




Please visit Shimabara,  
a town of history and  
natural springs!

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# Shimabara Sightseeing Guide book



**MAPCODE**

This guidebook includes MAPCODEs  
that can be used by your car navigation system.

Watch a video of the most popular tourist spots in Shimabara on your smart phone.



Ariake Ferry for Nagasu Port,  
Kumamoto Prefecture

Taira Port

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Shimabara City

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Sta.

Onobaru Ruins  
Exhibition Center

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Sta.

Matsuomachi  
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The Ariake Sea

Shimabara City

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Maidake Peak  
▲703m

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Senbongi  
Observatory

Mayuyama Peak  
▲819m

Heisei Shinzan  
Nature Center

Mt. Heisei Shinzan

Kunimi-dake  
Peak  
▲1347m

Fugen-dake Peak  
▲1359m

▲1333m Myoken-dake Peak

Unzen Ropeway

Nodake Peak  
▲1142m

Nita-toge  
Second Observatory

Onokoba Sand Arrestation  
And Future Museum  
Former Onokoba  
Elementary School Building

Shimabara  
Mayuyama Road

Shimabara-Gaiko  
Interchange

Roadside Station  
"Mizunashi Honjin Fukae"  
Mudflow-destroyed Houses  
Preservation Park

Shimabara Castle/  
Reconstruction Memorial Hall



Shimabara City  
Office

Shimabara  
Springs

Shirachi  
Lake

Shimabara-gaiko  
Sta.

Shimabara Port  
Terminal

Chichibugaura Park

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(Unzen Disaster Memorial Hall)

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(To Miike Port)

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more springs  
(See p.17-18)

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(To Kumamoto Port)

Kumamoto Ferry  
(To Kumamoto Port)

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Located at the center of the Shimabara Peninsula, Shimabara is an idyllic city known for its surrounding volcanoes and long history. There still remains the townscape of an old castle town such as Old Samurai Houses, and the city is blessed with many springs.

# Welcome to Shimabara, an old castle town and the city of water.

Yusui-teien Shimeiso

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Please make use of MAPCODEs



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☎ 123 456 789\*01

→ These numbers are the "MAPCODE."

Please make use of the useful MAPCODEs that can be used by the car navigation system.

A MAPCODE is a number that helps you to locate a place on a map. By inputting the MAPCODE to your car navigation system or Yahoo! Map app on your smart phone, you can easily find your destination. Please make use of MAPCODEs.

※The MAPCODEs included in this guidebook show the location of the destination. Please note that some facilities do not have any Parking.

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# [Shimabara Castle]

Shimabara Castle was built by Matsukura Bungo-no-kami Shigemasa, it took seven years to construct and was completed in 1624. The reconstructed keep of the castle was converted into a museum and historic artifacts related to local Christians, and other documents on local history and folklore are exhibited. In the area around the castle, you can also see a display of Christian gravestones, as well as the statue of Amakusa Shiro, created by the master sculptor Kitamura Seibo.

Address: Jonai 1-1183-1, Shimabara City

Phone: 0957-62-4766

Admission Fee: Adults: ¥540, children: ¥270

20% discount for a group of over 30 people

\* Common Admission Fee for the Castle Keep, Seibo Memorial


Hall, Sightseeing Revival Hall

Opening hours: 9:00-17:30 (Please enter before 17:00)

Closed: Dec 29 and 30

Access: Approx. 5 min. on foot from Shimabara Sta.

Parking: Cars: ¥320, small buses: ¥540, large buses: ¥1,080

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"An Elephant and Europeans"

## Romantic memories from the old days

### 1 Museum of Christian History

#### Christian Artifacts (1st Floor)

Many important historical items from the Shimabara Rebellion are exhibited.

#### Items related to the History of Shimabara (2nd Floor)

"Shinki" and "Shinsoku", the two swords treasured by the Matsudaira Family are exhibited (only during a limited period in and around January). Visitors can also see various documents and artifacts related to the feudal lords of Shimabara and Shimabara Castle.

#### Exhibits in the Folklore History (3rd Floor)

Many items which were used in the daily lives of ordinary people in the old days are exhibited.



"The Portrait of Amakusa Shiro"



"Collegio Altar Cross"



Treasury Swords ("Shinki" and "Shinsoku")



We will welcome  
your visit!

## The Keep and the Observatory (5th floor)

You can have a 360-degree view  
of the historic landscape of Shimabara!

You can see the entire city and Mt. Mayuyama. You  
can also see the mountains in Kumamoto over the sea.

## Folklore Handicrafts Museum

Tools used in the old days  
are exhibited.

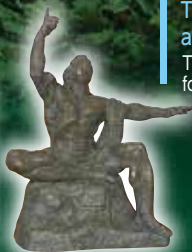
The museum exhibits a variety of  
folk handicrafts from the old days.

## Seibo Memorial Gallery

A Gallery Exhibiting the Works of  
a Master Sculptor born in Shimabara

This gallery was built to celebrate the  
88th birthday of Seibo Kitamura.  
Kitamura, who was born and bred in  
Shimabara, was one of Japan's greatest  
sculptors and awarded the Order of  
Culture. This unique gallery exhibits  
around 60 of his masterpieces.

Amakusa Shiro



Prototype of the Statue of Peace



You can learn all about the must-see  
sightseeing spots and culture and  
the history behind them!



## Sightseeing Revival Hall (On the site of Shimabara Castle)

Here you can learn about the process of volcanic activities of  
Unzen as well as must-see sightseeing spots and the culture and  
history behind them through a wide variety of videos and  
documents. A short film about the process of volcanic activity is  
shown on a 200-inch wide screen (15 min.). The capacity is 120  
people.





# [Old Samurai Houses]

The serene townscape of rows of elegant stone walls reminds us of the lives of people in the distant past.



I feel as if I have  
time-traveled!



# The History of Old Samurai Houses (in Teppo-machi)

When Shimabara Castle was constructed, the Houses for lower-ranking samurais who received 70 koku in salary were built in the area west of the Castle's outer wall. Many of these samurais were foot soldiers who mainly used guns. This is why the area was named Teppo-machi (gun town). Abundant spring water runs through the waterway in the center of the street. This waterway was conserved by residents as a source of water for daily use.

Address: Shitanochō, Shimabara City

Phone: 0957-63-1087 Admission Fee: Free of charge

Opening hours: 9:00-17:30 Closed: None

Access: Approx. 10 min. on foot from Shimabara Sta.

Parking: Free of charge (for 40 cars)



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## 2 Shinozuka House

The Masters of the Shinozuka Family inherited the name of Junemon. Their ancestors were originally from Fukouzu, Mikawa (present-day Aichi Prefecture). Until the early Meiji period the family continued to the 11th generation. Their Master received the salary of 8-13 koku (an amount able to sustain one person a year) for two people. They mainly worked as secretaries or magistrates.



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## 2 Yamamoto House

Sagozaemon, the founder of the Yamamoto Family, served the Matsudaira Family from the era of Matsudaira Tadatōshi (the Lord of Yoshida Castle) in Mikawa (present-day Aichi Prefecture), the father of Matsudaira Tadafusa. When the 6th lord, Tadahiro, was moved to another domain in 1749 and then to Shimabara in 1774, the Yamamoto Family accompanied him. The Yamamoto Family continued to serve 13 lords of the Matsudaira Family until the end of the Edo period.



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## 2 Torita House

The Torita Family is a very old family that goes back to the early days of the Matsudaira Family. The Torita Family moved to Shimabara in 1669. This residence was built in a residential area for middle-to-lower ranking samurais. The area is divided into around 300 m sites. Each family planted fruit trees such as loquat, persimmon and citrus trees in their gardens.

# [Geopark]

## Unzen Volcanic Area Global Geopark



Here you can learn about  
the relationship between  
volcanic eruptions and people's lives.



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



Unzen Volcanic Area  
UNESCO  
Global Geopark



### 3 Gamadasu Dome (Unzen Disaster Memorial Hall)

In this spacious exhibition hall, you can learn in an entertaining way everything about volcanos. Not only observing volcanoes or joining in activities, here you can experience a whole range of entertainment, learning and relaxation. You can learn all about what happened from November 1990, when volcanic activity on Fugendake Peak of Mt. Unzen first started till May 1996, when the volcanic activity finally ceased. You can also learn what impact this volcanic activity had. The exhibition shows the great power of nature and the wisdom of the people who faced it.

Address: Heisei-machi 1-1, Shimabara City Phone: 0957-65-5555  
Admission fee: Adults: ¥1,000, Junior and senior high school students: ¥700  
Elementary school pupils: ¥500

Opening hours: 9:00-18:00 (Please enter before 17:00)

Access: 15 min. by car from Shimabara Sta.

Holiday: None Parking: Free-of-charge (Cars: 400 Busses: 20)





Geopark is a nature park where visitors can learn and realize in an entertaining way how the beautiful natural landscape was created. Here you can experience and study the landscape that has significant research value, and how the Earth was created, as well as the culture, history and foods of the people of the area. Use all of your senses to feel everything that Geopark offers: enjoy the scenic beauty, listen to the twittering birds, smell the air of the land, feel the soil and stones and taste the local cuisine.

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You can clearly see  
the lava dome!



#### 4 Heisei Shinzan Nature Center

Heisei Shinzan Nature Center is at the very foot of Mt. Heisei Shinzan, on the Taruki Plateau, only 2.5 km away from the summit of the mountain. From 1990, the Taruki Plateau was directly hit by pyroclastic flows caused by the volcanic activity of Fugendake Peak and devastating damage was caused. However, the plateau has amazingly revived. Today, visitors to the center can observe and study how the plateau has revived, and wild plants, birds and insects have returned.

Address: Minami Senbongi-machi kou 2683, Shimabara City

Phone: 0957-63-6752 Admission fee: Free of charge

Opening hours: 9:00-17:00 (from March to Oct.), 10:00-16:00 (from Nov. to Feb.)

Access: 10 min. by car from Shimabara Sta.

Closed: Tuesdays, Dec 31, Jan 1

Parking: Free of charge (cars: 28, buses: 5)



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# [The Volcano]

You can realize the heartbeat of the Earth through the remnants of the disaster caused by the Heisei Eruption over five years from 1990.

## 5 Mt. Heisei Shinzan

The volcanic activity devastated the Shimabara Peninsula, especially Shimabara City and former Fukae-machi. The main factors that caused damage were pyroclastic flows and mudflows, which were caused by accumulated volcanic ash, brought down by flash floods triggered by torrential rain. The Mizunashi River and the Senbongi Area, to where these pyroclastic flows and mudflows ran, were heavily damaged.

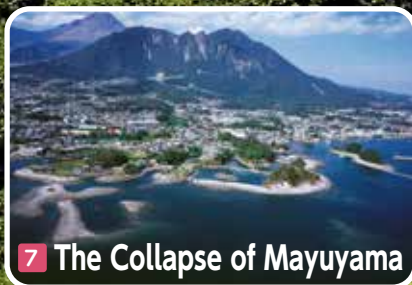
While the volcanic activity continued, there was a fear of the partial collapse of Mayuyama (This was the cause of the disaster in 1792). However this time, Mayuyama protected the downtown area of Shimabara City from pyroclastic flows.

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What majestic and dynamic scenery!



## 7 The Collapse of Mayuyama

On 21 May 1792, Mayuyama in the west of the castle town of Shimabara began collapsing, triggered by an earthquake that occurred directly beneath the region. The debris from the collapsed mountain rushed into the Ariake Sea, causing a huge tsunami over ten meters high. At the same time the debris reclaimed part of the sea and created a unique landscape called "Nagare-yama" (floating mountains).

[The best view spots] Heisei-Shinzan Panoramic View Park, Nita Danchi Daiichi Park, Chichibugaura Park, etc.

## 6 Shimabara Mayuyama Road

Shimabara Mayuyama Road opened in March 2000. It is an 8 km-long prefectural road that bypasses Mayuyama in the west of Shimabara City and leads to National Route 57. The road runs very close to Mt. Heisei Shinzan.

Along the road there is the Heisei Shinzan Observatory Park, from where you can view the dramatic landscape created by the dynamic power of nature such as pyroclastic flows and mudflows as well as huge sand control dams.





# [Hot Springs]

Shimabara Hot Spring water is neutral and gentle to the skin. It has benefits for cuts, burns, and chronic dermatitis. The water is fit for drinking and has benefits for chronic gastric diseases, diabetes, gout and liver ailments. There are seven spring water drinking corners in Shimabara City. Why not try an easier way to enjoy hot springs as well?







The outdoor footbath with abundant hot spring water is the best place to communicate with people

## 8 Yutorogi Footbath/Sengen Park Footbath

The water in these footbaths is 100% hot spring water from the Shimabara Hot Spring. Available 24 hours a day. They are popular as a place to relax.

Address: Yutorogi Footbath: Hori-machi, Shimabara City

Sengen Park Footbath: Minato-machi, Shimabara City

Access: 15 min. on foot from Shimabara Sta. / 1 min. on foot from Shimabara Port Terminal

Fee: Free of charge Opening hours: 24 hours a day

Parking: Please use a nearby parking lot.



Yutorogi Footbath



Sengen Park Footbath

Yutorogi Footbath ☎ 173 719 707\*63

Sengen Park Footbath ☎ 415 330 690\*00



## 9 Spring Water Drinking Corner/ Drinking Hot Spring Water

There are seven spring water drinking corners in the city, and anyone can freely drink spring water. The water is effective against chronic gastric diseases, diabetes, gout, liver ailments, gastric and duodenal ulcers, and reflux esophagitis. (See also Pages 17-18.)

Locations: Sengen Park, Yutorogi-no-yu (next to the footbath), in front of the head office of Shimatetsu, Shinwa Bank, Hirobaba Bus Stop, next to WILL BE shopping mall, Shimabara City Office

Fee: Free of charge Parking: Please use a nearby parking lot.



## 10 Yutorogi-no-yu ☎ 123 456 789\*01

This hot spring facility is located at the center of the shopping district of the city. You can enjoy a wide variety of baths, from spacious baths using 100% hot spring water to medicinal herb baths, cold water baths and saunas. There is also a special bath in which you can exercise by walking in hot water (swimwear required).

Address: Hori-machi 171-3, Shimabara City Phone: 0957-63-1126

Fee: General: ¥520, people over 70 years old and people with disabilities: ¥310, elementary school pupils or younger children: ¥260 (free of charge for children under 3 years old)

Opening hours: 10:00-21:00 Closed: Wednesdays

Access: 10 min. on foot from Shimabara Sta.

Parking: Available (for 51 cars); free of charge for first 2 hours and ¥100/hour after that

There are also hot spring facilities without accommodation!!



The hot spring water is gentle to the skin and feels great!

## Hot spring facilities welcoming day visitors

[fee: ¥300-¥1,000]

- Yutorogi-no-yu ● Hotel Nampuro ● Inn Kaiboso
- HOTEL Seaside Shimabara ● Shinyama Hot Spring Ue-no-yu
- Ariake Welfare Center "Bijin-no-yu"





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# [Springs]


Shimabara City has been called “the City of Water” from a long time ago, for its abundant springs. Shimabara Springs were designated by the Ministry of the Environment as one of the “100 Best Waters in Japan.” There are approximately 60 springs in the city. There is no other place where you can find springs with such abundant water flow even in the downtown area, such as at the corner of the shopping arcade.



## Selected as one of "Japan's Best 100 Waters" Shimabara, the City of Water

### 11 The Town of Swimming Carp

Colorful carp can be seen swimming in the waterway of clear spring water. The carp are kept by the people in the community, and delight the eyes of visitors. This is one of the must-see spots of Shimabara, the City of Water.

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Address: Shin-machi 2 chome, Shimabara City  
Parking: Please use a nearby parking lot  
Access: Approx. 7 min. on foot from Shimabara Sta.



Address: 2-247-1 Shinmachi, Shimabara-shi  
Fee: Free Hours: 9:00a.m.-6:00p.m.  
Closed: Open 365 days  
Access: 7-minute walk from Shimabara Station  
Parking: Free (space for 5 vehicles)

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### 12 Seiryutei Tourism Exchange Center Koi-No-Oyogu-Machi

This place serves as a base for local sightseeing, and offers exhibits of special quality Shimabara products as well as tourist information. There are also colorful carps swimming leisurely in the on-site pond that is sourced from abundant spring water.



### 14 Shimabara Yusuikan

This is a free-of-charge resting house at "The Town of Swimming Carp," one of the most well-known springs in Shimabara. At this relaxation space, you can calm yourself while listening to the murmuring sound of spring water.

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Address: Shin-machi 2-122, Shimabara City Phone: 0957-63-1111  
Fee: Free of charge \*Kanzarashi cooking activity is charged  
Opening hours: 9:00-18:00 Closed: None  
Access: 7 min. on foot from Shimabara Sta.  
Parking: Please use a nearby parking lot

You can also drink spring water. Actually the spring water drinking corner is one of the most popular sightseeing spots.



### 13 Yusu-teien Shimeiso

This is one of the most well-known "water villas" in Shimabara. There are three ponds of different sizes. From the bottom of these ponds, 1,000 tons of water springs up every day. In this relaxing space, you can enjoy the serene and a little bit nostalgic atmosphere, forgetting the passing of time.

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Address: Shin-machi 2-125, Shimabara City  
Phone: 0957-63-1121 Fee: Free of charge  
Opening hours: 9:00-18:00 Closed: None  
Access: 7 min. on foot from Shimabara Sta.  
Parking: Please use a nearby parking lot



### 15 Hamanokawa Spring

 415 390 037\*28

The washing corner is divided into four sections, and there are rules of what to wash at which section in what order. This is the place where you can witness the long history of the use of spring water in Shimabara.

Address: Shirachi-Momoyama 2 chome 1097, Shimabara City  
Access: 10 min. on foot from Minami-Shimabara Sta.  
Parking: Please use a nearby parking lot

# Nature of Shimabara

Please enjoy the scenic beauty  
of nature surrounding  
Shimabara created by  
majestic mountains and  
clear spring water.



## 16 Ariake-no-mori Flower Park 173 861 689\*74

In this 35,000m<sup>2</sup> park at the foot of Maidake Peak, you can enjoy beautiful flowers for each season.



Address: Ariake-cho Yue otsu 2524-607, Shimabara City  
Phone: 0957-68-5252 Opening hours: 9:00-17:00  
Access: 15 min. by car from Yue Sta.  
Parking: Free of charge (for 150 cars)

## 17 Maidake Fureai Road 173 771 331\*33



A walking trail leads from the hillside to the top of Maidake Peak. This trail consists of 8,888 steps made of timber from forest thinning. The view from the top of the mountain is superb.

Address: Ariake-cho Omisaki bo 5580-2, Shimabara City  
Phone: 0957-68-8888  
Access: 15 min. by car from Yue Sta.  
Parking: Free of charge

## 18 Hyotan-ike Park 173 658 416\*41



There is an artificial pond built using the undulating landscape caused by the collapse of Mayuyama Peak. From here you can clearly see the mountain wall created by the collapse of Mayuyama.

Address: Minamishimokawa-machi, Shimabara City  
Access: 5 min. by car from Shimabara-Gaiko Sta.  
Parking: Free of charge (for 100 cars)

## 19 Senbongi Observatory 173 684 831\*14

From this observatory, visitors can view remnants of the devastating disaster caused by the pyroclastic flows in June, 1993.



Address: Minamisenbongi-machi, Shimabara City  
Access: 15 min. by car from Shimabara Sta.  
Parking: Free of charge

## 20 Chichibugaura Park 415 300 395\*47



The collapse of Mayuyama Peak led to the erosion of an islet in the Ariake Sea by sea water. Here visitors can view the cross-section of the inside of the mountain.

Address: Chichibugaura-machi, Shimabara City  
Access: 5 min. by car from Shimabara-Gaiko Sta.  
Parking: Free of charge

## 21 Shirachi Lake 173 719 189\*82

This lake was created as a result of the collapse of Mayuyama Peak. Approximately 40,000 tons of water a day still gush out from the bottom of the lake.



Address: Shirachi-machi, Shimabara City  
Phone: 0957-63-1111  
Access: 20 min. on foot from Shimabara Sta.  
Parking: Please use a nearby parking lot

## 22 Shibazakura Park 173 746 091\*33



The colorful and beautiful pattern formed by flowers of about 200,000 Shibazakura (moss phloxes) on an area of 20,000 m<sup>2</sup> (about 5 acres) will greatly impress you (in April). Visitors can also enjoy cosmos flowers in autumn (Oct.-Nov.).

Address: Kamiorihashi-machi, Shimabara City  
Phone: 0957-62-3986 Admission fee: ¥300  
Open: 9:00-17:00 Access: 10 min. by car from Shimabara Sta.  
Parking: Free of charge

## 23 Mayuyama Memorial Park

 173 688 548\*28

This memorial park was built to pray for the victims of the volcanic eruption in 1792 and the successful control of volcanic activity of Mayuyama Peak. The park is well known for its beautiful cherry blossoms.



Address: Uenohara 3, Shimabara City  
Phone: 0957-63-1111  
Access: 10 min. by car from Shimabara Sta.  
Parking: Free of charge (for 50 cars)





Please experience what remains of the long history of the serene town of Shimabara.

# The History of Shimabara

## 24 Former Shimabara Domain Medical Herb Garden ☎ 173 717 796\*82

This is the remains of the Shimabara Domain's medical herb garden built in the Edo period. It is designated as a national historic site.



Address: Koyama-machi 4703, Shimabara City  
Opening hours: 9:30-16:30  
Access: 10 min. by car from Shimabara Sta.  
Parking: For 11 cars

## 25 Onobaru Ruins Exhibition Center ☎ 325 055 321\*25



The Onobaru Ruins are one of the most important archaeological sites in Shimabara from the late Jomon period to the Ancient Era. At this exhibition center, the remains of the building structure and clay pots uncovered at the Onobaru site are exhibited.

Address: Ariake-cho Omisaki bo 1382  
Phone: 0957-68-5800 Opening hours: 9:00-17:00  
Access: 15 min. on foot from Omisaki Sta.  
Parking: Free of charge

A Little Introduction

## Walking Tour Guide Otemonban ☎ 173 749 105\*71

Don't hesitate to visit us!

The building of Otemon Police Box was converted into a tourist information center. Voluntary guides at Otemonban will show you around the castle town district and accompany you on a tour to see the volcano.



## 26 Sakamoto Ryoma Nagasaki Landing Point ☎ 415 360 605\*06

Early in the morning of 22nd February 1864, Katsu Kaishu and Sakamoto Ryoma placed their first step in Shimabara on the stone stairs of Shimabara Port. Shimabara-Naiko has long been used as a ship harbor. Especially during the Meiji period, the harbor flourished as a shipment port where coal from the Miike coal mine was loaded. There still remain the remnants of stone quay walls and white-wall storehouses that remind you of the old days.



Ryoma's Landing Point



## Monument of Ryoma's Arrival Point

Address: Minatoshinchi-machi 451, Shimabara City  
Access: 3 min. on foot from Minami-Shimabara Sta.  
Parking: Not available

## 27 Samurai Blue Ryoma Statue ☎ 415 240 696\*88

This huge statue of Sakamoto Ryoma is 10 meters in height and 3.5 tons in weight. It was first located at the National Yoyogi Stadium in Tokyo, and encouraged the Japan 2010 Soccer World Cup national team. In October 2010, the statue was presented to Shimabara City.

Address: Heisei-machi 2-1, Shimabara City  
Phone: 0957-63-7965  
Opening hours: 9:00-22:00  
Access: 20 min. by car from Shimabara Sta.  
Parking: Free of charge (for 500 cars)

Address: Imagawa-machi 1850-2, Shimabara City  
Phone: 0957-63-3899  
Fee: 1 guide per day: ¥1,500  
Opening hours: 9:00-17:00  
Access: 5 min. on foot from Shimabara Sta.  
Parking: Please use a nearby parking lot.



# Visiting Hot Springs

This relaxing tour allows you to enjoy the clear spring water that has enriched Shimabara and the murmuring sound of water.

Time: **90 min.** - Means of transportation: On foot

The second oldest hardware shop in Kyushu



☎ 173 749 227\*03

## 1 Hayamegawa and Inohara Hardware Shop

Hayamegawa is a new waterway built in the Heisei period. A variety of fish such as hoya, crabs and fireflies live in or around the waterway.

<b>1 Hayamegawa &amp; Inohara Hardware Shop</b> <b>10 min.</b> Approx. 5 min. on foot	<b>6 Seiryutei</b> <b>10 min.</b> A few min. on foot
<b>2 Sunshine Chuo Town Spring</b> <b>15 min.</b> Approx. 5 min. on foot	<b>5 The Town of Swimming Carp</b> <b>10 min.</b> A few min. on foot
<b>3 Mizugashira Well</b> <b>10 min.</b> Approx. 10 min. on foot	<b>4 Yusui-teien Shimeiso</b> <b>15 min.</b> 

Let's relax!



You can visit more than 10 springs on this tour.



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## Sunshine Chuo Town Spring

There are many springs in the downtown, which flourished as a castle town. Why don't you stroll around the area and enjoy the heritage of the "City of Water"?

☎ 173 719 857\*17

There are more than 60 springs in Shimabara. Shimabara springs are designated as one of the "100 Best Waters in Japan."

## Shimabara Springs Map



To Shimabara-Gaiko & Unzen

Momoyama Bus Stop

Hamanokawa Spring

Taishido [Tennyoto Pagoda]

Momoyama Bus Stop

Hamanokawa Spring

Tax Office

Shimatetsu Bus Terminal

Shimatetsu Honsha-mae Sta.

EDION

Otonashi River

It's fun to stop at here and there!



Shirachi Lake

Church

Old street

Yamasaki Shuzo

Jisen Park

Shirachi Lake St.

Gokokuji Temple  
Sanjubanshin Statues  
Teramachi

Mizugashira Well

Mizugashira St.

Nirvana Statue

Otonashi River

Kotoji Temple

Ichiban-gai Arcade

Furumachi Spring

Choko Spring

The Town of Swimming Carp

Sunshine Chuo Town Spring

Shinwa-no-izumi

Shimabara Mizuyashiki

Shinwa Bank

Sunshine Chuo Town

Yutorogi-no-yu

Yutorogi Foot Bath

Jyu-hachi Bank

Yorozu Spring

Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Aeon shopping mall

Seiryutei

Yusui-teien Shimeiso

Chuo Park

WC

WC

WC

WC

WC

WC

WC



Forget about time and enjoy some relaxation.



TEL 173 719 594\*47

#### 4 Yusui-teien Shimeiso

This old residential house has a traditionally-built garden using spring water. You can enjoy the fascinating beauty of the garden and carp swimming in the pond. The garden is designated by the government as a "Registered Monument of Japan."

For details, see Page 14.

Let's try!

It is said that if you pour spring water onto this stone turtle statue, you will live a long life.

The symbol of longevity

#### 3 Mizugashira Well

TEL 173 719 527\*58

This old well is located in a quiet residential area. When residents drilled the well in 1941, an abundant amount of water sprang up. This well is still in daily use by local people today.

#### 5 "The Town of Swimming Carp" Area

Here many colorful carp can be seen swimming in the old waterways along the houses.

For details, see Page 14.

TEL 173 719 771\*63

Relax to the murmur of flowing spring water

#### 6 Seiryutei

Visitors will find tourist information as well as displays of local products. The site offers a tourist information zone and a resting zone.

For details, see Page 14.

TEL 173 719 713



At many spots in Shimabara City, underground water from the Unzen Mountains springs up. It is said that the water began to spring up as a result of crustal deformation caused by the eruption of Mt. Unzen and a number of earthquakes in 1792.

#### Minami-horibata Spring

P WC

Shimabara Commercial High School

Jishoro

Old Samurai Houses Waterway  
Old Samurai Houses

Sakakibara Museum

Goyo-Oshimizu

#### Sakuramon Spring

Shimabara Daiichi Junior High School

Shimabara Library

Shimabara Castle

Shimabara Cultural Hall

Shimabara Daiichi Elementary School

Shimabara High School

Former Rest House of Tokiwa Goten Kobayakawa House

Sightseeing Guide Center "Otemonban"

#### Hayamegawa

Aoi Rihatsukan  
Moritake Shopping Street

Inohara Hardware Shop

City Office

Shimabara Sta.

Shimabara Railway

Ote River



Water bearing strata consisting of volcanic ash and sand gravel are below the ground of Shimabara City. Pushed by the strong pressure from Mayuyama Peak, underground water in these strata springs up.

To Taira & Isahaya



Spring water drinking corner

WC Toilets



Hot spring water drinking corner

P Parking lot



Springs

Model walking tour

# Visiting the Old Castle Town Area

This tour visits historic spots where you can feel the tradition and atmosphere of Shimabara as a castle town.

Time: **4 hours-** Means of transportation: On foot

<b>1</b> Shimabara Castle <b>60 min.</b>	<b>6</b> Moritake Shopping Street <b>30 min.</b>
Approx. 5 min. on foot	Approx. 5 min. on foot
<b>2</b> Jishoro <b>5 min.</b>	<b>5</b> Matsudaira Collection (Shimabara Library) <b>30 min.</b>
Approx. 5 min. on foot	Approx. 5 min. on foot
<b>3</b> Old Samurai Houses Waterway <b>10 min.</b>	<b>4</b> Old Samurai Houses <b>40 min.</b>
Approx. 5 min. on foot	

The castle is built in the style of the Azuchi-Momoyama period.



For details, see Page 3.

## 1 Shimabara Castle **173 749 280\*66**

In the keep of the castle, historic artifacts related to Christians and other documents on the local history and folklore are exhibited. There is also the Seibo Memorial Gallery that exhibits the works of Seibo Kitamura, a renowned sculptor born and bred in Shimabara as well as a Sightseeing Revival Hall on the site of the castle.

Works by Seibo Kitamura

## 2 Jishoro

This bronze time bell was made in 1675 and loved by people living in the town around Shimabara Castle. However, the bell was donated to the government for the war effort during World War II. The bell was reconstructed in 1980.

**173 749 481\*22**



# Visiting volcanoes

A tour to experience the earth in which you can realize the power and energy of nature.

Time: **3.5 hours-** Means of transportation: by car

<b>1</b> Mt. Unzen Disaster Memorial Hall <b>60 min.</b>	<b>6</b> Shibazakura Park <b>30 min.</b>
Approx. 15 min. by car	Approx. 10 min. by car
<b>2</b> Pyroclastic Flow Farthest Reach Point <b>15 min.</b>	<b>5</b> Senbongi Observatory <b>15 min.</b>
Approx. 10 min. by car	Approx. 5 min. by car
<b>3</b> Mayuyama Collapse Site <b>15 min.</b>	<b>4</b> Heisei Shinzan Nature Center <b>30 min.</b>
Approx. 5 min. by car	

Simulation of the dynamic pyroclastic flows!



For details, see Page 7.

**415 240 761\*60**

## 1 Mt. Unzen Disaster Memorial Hall

This is an interactive museum where visitors can learn about volcanoes. There are simulations of the Heisei Eruption and pyroclastic flows as well as an interactive exhibition to learn about the coexistence of volcanoes and people living in this area.

A Monument to appreciate the efforts of the Self-defense Force was erected here.

## 2

## Pyroclastic Flow Farthest Reach Point

**173 569 258\*60**

The Farthest Point to where the pyroclastic flow caused by the collapse of the lava dome was shown. This point is located in the Fukae Sakura Park.





The murmuring sound of a stream is easy on the ear.

For details, see Page 6.

### 3 Old Samurai Houses Waterway

A waterway runs down the center of the road in the Old Samurai Houses area. The waterway has been strictly controlled as a source of water for daily use. During the Shimabara Water Festival, bamboo lanterns are hung and lit along either side of the waterway.

173 748 654\*03

I feel as if we have time-travelled back to the Edo period!

The dolls displayed in the residences are very realistic!

### 4 Old Samurai Houses

Three Houses (Yamamoto House, Sinozuka House and Torita House) are open to public, free of charge. Visitors can glimpse into the lives of the samurai families in the old days.



For details, see Page 6.

173 748 654\*03

The oldest shopping street on the Shimabara Peninsula!

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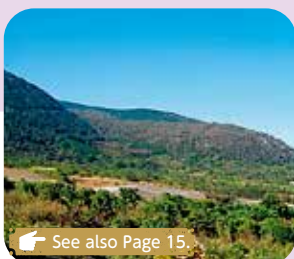
### 6 Moritake Shopping Street

There are many old townhouses on either side of this shopping street full of nostalgic atmosphere. You can stroll the street, appreciating the street lamps and information boards with the motif of Dosojin (roadside gods).

You can see the remnants of the disaster caused by the volcanic eruption of the Fugendake Peak of Mt. Unzen.

### 5 Senbongi Observatory

This observatory is located in the area devastatingly damaged by the pyroclastic flows. From here, visitors can view the houses destroyed by the pyroclastic flows and pyroclastic rocks left after the disaster.



See also Page 15.

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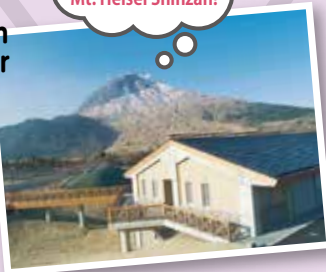
### 3 Mayuyama Collapse Site (Nita Danchi Daiichi Park)

Small islets in the Ariake Sea were created as a result of the collapse of Mayuyama caused by the great earthquake in the final phase of the volcanic activity in 1792. You can see these islets from here.

For details, see Page 10.

### 4 Heisei Shinzan Nature Center

From here, located at the very foot of Mt. Heisei Shinzan (only 2.5 km away from the summit), visitors can enjoy a dramatic view of the mountain. Visitors can also observe how plants have spread again after the volcanic eruption.



For details, see Page 8.

173 654 845\*88

A new must-see sightseeing spot!

### 6 Shibazakura Park

Shimabara City residents have been planting shibazakura (Phlox subulata) on the ground damaged by the eruption. You can enjoy a carpet of pink and white flowers.



See also Page 15.

173 746 091\*33

Shimabara Sightseeing tour **4**

# Visiting Temples

This tour visits historic spots where you can feel the tradition and atmosphere of Shimabara as a castle town.

Time: **3** hours- Means of transportation: On foot and by car



☎ 173 719 237

## 1 Taishido Tennyo Tower

This octagonal tower was built in 1909 by Gonsho Hirota, the founder of the Rissho-in Taishido temple, from donations that were collected from Karayuki-san (Japanese women sent overseas for prostitution in the late 19th century to early 20th century). It is a very rare structure that has a double spiral staircase inside the building.

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|---|---|
| <b>1</b> Taishido Tennyo Tower <b>20 min.</b>           | <b>6</b> Honkoji Temple <b>20 min.</b>                        |
| Approx. 5 min. on foot                                  | Approx. 10 min. by car  |
| <b>2</b> Nirvana Statue at Kotoji Temple <b>20 min.</b> | <b>5</b> The Seven Transoms at Kouden Temple <b>20 min.</b>   |
| Approx. 10 min. on foot                                 | Approx. 5 min. on foot  |
| <b>3</b> Old street <b>10 min.</b>                      | <b>4</b> Sanjubanshin Statues at Gokoku Temple <b>20 min.</b> |
| Approx. 5 min. on foot                                  |   |

Let's stroll around historical spots!



☎ 173 719 407\*36

I lay my head on a lotus flower.

## 2 Nirvana Statue at Kotoji Temple

This 9-meter-long and 2-meter-high oxidized silver statue is located at a Zen Temple built in the Edo period. Do not forget to check the pattern painted on the soles.

Shimabara Sightseeing tour **5**

# Enjoying Shimabara Foods

This relaxing tour allows you to enjoy Shimabara specialty dishes such as Kanzarashi and Guzoni

Time: **4** hours- Means of transportation: On foot

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|--|--|
| <b>1</b> Shimabara Castle <b>30 min.</b>   | <b>6</b> Around the shopping mall <b>60 min.</b> |
| Approx. 10 min. on foot                    | Approx. 5 min. on foot                           |
| <b>2</b> Aoi Rihatsukan <b>30 min.</b>     | <b>5</b> Morishimaya <b>15 min.</b>              |
| Approx. 10 min. on foot                    | Approx. 3 min. on foot                           |
| <b>3</b> Shimabara Yusuikan <b>60 min.</b> | <b>4</b> Shinwa-no-izumi <b>10 min.</b>          |
| Approx. 5 min. on foot                     |  |

☎ 173 749 523\*11

The hand-made cakes are so yummy!

## 1 "Rokube" at Shimabara Castle

It is said that a man called Rokubee created the recipe for this dish when Shimabara Peninsula was hit by a famine. This simple specialty dish of Shimabara is made of sweet potato.

☞ See also Page 25.

☎ 173 749 280\*66



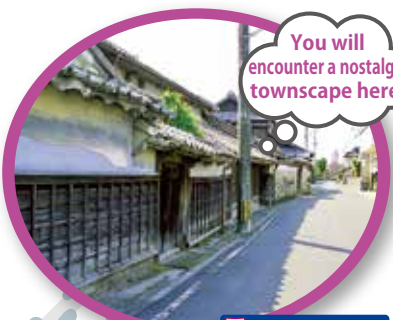
A slightly sweet noodle dish



## 2 Specialty sweets of Shimabara at Aoi Rihatsukan

A barber's shop built in the Taisho period was converted into a teahouse. How about enjoying a variety of sweets based on traditional Shimabara sweets? There is also a gallery inside the shop.





You will encounter a nostalgic townscape here.

☎ 173 719 341\*47

### 3 Old Street

The atmosphere of the old street that leads to Shirachi Lake is very nostalgic and will remind you of Japan in bygone days. There are many traditional Japanese residential houses along this street.



☎ 173 719 517\*55

### 5 The Seven Transoms at Kodenji Temple

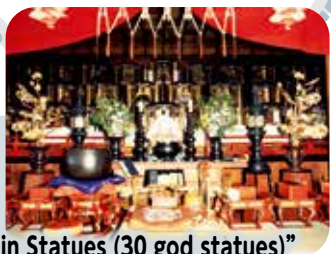
There are seven transoms with the sculpture depicting seven stories told by Buddha.

☎ 173 719 457\*00

Each god protects a day of the month of the old calendar. These statues were first made in the Heian period.

### 4 "Sanjubanshin Statues (30 god statues)" at Gokokuji Temple

Matsudaira Tadami, the lord of Shimabara Domain, had thirty master swordsmiths make one god statue each. Every January and August, there is a festival to pray for the Sanjubanshin Statues.



☎ 173 747 526\*74



The height of Shimabara Castle Keep and the Gate of Honkoji Temple are the same.

### 6 Honkoji Temple

This is the family temple of the Matsudaira Family. In the garden of the temple, there is the graveyard of the Matsudaira Family and Sixteen Luohan Cave as well as the headless jizo statues. The red gate is the oldest structure in Shimabara.

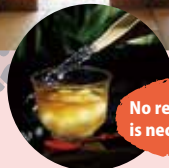
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### 3 Kanzarashi Cooking Experience at Shimabara Yusuikan

You can experience the cooking of Kanzarashi. You make round rice-flour dumplings with your hands, and then cool them with the clear spring water of Shimabara. It is a wonderful time to enjoy a sweet of Kanzarashi while appreciating the beautiful garden.

☞ See also Page 26.



No reservation is necessary.

Zabon with a diameter of around 15cm!



☎ 173 719 708\*44

### 5 "Zabon-zuke" at Morishimaya

This candied Zabon peel is a specialty of Shimabara. At the shop of Morishimaya, "Maru Zabon-zuke," candied uncut zabon, is also available.

Hot spring water wells up from the right, and cold spring water wells up from the left.



### 4 Sinwa-no-izumi

☎ 173 719 766\*63

Spring water wells up in many places in Shimabara City. You can drink Shimabara Hot Spring water at these places. Many people fill PET bottles with spring water and take them home.

### 6 "Guzoni" at many restaurants in and around the shopping street

This is a Shimabara specialty dish, made with more than a dozen ingredients such as mochi, vegetables, burdock root, shiitake mushroom, fried egg and chicken. It is said that the dish was first made on the instruction of Amakusa Shiro at the time of the Shimabara Rebellion.

A hearty and nutritious dish

☞ See also Page 25.



Events full of the charms  
of Shimabara



SHIMABARA CITY

# Event Schedule

August

## Shimabara Water Festival

This is the festival to appreciate the blessing of abundant spring water. The Old Samurai Houses road is decorated with bamboo lanterns to create a fantastic atmosphere.

Place: Old Samurai Houses Waterway

TEL.0957-62-3621



February March

## Visiting hina dolls in the Shimabara Castle Town

In the Castle Town area, many hina dolls are exhibited at various places and many events are held as well.

Place: Various locations in Shimabara City

TEL.0957-62-3986



August

## Shimabara Shoro Nagashi

The Spirit Boat surrounded by pale light emitted through cut-glass lanterns is brought to the Ariake Sea. This is one of the most important traditional events in Shimabara.

Location: Shimabara City

TEL.0957-62-8019



March

## Shimabara First Market

The market started in the Edo period and has a history of over 400 years. Stalls sell products made in Shimabara, and many people visit the market.

Place: Reikyu Park

TEL.0957-62-2101

March April

## Shimabara Castle Spring Tea Ceremony

This is a tea ceremony where people enjoy the atmosphere of the castle town and cherry blossoms, while drinking tea.

Place: Shimabara Castle Horse Race Ground and Samurai Residences

TEL.0957-62-4766

August

## Shimabara Hot Spring Gamadasu Fireworks Festival

This festival held in late August is one of the largest fireworks festivals in Kyushu, with more than 6,000 fireworks launched into the sky.

Place: Shimabara-Gaiko

TEL.0957-62-3986

September-October

## Ariake-gane Festival

At this festival Ariake-gane (crabs) are sold at special prices. You can try crab miso soup and a variety of other dishes using seafood harvested from the Ariake Sea.

Place: The square in front of the Ariake Fishery Association office

TEL.0957-68-0503

## Cherry blossoms

March

February

Japanese apricot blossoms

April

Shibazakura flowers





October

## Shimabara Castle Takigi Noh

This traditional play is performed on a stage lit by flaming torches. The audience is fascinated by the subtle beauty of the traditional performance.

Place: Shimabara Castle Keep Square  
TEL.0957-62-8019



October

## Shimabara Castle Autumnal Festival

During the festival period, the castle keep will be open in the evening, free of charge. There is also a tea ceremony to appreciate the autumnal moon, and a performance of Takigi Noh, and visitors can fully enjoy the autumnal atmosphere at Shimabara Castle.

Place: Shimabara Castle  
TEL.0957-62-4766



October

## Shimabara Hot Spring Shiranui Festival

There are parades of people dressed as Christians or Samurai as in the old days. There is also a parade of decorated floats.

Place: Shimabara Castle Keep Square  
TEL.0957-62-8019



November

## Shimabara Hometown Industry Festival

At this festival many agricultural and fishery products as well as commercial and industrial products are sold. (This festival may be held in a different month.)

Place: Shimabara Reconstruction Arena  
TEL.0957-62-2101



October

## Ariake Festa

A variety of events such as flea markets are held in the park full of salvia and cosmos flowers.

Place: Ariake-no-mori Flower Park  
TEL.0957-68-0255



October

## Two-day March in Shimabara Peninsula

At this event, participants can enjoy the blessings of nature against the background of Mt. Heisei Shinzan. (This event may be held in a different month.)

Place: Shimabara Reconstruction Arena  
TEL.0957-62-3986

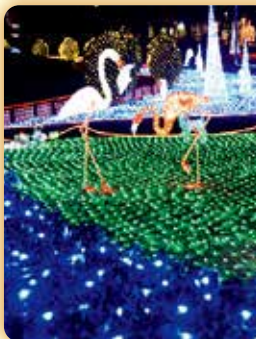


December-January

## Shimabara Winter Night: Fantasia

Families as well as young couples can enjoy the illumination of animal objects.

Place: Shimabara Port Green Park  
TEL.0957-63-8019



## Cosmos

October-November



For your  
lunch/dinner

## Guzoni

This dish contains more than a dozen ingredients such as seafood and fresh vegetables. This is a traditional local specialty dish that dates from the Shimabara Rebellion.

Contact: Shimabara Tourism  
Association  
Phone: 0957-62-3986

Soothingly  
mild tasting  
soup

Rarely-known  
facts

### The origin of Guzoni

Amakusa Shiro, who took refuge in Hara Castle during the Shimabara Rebellion, ordered farmers to store mochi. It is said that the Guzoni originated from the dish made with stored mochi and various ingredients.



Sweet potato  
noodle with  
a new texture

For your  
lunch/dinner

## Rokube

This, short and fine noodle with an elastic texture is made with sweet potato powder.

Contact: Shimabara Tourism  
Association  
Phone: 0957-62-3986



For your  
lunch/dinner

## Shimabara Hand-made Somen Noodle

This traditional-tasting noodle made with traditional techniques is firm but goes down very well.

Contact: Shimabara Tourism  
Association  
Phone: 0957-62-3986



These are Shimabara's  
specialty dishes!!

# Gou Infor

There are many dishes and sweets a historic town surrounded by taste delicious local foods, and take

Very tasty noodle  
with a firm but  
smooth texture!

The rich-textured  
brown meat  
is very tasty!

Shimabara  
specialty

## Ariake gane (crab)

This is a type of blue crab called "Ariake gane" in Shimabara. These crabs are one of the specialty products of the sea surrounding the Shimabara Peninsula.

Contact: Ariake Fishery  
Association  
Phone: 0957-68-0503







This fish with elastic texture is irresistibly tasty!

For your lunch/dinner

## Boiled Ganba

Try this fish dipped in an original sauce (made with pickled apricot, soy sauce, sake and vinegar) and momijioroshi (grated daikon and chili). This fish with elastic texture is irresistibly tasty!

Contact: Shimabara Tourism Association  
Phone: 0957-62-3986



What's

What is "ganba"?

In Shimabara people call puffer fish "ganba" meaning "the fish you want to eat even if you have to prepare a gan (coffin) first."

Mildly sweet and refreshing



For teatime

## Kanzarashi

Small rice-flour dumplings are cooled with Shimabara spring water and a special syrup is added. Shimabara's favorite.

Contact: Shimabara Tourism Association  
Phone: 0957-62-3986



As a souvenir

## Kurobo

This soft sponge cake is coated with mineral-rich brown sugar.

Contact: Shimabara City Sightseeing Souvenir Association  
Phone: 0957-62-3986

Crispy outside and soft inside.

Typical souvenir from Shimabara

As a souvenir

## Cherry beans, candied zapon, and candied orange

Cherry beans are a simple snack of fried broad beans. Candied zapon and ikiriki orange are also typical souvenirs from Shimabara. These are ideal accompaniments for Japanese tea.

Contact: Shimabara City Sightseeing Souvenir Association  
Phone: 0957-62-3986

Gift from Shimabara

新鮮五感

Visit the website and browse the abundant information.

Fire

Water

Soil

Technique

Raising



The website "Shimabara Shinsen Gokan (fresh on five senses)" introduces specialty products of Shimabara City



### Ariake Area



### Ariake Area

Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery  
Experience Facility  
Maidake Sanso

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Spring water  
drinking corner



Outdoor  
footbath corner



Gas station



Parking lot



One-way road



Toilets



Toilets for  
disabled people



Tourist  
information  
center



# List of Specialty Goods Shops and Hotels

寒 Kanzarashi 具 Guzoni 六 Rokube

**1 Bukeyashiki Kyukeijo** 寒  
(Old Samurai Houses Rest House)  
Opening hours: 9:00-17:30  
Closed: Dec 29,30  
Parking: For 15 cars TEL.0957-63-1087

**9 Toichi** 寒  
Opening hours: 11:00-14:00/17:00-22:00  
Closed: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays  
Parking: For 6 cars TEL.0957-62-3323

**17 Naniwa-zushi** 具  
Opening hours: 11:00-20:00  
Closed: Wednesdays  
Parking: For 12 cars TEL.0957-62-3330

**2 Shokujidokoro Nakano** 具  
Opening hours: 11:00-14:00/17:00-22:30  
Closed: Thursdays  
Parking: For 4 cars TEL.0957-62-0071

**10 Kerun** 寒  
Opening hours: 9:00-23:00  
Closed: None Irregular  
Parking: For 12 cars TEL.0957-63-5711

**18 Kazamidori** 寒  
Opening hours: 10:00-22:00  
Closed: Irregular  
Parking: For 10 cars TEL.0957-62-6313

**3 Aoi Rihatsukan** 寒  
Opening hours: 10:30-17:30  
Closed: Thursdays  
Parking: For 3 cars TEL.0957-64-6057

**11 Ganso Himematsuya Shin-machi** 寒具  
Opening hours: 10:00-20:00  
Closed: Thursdays  
Parking: For 20 cars TEL.0957-62-3775

**19 Motoyoshi Shokudo** 具  
Opening hours: 11:00-22:00  
Closed: Tuesdays  
Parking: For 13 cars TEL.0957-68-0023

**4 Nakaya** 寒六  
Opening hours: 10:00-17:30  
Closed: Thursdays  
Parking: For 3 cars TEL.0957-62-3675

**12 Hoju** 寒具  
Opening hours: 11:00-24:00  
Closed: None  
Parking: For 20 cars TEL.0957-64-2795

**20 Kanzarashi Jelly Poem Takemoto** 寒  
Opening hours: 9:00-20:00  
Closed: Wednesdays  
Parking: For 13 cars TEL.0957-62-3388

**5 Shimabara Castle (Castle Teahouse)** 寒六  
Opening hours: 9:00-17:30  
Closed: Dec 29,30  
Parking: Available TEL.0957-63-4874

(Sushi & Guzoni Restaurant)  
**13 Edoshin** 具  
Opening hours: 10:00-21:00  
Closed: Irregular  
Parking: For 3 cars TEL.0957-62-2044

**21 Funato-ichiba Tottotto** 寒  
Opening hours: 11:00-15:00/17:30-20:00  
Closed: Thursdays  
Parking: For 30 cars TEL.0957-63-9911

**6 Sabou Hayamegawa** 寒  
Opening hours: 10:00-18:00  
Closed: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays  
Parking: For 4 cars TEL.0957-62-3117

**14 Rokube** 六  
Opening hours: 10:30-23:00  
Closed: Tuesdays  
Parking: For 10 cars TEL.0957-62-2421

**22 Koraku** 具寒  
Opening hours: 11:00-14:30/16:30-22:30  
Closed: Wednesdays  
Parking: For 20 cars TEL.0957-63-2200

**7 Ganso Himematsuya Honten** 具  
Opening hours: 11:00-19:00  
Closed: 2nd Tuesday  
Parking: For 50 cars TEL.0957-63-7272

**15 Shokusai Shiki-oriori** 寒具  
Opening hours: 12:00-14:30/18:00-23:00  
Closed: None  
Parking: For 5 cars TEL.0957-63-7070

**23 Chikara-zushi** 六  
Opening hours: 10:00-22:30  
Closed: Alternate Mondays  
Parking: For 5 cars TEL.0957-64-1116

**8 Shimabara Mizuyashiki** 寒  
Opening hours: 11:00-17:00  
Closed: Irregular  
Parking: Not available TEL.0957-62-8555

**16 Ginza Shokudou** 寒具  
Opening hours: 11:00-20:00  
Closed: Fridays  
Parking: Please use the nearby parking lot TEL.0957-62-4070

**24 Shimabara Kamaboko Center** 寒  
Opening hours: 11:00-15:00  
Closed: None  
Parking: Available TEL.0957-64-1600

Hotels and Inns	Address & Phone	Hot spring
Guest houses	Sugiyama-machi 510	
<b>1 Guest House Shimabara</b>	TEL.0957-62-2681	
Guest houses	Ta-machi 783	
<b>2 Guest House Kazuki</b>	TEL.0957-62-3031	
Business hotels	Naka-machi 548	
<b>3 Hotel &amp; Spa Hanamizuki</b>	TEL.0957-62-1000	
Business hotels	Imagawa-machi 930	
<b>4 Shimabara Station Hotel</b>	TEL.0957-65-0666	
Japanese Inns	Ariake-cho Yue ko 253-2	
<b>5 Sakataya Inn</b>	TEL.0957-68-0510	
Business hotels	Benten-machi 2-7393-4	
<b>6 Business Hotel Chidori</b>	TEL.0957-62-4845	
Business hotels	Shirachi-momoyama 1-1284-1	
<b>7 Shimabara Daiichi Hotel</b>	TEL.0957-63-0011	
Hotels	Benten-machi 2-7331-1	湯
<b>8 Hotel Nampuro</b>	TEL.0957-62-5111	
Business hotels	Nakagumi-machi 19	
<b>9 Hotel Hakusan</b>	TEL.0957-63-5400	
Business hotels	Minato-machi 299	
<b>10 Shimabara Toyo City Hotel</b>	TEL.0957-62-3120	

Hotels and Inns	Address & Phone	Hot spring
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery Experience Facility	Ariake-cho Omisaki bo 5580-2	
<b>11 Maidake Sanso</b>	TEL.0957-68-5888	
Japanese Inns	Shinyama 4-8826	
<b>12 Shinyama Hot Spring Ueno-yu</b>	TEL.0957-63-2290	湯
<b>13 Shimabara Youth Hostel</b>	Shimokawashiri-machi 7938-3	TEL.0957-62-4451
Japanese Inns	Minato-machi 22	
<b>14 Fujinoi Inn</b>	TEL.0957-62-4406	
Business hotels	Minato-machi 1-4	
<b>15 Business Hotel Toraya</b>	TEL.0957-63-3332	
Japanese Inns	Shimokawashiri-machi 45	
<b>16 Inn Kaiboso</b>	TEL.0957-62-2225	湯
Business hotels	Shinminato 1-36	
<b>17 Business Hotel Gaiko</b>	TEL.0957-63-1316	
Hotels	Shinminato 1-38-1	湯
<b>18 HOTEL Seaside Shimabara</b>	TEL.0957-64-2000	
Hotels	Chichibugaura-machi tei 3552-53	湯
<b>19 Toyo Tsukumo Bay Hotel</b>	TEL.0957-62-3111	
Guest houses	Chichibugaura-machi tei 3523-20	
<b>20 Guest House Naniwa</b>	TEL.0957-63-2168	

For details, please see the website of the Shimabara Tourism Association.  
<http://www.shimabaraonsen.com>



## ◎Admission Fee List

<b>Shimabara Castle</b>	Admission fee: Adults: ¥540, elementary school, junior high school and senior high school students: ¥270 20% discount for a group of over 30 people Opening hours: 9:00-17:30 Parking fee: Cars: ¥320    small buses: ¥540    large buses: ¥1,080
<b>Gamadasu Dome</b> (Unzen Disaster Memorial Hall)	Exhibition zone admission fee: Adults: ¥1,000, junior high school and senior high school students: ¥700, elementary school pupils: ¥500, 20% discount for a group of over 15 people Opening hours: 9:00-18:00 (Please enter before 17:00) Open every day
<b>Shimabara Hot Spring:</b> <b>Yutorogi-no-yu</b>	Admission fee: General: ¥520, elementary school pupils or younger children: ¥260, over 70 and people with disabilities: ¥310 Opening hours: 10:00-21:00 (Please enter before 20:30) Closed: Wednesdays
<b>Shimabara City Ariake Welfare Center:</b> <b>Bijin-no-yu</b>	Fee: Adults: ¥520    children: ¥260 Opening hours: 10:00-21:00 Closed: Tuesdays Parking: Available
<b>Honkoji Temple</b>	Tokiwa Museum of Historical Materials admission fee: Adults: ¥300, junior & senior high school students: ¥200, children: ¥150 *Group discount available Opening hours: 9:00-17:00    Open every day

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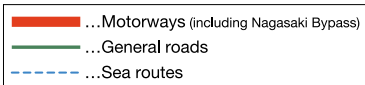
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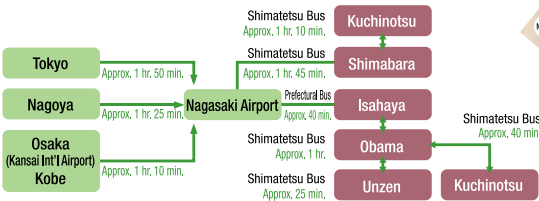
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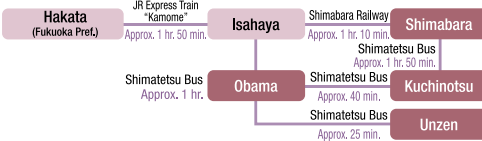
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	Approx. 30 min.	
Miike Port (Fukuoka Pref.)	Yamasa Shipping High-speed Vessel	Shimabara Port (Shimabara City)
	Approx. 50 min.	
Nagasu Port (Kumamoto Pref.)	Ariake Ferry	Taira Port (Kumamoto Pref.)
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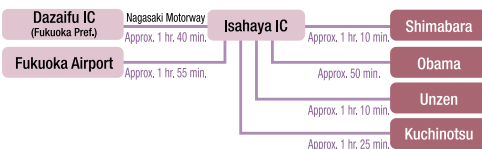
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