

History

1602

The origin of Uomachi



Kokura started out as a castle town when Kokura Castle was built under the orders of Tadaoki Hosokawa in 1602. Kokura developed into a regional political and commercial center after Tadazane Ogasawara took over power in 1632. Uomachi has been serving as the town's commercial hub ever since.

Uomachi literally means "fish town" and, as the name suggests, it was a fish market in the 17th century. This is reflected in the names of surrounding places, such as Sendomachi (Boatmen's Town) and Sembamachi (Shipyard's Town).

The origin of Gintengai Shopping Arcade



Gintengai is a 130 meter-long shopping arcade, the first in Japan to spread across a public road. In Japanese, "gin" means silver, "ten" is a ceiling, and "gai" a town. The name was chosen from among around 6,000 candidates in the hope that it would develop into a "shining town with a silver ceiling". Now, you will find many shopping arcades named "Gintengai" across the nation.

1951

2018

2019

We declared that "UOMACHI GINTENGAI aims to become the first SDG's (Sustainable Development Goal's) shopping street in Japan".

Winners of the "Gold Award" in the 1st SDGs Creative Award!

Feel free to watch the award winning PR video "Before learning" here.



National Important Intangible Cultural Property Designation

Kokura Gion Taiko Festival

The Kokura Gion Taiko (Drum) Festival is one of three major Gion festivals held in Japan and Kokura's most well-known event.

This summer festival started in 1618 as a means to pray for peace and safety, in the hope of making Kokura a prosperous castle town. The main attraction is the unique Kokura style of rhythmical drumming called "ryomen uchi" (beating both sides of the Taiko drum), which is characterized by the lively sound of the drum's "kan" (high note) and "doro" (low note) and people shouting "Aayassa! Yareyare!" to the drumbeats.



A three-day festival is held annually either side of the third Saturday of July. The photo shows a float produced by Uomachi Gintengai.

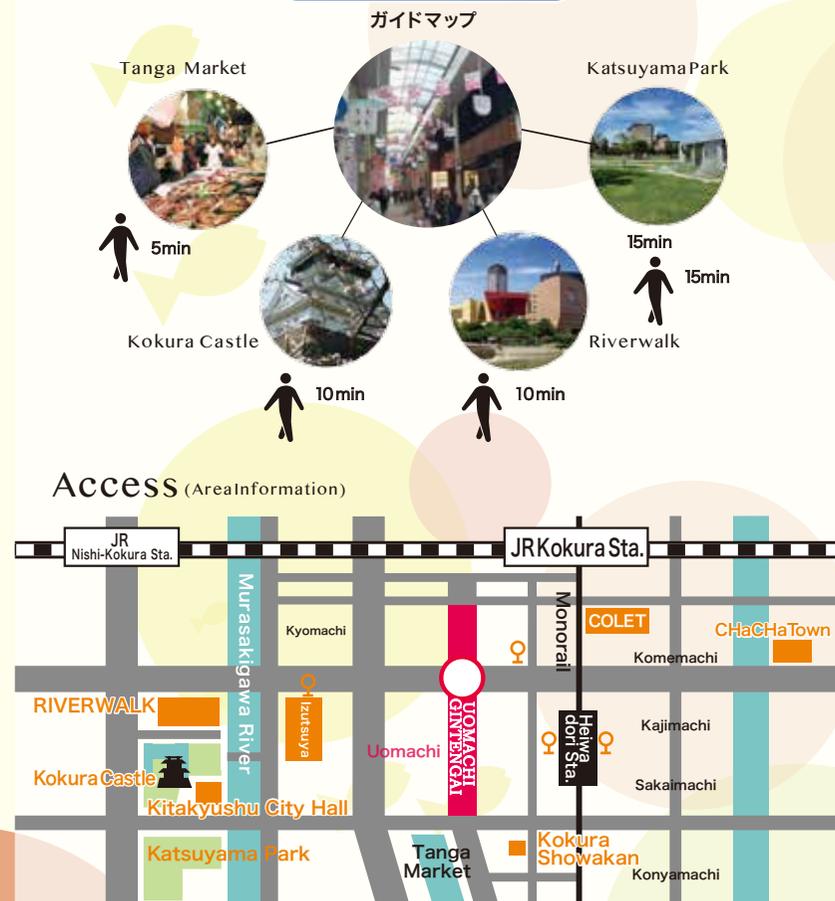


Welcome to UOMACHI GINTENGAI

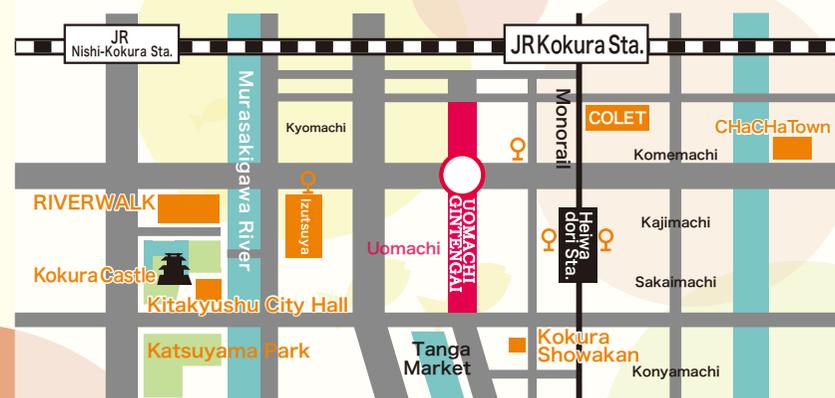


魚町銀天街

GUIDE MAP



Access (Area Information)



	Train	3 min. walk from JR Kokura Sta. (South Exit) 7 min. walk from JR Nishi-Kokura Sta.
	Monorail	1 min. walk from Heiwa-dori Sta.
	Bus	1 min. walk from "Uomachi" bus stop 1 min. walk from "Heiwa-dori" bus stop
	Car	5 min. drive from Kokura-kita Exit/Otemachi Exit * Please use the Crossroad Parking.



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Omiyage

Kimono Japanese goods
18 Erifuku
Obi sashes
Drawstring bags

Japanese sundries
24 Marusan Gofukuten
Haori coat (for kids)

Ceramics/ Japanese sundries
23 Himiko
Plates
Watches
7 Hoseski, Tokei, Megane Nakano

Traditional Japanese household hardware
Knives/scissors/pots
6 Kuraichimonji
Pruning shears
Knives

Buddhist altar fittings
19 Nogami Shinbutsuguten
Buddhist ornaments
Candles

Authentic tea
Japanese tea/matcha
13 Tsujiri Chaho
Tea utensils
Tea leaves

STUDIO GHIBLI goods
8 Donguri Kyowakoku
Incense
Firestone

Uomachi Gintengai is filled with specialist stores. You are sure to find what you are looking for!

Uomachi Guide

- Food
- Eyewear/Jewelry
- Fashion
- Other

Katsuyama St.

1 Monjya yaki
[vegetables/contact lenses/hearing aids] Megane Super

2 Karaoke
[karaoke] Jumbo Karaoke Hiroba

3 Char-broiled Chicken
[karaoke] Jumbo Karaoke Hiroba
[footwear] JC Shoes
[yakitori (grilled chicken)] Kando Yakitori Kura

4 Purikura photo sticker booth
[photo prints/cameras/photo studio] Takachiho Camera

5 Camera/photo processing
[convenience store] Lawson
[dining bar] Giraffe Monochrome
[gyoza (zakayari)] Gyoza no Tatchan
[amusement arcade] Pep

6 Ginten Seikotsuin
[cafe] Doutor Coffee

7 Kuraichimoni
[cutlery/kitchen goods/household goods] Kuraichimoni

8 Donguri Kyowakoku
[character goods] Donguri Kyowakoku
[sundry goods] ZOO

9 Daimaru Boushiten
[Italian restaurant] JAPORAMA & Barong
[hats/umbrellas/walking sticks] Daimaru Boushiten

10 Fugu Sashimi
[fugu (blowfish) restaurant] Takenaka

11 Fish-shaped treat
[footwear] Kutsu no HATANAKA

12 Okonomiyaki
[Kokura yakudon (stir-fried udon noodles)] Okonomiyaki Ishin
[Japanese food and confectionery] Umezono

13 Tsujiri Chaho
[Japanese tea shop/cafe] Tsujiri Chaho

14 Yababuki Kamaboko
[cosmetics/bags/clothing] RE-BORN
[sushi] Katsu Zushi No Tora
[kamaboko (boiled fish paste) shop] Yababuki Kamaboko

15 Matcha/sweets
[sushi] Katsu Zushi No Tora
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16 Boiled fish paste
[sushi] Katsu Zushi No Tora
[kamaboko (boiled fish paste) shop] Yababuki Kamaboko

17 Kutsu no HATANAKA
[footwear] Kutsu no HATANAKA

18 Umezono
[Japanese food and confectionery] Umezono

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UOMACHI Wi-Fi available! Uomachi WLANs

Sun Road St.

Komonji St.

Uomachi ECO Roof

Uomachi Gintengai Walk your bike when in the arcade.

Tanga Market

Kokura Station

15 Rokunoya Ebisu [ramen] Rokunoya Ebisu

16 ICHARI uomachi [hair salon] ICHARI uomachi

17 Miss Grandee VILLAS [hair salon] Miss Grandee VILLAS

18 Nanja Monja no Ki [okonomiyaki/monjeyaki] Nanja Monja no Ki

19 Uomachi Kaikan bldg. [Uomachi Kaikan bldg.] Uomachi Kaikan bldg.

20 Boku no Mise [udon] Boku no Mise

21 Uomachi Megane Ioptician [Uomachi Megane Ioptician] Uomachi Megane Ioptician

22 Hair & Spa Lift [hair salon] Hair & Spa Lift

23 Fashion House Katy [women's clothing] Fashion House Katy

24 Daiso [1000 yen shop] Daiso

25 Luna Crecente [Spanish cuisine] Luna Crecente

26 Drug Eleven [drugstore] Drug Eleven

27 Rappa Island [beauty salon] Rappa Island

28 Erifuku [kimono store] Erifuku

29 Uomachi Hikari Terrace [restaurant building] Uomachi Hikari Terrace

30 T-Plural [flower shop] T-Plural

31 Kaldi Coffee Farm [coffee beans/imported food/liquor] Kaldi Coffee Farm

32 Nogami Shinbutsuguten [Buddhist alters and fittings/ritual articles] Nogami Shinbutsuguten

33 SOKANA [coffee&bakery] SOKANA

34 Ondoru [yakimiku/suki-shabu] Ondoru

35 Fleur delis [women's clothing/bags/accessories] Fleur delis

36 Korean Wave Deli Porco [Korean Cuisine] Korean Wave Deli Porco

37 Kokura Encounter [same/bar] Kokura Encounter

38 Marugame Seimen [udon] Marugame Seimen

39 RENA KONDOU [women's clothing] RENA KONDOU

40 Seizen [Buddhist alters and fittings] Seizen

41 Design Gallery Himiko [crafts/furniture/kitchen] Design Gallery Himiko

42 Hana no Chimoto [flower shop] Hana no Chimoto

43 Marusan Gofukuten [kimono] Marusan Gofukuten

44 Cattleya sacs [bags] Cattleya sacs

45 SINCLAIRS [women's clothing/accessories] SINCLAIRS

46 Hamada Yosoten [women's clothing/materials] Hamada Yosoten

47 I-PRIMO [bridal jewelry] I-PRIMO

48 SUIT SELECT [business supplies] SUIT SELECT

49 Sundrug [drugs/cosmetics] Sundrug

50 Shabuyan [pork restaurant] Shabuyan

51 tensors [women's clothing] tensors

52 2nd STREET [recycle store] 2nd STREET

53 NANBOYA [upscale consignment shop] NANBOYA

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P PARKING

T TOILET

- Multipurpose Toilets : Wheelchair accessible
- Ostomate facility/Nursing room

- Consider others when using toilets.
- Take your trash home.
- No food or drink allowed in stores.
- Walk your bike when in the arcade.
- Refrain from using your phone while walking.
- No smoking while walking.

LINE stamp released!

<http://line.me/S/sticker/1284197>

Uomachi Gintengai Official LINE Stamp