



Baba Yamazakura Japanese Cherry Tree #Baba Yamazakura Japanese cherry tree #Single cherry blossom tree #Over 120 years old #Cherry blossom and rape blossom #Romantic



The Great camphor tree of Kawago

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Light Tour of Takeo

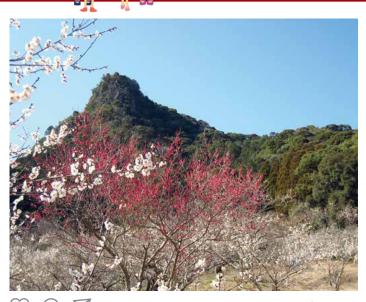
#Light tour of Takeo #Mifuneyama Rakuen #Team lab #Digital art #Summer nights

Take a trip around Takeo



Takeo City Library

#Takeo city library #Tsutaya bookstore #Starbucks coffee #Open all year round #Takeo kids library



Mifunegaoka Plum Garden

#Mifunegaoka plum garden #Mifuneyama #Plum tree flowers #Plum tree #Plum flower mochi #Spring arrival



#Mifuneyama Rakuen #Azalea carpet #Japanese garden #Flower festival #Variety of color

The hydrangeas of Daishoji Temple #Daishoji Temple #Hydrangeas #Hydrangea temple

The City is a hot spring resort located in the surrounding mountains. We will welcome you with a number of historical hot springs and beautiful scenery with mysterious and magnificent nature and history. You will be able to see attractive Takeo scenery and people wherever you go with your family and friends.



#Take Onsen #Lord's bath #Light alkaline water #Private bath #Takeo Onsen Tower Gate #Ryugujo

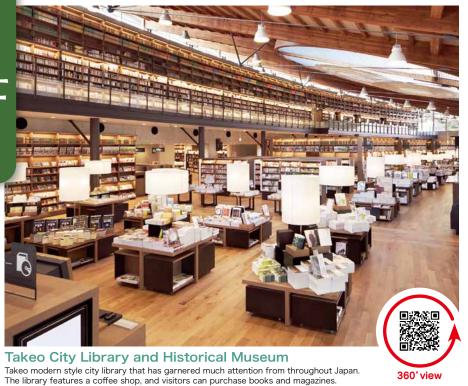


Autumn colors in Keishu-en Japanese garden #Keishu-en Japanese garden #Autumn colors #Kinsaku Nakane Japanese gardener #Traditional Japanese garden #Mifune traditional Japanese teahouse #Tea fields #Match experience



Koyaji Temple Shakunage Rhododendrons

#Koyaji Temple #Shakunage Rhododendron #Safe birth #Conception prayers #Shuin stamp #Stress reduction







Takeo Kids Library

P 90 cars (large buses OK)

Takeo Kid's Library offers a great space to relax. café resting rooms for infants, nursing rooms and children's bathrooms are available.

Address 5304-1 Oaza-Takeo, Takeo-cho Tel 0954-20-0222 Hours 9:00 -21:00 (open all year round)

Takeo Power Spot

Address 5304-1 Oaza-Takeo, Takeo-cho Tel 0954-20-0222

Hours 9:00 - 21:00 (open all year round) P 90 cars (large buses OK)

With some of Japan's most ancient trees, and three of Japan's great Kusunoki Camphor trees that are over 3,000 years old, the city of Takeo offers some great power spots.



Takeo Shrine

This is the oldest in Takeo city (built in year 735) located in the eastern foothills of Mt. Mifuneyama. The white colored Shrine building is unique in Japan.

Address 5335 Oaza-Takeo, Takeo-cho
Tel 0954-22-2976 P 28 cars (large buses OK)



The Great Camphor Tree in Tsukazaki

The ancient Tsukazaki tree is an official cultural heritage site for Takeo City. This great tree still stands strong and proud despite suffering a lightning strike in 1963

Address 5563-2 Takeo, Takeo-cho
(North side of Takeo City Cultural Hall)



Commemorative, limited edition temple stamp featuring traditional Yabusame horse mounted Japanese archery from Takeo

The Great Camphor Tree of Takeo

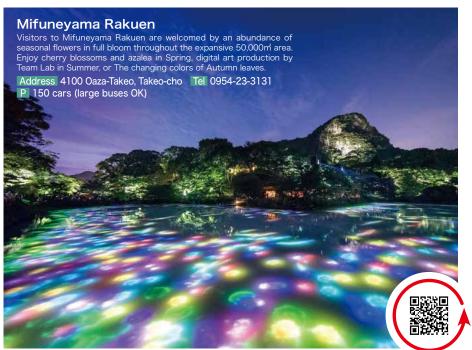
Many spirits reside within The great Camphor tree. Over 3,000 years old, the tree is Number 7 on Japan's list of great ancient trees. The tree is an official cultural heritage site for Takeo City.



The Great Camphor Tree in Kawago

Over 3,000 years old, the tree is Number 5 on Japan's list of great ancient trees. The tree is an official cultural heritage site for all Japan. The onsite visitor's center features a mechanical doll attraction that tells about the local legend of the defeat of the giant serpent from Kurokami Mountain (Kurokamiyama no daija-tajij). Visitors can also buy Water wheel rice' that has been milled by a water wheel.



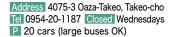


Team Lab: A Forest Where Gods Live



360° view

This traditional Japanese garden designed to resemble Japanese tea fields and Mifuneyama is the only one of its kind in Kyushu. The garden shows a range of expressions changes between night and day, or throughout the seasons.





Azalea valley



Colored Autumn leaves



Mifuneyama Rakuen Hotel Lobby (Forest and spiral of Resonating Lamps in the Forest - One stroke)



Keishu-en Garden - Yoko Museum

The mysterious connection between Tower Gate and Tokyo Station

In the Takeo Onsen Tower Gate, wooden relief carvings of the characters "f" (Nezumi:mouse), "fl" (Usagi:rabbit), "ff" (Uma:horse) and "ff (Tori:bird) appear in the four corners of the second story ceiling, which correspond with the four characters in the Chinese zodiac representing the cardinal directions of North, South, East and West.

Meanwhile, the dome ceilings found on the north and south sides of Tokyo Station that were renovated in 2012 contain eight other carved reliefs from the Chinese zodiac such as the characters '臣'(Hebi:snake), '辰' (Tatsu:dragon) and '孝'(Inoshishi:boar). The reason for only eight reliefs at Tokyo Station was a long-held riddle, until it was realized they completed the 12 signs of the Chinese zodiac when combined with the remaining four carvings in the Tokeo Onsen Tower Gate.

Tower Gate Zodiac Carvings Guided Tour

Limited 1 hour viewing session in morning! Feature a tour guide to explain the zodiac carvings to visitors.



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Address 7425 Oaza-Takeo, Takeo-cho Tel 0954-23-2001 (Takeo Onsen, Inc.)

Hours 9:00-10:00 (approx. 20 mins. per session) Closed Tuesdays

Cost Adults 400 yen (Includes ticket for Motoyu onsen fee)

> *Tatsuno Kingo Architect from Saga's Karatsu City that worked on Tokyo Station and the Bank of Japan





Takeo Onsen Tower Gate & Shinkan

Designed by Tatsuno Kingo, the Takeo Onsen Tower Gate - Shinkan was built in the traditional Japanese design, but with many accents using modern construction techniques. The structure marks one of the few Japanese style buildings that Tatsuno Kingo helped design.

Takeo Onsen: A premier Onsen much beloved by prominent historical figure Toyotomi Hideyoshi

Takeo Onsen's Shinkan building contains an official copy of Shogun Toyotomi Hideyoshi's "Onsen Decree" stamped with the Shogun's seal from Japan's Warring States era (Sengoku-jidai). Written in 1592 (Japanese Burnoku era, year one), the decree outlines an Onsen code of conduct for the legions of soldiers that would visit the Onsen to relax prior to dispatching to the Imjin war in modern day Korea, and contains rules such as "Don't bother the locals," and "Visitors shall pay the Onsen fee."



Color Traditional Saga Yumino-Ningyo Dolls





To color peace dove flutes or Good Fortune Owls

Traditional Saga Yumino-Ningyo-Dolls were started by a Doll maker in Kyushu's Hakata region. It is believed that Saga's Yumino-Ningyo-doll craft originated from a famous doll maker Harada Kamejiro who never tired of the beauty in the eponymously named Hakata dolls. After pilgrimaging throughout the various regions of Kyushu it is said Yumino-Ningyo dolls originated when Harada started making clay dolls in the Yumino-Ningyo-district in year 1882 (today's Nishikawa Nobori-cho in Takeo City). Yumino-Ningyo-dolls are famous for their plump, appealing yet simple shapes, as well as bright and fresh colors. Visitors may bring home their own Yumino-Ningyo dolls after coloring them.

Address 805 Showa, Takeo-cho
Tel 0954-22-4597 (Takeo Onsen Gift Shop)
Cost Dove flute 1,000 yen, Owl 1,500 yen

Time approx. 40 minutes

Availability 1 - 100 people (large groups welcome!)

*Reservations requested in advance. Same day reservations possible for small groups.



Plum Farm Attraction

Using an exclusive selection of supreme quality, freshly picked, ripe Kinari Nanko plums specially reserved for private tasting, a plum farmer will teach visitors about the wonders and flavors of Japan's famous Ume plums (Kinari plums are harvested later than usual to fully ripen the fruit).

Address Motobeyamanaka, Wakaki-cho (Near Wakaki Golf Club)

Tel 0954-26-2044 (Ohyakusho fun farm

Products attempted Plum jam, plum sake, plum juice, plum miso

Season Middle of June - end of July (reservation required)

Time About an hour (depends on activity)
Availability One person or more
Cost 1500 yen for adults, 500 yen for

pre-highschool students (Ingredients and materials charged separately)

*Reservations accepted up to one day in advance.



Yabusame Horseback Archery Experience

Try your hand as a horse-mounted archer to actually shoot an arrow from a specially trained horse while wearing a traditional archer's costume.

Address Yabusame horse stable at Takeo Shrine (below Takeo Shrine)

Tel 080-2783-4122 (Takeo Yabusame equestrian club)
Time Two hours (only open 10:00 - 12:00 on Sundays)
Availability Minimum of at least two participants
Cost 10,000 yen per person.

Reservations accepted up to one day in advance.



YouTube



Amusement and fun spots

Saga Prefectural Space museum, Yumeginga

Very popular with kids!

Visit the largest natural science pavilion in Kyushu to learn about Saga's local history, natural phenomena and space. Visitors can enjoy a simulated walk on the surface of the moon.



Address 16351 Oaza-Nagashima, Takeo-cho



Meritta Kids TAKEO

An indoor play center with options for all ages, including play equipment like a trampoline and climbing wall that combines having fun with physical activity.

Address 1331 Amahisa, Asahi-cho Tel 0954-23-0175

Takeo Traditional **Activities**

Visitors can spend time with craftsmen and artists with special experience









To making a shiny

ornamental clay balls

Cost

- ·Pottery Activity: Starting at 1,000 yen (painting, pottery wheel, hand formed pottery and more)
 • Traditional textile drying: Starting at 2,500 yen
- ·Making a ornamental clay balls: 800 yen
- Sutra scribing activity: 1000 yen (includes temple prayer donation)
- Outdoor activity: adults 1,500 yen, children 1,000 yen (bake pizzas or make Baumkuchen German pastries in an outdoor oven)

Availability 1 - 10 people

Tel 0954-23-7766 (Takeo Tourist Association)

* Advanced reservation may be required depending on the activity.

Mt. Kurokami hiking Mt. Kurokami is a 516m high mountain that

Experience being a Geisha Activity

Traditional makeup and costumes to experience the dignified beauty of living as a Geisha. Male visitors also welcome to try.

Time Two hours

Availability One person or more Cost 6,000 yen per person Tel 0954-22-4039

Takeo Onsen Performance Art Association (Fuji Office)

*Reservations required three days in advance.



Activities for enjoying in the great nature

Go on a hike or mountain trekking!









Kyushu Olle Takeo Course

The Kyushu Olle is a sister-version trekking trail similar to the original Jeju-Olle trail that originates from the Korean Island of Jeju. The Takeo Course started as the first Kyushu Olle trail in March 2012. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy the course at their leisure, which contains several ornamental trail markers like a sculpture called Kanse built to resemble the horses of Jeju Island, blue and red ribbons, wooden arrows shows directions.

Official HP for Kyushu Olle: http://goo.gl/ydldGq



straddles Takeo City and the town of Arita. The area was selected as one of "100 beautiful Japanese locations to preserve into the 21st Century." The mountain features several hiking trails, and is a great location for hiking novices to enjoy a mountain hike. Visitors can enjoy a 360° panoramic view from the rocky ridge at the top of the mountain.







Takeo Ureshino Marchen Village

Families are welcome to spend the day enjoying the attractions at Marchen Village, an amusement park situated within a lush forest. Visitors can enjoy the park's animals like squirrels and raccoons.

Address 20040 Oaza-Jinroku, Nishikawanobori-cho Tel 0954-28-2835



Takeo Onsen "Hoyomura" Park Tourist Boat dock

The Lake Ikenouchi inside the Takeo Onsen "Hovomura" park has Swan shaped pedal boats and hand-crank boats

Address 16355 Oaza-Nagashima, Takeo-cho Tel 0954-23-2854



Takeo Keirin Bike Racing Park

Keirin bike racing park has large children's play equipment, and mini-BMX course.

Address 4439 Oaza-Takeo, Takeo-cho Tel 0954-23-2701 (Takeo Keirin Bike Racing Office)



It figures that in the Takeo-Kitagata area that used to be a busy hub of coal mining activity, the healthy and hearty servings of Chanpon dishes were relished by the mine workers that toiled in the region between the Meiji and Showa periods. That hearty gourmet tradition lives on today, as Takeo's premier soulfood. With it's numerous Chanpon restaurants lining the streets, this portion of Japan's State Highway 34 is referred

Drive-in Kamiya

This Katsudon features a secret soy-sauce based glaze that has been passed down over the years. The portions of juicy egg topping on the pork cutlet.

Address

Katsudon

96 Oaza-Shiku, Kitagata-cho Tel 0954-36-2915 Closed Sundays

Ide-Chanpon Honten

Delicious Chanpon with original tonkotsu pork-bone soup, topped off with heaps of vegetables almost spilling over the rim. Chanpon is a healthy dish that is popular with the ladies.

Address 1928 Oaza-Shiku, Kitagata-cho Tel 0954-36-2047

Closed Wednesdays, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

Takeo's Popular
Gourmet spots
Top-3!







Takeo Onsen Station Cafe: Kairodo

This Saga Beef bento series claims three consecutive victories in the Kyushu ekiben (train station bento) competition. Pick one up to enjoy delicious A5-class Saga beef.

Address 8249-4 Oaza-Tomioka, Takeo-cho Tel 0954-22-2767

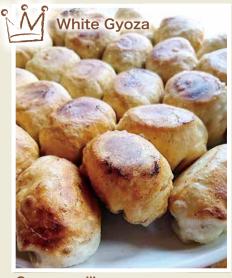
Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day



TKB AWARDS

Takeo City's original burger that started in the corner of a famous local butcher shop called "Nikuno Nakamuraya". Options available for both dine-in or

Address 7811-5 Oaza-Tomioka, Takeo-cho Tel 080-3958-3411 Closed Mondays



Gyoza pavilion

One of Takeo's other soul foods: Gyoza with thick wonton wrappings chock full of delicious fillings. These Gyoza are even better when enjoyed with a serving of Moshi-moshi Ramen noodles

Address 12397-1 Oaza-Tomioka, Takeo-cho Tel 0954-22-3472 Closed Thursdays

Sweets **Pancakes**



Kyushu Pancake Cafe Takeo Kids Library

Pancake specialty restaurant using flour and grains 100% sourced locally from Kyushu.

Address 5304-1 Oaza-Takeo, Takeo-cho Tel 0954-23-0644

Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day



Beee + marché and cafe You can enjoy body and mental - friendly menu using seasonal vegetable and fruit.

Address 6704-3 Oaza-Nagano, Higashikawanobori-cho

Tel 0954-33-8025 Closed Occassionally closed





Takeo Onsen Gift Shop **Sweets Factory Queue**

Ice cream dessert using Takeo - made coriander. Address 805 Oaza-Showa, Takeo-cho Tel 0954-22-4597

Hot-pot with local Takeo lemon grass and wild boar meat! /



Seasonal gourmet cuisine: Konomi

Visitors can expect original dishes featuring local Kyushu ingredients primarily from the Takeo region, like Takeo wild boar meat and Takeo's original Wakakusu brand pork.

Address 7754-3 Oaza-Tomioka, Takeo-cho Tel 0954-23-3622 Closed Sundays

Very popular with women

Soy croquette set meal



Very popular with women

Healthy vegetable dishes



Enjoy dishes featuring locally produced, fresh vegetables in a buffet style setting.

Address 14700-1 Oaza-Mimasaka-ko, Yamauchi-cho

Tel 0954-45-6012 Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

New menu!



Japanese restaurant Daifuji

Featuring deep fried pork tonkatsu with Takeo brand Wakakusu pork. This tonkatsu delivers the perfect combination of a sweetness of the pork fat with Kyushu-style sweet and salty tonkatsu sauce.

Address 67 Oaza-Takeo, Takeo-cho Tel 0954-23-3754 Closed Tuesdays

Groups welcome!

Saga beef Gozen set meal



Takeo Onsen Gift Shop Large buses OK (room for up to 350)

Lunch options for groups (five or larger) such as the Saga beef Gozen set meal with local ingredients, or other seasonal lunch options. Many local specialty items are also on sale here

Address 805 Oaza-Showa, Takeo-cho Tel 0954-22-4597 Open year round. Advanced reservations required.

Groups welcome!/

Hanaren Kaiseki (multiple dish set menu) course



Wasai Hanaren Large buses OK (room for up to 100)

Artisanal gourmet cuisine featuring the freshest and seasonal seafood sourced from the local Genkai sea, with locally produced vegetables in an authentic, relaxing Japanese style ambiance.

Address 15316-1 Oaza-Mimasaka-ko, Yamauchi-cho

Tel 0954-45-5050 Closed Wednesdays Advanced reservations required.





Lemongrass

The lemongrass which is grown in idle crop land found throughout the mountain regions surrounding Takeo. The lemongrass is grown with absolutely no chemicals or fertilizers, using environmentally friendly farming methods.

Takeo Sodachi Lemongrass Happy farmers

Address 9583-3 Oaza-Tonomi, Yamauchi-cho Tel 0954-45-5777

Takeo-yaki pottery

Pottery from Takeo boasts a history extending back beyond 400 years. The region is home to nearly 90 pottery with a variety of pottery wares. Many wonderfully unique items are created by Takeo's potters, including both brown-style pottery that bring out the earthen accents of the clay, to shiny white porcelain pieces. Takeo potters also hold open studio days in Autumn to present their wares and pottery studios to visitors.



We deliver!

Takeo skin beauty products

Soy Beauty-Bean Series



Soy yokane! Products featuring local Saga fukuyutaka soy beans

These soy based products are a safe and healthy option using only locally sourced ingredients without any artificial additives. The Soy Beauty-bean series is rich in ingredients and nutrients essential to female health, like isoflavones, iron and dietary fibers.

Mivamoto Kuniseika

Address 7774-8 Oaza-Takeo, Takeo-cho Tel 0954-22-2445

Black rice series

Serving black rice udon using udon noodles infused with black rice grown locally in Takeo City's Yamauchi neighborhood. These noodles have wonderful spongy texture and smooth finish unique to udon noodles made with black rice.

Coffee shop Kizou Address 7353 Oaza-Takeo, Takeo-cho Tel 0954-22-2662





All natural gourd face lotion using gourds grown completely organically with no chemicals or artificial fertilizers.

Hechimaya Gunseisha

Address 27485 Oaza-Mateno, Takeo-cho Tel 050-3432-9567



Botan-yu oil

Moisturizing cream made with a combination of wild boar fatty oils and lemongrass essence.

Takeo Wild Meat and Poultry Processing Center Yaman-kujira

Address 9257-2 Oaza-Tonomi, Yamauchi-cho Tel 0954-45-2700

Takeo specialty gift shop



Takeo Onsen Gift Shop

Address 805 Oaza-Showa, Takeo-cho
Tel 0954-22-4597 Open year round.



Roadside Station Yamauchi : Kurokami-no-sato

Address 14697-2 Oaza-Mimasaka-ko, Yamauchi-cho Tel 0954-45-6009 Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

Visit the Tower Gate on Sunday mornings!



morning market

Address Takeo Onsen street

Times Every Sunday 7:30 - 9:30



Takeo Onsen

The first written record of Takeo Onsen appears nearly 1,300 years ago in ancient historical records on the local area called Hizen Fudoki.

Today, Takeo Onsen is still cherished by many visitors as the "Onsen for beauty," due to its many mineral properties for maintaining beautiful and healthy skin, such as the onsen's simple (tanjunsen) thermal waters with light alkaline content and abundance of moisturizing agents. Takeo offers many traditional inns and hotels even for day trip visits to enjoy Japan's onsen culture, such as the oldest wooden building Motoyu public bath still in use today, or the Tonosama-yu private bath made of marble construction that used to be for the exclusive usage of local feudal lords.









Hotel and inn information

(day trips and private reserved baths)

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|--|-----------------|-----------------------|----------|---|
| Name | Tel | Number of rooms | Capacity | Fee One night including two meals (tax not included) |
| Mifuneyama Rakuen Hotel Day visits OK Private rentals OK | 0954 23-3131 | 36 | 132 | From 10,370 yen |
| 2 Onyado Chikurintei | 0954 23-0210 | 11 | 46 | From 41,750 yen |
| 3 Takeo Onsen Kyotoya Day visits OK | 0954 23-2171 | 35 | 120 | From 12,000 yen |
| 4 Nakamasu Day visits OK | 0954 22-3118 | 28 | 120 | From 10,000 yen |
| 5 Takeo Century Hotel Day visits OK | 0954 22-2200 | 48 | 114 | From 12,000 yen |
| 6 Hotel Shunkeiya Day visits OK | 0954 22-2101 | 24 | 126 | From 12,000 yen |
| Wakamatsuya Ryokan Private rentals OK | 0954 22-3101 | 13 | 30 | From 10,000 yen |
| 8 Kaiseki-yado Ougiya Day visits OK Private rentals OK | 0954 22-3188 | 7 | 30 | From 18,000 yen |
| Yumotoso Toyokan | 0954 22-2191 | 24 | 70 | From 15,000 yen |
| ®Ryokan Shirasagiso | 0954 22-2240 | 10 | 40 | From 6,000 yen |
| Takeo Onsen Romontei Day visits OK Private rentals OK | 0954 23-2111 | 16 | 45 | From 4,028 yen accommodation only. No meals |
| Personal Hotel YOU | 0954 23-2007 | 37 | 46 | From 5,260 yen breakfast included |
| Aburaya | 0954 23-2504 | 7 | 12 | From 5,500 yen |
| Central Hotel Takeo Onsen Eki-mae | 0954 20-1234 | 173 | 245 | From 5,880 yen includes free breakfast |
| Takeo Onsen Heights Day visits OK | 0954 23-8151 | 29 | 142 | From 9,000 yen |
| (6) Takeo Onsen Mori- no-resort Hotel Day visits OK | 0954 23-4477 | 44 | 130 | From 10,500 yen |
| Tharbor rest house Minatoso | 0954 23-6138 | 7 | 33 | From 6,630 yen |
| Takeo Onsen Youth Hostel | 0954 22-2490 | 14 | 80 | 3,750 yen (general public) 3,150 yen (members) includes free breakfast |
| (9 Pension Picnic Day visits OK) Private rentals OK | 0954 20-0044 | 7 | 30 | From 7,600 yen |
| Nanairo-no-yu Day visits OK Private rentals OK | 0954 36-5926 | 12 | 45 | From 9,800 yen |
| ②Oku Takeo Onsen Kaze-no-mori | 0954 20-6060 | 11 | 22 | From 25,000 yen |





Additional info on Takeo tourism options http://www.takeo-kk.net/





Takeo City Tourism Association

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