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2 Day Course



Start at 9am

Day 1

## Amakusa Shiro Museum

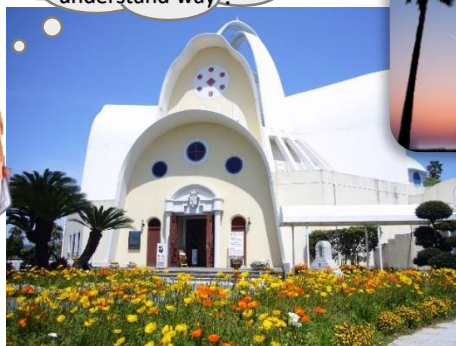
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It is a 「History Museum」 that conveys the  
passion of Shiro Amakusa

Amakusa Shiro Museum introduces the historical  
background of the Shimabara-Amakusa Rebellion as  
well as Amakusa's cultural background, which was  
influenced by western culture, in an easy-to-  
understand way using materials and images. In the  
park, there is "a bell for love". Try ringing the bell  
with the view of the Ariake Sea.

I will tell the history of  
Amakusa in an easy-to-  
understand way.!



**Address** ☎ 0964-56-5311  
977-1 Naka, Oyano-machi, Kamiamakusa City



10min

## Amakusa Visitor Center

30min



A facility that introduces the nature and history of Amakusa

There is a movie theater and some exhibitions of  
panels and photos that make it easy to understand  
the nature and history of Amakusa.

At the adjacent restaurant 『Kahnya』, you can  
have a relaxing lunch or spend time at the cafe with  
the wonderful views of Amakusa.



**Address** ☎ 0969-56-3665  
6311-1 Aitsu, Matsushima-machi, Kamiamakusa  
City





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## Mt. Sengan

40min



Even people who are not confident in walking can enjoy the view at the new observation deck.



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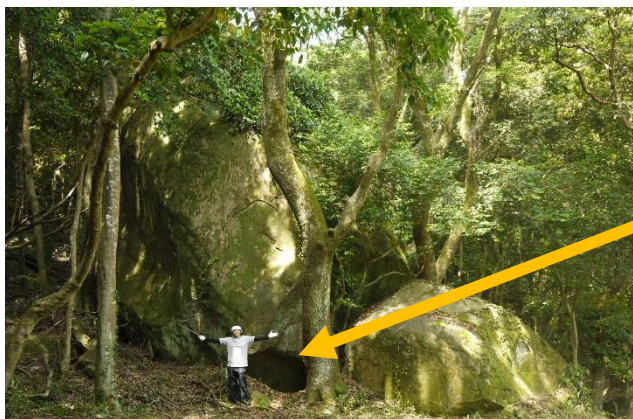
10-minutes-walk from the parking lot to the view point

I will guide here deeply as a professional "Meister Guide".



## Megalith

15min



Here !



Kyushu Olle Matsushima course



20min

## Kinshoji Temple

1h



There is 「New Shikoku 88 Temples Pilgrimage」 around the temple.

It is located in a quiet mountain village, Kyoragi. The total length of 「New Shikoku 88 Temples Pilgrimage」 route is about 1.4 kilometers and 40 minutes on foot. It was designed to take into account 'Shikoku's 88 sacred places'. 88 stone Buddhists are enshrined in the sand, which were received from 88 places in Shikoku, which have been worshipped by many people.

Let's go on the pilgrimage with walking in the forest peacefully. I will guide you!

**Address**

2365 Kyoragi, Matsushima machi, Kamiyamakusa City

☎ 0969-57-0024

The Nature of Kamiyamakusa



**The view from the observatory is marvelous.**

From the top of Mt. Sengan, where Shiro Amakusa has been said to have held a banquet, you can see a fantastic view overlooking the Amakusa Gokyo (five bridges) and Unzen. In spring, forested and wild cherry blossoms are in full bloom and form a **cherry blossom road**.

### ACCESS

From the visitor center, take Route 266 toward Amakusa for 5 minutes, turn right in front of the Mori Fresh Fish Market, and go up the slope for 5 minutes to reach the parking lot of Mt. Sengan.



**Huge rocks that have been weathered over many years**

These rocks were crumbled down by erosion of Mt. Sengan. It is said that your wish will come true if you pass through the cavity below.

### Access

15 minutes on foot following the blue and red ribbons of the Kyushu Olle course toward megalith from the top of Mt. Sengan

There are the oldest Six Jizos in Amakusa region, built in 1481.







30min + 5min



## Yadake Megalith in Mt. Shiratake

40min



Is it the biggest level of dolmen in the world ?💡

The altitude of Mt. Shiratake is 370m. There is 『Shiratake Forest Park Campsite』 halfway up the mountain, and you will find huge stones looks like an ancient temple near Yadake Shrine. In April, you can see beautiful Amakusa Azalea around this area, which has been designated as an endangered species. If these stones are stone tombs, called dolmen, they would be one of the world's biggest level of dolmen. \ (◎o◎) /

### ACCESS

Take Route 266, and you get to Himedo town. Turn right on the guide board of 『Shiratake Forest Park』 along Route 266 and go to the parking lot of 『Yadake Shrine』 . Then, it is 5 minutes on foot along the guide board from the parking lot.



Azalea (Amakusa-Mitsuba-Tsutsuji) grows only in the upper part of Amakusa in Japan.

Please leave it to me!



5min

+



35min

## A Village Official Ruins of Fujita Family and Kanjoji Temple

25min



The Village Official Ruins is 400 years old

In 1641, when the Shoya (village headman) system was implemented in Amakusa by Suzuki, the first Goemon was appointed as a Shoya in the Hinoshima area. After that, he was selected to be a big Shoya (village official) of Toki-gumi and the ruins here. It is also called 『Yakuza』 and numbered 1 as the land number in Hinoshima.

### Address 【Kanjoji Temple】

3 Hinoshima, Ryugatake-machi, Kamiamakusa City

『Mont Saint-Michel』 in Kamiamakusa



A Village Official Ruins of Fujita Family



Kanjoji Temple

I'll guide here and Ryugatake town. There are some more places I'd like to recommend to you.



10min

## Fudo Shrine

20min



Mommy~



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This is an island, located in Hinoshima, Ryugatake town. It retains untouched nature. When the tide is out, you can cross the island.



Hokabira Nature Observation Seaside Park

### There is a connection with Kobo daishi (a.k.a. Kukai)

In spring, cherry blossoms bloom beautifully here and you can enjoy cherry blossom viewing. Also, the view of Mt. Ryugatake and Mt. Kuratake is marvelous! The photo on the left shows 『babies' ceremonial entrance into the ring』 which has been held every year on June 28<sup>th</sup> of the lunar calendar to pray for staying in good health and huge harvest of the five grains.

### ACCESS

It is located on the cape in Shimookegawa, Ryugatake town, and is opposite side of Kanjoji Temple centering on Hinoshima-ohashi Bridge.





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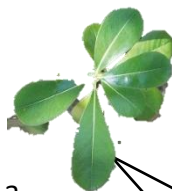
## The tree is estimated to be over 300 years old.

The tree is located in Nagame Jugosha Shrine. Ako trees grow wildly throughout the Amakusa area. This Ako tree has been designated as a natural monument by Kumamoto prefecture. The 11-meter-long trunk is ranked 1st in Kumamoto Prefecture and ranked 3rd in Japan. It is a sacred tree with roots sticking out all over the grounds of the shrine. You can feel the history of it.

### Address

【Nagame Shrine】

3947-2 Himeura, Himedo-machi, Kamiimakusa City



**Big !!**



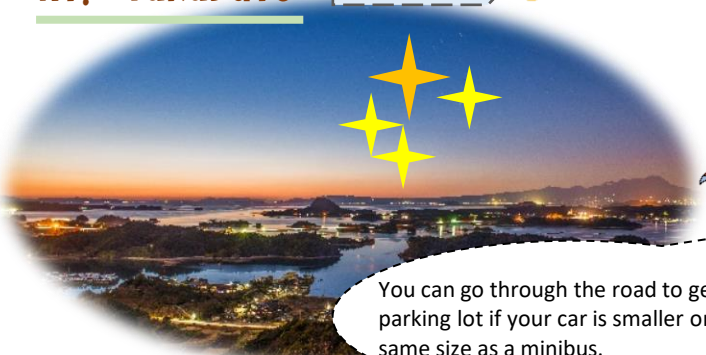
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## Mt. Takabuto

15min



You can go through the road to get to the parking lot if your car is smaller or the same size as a minibus.

## This is also popular as a photo spot !

The view from the observation deck is so amazing that it was chosen as one of Japan's 100 best sunsets. The view of the sunset on the islands of Matsushima spreads out in front of you.

You can drive close to the observation deck.

### ACCESS

Take Route 266 from Himedo town toward Amura, Matsushima town. Go up to the left side at a signboard and 5 minutes' drive, you get to the parking lot and 10 minutes walk to see the great view.



Kamiimakusa  
Night 🌙



Let's go drink  
delicious one!

### Delicious Cuisine

produced in Kamiimakusa

### Hot spring bath

which makes your body and soul relaxed

### Abundant Nature

**YUMMY**



**YUMMY**





【 Ebito Port 】



25min

Yushima A.K.A. Dango jima

4時間

**Population (approx. 250 ppl) / Circumference of the Island (4km) / Cats (approx. 200)****A.K.A. 「the Island of Cats」** 

Here is an island located in the middle of the Ariake Sea between Oyano Island and the Shimabara Peninsula of Nagasaki Prefecture. It takes an hour and a half to walk around the circumference. Yushima is also called “Dango jima” because the insurgents of Amakusa and Shimabara met (called “*Dango*” in Japanese) on the island before the Amakusa and Shimabara Rebellion (1637–1638). The battle began on this island.



We are the Meister Guide of Yushima. Each of us can guide you well in Yushima.

Let's go around the deep historical spots of Yushima together.



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## **A lighthouse** *It has been registered as a 『Romantic Lighthouse』.*

It is a white lighthouse, built in 1916 and it remains in the same condition as it was built. If you look out over the sea, you will find Shimabara peninsula, while the tropical plants are growing thickly, which have some traces of the past.



2



## **The Iccyo baka grave** *A symbol of the kindness of the islanders*

In 1792, when the Great Eruption of Unzen Fugen-dake which is said to be 『Shimabara-Taihen, Higo-Meiwaku』, the people of this island held memorial services for the dead who drifted to the island via the big tsunami.

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## **An Ako tree** *A.K.A 『a heart tree』*

Ako Trees used to protect people's houses from the wind. The heart-shaped Ako tree is popular as a photo spot for couples.

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## **A swordsmith basin** *A site of an arsenal*

The basin is said to have been used by swordsmiths to make weapons such as spears and swords. It was once placed outside of the island, but it returned to the island in the early Showa period and was placed back in Suwa Shrine.

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## **Suwa shrine** *Over 200 years of history*

In 1817, the divided deity of Nagasaki Suwa Shrine was enshrined. In 1831, it was burnt down due to Yushima Fire, but it was rebuilt in 1857.

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## **Mine park** *Located at the top of Yushima, and there is an observation deck which altitude is 104m.*

From the hexagonal observatory, you can see Unzen, Shimabara, and the islands of Amakusa. Agricultural fields spread around, and there are Christian graves as well as a monument of Dango jima.



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## **The site of Tomi-zuka** *A secret base of the battle*

It is said that Shiro Amakusa made people make weapons on the island while preparing for the Shimabara-Amakusa Rebellion, which became one of the important historical battles. It was also a secret base. At that time, the guard was placed on top of the island. The guard served as a middle man between the islands and incoming ships.

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## **The monument of Dango jima**

*The site of the base for the operation before the Shimabara-Amakusa Rebellion*

It is said that the leaders of uprisers gathered here to hold a meeting before the war, which used to be called Dango. Shiro Amakusa became a general in the meeting on Oct. 24th, 1637. They took part in "the attack of Shimabara Castle" on Oct. 26th. These are the reasons why Yushima is called "Dango jima"

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## **Ryoseninden gekkoso hakukoji tsuka**

*The younger brother of Christian Daimyo (feudal lord) died here.*

It is the grave of Suminori Arima, who is the younger brother of Harunobu Arima, from the 13<sup>th</sup> generation of the Arima family. He was a Christian Daimyo (feudal lord). It is said that Suminori faced the wrath of Harunobu because of the difference in religion and was exiled to this island and killed. (Left side of the photo)

## **The grave for a Christian missionary** *a cross carved in a unique shape*

It is the tombstone of a Japanese Christian missionary who died in Yushima and is engraved with a cross. (Right side of the photo)







### ◆ Liners 【Yushima Syosen】 ◆

【Fare】 Adults: 800 yen – for 12 yrs and older

Child : 400 yen – for 6-11 yrs

※Child of 5 yrs or younger is free, and second child between 1-5 yrs will be charged as a child of 6-11 yrs old.

Yushima(湯島) Dep

25m

Ebito(江樋戸) Dep

07:30 am

09:00

12:00

02:00 pm

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Kikusei-maru

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08:15 am

10:00

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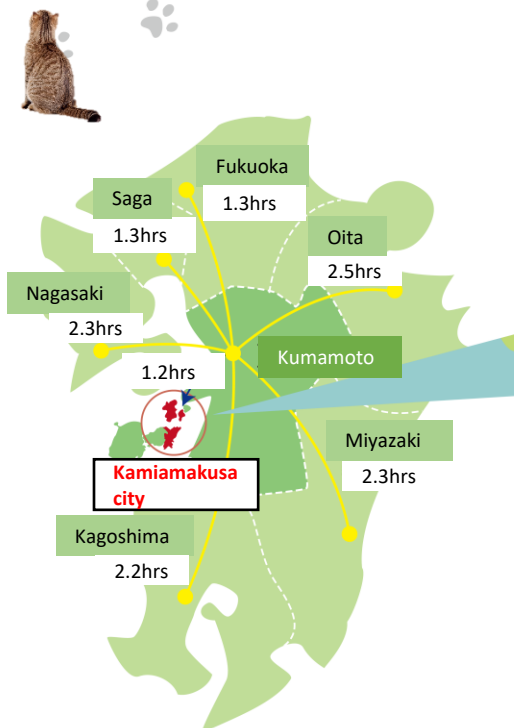
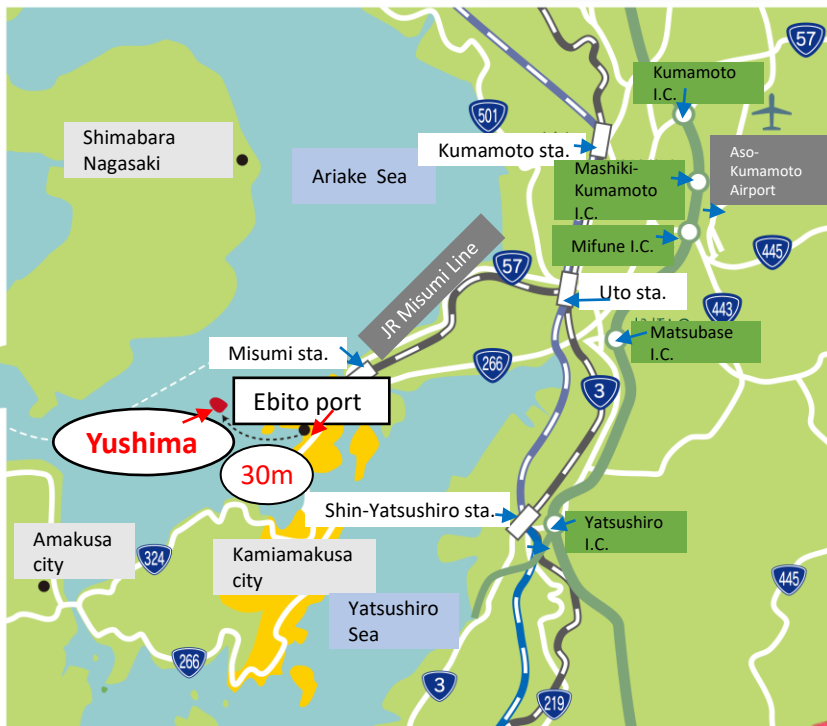
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※Time schedule might be changed due to the weather or season.



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