Guidance on inspection and study tour themed on energy, environmental study and SDGs in Karatsu/Genkai area of Saga Prefecture



"Energy Tourism"

offering from Saga Prefecture to the world





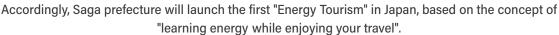
# What is **SAGA** Energy Tourism?



# Saga Prefecture is the first in Japan to start "Energy Tourism"!

There is a growing interest in the stable energy supply due to the recent uncertain social status in the world.

Energy is the foundation of people's living and it is everyone's issue.





For "Saga Energy Tourism", we create a tourism program that focuses on providing a place to think about the energy issues and learn more about the issues through site visits.

The program proposes a "new style of travel" that will provide "an opportunity for each participant to think about the future of energy" and to contribute to it.





# Towns with beautiful natural views, delicious food and cultural heritage

Starting from a registered UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage "Karatsu Kunchi" which is a parade of 14 hikiyama floats decorated with colorful crafts including the red lion and the sea bream, beautiful views of Hamanoura Rice Terrace at sunset and Nanatsugama Caves that are formed by erosion caused by ocean waves, and specialties such as fresh squid meal and delicate saga beef, there are a lot of attractive spots. The rich nature here is supporting people's lives.

## A history with rich nature

Karatsu/Genkai area is blessed with a rich nature with sea, mountains and rivers. From ancient times, it is prosperous as a the gateway of the mainland and was the main stage of some huge moments of Japanese history including Mongol invasions of Japan and Japanese invasions of Korea by Toyotomi Hideyoshi. As the legend says, "Kamikaze winds blew and helped Japan defeat the enemy", people here have been protected by the nature.



# **SAGA** Energy Tourism

# Points of inspection and study tour in Karatsu and Genkai, Saga Prefecture



The energy of next generation including sunlight, hydrogen and biomass is important for protecting the nature and sustainability. Karatsu and Genkai is working on bringing in offshore wind power. In "GENKAICHO Next Generation Energy Park Asupia", you can learn about these energy while having fun.



Karatsu coal field, called the biggest coal field in Japan, Mongol invasions of Japan, Japanese invasions of Korea by Toyotomi Hideyoshi, Nagoya Castle, Karatsu coal field, the biggest coal field in Japan, and the prosperous late modern period because of whale hunting, you can learn history of different eras. If you think about these historical figures used to look at the same view, you will feel that history is not a textbook, but is a very close thing to you.



Fresh squid sashimi and Saga beef, there are a lot of delicious food!



You can experience Karatsu and Genkai activities like rowing cutter boat in a blue sea, rice-planting in a terrace field like a postcard and regeneration/preservation activity of Nijinomatsubara pine grove. By staying in local private homes, you can expect heart-warming encounters that will make you feel like you are at your second home.

# Feel touched seeing this magnificent view in person



The stunning view of Nanatsugama Caves that are shaped by ages and nature and the red terrace field at sunset, the amazing view that you can enjoy with your five senses is the one and only. The sound, the smell, the warmth and the tactile impression is something that you can only feel with your heart but not through photos of videos. It is going to be an unforgettable memory.

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The map of Karatsu and Genkai is on P10~11



# **SAGA** Energy Tourism

# "Be exposed to the next-generation energy"

**Inspection & Study Tour** 





Normal: by vehicle or bus First day Departure The place 9:00 of departure

**GENKAICHO Next** 10:00 **Generation Energy Park** 12:00 Asupia

12:30 (02) Restaurant Kisui 13:30

**Coal Mines Historic Site** 14:00 (Kishima Coal Mine Otsuru Mining Plant: Second Pithead Remains) 16:30

17:00 (04) Taiboukaku

Second day (04) Departure Taiboukaku 9:00 (05) Karatsu Minato Wind Power 9:30 Plant Observation Tour 11:30

12:00 (06) Inside Karatsu City 13:00

Nijinomatsubara pine grove/ 13:30 Collecting pine needles 15:00

16:00 Arrival The place of arrival

\*The model course is only an example.
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"Asupia" is the combination of Earth and utopia. It is a facility that can let people experience and learn about the Earth's energy and lead to dreams of the next generation.

In the facility, everyone can think about the next generation energy by playing games and having experience related to various forms of energy.

4560-1 Imamura, Genkai Town, Higashimatsuura District, Saga Prefecture

Closed days The third Monday (next day if it is a public holiday) and the year-end and New Year holidays



You can look at the beautiful view of Genkai Restaurant "Kisui" and enjoy a meal with of beef which is the top level beef among bream caught at Kariya Bay

Address 1369-3 Ishida, Genkai Town Higashimatsuura District, Saga Prefecture



It is a hotel where you can overlook Genkai Sea. You can have some fresh seafood from Genkai Sea and take a rest in a Japanese room which has a great view and an open feeling. It has been name a three starred restaurant by Michelin Guide Fukuoka-Saga-Nagasaki 2019.

1399 Nagoya, Chinzei Town, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture [Check-in] 15:00 (Latest time to check-in 19:00) [Check-out] 10:00



Karatsu City is blessed with wind conditions. "Karatsu Minato Wind Power Plant" is built on what used to be farmland. Some proceeds of the wind power generation are returned to support the preservation of local agriculture, thereby contributing to the community.

Address Minato town, Higashimatsuura District, Saga Prefecture

Karatsu Minato Wind Power Plant Observation Tour

Contacts: Shizen Energy Inc.

3F, Fukuoka Ohori Building, 1-1-6 Arato, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture Business hours Weekdays 10:00~17:00



Nijinomatsubara (Pine grove in the shape of a rainbow arc) is one of the special places of scenic beauty and three greatest pine groves in Japan. Almost one million black pine trees grow along Karatsu Bay. Removing the pine needles on forest floor can help improve the natural regeneration and preserve the landscape. If you are lucky, you may find the mysterious "Matsutsuyu" mushroom.

Hamatama Town - Higashikaratsu, Karatsu City, Saga prefecture

Contacts: NPO Karatsu Environment Protection and Disaster Prevention Organization KANNE Address 2-6 Minamijonai, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture

# Points of route

Learning more about the next generation energy at GENKAICHO Next Generation Energy Park Asupia and Karatsu Minato Wind Power Plant.

## For the future

#### Things we should think about

For the purpose of Net Zero Emissions by 2050, what should we do? Plus, who and what is it for?

## It is not only learning

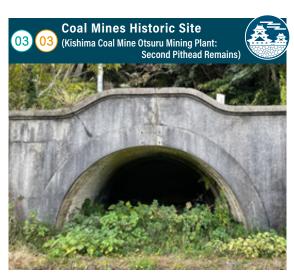
### **Fun points**

- · You can have fun and have different experiences while learning in Asupia
- · Saga beef and fresh fish, rice are delicious!!
- What a wonderful view! wonderful view, "Nijinomatsubara", "Nanatsugama Caves", "Hamanoura Rice Terrace"



Quasi-National Park's Kariya Bay from local ingredient. You can have Saga Japanese black beefs and fresh sea

The third Wednesday of every month [Lunch] 11:00~15:00 (L.0.14:00) [Dinner] 16:00~21:00 (L.O. 20:00)



Coal Mines Historic Site(Kishima Coal Mine Otsuru Mining Plant: Second Pithead Remains) was built for transporting coal in a rural area of Karatsu City. It shows us a part of a coal mining facility in the past.

1-3 Irino-ko, Hizen Town, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture



The vast site in an area of 80 thousand square meters provides accommodation for 360 people and it includes a sports ground, outdoor kitchen and gymnasium. Guests can enjoy various programs such as nature observation, outdoor explorations, sea activities, and sports.

5581-1 Nagoya, Chinzei Town, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture





Have a refreshing time by Genkai Sea's breeze.

Cutter boat experience: Hadomisaki Youth Nature Centre

Hadomisaki Youth Nature Centre

(06) Nanatsugama Caves

It is a activity that you can play games and guizzes by group while going around different checkpoints.

Outdoor experience (Nagoya Castle Walk Rally Cou

November to March:

While having fun and answering the questions with reference to the stele, you can learn more about the

Outdoor experience: Hadomisaki Youth Nature Centre

history of Nagova Castle,

beautiful place where you can enjoy the sea view. Rice-planting in terrace field: Genkai Local Partnership Inc.

Depends on season: Rice-planting in terrace field

Terrace field, which is a piece of sloped plane that has

been cut into a series of successively receding paddy

fields, is a Japanese ancient landscape. Hamanoura Rice

Terrace has been named one of the 100 best rice terraces

in Japan. You can experience rice-planting in such a

Contacts

Genkai Local Partnership Inc.

### Riding on a 9 meter long cutter boat, you can learn the importance of cooperation and share the sense of accomplishment by synchronizing your breathing with your friends and rowing.



5581-1 Nagova, Chinzei Town, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture Business hours 8:30~17:00



It has been designated as a natural monument and is a scenic spot that represents Saga. It is formed from ages of erosion by Genkai Sea's rough waves. These pot-like caves are lining in a row as if god made them.

It is being said that this is the place where Empress Jingu discarded the victory wishing earthen vessel at during Japanese invasions of Korea. From the way it is being stout in the clear and cobalt blue colour sea and its rock surface, you can feel a mysterious and romantic sense.

4185-27 Yobuko, Yobuko Town, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture (Yobuko Port)

All year 9:30~16:30 (Nanatsugama pleasure boat "Ika Maru")

### Studv Tour

Normal: by vehicle or bus

Departure

The place of departure

10:00 12:00

**GENKAICHO Next Generation Energy Park** 

12:30 Restaurant Kisui

13:30

14:00 16:30

Coal Mines Historic Site (Kishima Coal Mine Otsuru Mining Plant: Second Pithead Remains)

**Fieldwork** 

17:00

Hadomisaki Youth Nature Centre



Second day

Nature Centre

9:00 12:00

April to October:

Depends on season: Rice

13:30 (06) Nanatsugama Caves 15:00

16:00

Arrival The place of arrival



# **SAGA** Energy Tourism

# "Learning by environmental study"

**Inspection & Study Tour** 





Normal: by vehicle or bus

First day

10:00 Departure The place

of departure

Nagoya Port - Madarashima Ferry Terminal rture 11:10-Arrival 11:34 by Yushomaru boat

13:00

(01) Madarashima

Madarashima Ferry Terminal — Nagoya Port parture 13:00-Arrival 13:30 by Yushomaru boat

14:00

The remains of Nagoya Castle 16:00

16:30 17:30

18:00 Plan

#### Second day

(04) Departure Lodging

9:30 11:30

(05) Nanatsugama Caves Learning history of nature

15:00

(06) Kagamiyama Observatory

Arrival The place of arrival



This island is known for being the stage of Mongol invasions of Japan. View from the top of "Mt. Banshonotsuji" and scenic spot "Meibanohana" are beautiful. Moreover, hidden Christians who had lived in Hirado during Edo period moved to the island and built "Catholic Madarajima Church". You can feel the beauty and history of this church.

Madarashima, Chinzei Towr Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture Regular ship: 40 minutes from Yobuko Port,

25 minutes from Nagoya Port



Toyotomi Hideyoshi, who aimed to advance to the mainland, built Nagoya Castle in 1592 as a dispatch point. According to record, it was a gorgeous castle with five-story tenshu, huge palace, tearoom, and Noh stage. Although the building no longer exists, we can still feel the romantic sense from its remains.

Address 1938-3 Nagoya, Chinzei Town, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture



This is the mountain where Otomo no Satehiko left their legacy. From the summit terrace, you the shadow of Iki Island. It is also a famous spot becomes a around 4 km cherry blossoms tunnel

Address Kagami, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture



Mysterious caves formed of erosion by waves. This spectacular scenery created by rough waves from Tsushima Current and strong wind over years is a must-see. Around 40 minutes from Yobuko Port by pleasure boat, you can enjoy the view of Nanatsugama, Yobuko Ohashi Bridge and Ogawashima island. If there is no high waves, you can get in the caves and look at the beautiful shore closely.



4185-27 Yobuko, Yobuko Town, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture (Yobuko Port)

All year 9:30~16:30 (Nanatsugama pleasure boat "Ika Maru")

# Points of route

Looking at the natural scenery of islands being on the beautiful blue Genkai Sea and Nanatsugama that was formed up slowly over time, we can learn the power and value of nature.

### For the future

### Things we should think about

For protecting the beautiful landscape, what effort has the local community put in? How rich is people's life coexisting with the nature!

## It is not only learning

### **Fun points**

- · Being exposed to Karatsu and Genkai's special season and weather
- · Closing looking at the magnificence of Nanatsugama that is made by nature
- Experiencing the life of Karatsu and Genkai's local people



Fantastic Hamanoura Rice Terrace that overlaps like stairs running up from the coast shows different sides depending on season and Address weather. Especially between mid April and early May, it is the rice-planting season and the best period to watch sunset. Sun going down the horizon dyes the sea and paddy fields into orange colour. Its contrast to footpath makes a wonderful scenery.

Hamanoura, Genkai Town, Higashimatsuura District, Saga Prefecture 279 Hamanoura, Genkai Town, Higashimatsuura District, Saga Prefecture (Otoshi Shrine)

who went to Silla and his lover Princess Savo can overlook Nijinomatsubara, Karatsu Bay and of cherry blossoms. In spring, the mountain trail and attract a lot of visitors.



You can experience the work of farming village or fishing village and sleep and eat like a local living style at a private lodging. By living in Karatsu and Genkai with all the sea, mountains and rivers, and connecting with local people, you can create a very unique memory.

Address 3646-6 Yobuko, Yobuko Town, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture (NPO Karatsu & Genkai Tourism Exchange Society)



forest for development of new rice fields in early 17th century.

In order to pass down the white sands and green trees to next generation, removing dead brushes and cleaning activities are very important to the local community,

and Disaster Prevention Organization KANNE

Address 2-6 Minamijonai, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture Business hours Weekdays 9:00~18:00 Email npokanne@psc.bbiq.jp

#### Study Tour

Normal: by vehicle or bus

10:00 Departure

agoya Port — Madarashima Ferry Terminal

11:34 (01) Madarashima island Fieldwork

13:00

Hamanoura Rice Terrace 14:00 & Otoshi Shrine 15:30

Guidance of Terrace field/Mas

16:00 (03) Welcome ceremony (04) Private lodging 17:00

Private lodging

12:00

05) Leaving ceremony 13:00

Nijinomatsubara pine grove/ 14:00 15:00

15:30 (07) Kagamiyama Observatory

16:30

17:30 Arrival The place of arrival

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

















**SAGA** Energy Tourism

"Starting from what is SDGs"





Normal: by vehicle or bus

### First day 8:30

Departure The place of departure

(01) House of the Nakao family, master whale catcher 10:00

Yobuko Port – Ogawa Port arture 10:50-Arrival 11:10 by Soyokaze boat



Ogawa Port - Yobuko Port ture 13:00 - Arrival 13:20 by Soyokaze boat

14:00 16:00 Hamanoura Rice Terrace

**Guided tour** 

16:30



#### Second day

(04) Departure Taiboukaku

9:30

(05) Yobuko Morning Market

10:40 12:00

(06) Nanatsugama Caves

**Guided tour** 

13:30 15:00

(07) Kagamiyama Observatory

16:00

Arrival The place of arrival

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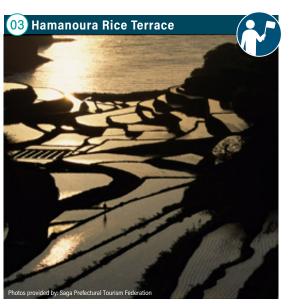


Starting from mid Edo period, over 8 generations and 170 years, the Nakao family based in Yobuko built their huge fortune by hunting whale and greatly impacted the development of Yobuko. This was the house of Nakaoke family. Some 250~270 year-old houses were painted in "Ogawashima Whales Battle", which is a painting that shows the whale hunting offshore in Yobuko, are a must-see. You can learn the history of whaling inside the building.

3750-3 Yobuko, Yobuko Town, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture

Closed on Wednesday (If it is public holiday closed on the next day) & Dec.29- Jan.3

8:45~17:00 (Last admission 16:30)



Terrace fields are created to adjust to the slopes and terrain. It is a original scenery that started from the beginning of rice cultivation in Japan that has very few lands. 283 different sizes of rice fields overlap and form a geometric pattern. It is a beautiful scenery. It also changes depending on weather and season. You can have a peaceful and calm time just by looking at it.

Address Hamanoura, Genkai Town, Higashimatsuura District, Saga Prefecture



It is a hotel where you can overlook Genkai Sea. You can have some fresh seafood from Genkai Sea and take a rest in Wanoma which has a great view and an open feeling. It has been name a three starred restaurant by Michelin Guide Fukuoka-Saga-Nagasaki 2019.

1399 Nagoya, Chinzei Town, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture [Check-in] 15:00 (Latest time to check-in 19:00)



Roughly sharpened by nature, "Nanatsugama Caves" are astonishing. Waves cutting rocks, magma becoming columnar joints while cooling down and firming, you can feel the power of nature from these.

On the top Nanatsugama Caves, there is a "Nanatsugama Park". There are observatory deck and pathway so that you can enjoy a little walking and take some pictures.

Address 4185-27 Yobuko, Yobuko Town, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture (Yobuko Port)



Having over 100 years of history, "Yobuko Morning Market" is where fishers and farmers traded their fish and agricultural products. It only closes on New Year's Day.

You can have fun eating the famous squid dishes, learning a special way to eat the food and interacting with the mothers there.

Yobuko morning market street. Yobuko, Yobuko Tov Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture

7:30~12:00 New Year's Day

# Points of route

#### Things to learn

In order to realize a better society by improving sustainability, we have to associate the global goals (SDGs) and the problems we are facing, think of it as your problems and make action.

### For the future

#### Things we should think about

Town development that people can continue living in, preservation of marine resources and stopping land degradation, what effect will a region's actions have for the future?

# It is not only learning

### **Fun points**

- · Yobuko's history of thriving economy because of whale hunting
- · Looking at Yobuko's original local scenery that is loved by the local people
- · Activating local economy and interacting with vibrant people



Yobuko is the path of whales going north of Tsushima Strait. At the forefront, there is Ogawashima which was prosperous because of whaling from Edo period to the Showa 30s. There still are whale seeing place and pagoda for whale inside the island. It is good to look around Genkai Sea and feel the whaling history.

Address 0

Ogawashima, Yobuko Town, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture

Access

Regular ships: 20 minutes from Yobuko Port



In Ogawashima that is surrounded by peaceful nature, you can enjoy the nature by planting seeds, growing vegetables at farms, fishing and cycling with rental gears and bicycle. Let us think about the natural scenery we want to leave for the future in a perfect location overlooking the Genkai sea.



1040-1 Ogawashima, Yobuko Town, Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture (Meguri Island Ogawa) 8:00~19:00 (Telephone reception hours)



Kagamiyama is a power spot in Karatsu that is passed down in mythology, such as the legend of Princess Sayohime.

From the summit of 284 meter high, you can overlook the magnificent natural beauty and terrain such as the Karatsu town streets,
Nijinomatsubara pine grove, and the coast line. After seeing the history and the great nature, it's a perfect time to look back on your trip.

Kagami, Karatsu City,



9:00 O1 House of the Nakao family, master whale catcher

10:00

Yobuko Port — Ogawa Port

Departure 10:50-Arrival 11:10 by Soyokaze boat

Lunch in the island or bento box delivered to the port

11:10 02 Ogawashima island

Fieldwork Experience etc.

14:00 O3 Meguri Island Ogawa

## Second day

9:00 03 Meguri Island Ogawa 12:00 04 Ogawashima experience

Meguri Island Ogawa's program
Farm experience
(vegetables making), etc.





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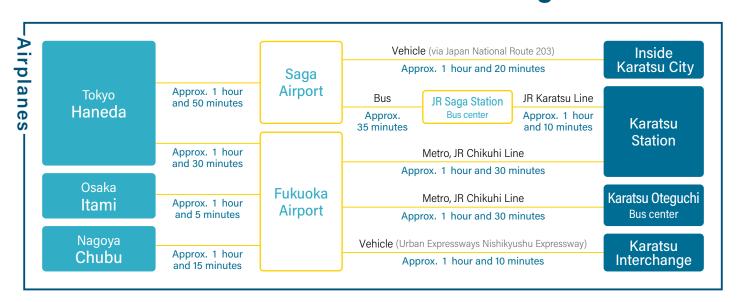
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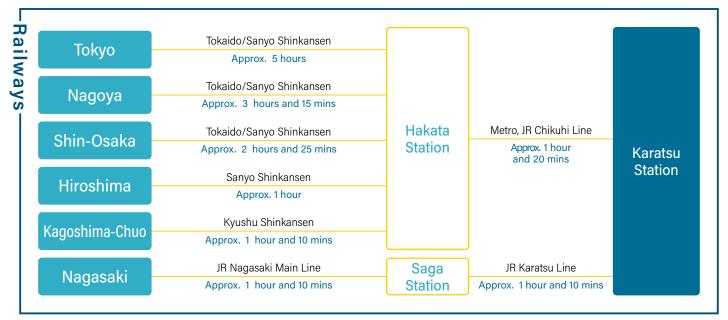
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# Access to Karatsu/Genkai Area in Saga Prefecture





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