

Mojiko Retro Town/Kanmon Strait

In Mojiko (Moji port) flourished as a important trading port, there are many historic buildings, nostalgic scenery, beautiful views over Kanmon Strait and delicious foods.



[JR Mojiko Station]

JR Mojiko Station first opened on February 1, 1914. The symmetrical wooden structure was built in the neo-Renaissance style. In 1988, the building became the first railway station designated as a national cultural property.



[Kanmon Strait and Kanmon Bridge]



[Mekari Second Observation Deck]

We can see the twin cities (Kitakyushu-city on Kyushu island and Shimonoseki-city on main island of Japan) connected with the Kanmon bridge crossing the Kanmon Strait.



[Former Moji Mitsui Club]

This building was built in 1921 as a place to house important guests of MITSUI & CO., LTD. Dr. Einstein stayed here with his wife during their visit in 1922. There is memorial rooms for Dr. Einstein on the second floor.



[Kanmon Pedestrian Tunnel]

This pedestrian tunnel, which opened in 1958, is rare in the world, because the tunnel is built under Kanmon Strait. This tunnel is approximately 780 meters long and it takes about 15 minutes on foot to get to Shimonoseki the southern end of the main island.



[Yaki Curry]

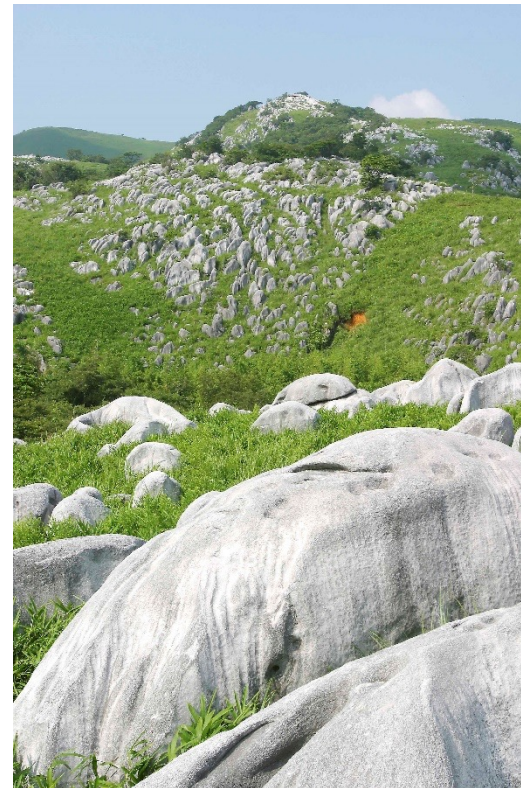
It means grilled curry. It has been offered as a regular menu item in Moji-district since 1950s. This is originated from a leftover curry grilled like a gratin. Of course, you can have the new one at the restaurant..

13:00	-		Kitakyushu International Conference Center
13:30	-	14:30	Lunch at Former Moji Mitsui Club
14:35	-	16:15	Mojiko Retro Town & Kanmon Strait
17:00	-		Kokura Sta.

Hiraodai Limestone Plateau/Cave Exploration



Hiraodai (Hirao plateau) is one of Japan's three major Karst, designated as a Japanese natural monument. It gives us not only majestic scenery, but also exciting explorations.



【Hiraodai Limestone Plateau】

Half an hour drive from the center of Kokura will take you to the limestone plateau (karst) of Hiraodai, whose geological features are rarely found worldwide. The green plain is dotted with white limestones, which from a distance have a strong resemblance to flocks of roaming sheep. Beneath the green grass lay numerous caves.

【Limestone Cave】

There are many caves in Hiraodai, including the Senbutsu calcareous cave designated as a national natural treasure. We can enjoy cave exploration. The beauty of Hiraodai can also be found even in the dark caves. The sculptured limestone illuminated in gold is well worth seeing.

13:00	-		Kitakyushu International Conference Center
13:15	-	14:15	Lunch at Kanzanso
15:00	-	16:15	Senbutsu calcareous cave, Hiraodai Countryside Park
17:00	-		Kokura Sta.