

Arita - Town of Tradition and Nature

Arita Town is known as a major center of production of porcelain, one of Japan's traditional crafts. Inheriting the tradition and history of 400 years, nowadays still more than 100 kilns produce their individual porcelain. Arita is also a town with beautiful natural landscapes where one can find fireflies along clear rivers. Furthermore, Arita has rice farming areas, with its "Take Terrace Rice Fields" being selected as one of the top 100 rice fields in Japan. Western Arita is known for its agricultural value. Enjoy both Arita's ceramic ware and its cuisine that uses Arita's agricultural products and explore Arita at your own pace.

Many places to see

Arita Stroll Map



Beautiful valley that has been selected as one of the 100 most famous Japanese waters and Japanese forest water sources!



Take Terraced Rice Fields
The Rice Fields of Take are widening at the valley of the Mt. Kunimi, marking the prefectural border to Sasebo City.



Age: about 1000 years old
Height: 30.5m
National Natural Treasure



Izumiyama Quarry



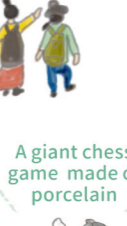
Arita Será



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There are also guardian dogs made of porcelain!



A giant chess game made of porcelain

- #### Map symbols
- Museum
 - Parking Lot
 - Information
 - Community Bus
 - Rent-a-Cycle
 - Restaurant/Cafe
 - Possible Take out
 - Toilet
 - Barrier free toilet
 - Convenience Store
 - Rent-a-Car
 - Bank
 - ATM
 - Wi-Fi Spot
 - Accommodation
 - Gas station
 - Temple
 - Shrine
 - School
 - Post Office

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How long it takes on foot

Arita Será	1.9 (1.2)	Arita Station	2.1 (1.3)	Arita Tourism Association Aritakan	0.3 (0.2)	Tonbai Walls (Kami-Kohira)	1.1 (0.7)	Izumiyama Quarry	0.6 (0.4)
The Kyushu Ceramic Museum	0.7 (0.4)	Grave of Kanagae Sanbe'e (Yi Sam-pyeong)	0.7 (0.4)	Tozan Shrine	0.3 (0.2)	Yi Sam-pyeong Monument	0.6 (0.4)		

How long it takes by car

Ryūmon Dam	4.5 (2.8)	Arita Será	1.9 (1.2)	Arita Station	2.2 (1.4)	Aritakan	1.3 (0.8)	Izumiyama Quarry	1.4 (0.9)
Take Terraced Rice Fields	7.8 (4.8)	Arita Town Office	5.2 (3.2)		4.8 (3)	Arita Porcelain Park			

The Kyushu Ceramic Museum
A mechanic clock made of Arita porcelain!

The shopping mall of Arita ware!

Important Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings

Sarayama Street

Arita Porcelain Park

- #### Arita Será
- Shino'e Tōjiki
 - Kinshōdō
 - Daikai
 - Kusaba Uichi Store
 - Marushige Tōki
 - Kawatake Tōki
 - Kuchiishi Kōundō
 - Fukaumi Sanryūdō
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Map of the Arita Uchiyama District

At the beginning of the 17th century, Arita, the first place in Japan where the porcelain industry succeeded, was under direct control of the feudal clan of Saga. The center of Arita was called "The 1000 houses of Arita". In 1828 a big fire destroyed large parts of the town and the present townscape was rebuilt on the remaining foundations. This townscape was selected as an Important Preservation Districts for Groups of Historical Buildings.



Name : Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings Arita Uchiyama
Division : Important Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings

In the preservation district many of the traditional buildings were built between the middle of the 19th until the middle of the 20th century.

Map Symbols

Key Landmarks and Text Callouts:

- Tashiro Western-style House:** The Tashiro Western-style house, or former Arita Ijinkan is an Important Cultural Asset of Saga Prefecture. Being built in 1876, this Western inspired building was used to host foreign merchants who came to Arita to acquire porcelain.
- Yi Sam-pyeong Monument:** This is the monument of Yi Sam-pyeong, the father of Arita ware who is believed to have discovered porcelain stone at Izumiyama.
- Shrine Gate:** The shrine gate is made of porcelain.
- Yi Sam-pyeong Shrine:** The Goddess of Mercy is enshrined here. Pray at for skillful fingertips, useful in the porcelain making business.
- Tonbai Walls:** During the Arita Ceramics Festivals cafés are open along the Tonbai Walls.
- Arta Station:** In autumn during the Arita Sarayama festival local dancers use porcelain plates as percussion instruments while dancing the whole stretch of the main street from Izumiyama down to Arita station.

Other Notable Locations: Arita Ceramic Museum, Arita Elementary School, Arita Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Hizen Ceramics Cooperative Association, Arita Town Lifelong Learning Center, KILN ARITA (Tourist Information), Arita Meihinkan, Arita Honmachi, Arita Station, Arita Junior High School, Arita Izumiyama, Kami-Arita Station, Arita Uchiyama, Arita Nakadararu, Arita Town, Arita Dam (direction), To Saga City / Takeo City / Imai City, To Hasami Town / Hasami-Arita Interchange, To Sarugawa.