

ULTRAMANLAND GUIDE

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Chapter 1 : Getting Started

1.1 What to do before the trip

- 1) Usually, there would be a foreigner **JR Rail Pass** for Kyushu which can be purchased from a JR Division in your local country. I know that Singapore (At Takashimaya) there is an outlet which gives you a 5day unlimited ride access for 16,000 Yen. There should also be one in Sweden as informed by me from someone I met in Japan during my trip.
- 2) **Print** this guide as it documents what you need to do to get there and what to look out for.
- 3) Book a hotel room at **Mitsui Greenland Hotel Verde**. Not just a room but a **Ultraman Themed room**. There are only like 4 or 6 rooms in the whole hotel and its usually fully booked. You need to do this as the Ultraman Delivery service will only send goods to the themed rooms. (<http://www.mglhotelverde.co.jp> , Midorigaoka Arao-City Kumamoto 864-0012 , TEL : (0968) 66-3939 , FAX (0968) 66-3222)
- 4) Start packing ☺

1.2 Be prepared before you get there

Ultramanland is not a very huge theme park. If compared to Disneyland in Japan or the one in USA, its at most 1/20 or less of its size. At the biggest its about the size of a large roller coaster ride.

For those who are not very crazy fans, this guide has a add-on section that shows you what you can do around the area. And for those of you that are crazy fans like myself, seeing the suits are exciting enough ☺

The people there are not very well-versed in English and communication could be a little difficult and I have prepared a small section here with some Japanese phrases that may come in handy when you are there.

If you are staying in Hotel Verde, you will have discount coupons to enter both Ultraman Land and also the Mitsui Green Theme Park. If not, entry to Ultraman Land is at **700YEN** for adults and **500YEN** for children.

Chapter 2 : Location and how to get there

2.1 Ultramanland Address

1574 Honide, Arao City, Kumamoto 864-0012 JAPAN

2.2 How to get to Ultramanland

- 1) You would usually be at **Fukuoka International Airport** when you arrive in Japan Kyushu area. Collect your stuff at the collection area and head to the information counter.
- 2) You have landed in the international area and you need to get to the domestic area to get on the subway. Ask the information counter to direct you to the bus to the domestic area or just ask them where is the subway.
- 3) Get onto the bus to the domestic area. It will first go to the cargo area before dropping you off at the domestic area.
- 4) Find your way to the subway and head towards **Hakata Station**. This is the local train which will bring you to the main JR limited express trains. Once you reach Hakata Station (around 5 minutes) get off and go towards the **Central Gate**.
- 5) You need to take the **Relay-Tsubame Limited Express** train in the direction of Kumamoto or Kagoshima. Both are along the same line so it's the same.
- 6) Once on the train, look out for a station called **Omuta** it is before Kumamoto and takes around 50 to 60 minutes to get there. (If you missed the stop, get off at Kumamoto, and take a local train up towards Omuta)



- 7) Exit Omuta station and head out. There is a **am pm** stall if you need to purchase anything. If its going to rain an umbrella is suggested.
- 8) Further ahead there is a bus station, if you feel that you want to take a bus, there is a bus to Mitsui Green that departs roughly every hour on weekdays and every 30minutes on weekends. I however suggest taking a taxi instead as its only around 1600 ~ 1800 YEN and you will get to the exact spot.



- 9) Tell the cab driver to take you to **Uotramanland** (its not a typo) or **Hotel Verde** both are beside each other and you will be there in around 15 minutes.
- 10) Ultramanland opens at 1000hrs and closes at 1700hrs, but could be earlier depending on the season.

2.3 Taking a Bus

This extra section is included because not all buses work the same. The buses in Japan allow entrance via the rear door and exit from the front door. If you don't have a bus pass pick up a ticket from the machine. It will state which station you got on from and return this to the Bus Driver once you reach the stop.

To know your fare, there is a screen that will show you how much you need to pay. For example, if you got on the 5th Station and you are getting off, the number 5 amount would be how much you need to pay.

Some buses are equipped with facilities to serve the disabled or people in wheel chair so I suggest you either turn right when you get on and sit at the back half of the bus or sit at the left front section incase the driver needs to help someone into the bus. (These buses have automated systems that will lift the whole wheelchair to the bus and chairs will be lowered and replaced to allow entry.)



Chapter 3 : What to do in Ultramanland.

3.1 Rough Timetable of Ultramanland

- 1000 – Opening
- 1030 – Stage Show
- 1100 – Ultraman photo takings
- 1130 – Puppet Stage show
- 1230 – Ultraman eats with you in restaurant
- 1300 – Stage show
- 1400 – Ultraman introduction stageshow
- 1430 – Stageshow Ultraman photo taking
- 1500 – Stage show (repeat)
- 1600 – Closing
- 1700 – Alternative closing on longer days

3.2 Suggested approach in Ultramanland

I suggest that you book a a hotel room in Verde so that you can enjoy yourself fully when you are at the place. 2 days would be a good timeframe to spend there for any Ultraman fan.

Please note that Weekday and Weekends have different show schedules and so its highly recommended that you go on both a weekday and a weekend so as to see both. The weekend shows had more Ultramen appearing and also, there were more explosives effectives as compared to the ones in the weekend. The below was for a Thursday – Saturday stay.

DAY 1

- 0830 – Set off from Hakata station to Omuta
- 0930 – Reach the hotel and check-in your luggage. They check in at 1500hrs so you can just drop your stuff at the counter and they will get it up to your room.
- 1000 – Buy your tickets for Ultramanland. (remember to use your discount coupons)
- 1005 – Enter the **Ultra De Restaurant** and enjoy a line up of cute and ultra styled foods. There is also a TV display and a small scale miniature of the area. Find your favourite Ultraman Table label and sit at the table.
- 1030 – Enter the theme park and follow the schedule for the shows. It's a really small place so finding your way would not be difficult.
- 1500 – After the photo taking you can now proceed to the **Ultraman World M78**, here you would find a lineup of toys, videos, accessories and clothing. But don't get your hopes up as they do not really stock on older merchandise.
- 1600 – Wait around for the closing if you like and head off for food and then return for the night.
- NIGHT – If you have an ultraman theme room, they would have delivered the goods to you.... Ultraman would have delivered the goods to you!!

DAY 2

As all the shows are the same and only a particular stage show display a random display of ultramen, you would be better off not entering it again. But check with the counter to verify this information as their shows may have changed from the time of this writing.

You would have already taken breakfast if you are staying in Verde. Remember DO NOT take too much.... We don't want everything on the floor after that.

0950 – Head towards Ultramanland again to verify the appearance of your Ultra heroes.

1000 – Head towards Mitsui Greenland Theme park and use the free admission ticket given to you by the hotel staff. You will however still have to purchase either a **FREE PASS TICKET** or a few amusement tickets. I suggest the free pass ticket.

1005 – Enjoy yourself and refer to the add-on sections about this huge theme park. There is also an Ultra store here and some ultraman statues on display.

1400 – Hurray back to Ultramanland. Request a return ticket from the Mitsui Greenland staff so that you can re-enter once you are done.

1405 – The stage show should be starting and photo taking sessions will commence.

1430 – After this head back to Mitsui Greenland theme park and continue your venture.

1600 – Theme parks closed (could be later depending on season)

1630 – There are several stores at the area for dinner so take your pick.

DAY 3

You will be checking out already. I stayed on for the next photo taking session to see which ultraman I got before heading back to Hakata station ☺ It was important for me to stay on as this was a weekend and the stage shows were different and more fireworks and explosives were on display!

The puppet show usually stays the same so around 1230 and/or 1430 remember to head to the restaurant as an Ultra will appear in a waiter costume to mingle with the people there.

Chapter 4 : Ultramanland

4.1 Ultramanland Introduction

There are several lineups but these keeps changing as they modify or upgrade the place. You would see a **All Ultra Heroes Statues**, **Ultra Live Stage**, **Ultra Car Exhibit**, **Ultra Puppet theater**, **Ultra mini kids train**, **Ultra De Restaurant**, **Ultraman World M78**, **kids merry-go-round**, **kids bumper car**, some arcade machines, statues of redman and other older related super heroes produced by the company and also a photo taking stage. These however tend to change so be prepared.

4.2 All Ultra Heroes Statues

There are several statues outside the theme park and several inside as well. It seems that at the time of this writing most of the statues were already removed.... So please don't have too high hopes for this.



4.3 Ultra Live Stage

There are several shows per day and some repeats. (Morning and Afternoon session) What to lookout for is that the ultramen will come down from stage and engage in photo taking. You can either take them or ask them to do poses for you.



The suit actors are quite or would be well versed in the ultraman they are playing.

4.4 Ultra Car exhibit

There would be several of the vehicles on display. You can't ride in it. They are just display items



4.5 Ultra Puppet theater

Small puppet show. Theme to change as time goes by. Its rather funny so please enjoy.



4.6 Ultra Kids mini train

Was under construction when I was there... but they opened it when the weekends came, and before I could even get a ride it broke again.... Not very big and targeted at children.



4.7 Ultra de Restaurant

FOOD!! Ultra-style. If you stick around you will see an ultraman walking in during lunch hour in an apron supposedly posing as the chef!



4.8 Ultraman World M78

This was a huge disappointment.... Who would have thought that a store in Ultramanland would have so little stuff.... Most re targeted at children so for people like me looking for collectibles would be rather disappointed.



4.9 Kids merry-go-round

You get to sit on Ultraman when you are in it. But remember its for children.



4.10 Kids bumper car ride

Sit on a Ultraman shaped bumper car. For children only.

Chapter 5 : Mitsui Greenland theme park

5.1 Website URL

<http://www.greenland.co.jp>

5.2 Address

Its located just beside Ultramanland and Hotel Verde.

5.3 Entrance Fees

For entrance only, you will not be allowed on any rides.

Entrance only Adult : 1,200 YEN / 1,600 YEN (on special occasions)

Entrance only Child : 600YEN / 800YEN (on special occasions)

Entrance only Elderly : 600YEN / 800YEN (on special occasions)

Full pass, also know as FREE PASS TICKET

Full Pass Adult : 3,600YEN

Full Pass Child : 3,400YEN

Full Pass Elderly : 2,500YEN

(Note, if you are above 60, they will not allow you on a lot of the rides so don't even bother buying the full pass as you can't use it anyway.)

5.4 Ultraman in Mitsui Green Theme park

You will still be able to see several ultraman stuff in this theme park. Some ultramen statues, another Ultraman shop and a few ultraman games.

Ultraman Shop

If you can't find anything at the main store... don't bother here. Its even smaller. But you can try your luck though.



Ultraman Staues

There are a few laying around the area and the below were found during the time of this writing.



Ultraman Games

There are some old arcade machines and some crane type catching machines around.



5.5 Rest of the fun

There are lots more rides in the theme park so look around 😊 (if you have the guts for it)



Chapter 6 : Meals at Ultramanland

There are a few places near Ultramanland that you can have some really nice food. First of course its at the **Ultra De Restaurant**. Why would you not have a meal there? Next there is a restaurant that serves **Korean style grilled meats** which was very delicious, but you need to know Japanese to communicate with the people there. There is also a **“Bear” Noodle Restaurant** that serves some noodles and rice.

