



1 Umagase

This is one of the best places to see Nippo Kaigan Quasi-National Park. There are two lookout points on top of the precipitous cliff that offer a great view of the hexagonal rock columns that make up the cliff and the Pacific Ocean. Looking at the horizon, you can make out the curve of the earth.

2 The "Sea-cruz" Where Wishes Come True

This is a famous spiritual spot in Hyuga. The rock split at a right angle forming a giant cross. According to local legend, wishes made here will come true.

3 Mt. Komenoyama Overlook

The overlook at the top of Komenoyama is 192 meters above sealevel and offers a great view of the Hyuga Peninsula from the overlook and Hyuga City from the parking lot.

4 Omi Shrine

Omi Shrine is a famous power-spot and beautiful shrine. The site also contains the largest sazaishi (boulder of naturally fused pebbles), mentioned in the national anthem. Omi shrine is famous for a dragon god, with a special smaller shrine in the nearby cave.

5 Okuragahama

Okuragahama is recognized as one of the top 100 beaches in Japan, one of 3 in Hyuga. With good waves year round, it is a major surfing spot attracting surfers from around Japan.

Walking Map

Key locations include: Umagase, The "Sea-cruz", Mt. Komenoyama Overlook, Omi Shrine, Okuragahama Beach, Hyugamisaki Green Park, Isegahama Swimming Beach, Hososhima Commercial Port, Mihokogaura Swimming Beach, Cruise Ship Terminal, Hyuga-shi Station, Hyuga Interchange, Minami Hyuga Station, Kanegahama Beach, Roadside Station Hyuga, Hyuga Sunpark Hot-spring Resort, Ishinami River Campsite, Mimitsu Station, Hososhima Industrial Port, Hososhima Commercial Port, Teradaya Incident Memorial, Umagase, Hososhima Light House, Umagase Café, The "Sea-cruz", Cape Hyuga Green Park, Isegahama Swimming Beach, Hichiya Castle Ruins, Omi Shrine, Chiyoda Hospital, AEON Town Hyuga Shopping Mall, Mimitsu Walking Map.

Hyuga City Walking Map

Key locations include: Cosmos Drugstore, City Library, Business Hotel Rumeru Hyuga, Kusaba, Wakamiya Shrine, Hotel Verfort Hyuga, Yanagita Obstetrical and Gynecological Clinic, Kyushu Electric Power, Kitamachi, Ohira Orthopedic Clinic, Trial (24 hour Discount Retailer), Hyuga-shi Station, Hyuga Regional Information Center TOMITAKA, Hyuga-shi Station East Exit, JA Hyuga, Kuroki Gastroenterology Clinic, Andou Dental Clinic, Numata Dermatology Doctor, au(Mobile Phone Shop), Hyuga Police Station, Lawson (Convenience Store), ENEOS (Gas Station), Hyuga Post Office, Car Rental (Toyota Car Rental), Miyazaki Taiyou Bank, Softbank (Mobile Phone Shop), The Daiso 100-yen Store, Tsuchida Dental Clinic, Family Mart (Convenience Store), Car Rental (Nippon Car Rental), Docomo (Mobile Phone Shop), Haramachi, Matsuka Medical Clinic, Cable Television Waiwai, New Hotel Hayata, Miyazaki City, To Miyazaki City, To Noeoka City.

Hyuga Hyottoko Summer Festival

When people think of this festival, they think of crazy Hyottoko masks and a silly looking traditional dance. The Hyottoko dance originated in the Shiomi area of eastern Hyuga. During the early Meiji Period, Dr. Tachibana taught people this dance to go along with Kagura, sacred music. This was originally done at Inari Shrine in February, but it has since grown and is now a representative festival in Miyazaki Prefecture. It is performed the first Saturday of August every year.

Hyuga-shi Station

Hyuga-shi Station is of steel and cedar wood harvested from the Mimi River. It won first prize in an international train station design contest in 2008, and received another award in 2009. The departure notification song for Hyuga-shi Station is a variation of the Hyottoko dancing song.

A list of Hotels, Ryokan(Japanese style hotel)and Minshuku(guest house) in Hyuga City(Area code0982)					
Name of hotels	Phone number	Number of guest rooms	Name of hotels	Phone number	Number of guest rooms
Hotel Verfort Hyuga	52-0001	72	Minshuku Kyuei	57-1855	7
Melissa Hyuga	55-8181	49	Minshuku Kanegahama	57-1550	11
Rumiere Hyuga	55-1222	62	Minshuku Umihiro	57-1619	11
Hyuga Daiichi Hotel	52-8151	100	Minshuku Miyakoya	58-0164	16
Minshuku Fuji	52-3758	4	Minshuku Iso	58-0313	6
Pension Aoba	52-3966	7	Minshuku Funamachi	58-0217	11
Narumisou	53-2788	8	Minshuku Morishita	58-0059	6
Minshuku Yamanochaya	53-8881	15	Ayuno Korenori	58-0602	8
New Hotel Hayata	53-6000	44	Minshuku Izumi	58-1300	12
Minshuku Yashio	52-2369	10	Guest house Pumping	60-3864	3
Hamagurisou	52-2335	7	Hotel AZ Miyazaki (north Hyuga)	54-1800	91
Hiroshimaya Ryokan	52-3669	3	Hotel AZ Miyazaki(south Hyuga)	50-3301	91
Hyuganoyado Otsukaresan	56-2580	18	Hososhima Kouwann Fukushi Center	52-6832	7
Bouyoukan	57-1002	8	Hyuga Sunpark Campsite	58-0636	6

ACCESS

Key locations include: Kitakyushu, Fukuoka, Saga, Kumamoto, Mifune, Nagasaki, Yatsushiro, Hitoyoshi, Miyakonojo, Kagoshima, Nichinan, Hyuga, Oita, Bungoono, Saliki, Nobeoka, Miyazaki, Kiyotake, JCT.

By Car

Fukuoka city(via Oita Expressway) about three and half hours
Kumamoto city about three hours
Oita city about two hours
Kagoshima city about three hours
Miyazaki city about one hour

By Air and Train

Miyazaki airport About one minute on foot
Miyazaki airport station About sixty minutes by Express train
JR Oita station About two hours by Express train
JR Kokura station About four hours by Express train

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Mythology of Miyazaki ①

The "Kojiki" is the oldest extant chronical of Japan, written by Ō no Yasumaro following the death of Emperor Temmu in 712AD. 8 years later, the "Nihonshoki" was written as the oldest official history of Japan. These books cover Japanese history, from creation stories to the 8th century. These stories include mythology and stories of when gods walked on earth. These gods were not always noble. They were prone to anger, laughter, jealousy, joy, and sorrow. These stories, while about gods, were very much human. Miyazaki often became the stage for these ancient stories. Awagigahara was the place where Izanagi (male god) purified himself after chasing after Izanami (female god) into the nether world and subsequently escaping. Takachiho was the place where Ninigi and other gods descended to earth. Amano-Iwato, Takachiho was the place where Amaterasu (sun goddess) got angry at Susanoo (storm god) and hid herself. These are only a few of the many stories set in Miyazaki. A few of these stories are set in Hyuga; most of all in Mimitsu. Jimmu, the first emperor of Japan and descendant of Amaterasu, lived in Mimitsu for a short time and launched his conquest of Yamato (in modern day Kansai). This merging of this history and myth create a colorful and interesting place where history is far deeper than you might expect. These episodes were the source of "Ofunade Dumplings" (Departing Ship Dumplings), "Tachinui" (sewing while standing), and the "Okioyo Festival." Even now in the modern day, people remember this history and keep the traditions alive.

Emperor Jimmu

(Kamu-yamato Iware-biko no mikoto)

Jimmu was a descendant of Ninigi, Amaterasu, and ultimately Izanagi who created the islands of Japan with his spouse, Izanami. He was strong-willed and intelligent since childhood. When he was 15, he wed and became crown prince of what is now Miyazaki City. When he was 45, his brother and child told him of a place of great wealth to the east which he could conquer and from which he could rule. Following their advice, he and his army traveled up the coast to Mimitsu. From there, he began his conquest of Yamato and became the first Emperor of Japan.

