

Kirishima-Kinkowan National Park

Kirishima Massif, Kinkowan Bay,
Sakurajima Volcano
—Hot Springs Created by Giant
Calderas and Bountiful Seas.



Born in 1934 as Kirishima National Park, Kirishima-Kinkowan National Park was one of Japan's first national parks. The park can be broadly divided into northern and southern parts, each with its own characteristic scenery as either the Kirishima area or Kinkowan Bay area. The Kirishima area in the northern part of the park has a series of more than 20 volcanoes, both large and small, as well as crater lakes, fumarole phenomena, hot springs, and plateaus all created through volcanic activity, in addition to a large amount of natural vegetation. Many

tourists and others visit the main usage bases for the Kirishima area, including the Ebino Highland, Kirishima Onsen hot springs resort, Takachihogawara, and Kirishima-jingu Shrine. In the Kinkowan Bay area in the southern part of the park, centered around Mt. Sakurajima --a still-active volcano that is the area's symbol --is unique scenery, including Mt. Kaimon, Lake Ikeda, and Chiringashima Island on the Satsuma Peninsular side; Cape Sata-misaki --home of many subtropical plants --on the Osumi Peninsular side; and the sea area within the bay.

Date of Designation :
March 16, 1934

Area : 36,605 ha (land area)

Related Prefecture :
Miyazaki, Kagoshima



Enjoy the ocean, rivers, and other water scenery



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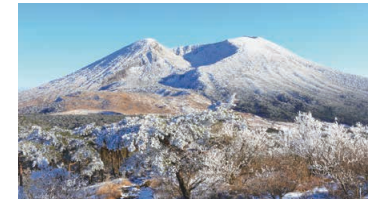
Shigetomi Beach



Enjoy the mountains and flora



Arimura Lava Observatory



Mt. Karakuridake



Experience culture and local life



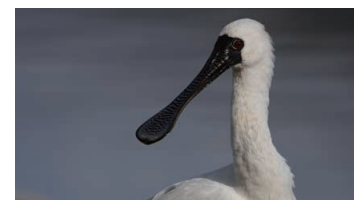
Kirishimajingu Shrine



Kurokami Buried Shrine Gate



Meet the wildlife



Platalea minor



Deer (Ebino Plateau)

Itinerary

Learn about the initiatives to protect the grassland and enjoy the contrast between Mt. Aso and grasslands from the sky

The park offers two different landscapes created by the active volcanoes. The Kirishima region in the north has over 20 major volcanoes of various sizes, crater lakes, and highlands. In the Kinkowan Bay region in the south, a unique landscape of ocean and volcanoes unfolds. Featuring the active Sakurajima volcano as a focal point, people live very close to the volcano in this region. Active volcanoes do not always bring disaster but also blessings such as hot springs and food culture.

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Day 1

Day to enjoy the rich blessings of the ocean created by an ancient gigantic eruption

9:00 ● Departure
(planned from Kagoshima Airport)



Rental car

(To Shigetomi Beach, Aira City)

10:00 ● Look for creatures in the tidal flats at Shigetomi Beach
Nagisa Museum in Shigetomi Beach

12:30 ● Lunch featuring deep-sea shrimp, yellowtail, and amberjack

14:00 ● Sengan-en

18:00 ● Overnight stay in Kagoshima City

Day 2

Journey to enjoy the spectacular beauty of the land created by an active volcano and the ocean. Feel the heartbeat of the earth.

8:00 ● To Sakurajima by Sakurajima Ferry and lunch of udon noodles on the ferry



9:00 ● Enjoy Sakurajima by e-bike, get up close to the peak in Yunohira Observatory

11:00 ● Sakurajima Visitor Center

12:00 ● Lunch to enjoy local specialties of Sakurajima *daikon* (Japanese daikon radish) and Sakurajima *komikan* (Satsuma mandarin orange)

13:00 ● Sea kayak experience

16:00 ● Enjoy a footbath in Sakurajima Yogan Nagisa Park

17:00 ● Rental car
(To Kirishima direction)



19:00 ● Overnight stay at Kirishima Onsenkyo

Day 3

Visit to popular spots of Kirishima to thoroughly enjoy the magnificent nature and sacred atmosphere

8:00 ● Rental car
(To Ebino Kogen Highlands)



9:00 ● Ebino Eco Museum Center

9:30 ● Mt. Shiratoriyama mountain climbing (or hiking to Niko Panorama Observation Deck)

12:30 ● Lunch featuring the local Kagoshima black pork specialty

13:30 ● Kirishima Jingu Shrine

15:30 ● Tea time to enjoy Kirishima cha (the local green tea)

18:00 ● Kagoshima Airport

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