

Kokonoe
Kyusyu
Japan

Japan's number one suspension bridge

KOKONOE YUME OTSURIHASHI

The home of hot springs and
Japan's no.1 suspension bridge



<http://www.yumeoturhashi.com>



A Walkway through the Skies Kokonoe "Yume" Otsurihashi Length : 390 meters Height : 173 meters

173 meters above the Naruko-gawa Gorge (777 meters above sea level) hangs the Kokonoe "Yume" Otsurihashi. Straddling the gorge at a length of 390 meters, this is the largest pedestrian suspension bridge in Japan. Carrying the "dreams (yume)" of the people of Kokonoe town, the project for construction of the bridge has finally reached completion 14 years after it was first conceived. Step by step, the bridge is bringing the townspeople closer to their "dreams", combining individual visions of "exchange", "culture" and many other ideals.

Vital Statistics

Construction of the main structure started: May 2004

Construction period: May 2004 to October 2006

Total cost (including adjoining infrastructure)
: Around 2 billion Japanese yen

Bridge width: 1.5 meters
(wide enough for wheelchairs to pass with ease)

Height of handrails: 1.4 meters

Height of main pylons: 43 meters

Total mass: 564 tons

Anchorage concrete: 2 blocks around 6100 tons each

Designed to carry up to: 1190 tons

Time required to cross the bridge:
approx. 13 minutes return (at
regular walking pace)

Entry fees (per person):	Fee	Group Discount
Junior high school age and above:	¥500	For 30 or more users 10% discount
Elementary school age:	¥200	

Younger than elementary school age: free of charge

Opening hours

April/May and October/November: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

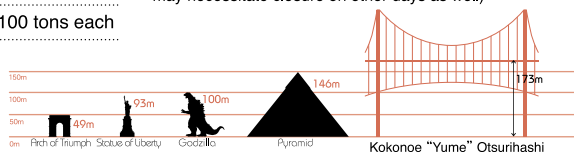
June to September: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

December to February: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Last entry to the bridge is 30 minutes before closing time.

Closed on: December 31 (weather conditions etc. may necessitate closure on other days as well)



Kokonoe Town Blessed with Warm Sun and Rich Earth

Kokonoe Town boasts a superb natural environment and an abundance of hot springs. Visitors will be struck by the beauty of this area, which features natural attractions such as the Tadewara wetlands designated under the Ramsar Convention, and Shindo Falls, selected as one of Japan's 100 top waterfalls. Hot spring water is plentiful, and the "Kokonoe 'Yume' Spa District" allows guests to enjoy safe, high quality hot spring baths with high water output and a variety of water qualities and beneficial effects. Don't forget to try the regional specialty cuisine served at the town's accommodation facilities, which makes full use of local produce.

