

# Come and relax in nature of Taku.

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festival&event

# Experience the Festivities of Taku

Visiting & Taking a Break in Taku

Festivals & Events That Highlight Taku

## A Golf course

There are four golf courses in the city. (In order of distance from Taku Interchange Highway: "Tenzan Country Club North Course", "Tenzan Country Club", "Taku Golf Club", & "Saga Classic Golf Club.") Please refresh yourself within Taku's nature.



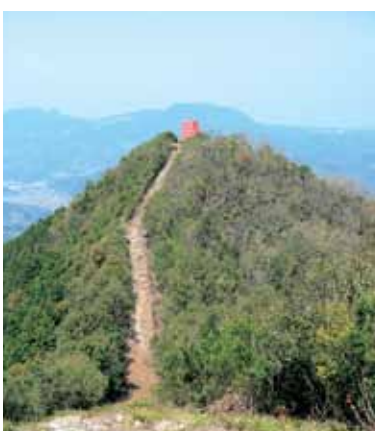
## B Mt. Funa Campsite

This campsite is only open during summer vacation. Bring a tent and enjoy camping, an experience different from a bungalow. Tents are available for rent. (For all inquiries, please contact the Life Study Section in City Hall.)



## C Mt. Oninohana Forest

There are entertainment facilities such as the Red Ogre Slide and Grass Ski Slide. In the open areas, one can enjoy a leisurely picnic with family and/or friends. Hikes to the top of the hill, view all of Saga prefecture.



## D Kyushu Natural Walkway Hachimandake Route



Stone monument of the Matsuurasayo princess legend

## E Kyushu Natural Walkway Tenzan Route



There are two routes that go through Taku: "Tenzan Route" & "Hachimandake Route." Hike up the mountain and the view from the summit is beautiful. Maps are available at the City Hall, so please feel free to use them.

## F Central Park

This is a park that is next to a city area. There are sports grounds, such as running tracks, baseball fields near the park and have a good time every season. This park is also known for its Sakura (Cherry Blossom) flowers.



## The Sekisai Festival of Taku's Confucian Temple

With over 300 years of history, the Sekisai Festival commemorates Confucius in a Chinese style festival held twice a year in the Spring (April 18th) and autumn (the fourth Sunday of October). Come watch performances of court music and ceremonial rituals of sacrificial offerings made to Confucius, Yanzi, Tsengtzu, and Zishizi. In this ceremony, Mencius's order consecrates sweet wine, almonds, chestnuts, Japanese parsley, vegetables, meat, bamboo shoots, rice cake, etc. Chinese poems, collected nationwide, are read aloud. After a ceremony, a dance of sekisai which is an entertainment of the Chinese tradition of a race is shown by the students of the local junior high school and high school. Also has Mr. Zhao Yong's Yang Harp performance, is a highlight of the Fall Festival.



Ceremony



Sekisai dance

Mr. Zhao's playing



12 NOVEMBER  
● Believes Festival (Second Sunday in December, Yoshida Cutting tool shop)  
● Taku Confucian Temple Fair (December 31st to January 1st, Taku Confucian Temple)

10 OCTOBER

● Taku Confucian Temple Sekisai Autumn Festival (Fourth Sunday in October, Taku Confucian Temple)

9 SEPTEMBER

● Tenzan Monument Ceremony (September 19th, Top of Mt. Tenzan)

8 AUGUST

● Taku Yamagasa (August 15, 16 around Taku station)

● Kikawa Tug-of-war (August 15th)

7 JULY

● Kanyun Motors of Taisuguo ceremony (July 14th, Senshoji)

● Sunahara 23rd night festival (23rd July, Sunahara-hu)

4 APRIL

● Taku Confucian Temple Spring Sekisai (April 18th, Taku Confucian Temple)

1 FEBRUARY

● Nanakusa Porridge Festival (An Analect of Confucius Karuta Competition)

Event Calendar

## Confucian Festival

A Confucian festival has been held after Autumn Sekisai. Since a cultural exchange with Qufu, China, in 1992, Traditional Chinese events, such as the Lion dance and Chinese drums are performed.

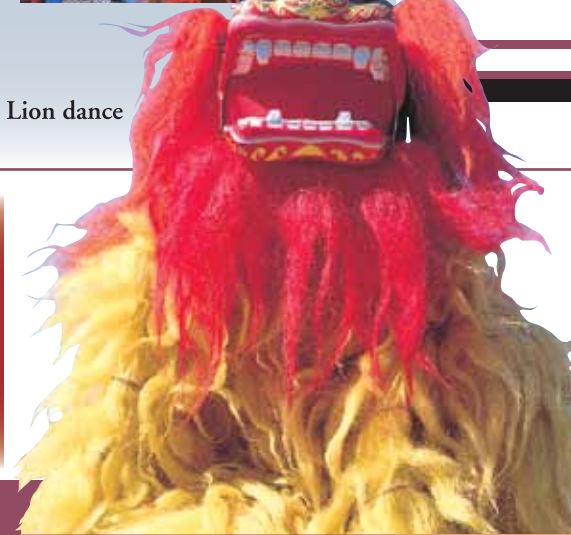
Children participate in a traditional Chinese dance



Child drum



Lion dance



# There are a lot of Taku products.

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# Enjoy the natural beauty of the four seasons in Taku.

## Kishikawa Manju



Some families in Kishigawa, Kitataku (northern Taku) still make "Sake Manju" using generational recipes and the traditional methods. Various types of manju. There are various types of manju

## Taku Manju



Their origins are traced back to the first year of the Meiji Period. These special manju were given to visitors who traveled to Taku. The 5 types of manju include: red bean paste, brown sugar, potato, and so on.

## "Confucius Manju", "Four Seasons of Tankyu"



"Four Seasons of Tankyu" is made with chestnut, plum, kumquat, and apricot products mixed into cakes. "Confucius Manju" is made with a puff cake filled with select bean paste.

## Studio "Tourei"



Using a "Light Ceramics" method, these attractive Karatsu Ceramic styled productions can hold mountain grass, flowers, incense, etc.

## Kanogama



Created with "Karatsu Ceramic" techniques, these works vary from daily basic tableware to egg-like objects as motif are gathered here.

## Doll Workshop "Seishinbo"



Peace and tranquility are the themes of these works. The most popular ones are those of scholars, Kanshi dolls of Japanese music courts, and Hina dolls.

## Yoshida Stage Tool Shop



Their sickles for cutting weeds are top graded throughout Japan. The company's direct sale location has many different products.

## Studio "Yakitake Yume Koubou"



Using bamboo grown in Taku, The bamboo is fashioned into a one of kind work of art. The works' sizes vary from 30cm to 3m.

## Product House Houraian

Confucius Analects Karuta card and study charms (blessed by Confucius, the "god of studies") can be purchased here along with pickled goods and other locally made product.

## Taku Hometown Information Center "Bansen-no sato"

Grown and harvested in Nishi Taku (West Taku), mountain vegetables, soft-shelled turtles, seasonal flowers, handmade crafts, etc. are sold here at reasonable prices.

## "Onnayama Daikon" (Radish)



This is a rare red daikon that has been cultivated in Nishi Taku since ancient times. It is a bit sweet, and it does not get mushy easily while being boiled. (Available in Bansen-no sato, from November to February)

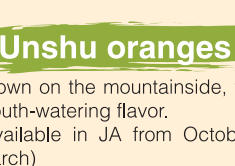
## Biwa

Taku prides itself as the leading producer of Biwa in Saga Prefecture. Blessed with sunshine and irrigation, the Biwa grown in Taku are especially sweet and juicy. (Available in JA, from the end of May to the beginning of June)



## Peaches

Cultivated near the end of March, Taku's peaches are known for their sweet nectar fragrance that coincide with the blooming of flowers. Try these peaches when they are completely red in color. (Available in JA, from mid-May to the beginning of July)



## Unshu oranges

Grown on the mountainside, these oranges bare mouth-watering flavor. (Available in JA from October to beginning of March)



## Taku's Rice "Hinohikari"

Rice that is grown through the warm climate and water creates the highest quality in taste. (Available in JA, Local Rice Shop)

## Year long Attractions.

### Taku River



as the kingfisher.

If you take a walk along the Taku River, you will feel relaxed. It is the perfect place for taking a stroll. You can see wild birds, such

### Maki Hedges



spread of a fire.

Approximately in 280 years ago, A feudal lord of Taku seems to have commanded to plant a tree of maki for prevention of

### The Three Cedar of Taku Hachimanjinia



Prefecture. They are 35meters high and 5.15m in diameter.

Huge Azalea Tree (June 10, Senshoji)

2000 Years Old Lotus (End of June to Middle of July Shoukouji, South of Taku Confucian Temple)

summer

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spring

Sakura Blossoms (From the end of March to the beginning of April, Seikei Park, Central Park, Iwayazankai Keiou Park)

Rape blossoms (From March to April, Nounso usizu riverside)



White eye



Kingfisher

In taku blessed by nature, other than the beautiful seasonal flowers, one can also see 140-150 different types of birds alone in Taku. Flowers, trees, birds, fish, insects, etc. - they are all our valuable friends.

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winter

Sakura (Cherry Blossom) of Seikei Park

Azalea Tree of Senshoji

Mt. Funa During Winter

Autumn foliage of Seikei Park

Colored Leaves From mid to end of November, Seikei Park, Takujiinja

Sunflower (End of October, Shoukouji)

See & Enjoy Nature

Try Taku's Specialties





Guide	
Facilities for tourist	sightseeing
Taku shrine of Confucian・Togenshoshu	☎ 0952-75-5112 (Foundation Confucian village)
Hometown history archives, Prescience archives, Historical archives	☎ 0952-75-3002 (Hometown history hall)
Seikei Park	☎ 0952-75-2117 (Industrial promotion class)
kudozukuri homes, "Kawata" and "Mori" home	☎ 0952-74-3241 (Life study section)
Taihei-an Liquor material hall	☎ 0952-76-2455
Taku City product center "Horai-an"	☎ 0952-74-2502 (TAKU City Sightseeing association)
Hometown Information Center Bansen-no Sato	☎ 0952-74-3239

Leisure facilities	leisure
Tenzan Country Club	☎ 0952-75-4181
Tenzan Country Club north part	☎ 0952-74-4730
Taku Golf Club	☎ 0952-75-5151
Saga Classic Golf Club	☎ 0952-75-2001

Hotel	lodging
Taku City Hotel Matuya	☎ 0952-75-6666
Tokiwa Hotel	☎ 0952-75-2062
Business hotel Matuya	☎ 0952-76-2426
Tougenshoshu (Training facilities)	☎ 0952-75-5112

Information	information
Taku City Business & Industry Sightseeing Section	☎ 0952-75-2117
Taku City Sightseeing Association	☎ 0952-74-2502
Foundation Confucian village	☎ 0952-75-5112
Taku City Business & Industry Society	☎ 0952-74-2144
JASaga Taku Agricultural Economy Enterprise Institute	☎ 0952-71-2077

It is the building where where thought of Takeron was put. The cold bush warblers awaiting spring..In winter, the bush warbler sings for springs and arrival, making the beautiful sound. In order for the people of Taku to achieve great things in the future, library (only the archives remains) to the people of Taku village of that time. With sakura blossoms in the spring and korekku (foliage) in the autumn, this park is always popular among locals.



Established by Munao Takurui in 1193, the tree which is nearly 600 years old.



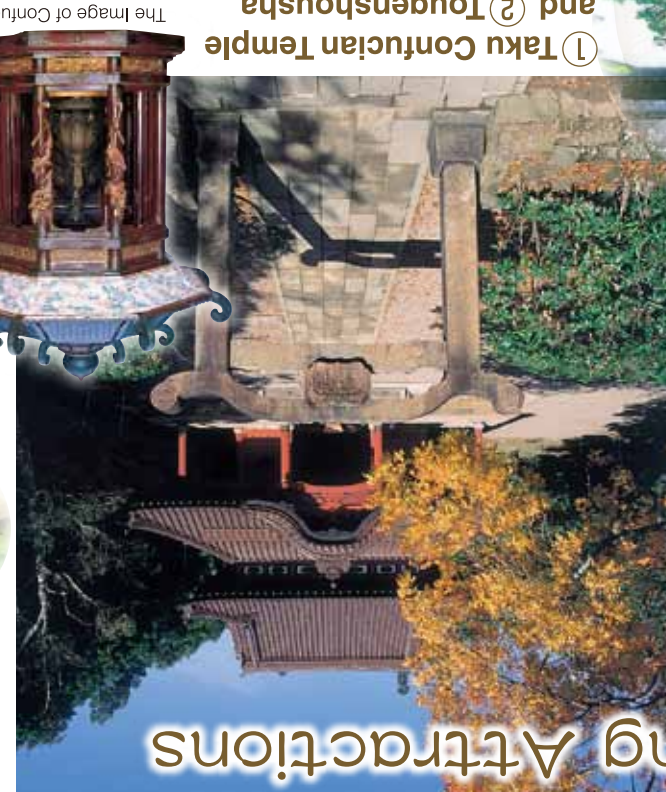
In 1570, Naganobu Kiyozuki founded Shoukouji. There are the graves of the first and second generation teachers (father and son-Ian and Sissai Kawa-nami) of the Tougenhousha, and a pond with what is said to be the world's most ancient flower-a "2000-year-old lotus".



"Kudozukuri" means that the roots are shaped like the katakana character "ko", and the ovens are in the shape of a "kudo". This architecture style is largely seen in the southern areas of Saga prefecture, and the buildings date back to as early as the mid 1800s.



Education has always been held in top priority by the residents of Taku. Fourth generational feudal lord Taku Shigeharu believed in the importance of education and set up study hall (Tougenshoshu) in 1699. At the same time, he founded the Taku Confucian temple in order to teach the importance of respect. After its completion, a traditional ceremony is held twice each year in the Spring and Autumn in commemoration of Confucius.



Taku is a place with a long history. The Confucian Temple periphery especially has many tourist attractions. How about taking a leisurely walk around the area?

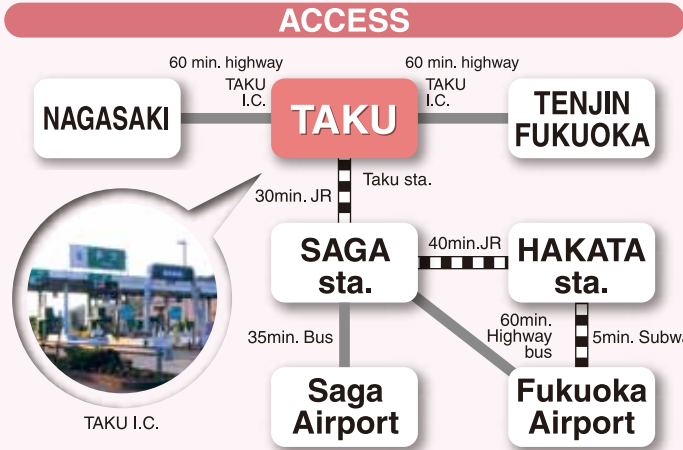
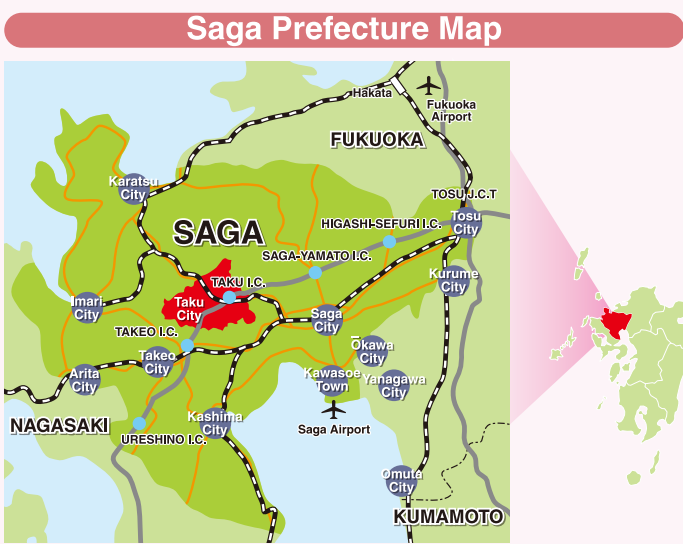
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有朋自遠方來。不亦樂乎。

How happy we are, to meet friends from afar.

Confucian village

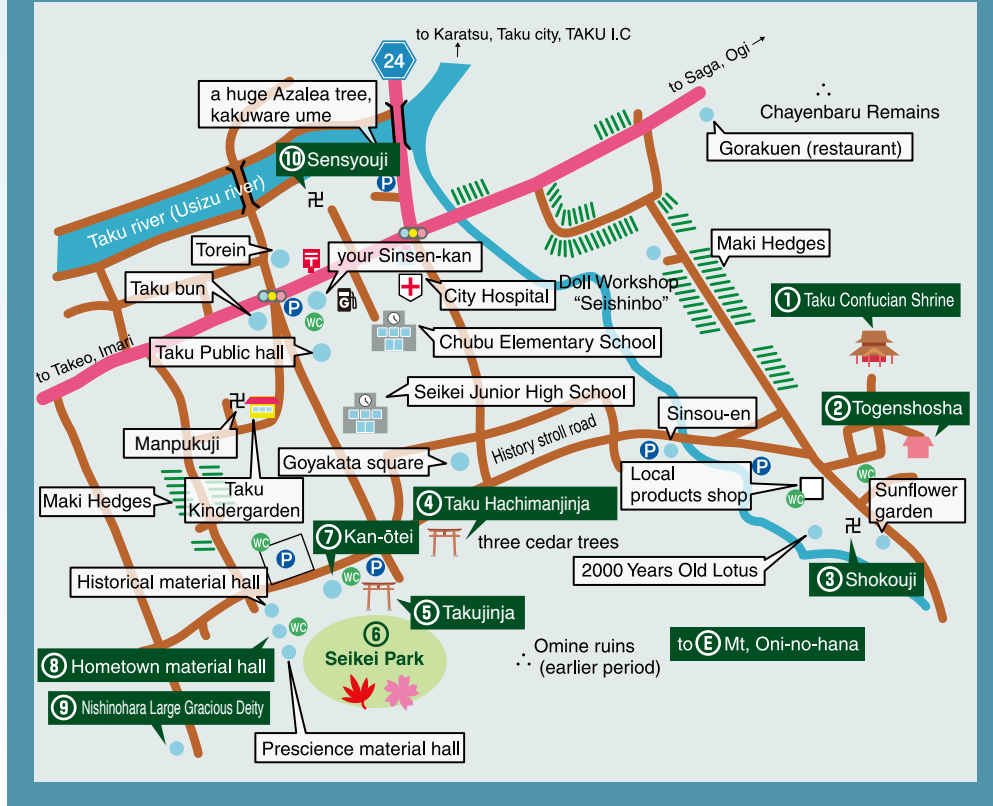
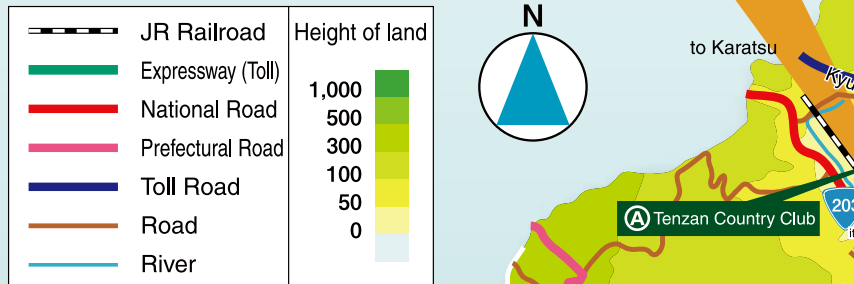
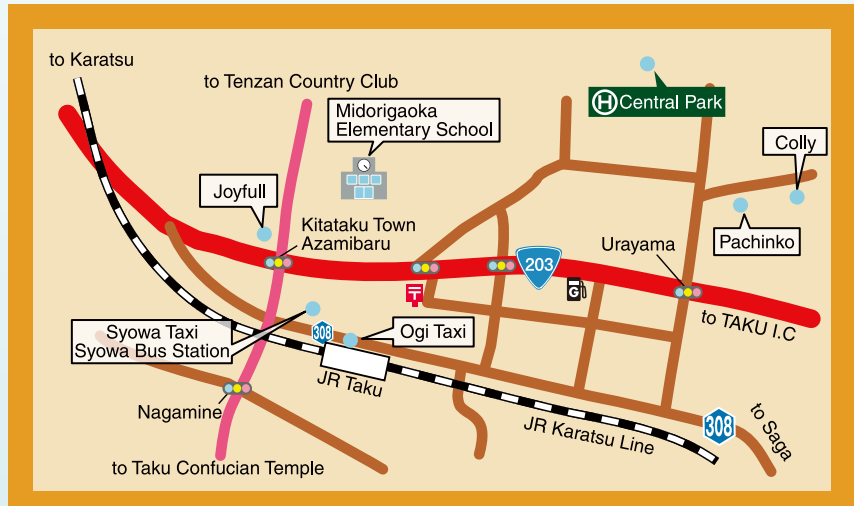
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Transportation	
Bus	Showa Bus Taku station ☎ 0952-75-2656 City bus (City Office) ☎ 0952-75-2113
Taxi	Showa Taxi (Taku office) ☎ 0952-75-2166 Ogi Taxi (Taku station ahead) ☎ 0952-75-2141
Rental	Toyota Rental Saga Taku office ☎ 0952-74-2331
JR	Taku station ☎ 0952-75-2820

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