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FALL IN NORTHERN KYUSHU



FUKUOKA

KYUDAI NO MORI

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Easily the most photogenic autumn hotspot in the world, Kyudai no Mori showcases the most stunning fall foliage views. The shades of red, yellow and orange create a beautiful contrast with the green and blue surface of the water, doubling its beauty.

Best time to visit: early to late November. ■

RAIZAN SENNYO-JI

It's like walking on the red carpet! Founded by an Indian Buddhist monk, Raizan Sennyo-ji Daihioin has 200 large maple trees over 400 years old, featuring bright red fall foliage. ■

GYORAKUEN

Designated as a National Site of Scenic Beauty, artist Sesshu established the Gyorakuen Garden in Kawasaki City showcasing the most incredible views in autumn. ■

Asakura City is Japan's leading producer of persimmons.

Kaki can be fruit-picked from early November to December - a must-do! ■



Safe in Style

Hakata-ori, one of Fukuoka's most famous traditional crafts, is a silk fabric first woven with a history dating back 700 years. In response to COVID-19, a local manufacturer distributed hakata-ori weaved facemasks. ■



RAIZAN SENNYO-JI



MIYAJIDAKE SHRINE



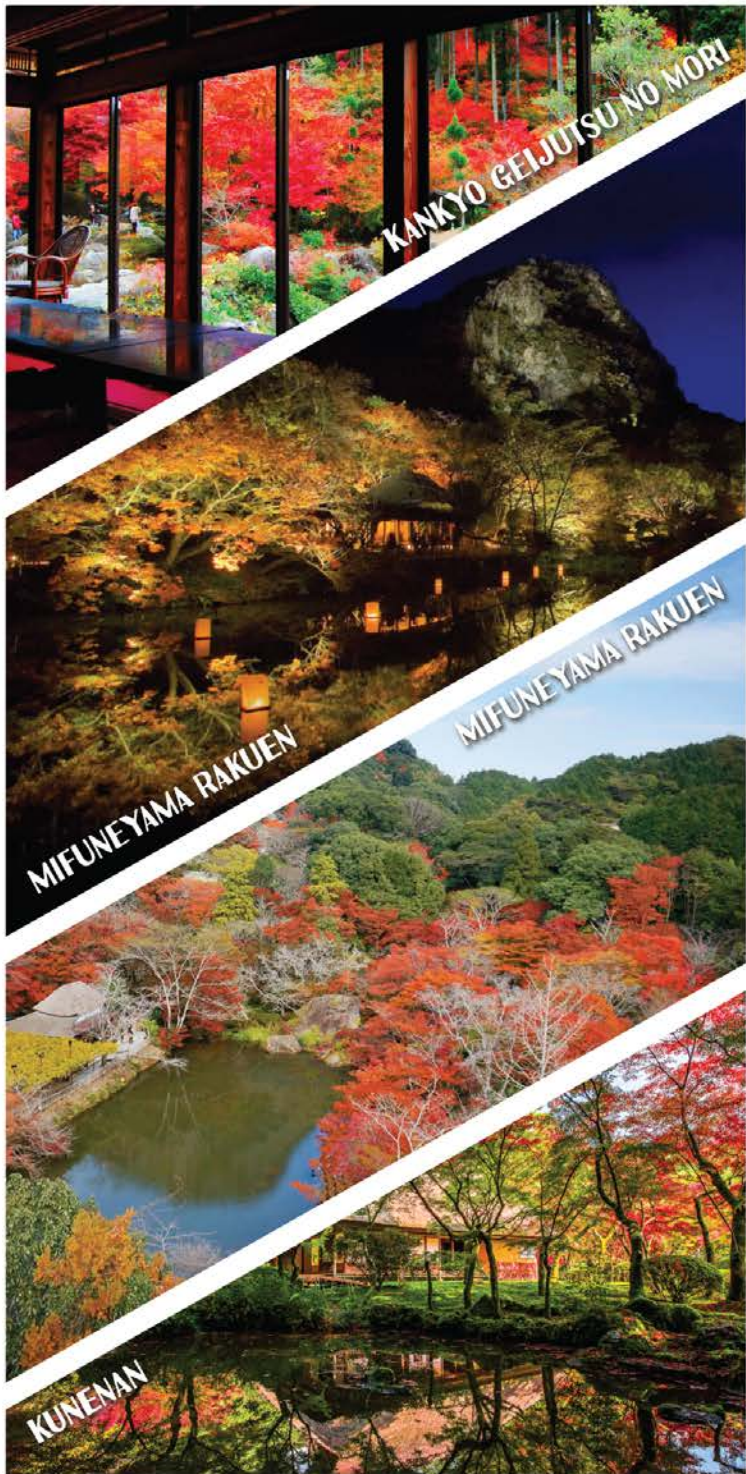
GYORAKUEN



HAKATA-ORI



AKIZUKI CASTLE



KANKYO GEIJUTSU NO MORI

With over 10,000 planted maple trees, this forest is an spectacle of vibrant colours every fall. Inside the 'Fuyu Sanso' freshly brewed hot matcha or torimeshi (chicken rice) can be enjoyed, while the beautiful fall foliage is reflected onto the mirrors. ■

MIFUNEYAMA

Whether day or night, the Edo Period-built Mifuneyama garden is home to the most stunning maple trees. A highlight is the 170-year-old maple tree in the heart of Mifuneyama. The Autumn Leaves Festival is hosted every year from November to December. ■



MATSUTAKE GOHAN

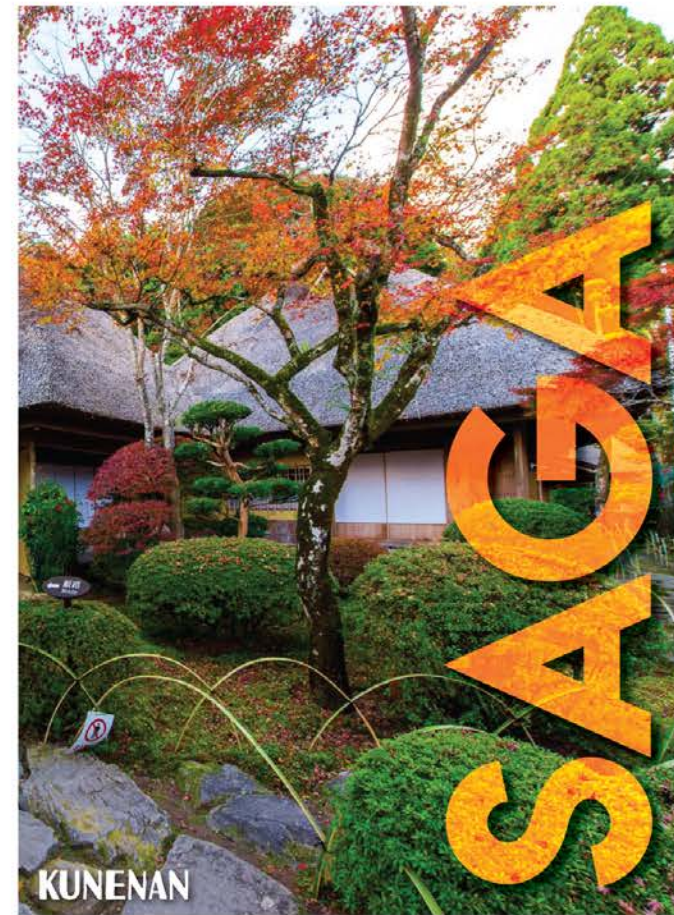
Every autumn, the Japanese look forward to newly harvested rice, or 'shinmai'. Being more porous, the taste and texture is a whole new experience.

The rather highly priced autumn-grown Matsutake mushroom compliments shinmai delightfully well. ■



KUNENAN

Only open nine days in autumn, the Kunenan mansion and garden is an autumn exclusive! From 8 am early birds stand in line to get tickets to one of the most mesmerizing hotspots for fall foliage in Kyushu. The former private mansion is encircled by the stunning garden, where the beautiful fall colours are accompanied by dark green moss covering the ground. ■





TSUSHIMA



SHINDENAN



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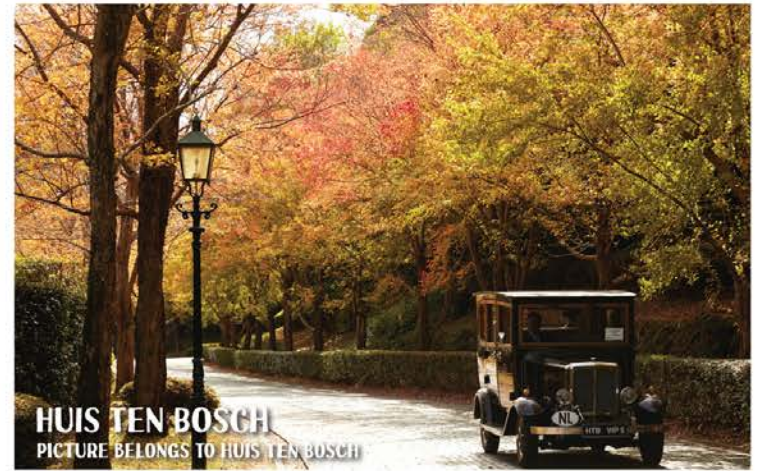
A stunning traditional Japanese garden with an attached tea room from where you can enjoy the mesmerizing view with a cup of freshly brewed matcha. Dating back to the Edo Period, the beautiful villa and garden are only open to the public in spring and autumn. ■

HUIS TEN BOSCH

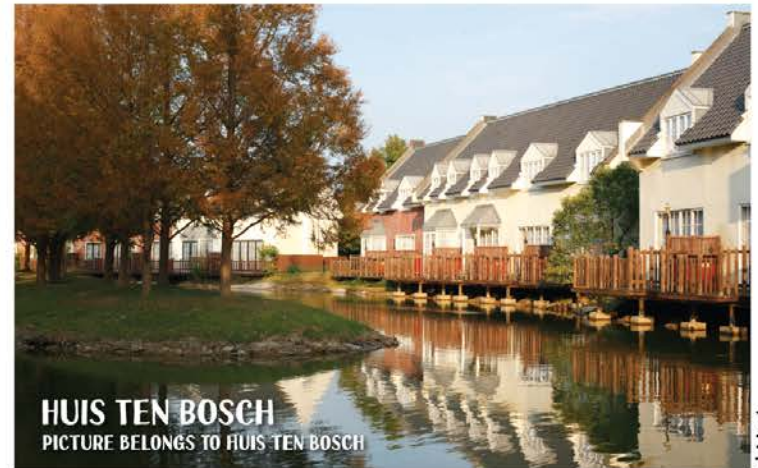
Why not travel to the Netherlands when you're in Kyushu anyway? The largest theme park in Japan, Nagasaki's Huis Ten Bosch features Europe from the Middle Ages. During autumn the lovely fall foliage enhances the park's international character. ■

NITA PASS

A stunning panoramic view from the observation deck between Myoken-dake and No-dake. ■



HUIS TEN BOSCH
PICTURE BELONGS TO HUIS TEN BOSCH



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NITA PASS

26 SAINTS OF JAPAN

Nagasaki is home to over 130 Catholic churches. Built in memory of the 26 Saints of Japan, prayers are made in the Catholic Shimabara Church to remember those who were martyred in 1597. ■

NAGASAKI



OITA

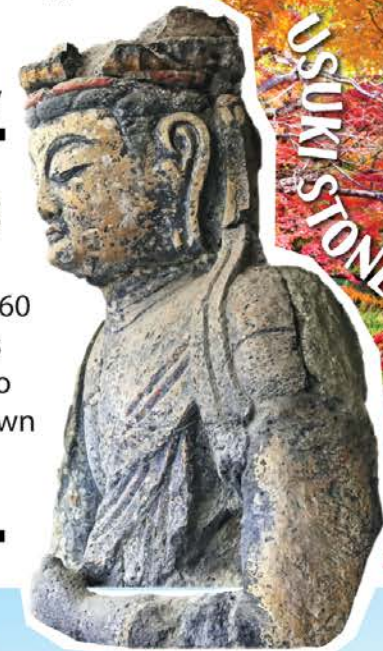
YUME OTSURIHASHI

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Opened in 2006, the almost 400-meter long Yume Otsurihashi is the highest suspension bridge in Japan. From a 173-meter height, an amazing palette of fall colours and the tranquil Shindo-no-Taki waterfalls attracts many visitors every autumn. ■

USUKI BUDDHAS

Approximately 40 km from Beppu, more than 60 figures of stone Buddhas (sekibutsu) are carved into rock face. While it is unknown who carved and why the sekibutsu are carved, they're estimatedly over 100 years old. ■



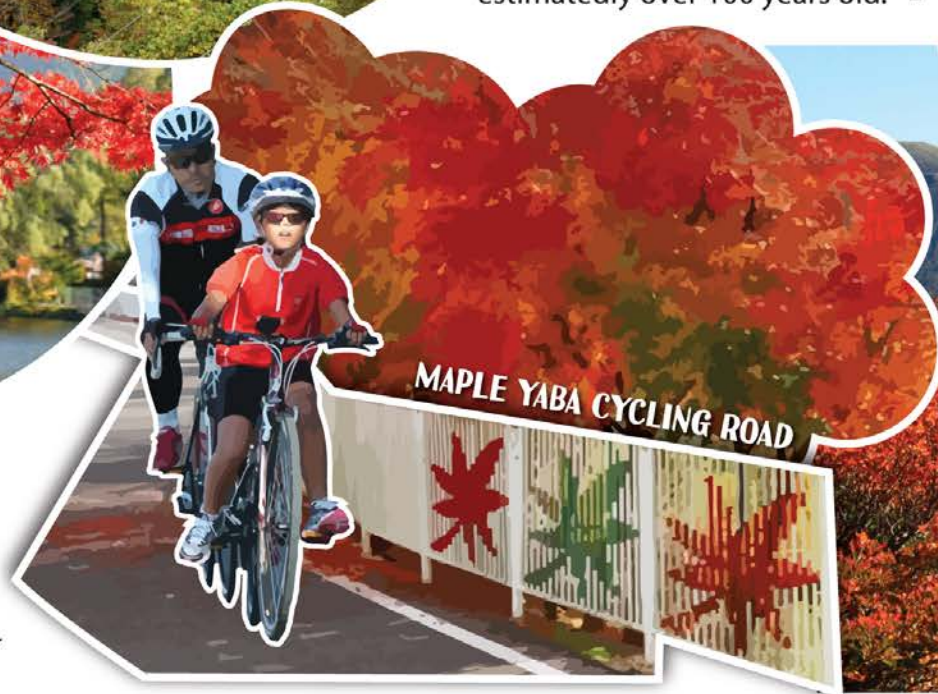
USUKI STONE BUDDHAS

KINRINKO

Famous for its enchanting morning mists, Lake Kinrin is best visited on an early autumn or winter morning. A hearty breakfast at one of the many local eats later, you will find yourself amazed at the vibrant fall colours after the morning mist has cleared. ■

MAPLE YABA CYCLING ROAD

Discover the charms of autumn on a bike ride! The 35-km long cycling-exclusive road makes for a wonderful solo or family trip. ■



MAPLE YABA CYCLING ROAD

YABAKEI

Dear Reader,

In our last (and very first) edition of *Kyushu in Focus*, we have introduced the stunning autumn colours of Southern Kyushu. From

Kumamoto's Yakagura to Miyazaki's dramatic Takachiho Gorge and Kagoshima's mesmerizing Sengan-en, we have seen just a few highlights of the many wonders Kyushu's nature show. Speaking of nature - did you enjoy the crossword?

FLOWER, BIRD, WIND, MOON.

Kachou Fuugetsu, or in other words: "experience the beauty of nature, and discover yourself in the process". Kyushu is one-of-a-kind, with nature and hidden treasures everywhere. A trip to Kyushu means a jump into its rejuvenating onsens, a sniff of its rich nature, eating your way through the prefectures.

Kyushu satiates not just your body, but also your mind and soul. And that's why Kachou Fuugetsu explains Kyushu perfectly.

Best wishes,

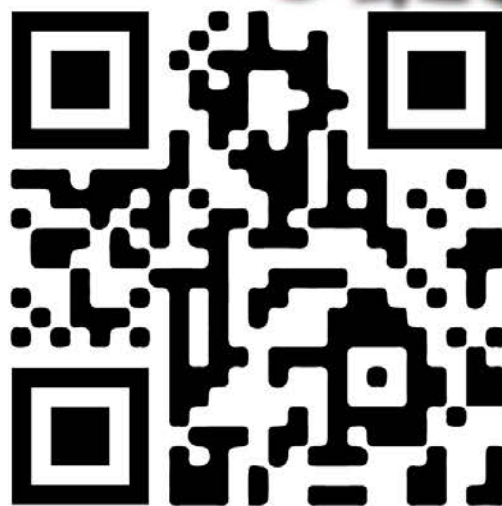
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KYU-CHAN IS EXCITED FOR THIS YEAR'S FALL FOLIAGE IN KYUSHU AND HAS FILMED A STEP-BY-STEP VIDEO ON MAPLE LEAF ORIGAMI FOR YOU TO SHARE ONLINE!



HI! I'M KYU-CHAN



<https://youtu.be/sumilq1czF8>

