

Resumption of services and changes in the route for the Cruise Train “Seven Stars in Kyushu”

We hope for the speedy recovery of those who were affected by the heavy rain in the Kyushu region since July 3rd 2020. All services of the Cruise Train “Seven Stars in Kyushu” have been suspended since March, as a measure to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Services were scheduled to resume from the 14th of July, but were suspended again due to damage from heavy rain in the Kyushu region to areas where the train was scheduled to operate.

Services are scheduled to resume from the 15th of August, with changes in the operating route implemented. These changes mean that there are also changes to the operating timetable, excursions (sight-seeing), and other content such as meals which were scheduled to be provided.

1. Resumption of service schedule

Services will resume from the 15th of August departure (2D1N).

Please note that the train will travel on an altered route from day 2 onwards of both the 4D3N and 2D1N journeys due to the train being unable to travel via the Hisatsu Line, or the Kyudai Main Line.

2. Operating route after changes are implemented

i. 4D3N journey

- In the afternoon on day 2, guests will travel from Beppu to Yufuin via bus (this is usually a route via the Kyudai Main Line).
- On day 3, the train will return from Minami-Miyazaki, and on day 4, the train will take the Nippo Main Line again northwards to Kokura, and Mojiko back to Hakata Station (usually on day 3 the train travels to Kagoshima-Chuo, and then the Hisatsu Line).
- The alternate route after these changes have been implemented is outlined over the following pages.

ii. 2D1N journey

- On the morning of day 2, there are changes to the operating route from Tosu Station onwards. From Kumamoto it will travel via the Hohi Main Line, until Miyaji, then back to Hakata (the train usually operates on the Kyudai Main Line to Yufuin and back).
- The alternate route after these changes have been implemented is outlined over the following pages.

3. Other information

Kyushu Railway Company plans to operate both journeys on this alternate route until the end of March 2021. The details of the excursions, meal content and other operational changes are currently in the process of being finalized, and will be announced separately.

■ Changes to the 4D3N journey

Day	After changes to route (from Aug 18 th onwards)	Previous route
Day 2 (Wed)	12:20 Arr Oita Sta. Take bus from Beppu Sta.to Yufuin 15:00 Arr Yufuin	12:20-13:42 Oita Sta. 14:32 Arr Yufuin Sta.
Day 3 (Thu)	16:16-17:35 Minami-Miyazaki Sta. <u>*Return from Minami-Miyazaki Sta.</u> 22:40 Arr Saiki Sta.	16:16-17:44 Minami-Miyazaki Sta. 21:30-23:10 Kagoshima Sta. 23:15-04:40 Kagoshima-Chuo Sta.
	08:10 Dep Saiki Sta. 10:00-10:20 Oita Sta. 10:30-11:00 Beppu Sta. 14:20-14:25 Kokura Sta. 14:40-15:20 Mojiko Sta. 17:15 Hakata Sta.	04:40 Dep Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. 05:29 Dep Hayato Sta. 06:18-07:25 Yoshimatsu Sta. 09:20-10:53 Hitoyoshi Sta. 12:25-12:26 Yatsushiro Sta. 15:20 Arr Hakata Sta.

■ Changes to the 2D1N journey

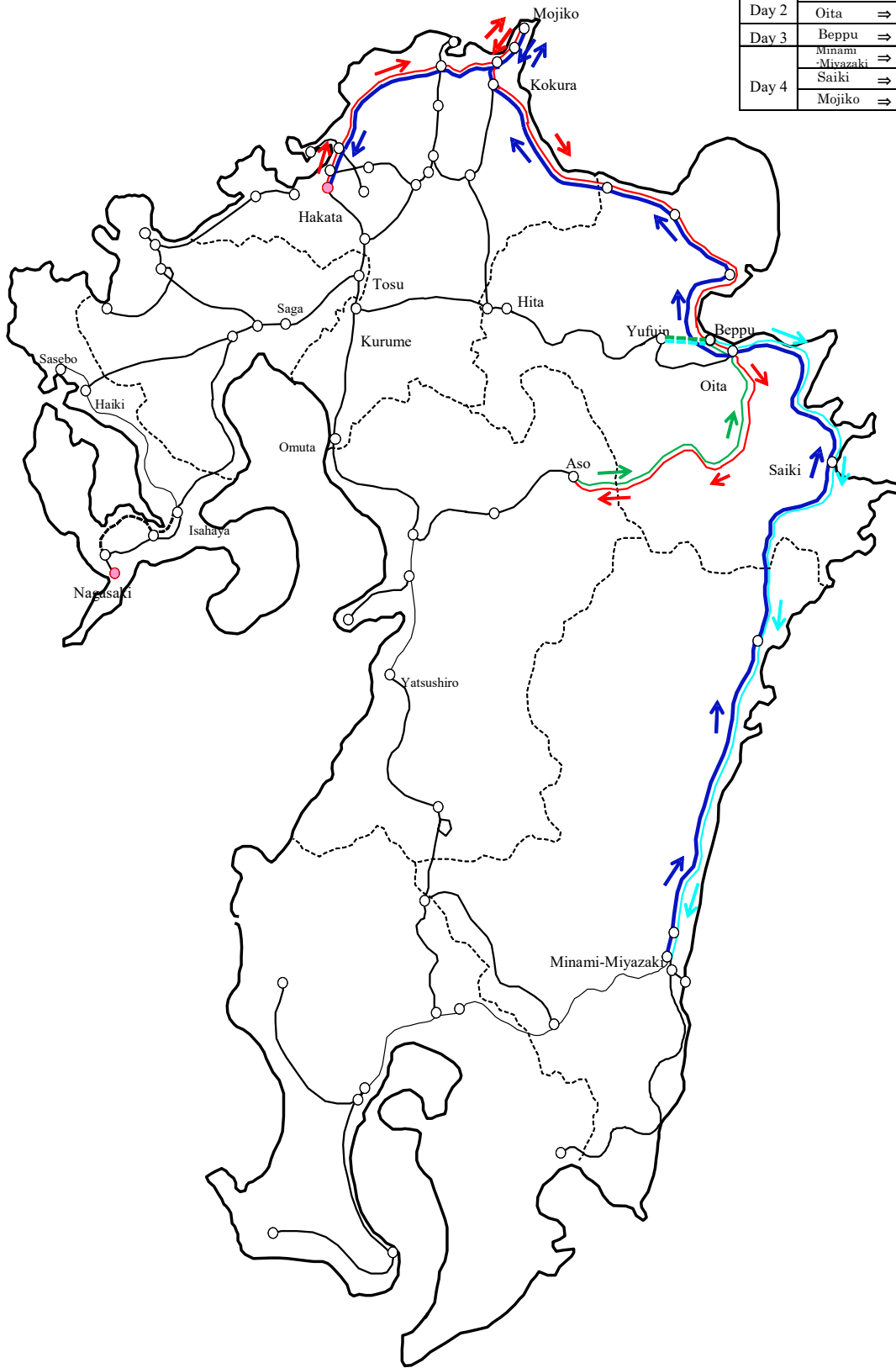
Day	After changes to route (from Aug 15 th onwards)	Previous route
Day 2 (Sun)	01:47-02:40 Tosu Sta. 04:25-04:35 Kumamoto Sta. 06:00-09:25 Aso Sta. *Return from Miyaji Sta. 11:00-12:00 Kumamoto Sta. 13:25-15:30 Tamana Sta. 17:31 Hakata Sta.	01:47-07:10 Tosu Sta. 11:17-14:42 Yufuin Sta. *Return from Yufuin Sta. 17:31 Arr Hakata Sta.

*Please note that the times are approximate and are subject to change.






*Assumptions are made that the area between Nagasu-Ueki are restored by the time of the test run scheduled on August 8-9 2020.

■4D3N journey route map

Day 1	Hakata ⇒ Mojiko	→
	Mojiko ⇒ Oita	→
	Oita ⇒ Aso	→
Day 2	Aso ⇒ Oita	→
	Oita ⇒ Beppu	→
Day 3	Beppu ⇒ Minami-Miyazaki	→
Day 4	Minami-Miyazaki ⇒ Saiki	→
	Saiki ⇒ Mojiko	→
	Mojiko ⇒ Hakata	→
	Hakata ⇒ Mojiko	→



■ 2D1N journey route map

Day 1	Hakata ⇒ Sasebo	
	Sasebo ⇒ Kikitsu	
	Kikitsu ⇒ Nagasaki	
Day 2	Nagasaki ⇒ Tosu	
	Tosu ⇒ Miyaji	
	Miyaji ⇒ Hakata	