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📍 For Iriki Fumoto Residences, please use the "Iriki-chu-mae" bus stop. About 10-minute walk from the bus stop.

🚗 From Kagoshima Central Station

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🚗 From Sendai Station

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✈ Airplane

Tokyo - Kagoshima Airport about 95 minutes
Osaka - Kagoshima Airport about 65 minutes

🚗 Kyushu Shinkansen

Hakata Station ~ Sendai Station (fastest) about 75 minutes
Kagoshima Central Station ~ Sendai Station about 10 minutes

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SAMURAI TOURISM



A Real Samurai Town Iriki Fumoto Samurai Residences

An extraordinary experience in a real Samurai town

The Iriki Fumoto Samurai Residences have a history of nearly 800 years. In the Iriki Fumoto area, which has been designated as National Conservation Area for Important Traditional Buildings, even now the soul of the Samurai is still alive. At the Iriki Fumoto Samurai Residences filled with history and tradition, you can enjoy “Samu-rai Tourism”, a journey that will make you feel the soul of the Samurai.

At these Samurai residences in a townscape that remains from the Middle Ages, you will experience full-fledged armor and kimono, taste local cuisine dishes, interact with people living in the area, and travel to feel the spirit of the Samurai. There you will find the real “SAMURAI SPIRITS” .



The Iriki Fumoto Samurai Residences are one of the Kagoshima three major Samurai residences, well-preserved as a townscape that remains from the Middle Ages, and they are the oldest Samurai residences among Kagoshima three major Samurai residences.

The streets and land allotment developed in the early modern times have kept their old state, and the allotment of residential plots is also remaining well to offer a townscape with beautiful hedges, such as cobblestone walls that face the street, with tea and yew plum pine planted on those stone walls.

Even nowadays, the aspects of everyday life as a Samurai are passed down in a continuous way.



Transform yourself into a Samurai

Your look and mood will travel a long way back in time!

You are now living in the Sengoku period, the Age of Civil War! Wearing a full-fledged armor used for movie and TV shootings, transform yourself into a Samurai! You can explore the Samurai residences while enjoying the mood of Sengoku warriors.

Based in Satsumasendai City, Marutami Sangyo Co., Ltd. has 90% share of armor production in Japan! Most of the armors used for movies and drama series are produced in Satsumasendai City!

Program

Wearing an authentic armor produced by Marutami Sangyo Co., Ltd., you will explore the Samurai residences. You can enjoy taking pictures while tasting the mood of a Sen-goku warlord.

- Meeting place: Iriki Fumoto Tourist Information Center
- Required time: about 2 hours
- Fee: from 3,500 yen (Depends on the armor level)
- Reservation Deadline: 3 days before



Japanese-style stroll with a Kimono

Walk around town wearing a lovely Kimono

It's OK to come empty-handed! You can enjoy sightseeing of Samurai residences by walking in a beautiful Japanese Kimono.

Program

While enjoying from the moment you wear a Kimono disguise yourself dressed in a Kimono!

- Meeting place: Iriki Fumoto Tourist Information Center
- Required time: about 2 hours
- Fee: Adult 3,500 yen per 1 person
* includes Kimono, garment accessories rental and dressing fee
- Reservation deadline: 3 days before

Tea Ceremony

Tea ceremony learning about the Japanese spirit

Experience tea ceremony at the "Old Masuda Residence" designated as National Important Cultural Property! You will learn about the Japanese spirit through tea ceremony which is a composite Japanese art. Why not spending some time relaxing and forgetting about everyday life while tasting a delicious tea?

- Location: Old Masuda Residence
- Required time: about 30 minutes to 1 hour
- Capacity: About 30 people
- Fee: Adult 1,200 yen per person
- Reservation deadline: 3 days before

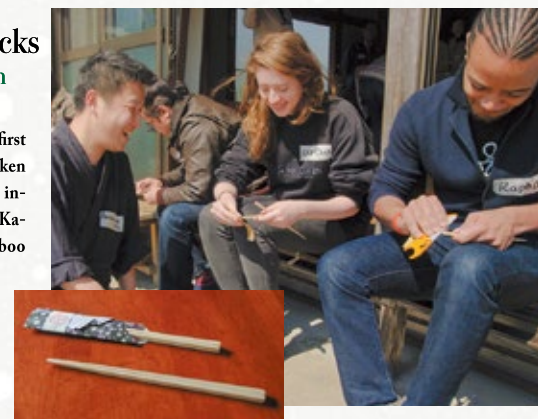


Making My Bamboo Chopsticks

Make you own unique chopsticks with Japanese traditional materials

Since the Lord of Shimazu ordered bamboo for the first time in Japan, the Japanese bamboo culture has taken root. Why not making your own unique chopsticks indispensable for Japanese food using bamboo from Kagoshima prefecture which boasts the largest bamboo grove area in Japan? It is also a perfect souvenir.

- Location: Iriki Fumoto Tourist Information Center
- Required time: about 40 minutes
- Capacity: about 15 people
- Fee: Adult 1,500 yen per person
- Reservation deadline: 3 days before



Preparing Warrior Meal

Feel the sensations of the "Warrior Meal" that a warrior would have eaten.

What kind of meal were having the warriors? Although it is a very simple meal compared with what we have nowadays, the "Warrior Meal" has been reproduced based on word of mouth gathered stories. Let's have a taste of the "Warrior Meal" while enjoying exchanges with local old ladies.

- Location: Iriki Fumoto Tourist Information Center
- Required time: about 2 hours
- Capacity: about 20 people
- Fee: 1,500 yen per person
- Reservation deadline: 7 days before



Making Tatami-coaster

You can make original coasters using tatami. Coasters that make feel Japanese atmosphere are perfect for souvenirs.

- Location: Iriki Fumoto Tourist Information Center
- Required time: about 1 hour
- Capacity: about 20 people
- Fee: Adult 1,000 yen per person
- Reservation deadline: 7 days before



Making Soba Noodles

The soba noodles you made by yourself will have a particular taste. Let's make delicious soba noodles with homemade buckwheat flour!

- Location: Negotiable, including Iriki Fumoto Tourist Information Center, etc.
- Required time: about 2 hours
- Capacity: about 30 people
- Fee: Adult 1,500 yen per person
- Reservation deadline: 7 days before



Iaido

Iaido is a modernized ancient martial art that emphasizes on how drawing a sword. You can appreciate a demonstration of Iaido or actually experience it by practicing with a fake sword.

- Location: Old Masuda Residence
- Required time: about 1 hour
- Capacity: about 20 people
- Fee: 1,000 yen per person
- Reservation deadline: 7 days before



入来麓武家屋敷群の歴史

THE "HOLY LAND" IN JAPAN MEDIEVAL HISTORY STUDY IRIKI

Iriki is a region in which a Kanto warrior named Shibuya who was a manor lord and named himself Iriki-in came down to and ruled, and it is also considered as a "Holy Land" for Japanese medieval history researcher in order to know the Japanese feudal system.

Kan'ichi Asakawa, who was Professor at Yale University in the United States, translated into English an old document that he copied during his visit in Iriki, and became famous after the publication of "THE DOCUMENTS OF IRIKI" in 1929.

"THE DOCUMENTS OF IRIKI" is a general term that refers to documents dating back to the Medieval Ages on the Iriki-in head-family, illegitimate family lineage as well as their vassals, and it is said to be an essential collection of historical materials for researchers in Japanese feudal system.



A TOWNSCAPE WITH PERFUMES OF MIDDLE AGES AND EARLY MODERN TIMES



The Iriki Fumoto Samurai Residences are a representative illustration of Sengoku period towns as it features excellent defense, making a river look as natural moat, placing settlements in-side of it, and using its winding streets mainly for military defense.

The street extended more straightly during early modern time and now offer a townscape where both modern and medieval times coexist which represents a scenery hard to find in whole Japan.

THE LIFE OF LOCAL SAMURAI PASSED DOWN TO THE PRESENT DAYS

In ancient times, the Satsuma clan which promulgated the outer castle system, divided the clan into over 110 outer castles, and placed the castle lord in a temporary residence located in a central village. The warriors who lived around outer castles were called "Tojo-Shuju (living near the outer castle), and at the Samurai residences called Fumoto which were centered on the lord temporary residence, they were living as half-farmer and half-warrior. Their lifestyle still remains in the Iriki Fumoto Samurai Residences, and you can get a glimpse of the life of warriors.



Guided Walking Tour



A Satsumasendai City accredited guide will offer you guidance about the Samurai residences. While walking and having fun with the guide, you can learn more deeply about Iriki.

- Meeting place: Iriki Fumoto Tourist Information Center
- Required time: from 1 hour ~
- Fee: 2,500 yen per hour / with 1 guide
- Reservation deadline: 3 days before

Samurai Navi



When you walk around the samurai residences with a mobile device, a voice guidance will automatically flow at each spot using GPS function.

You can learn about the town while walking around the Samurai residences at your own pace. (available in Japanese, English, and Chinese)

- Lending place: Iriki Fumoto Tourist Information Center
- Rental time: 9AM - 4:30PM (returned on the same day)
- Fee: 1,000 yen
(However, the above price includes 500 yen as deposit, given back after returning the device.)



Meal



Experience making local cuisine and local confectioneries



You can make, learn and taste Kagoshima local cuisine and local confectioneries while enjoying exchanges with old ladies from the region.

- Meeting place: Iriki Fumoto Tourist Information Center
- Required time: about 1 hour ~ (depending on the menu)
- Price: from 1,000 yen per 1 person (depending on the menu)
- Reservation deadline: 3 days before (some days are not available)

IRIKI hearts



Offers Fumoto mom's taste handmade "miso soup set" and "side dishes". The "Fumoto Teacake Set" (with reservation) is recommended for a break during your walk. You can also enjoy pickles, tea confectioneries and infusions.

- Business hours: 11AM - 2PM (meal), 10AM - 5PM (souvenirs, take-out sale) • Closed days: no fixed holidays
- *Once reservation for the "Fumoto Teacake Set" is done, it will be available even out-side of meal time hours after consultation.

Restaurant Ryusei



A restaurant specialized in chicken dishes. You can enjoy a variety of chicken dishes including Kagoshima specialty "Torisashi". The bento-box called "Takenko Samurai" that features rice balls wrapped into bamboo sheath is also a popular menu to have while strolling around (with reservation).

- Business hours: 5PM - 10PM
- Closed days: Wednesday
- *Once the reservation for "Takenko Samurai" is done, it will also be available for lunch time.

Samurai Family Teahouse Monjo



You can taste Japanese food in an old refurbished Samurai residence. Offers seasonal dishes and menus, as well as Katsudon and Tendon. It is also possible to have only a coffee or sweets.

- Business hours: 11AM - 3PM
- Closed days: Monday and Tuesday

Iriki Fumoto Samurai Residences MAP

Conservation Area for Important Traditional Buildings



The road is called "baba"

Provisional Residence Horse-Riding Ground

The place where the samurai exercised riding and martial arts training.

Go a little bit up the stairs of the elementary school and take a look back!
Someone is sleeping comfortably in the mountains ♪



Sleeping Saigo

Old Masuda Residence

You can visit the main building built around 1873.

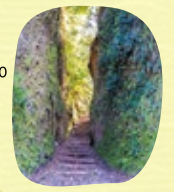
The local guardian deity in the back is called the god of warts, and if you offer as many soybeans as your age and pray, your warts will heal!

Open: 9AM - 5PM / Closed on Monday
Free admission



Moat

Entrance of the Mountain Castle. The moat has an impressive height of 20 to 30 meters! It seems that when the enemy attacked, stones were dropped from above to prevent intrusion, and even now there are still stones left on top!



Kayabuki Gate

A Kayabuki Gate that passes down the style of the medieval Shibuya family (Iriki-in family) to the present days, and represents a valuable cultural property as there are only a few other similar constructions in the prefecture.



Masugatako Entrance

It is designed to turn over and over from the entrance gate to the entrance hall in order to prevent enemy invasion.



Sekkanto

Placed there as a charm against evil spirits as there is a secular belief that mansions located at the end of T-shaped roads will suffer calamities from demons.



Traditional Entertainment

Smallpox dance

A dance performed only by women who pray for the end of smallpox, when the disease is spreading. It has been designated as a prefectural intangible folk cultural property as it is a traditional art that lasts since more than 200 years.



Traditional Game

Teissa

A boys' game since the ancient times. A game in which the arms are shown and used as swords in a fight. They used to play often through the night during the Bon Festival.



Ruins of Kiyoshiki Castle

Let's storm the mountain castle!!
(Required time: about 60 minutes)

- Since there are also steep slopes, it is easy to slip so please be careful when entering the mountain area.
- Depending on the time, there is a risk of encounters with bees or snakes.
- Follow the walking path.
- Please refrain from entering the mountain area when it rains. There is a danger of collapsing.
- No fires. Smoking is strictly forbidden.

Random Rubble Masonry

If you look at one stone as the center, it seems that 6 to 8 cobblestones are stacked around it.

