

Popular Tourist Routes

Karatsu is filled with amazing landscapes and historic buildings and rich and delicious foods. We have picked up two routes that offer stunning ocean, mountain, and city views.

Recommended walking routes of KARATSU for tourists

START!! Karatsu Station

- A** Former Karatsu Bank (7 minute walk)
- B** Karatsu Shrine (6 minute walk)
- C** Hikiyama Float Exhibition Hall (1 minute walk)
- D** Former Oshima Residence (3 minute walk)
- E** Former Takatori Residence (4 minute walk)
- F** Ishigaki no Sango Michi (Promenade of Stone Walls) & Karatsu Castle (8 minute walk)

Stroll around the city!

GOAL!! Residence of Koreyoshi Takatori, Kikihama Coal Mine Teyoon

Recommended driving routes of KARATSU for tourists

START!! Karatsu Station

- A** Whaling Group Owner's House: Nakao Residence (Approx. 12 minute drive)
- B** Saga Prefectural Nagoya Castle Museum and Nagoya Castle Ruins (Approx. 12 minute drive)
- C** Hado Cape & Genkai Underwater Observation Tower (Approx. 7 minute drive)
- D** Enjoy nature and history! (Approx. 9 minute drive)
- E** You can find all local specialties here (Approx. 3 minute drive)

GOAL!! Hado Cape & Genkai Underwater Observation Tower

How long does it take to get to the destination from Karatsu Station?

- Karatsu Station - Kashibaru Marsh (35 minutes)
- Karatsu Station - Terraced Paddy Fields in Warabino (37 minutes)
- Karatsu Station - Niji-no-Matsubara Pine Groves (12 minutes)
- Karatsu Station - Yobuko-ohashi Bridge (30 minutes)

Detailed Map of Karatsu City Center

ACCESS GUIDE

Taxi

Karatsu Kanko Taxi ☎(0955)72-4141 (main)	Genkai Taxi ☎(0955)52-2222
Showa Taxi ☎(0955)74-1234 (main)	Iwaya Taxi ☎(0955)63-2188
Karatsu Taxi ☎(0955)72-4222 (main)	Chinzei Taxi ☎(0955)82-2121 (main)
Onsen Taxi ☎(0955)70-5555	Nanayama Taxi ☎(0955)58-2154

Parking Lot

P1 Higashijonai Parking Lot 189 regular-car and 5 large-car parking spaces	P4 Zaimokumachi Parking Lot 96 regular-car and 2 compact-car parking spaces
P2 Former Takatori House Parking Lot 89 regular-car and 3 large-car parking spaces	P5 Furusato Hall Arpino 127 regular-car and 8 large-car parking spaces
P3 Minamijonai Parking Lot 149 regular-car parking spaces	P6 Karatsu Portside Parking Lot (Yobukocho) 129 regular-car and 10 large-car parking spaces

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✈️ Airplane

Tokyo/Haneda	Approx. 1 hour and 30 minutes	Fukuoka Airport
Nagoya/Chubu	Approx. 1 hour and 15 minutes	Fukuoka Airport
Osaka/Itami	Approx. 1 hour and 5 minutes	Fukuoka Airport
Tokyo/Haneda	Approx. 1 hour and 20 minutes	Saga Airport

🚆 Train

JR Karatsu Station ☎0955-72-5801

Tokyo	Tokaido/Sanyo Shinkansen (Minimum 3 hours and 12 minutes)	Fukuoka
Nagoya	Tokaido/Sanyo Shinkansen (Minimum 2 hours and 21 minutes)	Fukuoka
Hiroshima	Sanyo Shinkansen line (Minimum 62 minutes)	Fukuoka
Kagoshima-Chuo	Kyushu Shinkansen line (Minimum 77 minutes)	Fukuoka
Nagasaki	JR Nagasaki main line (Minimum 71 minutes)	Saga

🚗 Car Rental

Cal Rent-a-Car & Lease: JR Rent-a-Car Karatsu Station ☎(0955)74-3611

Toyota Rent-a-Car Karatsu Eki-dori ☎(0955)75-7121

Times Car Rental Karatsu ☎(0955)73-1851

Takashima/Ferry (New Takashima) Timetable

From Karatsu (Hoto-sanbashi Pier)	From Takashima Island
7:50 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
11:40 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
2:10 p.m.	1:20 p.m.
4:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.

List of Tourist Attractions

Facility name	Address and phone number	Opening hours	Closing days	Admission fees
Karatsu Castle (castle tower)	Higashijonai 8-1, Karatsu ☎0955(72)5697	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (admission until 4:45 p.m.)	12/29 - 31	Adults: ¥500 Elementary and junior high school students: ¥250
Former Takatori Residence	Kitajonai 5-40, Karatsu ☎0955(75)0289	9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (admission until 4:30 p.m.)	Monday for Tuesday if Monday is a national holiday 12/29 - 1/3	Adults: ¥510 Elementary and junior high school students: ¥250
Former Oshima Residence	Minamijonai 4-23, Karatsu ☎0955(73)0423	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Wednesday for Thursday if Wednesday is a national holiday 12/29 - 1/3	Adults: ¥100 Elementary and junior high school students: ¥50
Hikiyama Float Exhibition Hall	Nishijonai 6-33, Karatsu ☎0955(73)4361	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (admission until 4:45 p.m.)	First Tuesday and Wednesday in December 12/29 - 31	Adults: ¥300 Elementary and junior high school students: ¥150
Former Karatsu Bank	Honmachi 1513-15, Karatsu ☎0955(70)1717	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	12/29 - 31	Admission free
Kawamura Museum	Kitajonai 6-5, Karatsu ☎0955(73)2868	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (admission until 4:30 p.m.)	Monday for Friday and Year-end and New Year's Holidays	Adults: ¥500 High school and university students: ¥400 Elementary and junior high school students: Free
Nishinomori Yakata	Kitajonai 1-8, Karatsu ☎0955(75)3667	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Monday for Tuesday if Monday is a national holiday 12/29 - 1/3	Admission free
Uzumemon no Yakata	Kitajonai 6-56, Karatsu ☎0955(75)1810	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Monday for Tuesday if Monday is a national holiday 12/29 - 1/3	Admission free
Matsuro-kan	Nabatake 3359-2, Karatsu ☎0955(73)3673	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Monday for Tuesday if Monday is a national holiday 12/29 - 1/3	Adults: ¥200 Elementary and junior high school students: ¥100
Kodai no Mori Hall	Kagami 1826-2, Karatsu ☎0955(77)3510	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Monday for Tuesday if Monday is a national holiday 12/29 - 1/3	Admission free
Karatsu Furusato Hall Arpino	Shinomachi 2881-1, Karatsu ☎0955(73)4888	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	12/30 - 1/1	Admission free
Karatsu Ware Exhibition and Sales Hall	Shinomachi 2881-1, Karatsu ☎0955(73)4888	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	12/30 - 1/1	Admission free
Whaling Group Owner's House: Nakao Residence	Yobukocho Yobuko 2750-3, Karatsu ☎0955(82)2059	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Wednesday for Thursday if Wednesday is a national holiday 12/29 - 1/3	Adults: ¥200 Elementary and junior high school students: ¥100
Saga Prefectural Nagoya Castle Museum	Chinzeimachi Nagoya 1931-3, Karatsu ☎0955(82)4905	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Monday for Tuesday if Monday is a national holiday 12/29 - 1/3	Admission free *Admission charged when there are special exhibitions

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From Honshu: Kyushu Expressway (Approx. 85 minutes)

Toward Eastem Kyushu: Oita Expressway (Approx. 40 minutes)

Toward Western Kyushu: Nagasaki Expressway (Approx. 40 minutes)

Toward Southern Kyushu: Kyushu Expressway (Approx. 40 minutes)

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From Fukuoka: Fukuoka Urban Expressway, Nishi-Kyushu Expressway, and Nijo Hamamata Road (Approx. 85 minutes)

From Saga: Kyuragi-Taku Toll Road and National Road No. 203 (Approx. 61 minutes)

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From Ogi City: Tokuetsu Expressway (Approx. 70 minutes)

From Taku City: Taku Expressway (Approx. 61 minutes)

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From Karatsu: Showa Bus "Karatsu" (Approx. 60 minutes)

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ATTENTION! Hikiyama Exhibition Hall has been temporarily moved to ARPINO next to JR Karatsu Station. It is expected to reopen in 2025.

* The traveling times shown here are rough estimates.