

COLIVE FUKUOKA

THE OCTOBER ISSUE 2026

SEPT 30 - OCT 10

FUKUOKA, JAPAN

**GO BEYOND TOURISM
AND INVEST IN
YOUR IKIGAI**

What ten days in Fukuoka actually buys you.

Ikigai Academy and Synapse
Festival, session by session

Where to sleep, and where to
work

The people who point you to
what's next

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THREE THINGS WORTH KNOWING

- 01 The Impact Summit on September 30 is free to attend, and it opens the whole season.
- 02 Fukuoka Builders' Coliving closes applications on August 31. There are about 50 places.
- 03 SUMMERWAVE20 takes 20 percent off Standard and Premium until August 16.





Colive Fukuoka 2025, closing day

FROM THE FOUNDER

BELONGING, BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE

“COME TO FUKUOKA TO BUILD SOMETHING AND BELONG, NOT JUST TO PASS THROUGH.”

I went back to Bansko Nomad Festival, one of the biggest digital nomad gatherings in the world. Four years on, I've become the guy who tells the first-timers where the laundromat is and where to find good coffee. Somewhere across those years, this little mountain town in Bulgaria turned into a second home for me. That feeling, belonging somewhere far from where you grew up, is most of the reason I love this life.

The deepest lesson I brought home was about what belonging really means. Walking into a European nomad gathering as Japanese takes a certain bravery. There's always a lingering question: will we truly be accepted in this space?

RYO OSERA

Co-founder, Colive Fukuoka

That immediate sense of inclusion is what Bansko taught us, and what I'm set on recreating in Fukuoka. My goal is a place where you feel you belong from the very first step, no matter where you come from.

This world has never been zero-sum: when one of these communities grows, all of us do.

Come to Fukuoka to build something and belong, not just to pass through.



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OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

ELEVEN DAYS, THEN FOUR MORE

The opening party is September 30. The main programme runs October 1 to 10. For anyone on Fukuoka Builders' Coliving, it keeps going until October 14.

SEP 30

Wed

Nomad Impact Summit · Welcome cruise across Hakata Bay · Opening Beach Party · After party

[The Luigans](#)

OCT 1

Thu

Ikigai Academy Day 1 · Community dinner · VIP dinner

[The Luigans](#)

OCT 2

Fri

Ikigai Academy Day 2 · Formal worship at Shikaumi Shrine · Synapse Festival opens

[The Luigans](#)

OCT 3

Sat

Synapse Festival · Art Fair Asia Fukuoka · Music at the beach front through the night

[Nomad Resort](#)

OCT 4

Sun

Synapse Festival · Sunrise yoga · Local excursion tour: Cat Island walk, hiking

[Nomad Resort](#)

OCT 5

Mon

Morning run · Local coworking tour to Yame and Koga · Meetup with the local community

[Across Fukuoka](#)

OCT 6

Tue

ANTB Fukuoka 2026 · SHE SAILS Day 1 · Real estate tour · Local ramen tour · Morning karate

[Daimyo · Garraway F](#)

OCT 7

Wed

SHE SAILS Day 2 · Side events by Ikigai Co-Creators · RAMEN TECH Reception Party

[Tenjin · ACROS](#)

OCT 8

Thu

RAMEN TECH: Global Startup Summit and Start Up Kyushu · Global Hopping Night

[ACROS and around](#)

OCT 9

Fri

RAMEN TECH: Startup GoGo · What's Next? · Closing Party by Myojo Waraku

[Fukuoka](#)

OCT 10

Sat

Check-out · The Creators · Tour de Kyushu · Creators booth, pitches and meetups

[Fukuoka](#)

OCT 11–14

Sun–Wed

Fukuoka Builders' Coliving regional retreat in Yame, Koga or Buzen

[Kyushu](#)



FEATURE 01 · NOMAD IMPACT SUMMIT

THE QUESTION THE CITY IS ASKING

September 30 · The Luigans, Fukuoka · Free admission · Held in English. The season does not open with a party. It opens with a room full of people arguing about what visitors owe the places they land in.

"How can digital nomads create impact for local communities?" That is the question on the table, and the Summit is built so that nobody gets to dodge it. The format is a roundtable, not a lecture series: speakers and participants sit in the same discussion, and the programme moves through three sessions. The first looks at what is already working elsewhere in the world. The second is an honest read on where Japan actually stands. The third asks what should happen next, and the proposals that come out of it are meant to be used.

The Summit is commissioned by the City of Fukuoka and costs nothing to attend. That is deliberate. A conversation about who benefits from this movement should not be behind a paywall.

THE ROOM IS MIXED ON PURPOSE: CITY OFFICIALS, COMMUNITY ORGANISERS AND PEOPLE WHO SIMPLY MOVED HERE.

When the room empties at five, everyone walks to the water. A chartered boat crosses Hakata Bay at sunset, and the opening ceremony of Colive Fukuoka 2026 follows on the other side. If you arrive in Fukuoka for one day this autumn, arrive for this one.

THE DETAILS

Date: September 30, 2026

Venue: The Luigans, Fukuoka

Language: English

Admission: free

Commissioned by **the City of Fukuoka**

Followed by a sunset cruise across Hakata Bay and the opening ceremony





FEATURE 02 · IKIGAI ACADEMY

TWO DAYS, THREE ROOMS, NO LECTURES

October 1–2 · The Luigans · Included with a Standard or Premium pass. Sessions run in parallel and you pick your own path through them. Nothing here is designed to be watched.

Three rooms run at once. Ballroom A takes the Japanese ideas that are hard to translate and puts them in front of people who have never had to live by them. Ballroom B is the practical room: money, security, marketing, acquisition, fear. The Garden WS is outdoors, and it is where the tea ceremonies, the movement sessions and the meditation happen.

Day one opens with a Hakata koma spinning-top performance and a keynote that asks why anyone would choose Fukuoka over Tokyo. It closes with a VIP dinner. Day two starts before dawn for the group going to Shikaumi Shrine for formal worship, runs a full day of sessions, and ends when the Synapse Festival begins.

The through-line is participation. You will be asked to say something, make something or move. If that sounds uncomfortable, that is the point: two days of sitting still would have been cheaper to run and easier to sell.



WHAT YOU CAN EXPLORE

Relationship · Connection · Local
Wellbeing · Marketing · Culture
Business · Money · Ikigai
Community · Tech · Creative



SYNAPSE FESTIVAL

THE BEACH FRONT, ALL NIGHT

From the evening of October 2 through October 4 · Produced by Nomad Resort · Included with a Standard or Premium pass.

Music, dance, yoga, art, sauna, food, craft and massage, run over three days on the water. The line between programme and party is not policed here. People come off the Ikigai Academy floor on Friday night and walk straight into it.

The music runs all night at the beach front. Tents and lodges can be reserved, which is the honest way of saying that some people do not go home.

Colive Fukuoka pass holders get in without buying a separate festival ticket. Check in with your pass and you are through. Anyone without a pass can buy directly from Nomad Resort.

The Art Fair Asia Fukuoka runs alongside it on October 3, which makes that Saturday the busiest day of the season for anyone who likes their weekends full.

GOOD TO KNOW

Dates: evening of October 2 to October 4

Producer: Nomad Resort

Access: included with Standard and Premium passes

Tents and lodges can be reserved on site



SAME WEEK, ONE STREET OVER

RAMEN TECH

October 7–9 · Fukuoka's global startup conference runs inside the same week as Colive Fukuoka, and the two programmes are built to be walked between.

OCT 7

RAMEN TECH Reception Party

Premium pass holders are invited to join at no extra cost.

OCT 8

Global Startup Summit · Start Up Kyushu

The main conference day.

OCT 9

Startup GoGo

Pitches, and the last of the week's programming.

ALL WEEK

More than 100 events across the city

Side events, meetups and satellite sessions.



RAMEN TECH

Colive Fukuoka and RAMEN TECH have run alongside each other since 2025. The overlap is the reason a week here does not feel like a retreat: the city is already full of founders, investors and engineers who did not come for a digital nomad festival, and you end up in rooms with them anyway.

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CO-CREATOR'S PROJECT

WHAT THE COMMUNITY BROUGHT

A co-creator is not a speaker. They arrive with a programme of their own, run it under the Colive Fukuoka banner, and take responsibility for whether it works. Here is what they are bringing this October.

ANTB Fukuoka 2026

Asia Next Tourism Bootcamp. Six travel-tech companies pitch for a place in Asia.

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SHE SAILS

Two days on identity, voice and crossing borders, with Global Women Impact.

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Coliving Program by Hoppin'

Fourteen nights at a new hotel in Minoshima, run with Hoppin Inc.

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Fukuoka Builders' Coliving

A Japan Tourism Agency pilot: eleven nights in the city, three in the countryside.

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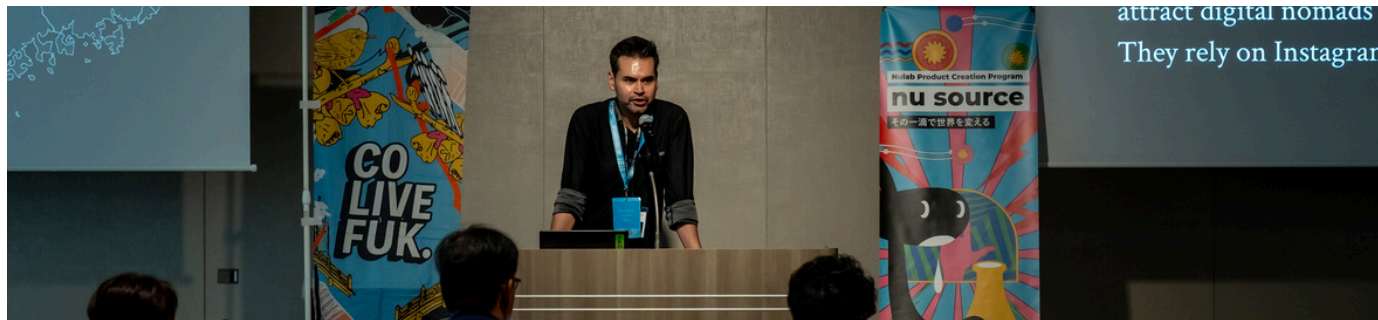
The people behind them

Community, contents creators, facilitators and the makers of Kyushu.

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ANTB FUKUOKA 2026

October 6 · Daimyo Conference, Link Room 1 · Doors 13:00, programme 13:30–18:00 · Free for Colive Fukuoka pass holders.



Asia Next Tourism Bootcamp is a half-day on where travel and technology are actually heading, co-hosted by Colive Fukuoka and WithBlue DMC. It opens with Ryo Osera and Shuma Goko, then moves into a talk on the future of Asia's travel tech and wellbeing.

The centre of the afternoon is the Asia Pivot Pitch. Six travel-tech companies get seven minutes each and three more for questions. The winner takes the Best Asia Pivot Award.

After the pitches, the room turns into an exhibition floor with ten to sixteen booths, and stays that way until six. A separate dinner follows at seven at another venue, with thirty seats.

The session runs in English with Japanese support, and the room holds 150. If you already have a Colive Fukuoka pass, you are in at no extra cost. General tickets open through a waiting list.

SHE SAILS: WHEN EAST MEETS WEST

A two-day workshop with Global Women Impact for women entrepreneurs and anyone working on leadership, communication and cross-cultural exchange.



Day one is October 6, from three in the afternoon until half past five. Three speakers each take a perspective on entrepreneurship through culture, identity and lived experience. Every session carries focused questions and real discussion rather than a queue at the microphone. The afternoon closes with tea and curated networking.

Day two is October 7, from two until quarter past four. Participants rotate through three interactive workshops, one designed by each speaker. It ends with a collective reflection, a hand-whisked matcha ceremony hosted by Charlotte, and a commitment card that each participant fills in themselves.

CO-CREATOR'S PROJECT

COLIVING PROGRAM BY HOPPIN'

hoppin'

A fourteen-day co-creation programme, run with Hoppin Inc. Applications are open now:



Living alone in a city you do not know is a slow way to meet it. This programme takes the other route: one building, one group, fourteen nights, and the October programme happening around you the whole time.

Colive Fukuoka is teaming up with Hoppin Inc. to run it. Hoppin takes the building and manages the stay; Colive Fukuoka brings the programme and the community that fills it.

The stay is at HOTEL miino in Minoshima, a short ride from Hakata. It is a new build, and it is not a hostel: the rooms are designed to be lived in for two weeks rather than slept in for one night.

Rates, room types and booking are handled by Hoppin. Applications and full details are on the Colive Fukuoka news page.

[**▶▶▶ LEARN MORE DETAILS HERE**](#)

CO-CREATOR'S PROJECT · JAPAN TOURISM AGENCY PILOT

FUKUOKA BUILDERS' COLIVING

September 30 – October 14 · Fourteen nights · ¥170,000 · Applications close August 31. Eleven nights in the city, then three in a town most visitors never reach, paid for by the pilot.

Selected as an official pilot initiative by the Japan Tourism Agency, this is built for remote engineers, Web3 creators and digital nomads who would rather test something than tour something. The first eleven nights are in Fukuoka City, with full access to the October programme and a room at Hakata Place.

Then, on October 11, everyone splits. Each participant picks one of three neighbouring towns and spends three nights there. Those three nights are fully subsidised under the pilot.

[**▶▶▶ READ THE ARTICLE HERE**](#)

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Japan For Founders

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COMMUNITY

Three co-creators whose job this October is the part nobody puts on a programme: making sure the room knows itself.

NIKOLETA KOULI

Coliving Program
Community Manager



She runs the connective tissue of the community and hosts the destination pitches on day one of the Ikigai Academy, where partner cities get twenty minutes to explain why anyone should go there next.

VERONIKA RAYCHUK

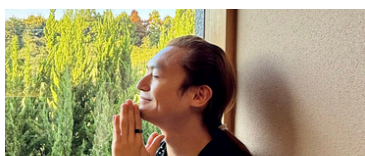
Dance artist and movement
facilitator



A founding co-creator working on movement, energy and community. Her Garden session on October 1 is called Shake Off the Sitting, which is a fair description of what a conference does to a body.

FREEMAN FUNG

Co-creator · Returning from 2025



He closes day two of the Ikigai Academy with A Conscious Pause, a sunset meditation at the water's edge. He was here in 2025 as a participant and came back with a session of his own.

LOCAL COLLABORATORS

Matcha, tatami, spinning tops and a shrine on the water. The Kyushu makers who agreed to spend part of October explaining their work to a room of foreigners.

Matcha

Rei Watanabe of Unalabs, with matchabae and Gil Petersil, on why the world's appetite for matcha has become a problem for the people who grow it. Yame, an hour south of the city, is one of Japan's best-known tea regions.

Tatami and igusa

Ikehiko Corporation joins the Atotsugi session on succession, sitting on the other side of the table from anyone thinking about buying into a traditional industry.

Hakata koma

Juraku III, third-generation master of the Hakata spinning top, opens day one of the Ikigai Academy. The performance is four hundred years older than the conference.

Shikaumi Shrine

Formal worship on the morning of October 2, on the sandbar that runs out into Hakata Bay. Twenty-eight places, one bus, early start.



PARTNERS

Colive Fukuoka is not a venue and not a company retreat. It runs on a network of cities, communities and media that decided a digital nomad festival in Kyushu was worth their name.

PROGRAMME PARTNERS FOR OCTOBER

City of Fukuoka

Commissions the Nomad Impact Summit on September 30.

Nomad Resort

Produces the Synapse Festival on the beach front.

Japan Tourism Agency

Backs Fukuoka Builders' Coliving as an official pilot.

Global Women Impact

Co-hosts SHE SAILS on October 6 and 7.

RAMEN TECH

Runs the same week and shares the city with us.

Japan Digital Nomad Association

Garden sessions and the community lunch meetup.

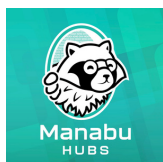
ANTB / WithBlue DMC

Co-hosts Asia Next Tourism Bootcamp on October 6.

Hoppin Inc.

Runs the 14-day Coliving Program at HOTEL miino.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR OCTOBER





WHERE TO STAY

A BED FOR TWO WEEKS, NOT TWO NIGHTS

Usual pass includes accommodation. These are the partner properties, with the rates they have published for the Colive Fukuoka community. Book early: October is the busiest month of the Fukuoka year.

LYF TENJIN FUKUOKA

TENJIN

20% off for stays of 1–29 nights. 40% off for 30 nights or more. Neither applies in October. A special October plan runs from ¥15,800 a day for stays of seven nights or more.

HAKATA PLACE

HAKATA

Fixed rates. Semi-double 25m² ¥7,500 a night for one. Deluxe double ¥8,500 for one, ¥11,000 for two. Twin ¥12,000 for two. Deluxe twin ¥15,000 for two. Also the base for Fukuoka Builders' Coliving.

WEBASE HAKATA

HAKATA

15% off all stays. A hostel with space to spread out and a community feel that suits a long booking.

UNPLAN FUKUOKA

FUKUOKA

10% off all stays with the coupon code COLIVE2026, entered in the coupon field on the official booking page.

THE LIVELY FUKUOKA HAKATA/THE MILLENNIALS FUKUOKA

HAKATA

25% off for stays of ten nights or more. 30% off for a month or longer. A lounge, a bar and a design-forward room in the city centre.

▶▶▶ [AND MORE... READ THE GUIDEBOOK HERE](#)

TWO MORE WAYS TO SLEEP

Coliving Program by Hoppin' — 14 nights at HOTEL miino, applications open now.
Fukuoka Builders' Coliving — 14 nights included in the ¥170,000 programme fee.



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HOW TO ACCESS

TEN MINUTES FROM THE RUNWAY

Fukuoka's airport sits inside the city. The subway takes about ten minutes from the terminal to Hakata, which is a shorter commute than most people have at home.

Getting here is the easy part. Fukuoka is an hour and a half from Tokyo, an hour from Seoul and two hours from Shanghai. The city itself holds 1.5 million people and still fits: beaches and mountains are minutes from the centre, and almost everything you need is walkable or a short ride away.

Three rail networks cover the ground. The subway connects the airport, Hakata and Tenjin. Nishitetsu runs south into the rest of the prefecture, with Tenjin as its hub. JR Kyushu covers the wider region including the Shinkansen, and Hakata is its central station.

For the last mile there is Charichari, the bike share: ¥7 a minute for a standard bike, ¥17 a minute with electric assist, through an app and a registered card. LUUP does the same job with kick scooters and e-bikes, picked up and dropped at ports across the city. Buses go everywhere else.

Most people who come for ten days stop checking timetables by day three.

FROM THE AIRPORT

Subway to Hakata: about 10 minutes
Tokyo 1.5 hours · Seoul 1 hour · Shanghai 2 hours
Subway · Nishitetsu · JR Kyushu
Charichari ¥7/min standard, ¥17/min electric assist
LUUP kick scooters and e-bikes across the city



WHAT IT COSTS

Three tiers. Prices below are the live rates with SUMMERWAVE20 applied, which takes twenty percent off and expires on August 16, 2026. Japanese consumption tax of 10 percent is added at checkout.

FREE

Stay in the loop
Anytime

€0

- Regular community access
- City info and calendar
- October content updates

Tickets available for each event and workshop.

STANDARD

The festival core
Sep 30 – Oct 10

~~€449.00~~

€359.20

- Community access and calendar
- Opening and closing parties
- Synapse Festival
- Meetups, activities and workshops
- Official gift

SUMMERWAVE20 expires August 16, 2026.

PREMIUM

Everything, elevated
Sep 30 – Oct 10

~~€999.00~~

€719.20

- Everything in Standard
- Daily exclusive dinners
- Excursion
- Premium lounge
- Premium coworking, Oct 1–10
- Special gift

Only 35 slots available.

	FREE	STANDARD	PREMIUM
Community access and calendar	•	•	•
Opening and closing parties	—	•	•
Synapse Festival	—	•	•
Meetups, activities and workshops	—	•	•
Official gift	—	•	•
Daily exclusive dinners	—	—	•
Excursion	—	—	•
Premium lounge	—	—	•
Premium coworking, Oct 1–10	—	—	•
Special gift	—	—	•
Accommodation	—	—	—
Breakfast and lunch	—	—	—

BEFORE YOU BUY

Prices are shown before tax. Japanese consumption tax of 10 percent is added at checkout.

Full refunds are available until August 15. Reduced refunds run through September 30. From October 1 onward, no refunds are issued.

Free members can book tickets for individual events and workshops.

BUY AT COLIVEFUKUOKA.COM

COMMON QUESTIONS

Everything below is answered from what is confirmed at the time of publication. Where something is still moving, we have said so rather than guessed.

When does it actually start and finish?

The opening party is on September 30, 2026, and the main programme runs from October 1 to October 10. If you join Fukuoka Builders' Coliving, your programme continues in a neighbouring town until October 14.

Do I need a pass for the Nomad Impact Summit?

No. The Summit on September 30 is free to attend and is held in English. It is commissioned by the City of Fukuoka.

Is accommodation included in the pass?

No. No pass includes accommodation, breakfast or lunch. Partner properties with community rates are listed on pages 22 and 23. The only programmes that include a bed are the Coliving Program by Hoppin' and Fukuoka Builders' Coliving.

What language is everything in?

English. Some sessions have Japanese support, and a few local sessions are interpreted.

Can I come for part of it?

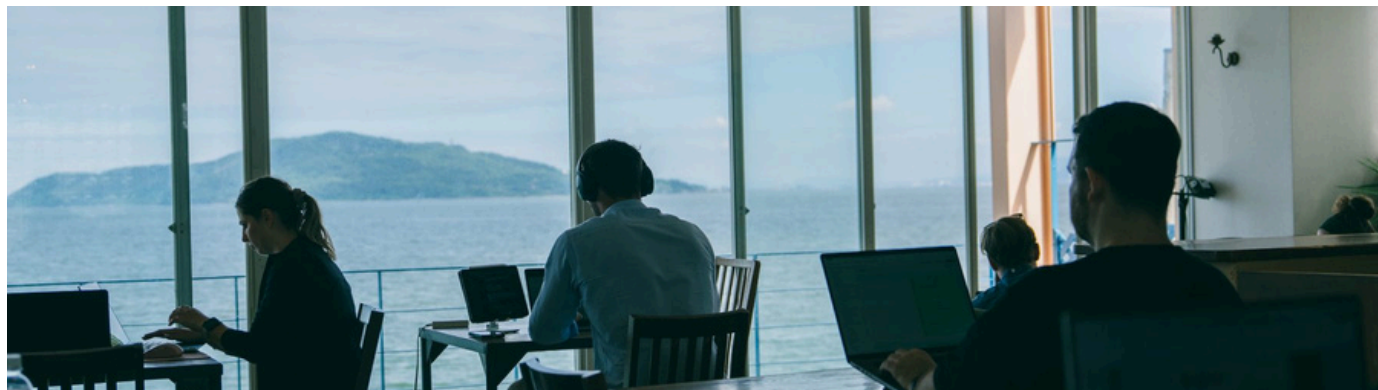
Yes. Free members can book tickets for individual events and workshops. A Standard or Premium pass only makes sense if you are here for most of the ten days.

What is the refund policy?

Full refunds are available until August 15. Reduced refunds run through September 30. From October 1 onward, no refunds are issued.

Is the price I see the price I pay?

Almost. Prices are shown before tax, and Japanese consumption tax of 10 percent is added at checkout. SUMMERWAVE20 takes 20 percent off Standard and Premium until August 16, 2026.



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