

Eating Houses and Shops

Umi Jigoku

Cafeteria Umi

Cafeteria Umi is located near the exit of Umi Jigoku, and you can use the cafeteria without entering Umi Jigoku. The dango soup, a typical local dish in Oita, and the Jigoku steam-baked pudding, which is heated with hot steam from Umi Jigoku, are recommended.



Shop Ren

Shop Ren offers a wide selection of souvenirs from the Kyushu area, including tokens representing each village in Oita Prefecture. The bath additive Enmannoyu, made of powder from the Umi Jigoku hot spring, is popular among young and old. Home delivery is also available.



Chinoike Jigoku

Restaurant Gokurakutei

Gokurakutei is located next to Chinoike Jigoku. Oita's specialty dango soup and toriten (chicken tempura), Beppu's specialty Jigokumushi (food cooked in steam of the hot spring), and Gokurakutei's original Jigoku-no-Gokuraku curry and Chinoike Burger are recommended.



Shop

There is a shop with about 330 square meters of floor space where specialty products and unique souvenirs from Oita and Beppu are sold. Chinoike Nanko, an ointment made from clay that springs from Chinoike Jigoku, is known nationwide for its effectiveness on skin diseases.



Tatsumaki Jigoku

Shop

The shop sells plenty of seasonal tangerines from Tatsumaki Farm, pomelos, and rare products from Beppu and Kunisaki.



Juice & Gelato Shop

The gelato shop at the back of the shop offers limited freshly squeezed juice made from tangerines harvested in the orchard of Tatsumaki Farm (when they are in season). Enjoy the deliciousness of 100% fresh tangerine orange juice! Also, taste the creamy gelato using plenty of milk and fresh ingredients from Oita.



Beginning and Development of Jigoku Meguri (Tour)

Tourist attractions sprung up in Jigoku after the end of the Meiji period (ended in 1912). In 1928, Aburaya Kumahachi, who became the founder of Beppu sightseeing, started the first sightseeing bus. Inns and shops have been lined up here in the Kannawa district for many years, and it is frequently bustling with many tourists and hot spring visitors.

Beppu Onsen, One of Japan's Leading Hot Spring Resorts, Boasts about its water volume and Numerous Hot Springs

Beppu is one of the prominent geothermal areas in Japan, so there are many places where steam and hot water burst forth naturally. Jigoku Meguri is a tour designed to enable visitors to watch safely and learn about the natural phenomena that are sometimes called "the breath of the earth." Enjoy Jigoku (lit. hell, which was derived from the fact that the site is unapproachable because of fumarolic gas), which lives every day.



- Opening hours: 8:00 AM through 5:00 PM, 365 days a year
- By car: About 5 minutes from the Beppu interchange.
- By bus: Take bus #2, #5, or #24 from the west exit of Beppu Station to Kannawa or Umi-Jigokumae bus stop. Alternatively, take the bus for Kannawa to the Kannawa bus stop. Then take bus #16 to Chinoike Jigoku and bus #26 to Kannawa.

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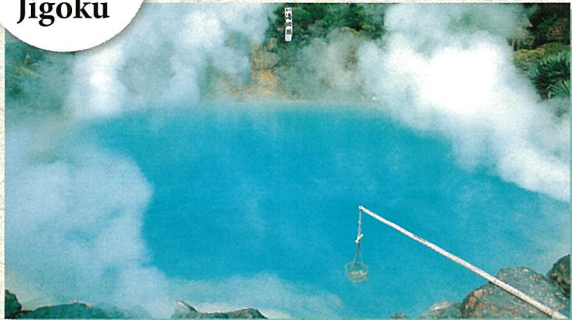
Welcome to
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National Site of
Scenic Beauty

Umi Jigoku

This mysterious cobalt blue pond looks like a refreshing sea. However, its temperature is 98 degrees Celsius. That is why this pond is referred to as Jigoku (lit. hell). It was formed 1200 years ago from the explosion of Mt. Tsurumi. Bungo no Kuni Fudoki (Bungo Province Chronicle) introduces this pond as Kuberi-no-Yu.



Oniishi Bozu Jigoku

The hot gray mud boiling in large and small spheres is said to resemble shaved heads, and it is called Oniishi Bozu Jigoku after the name of the place Oniishi. The hot spring's temperature is 99 degrees Celsius.



Kamado Jigoku

This spring was named after the practice of cooking rice with Jigoku steam at the festival of Kamado Hachimangu Shrine. It spouts high-temperature water with a fierce fumarole. The hot spring's temperature is 90 degrees Celsius.



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Origin of the Name Jigoku

According to Bungo no Kuni Fudoki, the Jigoku zone in Kannawa and Kamegawa has been emitting fumes, hot mud, and hot water for more than a thousand years, so it has a reputation as an abominable land that cannot be approached. That is why people came to call it Jigoku (lit. hell), and the nickname survives today.

National Site of Scenic Beauty

National sites of scenic beauty are cultural assets designated by the Japanese government that are known for their beauty. On July 23, 2009, four Jigoku areas received this designation for the first time as hot springs: Umi Jigoku, Chinoike Jigoku, Tatsumaki Jigoku, and Shiraike Jigoku. They were the first areas in Oita Prefecture to be designated in 86 years, following Yabakei's designation in 1923.

The four areas were chosen because Beppu has been renowned as a hot spring resort in Japan since ancient times. The Jigoku areas are hot spring sources that burst forth in unique and diverse colors and forms and have high appreciation value, landmark value, and educational value.

Oniyama Jigoku

The name Oniyama Jigoku is derived from the name of the place, Oniyama. It is also known as Wani Jigoku (lit. crocodile hell). In 1923, the area became home to Japan's first crocodiles, using the hot spring's heat to provide a suitable habitat. Today, about 80 crocodiles live there. The hot spring's temperature is 99.1 degrees Celsius.



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Shiraike Jigoku

The hot spring's water is colorless and transparent when it initially appears, but when it falls into the pond, it naturally exhibits a bluish-white color due to a decrease in temperature and pressure. The hot spring's heat is used for breeding a variety of sizeable tropical fish in the park. The hot spring's temperature is 95 degrees Celsius. It is a borate salt spring.



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Chinoike Jigoku

This location's boiled clay, including the fumarole, is red. It is the oldest natural Jigoku in Japan, described as Akayusen (lit. red hot spring) in Bungo no Kuni Fudoki. The red clay produced here is used to make Chinoike Nanko, which is effective against skin diseases. The hot spring's temperature is 78 degrees Celsius.



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Tatsumaki Jigoku

This geyser is a Beppu-designated natural monument. It is a hot spring that gushes hot water and fumarole at regular intervals. Tatsumaki Jigoku attracts attention for its short intervals between eruptions compared to other notable geysers around the world. The hot spring's (fumarolic) temperature is 105 degrees Celsius.



Footbaths

Any visitor can enjoy a footbath with no extra charges. Take a relaxing break in a footbath in designated areas at each hot spring.



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