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On set and behind-the-scenes  
in Saga Prefecture, Japan

# HANGGANG KAILAN?

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A SAGA BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT THE MAKING OF

# HANGGANG KAILAN?

What if you have one last trip to be with the person you love before you separate ways and end your relationship? How do you say goodbye?

### Saga International Balloon Fiesta

This is the largest international hot-air balloon competition in Asia. More than hundred balloons from all over the world participate. The spectacular scene where colorful balloons take off from the riverbed all at once gives you the best photo opportunity.

Enjoy the photogenic scene of colorful balloons flying in the air while leaving their reflections on the river surface!

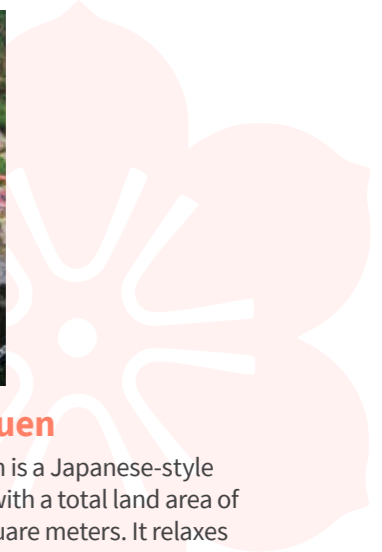
The fantastic illumination at night is also a must see!



### This is the story of KATH and DONNIE.

As they celebrate their 2nd anniversary in a 4 days and 3 nights trip in Saga, Japan, they decide that this will be their last moment together. In other movies where people meet up and fall in love in beautiful places, our couple is breaking up amidst these picturesque backdrops, which makes things all the more heartbreaking and sad. They were madly in love and obviously, they still are. But these are the final days where they can still show their love. Donnie (Xian Lim) is already committed to another girl. Kath (Louise de los Reyes) has been the “third party” for two years, and she knows what she has done. Despite their happiness, it’s still wrong. That’s why they will end it now. No matter how happy they are with each other, it’s not enough...it won’t last. It will still come into an end. Because for them, this is where love ends.





### Karatsu Kunchi Festival

The Karatsu Kunchi Festival in Karatsu City is one of the most popular festivals in Saga. In 2016, it was recognized by UNESCO as an intangible cultural heritage.

Spectators flock from all over Japan and abroad.

The highlight of the event happens at night in Yoiyama on November 2 each year, where lanterns light up the fantastic appearances of festival floats. The festival's main event happens the following day: the scene of people moving around town chanting "Enya, Enya," and "Yoisa, Yoisa" sends the festival into climax.



### Keishuen

Keishuen is a Japanese-style garden with a total land area of 9,917 square meters. It relaxes the mind of visitors with its beautiful flowers that bring color to the season--cherry blossoms in April, azaleas in May, and maples in November--along with different-sized waterfalls and a small tea field.

The garden is a circuit-style walkaround, taking around 20 to 30 minutes to complete.





### Kaichu Torii (Torii Under the Sea)

The Ariake Sea is known for the largest tidal range in Japan., which reaches up to 6 meters.

The red Torii in the sea can be seen in different phases, depending on the tide.



### Toyotamahime Shrine

Ureshino Hot Spring, also known as the “Hot Spring for Beautiful Skin” tells the story of Princess Toyotama, an enshrined deity with beautiful skin. “Namazu-sama,” a servant of Princess Toyotama, has been worshipped for centuries by local visitors for her power to cure skin diseases.

Today, it is still visited by many people who wish to have fair skin.





### Teppanyaki EN

This is a modern Japanese-style teppanyaki restaurant with a relaxed atmosphere located in the vicinity of Warakuen.

The chef cooks Saga beef together with locally grown vegetables, and other mouth watering dishes right in front of the eyes of the customers.



### Warakuen

This Japanese-style Inn stands along the Ureshino River overlooking the town of Ureshino, famous for its hot springs.

Considered as one of the three famous "Hot Spring for Beautiful Skin", one can experience smooth and silky skin by bathing in their hot springs.

Using special Ureshino tea as the theme, it serves dishes made of tea such as "Chagayu" (tea-flavored rice porridge) and "Onsen Yudofu," (Tofu cooked in onsen water) an Ureshino hot spring specialty.

It also has an open-air bath with relaxing scents of tea, which is very unique even in Japan.





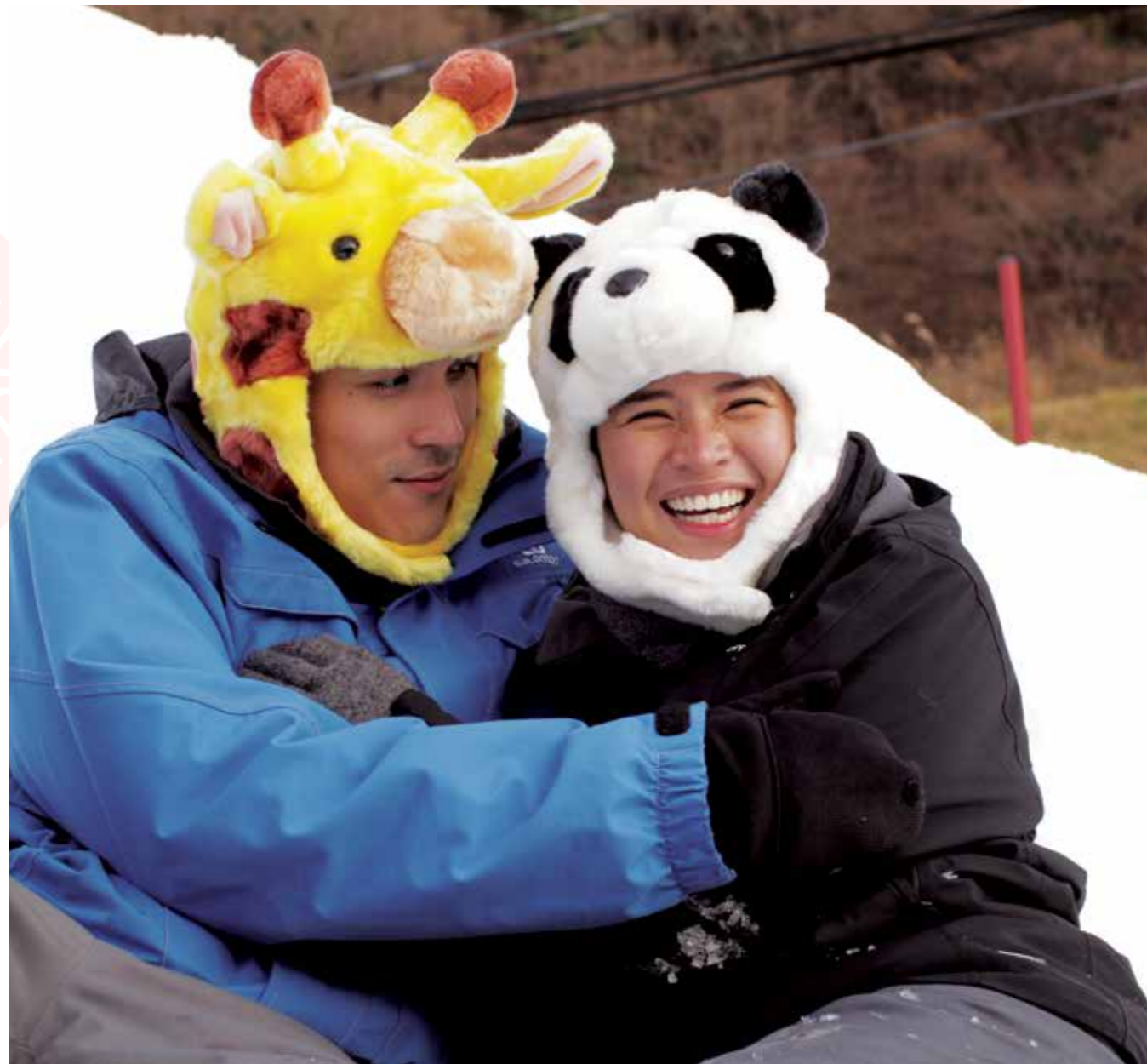
### Tenzan Resort

Being one of the few ski slopes in the southern island of Kyushu, it attracts many skiers and snowboarders during the winter season.

Regardless of the less snow in Kyushu, it maintains using artificial snow machines.

It runs from the end of November to mid-March every year.

Rental of full ski outfit and equipment is also available.



### Restaurant Suisha

This old Japanese-house-inspired restaurant located along the Ureshino River strives to bring the best out of rice.

Using traditional Japanese pots with firewood, its rice has a soft yet sticky texture that is delicious even when it gets cold.

Some of the popular menu items are "Yudofu Gozen," a specialty of Ureshino hot spring that uses 100% pure local soya beans, and "Mille-feuille Gozen," a deep fried thin layered pork cutlet that resembles the French pastry, prepared with Japanese herb leaf and cheese.



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## HANGGANG KAILAN?

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