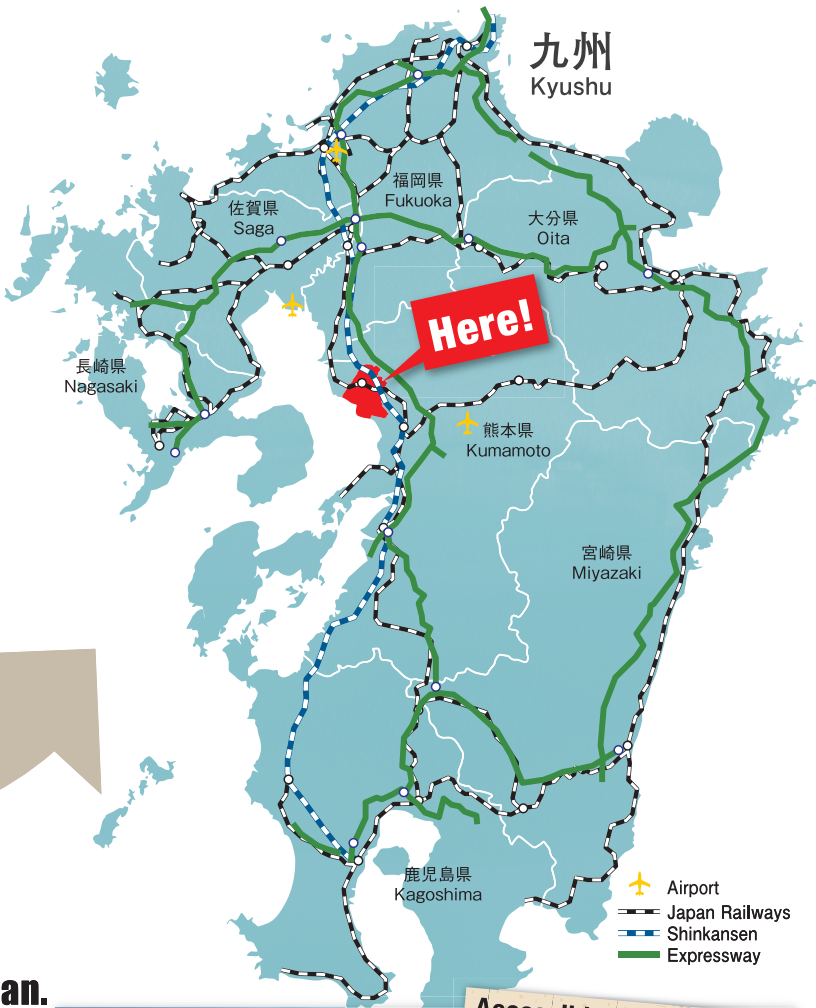


Where is Tamana? Location



Tamana is in Kumamoto Prefecture on the Island of Kyushu in Western Japan.

Tamana is a 152.60km² city with a population of approximately 67,000 people. The city is located in Northern Kumamoto, which is renowned for Kumamon, the prefectural mascot. Tamana City is easily accessible from urban cities such as Fukuoka City and Kumamoto City and has a convenient Shinkansen train station. All the while, Tamana is a relaxing town brimming with the warmth of its residents and its abundant nature. Experience the hidden fun and intrigue of ordinary Japanese lifestyles in Tamana.



Accessible by Shinkansen!
Shin-Tamana Station
True to its "Station in the Woods" concept, the Shin-Tamana Station building emits a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Stop by the Tamana Board of Tourism Counter to purchase Northern Kumamoto's regional specialty products and receive up-to-date information about Tamana. You can also rent a car and borrow a Tourist Audio Guide in English, Korean, and Chinese.

ACCESSIBILITY

By Japan Railway

- From Kumamoto City, JR Kumamoto Station » JR Tamana Station: Approx. 30 min.
- From Fukuoka City (by Shinkansen), JR Hakata Station » JR Shin-Tamana Station: Approx. 40 min.
- From Kagoshima City (by Shinkansen), JR Kagoshima-chuo Station » JR Shin-Tamana Station: Approx. 40 min.

By Car

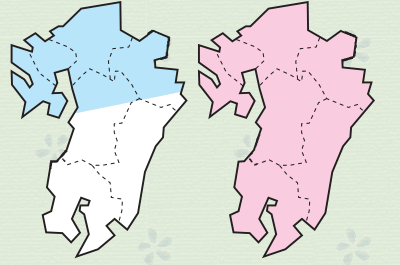
- From Kumamoto City: Approx. 45 min.
- From Kumamoto Airport: Approx. 90 min.
- From Aso: Approx. 120 min.
- From Fukuoka Airport: Approx. 90 min.

JR Kyushu Rail Pass

*Not available for purchase in Japan. Please purchase the Rail Pass from a travel agent in your home country.

If you are travelling around Kyushu by train, be sure to purchase the Kyushu Rail Pass! With the Rail Pass, you can ride the regular and rapid trains, as well as the limited express trains and Shinkansen within the designated area.

Northern Kyushu	3 days	8,500JPY
	5 days	10,000JPY
All Kyushu	3 days	15,000JPY
	5 days	18,000JPY



Rental Car

Rent a car from any airport in Kyushu! The perfect choice for travellers wanting to enjoy a drive through nature.

- **Fukuoka Airport** *Refer to the Services & Facilities page
www.fuk-ab.co.jp/english
- **Kumamoto Airport** *Refer to the Airport Access page
www.kmj-ab.co.jp/eng

Sightseeing Near Tamana!

Make the most of Tamana's accessibility and travel to nearby sightseeing destinations!

1 福岡市 Fukuoka City



Being the gateway to Kyushu, Fukuoka City is a popular sightseeing destination amongst international tourists. The convenient Kyushu Shinkansen connects Fukuoka to Tamana in just 40 minutes!

2 大牟田 / 荒尾 Omuta City / Aro City



Omuta City and Aro City prospered as a coal-mining town. The remains of the mines are Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution that have been granted World Heritage status. Aro City is home to Kyushu's largest amusement park, Greenland Resort.

3 熊本市 Kumamoto City

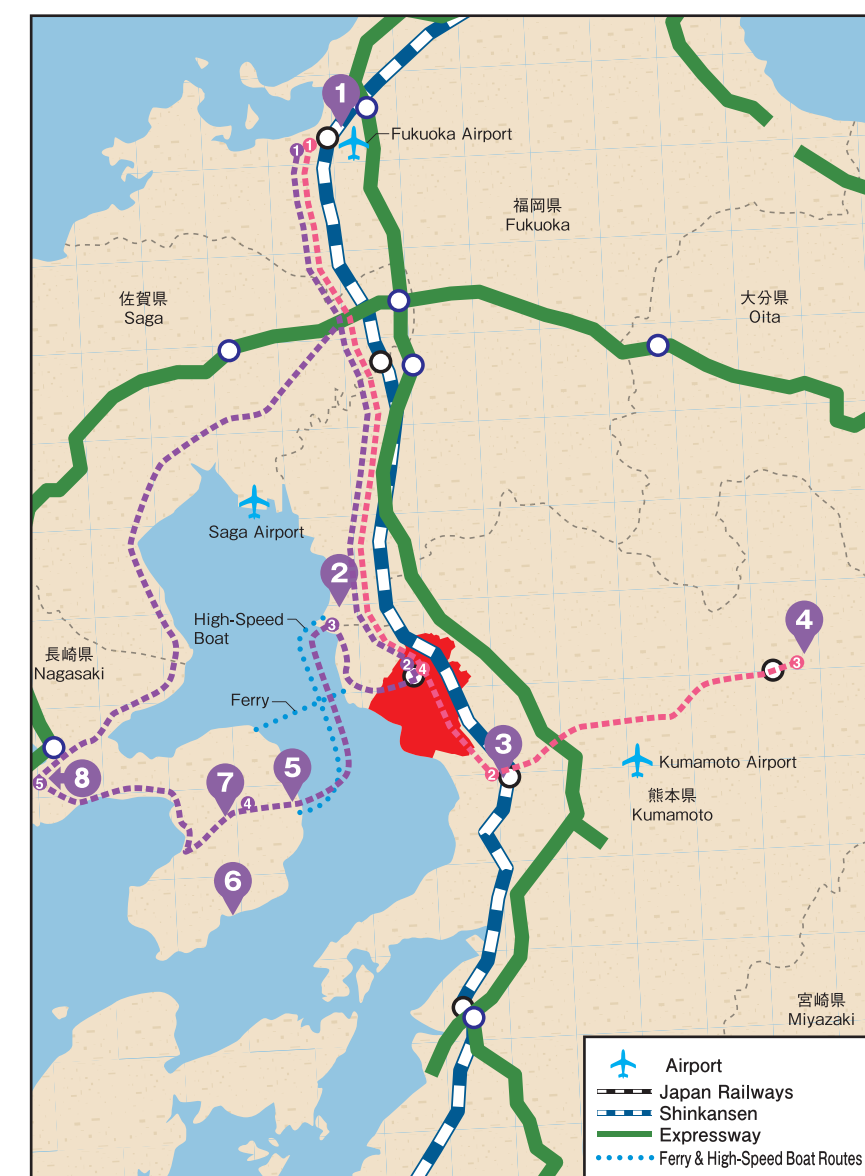


There are countless things to see in Kumamoto City, such as the Suzen-ji Joju-en Japanese garden and one of Japan's top three castles, Kumamoto Castle. It is a 50-minute drive from Tamana City.

4 阿蘇 Aso



Take a two-hour drive from Tamana City to visit one of the world's largest calderas, Mount Aso, and Kurokawa Onsen, among other prominent destinations.



5 島原市 Shimabara City



Remnants of the old castle town, such as Shimabara Castle and Bukeyashiki, can be spotted throughout Shimabara Peninsula's central city, Shimabara City. Ferries and high-speed boats connect Shimabara City to Kumamoto City and Omuta City.

6 南島原市 Minamishimabara City



The city is rich with historical monuments, including the Hara Castle ruins, which was besieged by the rebels during the 1637 Shimabara Rebellion.

7 雲仙 Unzen



Experience the magnificence of nature at Unzen Fugendake and Unzen Jigoku. Ride the Ariake Ferry for easy access to Tamana City.

8 長崎市 Nagasaki City



Being the only international trading port during Japan's Edo period, Western culture made its way into Nagasaki. The view at night was selected as one of "The Top 3 Night Views in the World".

Recommended Courses

Here are some recommended courses for those who want to travel around Northern Kyushu using public transportation!

Two Nights, Three Days [Savor Kumamoto Course] Route

- Day 1** Fukuoka City → 40 min. Shinkansen → Kumamoto City (Stay Overnight)
Leave Hakata Station, Fukuoka and head to Kumamoto! Stroll around Kumamoto Castle and the Japanese garden. Be sure to try the popular Kumamoto Ramen.
- Day 2** Kumamoto City → 100 min. JR Train → Aso → 130 min. JR Train → Tamana City (Stay Overnight)
Leave early in the morning to soak up Aso's beautiful nature! Return to Kumamoto City and head to Tamana City. Relax in an Onsen at night.
- Day 3** Tamana City → 40 min. Shinkansen → Fukuoka City
Casually stroll around Tamana City for the day before heading back to Fukuoka. Take the Shinkansen to get back to Fukuoka in a jiffy!

Three Nights, Four Days [Nagasaki Shimabara Course] Route

- Day 1** Fukuoka City → 40 min. Shinkansen → Tamana City (Stay Overnight)
Enjoy Tamana's local cuisine, Onsen, and homely streets.
- Day 2** Tamana City → 7 min. Shinkansen → Omuta / Aro → 50 min. Ferry & 30 min. Bus → Unzen (Stay Overnight)
Leave Tamana and get off at Shin-Omuta Station. Explore the World Heritage site before taking the ferry from Miike Port to Shimabara Peninsula.
- Day 3** Unzen → 100 min. Bus → Nagasaki City (Stay Overnight)
Enjoy the impressive sight of steam rising from Unzen Onsen. Take the bus and JR train to arrive in Nagasaki.
- Day 4** Nagasaki City → 120 min. JR Train → Fukuoka City
Explore the abundant sightseeing hotspots in Nagasaki City and head back to Fukuoka.