

Sasebo Recommended Model Course

A course to fully enjoy **the deep charms** of Sasebo in the city center

Departing from Miura Port

Distance: approx. 2.5 km Required time: approx. 3 hours (👟 on foot)

- 🍔 Hamburger
- 🍜 Ramen
- ☕ Cafe
- 🍷 Western cuisine
- 🍣 Japanese cuisine
- 🍖 Meat dishes
- 🥟 Chinese cuisine
- 🐟 Fish dishes
- 🍱 Sushi
- 🍺 Izakaya
- 🍡 Japanese sweets
- 🍰 Western sweets
- 🍞 Bakery
- 🏪 Convenience store
- 🏧 ATM
- 🚻 Restroom



Itinerary
 International Terminal ▶ approx. 15 minutes ▶ ① Miura Catholic Church ▶ approx. 5 minutes ▶ ② Kurokamizan Daichiin
 ▶ approx. 5 minutes ▶ ③ Tonoo Market / Tunnel Yokocho Shopping Street ▶ approx. 4 minutes ▶ ④ Confectioner Shogetsudo / Saruku City 403 Arcade
 ▶ approx. 12 minutes ▶ ⑤ Yorozu Twon Six ▶ approx. 15 minutes ▶ International Terminal

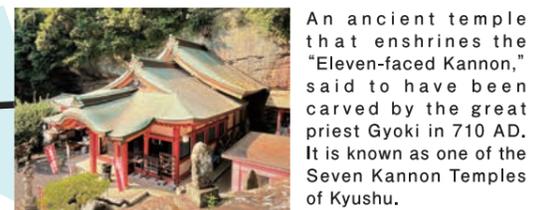


A temple that marks a thousand years of history



② Kurokamizan Daichiin
 A temple founded by Kobo Daishi (Kukai). Its solemn architecture has a history of over 1,200 years, attracting many visitors as a sightseeing spot.
 ⑨-8 Tonoocho, Sasebo City
 ☎9:00-17:00
 ☎0956-22-5721

Fukuishi Kannon Seigan-ji Temple
 Approx. 5 minutes by car from Sasebo Station
 Approx. 15 minutes on foot



An ancient temple that enshrines the "Eleven-faced Kannon," said to have been carved by the great priest Gyoki in 710 AD. It is known as one of the Seven Kannon Temples of Kyushu.
 ⑫-5 Fukuishicho, Sasebo City ☎0956-31-8372

Walk through Japan Heritage Tonoo Market



③ Tonoo Market / Tunnel Yokocho Shopping Street
 Tunnel Yokocho is a market created by making use of air-raid shelters from wartime. The Tonoo Ichiba Market, which has continued since the Taisho period (approx. 100 years ago), features long-established shops selling seafood, clothing, and more. New cafes and general stores have joined, creating a shopping street full of human warmth where the nostalgic atmosphere of the Showa era intersects with modern charm.
 Tonoocho - Matsukawacho, Sasebo City
 ☎8:00-18:00 (varies by store)
 ☎0956-22-6630 (Sasebo Tourist Information Center)

Sasebo's long-established shop Japanese sweets



④ Confectioner Shogetsudo
 Founded in 1905, this long-established Japanese confectionery shop has continued for 120 years. Beautiful and vividly colored traditional Japanese sweets crafted with time-honored techniques line the storefront. Seasonal namagashi designed with the colors of the four seasons make perfect travel memories.
 ⑤-6 Kamikyomachi, Sasebo City ☎8:30-18:30
 ☎1/1-1/3 ☎0956-22-4458

Sasebo's traditional craft Sasebo Spinning Tops



(Sasebo Top) Sasebo Koma Hongo
 A long-established maker of koma, spinning tops that are representative of Sasebo's folk crafts and designated as a traditional craft of Nagasaki Prefecture. Their uniquely crafted tops, created through techniques passed down for generations, are recommended as keepsakes from your walk around town or as high-quality souvenirs.
 ⑨-13 Shimanjicho, Sasebo ☎Sundays / Other irregular holidays
 ☎Weekdays 11:00-17:00 ☎0956-22-7934

⑤ Yorozu Twon Six / BRICK MALL SASEBO
 A sophisticated retro space that retains the atmosphere of a port town, created by renovating a building that once housed a food processing factory. In this nostalgic setting, you can relax while choosing souvenirs such as café items, general goods, vintage clothing, and accessories.
 ②-8 Yorozucho, Sasebo City
 ☎0956-22-6630 (Sasebo Tourist Information Center)

① Miura Catholic Church
 Founded in 1899 in Tanigochi, the current Gothic-style cathedral was completed in 1931 as the number of believers increased. During the war, it was painted black and escaped air raids, making it a historically valuable church.
 ④-25 Miuracho, Sasebo City
 ☎10:00-17:00 (Cathedral visiting hours 10:00-15:00)
 ☎0956-22-5701
 Visitors may not be allowed during Mass or ceremonies such as weddings and funerals. Photography inside the cathedral is prohibited. Please remove your shoes and hat at the entrance. Do not enter restricted areas inside the cathedral.

A town sanctuary that watches over the time of Sasebo



Photogenic Spot
 A popular monument as a photo spot.



Retro space




Sasebo Morning Market
 3:00-9:00
 The Sasebo Morning Market, which has continued for over 80 years, is a lively spot where you can buy fresh fish, vegetables, and fruits at great prices.



START
 Sasebo Port International Terminal

Sasebo Recommended Model Course

a diverse landscape

A course to fully enjoy Kujukushima, of sea and islands woven together

Departing from Miura Port

Distance: approx. 14 km Required time: approx. 3 hours (local bus / taxi)

- Japan Heritage
- Hamburger
- Ramen
- Cafe
- Meat dishes
- Western cuisine
- Japanese cuisine
- Convenience store
- Restroom

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Itinerary

International Terminal ▶ 25 minutes / 15 minutes ▶ ① Kujukushima Pearl Sea Resort (Kujukushima Cruising, Kujukushima Aquarium, etc.) ▶ 4 minutes ▶ ② Awashima Shrine ▶ 2 minutes ▶ ③ Funakoshi Observatory ▶ 28 minutes / From Kujukushima Pearl Sea Resort 25 minutes ▶ International Terminal

Play in the sea of Kujukushima

Saikai National Park Kujukushima

Located at the westernmost tip of mainland Japan, Kujukushima is a multi-island sea consisting of 208 islands of various sizes. It is said to have the highest island density in Japan, and in 2018 it was certified as a member of the "Most Beautiful Bays in the World Club".



① Kujukushima Pearl Sea Resort

"Kujukushima Pearl Sea Resort" serves as the gateway to Saikai National Park Kujukushima. In addition to sightseeing cruises around the islands and yacht/kayak experiences, you can also enjoy a pearl-harvesting experience. With shops and restaurants, it is a spot that families can enjoy together.

- 1008 Kashimaecho, Sasebo City
- Open year-round
- 0956-28-4187

For detailed information, please see the website. >>>



National Park



② Awashima Shrine

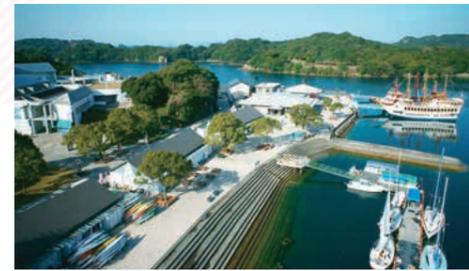
Awashima Shrine, which quietly stands within Kujukushima, is a sacred island filled with pure energy. Within its grounds is a small torii gate that is said to grant wishes when passed through, offering visitors an exquisite and mystical moment.

- 168 Funakoshicho, Sasebo City
- 0956-22-6630 (Sasebo Tourist Information Center)



A quiet island filled with prayer

Let's experience it



Kujukushima Cruising Pearl Queen

An elegant large sightseeing boat inspired by the Queen of the Sea.
(Fee) Adults (high school students and above) 2,200 yen
Children (ages 4 to junior high school) 1,100 yen
Free for ages 3 and under
(Departure times) Around 10:00 / Around 11:00
Around 12:00 / Around 13:00
Around 14:00 / Around 15:00
*The 12:00 cruise is suspended depending on the season
(Required time) approx. 50 minutes

Pearl Extraction Experience (inside Kujukushima Aquarium)

(Fee) 1,000 yen per session
*Accessory processing is also available (additional fee required).
(Hours) 9:30-18:00 (March-October)
9:30-17:00 (November-February)
(Required time) approx. 5 minutes
★You can take home the pearl you extract!



Kujukushima Aquarium Umikirara

Recreating the beautiful underwater world of Kujukushima
(Fee) Adults (high school students and above) 1,470 yen
Children (ages 4 to junior high school) 730 yen
Free for ages 3 and under
(Hours) March-October (9:00-18:00)
November-February (9:00-17:00)



Saikai National Park Kujukushima

- Bell Beach Pearl Sea Store
- Kujukushima Kaiyu
- Agoramen Honpo

① Kujukushima Pearl Sea Resort

- Tsuji Shoten Bell Beach Main Store

② Awashima Shrine

- Burger Museum
- Kujukushima Zoo and Botanical Garden Mori Kirara

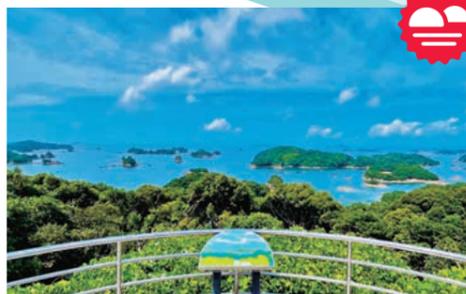
③ Funakoshi Observatory

View Spot

A breathtaking view of Kujukushima unfolding before your eyes.

③ Funakoshi Observatory

Among the observatories overlooking Kujukushima, this one is at the lowest elevation, allowing you to feel the dynamic presence of the islands up close.



Yumiharidake Observatory



From an elevation of 364 meters, you can enjoy a spectacular view of the 208 islands that make up Kujukushima, along with Sasebo City, JMSDF vessels, shipyard cranes, and other scenes of Sasebo's modern landscape.

View Spot

Photogenic Spot



Naval Stations Yokosuka / Kure / Sasebo / Maizuru Cities where you can experience the dynamism of Japan's modernization

Japan Heritage is a designation by the national government recognizing stories that convey Japan's culture and traditions through the historical appeal of a region.

Exhibits show the history and activities of the former Imperial Japanese Navy and the Maritime Self-Defense Force, allowing visitors to learn about JMSDF history up to the present day.

Maritime Self-Defense Force Sasebo Museum (Sail Tower)

8-1 Uwamachi, Sasebo City
9:30-17:00
Closed: 3rd Thursday, 12/28-1/4
0956-22-3040

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A historic building constructed in 1923 as a memorial to Japan's victory in World War I. It is a place where you can feel the history of Sasebo.

2 Hiramemachi, Sasebo City
9:00-22:00
If not in use, open until 17:00
*Not open for viewing when the hall is in use.
Closed Tuesdays and New Year holidays
0956-25-8192

Imperial Japanese Navy Sasebo Naval Station Triumphant Return Memorial Hall (Sasebo Citizens' Cultural Hall)

2 Hiramemachi, Sasebo City
9:00-22:00
If not in use, open until 17:00
*Not open for viewing when the hall is in use.
Closed Tuesdays and New Year holidays
0956-25-8192

Sasebo Tategami Modernization History Park

Scheduled to open November 2026

JR's westernmost station in Japan.

JR Sasebo Station is the westernmost JR station on mainland Japan. It is the gateway to sightseeing, with a tourist information center, souvenir shops, and photo spots to enjoy.



View Spot

Many photographers visit this place in search of the spectacular scenery of Kujukushima. The islands featured in the opening scene of the Hollywood movie The Last Samurai were also filmed here.

2277 Funakoshicho, Sasebo City