

Kochi is located in the southern region of Japan on Shikoku Island, and is well-known as the birthplace of Ryoma Sakamoto. This museum introduces Ryoma and his birthplace Kamimachi, how he overcame great difficulties during the transitional period of Japan, and explains why he left to go into a new and changing world. Ryoma's Birthplace Memorial Museum was built for the purpose of community development and to promote Kochi's history, tourism, and culture.

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**Ryoma's Seated Statue** This art piece was installed on November 15th, 2010.

In the inner garden is a life-size statue of Ryoma sitting on a bench. This is a replication of Ryoma's last photograph said to be taken in the fall of 1867, just before his assassination. You are free to take pictures sitting next to Ryoma.

- Location: 2-6-33 Kamimachi, Kochi City 780-0901, Japan
- Hours: Exhibition 8:00-19:00 (seven days a week, year-round), last entry 18:30  
Fureai Community Center 9:00-22:00
- Entry Fee: 300 yen (Group and handicap discounts available)  
Free for high school students and under
- Parking: About 10 stalls (for museum patrons only)  
※Sorry, no bus parking available
- Public Transportation:  
3 minute walk from Kamimachi 1-Chome stop for trams and buses.

For more information, please contact us at

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 URL <http://ryoma-hometown.com>



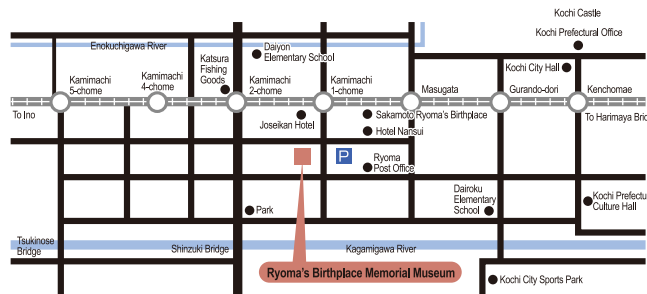
Our guides

**Tosa Tourism Volunteer Association**

If you would like a guide for the museum and nearby historic sites, please call ahead of time to make reservations.

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※ closed for year-end and New Year holidays



# Kochi Municipal Ryoma's Birthplace Memorial Museum



## 1 Welcome!

This is where visitors are welcomed by Ryoma in the Tosa dialect. The painting of Ryoma as a boy was drawn by Mr. Yutaka Murakami, who is active in illustration and picture book publishing. He was awarded many prizes, including the Kodansha Award for Illustration, the Shogakukan Painting Award, and the Kikuchi Kan Prize.



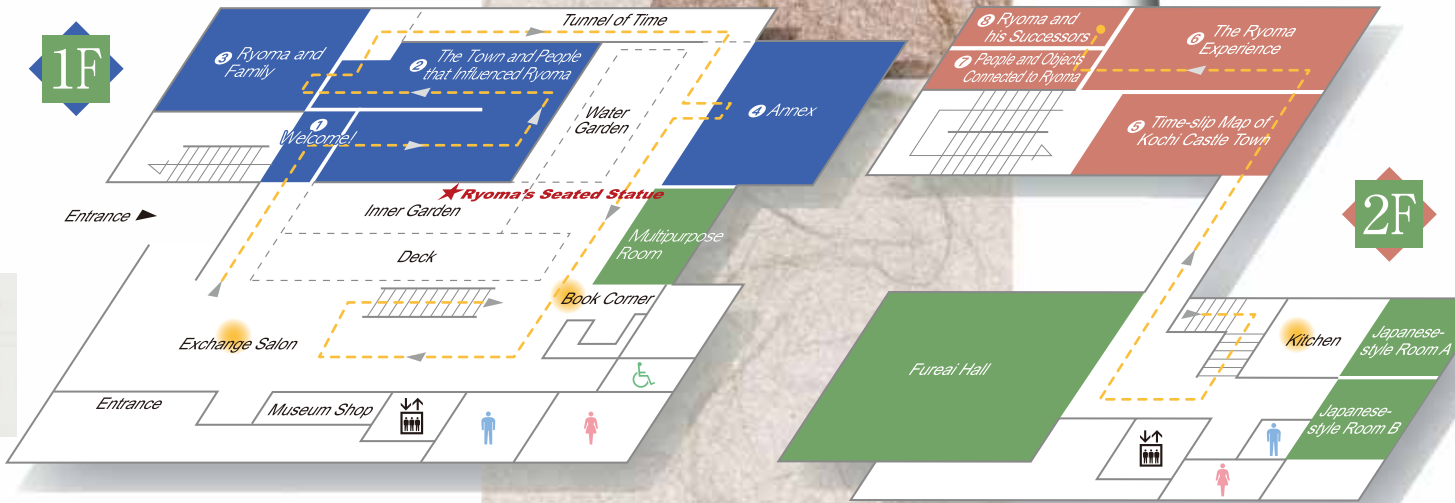
## 2 The Town and People that Influenced Ryoma

A large 3D model introduces the old Kamimachi district which influenced Ryoma's core beliefs. Saitaniya and other storefronts connected to Ryoma are also recreated with models and dolls made of Japanese washi paper and brought to life with sound.



## 4 Annex

In the unique open space of the museum, there is a reproduction of the Sakamoto family home's annex. Here, visitors can imagine Ryoma in his daily life.



## 3 Ryoma and Family

The video "The Sakamoto family on an average day" uses models and projections to introduce us to the family that raised Ryoma Sakamoto. Ryoma's adventures from his boyhood to his escape from the Tosa domain are also displayed on panels painted by Mr. Yutaka Murakami and narrated by Mr. Kayo Kitakomi's calligraphy. Mr. Kayo Kitakomi is an active calligrapher and has private exhibits mainly in Kochi, but also worldwide in Tokyo, America and Europe.



## Fureai Community Center

This center is available for use for various events such as lectures and hobbies.

- Hours: 9:00-22:00 (seven days a week, year-round)
- Fee: Please contact us for the usage fee of each room.



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## 5 Time-slip Map of Kochi Castle Town

This map with a miniature model of Kamimachi at the end of the Edo period focuses on historic places associated with Ryoma's life. Narratives detailing the adventures of Ryoma's friends and comrades are on display with the map.



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## 6 The Ryoma Experience

You can experience Ryoma's life, from his boyhood to his escape from the Tosa domain, through a special video using computer graphics to re-create townscapes, events, and people of this period.



## 7 People and Objects Connected to Ryoma

This section of the museum displays materials associated with Ryoma.

## 8 Ryoma and his Successors

Introduced here are the people who followed Ryoma Sakamoto, their history in Kamimachi, and how they contributed to Japanese modernization. This includes Kaientai members and their dreams for Hokkaido development.

