

Kumamoto Field Trip: Nature, History, and Beautiful Memories

Even before landing in Kumamoto, I was struck by the beauty and order of the landscape. From the airplane window, I saw neatly arranged fields stretching across the countryside, which clearly showed how well-developed and organized the agricultural sector is in this region. It gave me the impression that Kumamoto is a place where people live in close harmony with nature and the land.



Our two-day trip to Kumamoto was truly unforgettable. Surrounded by beautiful scenery and fresh mountain air, we had the chance to explore one of Japan's most unique and stunning regions.

One of the highlights was visiting the Mount Aso area. Seeing the wide caldera and feeling the presence of an active volcano was an experience I will never forget. The open grasslands, peaceful hills, and natural scents all around created a calm and breathtaking atmosphere. The view from the top was incredible, and it felt like standing on another planet.

We also visited a museum dedicated to the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake. There, we learned about the powerful disaster that affected the region and how both the government and local communities responded to it. The exhibition included real footage, photographs, and stories of recovery, helping us understand the strength and resilience of the people of Kumamoto. It was a very moving and eye-opening part of the trip.



Another memorable place we visited was Kumamoto Castle. The size of the castle and the surrounding stone walls was impressive, and even though reconstruction is still ongoing, the beauty of the site was clear. Walking through the castle grounds on a calm day with blue skies made the experience feel especially peaceful. The sheer scale of the castle and the massive stone walls gave me a sense of how strong and formidable the people must have been during the age of the samurai, both in spirit and in the way they built their defenses.



In the evenings, we enjoyed local food, relaxed in a hot spring, and spent time chatting and laughing together. These simple moments, like walking through the countryside, taking pictures, and sharing meals, made the trip even more meaningful. Kumamoto's landscape is not only beautiful but also full of quiet charm and character.

I am very grateful for this experience. Everything was thoughtfully planned, and each place we visited had something special to offer. This trip gave me memories I will truly treasure.