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Fujita Kanko's Tips for Summer Vacation: Kyushu, Japan is a Destination on the Rise

May 21, 2013, Tokyo - Summer is around the corner, and Kyusyu, the southern island of Japan, with its rich culture, enchanting geography and popular attractions is a destination on the rise for international vacationers. KLM now flies directly from Europe to Fukuoka, Kyusyu's main gate, making travel to Kyusyu easier.

"Whether you like exploring beautiful mountains and oceans or enjoy the sights and sounds of the city, Kyushu is an ideal destination," said Masato Okudate, General Manager of [Canal City Fukuoka Washington Hotel](#). "There are festivals, seasonal local foods and beautiful nature to enjoy in the summer, and we love assisting international travelers with everything from sightseeing to arranging and suggesting itinerary and transportation around Kyusyu."

[Washington Hotels](#), a chain operated by [Fujita Kanko Inc.](#), has [three locations](#) in Kyushu: [Canal City Fukuoka Washington Hotel](#), [Nagasaki Washington Hotel](#) and [Sasebo Washington Hotel](#). Each is located just a short walk from train and bus stations, providing affordable comfort and easy access to major tourist destinations, such as:

Nakasu & Tenjin, Hakata – Hakata, a lively harbor town in [Fukuoka](#), is home to famous dishes like spicy cod roe. Culinary adventurers flock to the Nakasu and Tenjin areas of Hakata to dine at Yatai, street-side food stalls that serve a variety of Japanese fare. They are the busiest parts of Kyushu with thousands of restaurants and large-scale shopping centers. [Hakata Gion Yamakasa](#), a big festival held in July, culminates with a race between teams from local neighborhoods carrying 1-ton floats through the city.

Nagasaki – A beautiful and historic port city uniquely situated along the steep slope of a mountain with many attractions such as O-ura Tenshu-do, Japan's oldest Christian church.

Sasebo – Home to the U.S. Navy base and popular resorts, Sasebo is very English-friendly for travelers and a great place to slow down.

For more information, visit the [Japan National Tourism Organization](#).

About Fujita Kanko Inc.

Fujita Kanko Inc., established in 1955, is a publicly-traded tourism industry corporation headquartered in Tokyo. In addition to its core hospitality business, the company's subsidiaries include wedding and banquet facilities, high-end resorts, leisure facilities and related services. The company has approximately 60 properties/facilities, including 30 mid-priced hotels throughout Japan in two chains: Gracery Hotels and Washington Hotels, and its five-star flagship property, [Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo](#).