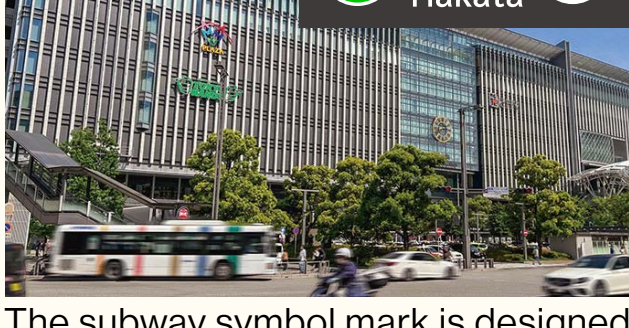




Hakata, a major medieval trade port, has an Old Town with historic temples, traditions, and a vibrant festival-loving culture.

A

JR Hakata Station



The subway symbol mark is designed using the motif of Hakata Kenjo-ori textile, representing the station's role as a gateway to a city of commerce.

B

Hakata Sennen-no Mon



This gate, the entrance to Hakata, served on the old state road from Hakata to Dazaifu during the Edo period. The name "Hakata Sennen no Mon" was chosen out of the numerous submissions from all over the country.

C

Jotenji Temple



It was built by Shakokumei, a merchant from the Song dynasty. Jotenji is known as a place of origins and many traditions such as Hakata Gion Yamakasa and soba and udon making are said to have begun here. It is a quiet retreat away from the hustle and bustle of the Hakata area.

D

Tochoji Temple



Tochoji was built by Japanese Buddhist monk, Kukai, also known as Kobo-Daishi. Tochoji is the first temple he built in Japan. Famous within Fukuoka, the graves of several of Fukuoka's feudal lords can be found within, and the largest seated wooden Buddha in all of Japan is a must-see.

E

Hakata Machiya Folk Museum



Hakata Machiya Folk Museum stands on a tranquil street on the other side of Kushida Shrine, the tutelary shrine of the city. Hakata doll and other traditional craft painting activities are available in addition to exhibits.



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