

*Omuta locals often say  
"We have nothing special to offer.  
We have only the remains of an old coal mine..."  
However, we would love you to come  
and we will welcome you warmly!*

# Omuta Travel Guidebook

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City of Omuta  
official character  
[Jabow]



Photo:  
Miyanojara pit

They crossed  
until 2020

the Main Street  
Since  
1937





# Daijayama

Summer Festival in Omuta



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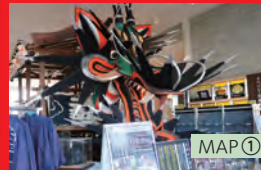
The festival is scheduled  
On the final weekend of July.

A number of Daijayama (3t floats with 10m (length) x 5m (height) dragon) parade the town with sparks and smoke coming off in all directions. Many tourists visit Omuta during the festival every year. Other highlights include the 10,000 people dance.



The 10,000 People Dance

Daijayama is displayed at...



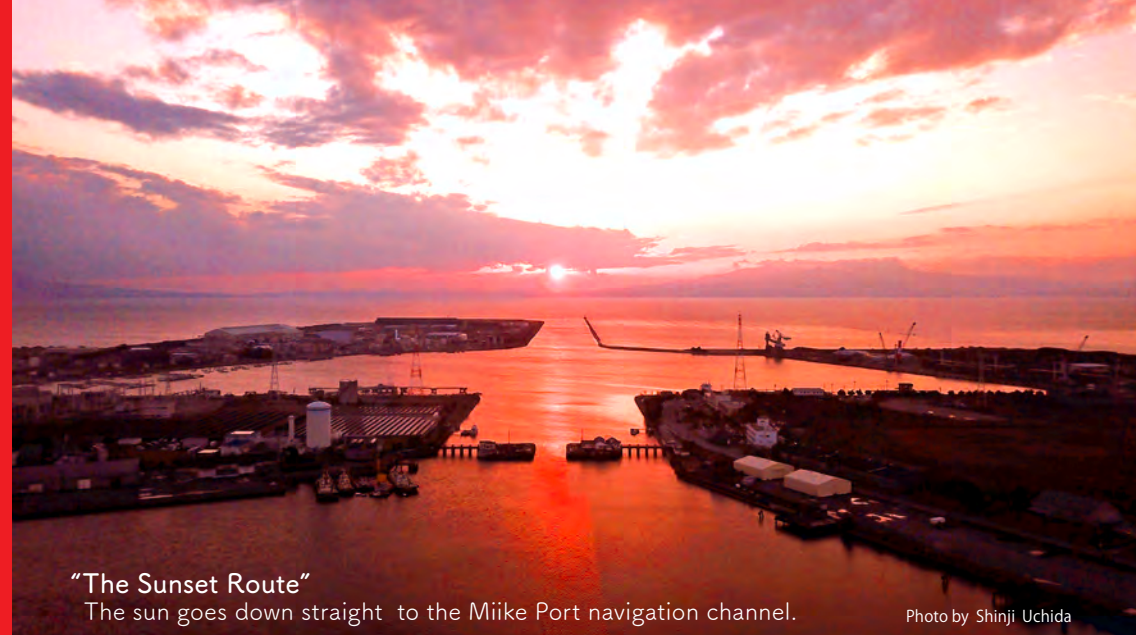
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Shin-Omuta Station  
Information Centre



MAP②

Omuta-jinja Shrine  
(Usually the door is closed)



## "The Sunset Route"

The sun goes down straight to the Miike Port navigation channel.

Photo by Shinji Uchida

## Miike Port View Point

[Address] 1 Shinko-machi, Omuta

[Hours] 9:30am to 5:00pm

[Closed] Mondays, December 29 to January 3

[Phone] +81-944-41-2750

[Access] Catch the Route 2 bus to Arao Station.

Get off the bus at Mikawa-machi 1-chome bus stop then walk 5 min. to the view point.



Photo frame available at the view point

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Low tide

## Largest tidal range in Japan

Ariake Sea has the largest tidal range (5 to 6 meters) in Japan.

The view of the sea in low tide and high tide is completely different as shown. When it is sunny, we can see Mt.Tara and Mt.Unzen



# ARIAKE Sea

High tide

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## Kamase

(It means "bite")

A lot of local children have experienced Kamase. They are placed on Daija's tongue then cuddled - this is believed to make them stay healthy life-long.



# Miyanohara Pit World Heritage

In 2015, the "Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution iron and steel, shipbuilding and coal mining" including Miyanohara Pit, Miike Coal Railway, and Miike Port were registered as World Cultural Heritage Sites.

Miyanohara Pit includes the remains of an old red-brick building and the 22m (height) steel headframe. The steel headframe is the oldest existing one in Japan.

note 01

## Heritage

Heritage of industrial modernization

[Address] 1-86-3 Miyanohara-machi, Omuta  
 [Entry Fee] Free  
 [Hours] 9:30am to 5:00pm (last entry at 4:30pm)  
 [Closed] Mondays (If Monday is a public holiday, the pit will open on that Monday but close the next day)  
 [Phone] +81-944-41-2750

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# World Cultural Heritage

[Access] Catch any buses to Katsudachi, get off the bus at Hayagane-Meganebashi bus stop then walk 10 min.

## Mikawa Pit Remains Industrial Heritage



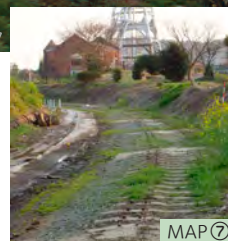
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Opened in 1940 as the main pit to the coal mine. We now host various events on weekends.

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[Address] Nishi-minato-machi, Omuta  
 [Hours] 10:00am to 5:00pm (April to November)  
 10:00am to 4:30pm (December to March)  
 [Closed] Mondays, December 29 to January 3  
 [Phone] +81-944-41-2501

[Access] Catch the Route 2 bus to Arao Station. Get off the bus at Mikawa-machi 1-chome bus stop then walk 3 min.



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## Miike Coal Railway World Heritage

Opened in 1878, carrying coal, tools and mine workers.

\*The remains of the railway are available for the public at Miyanohara Pit.

## Miike Port World Heritage

110 years-old active lock gate!



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Opened in 1908 with this lock gate. Maintained well and still being used for more than 110 years.

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## Industrial Heritage Sites



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### Mitsui Minato Club

Originally built in 1908 as a resting spot for ship workers and as a social area for politicians. Mitsui Minato Club is used as a restaurant and a wedding hall.



MAP ⑨

### Former Mikawa Dentetsu Transformer Substation

Opened in 1909 as a substation to transform power to railways. \*This building is now used as the building of Shingo Denzai Ltd.



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### The Old Nagasaki Customs House Miike Branch P ♿

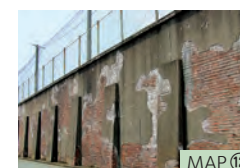
Built in 1908, one of the remains of Meiji-period-built customs houses that still exist in Japan.



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### Miyaura Coal Memorial Park

This park is located at the old Miyaura Pit that opened in 1888 as one of the main pits to Miike Coal Mine. The remaining chimney is 31.2m tall.



MAP ⑫

### Former Miike Prison Wall

This prison was operated between 1883 and 1931 for prisoners who worked in the coal mine. The wall is built with red bricks.

## Omuta Coal Industry and Science Museum

Exhibits the coal industry of Miike as well as Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution.



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[Address] 6-23 Misaki-machi, Omuta

[Entry Fee] JPY 420 (adults), JPY 210 (children)

[Hours] 9:30am to 5:00pm

[Closed] Mondays (if Monday is a public holiday, the museum will open on that Monday but close the next day)

[Phone] +81-944-53-2377

Let's enjoy the (mock) coal mine tunnel wearing a helmet.

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[Access] Catch the bus to Aeon Mall Omuta. Get off the bus at Aeon Mall Omuta and walk 8 min. to the museum.



# 大牟田市動物園



The zoo that tells you about animal welfare

## Omuta City Zoo

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→Omuta City Zoo opened in 1941 and it makes efforts to enhance the quality of life of each individual. Its activities have been broadcasted by many media outlets and they are known around Japan.

note 02

### Omuta City Zoo

Omuta City Zoo is the place to think about animals' happiness.



Amur leopard's blood sampling by husbandry training



Lion encounter

#### ★Environmental Enrichment

The various efforts to enrich the environmental situation so that animals can live better both physically and mentally.

#### ★Husbandry training

The training to cooperate with animals to perform the necessary actions for the physical and mental health of animals. Omuta City Zoo has succeeded in the blood sampling of the Lion, Tiger, Japanese black bear, Mandrill, Savanna monkey, Emu, Masked palm civet and so on.



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[The Sketch of Life]  
The movie filmed at the zoo in 2019





Shiro Kunimitsu Ltd. has produced numerous katana (Japanese swords). Five katana masters live in Omuta. Shiro Kunimitsu has been operating over three generations - for over 200 years. They also produce kitchen knives created using the same method as their katana swords. Wouldn't you like to take home one of these superb quality knives for your kitchen?



MAP 14

Photo by Tetsuya Yoshida,  
Kawaguchi Photography

note 03

### Katana Karuta Card

Swords and  
traditional Japanese  
playing cards

**Katana**  
(Japanese Sword)



(Japanese Swords) are  
produced in Omuta,  
even now

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Shiro Kunimitsu Ltd.

[Address] 105-1 Kuranaga, Omuta  
[Hours] 9:00am to 4:00pm  
[Closed] Sundays, Public Holidays  
[Phone] +81-944 58 1340



Recently Katana (Japanese swords) have been getting more attention in Japan, particularly from young women, thanks to internet games and manga. The national treasure sword "Odentamitsuyo" was born in Omuta in the late 11th century. Odentamitsuyo is famous as one of the five best swords in Japan (Tenka-Goken) and a lot of myths (see below) about this sword exist in Japan. Please savour traditional Japanese culture in Omuta through swords.

Odentamitsuyo  
exorcised  
evil spirits!



A princess  
recovered from illness  
thanks to Odentamitsuyo  
exorcising evil spirits



"Odentamitsuyo",  
one of the 5  
best swords in Japan,  
was born in Omuta.

Odentamitsuyo

大典太光世



Making Kitchen Knife



The museum has Japan's largest collection of over 12,000 karuta cards. It exhibits many rare cards collected from around the world, including a replica of Japan's oldest card "Tensho Karuta". You can also enjoy playing karuta in the museum. In addition, various historical materials are exhibited, so you can learn the history of Omuta.



[Address] 2-2-3 Takarazaka-machi, Omuta  
[Entry Fee] Free  
[Hours] 10:00am to 5:00pm  
[Closed] Mondays (the following day if it is a national holiday), the last Thursday of every month, the year-end and New Year holidays  
\*Temporary closure may take place.  
[Phone] +81-944 53 8780

\* The museum is next to Omuta City Library.

### Miike Karuta and Historical Museum

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### Kusakimanju

Bite-size sweet bun, filled with moist bean paste.

Omuta has produced many sweet buns for coal-mine workers to get energy quick.



### Kasutera manju

Omuta-born sweet bun with rich flavoured dough and refined white bean paste.

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Omuta Gourmet

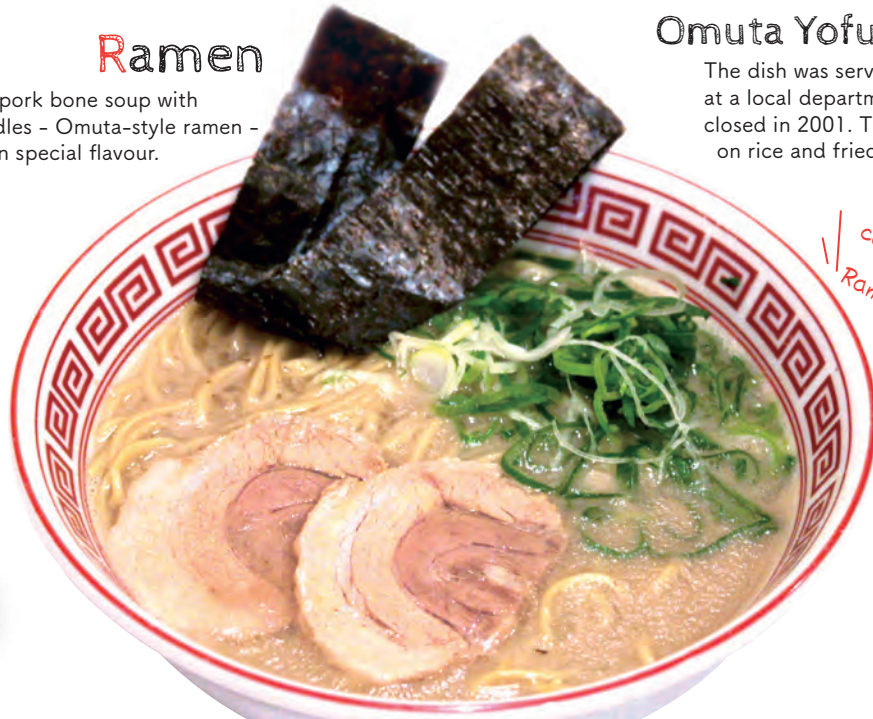
### Yakitori

A lot of restaurants located in Omuta, serving various foods such as yakitori (chicken skewers) or sashimi.



### Ramen

Delicious pork bone soup with thick noodles - Omuta-style ramen - has its own special flavour.



### Mikan (Orange)

High quality Mikan(orange), grown in rich soil.



# DON!!



### Okonomiyaki

Beloved must-eat food. Omuta has the highest ratio of okonomiyaki restaurants to population in Japan.

### Omuta Yofu Katsudon

The dish was served in a restaurant at a local department store that closed in 2001. The sauce coated on rice and fried meat is a must-try.



Good combination with Ramen (No.1)

### Miike Takana

Pickles that go well with a lot of foods, including ramen, fried rice or any stir-fried dishes.





# Omuta MAP



Beautiful!  
Sea Sunset



Cherry Blossoms  
(Amagi park)



Michinoeki-Omuta  
Hanapurasu-kan



Hydrangea  
(Jorin-ji Temple)



Azalea  
(Omuta Coal Industry and  
Science Museum)



Suwa park



Wolong plum  
(Fuko-ji Temple)



Maple  
autumn leaves  
(Fuko-ji Temple)

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