

ROMANTIC RETRO TOWN MOJIKO

Guide Map of Mojiko Retro Town

MOJIKO GUIDE MAP

A large number of historical buildings still remain at Mojiko, which prospered in old times as a major trading hub. Now considered a romantic seaside town bursting with nostalgic scenes including a great view of the Kanmon Strait, Mojiko also boasts several local gourmet specialties! Let this map be your guide as you talk a walk along the streets of this quaint town.



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Mojiko Station Tourist Information Center
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 Kyushu Railway History Museum / Tel.093-322-1006 · Mojiko Retro District Promotion Office / Tel.093-322-1188

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- 🚦 Traffic light
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- 🚲 Cycling road
- 🛍 Shopping arcade

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Mojiko Sightseeing Guide

Mojiko is a quaint and romantic town with old-style European architecture that will give visitors an idea what life was like during the golden era of Japan's modernization.

1 関門海峡ミュージアム (海峡ドラマシップ) <MAP:A-2> Kannon Strait Museum (Kaikyo Dramaship)



At the Kannon Strait Museum, which opened in 2003, visitors can learn about the past and present of the Kannon Strait. The museum offers a number of highlights, such as the atrium that reenacts the history of the Kannon Strait, the History Corridor, and the retro room that reproduces what Mojiko was like in the Taisho period.

■Hours: 9 am to 5 pm (The Retro Room is open until 6 pm). Closed approximately 4 times a year.
■Admission: 500 yen (adult) and 200 yen (elementary/junior/high school student)
20% discount for groups of 30 or more. ■Phone: (093) 321-4151

2 門司港駅 <MAP:B-3> 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.

■Mojiko Station Tourism Information Center
Provides detailed information on the must-see sights and gourmet foods of Mojiko.
■Hours: 9 am to 6 pm. Closed during year-end and New Year holidays (from Dec. 29 to Jan. 1).
■Phone: (093) 321-6110

3 九州鉄道記念館 <MAP:A-3> Kyushu Railway History Museum



The former Kyushu Railroad Building was reborn as the Kyushu Railway History Museum. It features real locomotives, railroad cultural heritage exhibits, a driving simulator, a large railway panorama of Kyushu, and a track where visitors can drive a small train.

■Hours: 9 am to 5 pm. Closed once a month on the second Wednesday.
■Admission: 300 yen (adult) and 150 yen (junior high school age or younger)
20% discount for groups of 30 or more. ■Phone: (093) 322-1006

4 旧大阪商船 <MAP:B-3> Old Mitsui O.S.K. Line Bldg.



The octagonal penthouse with its bright orange outer wall is the landmark of the area. This building was constructed as the Moji Branch for Old Mitsui O.S.K. Line Bldg. in 1917. The building has been restored and presently, the Kannon Strait Hall is located on the first floor, while the Seizo Watase Gallery of the sea and the Art Mura Gallery are located on the second floor.

■Hours: 9 am to 5 pm. Open year-round.
■Admission (Seizo Watase Gallery only): 100 yen (adult) and 50 yen (schoolchild or junior high school student); 20% discount for groups of 30 or more. ■Phone: (093) 321-4151

5 旧門司三井倶楽部 <MAP:B-3> Old Moji Mitsui Club



This building was built in 1921 as a place to house important guests. Dr. Einstein and his wife stayed here during their visit in 1922. There is a restaurant and an event hall on the first floor and memorial rooms for Dr. Einstein and the famous writer Fumiko Hayashi on the second floor.

■Hours: 9 am to 5 pm. Open year-round.
■Admission: 100 yen (adults) and 50 yen (elementary/junior/high school students)
20% discount for groups of 30 or more. ■Phone: (093) 321-4151

6 海峡プラザ <MAP:B-3> Kaikyo Plaza



The Kaikyo Plaza is a commercial complex. There is a market on the first floor with a variety of souvenirs, local marine products, and miscellaneous goods. The second floor has a music box museum and workshop, a glass craft shop and a restaurant that offers a great view.

■Hours: 10 am to 8 pm (shops) 11 am to 10 pm (restaurants). Open year-round.
■Phone: (093) 332-3121

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潮風号 Shiohaze



Enjoy a relaxing and scenic ride along the coast!

■Operates weekends and holidays from April to November and during spring vacation, summer vacation, and Golden Week.
■Hours: 10:00 am to 16:55 pm
■Between Kyushu Tetsudo Kimerikan Station and Kannon Kaikyo Mekan Station
■Fare: 300 yen (adults) and 150 yen (children); 100 yen (reserved seat ticket)
■Contact: Heisei Chikuho Railway Co., Ltd.
Moji Port Office Phone: 093-331-1065

めかり絶景バス Mekari Shuttle bus



This bus travels back and forth to the scenic Mekari area.

■Operates weekends and holidays from April to Nov. and during spring/summer vacations and Golden Week
■Hours: 10:00 am to 17:00 pm (every hour and half hour on the hour at Mekari-bus stop.)
■Fare: 180 yen (adults) and 90 yen (children)
■Contact: Nishitsu Bus
Phone: (0570) 00-1010. (092) 303-3333 (IP phone and PH5)

レンタサイクル Rent-a-bicycle terminal <MAP:C-3>



A bicycle is the ideal way to get around Mojiko!

■Hours: 10 am to 9 pm
■Fee: 500 yen per day
■Contact: JOYNT Mojiko Phone: (093) 321-2272

遊覧船・SANTA <MAP:B-3> Tour Boat "SANTA"



Enjoy the 15-minute tour to see the retro-flavored view of Moji while feeling the sea breeze.

■Day cruise fare (from 11 am): 500 yen (adults) and 250 yen (children)
■Night cruise fare (from sunset): 800 yen (adults) and 400 yen (children)
■Contact: Kannon Kisen Phone: (093) 331-0222

人力車 Rickshaw



Did you know the word "rickshaw" comes from the Japanese word "rikisha"? While pulling their carts through town the guides offer loads more cool trivia!

■Fare (One course): 2,000 yen for a single passenger
3,000 yen for two passengers
■Contact: Ebisuya Moji Phone: (093) 332-4444

門司港Cab (ロンドンタクシー) Mojiko Cab



The genuine London-style taxi fits with the retro atmosphere.

Contact the office below for the fares and tour courses.
■Fare: available upon request
■Contact: Kyushu Kanko Taxi Phone: (093) 331-8943

7 栄町界隈 Sakaemachi Quarter <MAP:B-3>



Sakaemachi Shopping Arcade is spotted with a variety of unique stores and restaurants with a nostalgic atmosphere including Japanese and Western cuisines. It is a port town street with humanity. In the Showa Retro Gallery, you can feel some nostalgic cultures of Japan's Showa period from the exhibits of Hisashi Sekiya's comics and life space.

■Showa Retro Gallery
■Open weekends, holidays, and during summer vacation.
■Hours: 10 am to 5 pm. ■Phone: (093) 321-8280

8 旧門司税関 Old Moji Customs Bldg. <MAP:C-3>



The Moji Customs Office was established in 1909 but the present building was built in 1912 and was used as the customs office until early in the Showa period. The first floor has a lounge, a public relations desk and a coffee shop, while the second floor has a fine arts gallery.

■Hours: 9 am to 5 pm. Open year-round.
■Admission: Free
■Phone: (093) 321-4151

9 港ハウス Port House <MAP:C-3>



The Port House is a collection of souvenir shops. The first floor has a market that sells local fresh marine products from Kitakyushu and Shimonoseki, souvenir shops that offer a complete set of Kitakyushu specialties, a sightseeing information desk and a takeout corner. The second floor has a large restaurant with a relaxing atmosphere.

■Hours: 10 am to 6 pm. Open year-round.
■Phone: (093) 321-4151

10 門司港レトロ展望室 Mojiko Retro Observation Room <MAP:C-3>



Kisho Kurokawa, a famous architect in Japan, designed the Mojiko Retro Observation Room, which is located on the 31st floor of a high-rise apartment building. This glass-walled spacious room offers a panoramic view of the Kannon Strait that changes beautifully in the morning and evening and from season to season.

■Hours: 10 am to 10 pm (door close at 9:30 pm) Closed approx. twice a year on an irregular basis.
■Admission: 300 yen (adults) and 150 yen (elementary/junior/high school students) 20% discount for groups of 30 or more.
■Phone: (093) 321-4151

11 国際友好記念図書館 Kitakyushu Commemorative Library of International Friendship <MAP:C-3>



This building, which is a replica of the Chinese Eastern Railway Office that Russia had constructed in Dalian, China, was built in commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the friendship between Kitakyushu and Dalian. There is a restaurant on the first floor, a library with a collection of Chinese and East Asian literature on the second floor, and a reference room on the third floor.

■Hours: 9:30 am to 7 pm (until 6 pm on weekends and holidays). Closed on Mondays (except when Monday is a national holiday) and during year-end and New Year holidays.
■Admission: Free ■Phone: (093) 331-5446

12 出光美術館 Idemitsu Museum of Arts <MAP:C-3>



The Idemitsu Museum of Arts, which was established in 2000, is a private art museum that possesses ceramics and works of art such as pictures collected by Sazo Idemitsu, the founder of Idemitsu Kosan. The appearance of the Museum, a renovated former warehouse, maintains the atmosphere of the Taisho period.

■Hours: 10 am to 5 pm Closed on Mondays (except when Monday is a national holiday), during year-end and New Year holidays, and exhibition change periods.
■Admission: 600 yen (adults), 400 yen (high school/university students), and free for elementary/junior high students if they are accompanied by their parents; 100 yen discount for each person in a group of 20 or more. ■Phone: (093) 332-0251

13 NTT門司電気通信レトロ館 NTT Moji Telecommunication History Hall <MAP:C-3>



This building was built as the Telephone Department Building for the Communications Ministry, Moji Post Office in 1924. This is the first modern building in Moji and it still maintains the refined modern atmosphere of the Taisho period. The first floor has a booth that exhibits telegraphic communications equipment and telephone sets that played an active part late in the Taisho period and early in the Showa period.

■Hours: 9 am to 4:30 pm Closed on Mondays (except when Monday is a national holiday) and during year-end and New Year holidays. ■Admission: Free ■Phone: (093) 321-1199

14 松永文庫 Matsunaga Library <MAP:C-4>



The Library has a collection of more than 12,000 precious theater-related items, e.g., movie and theatrical posters, pamphlets, scripts, still pictures. The Library's collection includes rare items such as a movie theater programs that were printed during movies' golden era in Japan. This Library is a private-owned resource center that tells you people's livelihood cultures in those days.

■Hours: 9:30 am to 5 pm. Closes Mondays and during year-end and New Year's holiday period.
■Admission: Free
■Phone: (093) 331-8013

15 門司港アート村 Mojiko Art Mura <MAP:C-4>



Mojiko Art Mura is housed in the former Shoji Primary School on a hill that commands a wide view of the Kannon Strait. Residents make plastic art, sculpture, ceramic art, woodwork, and more! Their works are displayed at the Mojiko Art Mura Gallery on the second floor of the Old Mitsui O.S.K. Line Bldg.

■Hours: 10 am to 5 pm. Closed on Mondays (except when Monday is a national holiday) and during year-end and New Year holidays.
■Admission: Free ■Phone: (093) 322-1235

16 ノーフォーク広場 Norfolk Square <MAP:D-2>



The grand Kannon Strait spreads right in front of Norfolk Square. This is a popular place to view ships and the Kannon Bridge. The night view of the lit-up Bridge is fantastic. This place was named in commemoration of the sister city relationship between Kitakyushu and Norfolk, Virginia, which is on the east coast of the United States.

17 関門トンネル人道 Kannon Pedestrian Tunnel <MAP:E-2>



The Kannon Tunnel, which opened for traffic in 1958, is the world's only undersea tunnel with a path allowing people to cross under the strait on foot. 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. The entrance on the Moji side is located near Mekari Shrine. People on bicycles can use the tunnel as well.

■Hours: 6 am to 10 pm
■Toll: Free for pedestrians and 20 yen for each bicycle or 50-cc motorcycle.

18 和布刈第二展望台 Mekari Second Observation Deck <MAP:E-2>



The terrace offers an unparalleled view of the mountains on Kyushu Island and Honshu Island, the Kannon Strait between them, and many ships that pass through the strait. Visitors can see a beautiful night view featuring the Bridge and the city lights on the opposite shore. There is also a mural of the Dannoura battle between the Genji and the Heike.