

History and Culture

歴史と文化

Having prospered as the heart of the region's culture and economic hub, Tamana is rich in historical and cultural sites.



高瀬商店街
Takase Shopping Street

With teashops, vegetable stands, clothing stores, and other traditional specialty shops, the Takase Shopping Street has long supported the locals' lifestyles.



蓮華院麻生寺奥之院
Rengenin Tanjoji Okunoin

Many visitors come pray at the renowned Ichigan Joju temple, which means that the temple specializes in requiring people to come pray only a single time to fulfill their prayers.



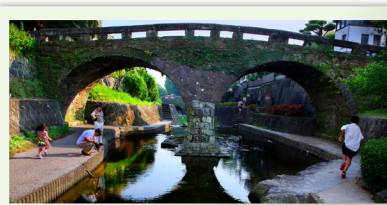
前田家別邸
Maeda Family Villa

"Kusamakura," written by the Meiji period Japanese novelist Soseki Natsume, was set in this villa. It has recently gained fame for appearing in a Studio Ghibli movie.



草枕交流館
Kusamakura Communion Building

This museum showcases documents regarding the Maeda Family Villa and the "Kusamakura" novel. It also serves as a tourist information center.



高瀬目録橋
Takase Meganebashi Bridge

Completed in 1848, this 15-meter long arched bridge is comprised of two astounding arches.

Soak in Nature

自然を満喫

From rice patties to mountains and the sea, Tamana is surrounded by an abundance of nature. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery.



Walking Courses and Footpaths

Try the Kusamakura walking course or one of the many footpaths to enjoy a stroll in nature.



Mt. Shodai

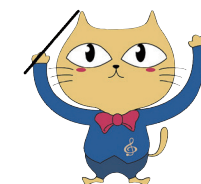
Mt. Shodai is often trekked by hikers. On a clear, sunny day you may be able to see Mt. Unzen across the Ariake Sea.



Tambo Art

Tambo art, which means rice patty art, is made every summer. Using the rice patties as a massive canvas, various types of rice grains are planted to create an artistic masterpiece!

Tambo Art in Nature!



Festivals and Events

From traditional Japanese festivals to unique events, there is plenty to see and do!

まつりとイベント

Experience the breathtaking festivals up close!



Tamana Big Rice Bale Festival

The only festival in Japan where contestants compete to roll 2.5-meter wide, 4-meter long, one-ton rice bales.



Oama Shrine Fire God Festival

Two boys are chosen as "god's children" to walk barefooted across the fiery coals. This fire-walking procession is a must-see.



Tamana Firework Festival

No other fireworks festival in Kumamoto Prefecture shoots off 10,001 fireworks! Come watch the Onrakuka performance that combines fireworks with music.

Eat as many ripe strawberries as you can!

Strawberry Picking

Pick and eat as many ripe strawberries as you can. Although you cannot take any strawberries with you, this is definitely a worthwhile experience.



Enjoyable Experiences

Enjoy seasonal foods and engage in sports for a one-of-a-kind Tamana experience.

魅惑の体験



Golf

Tamana City has a highly acclaimed and enjoyable golf course. Tee off at the unique golf course!



Beach Barbecue

Feel free to show up empty handed and enjoy the delectable seafood barbecue.



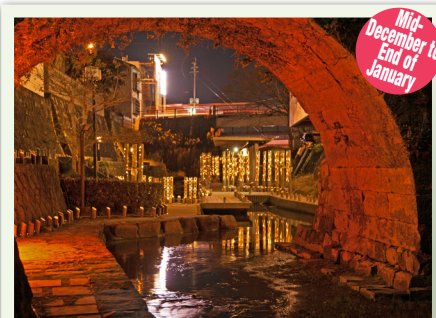
Orange Picking

Tensuimachi is home to sweet and delicious oranges. Eat oranges amidst the beautiful scenery for a unique experience!



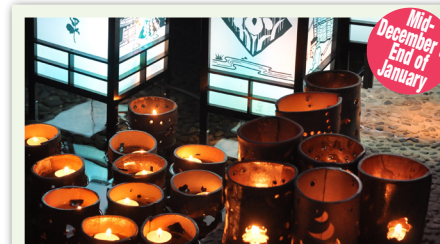
Tamana City Yokoshima Strawberry Marathon Contest

The unique marathon allows contestants to energize with locally harvested strawberries at the strawberry stations setup throughout the course.



Takase River Bamboo Lantern

The Takase River lit at night with bamboo lanterns creates a dreamy atmosphere.



Tamana Onsen Heart-Warming Journey

The ryokan inns participate in this annual Tamana Onsen winter event by offering special cuisine and dessert. Make the most out of the special event where guests wearing yukata can soak in select onsen for free.