

# Unzen Volcanic Area UNESCO Global Geopark

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



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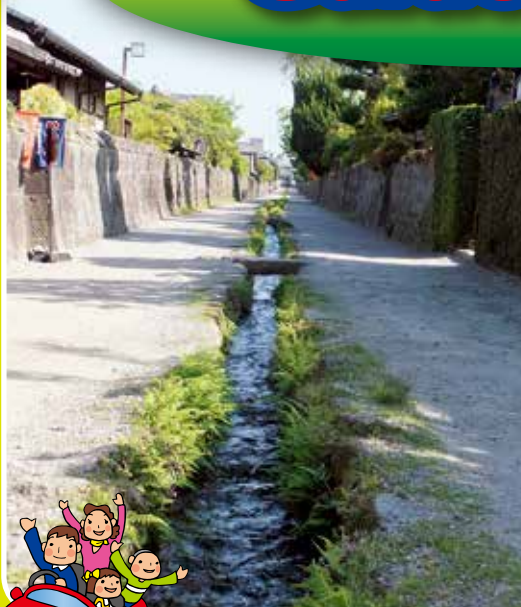
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official character "Geo-kun"



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



## Shimabara Sightseeing Guide book



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Ariake Ferry for Nagasu Port,  
Kumamoto Prefecture

Taira Port

Welcome to  
Shimabara City

Ariake Yue Sta.

Onobaru Ruins  
Exhibition Center

25

Omisaki  
Sta.

23

Matsuo Sta.

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Mie Sta.

The Ariake Sea

Shimabara City

16 Ariake-no-mori  
Flower Park

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Maidake Peak  
▲703m

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Mt. Torikabuto

Senbongi  
Observatory

Shimabara  
Interchange

Shimabara  
Chuo Road

Shimabara  
Springs

Shimabara  
City

Shimabara  
Office

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Lake

Shimabara  
Funatsu  
Sta.

Shimabara-ko  
Sta.

Shimabara  
Port  
Terminal

Chichibugaura Park

"Samurai Blue"  
Ryoma Statue

Gamadas Dome  
(Mt. Unzen Volcano Museum)

Shimabara Municipal  
Astroturf Ground

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

Onokoba Sand Arrestation  
And Future Museum  
Former Onokoba  
Elementary School Building

Nita-toge  
Second Observatory

Nodake Peak  
▲1142m

Unzen Ropeway

Mt. Heisei Shinzan

Kunimi-dake  
Peak  
▲1347m

Lava Dome  
▲1483m

Fugen-dake Peak  
▲1359m

Myoken-dake Peak  
▲1333m

Unzen Ropeway

Nita-toge  
Second Observatory

Nodake Peak  
▲1142m

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Rapid Boat  
(To Miike Port)

There are 4  
more springs  
(See p.17-18)

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(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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# [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. 10 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.



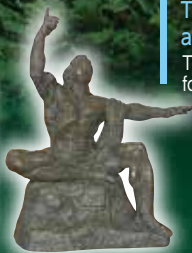
## 1 Seibo Memorial Gallery

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!



Now you can enjoy Shimabara Castle not  
only during the day. A Night Watch event is  
held regularly, and you can camp out at the  
castle in a camper van.



# [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: 0957-63-1111 (Shimabara Tourism & Hospitality Section)


Admission Fee: Free of charge

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

Access: Approx. 15 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.

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### 3 Gamadas Dome (Mt. Unzen Volcano Museum)

The main facility at the Unzen Volcanic Area UNESCO Global Geopark, Gamadas Dome was the first experience-based volcano museum in Japan. Here you can experience firsthand through a permanent exhibition the realities of the Mt. Unzen-Fugen eruption that occurred from 1990 through projection mapping and drone footage taken at the time. In the Wonder Lab you can learn about volcanoes, science and disaster prevention. There is also a kid's geopark where children can experience the wonders of Mt. Unzen.



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Address: Heisei-machi 1-1, Shimabara City Phone: 0957-65-5555

Admission fee: Adults: ¥1,050. Junior and senior high school students: ¥740, Elementary school students: ¥530

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)



Permanent Exhibition  
(Heisei Eruption Diorama Map)



Kid's Geopark



Wonder Lab

### 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 (Mar. to Oct.) 10:00-16:00 (Nov. to Feb.)

Access: 20 min. by car from Shimabara Sta.

Closed: Tuesdays, Dec 31, Jan 1

Parking: Free of charge (cars: 28, buses: 5) 173 654 845\*88







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Geopark is an official UNESCO program that aims to protect global heritage in the area by helping people to gain an understanding of not just the landscapes, history and culture, but also the complex relationships involving food, tourism resources and natural phenomena.

## 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 and sediment, 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!



## 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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## 7 Mayuyama Collapse Site

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] Nita Danchi Daiichi Park, Chichibugaura Park, etc.

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# Shimabara Course

Kyushu Olle

The concept of “Olle” comes from South Korea’s Jeju Island, where the word means “a narrow alleyway leading from a road to a house” in the island’s local language. Of course the word has always been well known on the island, but after a trekking course was named after it, the name became famous throughout the country. The attraction of “Olle” is the enjoyable walking experience that takes you through nature and among houses and streets on your way around the coast, through towns, and up into the mountains.

Japan’s newest mountain, Heisei Shinzan, is visible from the geopark-themed Shimabara Course. As you gaze across the island and landscapes formed during the 1792 eruption, and see the remains of the damage inflicted by the latest five-year eruption that occurred from 1990, you can start to imagine what it must be like to live in the shadow of an active volcano.

The course takes in both the coastline and mountains, offering magnificent views of mountains and the sea, mountains and the town, and the sea and the town.

## Walking the “Olle”

Along the course you can find blue and red ribbons, wooden arrows, arrows painted on rocks, and “kanse,” horse-shaped markers that point in the direction you should go.



Kanse

Horse-shaped markers point in the direction you should go.



Wooden Arrows

Blue arrows point forward and red arrows point backward.



Ribbons

There are blue and red ribbons along the course.



Lookout

Nita Danchi Daiichi Park



Lookout

Views of Kumamoto and Amakusa

7.7 km

- Olle Course
- Bad Weather Detour
- Alternative Route
- Spot
- Stamp
- Toilet
- Souvenirs
- Bus Stop
- Day Trip Onsen
- Restaurant
- Footbath
- Convenience Store
- State Highway



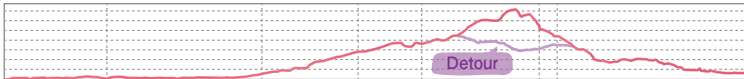
Lookout

Kissho Shiraten Bridge

6.0 km

(Altitude)

210m  
180m  
150m  
120m  
90m  
60m  
30m



0	1.5km	3.7km	5.1km	6.0km	7.7km	8.1km	10.5km
Shimabara Port Terminal	Chichibugaura Park	Waren River	Farthest extent of the pyroclastic flow	Kissho Shiraten Bridge	Views of Kumamoto and Amakusa	Nita Daiichi Park	Hyotan-ike Park
Start							Finish

Distance / 10.5 km Time Required / 3.5 to 4 hours Difficulty / Medium





**FINISH!**

**Hyotan-ike Park**



Red ribbons lead to the Shimabara Port Terminal.

Shimabara-ko Station

Soba Noodle Kaneko

Chikara Sushi

**START!**

**Shimabara Port Terminal**

(Tourist Information Center)

10.5 km

Hotel Seaside  
Shimabara  
Alba



The lava flow that occurred with the collapse of Mayuyama (Kujuku Islands)

8.1 km

Fukuonya



Indian Cuisine  
Taj Mahal

1.5 km



**Chichibugaura Park**



**Waren River**



Unzen Green Road

207

Longitudinal Dike

Chef's Kitchen  
Nakamura

3.7 km

Baioutei Steakhouse

5.1 km



Geo-Experience

**Farthest extent of the pyroclastic flow**  
(Fukae Sakura Park)



Geo-Experience

**Gamadas Dome** (Option)

Kozuru Diner

Shimabara Exp

# [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?





# 島原温泉 ゆとろぎ足湯

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 former Shimabara Railway head office, In front of the Shimabara Branch of the Juhachi-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!

## 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"

There are also hot spring facilities without accommodation!!



A close-up photograph of a small waterfall. Water is falling over a dark, wet rock covered in vibrant green moss. The water is clear and creates a small splash at the bottom. The background is filled with more moss and some small green plants.

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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.

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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: None  
Access: 7-minute walk from Shimabara Station  
Parking: Free (space for 5 vehicles)

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### 12 Seiryutei

A focal point for tourism in the surrounding area, Seiryutei provides tourist information and has many local products on display and for sale.



### 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.

You can experience a cooking of Kanzarashi, a specialty sweet of Shimabara.

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Address: Shin-machi 2-122, Shimabara City  
Phone: 0957-62-8102  
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

### 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.

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Address: Shin-machi 2-124-1, 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: Free of charge (for 8 cars) \*1 min. on foot

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 415 390 127\*52

The Hamanokawa Spring washing area is divided into four areas, which determined the order and location in which things were washed.

# 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 Ariake 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 Ariake 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-ko 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 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

## 21 Shimabara Hibaruyama flower park 173 746 091\*33



Enjoy beautiful poppies, cherry blossoms, rape blossoms 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

## 22 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)

## 23 Omisaki Station 325 026 769\*80



The station closest to the sea, this is the perfect place to take some photos.

Address: 135-2 Ariake-cho Omisaki hei, Shimabara City  
Parking: Free of charge





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

## 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.



Monument of  
Ryoma's Arrival Point

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

## 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

## 27 Matsudaira Collection ☎ 173 749 162\*03

Shimabara Library is located on the site of the former residence of Kageyu Matsudaira, who was chief minister of the Shimabara Clan. The 2nd floor houses the Matsudaira Collection, which contains approximately 10,000 invaluable books and other documents from that era.



Address: 1-1202 Jonai,  
Shimabara City  
Phone: 0957-64-4117  
Opening hours: 10:00-17:00  
(Closed Mondays)  
Access: 5 min. on foot from  
Shimabara 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.



Address: Imagawa-machi 1850-2, Shimabara City  
Phone: 0957-63-6900 Fee: 1 guide per day: ¥1,500  
Access: 5 min. on foot from Shimabara Sta.  
Parking: Please use a nearby parking lot.

## 28 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)



Shimabara Sightseeing tour **1**

# 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 haya, crabs and fireflies live in or around the waterway.

## 1 Hayamegawa & Inohara Hardware Shop 10 min.

Approx. 5 min. on foot

## 2 Sunshine Chuo Town Spring 15 min.

Approx. 5 min. on foot

## 3 Mizugashira Well 10 min.

Approx. 10 min. on foot

## 6 Seiryutei 10 min.

A few min. on foot

## 5 The Town of Swimming Carp 10 min.

A few min. on foot

## 4 Shimeiso 15 min.

Let's relax!



You can visit more than 10 springs on this tour.



## 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"?

☎ 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



It's fun to stop at here and there!





Forget about time and enjoy some relaxation.



☎ 173 719 594\*47

#### 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.

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.

#### 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.

☎ 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.

☎ 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

Shimabara Library

Shimabara Castle



Shimabara Cultural Hall

Sightseeing Guide Center "Otemonban"

#### Hayamegawa

Inohara Hardware Shop

Aoi Rihatsukan  
Moritake Shopping Street

City Office

Shimabara Sta.

Shimabara Railway

Ote River

Old Samurai Houses Waterway  
Old Samurai Houses

Sakakibara Museum

Goyo-Oshimizu

#### Sakuramon Spring

Shimabara Daiichi Junior High School

Jishoro

Shimabara Daiichi Elementary School

Shimabara High School

Former Rest House of Tokiwa Goten

Kobayakawa House



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

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.

Approx. 5 min. on foot

## 2 Jishoro 5 min.

Approx. 5 min. on foot

## 3 Old Samurai Houses Waterway 10 min.

Approx. 5 min. on foot

## 6 Moritake Shopping Street 30 min.

Approx. 5 min. on foot

## 5 Matsudaira Collection (Shimabara Library) 30 min.

Approx. 5 min. on foot

## 4 Old Samurai Houses 40 min.

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

Simulation of the dynamic pyroclastic flows!



☞ For details, see Page 7.

☎ 415 240 761\*60

## 1 Gamadas Dome (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.

## 1 Gamadas Dome 60 min.

Approx. 15 min. by car

## 2 Pyroclastic Flow Farthest Reach Point 15 min.

Approx. 10 min. by car

## 3 Mayuyama Collapse Site 15 min.

Approx. 5 min. by car

## 6 Shimabara Hibaruyama flower park 30 min.

Approx. 10 min. by car

## 5 Senbongi Observatory 15 min.

Approx. 5 min. by car

## 4 Heisei-Shinzan Nature Center 30 min.

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.

173 748 654\*03

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.

173 748 654\*03

The oldest shopping street on the Shimabara Peninsula!

173 749 348\*22

### 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).



173 749 162\*03

### 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.

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For details, see Page 8.

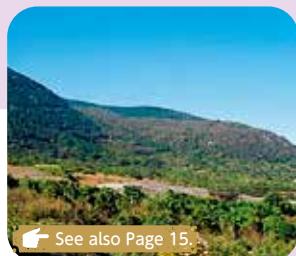
### 3 Mayuyama Collapse Site (Kujuku Islands)

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.

173 684 831\*14

### 4 Heisei Shinzan Nature Center

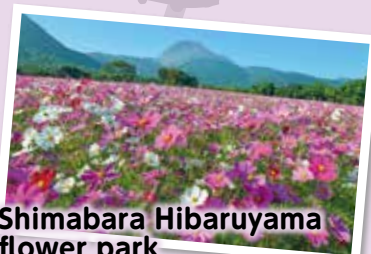
From here, located at the very foot of Mt. Heisei Shinzan (only 2.5 km away from the summit), visitors can enjoy a dramatic view of the mountain. Visitors can also observe how plants have spread again after the volcanic eruption.



At the very foot of Mt. Heisei Shinzan!

### 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.



For details, see Page 8.

173 654 845\*88

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 8-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

## 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

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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!



## 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.

☎ 173 719 457\*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.

☎ 173 719 517\*55

### 5 The Seven Transoms at Kodenji Temple

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

☎ 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.

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.

### 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 feast of Kanzarashi while appreciating the beautiful garden.

☞ See also Page 26.



No reservation is necessary.

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.

### 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.



Full of the charms  
of Shimabara



SHIMABARA CITY

# Event Schedule

Shimabara Hatsuichi Market



Mar.

Shimabara Sho



Shimabara Hometown  
Specialty Market



June

Jan.

Feb.

Mar.

Apr.

May

June

"Here Comes Miss Modern"  
Girls' Festival Walk



Feb.-Mar.



Shimabara  
Water Festival



Aug.



Feb.

Ume plum



Cherry blossoms

Mar.



Apr.

Rape blossoms



ro Nagashi



Shimabara Castle  
Takigi Noh



Shimabara Hot Spring  
Shiranui Festival



Shimabara Hometown  
Industry Festival



July

Aug.

Sep.

Oct.

Nov.

Dec.



Shimabara Hot Spring  
Gamadasu Fireworks  
Festival



Shimabara Winter Night :  
Fantasia



Salvia



Lotus



Cosmos



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.

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.



For your lunch/dinner

## Shimabara Hand-made Somen Noodle

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



!! I want to eat it !!  
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

Contact: Shimabara Tourism

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!



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.



As a souvenir

## Orange/Mandarin with Pulp Sweet Citron with Pulp

A refreshing drink filled with fruit pulp.

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

Bureau TEL.0957-62-3986

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 Ikiriki orange are also typical souvenirs from Shimabara. These are ideal accompaniments for Japanese tea.

Crispy outside and soft inside.



As a souvenir

## Kurobo

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

Visit the website and browse the abundant information.



Shimabara  
Special Quality





## 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

WC Toilets

WC Toilets for disabled people

Tourist information center



# List of Specialty Goods Shops and Hotels

寒 Kanzarashi 具 Guzoni 六 Rokube

- 1 Ginsui** 寒

Opening hours: 9:00-18:00  
Closed: None  
Parking: Available TEL.0957-63-4610
- 2 Shokujidokoro Nakano** 具

Opening hours: 11:00-14:00/17:00-22:00  
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 Shimabara Castle (Castle Teahouse)** 寒六

Opening hours: 9:00-17:30 (LO.17:00)  
Closed: None  
Parking: Available TEL.0957-63-4874
- 5 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
- 6 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
- 7 Shimabara Mizuyashiki** 寒

Opening hours: 11:00-17:00 (LO.16:30)  
Closed: Irregular  
Parking: Not available TEL.0957-62-8555
- 8 Toichi** 寒

Opening hours: 11:00-14:00/17:00-21:00  
Closed: Thursdays  
Parking: For 6 cars TEL.0957-62-3323
- 9 Kerun** 寒

Opening hours: 9:00-23:00  
Closed: Irregular  
Parking: For 12 cars TEL.0957-63-5711
- 10 Ganso Himematsuya Shin-machi** 寒具

Opening hours: 11:00-19:00  
Closed: Thursdays  
Parking: For 10 cars TEL.0957-62-3775
- 11 Hoju** 寒具

Opening hours: 11:00-24:00  
Closed: None  
Parking: For 20 cars TEL.0957-64-2795
- 12 Edoshin** (Sushi & Guzoni Restaurant) 寒具

Opening hours: 11:00-21:00  
Closed: Irregular  
Parking: For 3 cars TEL.0957-62-2044
- 13 Rokube** 六

Opening hours: 10:30-23:00  
Closed: Tuesdays  
Parking: For 10 cars TEL.0957-62-2421
- 14 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
- 15 Naniwa-zushi** 具

Opening hours: 11:00-20:00  
Closed: Irregular  
Parking: For 12 cars TEL.0957-62-3330
- 16 Kazamidori** 寒

Opening hours: 10:00-22:00  
Closed: Irregular  
Parking: For 10 cars TEL.0957-62-6313
- 17 Funato-ichiba Tottotto** 寒

Opening hours: 11:00-15:00 (LO.14:30)  
Closed: Thursdays  
Parking: For 50 cars TEL.0957-63-9911
- 18 Koraku** 具寒六

Opening hours: 11:00-14:00/16:30-21:00  
Closed: Wednesdays  
Parking: For 20 cars TEL.0957-63-2200
- 19 Chikara-zushi** 六

Opening hours: 10:00-22:00  
Closed: Irregular  
Parking: For 5 cars TEL.0957-64-1116
- 20 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	
<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	
Business hotels	Benten-machi 2-7393-4	
<b>5 Business Hotel Chidori</b>	TEL.0957-62-4845	
Business hotels	Shirachi-momoyama 1-1284-1	
<b>6 Shimabara Toyo Parkside Hotel</b>	TEL.0957-63-0011	
Hotels	Benten-machi 2-7331-1	湯
<b>7 Hotel Nampuro</b>	TEL.0957-62-5111	
Business hotels	Nakagumi-machi 19	
<b>8 Hotel Hakusan</b>	TEL.0957-63-5400	
Business hotels	Minato-machi 299	
<b>9 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>10 Maidake Sanso</b>	TEL.0957-68-5888	
Japanese Inns	Shinyama 4-8826	湯
<b>11 Shinyama Hot Spring Ueno-yu</b>	TEL.0957-63-2290	
Japanese Inns	Shimokawashiri-machi 7938-3	
<b>12 Guest House Shimabara</b>	TEL.0957-62-4451	
Japanese Inns	Minato-machi 22	
<b>13 Fujinoi Inn</b>	TEL.0957-62-4406	
Business hotels	Minato-machi 1-4	
<b>14 Business Hotel Toraya</b>	TEL.0957-63-3332	
Japanese Inns	Shimokawashiri-machi 45	湯
<b>15 Inn Kaiboso</b>	TEL.0957-62-2225	
Hotels	Shinminato 1-38-1	湯
<b>16 HOTEL Seaside Shimabara</b>	TEL.0957-64-2000	
Hotels	Chichibugaura-machi tei 3552-53	湯
<b>17 Toyo Tsukumo Bay Hotel</b>	TEL.0957-62-3111	
Guest houses	Chichibugaura-machi tei 3523-20	
<b>18 Guest House Naniwa</b>	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
Koarashi Taxi	0957-62-3177
Shimatetsu Taxi	0957-62-6271
Daiichi Koutsu Taxi	0957-62-2261
Hayashida Kanko Taxi	0957-63-1919
Heisei Kanko Taxi	0957-62-2000
Honda Kanko Taxi	0957-63-0073
Rental bicycles	
Shimabara Tourism Bureau (at Shimabara Port Terminal)	0957-62-3986
Shimabara Castle	0957-62-4766
Shimabara Station	0957-62-4705

## ◎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: ¥1,050, junior high school and senior high school students: ¥740, elementary school pupils: ¥530, 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

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Shimabara Station Tourist Information Center	TEL.0957-63-6900
Seiryutei Tourism Exchange Center Koi-No-Oyogu-Machi	TEL.0957-64-2450





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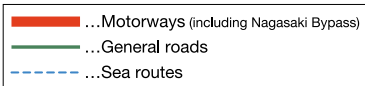
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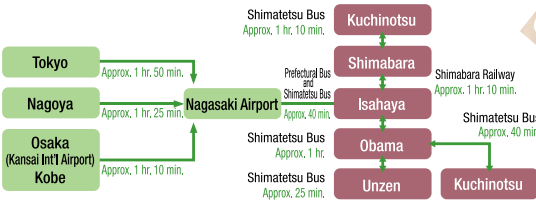
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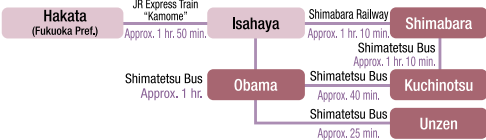
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	Approx. 30 min.	
Miike Port (Fukuoka Pref.)	Yamasa Shipping High-speed Vessel	Shimabara Port (Shimabara City)
	Approx. 50 min.	
Nagasu Port (Kumamoto Pref.)	Ariake Ferry	Taira Port (Unzen City)
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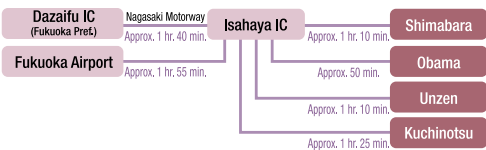
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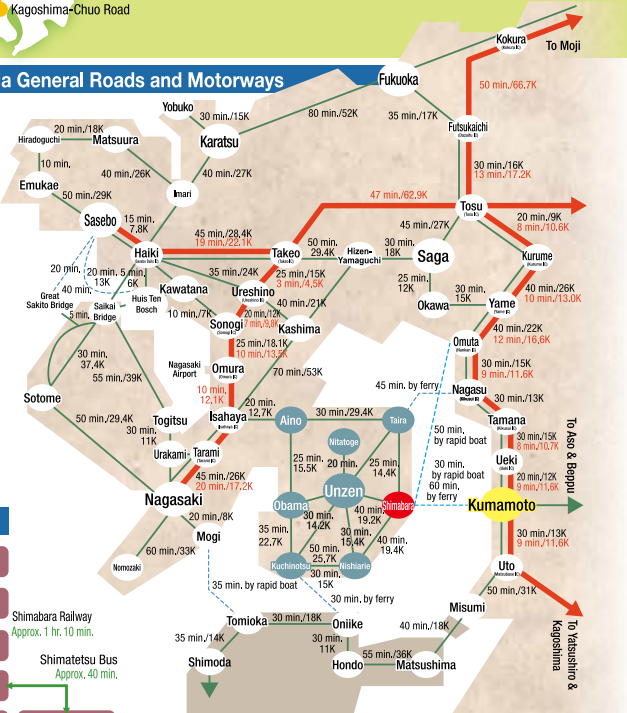
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