Amakusa Treasure Island International Center Port 1F, 15-7 Chuoshin-machi, Amakusa-shi 0969-22-2243 info@t-island.jp	Guidance for a variety of green tourism activities, including dolphin watching and farm house inns.	Foreign language pamphlets available (English, Korean, Chinese) Foreign language guidance available (English, Korean)	

Map of Kumamoto



JNTO Certified International Tourist Information Offices

JNTO is engaged in accrediting information offices for international tourists based on the "Guidelines on the Establishment and Management of International Tourist Information Offices (Established in January 2012, Revised August 2014)" established by the Japan Tourism Agency. Accredited information centers within the prefecture are listed below.

Information Center	Category*
Sakuranobaba – Johsaien General Tourism Information Center	Category 2
Kumamoto Station General Tourism Information Center (West Exit)	Category 2
Kumamoto Station General Tourism Information Center (East Exit)	Category 2
Uki-shi Tourist Association Tourist Information Center	Category 1
Aso Information Center	Category 2
Aso Kumamoto Airport General Information Office	Category 2
(Public Interest Foundation) Aso Volcano Museum	Category 2
Michi no Eki Aso	Category 2
Kyushu Expressway, Kita Kumamoto Service Area (Southbound) Information	Category 1
Kyushu Expressway, Kita Kumamoto Service Area (Northbound) Information	Category 1
Kyushu Expressway, Miyahara Service Area (Southbound) Information	Category 1
Kyushu Expressway, Miyahara Service Area (Northbound) Information	Category 1
Kumamoto Ferry Co., Ltd. Kumamoto Branch	Category 1
Sightseeing Hotto Plaza Tamalala	Category 1
Hitoyoshi Tourist Information Office	Category 1
Aso Farmland Co., Ltd.	Category 2
(General Incorporated Association) Minamata Tourism and Produce Association	Category 1

*Category types:

The main criteria for certification classification are as follows:

Category 2	At a minimum, staff who can communicate in English are present. Provide information covering a large area.
Category 1	English communication is possible in some way even though English-speaking staff may not be present. Able to provide guidance for the nearby area.

For details regarding each information office, please refer to the following page: (English)

<http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/travel/guide/voffice.php>