

Activities

Transform into a kimono-look!

Try wearing a kimono around town.

Why not try wearing a kimono as you walk around this charming castle town? Don't worry! At "Warakuan," located across from the City Hall, all you need to do is choose a design you like from among 250 different patterns, and a kimono professional will help you put it on. You can enjoy the feeling of going back in time to ancient Japan.

Location: Warakuan Kimono Rental  
 TEL +81-978-63-1210  
 Price: ¥ 3,000(Rental and fitting)  
 Time: 10:00-16:00  
 \*Reception open until 14:00.  
 Reservations take priority.  
 Reservations:  
 kimono@kit-suki.com  
 (Japanese / English / Chinese)



Kimono rental and fitting

For only **¥ 3,000**

There are many benefits in town for those wearing a kimono!

Benefit 1 Free admission to facilities

Admission fees are waived at all public tourism and cultural facilities.

Kitsuki Castle, the Ohara Family Home, the Isoya Family Home, the Hitomatsu Family Home, the Kitsuki Castle Town Historical Museum, the Sano Family Home, the Shigemitsu Family Home.

Benefit 2 You also get discounts and presents!

You will receive discounts on meal prices at restaurants in town as well as small presents.  
 \* At participating shops only.

Activities

The hospitality of Japan (Experience the tea ceremony)

Try traditional Japanese culture in an old-established tea shop!

You can enjoy delicious tea at a historic tea shop. You can also learn how to make tea, so it's a good opportunity to come in contact with Japanese culture. Japanese tea is also said to be good for your skin.

Location: Ochadokoro - Tomaya  
 TEL +81-978-62-2139  
 Price: ¥ 800-  
 Time required: Approx. 20 min  
 \*In the case of two people.  
 Reservations: info@kit-suki.com (Japanese / English / Chinese) \*Must be reserved



Activities

Make your own postcard. (Experience making pressed flowers)

Make a postcard out of pressed flowers as beautiful as natural flowers.

Choose which of the colorful flowers you like, and make one-of-a-kind postcard. How about it? The completed postcards are perfect as gifts. You can also make hair ornaments.

Location: Shimomura Hanakobo - Aya (Shimomura Watch Shop)  
 TEL +81-978-62-3016  
 Price: ¥ 500-  
 Time required: Approx. 30 min  
 Reservations: info@kit-suki.com  
 (Japanese / English / Chinese) \*Must be reserved



Recommendations for having an enjoyable time walking around the castle

Let's walk around this castle town with a licensed English speaking guide. You can experience traditional Japanese culture and the life of a samurai.

Price: JPY 5000

The Maximum Time : 2 Hours (from 9am to 5pm)  
 Application method : As a rule,advance reservation until 7 days in advance is required.  
 Reservations : info@kit-suki.com

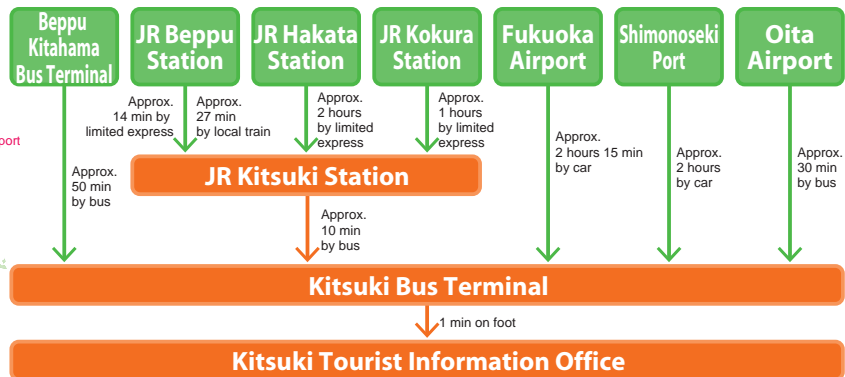
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 Kitsuki Tourism Organization



Application QR code.



Transportation access



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Kyushu's little Kyoto

Kitsuki

The Samurai Town of Kimonos



VOICE GUIDE



Play the koto, an instrument passed down for last 1,300 years.



Experience the tea ceremony - the spirit of Japan.



I feel like a samurai! Hahaha (^^)



VOICE GUIDE

Welcome to the castle town of Kitsuki!

The spirit of Japan is alive here. Travel around the town using the audio guide. You can access the audio guide from your smart phone.

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http://www.kitsuki-voiceguide.com/



# The only sandwich-shaped castle town in Japan

**Little Kyoto Kitsuki**  
The town puts you in the mood to wear a kimono.

Kitsuki was the first castle town in the country to be certified as a "historic townscape where kimonos look right at home." It is also known as the castle town of slopes. There are samurai houses on plateaus to the north and south and a merchant town sandwiched in the valley between them. This is a very rare shape for castle towns in the country, and it is said to be the only "sandwich-shaped castle town" in Japan.

- The First Town in the Nation to be Certified as a Historic Townscape where Kimonos Look Right at Home
- The only sandwich-shaped castle town in Japan

## Change into a kimono before going into town.

### A Warakuan Kimono Rental

At Warakuan, you can rent your favorite kimono from among a selection of over 300 designs, and the staff will also help you put the kimono on. Admission is free to sightseeing facilities for those wearing a kimono. Please take lots of photos of yourself wearing a kimono.



### 1 The Kitsuki Shuraku-kan

At this theater, you can enjoy Japanese plays that have been passed down from long ago. There is a restaurant and a souvenir shop inside the theater, and you can take photos together with the actors.



### 2 Tenjin-zaka Slope

The view of the tiled roofs of the merchant houses from Tenjin Slope is very beautiful and a must-see. Climbing the slope, you will come to a very rare place in the country – a place of mystical energy where shrines, churches, and temples stand in rows.



### 3 Tera-machi

There are rows of temples in Teramachi, and these served as strongholds for the western part of the castle town. The temples were used as places for samurai to gather together during times of war. There are many things to see here such as the largest iron statue of Buddha in Japan and an elegant garden considered to be Kyushu's representative Japanese garden.



### 4 The Sano Residence

This is the home of the Sano family that served the town as doctors for 400 years. There is a palanquin in the entrance way. This is the oldest of all the mansions remaining in the castle town.



### 5 Ameya-no-saka Slope

This slope forms a beautifully curved chevron, which is a rare shape among the slopes in Kitsuki. The slope connects the merchant town with the Minami-dai samurai home area, where you can still find stone walls and whitewashed walls.



## Kyushu's Little Kyoto The Samurai Town of Kimonos

# Kitsuki

Kitsuki IC  
JR Kitsuki Station  
Japan National Route 10  
The Shigemitsu Residence

#### Admission prices of public tourism and cultural facilities

- Kitsuki Castle  
Individual, ¥400 (¥200) Group, ¥320 (¥160)  
☎ 0978-62-4532
- The Ohara Residence  
Individual, ¥300 (¥150) Group, ¥240 (¥120)  
☎ 0978-63-4554
- The Isoya Residence  
Individual, ¥300 (¥150) Group, ¥240 (¥120)  
☎ 0978-63-1488
- The Sano Residence  
Individual, ¥150 (¥80) Group, ¥120 (¥60)  
☎ 0978-62-2007
- The Kitsuki Castle Town Historical Museum  
Individual, ¥300 (¥150) Group, ¥240 (¥120)  
☎ 0978-62-5750
- The Hitotsumatsu Residence  
Individual, ¥150 (¥80) Group, ¥120 (¥60)  
☎ 0978-62-5761
- The Shigemitsu Residence  
Individual, ¥150 (¥80) Group, ¥120 (¥60)  
☎ 0978-62-5556
- Combined admission ticket  
Individual, ¥1200 (¥600) Group, ¥1000 (¥500)  
Available at the above facilities and Kitsuki Tourism Information Center.

\*Opening hours: 9:00-17:00 (last admission 16:30)  
\*Prices in ( ) are for elementary and junior high school students.  
\*Group prices apply to a party of 30 or more.

#### Explanatory note

Car parking	Coin locker
Car parking with space for buses	Japanization Experience
Public lavatories incl. disabled facilities	Restaurant
Public lavatories	Wi-Fi

### 6 Commercial district

There are many long-standing shops, such as tea shops and miso shops that have been around since ancient times, lining the streets of this merchant town, which retains the charm of Edo. Please enjoy the traditional tastes and craftsmanship.



### 7 Suya-no-saka Slope & Shioya-no-saka Slope

This wonderful view is often used for period dramas, TV dramas, and commercials. This is one of the most beautiful spots in all the castle towns in the entire country, and so this is the number one sightseeing spot.



### 8 Kita-dai Samurai Residences

The Kita-dai Samurai Home Area, where the samurai used to spend time, is the area that most retains the look of the Edo period. The rows of samurai homes are a wonderful sight.



### 9 The Ohara Residence

An elite family of samurai lived in this house during the Edo period. The elegant Japanese garden is also a must-see. Inside the home, you can take a commemorative photo holding a Japanese sword, and you can enjoy feeling like a samurai.



### 10 The Nomi Residence (Dai-no-chaya)

There is a tea area inside the prestigious samurai manor house (closed on Wednesdays) where you can relax and enjoy sweets. Please feel free to play the Japanese harp placed in the house and enjoy its sounds.



### 11 The Clan School Gate (Hanko-no-mon)

The gate of the school where the samurai and their children studied and practiced martial arts was built in the Edo period, but is still looks exactly the same today, more than 200 years later. I hope you feel like a samurai as you pass through the gate.



### 12 The Isoya Residence

This was where the lord would rest. The marvelous Japanese garden shows the beauty of the seasons. Please take your time here. You may freely play the Japanese harp placed in the house and enjoy its sounds.



### 13 Kanjoba-no-saka Slope

This beautiful, straight slope connects Kitsuki Castle and the samurai homes. Among the stone steps, there are fan-shaped and Mt. Fuji-shaped stones. Please try to find them.



## Gourmet food and activities

When it comes to Kitsuki gourmet, we recommend the "Kitsuki Don to Donburi," the "Kitsuki Sandwich," and the "conger eel cuisine," all of which make use of lots of fresh local ingredients from the land and sea. There are many Japanese-style activities available such as wearing a kimono, seeing a tea ceremony, and making cloth flowers, etc. Please be sure to try them.

- Kitsuki Gourmet
- List of things you can experience in Kitsuki

## Get your Kitsuki Souvenirs here!

### B Kitsuki Local Products Center

This general souvenir shop offers a variety of delicious local sweets, teas, marine products, and liquors. Please have fun shopping and enjoying the delicious food!



### 14 The Nakane Residence

This charming home belonged to an elite samurai family, and the size of the grounds shows how prosperous they were at the time. The tea-ceremony rooms inside the house are still used to hold tea ceremonies.



### 15 The Kitsuki Castle Town Historical Museum

A number of the town's treasures are on display here. A splendid "Goshoguruma" (court carriage) is displayed in the entrance hall, which is used during the summer festival. There is a 3D model of the city from the Edo period which demonstrates the city's unique land features and structure.



### 16 Scenic lookout

This observation platform looks out over the sea and the castle tower of Kitsuki Castle, known as the smallest castle in Japan. You will probably never forget the view from this wonderful spot.



### 17 The Hitotsumatsu Residence

This spot gives a wonderful view of Kitsuki Castle and the sea. Fabulous examples of Japanese architecture can be found throughout this luxuriously-built mansion.



### 18 Kitsuki Castle

This is the smallest castle in Japan, and the highlight is the view of the sea from the castle tower. Take a commemorative photo dressed as a warrior in a real suit of armor and helmet.

