

A journey in search of my Karatsu Ware.

唐津焼 MAP

karatsu ware

English



Stay and feel the charm of Karatsu Ware.

Learn how to decorate your space with Karatsu Ware from a hospitality professional.

Karatsu Ware is a part of our daily life. The materials, methods of production, and finishes of the works vary greatly. How can we make the most of the whole spectrum of Karatsu Ware's charms in a room? Accommodation facilities such as inns and hotels can teach us that. Notice the vases decorating the entrance, the flower vases and furnishings in the alcove, and the vessels served during meals and tea ceremonies. Some facilities also have gallery spaces where works by notable artists are exhibited.



Yoyokaku Pottery Gallery. This two-story wooden ryokan is pure Japanese style.

| RYOKAN & HOTEL | ADDRESS (city=Karatsu-shi) | TEL (area code=0955) | CHECK IN / OUT |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Onyado Kaishu | 2-45 Higashijonai | 72-8101 | 16:00 / 10:00 |
| Karatsu Seaside Hotel | 4-182 Higashikaratsu | 75-3300 | 15:00 / 11:00 |
| Taibokaku | 1399 Chinzeimachi, Nagoya | 82-1711 | 15:00 / 10:00 |
| Nagasakiso | 6-36 Nishijonai | 72-2254 | 16:00 / 10:00 |
| Nagisakan Kimura | 4-3 Higashijonai | 72-4617 | 16:00 / 10:00 |
| Matsunoi Ryokan | 2-4-32 Higashikaratsu | 72-8131 | 15:00 / 10:00 |
| Mizuno Ryokan | 4-50 Higashijonai | 72-6201 | 16:00 / 10:00 |
| Miyakoso | 568-2 Ochicho, Ikisa | 62-2413 | 15:00 / 10:00 |
| Ryokan Omasa | 4-46 Higashijonai | 72-4446 | 16:00 / 10:00 |
| Ryokan Wataya | 5-10 Daimyokoji | 72-4181 | 15:00 / 10:00 |
| Yoyokaku | 2-4-40 Higashikaratsu | 72-7181 | 15:00 / 10:00 |



【 Central area expansion map 】

RYOKAN & HOTEL A—K RESTAURANT & CAFE a—u

* Stores located outside the central area expansion map, potteries and dealers are listed on the map on the reverse side of this page.

The Beauty of Use

Karatsu Ware is a "Beauty of Use" That is perfected by the user.



Nobori-gama at Nakazato Tarouemon Toba.

Karatsu Ware is made of rough, coarse clay. It has a simple yet powerful appearance that has won the hearts of many tea masters, and has long been praised as "Ichiido, Niraku, Sankaratsu" in the ranking of matcha bowls ("Ido Ware is the best, Raku Ware is the second best and Karatsu Ware is the third best").

when potters from Korea brought techniques such as "nobori-gama" and "kerokuro" to Karatsu. After the introduction of iron painting decorations, the variety as well as volume of the production increased.

There are various theories about the origin of Karatsu Ware but it seems that it was already being made in the Kitahata area at the foot of Mt. Kishidake during the late Muromachi period and the Momoyama period. The production of Karatsu Ware increased-

Karatsu Ware is a "Beauty of Use" meaning that it is on display only when it is used. As the saying goes, "Its value depends 80 percent on the makers, 20 percent on the users." It is complete only after the tea is made, the food is served, and the flowers are arranged. We hope you will create your own complete Karatsu Ware, which reflects your individuality.

INFORMATION

Access and Event Information

✈ Airplane

Fukuoka Airport → Fukuoka City Subway JR Chikuhi Line → Karatsu Station (Approx. 70 min.)

Saga Airport → Saga Station (Approx. 35 min. by Bus) → Karatsu Station (Approx. 60 min. by JR Karatsu Line)

*The JR Chikuhi Line and Fukuoka City Subway have a direct connection.

🚆 Train

Hakata Station → Fukuoka City Subway JR Chikuhi Line → Karatsu Station (Approx. 65 min.)

Nagasaki Station → Saga Station → Karatsu Station (Approx. 70 min. by JR Nagasaki Main Line)

*The JR Chikuhi Line and Fukuoka City Subway have a direct connection. Trains bound for Karatsu from Hakata Station and Tenjin Station depart from the subway platform.

🚌 Highway bus

Fukuoka Airport → Hakata Station / Tenjin Station → Karatsu Oteguchi Bus Center (Approx. 60 min. by Showa Bus Karatsu-go)

*Only some of the Karatsu-go trains stop at Fukuoka Airport.

🚗 Car

Fukuoka City → Kyushu Expressway → Fukuoka I.C. → Kyushu Expressway Fukuoka Urban Expressway Nijo-Hamata Road → Karatsu (Approx. 60 min.)

From the direction of Minami-Kyushu → Nagasaki Expressway → Taku I.C. → Route 203 Kyuragi/Taku Toll Road → Karatsu (Approx. 30 min.)



EAT

Kawashima Tofu. Zaru-Tofu is their most famous dish.



The container is another reason why it tastes so good.

The ultimate cuisine with foodstuffs and vessels originating in Karatsu.

Karatsu, blessed with a mild climate, is a treasure trove of foodstuffs. Dishes using fresh ingredients nurtured by the local nature, such as squid from Yobuko and other seafood from the Sea of Genkai, and Saga beef grown in a lush green environment, go perfectly with pottery made from the local soil. The charm of Karatsu Ware is that it harmonises with a wide variety of food cultures, including Italian and French cuisines, as well as Japanese food. Karatsu also offers a collection of locally brewed sake that have been highly acclaimed at national sake competitions. We invite you to taste them in Karatsu Ware sake cups.

* Please check with each restaurant for opening hours.

| RESTAURANT | ADDRESS (city=Karatsu-shi) | TEL (area code=0955) | REGULAR HOLIDAY |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Amegen | 1058-2 Hamatamamachi, Gotanda | 56-6926 | Tuesday (excluding holidays) |
| Arutokoro | 732 Kagami | 58-8898 | without a holiday |
| Karatsu-Sushi Esaki | 1840-1 Nakamachi | 75-2014 | Monday |
| Kawashima Tofu | 1775 Kyomachi | 72-2423 | Sunday |
| Izakaya Daihachiguruma | 1833 Nakamachi | 73-0533 | Sunday (non-scheduled holiday) |
| Tamatori | 1F KARAE 1783 Kyomachi | 73-8800 | Monday |
| Sushi-Dokoro Tsukuta | 1879-1 Nakamachi | 74-6665 | Monday |
| Bistro Shima | 992-1 Haru | 77-0414 | Monday |
| Hirata | 1-3-2 Kitajonai | 74-0351 | Wednesday |
| Yasuke | 1683-1 Konyamachi | 72-4366 | Monday |
| Y'S KITCHEN | 3-36 Watada, Nishiyama | 72-8716 | Sunday |



DRINK



KARAE TABLE. You can enjoy seasonal sweets.

Karatsu, which is said to be the birthplace of rice production, has long been a place where confections such as those made from rice have flourished. In addition, Karatsu has a long history as a castle town where sado, the Japanese tea ceremony, is popular, and people still cherish the time spent enjoying tea to enrich their hearts and minds. Karatsu Ware contributes greatly to this café culture. Enjoy a coffee and tea break with Karatsu Ware, as well as a rich assortment of sweets.

Enjoy a moment at the café à la Karatsu.

Karatsu style coffee and tea break. Cherish your teatime.

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| CAFE | ADDRESS (city=Karatsu-shi) | TEL (area code=0955) | REGULAR HOLIDAY |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Kaikado Honmachi Shop | 1889 Honmachi | 72-5750 | without a holiday |
| caffe Luna | 1768-4 Kyomachi | 080-2697-0497 | Wednesday / non-scheduled holiday |
| KARAE TABLE | 1783 Kyomachi | 53-8067 | without a holiday |
| CALALI | 627 Egawamachi | calali.info@gmail.com | Wednesday |
| Chaen Kaigetsu | 3458 Chinzeimachi, Nagoya | 82-4384 | Wednesday |
| Soavita | 1F Ote-Bldg 1-1 Minamijonai | 58-9112 | non-scheduled holiday |
| Nihonsyu-Bar Chokobaru | 1809 Gofukumachi | 090-5385-0073 | Mon-Thu / non-scheduled holiday |
| Tea&Space Kikoan | 1-9-21 Higashikaratsu | 72-8188 | Tuesday |
| Bakery-Cafe neuf | 1-12 Higashikaratsu | 73-7159 | Wednesday / 1st and 3rd Sunday |
| hana Hanaya | 1F nakamachi-casa 1868 Nakamachi | 74-2454 | non-scheduled holiday |

People who make Karatsu Ware.

Today, there are as many as 70 potteries scattered throughout the city of Karatsu. Each pottery has created its own unique style, inheriting the techniques of its predecessors cultivated over its long history and incorporating new sensibilities. The variety of expression fostered through tradition and innovation is indeed the appeal of Karatsu Ware, which has fans around the world. We suggest you visit the exhibition halls, stores, and galleries in the city to experience the thoughts and expressions of each potter.

Karatsu Ware has a neat appearance that fits in well on your dining table.



Potter Yukiko Tsuchiya (Yukikogama)



After glaze is applied to the base, the firing process begins.

Potter Rui Mitoh (Mitohgama) These are modern yet delicate-looking vessels.

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POTTERIES

| AREA | POTTERIES | ADDRESS (city=Karatsu-shi) | TEL (area code=0955) | LOCATION | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----|
| Karatsu | 1 Akamizugama | 4758 Kagami | 77-2061 | C-2 | | | |
| | 2 Ayagama | 473 Wariishi, Kashiwazaki | 77-1471 | B-3 | | | |
| | 3 Kazugama | 1095-15 Haru | 77-3175 | B-2 | | | |
| | 4 Karatsuyaki KEI | 1287-26 Chichika | 090-2511-7791 | B-3 | | | |
| | 5 Kawakami Kiyomi Tobo | 3073-4 Hada | 77-3198 | C-3 | | | |
| | 6 Kyozeigama | 4958 Kagami | 77-2131 | B-2 | | | |
| | 7 Keikagama | 50 Nagatani | 090-1511-1916 | B-2 | | | |
| | 8 Potter Studio Ryuseki | 2636-10 Sozui | 74-4833 | B-3 | | | |
| | 9 Kosugigama | 8-1 Yojaku, Watada | 72-7745 | B-2 | | | |
| | 10 Sashiyamagama | 4557 Mirukashi | 74-2397 | B-2 | | | |
| | 11 Shiawasetobo Sena | 1235-3 Kagami | 77-1602 | B-2 | | | |
| | 12 Jikugama | 4-55 Higashijonai | 74-3315 | B-2 | | | |
| | 13 Shoenjigama | 3371-3 Shoenji, Nabatake | 72-8010 | B-2 | | | |
| | 14 Togengama | 2567-1 Chichika | 78-1615 | B-3 | | | |
| | 15 Tofugama | 5189-1 Takekoba | 74-3320 | B-2 | | | |
| | 16 Torigama | 1763-30 Jiri, Aza, Sashi | 75-3901 | B-2 | | | |
| | 17 Nakazato Tarouemon Tobo | 3-6-29 Choda | 72-8171 | B-2 | | | |
| 18 Nakanogama Sandai Geirin | 5-9-2 Choda | 73-8881 | B-2 | | | | |
| Nakanotochigama | 19 Nakanotochigama | 5-9-2 Choda | 73-8881 | B-2 | | | |
| | 20 Harugama | 1134-1 Kuri | 090-2390-0992 | B-3 | | | |
| | 21 Mitogama | 2972-6 Uki | 77-0333 | B-3 | | | |
| | 22 Monohanako | 4838-20 Mirukashi | 58-9467 | B-2 | | | |
| | 23 Ryutagama | 4333-1 Mirukashi | 74-3503 | B-2 | | | |
| | 24 Ryufukujigama | 12-68 Nishiyama, Watada | 090-3417-0224 | B-2 | | | |
| | 25 Watagama | 23-1 Higashioshimamachi | 090-1363-3238 | B-2 | | | |
| | Hamatama | 26 Karatsuhakuteigama | 409-1 Hirabarukou, Hamatamamachi | 56-6977 | C-2 | | |
| | | 27 Gengengama | 3466 Higashiyamada, Hamatamamachi | 56-2606 | C-2 | | |
| | | 28 Kentarogama | 1608-2 Yokotashimo, Hamatamamachi | 56-2358 | C-2 | | |
| | | 29 Suganotanigama | 2207-2 Higashiyamada, Hamatamamachi | 56-7841 | C-2 | | |
| | | 30 Sogengama | 1064-1 Hirabarukou, Hamatamamachi | 56-2188 | C-2 | | |
| | | 31 Tenpyogama | 1328-1 Higashiyamada, Hamatamamachi | 56-2061 | C-2 | | |
| | | 32 Torisugama | 885-1 Torisu, Hamatamamachi | 58-2111 | C-3 | | |
| | | 33 Yamasegama | 1021-2 Yamase, Hamatamamachi | 56-8280 | C-3 | | |
| | | 34 Yukikogama | 800-1 Higashiyamada, Hamatamamachi | 56-8701 | C-2 | | |
| | | 35 Ryoungama | 3170 Minamiyama, Hamatamamachi | 56-2025 | C-2 | | |
| 36 Tobo Sora | | 851 Manokawa, Nanayama | 58-3143 | C-2 | | | |
| Kyuragi | | 37 Oameyagama | 10-1 Kyuragi, Kyuragimachi | 63-2304 | C-4 | | |
| | | 38 Sakureigama | 279 Hirano, Kyuragimachi | 63-4680 | C-3 | | |
| | | 39 Namisegama | 929-1 Namise, Kyuragimachi | 090-4517-5561 | C-4 | | |
| | | Ouchi | 40 Ikisagama | 6-1 Ikisa, Ouchicho | 62-3317 | C-3 | |
| | | | 41 Otanikobo Handogamegama | 3391-11 Sari, Ouchicho | 090-9404-7013 | B-3 | |
| | | | 42 Okamoto Syuichi | 1756-1 Ouchi, Ouchicho | 090-7494-7142 | B-3 | |
| | 43 Kitagama | | 1579-14 Sarikami, Ouchicho | 62-3374 | B-3 | | |
| | 44 Sarigama | | 2961 Sari, Ouchicho | 080-3616-2813 | B-3 | | |
| | 45 Bochugama | | 2734-2 Mutabe, Ouchicho | 090-7391-0605 | B-3 | | |
| | 46 Yoshihisagama | | 1960 Sari, Ouchicho | 080-6592-7682 | B-3 | | |
| | 47 Lustige Studio | | 839 Ouchi, Ouchicho | 070-8538-1439 | B-3 | | |
| | 48 Ryudogama Garakubo | | 175 Kusunoki, Ouchicho | 63-4492 | C-4 | | |
| | Kitahata | | 49 Osugisarayagama | 856-2 Osugi, Kitahata | 64-2315 | B-3 | |
| | | | 50 Kishidakegama Sankian | 154 Kishiyama, Kitahata | 64-2123 | B-3 | |
| | | | 51 Kitahatagama | 2068-1 Narufuchi, Kitahata | 64-2263 | B-3 | |
| | | | 52 Sanrigama | 3111-113 Hieda, Kitahata | 64-3730 | B-3 | |
| | | | 53 Sugitanigama Ichuan | 2490-2 Hieda, Kitahata | 64-2354 | B-3 | |
| 54 Chinzeigama | | | 1129-4 Osugi, Kitahata | 64-2830 | B-3 | | |
| 55 Donraku Tobo | | | 342-1 Kishiyama, Kitahata | 64-3688 | B-3 | | |
| 56 Hobashiragama | | | 375-29 Kishiyama, Kitahata | 64-2749 | B-3 | | |
| 57 Ryoujingama | | 3312-1 Hieda, Kitahata | 51-2188 | B-3 | | | |
| Hizen | | 58 Sazangama | 89-3 Magarikawa, Hizenmachi | 53-2687 | B-2 | | |
| | | Chinzei | 59 Taiko Sannomarugama | 2482-1 Shobu, Chinzeimachi | 82-1097 | B-1 | |
| | | | 60 Tonoyamagama | 1288 Nagoya, Chinzeimachi | 82-4162 | B-1 | |
| | | | 61 Doheigama | 1315-3 Nomoto, Chinzeimachi | 82-2970 | B-1 | |
| | | | 62 Hinatagama | 4725 Nagoya, Chinzeimachi | 82-6022 | A-1 | |
| | | | 63 Yatokogama | 4073-4 Yatoko, Chinzeimachi | 080-6411-6955 | B-1 | |
| | | | Yobuko | 64 Keizenbogama | Suginohara, Kabeshima, Yobukocho | 080-6410-2319 | B-1 |

CENTRAL AREA



GALLERIES & SHOPS

| GALLERIES & SHOPS | ADDRESS (city=Karatsu-shi) | TEL (area code=0955) | OPENING HOURS | LOCATION | GALLERIES & SHOPS | ADDRESS (city=Karatsu-shi) | TEL (area code=0955) | OPENING HOURS | LOCATION |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------|--|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------|
| 1 Ayagama Gallery | 5-7-7 Choda | 72-5709 | 10:00-17:00 | B-2 | 13 Sodensha | 1030-3 Tokusue, Kitahata | 64-3540 | 11:00-17:00 | B-3 |
| 2 GALLERY Ichibankan | 1807 Gofukumachi | 73-0007 | 10:00-18:00 | B-2 | 14 Nakano Touchigama Shop | 1745 Honmachi | 73-0135 | unscheduled | B-2 |
| 3 Umaya | 12-3 Higashijonai | 72-6071 | 09:00-17:00 | B-2 | 15 Nishinomom-Yakata | 1-8 Kitajonai | 75-3667 | 09:00-17:00 | B-2 |
| 4 Karatsu Ware Shop Tomu | Kagamiyama summit 6052-1 Kagami | 090-4777-5086 | 10:00-16:00 | C-2 | 16 Noda Ceramics Art Shop | 1525 Katanamachi | 72-2447 | 10:30-19:00 | B-2 |
| 5 Osugisarayagama Shop | 1854-1 Gofukumachi | 73-5249 | 10:00-18:00 | B-2 | 17 Hotel&Resorts SAGA-KARATSU | 4-9-20 Higashikaratsu | 72-0111 | 07:00-21:00 | B-2 |
| 6 Karatsu Castle Shop | 8-1 Higashijonai | 72-5697 | 09:00-17:00 | B-2 | 18 Hinatagama Yobuko Morning Market Street Shop | 3764-17 Yobuko, Yobukocho | 090-9475-4440 | 08:00-12:00 | B-1 |
| 7 Karatsu Ware Exhibition Hall&Shop | 2F Arupino 2881-1 Shinkomachi | 73-4888 | 09:00-18:00 | B-2 | 19 Maeda Ceramic Shop | 1886 Nakamachi | 72-2780 | 10:00-17:00 | B-2 |
| 8 GALLERY KARAE | 1783 Kiyomachi | 53-8063 | 10:00-18:00 | B-2 | 20 Roadside Station Kyuragi Kaze-no-furusato-kan | 692-1 Makise, Kyuragimachi | 63-3737 | 08:00-18:00 | C-4 |
| 9 Gallery RAKU | 1633 Komeyamachi | 74-2610 | 11:00-17:00 | B-2 | 21 Roadside Station Momoyamatenkaichi | 1859 Nagoya, Chinzeimachi | 51-1051 | 09:00-18:00 | B-1 |
| 10 Sashiyamagama Shop | 10-9 Higashijonai | 72-2311 | 10:00-17:00 | B-2 | 22 Yasura Karatsu Ware Shop | 16-16 Hiranomachi | 75-4058 | 10:30-18:00 | B-2 |
| 11 Syoenjigama Shop | 3122-3 Kumanoharamachi | 72-8905 | 09:00-18:00 | B-2 | 23 Yoyokaku Pottery Gallery | 2-4-40 Higashikaratsu | 72-7181 | 10:00-17:00 | B-2 |
| 12 Sugitanigama Ichuan Shop | 1797 Gofukumachi | 72-7330 | 10:00-18:00 | B-2 | | | | | |

*Some inns, ryokans, hotels, restaurants, cafes are also listed.