

# Kebesu Fire Festival in Oita, Kyushu, Japan

■ Date : 2019/10/14 19:00~21:00 ■ Place : Kunisaki City, Oita Prefecture

**Description** : In this enchanting festival, a strange masked creature called a Kebesu tries to charge into the fire, while Toba, creatures shrouded in white, try to stop them from doing so. The Kebesu and Toba battle each other until the Kebesu eventually makes it into the fire. In an instant, the Toba swing flaming ferns and mercilessly toss them into the crowd. As the spectators scream and run, sparks rain down on them, which is said to ward off illness and keep them in good health.

## INFORMATION

■ **Station:** — (Oita Airport)

■ **Getting to the venue:** 1 hour 30 minutes by bus or 50 minutes by taxi from Oita Airport

■ **Official website/social media:** Available (Japanese only)

■ **Attendees:** Around 1,300 people

■ **Local attractions:**

- Temples (Futagoji Temple, Monjusenji Temple, Kyusentoji Temple Ruins)
- Kunisaki Peninsula Ridge Long Trail



## Experience program

**Experience program name: The Wonders of Kunisaki Peninsula Tour**

- A bus tour from Oita and Beppu to the venue will be held. On the half-day tour, you'll get an up-close look at the Kebesu Festival and all the best attractions in Kunisaki, stopping at spots such as a local roadside station along the way.

### ■ Selling Points

- ✓ Includes transport to the festival venue by bus
- ✓ Learn all about the history and highlights of the Kebesu Festival in English.
- ✓ Hear rokyoku narrative singing in English in the main hall of a temple before the festival begins.



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## ■ Schedule

- 14:00 Depart Oita Station
- 14:30 Depart Beppu Station
- 16:50 Rokyoku performance and dinner at Daikoji Temple
- 18:10 Arrive at the Kebesu Festival venue (Kushiku Shrine)
- 22:20 End of Kebesu Festival/depart venue
- 22:05 Arrive at Beppu Station
- 22:35 Arrive at Oita Station

## ■ Memo

As this tour is for overseas visitors only, travel agencies will promote the tour and sign up participants. The Kunisaki City Tourism Association will make the arrangements in Kunisaki.

Prices vary depending on the group size.  
16+ people: ¥10,500 per person  
20+ people: ¥10,000 per person

## ■ Selling price: ¥15,000

(per person for ten people)

## ■ Capacity: 30 people per day

## ■ Inquiries and reservations

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## ■ Payment method

- ①) Bank transfer
- ② —

## ■ Cancellation fee

- ① None