



Bonoma
A legacy of beautiful scenery caressed by the sea breeze



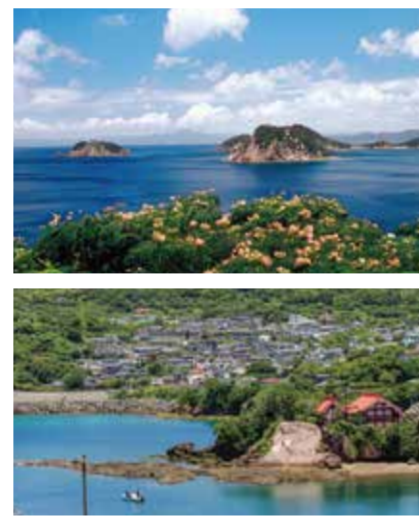
Bonoma Prefectural Natural Park

The Bonoma Prefectural Natural Park covers the coastline from Kataura, Kasasa in Minami Satsuma, around Cape Noma and Bonotsu to Tategami in Makurazaki, and its environs, including the Noma, Kamegaoka and Isoma mountains. The coastline has countless islets and reefs of various sizes, with many bends and dendritic inlets, steep slopes near the shore, and mountains directly overhanging the coast, a landscape unique to a ria. The Noma Peninsula was once a remote, isolated island, but coastal dune sands blown in by waves and seasonal winds have accumulated to form a tombolo, connecting the island to the mainland.

Minami Satsuma

Surrounded by an expanse of land and sea, experience the serene nature and fresh air of Minami Satsuma.

Situated at the southwestern tip of the Satsuma Peninsula, Minami Satsuma is a city of scenery and history steeped in nature, with the white sands and green pines of Fukiage Beach and beautiful rias. The Minami Satsuma Kaido along National Route 226 offers spectacular views of the sunset over the East China Sea and the national scenic spot of Bonotsu. The Fukiagehama Sand Festival, featuring sand sculptures of various sizes, the largest of which is 10 meters high, is held primarily during the Golden Week holidays in May and attracts nearly 100,000 visitors from in and out of the prefecture. The area along the Minami Satsuma Kaido is a paradise for marine leisure activities, including fishing and diving, and cycling. A range of local agricultural products await you, including Kaseda pumpkin, Kinkan(Kumquat) Haruhime, and the super early rice crop Kinpou Koshihikari, along with fresh seafood from the rich fishing grounds.



Bonoma

Prefectural Park Tour Map

Kagoshima Prefecture
Minami Satsuma & Makurazaki

Travel Info

Minami Satsuma City

Prefectural Road 20 from Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. → Kaseda (approx. 60 min)
 Bus: Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. → Kaseda (approx. 90 min)
 Kagoshima Airport Limousine Bus → Kaseda (approx. 75 min)

Makurazaki City

Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. → Makurazaki (approx. 80 min) via Nansatsu Jukan Expwy
 JR Ibusuki Makurazaki Line: Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. → Makurazaki Sta. (approx. 150 min)
 Bus: Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. → Makurazaki (approx. 100 min)

Travel to Kagoshima

Fly (flight time to Kagoshima Airport)

- Tokyo (Haneda) Approx. 1 hr 50 min
- Chubu (Centrair) Approx. 1 hr 15 min
- Osaka (Itami) Approx. 1 hr 15 min
- Matsuyama Approx. 1 hr
- Fukuoka Approx. 55 min

Shinkansen (journey time to Kagoshima-Chuo Station)

- Tokyo Fastest 6 hrs 29 min
- Nagoya Fastest 4 hrs 50 min
- Shin-Osaka Fastest 3 hrs 41 min
- Hiroshima Fastest 2 hrs 19 min
- Hakata Fastest 1 hr 16 min
- Kumamoto Fastest 42 min

Drive (drive time to Kagoshima I.C.)

- From Dazaifu I.C. Approx. 3 hrs
- From Nagasaki I.C. Approx. 4 hrs
- From Saga-Yamato I.C. Approx. 3 hrs
- From Oita I.C. Approx. 4 hrs 30 min
- From Mashiiki Kumamoto Kuko I.C. Approx. 2 hrs
- From Miyazaki I.C. Approx. 2 hrs

*Journey times are approximate.

Minami Satsuma City

Tourism Exchange Division
 0993-53-2111
<http://www.city.minamisatsuma.lg.jp>
 Minami Satsuma Tourism Association
 0993-53-3751
<https://kanko-minamisatsuma.jp/>

Makurazaki City

Fisheries Trade Division → 0993-76-1668
<https://www.city.makurazaki.lg.jp/life/3/>
 Makurazaki Tourism Association
 (Makurazaki Station Tourist Information Center)
 0993-78-3500
<https://makutab.jp>

This map was completed with the help of Minami Satsuma City and Makurazaki City residents. We invite you to enjoy the locals' secret spots.

Minami Satsuma Tourism Association
 Makurazaki Tourism Association
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Makurazaki City

A lush, bright, beautiful city blessed with the bounty of the Kuroshio Current and verdant nature.

Makurazaki is a thriving fishing and farming city blessed by the sun and the Kuroshio Current. With a history of around 400 years centred on bonito fishing, the port city boasts the largest production of dried bonito flakes in Japan.

Visitors can enjoy a variety of sights, tastes and experiences at the Makurazaki Fish Center, the Makurazaki City Bonito Public Corporation, and the Nansatsu Regional Local Industry Promotion Center, befitting facilities in the city of bonito. Makurazaki is also known as a city of art. Artworks from across the world converge at the Makurazaki International Art Award Exhibition held at the stylish wooden Nanmeikan Cultural Resource Center, and sculptures can be enjoyed at the Aozora Museum of Art, where the city itself is an art museum. We invite you to experience the eclectic charms of Makurazaki.

Information

Minami Satsuma City

Enquiries about all kinds of experiences and guides
 Minamisatsuma Tourism Association 0993-53-3751

- Bonotsu Tourist Information Center/NPO Bonotsu Yamabiko Society 0993-67-1310
- Kaseda Inshie Guides 0993-52-7829
- Kasasa Art Museum 0993-63-0990
- Shochu Museum Toujinso Kasasa 0993-63-1002
- Ganjin Memorial Museum 0993-68-0288
- Kujira no Nemuru Oka - Zasho Whale Monument 0993-62-2111
- Oura Specialty Market Furusato Kujirakan 0993-62-2120
- Kishinkan, Bonotsu Historical Archives Center 0993-67-0171

Makurazaki City

Enquiries about all kinds of experiences and guides
 Makurazaki Tourism Association 0993-76-1668

- Makurazaki Station Tourist Information Center 0993-78-3500
- Makurazaki Tankentai (volunteer tour guides) 080-3139-8585
- Nansatsu Regional Local Industry Promotion Center 0993-72-3133
- Meijigura, Satsuma Shochu Distillery 0120-467-355
- Makurazaki Nagisa Onsen 0993-72-5080
- Makurazaki Nanmeikan Cultural Resource Center 0993-72-9998

Watch the videos to see what these two cities have to offer.

This seaside town has a story to tell.

Visit the museums

Ganjin Memorial Museum
 A memorial museum where visitors can learn more about the Tang dynasty Buddhist high priest Ganjin (Jian Zhen). Ganjin (Jian Zhen), a Buddhist high priest of the Tang Dynasty and founder of the Toshodaiji Temple in Nara, introduced Buddhist precepts and knowledge of pharmacology to Japan. The memorial museum was built in 1992 to commemorate his great achievements. The museum presents a replica of Ganjin's seated statue, and a detailed account of his voyage and life through exhibits and a large-screen video. There are wheelchair ramps and spacious parking areas, and a multilingual map is available for international visitors.

Kishinkan, Bonotsu Historical Archives Center
 At the archives center, visitors can learn about the historical port town of Bonotsu, one of Japan's three main historical ports. It showcases valuable cultural properties, including materials related to trade with China, the Ryukyus and other countries, articles related to Buddhist culture, and various folkore materials. The viewing terrace on the second floor is also the best place for seeing the Bonotsu Sokenseki rocks, a national scenic spot.

Shochu Museum Toujinso Kasasa
 The museum was built to preserve and pass on the traditional skills of the Kurose distillers and as part of a regional revitalization initiative. It provides commentary on shochu production using videos and displays, and offers shochu-making tours and information on sightseeing in Kasasa.

Kujira no Nemuru Oka - Zasho Whale Monument
 Kujira no Nemuru Oka was built in 2002 to permanently preserve the skeletal specimen of a sperm whale that beached on Kominato's reclaimed coastline, archiving it for future generations. The glass facade at the front of the ground floor allows visitors to see the entire whale skeleton, while the loft on the second floor allows them to look down on it.

Kasasa Museum of Art
 The museum is built on a hill overlooking Okiakimejima. It holds various special exhibitions and exhibits artworks for enthusiasts in and out of the city. The views of the East China Sea and mountains from the deck are as beautiful and splendid as works of art. The view of Okiakimejima from here has been listed as one of the eight best sights on the Minami Satsuma Kaido, and on clear days, Kuroshima (Village of Mishima) can be seen in the distance.

Bonoma History and museums

Discover Bonoma.

A Tale of the Sea Breeze on the Coastal Route along the East China Sea

The area around Bonoma Prefectural Natural Park is endowed with restorative scenery and unspoiled nature. It has stories of how the locals have nurtured the area while harnessing its powers over the years. Local high school students visited experts passing on their wisdom and skills in various fields, such as agriculture and fishing, to hear their stories.

Local high school students went to explore!

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- 1 Download the AR app COCOBAR (free)
- 2 Point your smartphone cam at the symbol
- 3 Watch the video! Scan here to download the app

*Videos may not be viewable depending on your device and network environment.

- You can watch AR videos of these 2022 initiatives.
- Scan the QR code on the right to read the e-book.
- The AR videos and e-book via the QR code take you to external websites for viewing.

Events

Spring (Mar - Jun)	Summer (Jul - Aug)	Autumn (Sep - Nov)	Winter (Dec - Feb)
May (Minami Satsuma) MarineLand Kasasa Festa	15 Aug (Minami Satsuma) Oura Taiko Odori Dance	Oct (Minami Satsuma) Bo Hozedon Ceremony	Feb (Minami Satsuma) Noma Shrine Annual Festival
May (Makurazaki) Bonito Festival	15 Aug (Minami Satsuma) Kushi Bon Odori (Taiko Odori Dance)	Oct (Makurazaki) Shinshu (new sake) Festival	Feb (Minami Satsuma) Oiseko (Kasasa)
	Aug (Minami Satsuma) Satsuma-Bonotsu Misaki Festival	Oct (Minami Satsuma) Jugoya (fifteenth night) (Hitobashi / Bonotsu)	Feb (Minami Satsuma) Minami Satsuma Kaido Ganjin's Trail
	Aug (Makurazaki) Kibarankai Festival		

Enjoy the great outdoors on the Satsuma Peninsula's southwest coast!

Fukiagehama Kinpozan Prefectural Natural Park (31 March 1993)
 High school students from Minami Satsuma and Makurazaki went to investigate

Bonoma Prefectural Natural Park (31 March 1993)

Satsunan Kaigan Prefectural Natural Park (16 April 2021)
 Yakushima High School students went to investigate

Kuroshima (12 April 2022)
 Mishima Prefectural Natural Park

Lojima Takeshima

Yakushima
 Yakushima National Park (16 March 1984)

Nature Parks in Kagoshima Prefecture/Nature Conservation areas
 World Natural Heritage sites
 The dates in brackets denote date of designation

Discover a world of nature in all its forms.

Due to the temperate climate and the steeply sloping terrain unique to a ria coastline, Bonoma Prefectural Natural Park offers opportunities to observe wild birds and various plant species. Take a leisurely stroll through nature and enjoy some time for yourself.

Bonoma Nature

Birdwatching spots (wild birds)

- Minami satsuma City
 Oura Irrigation Polder, River Manose estuary, Toujinso Park, River Kasaishi estuary, Nomaike Port, etc.
- Makurazaki City
 Area around the River Kedo estuary
 *Wild birds may not always be present.

Please get in touch with the Kagoshima Wild Bird Society for information about birdwatching and events.
 Wild Bird Society of Japan, Kagoshima Branch
 TEL 099-257-2750