

2019 Saga International Balloon Fiesta in Saga, Kyushu, Japan

- **Date :** 2019/10/31(Thu)-2019/11/4(Mon/national holiday)
- **Place :** Saga City, Saga Prefecture
- **Description:** The Saga International Balloon Fiesta is the biggest international hot air balloon festival in all of Asia. Over 100 balloons from around the world are flown during a five-day period from late October to early November each year. This year's Fiesta will be special - it's the 40th Saga International Balloon Fiesta. The stunning sight of all the balloons being launched at once draws crowds of visitors every year. This is Saga City's most exciting event, and there's lots to see - check out gigantic balloons shapes like animals and other characters in Balloon Fantasia and marvel at La Montgolfier Nocturne (Night Mooring), where the flames of the balloons' burners light up the night sky.

INFORMATION

- **Station:** JR Balloon Saga Station (special temporary station)
- **Getting to the venue:** The special station is in the venue.
- **Official website/social media:** Available (multilingual)
<http://www.sibf.jp/>
- **Attendees:** 821,000 people
- **Local attractions:**
 - There are plenty of ways to enjoy Saga City - including visiting the Saga Balloon Museum, an all-weather hot air balloon museum, relaxing in a hot spring and enjoying Saga beef.
 - Walking through Yanagi-machi in Saga City to get a glimpse of the area's history as a castle town. There are lots of cultural hotspots and even the chance to try on kimono.



Experience program

Experience program name: An Evening with a Balloonist

A unique opportunity to enjoy the International Balloon Fiesta with an experienced balloonist, including a beautiful video, amazing stories and a great local buffet.

■ Selling Points

- A rare opportunity to meet one of the balloonists who is flying a balloon in the Fiesta.
- Cuisine made from local ingredients sets the mood, complemented by Japanese sake



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■ Schedule

- 18:30 Check-in starts (1F of the Balloon Museum)
- 19:00 Video of the International Balloon Fiesta (4K Vision), explore the museum
- 20:00 Evening with a Balloonist (HARU Café, 2F)
 - Meet the balloonists (competition stories)
 - Standing buffet
 - Meal: Hand-rolled sushi and other local cuisine, made with ingredients from Saga
 - Drinks: Sake, other alcoholic beverages, soft drinks
- 21:30 Tour ends

■ **Selling price:** ¥10,000 (including tax)

■ **Capacity:** Around 25 people per day
(November 1, 2 and 3)

■ Memo

- Inquiries: Saga City Tourism Association
- E-mail: info@sagabai.com
- Meeting spot on the day: Balloon Museum
(address: 2-2-27 Matsubara, Saga City, Saga Prefecture)
- Full parking facilities available (free for participants)

■ Inquiries and reservations

Group reception: Tel: 0952-37-7489 (Japanese) E-mail: info@sagabai.com

Individual reception: Website <https://www.sagabai.com> (homepage)

■ Payment method

Advance payment required (pay by credit card when booking through the website) *Payment via travel agent depends on the sales contract

■ Cancellation fee

1 week prior: 30%, **1 day prior:** 40%, **same day:** 50%, **no-show with no contact:** 100%