

Seven Stars in Kyushu

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The ***Seven Stars in Kyushu*** (ななつ星 in九州, *Nanatsuboshi in Kyūshū*) is a deluxe sleeping car excursion train operated by [Kyushu Railway Company](#) (JR Kyushu) in Japan since October 2013.^{[1][2]}

Design [\[edit\]](#)

The overall design concept of the train was overseen by industrial designer [Eiji Mitooka](#).^[2] The name of the train is derived from the seven [prefectures](#) of Kyushu and the fact that the train is made up of seven coaches.^[3]

The dedicated diesel locomotive, DF200-7000, for the train was built by [Kawasaki Heavy Industries](#) in Kobe, based on the [JR Freight Class DF200](#) locomotive, modified for use in [Kyushu](#) and finished in a livery of deep maroon.^[4] It was completed in July 2013.^[5] The coaches are based on the [817 series](#) EMU body design and are mounted on [787 series](#) EMU bogies.^[4]

Manufacture of the passenger coaches was split between [Hitachi](#) in [Kudamatsu](#), [Yamaguchi](#), and JR Kyushu's [Kokura Works](#) in [Kitakyushu](#).^[4]

Train formation [\[edit\]](#)

The train consists of the DF200-7000 locomotive and seven coaches: five [sleeping cars](#), a [lounge car](#), and a [dining car](#),^[1] with a total capacity of 28 passengers.^[6]

The rear car of the train features two deluxe suites with observation windows at the end.^[2] All suites have their own toilets and shower facilities, designed in porcelain by the late [Sakaida Kakiemon XIV](#).^{[7][8]} The total cost of building the train was approximately 3 billion yen.^[6]

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The *Seven Stars in Kyushu* in February 2025, hauled by a [JR Kyushu Class DF200](#) diesel-electric locomotive

Overview

Service type	Excursion train
Status	Operational
Locale	Kyushu
First service	15 October 2013
Current operator	JR Kyushu

Route

Termini	Hakata Hakata (loop)
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On-board services

Seating arrangements	Lounge car
Sleeping arrangements	2-person suites
Catering facilities	Dining car
Observation facilities	Observation car at end of train

Technical

Rolling stock	77 series coaches
Track gauge	1,067 mm (3 ft 6 in)
Electrification	Diesel-hauled
Operating speed	100 km/h (60 mph)

The train is formed as follows. [\[9\]](#)[\[10\]](#)

Car No.	Running No.	Type	Manufacturer	Weight (t)	Facilities
1	MaI 77-7001	Lounge car	JR Kyushu	45.3	with piano, bar counter and observation area
2	MaShiFu 77-7002	Dining car	JR Kyushu	45.2	with toilets
3	MaI Ne 77-7003	Sleeping car	JR Kyushu	45.4	3 suites, shower room
4	MaI Ne 77-7004	Sleeping car	Hitachi	44.3	3 suites, toilets
5	MaI Ne 77-7005	Sleeping car	Hitachi	44.3	3 suites
6	MaI Ne 77-7006	Sleeping car	Hitachi	44.2	3 suites, toilets
7	MaI NeFu 77-7007	Sleeping car	Hitachi	45.1	2 deluxe suites, mini kitchen, crew room



Dining space in MaShiFu 77-7002 (car 2)



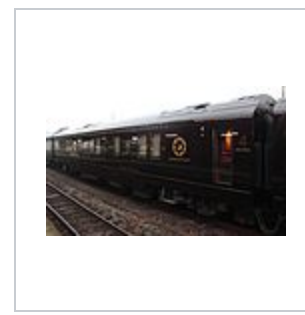
Mal 77-7001 (car 1)



MaShiFu 77-7002
(car 2)



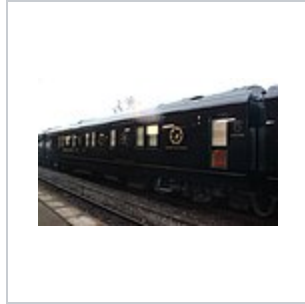
MaNe 77-7003 (car
3)



MaNe 77-7004 (car
4)



MaNe 77-7005 (car
5)



MaNe 77-7006 (car
6)



MaNeFu 77-7007
(car 7)

Route [edit]

The train operates on two-day and four-day circular tours of Kyushu, starting and finishing at [Hakata Station](#).^[10] Coach tours are provided from various stations along the route.^[10]

2-day itinerary [edit]

Day 1

[Hakata](#) → [Nagasaki](#)

Day 2

[Aso](#) → [Yufuin](#) → [Hakata](#)

4-day itinerary [edit]

Day 1

[Hakata](#) → [Yufuin](#)

Day 2

[Miyazaki](#) → [Miyakonojō](#) → [Hayato](#)

Day 3

[Hayato](#) → [Kagoshima-Chuo](#) → [Kagoshima](#)

Day 4

[Aso](#) → [Bungo-Mori](#) → [Hakata](#)



A dedicated tour coach for use by *Seven Stars in Kyushu* passengers

History [[edit](#)]

The dedicated Class DF200-7000 diesel locomotive for this train was delivered to JR Kyushu's Oita Depot from the [Kawasaki Heavy Industries Rolling Stock Company](#) in [Kobe](#) on 2 July 2013.^[11] Four coaches were delivered from Hitachi's [Kudamatsu](#) factory on 18 July 2013.^[12] The train entered revenue service on 15 October 2013.^[13] Introducing Kyushu to the world is a part of the train's purpose.^[14]



DF200-7000 on delivery covered in protective black film to protect the livery underneath, July 2013

See also [[edit](#)]

- [List of named passenger trains of Japan](#)
- [Joyful Train](#), the generic name for excursion and charter trains in Japan
- *[Cassiopeia](#)*, a luxury sleeping car train operated by JR East in Japan
- *[Twilight Express Mizukaze](#)*, a luxury sleeping car excursion train operated by JR West in Japan
- *[Train Suite Shiki-shima](#)*, a luxury sleeping car excursion train operated by JR East in Japan

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Excursion trains	Aru Ressha • Orange Shokudō [ja] • Seven Stars in Kyushu	
Rapid trains	Nanohana • Nichinan Marine • Seaside Liner [ja]	
Discontinued	Ariake • Fuji • Hayato no Kaze • Hayabusa (sleeper train) • Naha • Dream Nichirin • Relay Tsubame • SL Aso Boy • SL Hitoyoshi • Kawasemi Yamasemi • Sendai Express [ja] • TORO-Q (partial list)	



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