

福岡県 Fukuoka Pref. (筑前 Chikuzen/  
筑後 Chikugo/豊前 Buzen)



From the sky above Omura City

In Fukuoka Prefecture, “N to NE faces of Mt.Unzen” can be viewed beyond Chikugo Plain from various areas in Chikugo Region, the southern part of the prefecture. On days with very clear air, the mountain is visible from far Rai-zan (Itoshima City) and Sefuri-san (Fukuoka City) in the western region, Houman-zan (Dazaifu City & Chikushino City) in the central region, Fukuchi-yama (Nogata City, Fukuchi Town and Kitakyushu City ) in the northern region, and Hiko-san (Soeda Town) in the eastern region. Mt.Unzen is sung in songs of elementary schools or junior high schools in Omura City, Yanagawa City, Okawa City, Miyama City, etc. in Chikugo Region, thus has been felt familiar in the region.

In Chikugo Region, the historically most important shrine is Koura Taisha Shrine with a history over 1600 years, sitting on the top of Koura-san towering in Kurume City. The 50<sup>th</sup> chief priest Jakugen edited “Koura-san 10 scene poems” in the early Edo Period, and composed a Chinese poem about Mt.Unzen viewed from Koura-san in it (please see also the Kurume City page). In the later Edo Period, the intellectual Sanyou Rai (displayed his talents in various fields including Chinese classical literature, history, Japanese literature, arts, etc.) travelled around Kyushu, and viewed Mt.Unzen as well as Koura-san on the way from Saga Castle to Nagasaki. He composed a Chinese poem comparing Koura-san and Mt.Unzen to a couple of gods: Koura-san to a husband god; Mt.Unzen to a wife god.

Why don't you travel around Fukuoka Prefecture exploring faces of Mt.Unzen?

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