



Hita Ayu Yanaba (Hita Sweetfish Restaurant)

This restaurant is only open when sweetfish are in season. Visitors can enjoy eating sweetfish near the banks of the Mikumagawa River, the main source of Kyushu's largest river, the Chikugogawa River.

[Address] 1233-22, Wakamiya-machi
[TEL] 0973-24-0420
Open from the middle of July to beginning of November
Open daily, depending on river conditions.



Sapporo Beer Kyushu Hita Brewery

Free admission to tour the brewery/¥500 for a short tour followed by beer sampling (2 varieties-- approx. 40 min.)

Sapporo Beer is one of the best breweries in Japan, and at the Hita brewery visitors can see first hand how beer is made. Many visitors also enjoy sampling fresh draught beer at the conclusion of the tour.

[Address] 6979, Oaza-Takase [TEL] 0973-25-1100
Open 10:00-17:00 (Admittance until 16:30)
Short tour followed by beer sampling (2 varieties).
Tours once every hour (reservation required)
Closed every Wednesday (or the following day if Wednesday is a national holiday). Closed New Year's Holiday, irregular holidays.



Kusano Honke (Kusano Family House)

Admission: Adults ¥500 (¥550 during Tenryo Hita Hina Doll Festival)/ Children 13 to 18 ¥250

This was the home of one of Hita's leading merchants, and four times a year items representing seasonal festivals - Hina Doll Festival, Children's Festival, Gion Festival, and Autumn Festival - are put on display. The building itself has been preserved from the Edo Period, and has been registered as a site of national cultural importance. Visitors can feel Japan's culture in the changing seasons.

[Address] 11-4, Mameda-Machi [TEL] 0973-24-4110
Open 10am-5pm (Admittance until 4:30pm)
Open throughout the Hina Doll Festival and the Gion Festival periods



Tenryo Hita Museum

Admission: Adults ¥320/Children 6 to 18 ¥220

Over one hundred works of calligraphy and historical documents, mostly from the Edo period, are on display, giving the visitor a look at Hita's history. Documents explaining why the ruling government placed its administrative offices for Kyushu in Hita during the Edo period can be found here. Also, many famous Japanese persons of culture, including artists, writers and calligraphers visited Hita, and their accounts of these visits can be read here.

[Address] 11-7, Mameda-machi [TEL] 0973-24-6517
Open 9am-5pm
Closed Wednesdays (or the following day if Wednesday is a national holiday) and December 29th through January 3rd

Tours and Hands-on Japanese Experiences

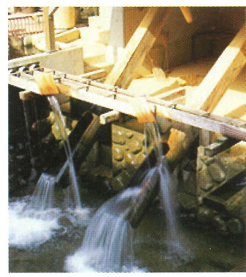


Iichiko Hita Distillery

Free Admission

Iichiko Shochu commands a top share in the domestic shochu market, and here visitors can take a tour of one of their distilleries, as well as sample their products.

[Address] 810-1, Nishiriita
[TEL] 0973-25-5600
Open 10am-4pm
Closed Tuesdays (except when Tuesday is a national holiday), Obon Holiday and New Year's Holiday



Onta Pottery Village

Onta is home to ten potter households, and the Ontayaki pottery produced here is very popular, both within Japan and abroad. The area has a nostalgic feel from Japan of years ago, and visitors can hear the echoing sound of the "karasui", a traditional device that uses the river's power to crush the clay into powder. Hearing the sound of the karasui alone is reason enough to visit this area.

[Address] Motoe-machi [TEL] 0973-29-2020 (Ontayaki Pottery Museum)
Open 9am ~ 5pm
Closed Wednesdays (or the following day if Wednesday is a national holiday) (Ontayaki Pottery Museum)



Hirose Museum

Admission: Adults ¥450 /Children 6 to 18 ¥350

This was the home of one of Hita's wealthy merchants, and tools and documents from the days when Hita was a center for banking are on display here. Hina dolls from the end of the Edo period are also on display. The building itself also dates from the Edo period. In the latter part of the Edo period it served as a school of finance and economics. The great educator Hirose Tanso was born in this building, and some of his artifacts are also on display.

[Address] 9-7, Mameda-machi [TEL] 0973-22-6171
Open 9pm-5pm
Closed Mondays, New Year's Holiday and at other times at the owner's discretion



Kuncho Sakagura Museum

Free Admission

This sake brewery was built during the Edo period, and here one can learn about the history and methods of sake production. Sake and other products can be purchased at the shop here, including some items that can only be found here.

[Address] 6-31, Mameda-machi
[TEL] 0973-22-3121
Open 9am-4:30pm
Closed New Year's Holiday



Nihongankan Museum

Admission Adults ¥350/Children 6 to 18 ¥250

This building, in which popular Japanese pharmaceutical company, Nihongankan produced and sold medicine, is now a museum where vintage medicine production tools and equipment are on display. The building itself is quite unique, and from the top floor, visitors can look out over the whole city of Hita.

[Address] 4-15, Mameda-machi [TEL] 0973-23-6101
Open 10am-4pm (February 15th through March 31st 10am-5pm) Closed from June 1st to August 31st, and from December 1st to February 14th



Hara Jirozaemon Soy Sauce and Miso Factory

Free tours

Visitors can tour the soy sauce and miso factory. A soft drink called Ramune is also produced here. A variety of dolls are displayed at the Kyushu Toy Museum which is located within the shop.

[Address] 5-4, Nakahon-machi
[TEL] 0973-23-4145
Open 9am-5:30pm
Closed January 1st through 5th



Hita Gion Floats Museum

Admission: Adults ¥320 Children 6 to 18 ¥220

This museum houses articles related to the Hita Gion Festival, a summer event with roots in ancient times, during which people pray for protection from sickness and disaster. At roughly 10 meters, the Gion Yamabako floats here are modeled after traditional Japanese stories and legends. The Gion Yamabako floats are famous for the height and beauty of their decorations. This hall is home to a true display of Japanese tradition.

[Address] 2-7-10, Kuma [TEL] 0973-24-6453
Open 9am-5pm Closed Wednesdays (or the following day if Wednesday is a national holiday) and December 29th through January 3rd



Takatsuka Atago Jizoson (Statue)

The Takatsuka Atago Jizoson is believed to have been built during the Nara period. It is said that wishes made here are more likely to come true, so it is particularly popular among students hoping to pass their entrance exams. Also, the walkways of the area are lined with stalls selling locally grown agricultural products and tourist souvenirs, many unique to this area.

[Address] 3740, Amagase-machi Mabaru
[TEL] 0973-57-9200

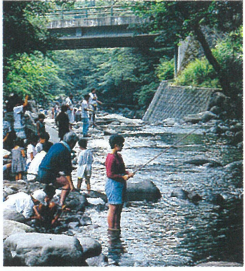


Rose Hill Amagase

Admission: Adults ¥310, Children 6 to 15 ¥100 (5 and under free)

A wide variety of beautiful roses grow on the high plateau. Spring and fall are the best times to see the roses in bloom.

[Address] 2384-3, Amagase-machi Itsuma
[TEL] 0973-57-8187
Open 9am ~ 5pm
Closed Tuesdays and New Year's Holiday.

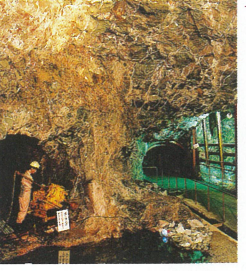


Kamitsue Fishing Park

Admission: ¥100 for elementary school age and up Fee for catching rainbow trout: ¥2,770 Salmon: ¥3,820

Visitors can enjoy fishing in a natural canyon stream. Grill your own fish or have it grilled at the cafeteria for ¥150 per fish.

[Address] 1656-92, Kamitsue-machi Oaza Kawahara
[TEL] 0973-55-2003
Open 8:30am ~ 5:30pm (from October to March open 8:30am-5pm)
Closed Wednesdays (except during summer vacation) and New Year's Holiday



Taio Kinzan Gold Mine & Museum

Admission: Adults ¥1,100 Elementary School Children ¥550 Middle & High School Children ¥880

Here visitors can visit an actual former gold mine, which at one time boasted the highest volume of gold extraction in all of Asia. Today, visitors can walk through the mine's tunnels and see how miners worked to extract gold. Above ground, there is a restaurant where visitors can enjoy local cuisine made from fresh seasonal ingredients.

[Address] 3750, Nakatsue-mura Gose [TEL] 0973-56-5316
Open 9pm-5pm (from March to November) 10am-4:30pm (from December to February) Closed January 1st



Snow Peak Okuhita Campground

This campground is operated by Snow Peak, a large manufacturer of outdoor goods. Tent sites and cottages are available for use by visitors to this highland plateau - elevation 950 meters. Tents and outdoor cooking supplies are available for rent.

[Address] 64-1, Maetsue-machi Ono
[TEL] 0973-53-2358
Open 10am-7pm (from April to October) 11am-6pm (from November to March)
Closed Wednesdays (except when Wednesday is a national holiday)

