

One of Japan's Most Livable Regions



Fukuoka boasts a modern, comfortable city life surrounded by natural beauty, and has already proven to be an irresistible resting ground for people from overseas - now totaling almost 1% of the population.

- Fukuoka has approximately 52,000 residents from overseas
- Fukuoka International School provides a stimulating educational environment
- A range of exciting professional sports including professional baseball, soccer, and basketball teams, and is also an annual host of the sumo wrestling tournament



The World's Top 25 Most Livable Cities

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Fukuoka was ranked the 12th most livable city in the world by Monocle, an international lifestyle magazine based in London. The magazine portrayed Fukuoka as an international city with a friendly atmosphere. In particular it gave Fukuoka high marks for shopping and food.



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Fukuoka... one of world's 'Top 10 Boomtowns'

Newsweek July 3, 2006

Newsweek magazine selected Fukuoka City, alongside other notable cities including London, Munich, Las Vegas and Moscow in its ranking of the most dynamic cities in each of the world's 10 "key economies", dubbing it one of the "unlikely boomtowns".

In an article titled "The City of Substance", Newsweek summarizes Fukuoka perfectly in saying "There are many would-be 'Gateways to Asia.' This one's for real."

Sources: A Statistical Look at Prefectures and Regions of Japan, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, and other sources

Living in Fukuoka

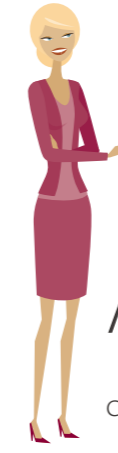
Weekdays



Fukuoka City Subway

Shortest
commute time among
major Japanese cities

Excellent local transport infrastructure allows you to spend more time doing the things you want to be doing.



Japanese language class

A great
network of
cultural exchange activities

There are many local organizations aimed at making daily life in Fukuoka more enjoyable for people from overseas.



Fukuoka International School

Some of the
best schools
in Japan

The Baccalaureate awarded Fukuoka International School provides consistent education from kindergarten to high school.

Weekends

The benefits of living in Fukuoka don't stop with business, you'll find the local environment appealing whatever your interests. From the vast shopping centers, cinemas and museums in the cities to the beaches and mountains surrounding them.

Largest number
of cinemas in Japan*¹

Fukuoka is known locally for its great food, not only Japanese dishes but ethnic dishes from all over Asia.

Fifth highest number of parks
among major Japanese cities*²



Yearly 'Yamakasa' festival in Fukuoka



Downtown Fukuoka at night



Street food stalls, locally known as 'Yatai'



The National Museum in Dazaifu

Health & Lifestyle

Fukuoka is one of the safest areas of the world. Not only in terms of its ultra-low crime rate, but you will also feel safe in the knowledge that Fukuoka has a large concentration of medical professionals - many practicing in English as well as Japanese.

Fourth highest number
of medical institutions in Japan



Source: Japan Statistics 2012, Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications
*¹ per capita *² per 100km² unit area *³ © Fukuoka Convention & Visitors Bureau