



Enjoy fast-paced racing in Kyushu, the "land of fire"!

The turf course is 1,652 meters in length. Though rather compact in appearance, Kokura Racecourse features a gentle downward slope towards the finish from the "hill" at the 2nd corner. This, coupled with the spiral curve introduced between the 3rd and 4th corners (allowing horses to corner without losing speed), makes for even faster racing than at other racecourses.

The JRA 1,200m turf record set here in 1999 (1 min. 6.5 secs.) still stands. It is also known as "The most convenient in Japan" because of the direct access from a monorail station. Come to enjoy some superbly thrilling contests in the open atmosphere of the turf stand!



Unreserved seating

Spectator seating

The 3rd to 6th floors of the stand are fully air-conditioned and wall-to-wall window for comfortable viewing. Each floor has a view over the parade ring.



Reserved seating



Turf stand

For close-up enjoyment of racing thrills.

Kokura Racecourse Area Guide

Kokura Castle

Rebuilt by Hosokawa Tadaoki in 1602, the castle buildings were destroyed by fire in 1837. The present castle tower was reconstructed in 1959. The inside is now a museum, including a diorama of the castle town using 1,500 human figurines made of washi paper, a karakuri theater and other hi-tech attractions.



Mojiko Retro

Mojiko once thrived as an international trading port, and old-style streets have been preserved to give a reminder of those former times. With a clever mix of retro style and new buildings, Mojiko has been reborn as a town of "new and old".



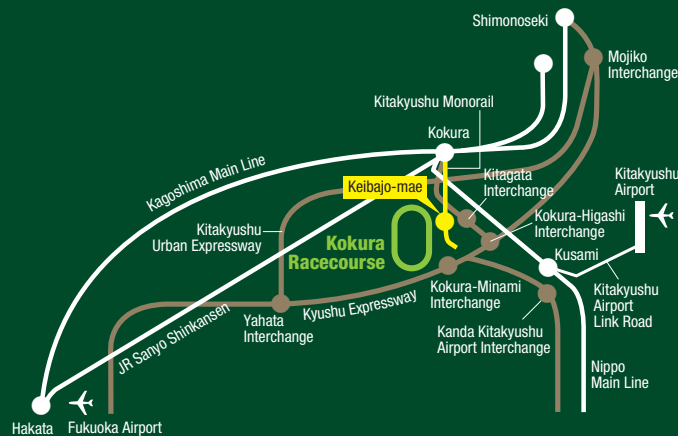
Hiraodai Countryside Park

One of Japan's leading "karst" landscapes, Hiraodai has been designated as a Special Natural Treasure, a Semi-Natural Park and a Prefectural Nature Park. Using the caves, plants and other unique natural attractions of its limestone topography, this special natural park is great for kids.



Wasshoi Summer Festival

First held in 1988 to mark the 25th anniversary of the city's inclusion, Wasshoi brings all the citizens together in a festival for everyone to enjoy. A major event befitting its status as Kitakyushu's main summer festival.



JRA Kokura Racecourse
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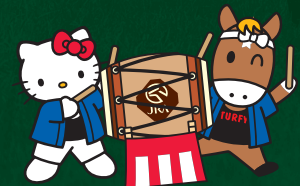
(Access) 10 minutes by Kitakyushu Monorail (Keibajo-mae Station) from JR Kokura Station
 15 minutes from Kokura-Minami Interchange on the Kyushu Expressway
 15 minutes from Kokura-Higashi Interchange on the Kyushu Expressway
 5 minutes from Kitagata Interchange on the Kitakyushu Urban Expressway

(Admission) 100 yen (free for under 15's)

(Gates open) 09:00 (subject to change depending on congestion levels, etc.)

KOKURA RACECOURSE

Come and experience the excitement of a lifetime!



JRA

There's more than just racing! Kokura Race course—a wonderland full of interesting places.



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Stand

With a view over luxurious green, the stand is fully equipped with comfortable amenities to help you enjoy the races.



Betting points

Walls lined with automatic bet vendors and payout machines. This makes it easy to place your bets and collect your winnings.

Plaza 99

The open atrium space going up to the 3rd floor is an entertainment plaza featuring a live video corner, an information corner, restaurants and merchandise shops.

4F Free rest area

Connections to both cable and wireless LAN Internet are provided here.



Fast food plaza

A great lineup of fast food outlets. choose from a wide variety.

Stand Floor Guide

6 F	VIP seats
5 F	Reserved seating, restaurants and shops, information
4 F	Reserved seating, unreserved seating, wheelchair space, senior seating, free rest area, restaurants and shops, information
3 F	Reserved seating, unreserved seating, Thoroughbred Plaza, restaurants and shops, information, Plaza 99
2 F	Outdoor unreserved seating, bench seats, fast food plaza, Plaza 99, live video, children's corner, general information
1 F	Bench seats, Parade Ring, main entrance, PR corner, restaurants and shops, fast food plaza, information

Information



Come straight here if there's anything you want to know!
 *At the information desks, you will find guide maps of the stand as well as betting guides in various languages (English, Chinese, Korean).
 *Korean interpreters are stationed here.

Location Stand 2F and elsewhere

Main races held at Kokura Racecourse



Kokura Kinen	
Kokura Daishoten (G3)	1,800m / Turf / 4yo and up
Kokura Kinen (G3)	2,000m / Turf / 3yo and up
Kitakyushu Kinen (G3)	1,200m / Turf / 3yo and up
Kokura Nisai Stakes (G3)	1,200m / Turf / 2yo

Turf Vision



Even when the action is far away, Turf Vision brings it to life before your eyes! As well as race footage, the screens show scenes from the Parade Ring, odds board, payout money and various other information.

Parade Ring



Check the condition and mood of the runners at close quarters!

Facilities around the stand

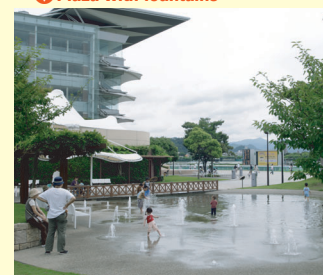
Leisure areas for both adults and children to enjoy

A great day out for all the family, with play areas for the children, a 'pony rink' for horse rides, and a stage where various fun events are held. The Japanese-style garden with its two fountains is a famous feature of Kokura Racecourse.



Cherry and Cloud come out to play!

Plaza with fountains



Pony ride



Event stage

Japanese garden

