

SASEBO PREMIUM TOUR MAP



SASEBO TOURIST SPOT & GOURMET

Kujukushima



A scenic landscape of intricate ria coastlines and 208 islands of varying sizes. The name “Kujuku” means “countless,” and the density of islands here is said to be the highest in Japan. Designated as Saikai National Park in 1955, the area was further recognized internationally in April 2018 when it joined the NGO World’s Most Beautiful Bays Club.

Hario Radio Tower

Three massive reinforced-concrete towers, each over 100 years old. Built in 1922 by the former Imperial Japanese Navy, the project took four years and cost the equivalent of approximately 25 billion yen today. The three radio towers, each about 136 meters tall, are arranged in a perfect equilateral triangle with 300 meters between them. They were designated a National Important Cultural Property in March 2013 and later recognized in 2016 as part of Japan Heritage.



Sasebo Burger



Sasebo is known as the birthplace of the hamburger in Japan. Around 1950, locals began making burgers after learning recipes directly from the U.S. Navy base. Originally sold near the base for American customers, various shops soon emerged, developing their own unique styles. Thus, the distinctive “Sasebo Burger” was born and continues to be beloved today as a local soul food.

Lemon Steak

Another Sasebo-born specialty is “lemon steak,” said to have originated shortly after the war under the influence of the U.S. Navy base. This American-style steak was adapted to suit Japanese tastes. Thinly sliced beef is grilled on a hot plate and finished with a soy sauce-based sauce infused with lemon flavor.



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A refined journey through history, culture, and tradition

Trace the History and Culture of the Hirado Domain with the "Hirado Kagura Special Viewing Tour"

This tour traces the rich history and culture associated with the Hirado Domain, still alive in northern Sasebo. Visit the Historic Emukae Honjin, an inn once used by the lords of the Hirado Domain, and the Senryu Sake Brewery, a sake brewery with over 300 years of history. Experience the breathtaking performance of Hirado Kagura, a traditional performing art dedicated to the gods, followed by a relaxing moment with Japanese sweets and matcha tea. Immerse yourself in the history and traditions of the Hirado Domain and discover the profound depth of its culture. This tour offers a premium experience available only here.



Umikaze no Kuni Concierge

We will be your guides!

An English-speaking Umikaze no Kuni Concierge (paid guide) will accompany you, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience.

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Course

Departing from Miura Port ▶ 3 hours 30 minutes

Departing from Urashira Port ▶ 4 hours 30 minutes

Departure < Miura Port / Urashira Port >

↓ taxi Miura Port ▶ 40 minutes
Urashira Port ▶ 1 hour 10 minutes



1 Historic Emukae Honjin Tour : 30 minutes

2 Senryu Sake Brewery Sake tasting, etc : 30 minutes



▼ taxi 30 minutes

3 Hirado Kagura Shrine visit : 30 minutes
Japanese sweets & matcha Break : 30 minutes



↓ taxi Miura Port ▶ 20 minutes
Urashira Port ▶ 50 minutes

Arrival < Miura Port / Urashira Port >



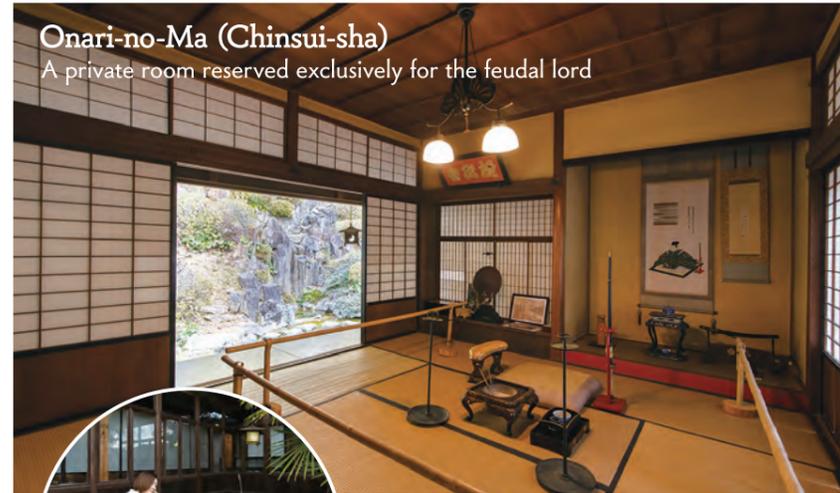
The History of the Hirado Domain

The Hirado Domain governed much of what is now northern Nagasaki Prefecture for approximately 170 years until 1871. Hirado Castle (Hirado City, Nagasaki Prefecture) served as its seat, and the Matsura clan ruled the domain for generations. Until Japan's national seclusion policy was firmly established in the mid-1600s, Dutch and British trading posts were located here, and Hirado flourished as a major hub of Nanban trade.

1 Historic Emukae Honjin

Once a lodging where the lords of the Hirado Domain stayed, this site preserves the lord's private rooms and furnishings exactly as they were used at the time.

- 📍 209 Emukae-cho Nagasaka, Sasebo City
- 🕒 9:00-16:00
- 🚫 Closed Sundays and public holidays (no viewing in December)
- ☎ TEL: 0956-65-2209



Onari-no-Ma (Chinsui-sha)
A private room reserved exclusively for the feudal lord



Suikinkutsu

A traditional Japanese garden feature that amplifies the sound of water droplets falling into a buried jar, producing a cool, koto-like tone. You can hear the same sounds enjoyed in the past.



The original furnishings remain exactly as they were.

2 Senryu Sake Brewery

Founded in 1688, this sake brewery boasts over 300 years of history. Traditional brewing methods are still used today. A wide selection of sake and shochu is available for tasting and purchase, with original furnishings from the era carefully preserved.

- 📍 209 Emukae-cho Nagasaka, Sasebo City
- 🕒 Weekdays: 9:00-16:00
Weekends and holidays: 10:30-16:00
- 🚫 Closed Sundays and public holidays (no viewing in December)
- ☎ TEL: 0956-65-2209



You can enjoy tastings and purchase sake you like.

3 Hirado Kagura

National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property

Hirado Kagura is a sacred performing art offered in prayers for bountiful harvests and good health, and is always dedicated at shrine festivals throughout the former Hirado Domain. It consists of 24 dances based on myths and legends, accompanied primarily by flutes and drums. Through bold yet graceful movements, the performances bring the world of the gods vividly to life. A highlight not to be missed is the dance performed with three real Japanese swords, seen only in Nagasaki Prefecture.



Niken

A representative Hirado Kagura performance using three real swords



Dances are dedicated in harmony with the sounds of flutes and drums.



Enjoy a relaxing moment with matcha tea and traditional Japanese sweets.

Imori Shrine

A shrine with approximately 700 years of history. Revered and cherished as a guardian deity of the local community.

- 📍 2343 Ainoura-cho, Sasebo City
- 🕒 9:00-17:00 (amulet office hours)
- 🚫 Open year-round
- ☎ TEL: 090-7028-2795 (Imori Shrine)

