

# Hello Fukuoka!

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*Driving in Japan is easy for Australians!*

*Left-side of the road driving, safe drivers & English road signage everywhere!*



## **From \$1228 per person, twin share**

### **Package Price Inclusions**

- Car Hire
- Train Ticket from Osaka to Kokura Station
- 4-nights accommodation with breakfast included

### **Highlights**

- See the hidden gems of Fukuoka with complete flexibility with your own rent-a-car.
- Escape to the country to Yame Green Tea Fields.
- Eat till you drop in Fukuoka City, home to some of Japan's best street-food and ramen.
- Roam the nostalgic port town of Mojiko Retro in Kitakyushu.

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## Start from Osaka

From Osaka, take the famous bullet train 2.5-hours to Kokura Station in the city of Kitakyushu!

### Day 1: Kitakyushu Port Town

Pick up your rent-a-car from here in Kitakyushu, before exploring the rest of Fukuoka Prefecture! Head to Kokura Castle and experience a Tea Ceremony in the traditional garden here. Next pop over to Arauru City to visit Kitakyushu Manga Museum to immerse yourself in the world of pop culture or visit the famous TOTO Museum to see the history and future of Japan's famous toilets! Next drive over to Mojiko Retro Port and be sure to try Yaki-Curry, a local specialty! Finally, drive 20-mins to Sarakurayama Cable Car Station, and take an evening cable car to the summit of Mt. Sarakurayama for dazzling night views of Kitakyushu, today's last destination where you will spend the night.

### Day 2: Explore Spiritual Fukuoka

Drive 45-mins from Kokura to the Former Residence of Denemon Ito, expansive blend of Japanese and Western architecture and stunning gardens on the estate. For lunch, head over to Laputa Farm with a fantastic terrace dining area overlooking an orchard (reservations required for BBQ course). Next onto Mt. Hiko; you'll want to park here and take a cable car up to visit Hiko-san Shrine, a picturesque and designated Important Cultural Property. This off the beaten path site is considered a spiritual power spot, revered as one of the three great sacred sites of Shugendo, a mountain-based ascetic faith. End the night in Fukuoka city, where you'll be staying 3-nights. If you prefer, check out some local sake shops and pair it with local food! For lunch, we recommend Hakata Mizutaki Chicken Hotpot at Toriden. For dinner, you can't visit Fukuoka without experience the Yatai food stalls along Fukuoka Canal! Drop your car off this evening near Fukuoka Station.

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## **Day 3: The Venice of Japan & sprawling tea fields of Yame**

In the morning, drive 90-mins from Fukuoka down south to the canal town of Yanagawa to enjoy local folk songs from a charismatic boatman while punting along the town canals! While in town, have lunch at Motoyoshiya, serving up eel specialty dishes with over 340 years of established history. Travel onto Yame, famous for the Yame Central Tea Plantation; to enjoy some of the finest green tea whilst taking in views of the sprawling tea fields! Return to Fukuoka city for the evening - we recommend trying Yakitori chicken skewers at Yakitori-no-Hachibe for dinner!

## **Day 4: Explore Fukuoka City**

Spend the day around Fukuoka city today, starting with a visit to the iconic Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine, revering the god of learning, culture and the arts. In the afternoon, visit the Kyushu National Museum, or spend the rest of the day at Boss E Zo Fukuoka, a futuristic complex filled with innovative attractions and a state of the art digital experiential museum! Or if you prefer, check out some local sake shops and pair it with local food! For lunch, we recommend Hakata Mizutaki Chicken Hotpot at Toriden. For dinner, you can't visit Fukuoka without experiencing the Yatai food stalls along Fukuoka Canal! Drop your car off this evening near Fukuoka Station.

## **Day 5: Easy Airport Access**

From Hakata Station in central Fukuoka city, the subway takes only 5-mins to reach Fukuoka Airport Terminal! This is a major airport for the island of Kyushu with frequent domestic & international connections, making it an easy end-point for your trip to Japan.

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