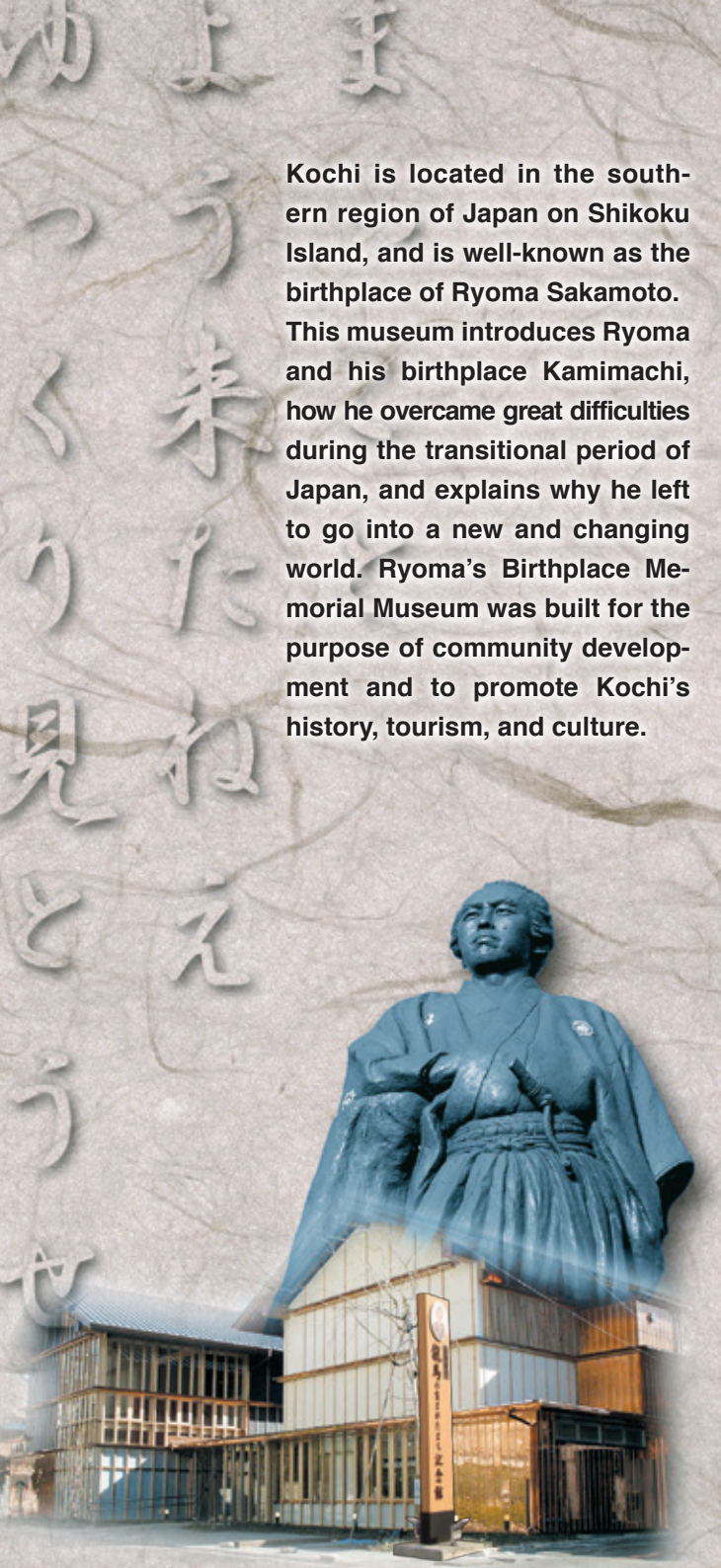


Kochi is located in the southern region of Japan on Shikoku Island, and is well-known as the birthplace of Ryoma Sakamoto. This museum introduces Ryoma and his birthplace Kamimachi, how he overcame great difficulties during the transitional period of Japan, and explains why he left to go into a new and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



Fureai Community Center



Multipurpose Room (1F)



Fureai Hall (2F)

From lectures to hobby meetups, please utilize for various events.

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



Japanese-style Room (2F)

- 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 370yen (Free for high school students and under, group and handicap discounts available)
- Parking About 10 stalls (for museum patrons only)
- Public Transportation
[Streetcar] Kamimachi 1-chome / 3 minute walk
[Bus] Kamimachi 1-chome OR Kamimachi 2-chome / 3 minute walk

For more information, please contact us at

■ Kochi Municipal Ryoma's Birthplace Memorial Museum

TEL **088・820・1115** FAX 088・822・1835
URL <http://ryoma-hometown.com>

Ryoma's birthday

Ryoma's birth year



Our guides

Tours of the museum and nearby historical sites

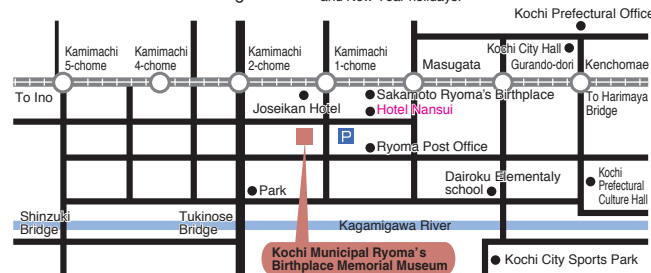
Tosa Tourism Volunteer Association

Hours 9:00 – 16:00

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※Please call ahead to reserve. This excludes the 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. In the "Moving Castletown Map Past and Present", you can compare the castletown map of past and present. Saidaniya and other storefronts connected to Ryoma are also recreated with models and dolls made of Japanese washi paper and brought to life with sound.



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 Ms. Kayo Kitakomi's calligraphy. Ms. Kayo Kitakomi is an active calligrapher and has private exhibits mainly in Kochi, but also worldwide in Tokyo, America and Europe.



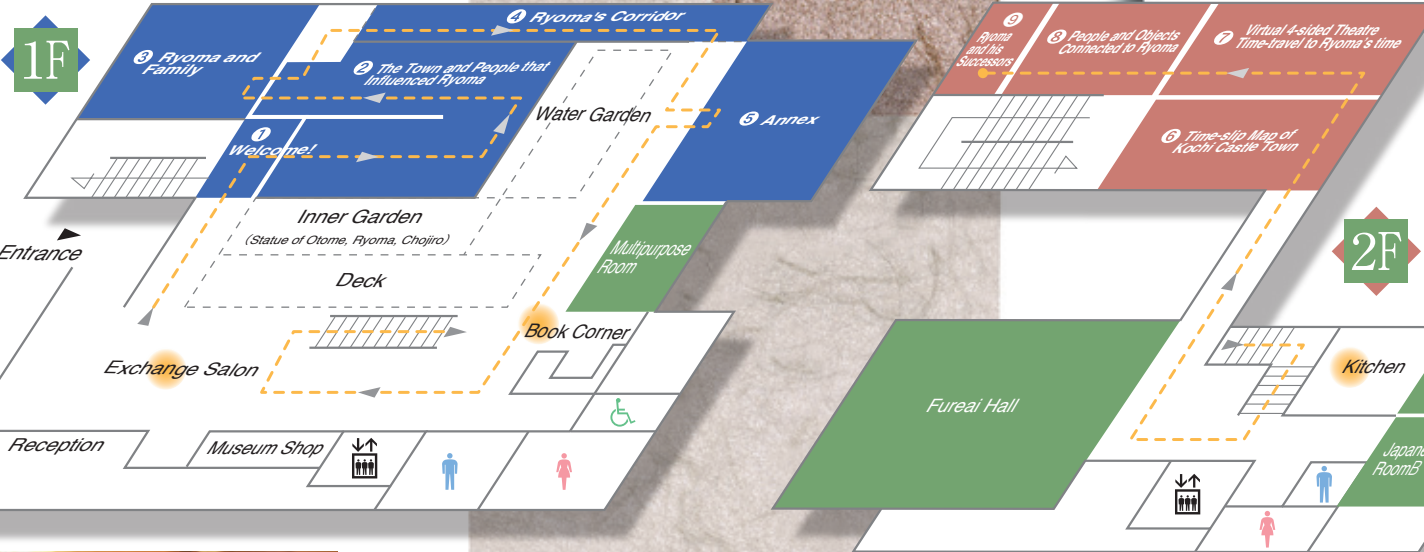
4 Ryoma's Corridor

In the lantern corridor leading to the annex, illustrations, photographs, and paper cuttings related to Ryoma are on display.



5 Annex

In the unique open space of the museum, there is a reproduction of the Sakamoto family home's annex. Sit down in the tatami room and think about Ryoma.



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6 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.

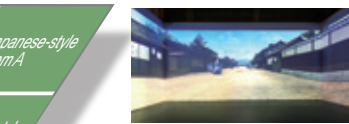


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7 Virtual 4-sided Theatre Time-travel to Ryoma's time

Images are projected all around you 360 degrees on a screen. The townscape and people of Ryoma's time are recreated using computer graphics, and you can have a realistic vicarious experience of Ryoma's time. Please participate in the story by using Naruko.



8 People and Objects Connected to Ryoma

This section of the museum displays materials associated with Ryoma. ※Materials may be substituted.

9 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.

Statue of Sakamoto Otome, Sakamoto Ryoma, Kondo Chojiro

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Virtual photo studio

Take pictures in virtual versions of Ryoma and Oryo's clothes!

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