

Sorayoka Park Topics

New Monument Completed

Planned by Kumamoto high school students

On July 24, a new monument was completed inside Sorayoka Park at Aso Kumamoto Airport. The project was planned by the 'Kumamoto Charm Promotion Student Council'—a group made up of local high school students in Kumamoto Prefecture—under the theme "Brightly Illuminating Kumamoto's Future: The Light Monument Project." Karashi Renkon (spicy lotus root) was selected as the central motif, and the design also incorporates local specialties such as watermelons, tomatoes, and the Yamaga Lantern. Visitors can check the background story and planning process of the project by scanning the QR code located on the side of the monument.



A monument
inspired by spicy lotus root

Illuminations

Through March of next year

Sorayoka Park will once again be lighting up its holiday illuminations this year. The display will run until March 31, 2027 (tentative). The number of lights has increased since last year, making this year's display even more spectacular. Please enjoy the spectacular combination of airplanes and dazzling lights.



Last year's illumination lighting ceremony

New

"Kumamoto Shunsai-kan: Airport 1st Floor Lobby Store" Opens at Sorayoka Dining

A new branch of the general souvenir shop "Kumamoto Shunsai-kan" has opened inside the Sorayoka Dining area at Aso Kumamoto Airport. Shunsai-kan operates stores at transportation and tourism hubs throughout the prefecture, and this is its eighth location. The shop attracts customers with its extensive selection of Kumamoto's famous confections, local specialties, and Kumamon merchandise. Inside the store, large digital signage is used to dynamically showcase product features and seasonal recommendations.

*The new "Kumamoto Shunsai-kan Airport 1st Floor Lobby" store is open to everyone. On the 3rd floor of the passenger terminal building (inside the boarding lounge), there is the "Kumamoto Shunsai-kan Aso Kumamoto Airport" store, which is open only to departing passengers.



The new Kumamoto Shunsai-kan store.
Hours of operation: 6:30 until the last flight arrives.

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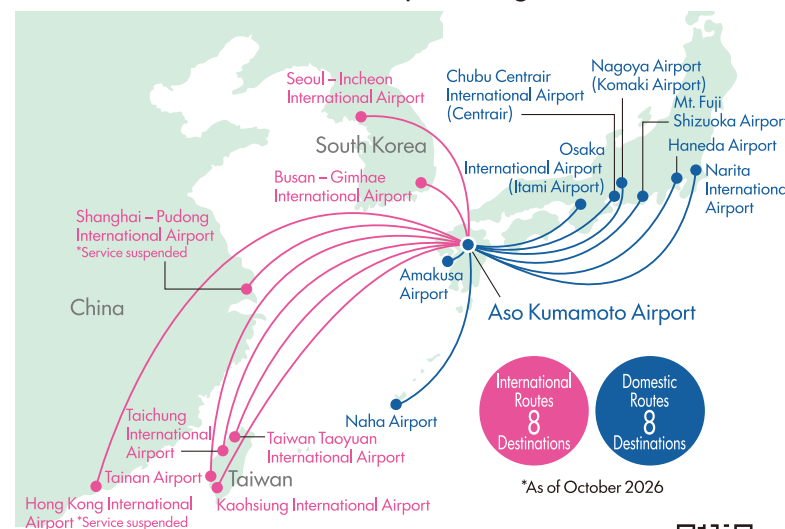


- Approx. 60 mins by car from JR Kumamoto Station
- Approx. 15 mins by car from Kyushu Expressway Mashiki-Kumamoto Airport I.C.
- Approx. 50 mins by airport limousine bus from Sakura Machi Kumamoto

Please use public transportation, including the airport limousine service, as airport parking will be limited during the weekends.

Find out more about accessibility, e.g.

Aso Kumamoto Airport Flight Routes



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The moniker is a coined term that combines "sora," meaning sky, and "yoka," which means good in the Kumamoto dialect; the phrase also means "that's good!"

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“Buy and Support,” “Eat and Support,” “Come and Support” Give Us Strength

The 2026 Kumamoto Earthquake

On July 28, 2026, an earthquake with a maximum seismic intensity of 7 struck the Kumamoto region. Areas such as Uki City, Yatsushiro City, and Hikawa Town, which were hit by violent shaking, suffered extensive damage, and recovery efforts are moving forward thanks to the cooperation of those involved. However, even in areas less directly affected by the earthquake, economic hardship persists due to factors such as reduced tourism, and a movement of indirect support is spreading—encouraging people to “buy and support” and “eat and support” products from Kumamoto Prefecture, as well as to “come and support” Kumamoto.

Aso Kumamoto Airport is currently hosting a fair titled “Kumamoto: The Food Capital at Aso Kumamoto Airport” to promote the prefecture’s local ingredients and culinary culture. Why not take this opportunity to “buy and support” or “eat and support” Kumamoto’s cuisine at the airport? For those of you who are “coming to support” us, we’d like to share some sightseeing information about the Aso area, which is close to the airport.



Buy and Support, Eat and Support

Introducing new menu items and exclusive products from the fair titled “Kumamoto: The Food Capital at Aso Kumamoto Airport.”

Cute little embroidered designs featuring traditional Kumamoto vegetables and more



Dinner napkins

2,750–3,630 yen (incl. tax)

We sewed buttons onto dinner napkins made from scraps of clothing so you can wear them around your neck while eating.

gogaku
(Passenger Terminal Building, 3rd Floor - area beyond security checkpoint)
☎ 10:00–19:00

Kumamoto Prefecture Akaushi Beef and Autumn Vegetable Curry

1,800 yen (incl. tax)

This dish combines the rich, savory flavor of Kumamoto Prefecture’s Akaushi beef with seasonal vegetables from the region. It’s a luxurious, seasonal curry that subtly brings out the natural flavors of the ingredients.

Kakunoshin Hamburg Steak (inside Sorayoka Dining)
☎ 11:00–20:30 (Last Order 20:00)



Sea bream soup with a hint of hojicha

324 yen (incl. tax)

The rich umami flavor derived from the bones of red sea bream from “Fukunari” in Amakusa is paired with high-grade powdered green tea and a tea-infused white dashi, both meticulously crafted by Tomizawa Tea.

TEA STAND Tsuguto
(Passenger Terminal Building, 3rd Floor - area beyond security checkpoint)
☎ Mon–Thu: 9:00–20:00 Fri, Sat, Sun, and holidays: 8:30–20:00

Black Sugar Syrup Agar Latte

700 yen (incl. tax)

A nostalgic and comforting flavor created by the jelly-like texture of agar made with milk from Kumamoto Prefecture, the nutty aroma of roasted soybean flour, and rich black sugar syrup. This is a special treat available exclusively at the airport.

Coffee Corridor
(Passenger Terminal Building, 3rd Floor - area beyond security checkpoint)
☎ 7:00–19:00

Come and support us

Take a trip that soothes your soul!

Within Kumamoto Prefecture, tourist accommodations and restaurants in areas that were less affected by the earthquake are open for business, and your visit will help support them. Here is some tourist information for the Aso area, located near Aso Kumamoto Airport.

On clear days, this is a spot offering spectacular views of downtown Kumamoto, the Ariake Sea, and Unzen in Nagasaki Prefecture.



Mt. Kishima

One of the “Five Peaks of Aso,” it stands at an elevation of 1,326 meters. The trail is paved, making for an easy 40-minute one-way hike to the summit.



Grilled Horse Meat Skewers

880 yen (incl. tax)

“Himo” is a rare cut of horse meat that yields only a small amount from each animal. We slowly grill this thin, delicate meat found between the ribs to highlight its natural flavors. The distinct sweetness and rich umami unique to premium horse meat will melt in your mouth.

Suganoya Horse Meat Restaurant
(inside Sorayoka Dining)

☎ 11:00–20:30 (Last Order 20:00)

*Merchandise sales are from 8:00 to 20:30.



Full of hearty ingredients, with a rich, savory flavor

Vegetable and Herb Soup

648 yen (incl. tax)

Enjoy the rich aroma of pesticide-free herbs from Kumamoto Prefecture, and savor the natural umami, sweetness, and texture of the vegetables.

Cafe g
(inside the Sorayoka Visitor Center)
☎ 9:00–19:00



Aso Panorama Line

A classic drive route. In the autumn, golden pampas grass spreads out across the entire landscape.



Aso Shrine

This ancient shrine has a history of over 2,000 years and boasts Kyushu’s largest Romon gate, standing approximately 18 meters tall. Although it sustained extensive damage in the Kumamoto Earthquake of 2016, it was fully restored in 2024. The shopping district in the town leading up to the shrine is also popular.



Tourist Attraction “ASO MILK FACTORY” Autumn Roses

There is a rose garden where you can enjoy beautiful roses. A “Rose Festival” is held in the autumn.



We pray for the repose of the souls of those who lost their lives in the 2026 Kumamoto Earthquake, and we extend our deepest condolences to their families. We also extend our heartfelt sympathies to all those affected by the disaster. Aso Kumamoto Airport hopes for the swiftest possible restoration and reconstruction of the affected areas, and we will strive to fulfill our role as a transportation facility while providing as much support as we can.

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