



Special issue

Thank you for using &and COMFY HOTEL. We started this paper in 2022 because we thought our guests would need some information and recommendation by local people to enjoy Kumamoto more. This is already 10th issue and it's memorable! We hope you'll enjoy the articles below.

Let's see the same as Soseki Natsume!

Soseki Natsume (1867-1916) is one of the greatest historical novelists in Japan. It's not too much to say every Japanese knows him, and even his portrait used to be printed on 1000 yen. This article will share a plan to visit three places related to him in less than 2 and a half hours.

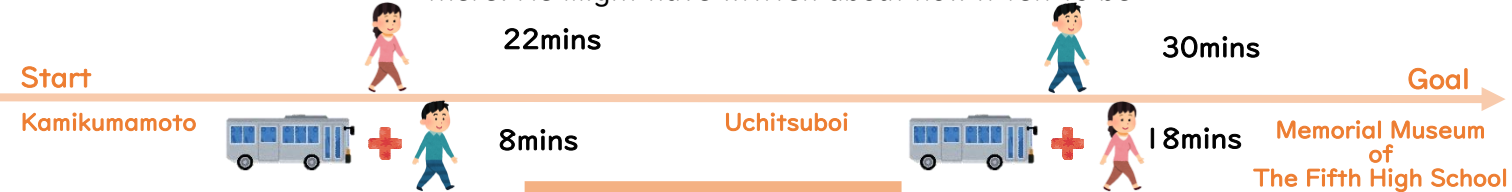


Soseki was here! ①
Kamikumamoto tram stop

Let's start the Soseki tour at Kamikumamoto! He came to Kumamoto in 1896 as a teacher for the fifth high school, which is Kumamoto university now. At that time, the train he took arrived at Ikeda station, and the station built in Taisho era is now used for Kamikumamoto tram stop. Soseki must have been excited to start a new life here, seeing this scenery. Next stop is Uchitsuboi House, his fifth house in Kumamoto. When you take a bus from Kamikumamoto, you get off the bus at Tsuboi-bashi and walk for about four mins. His first child was born when he lived there. He might have written about how it felt to be



Soseki was here! ③
The Fifth High School



a father, seeing the view of his garden from his office. The final stop is his workplace, the fifth high school. The building of the school is used as a museum in Kumamoto university now. It takes more than 30 mins walk from the house, but you go through retro Kokai shopping district and see how local people



Soseki was here! ②
Uchitsuboi House

live. When you want to take a bus, you get off the bus at Kumamoto university. When you go in by the red brick gate of North campus and go straight, you see the brick building. He worked as an English teacher here for four years and three months. He also taught students haiku, which is a short form of poetry. The museum has a re-constructed classroom, so you can see the same view as he might have seen. Other than that, there are some precious exhibits in the museum.



Statue of Soseki. Did you know the myth you would be smart if you have him pat your head!?

What would you think about this plan? We hope this article will help you make a plan in Kumamoto.

My favorite Kumamoto

Bond curry

#8 From Ms. M

Only one min walk from Uchitsuboi House, there is a nice and cozy renovated traditional house. That is Bond curry. Their signature is Shifuku no Bond curry, medium spicy Japanese style curry and rice. (¥1,650) It has a tender stewed chicken wing and pork, and some stakes on it. It has even a soft boiled egg! Imagine if you eat all of them in one bite! This menu easily gets sold out sometimes. Highly recommend you get one now!



Tsuboi-machi 3-18, Chuo-ku Tel 096-201-4318 Opening hours 11:00am-2:00pm

【Kamikumamoto tram stop】Kamikumamoto 2-18-8 Opening hours conforming to time table of tram 【UchitsuboiHouse】Uchitsuboi 4-22 Tel 096-325-9127 Closed Mondays, year-end and new year Opening hour 9:30am-4:30pm 【Memorial Museum of The Fifth High School】Kurokami 2-40-1 Tel 096-342-2050 Closed Tuesdays, year-end and new year, conforming to Uni circumstances Opening hours 10:00am-4:00pm

Check out back issues!

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*Some back issues are only in Japanese.

