

Beppu, Japan



Ominous steam rises from the Japanese island of Kyushu where Beppu lies in wait. But not to worry - this legendary tourist town is renowned for its healing geothermal waters and spas. Overlooking Beppu Bay to its east and protected from the west by dramatic mountain peaks, this exotic city is blanketed with misty turquoise waters and elegant Japanese foliage. Its main attraction is the "Hells of Beppu," a collection of nine stunning onsen, or hot springs, some of which feature geysers and colorful waters in shades from white to copper to sapphire. The springs' names, including Kamado-Jigoku (Boiling Hell) and Oniyama-Jigoku (Demon Mountain Hell), are somewhat misleading as all of the hot springs are breathtakingly beautiful rather than frightening - though your nose may cower and crinkle at the sulfurous odor they emit!

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1 Jigokumeguri

This path links the eight geothermal sites known as the "Eight Hells of Beppu."

2 Yufuin Onsen

The source of this famous mountain spa is a hot spring on the slopes of Mt. Yufu.

3 Mt. Takasaki Monkey Park

Wild macaque monkeys - 1500 of them - call this park home.

4 Usa Jingu Shrine

A Japanese National Treasure, this shrine is dedicated to Hachiman, the God of War.

6 Usuki Stone Buddha Statues

Carved during the 12th century, the Usuki Buddhas feature four groups of stone statues and are designated National Treasures.

7 Usuki Castle Ruins

Now in ruins, the castle dates to the early 16th century when feudal lords vied for power.

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