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



Guardian of Shimabara
Shimabaran

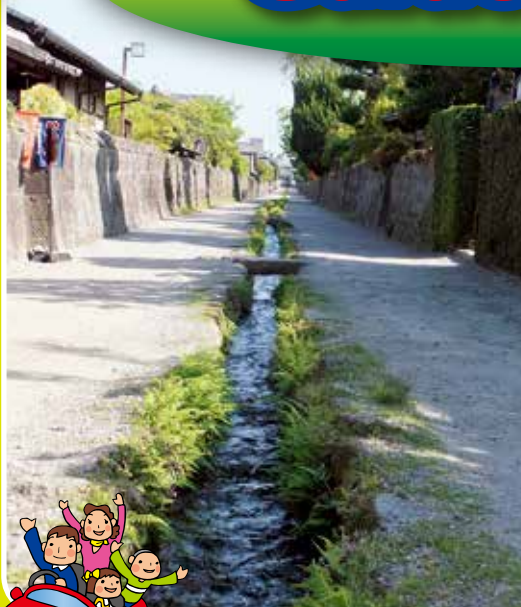
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official character "Geo-kun"



"Jina-chan",
"Geo-kun's" sister



Shimabara Sightseeing Guide book



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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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[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: ¥550, children: ¥280
* Groups of 15 or more: ¥440
* 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: ¥330, small buses: ¥550, large buses: ¥1,100

Tel: 173 719 682

"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.

1 Folklore Handicrafts Museum

Tools used in the old days are exhibited.

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



1 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.



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: Shitanocho, Shimabara City

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

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

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

Parking: Free of charge (for 40 cars)



TEL 173 748 623*36

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.



TEL 173 748 654*03

2 Yamamoto House

Sagozaemon, the founder of the Yamamoto Family, served the Matsudaira Family from the era of Matsudaira Tadatoshi (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.

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



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3 Gamadas Dome (Mt. Unzen Volcano Museum)

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)



415 240 761*60

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.

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

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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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.

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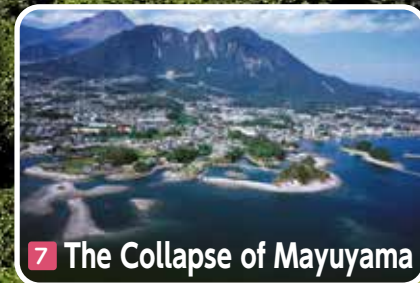


What majestic and dynamic scenery!

7 The Collapse of Mayuyama

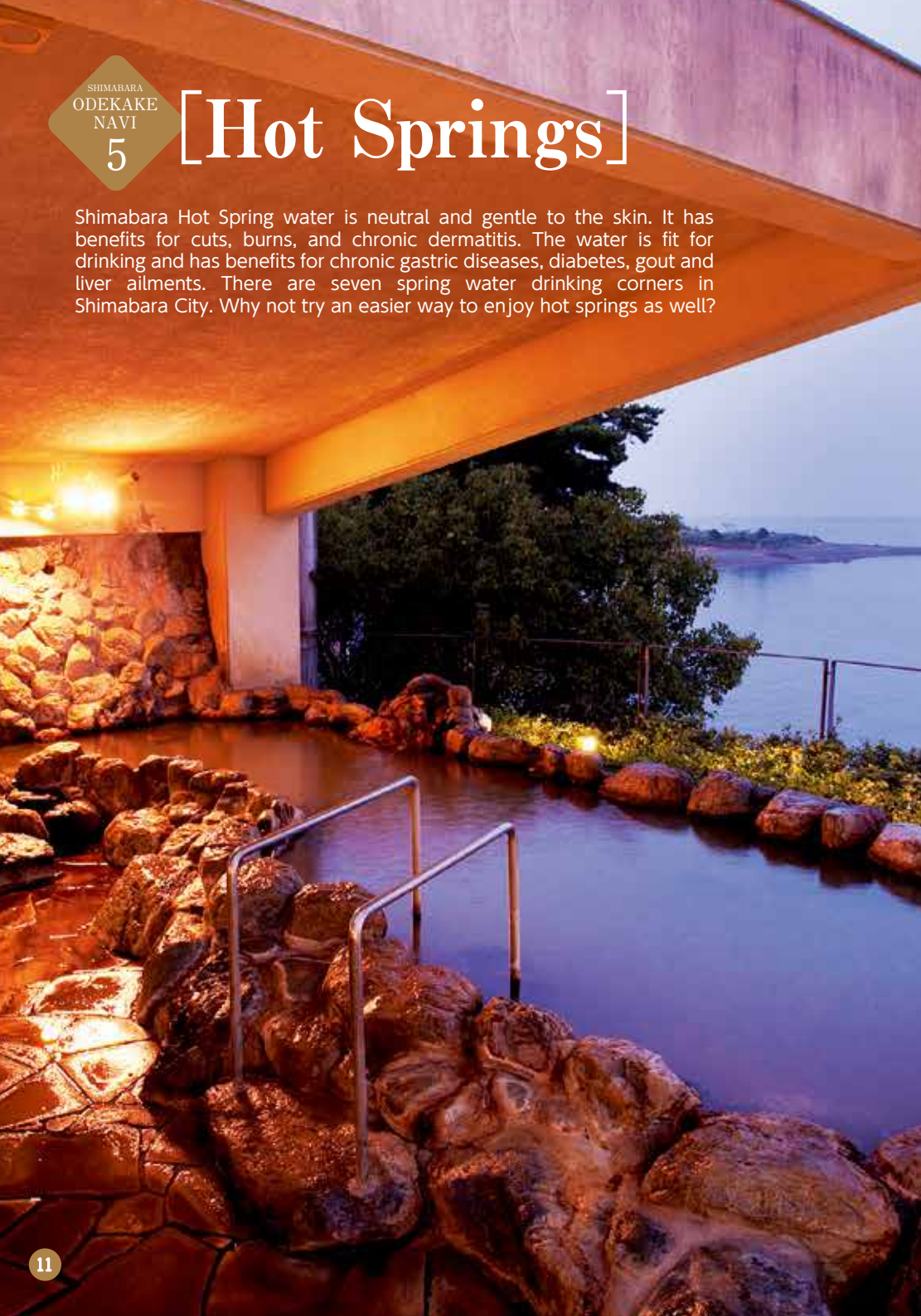
On 21 May 1792, Mayuyama in the west of the castle town of Shimabara began collapsing, triggered by an earthquake that occurred directly beneath the region. The debris from the collapsed mountain rushed into the Ariake Sea, causing a huge tsunami over ten meters high. At the same time the debris reclaimed 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.

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[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 ☎ 173 719 707*63

Sengen Park Footbath ☎ 415 330 690*00



Yutorogi Footbath



Sengen Park Footbath



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.

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

Fee: General: ¥530, people over 70 years old and people with disabilities: ¥320, elementary school pupils or younger children: ¥270 (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 (cars: 35, buses: 3); 2 hours free, then ¥100 per car or ¥510 per bus for each additional hour



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

There are also hot spring facilities without accommodation!!

Hot spring facilities welcoming day visitors

[Fee: ¥320-¥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 70 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.

☎ 173 719 771*63

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)

☎ 173 719 682*28

12 Seiryutei

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.

☎ 173 719 682*28

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

The washing place of the Hamanokawa Spring is divided into four sections, and there are rules of what to wash at which section in what order.

13 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, 3,000 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.

☎ 173 719 594*47

Address: Shin-machi 2-125, Shimabara City
Phone: 0957-63-1121 Fee: Adults: ¥310, children: ¥150
Opening hours: 9:00-18:00 Closed: None
Access: 7 min. on foot from Shimabara Sta.
Parking: Please use a nearby parking lot



15 Ginsui

Ginsui, the sweets shop that originated Kanzarashi, a specialty sweet of Shimabara, was reopened at its original location next to the Hamanokawa Spring in August 2016. This renowned shop has long been loved by local people, and also had many loyal fans among celebrities.

Address: 1093 Shirachi-Momoyama 2-chome, Shimabara City Phone: 0957-63-4610
Opening hours: 9:00-18:00 *Local specialty products are available for purchase from 10:00 to 17:00.
Closed: None Access: 10 min. on foot from Shimabara Funatsu Sta. Parking: Available



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 35,000m²
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 Ariake Yue Sta.
Parking: Free of charge (for 150 cars)

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-ko Sta.
Parking: Free of charge (for 100 cars)

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-ko Sta.
Parking: Free of charge

22 Shimabara Hibaruyama flower park ☎ 173 746 091*33



Enjoy beautiful poppies,
cherry blossoms, rape
blossoms, moss phlox in
spring and cosmos and
sunflowers in the fall.

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

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 Ariake Yue Sta.
Parking: Free of charge

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

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

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.



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.



The History of Shimabara

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 Shimabara Funatsu 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
Access: 5 min. on foot
from Shimabara Sta.
Parking: Please use
a nearby parking lot.



Visiting Hot Springs

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

The second best hardware shop in Kyushu



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

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

Let's relax!

2 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"?

You can visit more than 10 springs on this tour.

Forget about time and enjoy some relaxation.

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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

 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.


4 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.

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.

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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.

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Shimabara Springs Map

It's fun to stop
at here
and there!

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

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Hayamegawa


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

 Parking lot

 Sp

- 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

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



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.

For details, see Page 3.

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

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



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

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

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.

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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.

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5 Matsudaira Collection (Shimabara Library)

The site of the residence of Matsudaira Kageyu, the chief minister of the Shimabara Domain, is currently used by the Shimabara Library. On the Second Floor, there is the "Matsudaira Collection" consisting of important classical documents from the Shimabara Domain. The collection includes approximately 10,000 books and documents. Many of these are very important historical materials and draw the attention of researchers from around the country. Non-researchers can also make use of this collection.

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).



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Visiting volcanoes

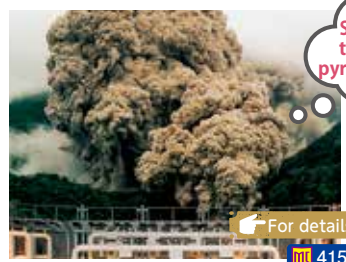
A tour to experience the earth in which you can realize the power and energy of nature.

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

1 Mt. Unzen Disaster Memorial Hall 60 min.	6 Shimabara Hibaruyama flower park 30 min.
Approx. 15 min. by car	Approx. 10 min. by car
2 Pyroclastic Flow Farthest Reach Point 15 min.	5 Senbongi Observatory 15 min.
Approx. 10 min. by car	Approx. 5 min. by car
3 Mayuyama Collapse Site 15 min.	4 Heisei-Shinzan Nature Center 30 min.
Approx. 5 min. by car	

Simulation of the dynamic pyroclastic flows!

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



For details, see Page 7.

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1 Mt. Unzen Volcano Museum

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.

2

Pyroclastic Flow Farthest Reach Point

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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.



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For details, see Page 10.

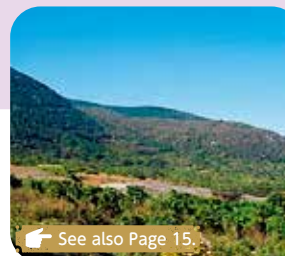
3 Mayuyama Collapse Site (Nita Danchi Daiichi Park)

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.

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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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.

At the very foot of Mt. Heisei Shinzan!



For details, see Page 8.

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6 Shimabara Hibaruyama flower park

Locals worked as volunteers to restore this area after a volcanic eruption. It's covered with a variety of flowers in spring and fall.

See also Page 15.

173 746 091*33

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



1 Taishido Tennyō 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.

☎ 173 719 237

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

Let's stroll around historical spots!

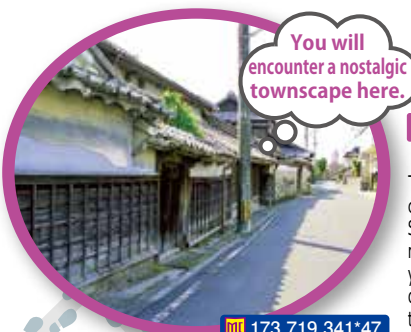


I lay my head on a lotus flower.

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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.



You will encounter a nostalgic townscape here.

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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.

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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.



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5 The Seven Transoms at Kodenji Temple

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

☎ 173 747 526*74



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.

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

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

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No reservation is necessary.

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.

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.

Zabon with a diameter of around 15cm!



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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.

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, shitake 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.



Full of the charms
of Shimabara



SHIMABARA CITY

Event Schedule

Shimabara Hatsuichi Market



Mar.

Shimabara Sho ro Nagashi



Aug.

Shimabara Hometown
Specialty Market



June

Shimabara Castle
Takigi Noh



Oct.

Shimabara Hot Spring
Shiranui Festival



Oct.

Shimabara Hometown
Industry Festival



Nov.

Jan.

Feb.

Mar.

Apr.

May

June

July

Aug.

Sep.

Oct.

Nov.

Dec.

Visiting hina dolls in the
Shimabara Castle Town



Shimabara Castle
Spring Tea Ceremony



Mar.-Apr.

Shimabara
Water Festival



Aug.

Shimabara Hot Spring
Gamadasu Fireworks
Festival



Aug.

Ariake Festa



Oct.

Shimabara Winter Night :
Fantasia

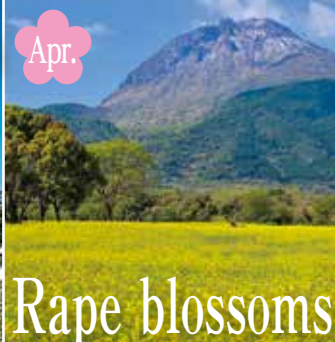


Dec.-Jan.

Feb.

Cherry blossoms

Apr.



Rape blossoms

Mar.

Salvia



May-Nov.

Lotus



July

Cosmos



Oct.-Nov.

Ume plum

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: 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.



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: 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. Shimabaran's favorite.

Contact: Phone: 0957-62-3986

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: 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: Phone: 0957-62-3986



Very tasty noodle with a firm but smooth texture!

These are Shimabara's specialty dishes!!

Gourmet Information

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

that are produced only in Shimabara, abundant nature. Visit Shimabara, them home as a souvenir.

As a souvenir

Kurobo

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

Contact: Phone: 0957-62-3986



Crispy outside and soft inside.

Typical souvenir from Shimabara

As a souvenir

Cherry beans, candied zabon, and candied orange

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

Contact: Phone: 0957-62-3986



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



The rich-textured brown meat is very tasty!

Gift from Shimabara

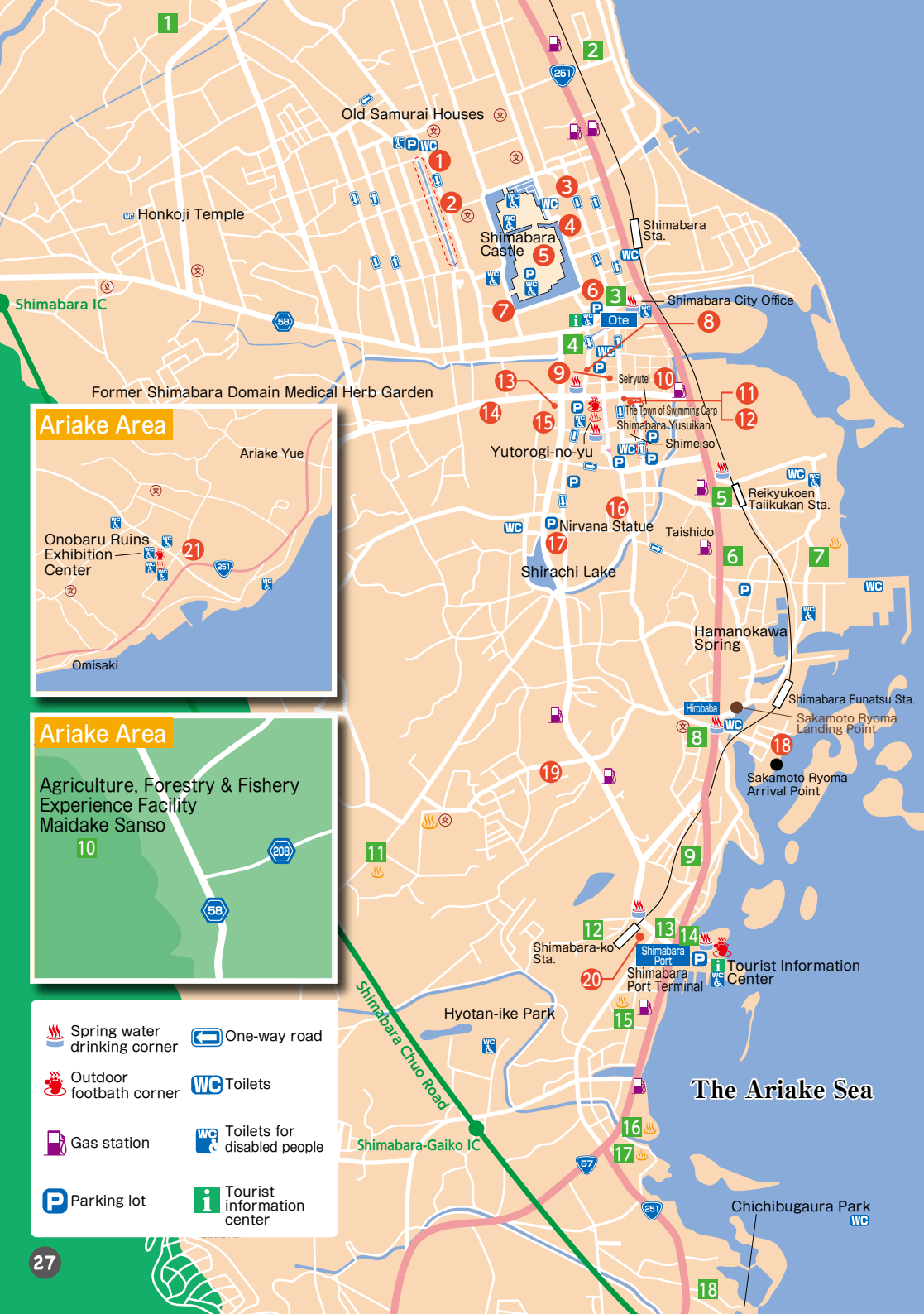
新鮮五感

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



List of Specialty Goods Shops and Hotels

寒 Kanzarashi 具 Guzoni 六 Rokube

- 1 Bukeyashiki Kyukeijo** (Old Samurai Houses Rest House) 寒
Opening hours: 9:00-17:30
Closed: Thursdays
Parking: For 15 cars TEL.0957-63-1087
- 2 Shokujidokoro Nakano** 具
Opening hours: 11:00-14:00/17:00-22:30
Closed: Thursdays
Parking: For 4 cars TEL.0957-62-0071
- 3 Aoi Rihatsukan and Studio Momo** 寒
Opening hours: 10:30-18:00 (Monday: 17:00)
Closed: Irregular
Parking: For 4 cars TEL.0957-64-6057
- 4 Nakaya** 寒六
Opening hours: 10:00-17:30
Closed: Irregular
Parking: For 3 cars TEL.0957-62-3675
- 5 Shimabara Castle (Castle Teahouse)** 寒六
Opening hours: 9:00-17:30
Closed: None
Parking: Available TEL.0957-63-4874
- 6 Sabou & Gallery Hayamegawa** 寒
Opening hours: 11:00-18:00 (LO.17:30)
Closed: Wednesdays and 3rd Thursdays
Parking: For 4 cars TEL.0957-62-3117
- 7 Ganso Himematsuya Honten** 寒具
Opening hours: 11:00-18:00 (LO.17:30)
Closed: 2nd Tuesday
Parking: For 50 cars TEL.0957-63-7272
- 8 Shimabara Mizuyashiki** 寒
Opening hours: 11:00-17:00 (LO.16:30)
Closed: Irregular
Parking: Not available TEL.0957-62-8555
- 9 Toichi** 寒
Opening hours: 11:00-14:00/17:00-21:00
Closed: Thursdays
Parking: For 6 cars TEL.0957-62-3323
- 10 Kerun** 寒
Opening hours: 9:00-23:00
Closed: Thursdays
Parking: For 12 cars TEL.0957-63-5711
- 11 Ganso Himematsuya Shin-machi** 寒具
Opening hours: 10:00-19:00
Closed: Thursdays
Parking: For 12 cars TEL.0957-62-3775
- 12 Hoju** 寒具
Opening hours: 11:00-21:00
Closed: None
Parking: For 20 cars TEL.0957-64-2795
- 13 Edoshin** (Sushi & Guzoni Restaurant) 寒具
Opening hours: 11:00-21:00
Closed: Irregular
Parking: For 3 cars TEL.0957-62-2044
- 14 Rokube** 六
Opening hours: 10:30-23:00
Closed: Tuesdays
Parking: For 10 cars TEL.0957-62-2421
- 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
- 16 Naniwa-zushi** 具
Opening hours: 11:00-20:00
Closed: Irregular
Parking: For 12 cars TEL.0957-62-3330
- 17 Kazamidori** 寒
Opening hours: 10:00-22:00
Closed: Irregular
Parking: For 10 cars TEL.0957-62-6313
- 18 Funato-ichiba Tottotto** 寒
Opening hours: 11:00-15:00 (LO.14:30)
Closed: Thursdays
Parking: For 50 cars TEL.0957-63-9911
- 19 Koraku** 具寒六
Opening hours: 11:00-14:00/16:30-21:00
Closed: Wednesdays
Parking: For 20 cars TEL.0957-63-2200
- 20 Chikara-zushi** 六
Opening hours: 10:00-22:00
Closed: Irregular
Parking: For 5 cars TEL.0957-64-1116
- 21 Motoyoshi Shokudo** 具
Opening hours: 11:00-22:00
Closed: Irregular
Parking: For 13 cars TEL.0957-68-0023

Hotels and Inns	Address & Phone	Hot spring
Guest houses	Sugiyama-machi 510	
1 Logging House Shimabara	TEL.0957-62-2681	
Guest houses	Ta-machi 783	
2 Logging House Kazuki	TEL.0957-62-3031	
Business hotels	Naka-machi 548	
3 Hotel & Spa Hanamizuki	TEL.0957-62-1000	
Business hotels	Imagawa-machi 930	
4 Shimabara Station Hotel	TEL.0957-65-0666	
Business hotels	Benten-machi 2-7393-4	
5 Business Hotel Chidori	TEL.0957-62-4845	
Business hotels	Shirachi-momoyama 1-1284-1	
6 Shimabara Toyo Parkside Hotel	TEL.0957-63-0011	
Hotels	Benten-machi 2-7331-1	🔥
7 Hotel Nampuro	TEL.0957-62-5111	
Business hotels	Nakagumi-machi 19	
8 Hotel Hakusan	TEL.0957-63-5400	
Business hotels	Minato-machi 299	
9 Shimabara Toyo City Hotel	TEL.0957-62-3120	

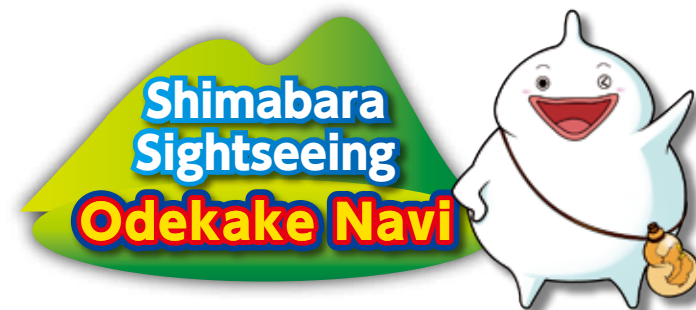
Hotels and Inns	Address & Phone	Hot spring
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery Experience Facility	Ariake-cho Omisaki bo 5580-2	
10 Maidake Sanso	TEL.0957-68-5888	
Japanese Inns	Shinyama 4-8826	
11 Shinyama Hot Spring Ueno-yu	TEL.0957-63-2290	🔥
Guest House Shimabara	Shimokawashiri-machi 7938-3	
	TEL.0957-62-4451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

Please see the Shimabara Tourism Bureau website for details.
<http://www.shimabaraonsen.com>

◎Public transport

Rail	Shimabara Tetsudou (Shimabara Station)	0957-62-4705
	JR Kyushu Railway Nagasaki Information Center	095-826-4336
Air	Nagasaki Airport	0957-52-5555
Bus	Shimatetsu Bus (Shimabara Office)	0957-62-4707
	Nagasaki Prefectural Bus	095-823-6155
High-speed ferry	Shimatetsu Ferry (Kuchinotsu Port)	0957-86-2165
	Ariake Ferry	0957-78-2105
	Kyusho Ferry	0957-62-3246
	Kumamoto Ferry	0957-63-8008
	Miike Shimabara Line Shimabara Port Office	0957-64-1515

Shimabara taxi operators (in alphabetical order)	
Ariake Taxi	0957-68-1166
Daiichi Koutsu Taxi	0957-62-2261
Hayashida Kanko Taxi	0957-63-1919
Heisei Kanko Taxi	0957-62-2000
Honda Kanko Taxi	0957-63-0073
Koarashi Taxi	0957-62-3177
Shimatetsu Taxi	0957-62-6271
Rental bicycles	
Shimabara Castle	0957-62-4766
Shimabara Station	0957-62-4705
Shimabara Tourism Bureau (at Shimabara Port Terminal)	0957-62-3986



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◎Admission Fee List

Shimabara Castle	Admission fee: Adults: ¥550, elementary school, junior high school and senior high school students: ¥280 20% discount for a group of over 15 people Opening hours: 9:00-17:30 Parking fee: Cars: ¥330 small buses: ¥550 large buses: ¥1,100
Gamadasu Dome (Unzen Disaster Memorial Hall)	Permanent exhibition entry 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
Shimabara Hot Spring: Yutorogi-no-yu	Admission fee: General: ¥530, elementary school pupils or younger children: ¥270, over 70 and people with disabilities: ¥320 Opening hours: 10:00-21:00 (Please enter before 20:30) Closed: Wednesdays
Shimabara City Ariake Welfare Center: Bijin-no-yu	Fee: Adults: ¥320, children: ¥150 (city residents) Adults: ¥530, children: ¥270 (non-residents) Opening hours: 10:00-21:00 Closed: Tuesdays Parking: Available
Shimeiso	Fee: Adults: ¥310, children: ¥150 Opening hours: 9:00-18:00 Open every day Parking: Please use the nearby parking lot

◎Contact information

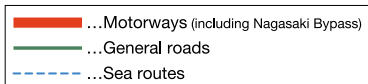
Shimabara Tourism & Hospitality Section, Industry Department, Shimabara City	TEL.0957-63-1111
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Shimabara Station Tourist Information Center	TEL.0957-63-6900
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Access

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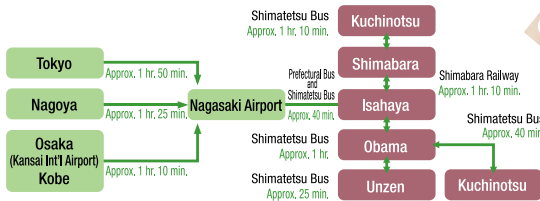
Surrounded by sea on all four sides, Shimabara is easy to access.



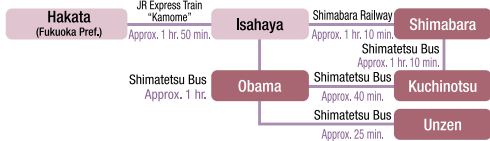
By Sea

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Kumamoto Port (Kumamoto Pref.)	Kumamoto Ferry	Shimabara Port (Shimabara City)
	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 (Kunimi Town)
	Approx. 45 min.	
Oniike Port (Kumamoto Pref.)	Shimatetsu Ferry	Kuchinotsu Port (Kuchinotsu Town)
	Approx. 30 min.	

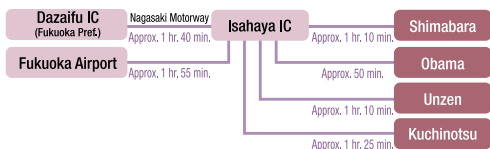
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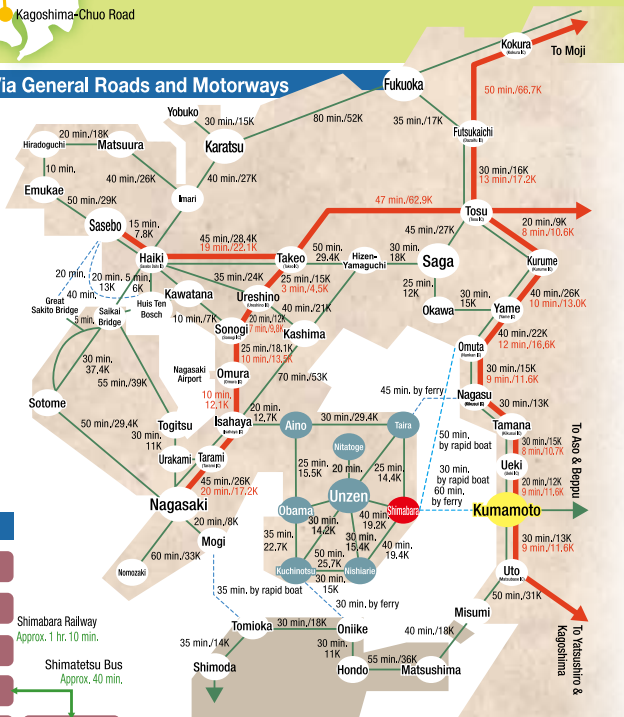
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