

Amakusa - Western Area

Reihoku, Amakusa, Kawaura, Ushibuka

Picturesque Area with Unique Christian Traditions

The setting sun from the western coast of Amakusa is one of the glorious scenic views of Japan. This is an area with a rich natural heritage (Shimoda Onsen is Amakusa's oldest hot spring), and a unique cultural tradition of Catholic faith - all found within a sea-blue setting of myriad hues.



Sunset observation spot

Tomioka Castle

On the main grounds of Tomioka Castle, the Kumamoto Pref. Tomioka Visitors Center serves not only the Amakusa area, but the entire Unzen-Amakusa National Park.
2245-15 Aza-Honmaru, Tomioka, Reihoku-machi, Amakusa-gun
Tel: 0969-35-0170

Amakusa Open Sea

Sunset off the western coast (Nishibira Tsubaki Park)

Superb sunset-view spot

Gosokuno-no-kutsu Promenade of the Poets

Photo Opportunity!

Round-Tour Bus: Gurutto

Ushibuka Course (App. 4 hrs)
Availability: Sat, Sun, and holidays only
Fee: ¥500 (Excluding optional plans and meals)
Reservations: Until 15:00 two days prior
Tel: 0120-945-351 (Kanko Hanbai Systems)

Ushibuka Haiya Bridge

Designed and completed in Aug. 1997 by Italian architect Renzo Piano who also designed Kansai International Airport, the delicate beauty of the Haiya Bridge stands in harmony with the natural environment.

Breast Rock

Shikizakimisaki Park

Gosokuno-no-kutsu Promenade of the Poets

Photo Opportunity!

Amakusa Rosary Museum

Photo Opportunity!

Amakusa Collegio Reference Hall

Boat Tours

- *Nishi-kaigan Cruises
- *Ushibuka Kaijo Cruises
- *Ushibuka Cruises

Tel: 0969-22-2243 (Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association)

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Reihoku Tourist Fureai Guide

A variety of guided tours are offered which introduce the history of the Amakusa-Shimabara Rebellion and the role of Tomioka Castle, as well as episodes involving Katsu Kaishu when he came to Reihoku.

660 Shiki, Reihoku-machi, Amakusa-gun
Tel: 0969-35-1111
Fee: ¥500 /groups of up to 5 (additional ¥100 for each extra person)
*Reservations required 5 days in advance for general visitors, 2 weeks in advance for school trips.

Model Course On the Trail of the Writers

- 1 Tomioka Castle (App.30min./14km)
- 2 Gosokuno-no-kutsu Promenade of the Poets (App.20min./15km)
- 3 Oe Catholic Church (App.2min.)
- 4 Amakusa Rosary Museum (App.5 min./6km)
- 5 Sakitsu Catholic Church (App.10min./15km)
- 6 Amakusa Collegio Reference Hall

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Sakitsu Tourism Volunteer Guides (Sakitsu area)

Tel: 090-5479-1081 (Morita)

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Ushibuka Tourism Volunteer Guides (Ushibuka area)

Getting to know the west-ernmost town in Amakusa-home of the famous Haiya folk melody. Visit scenic sites and the fishermen's village.

Ushibuka-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 090-4585-0693 (Yoshikawa)
Regular Course: ¥1000/ hr (groups up to 10)
(Additional ¥100 for each extra person)
*Reservations required a day in advance



Public Hot Spring Resort: 700-year-old Shimoda Onsen

Shimoda Onsen Hot Spring

Tourist Information Center of Amakusa

Shimoda Onsen Fureai-kan: Pratto [D-1]
The retro architectural design offers a welcome into a more relaxed time. Drop in for tourist information.
1310-3 Shimoda-kita, Amakusa-machi Tel: 0969-27-3726

Shimoda Hot Spring 'Gosoku-no-yu' [D-1]
Natural hot spring footbath: A refreshing stop for tired feet
1310-3 Shimoda-kita, Amakusa-machi Tel: 0969-27-3726

Shimoda Onsen is the oldest hot spring in Amakusa. Legend tells how the spring was discovered when an injured white heron took refuge and healing in the Shimotsu-Fukae River. This Public Hot Spring Resort is recognized for its high quality mineral waters good for both skin and health. There are more than ten hotels and inns in this spa town which faces the East China Sea. The porcelain-tile-paved street and the Shimotsu-Fukae river combine to create a special charm for this hot spring town.

Hot Springs

Shimoda Onsen Center: Shirasagi-kan [D-1]
This hot spring center draws water directly from the source. Two white herons form its namesake logo.
1290-1 Shimoda-kita, Amakusa-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-42-3375

Ushibuka Hot Spring Center: Yasuragi-no-Yu [G-2]
Enjoy not only hot spring bathing but also a restaurant offering lavish servings of fresh seafood. Lodging is available next door.
2193 Kutama-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-72-6666

Amakusa City General Exchange Hall: Amuri [F-2]
This large hot spring facility is equipped with family baths, saunas, restaurant, shops, and lodging.
4747-1 Kawaura, Kawaura-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-76-1526

Scenic View

Scenic Sights of Amakusa West Coast

Myokenura [D-1]
Shimoda-minami, Amakusa-machi, Amakusa-City

Swimming Beaches

Satsuki Beach [H-2]
Satsuki, Ushibuka-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-73-2111

Shiratsuru-ga-hama Beach [E-1]
Takahama-kita, Amakusa-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-42-1111

Camp Site

Kawaura-Over-the-Sea Cottage [F-2]
Imatomi, Kawaura-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-76-1526

Fukuregi Komoriuta Auto Camping [D-2]
3182-1 Fukuregi, Amakusa-machi
Tel: 0969-42-1111

Other Beaches

- Tomioka Beach [B-2]
- Kodakahama Beach [F-1]
- Ubushima Beach [G-3]
- Mogushi Beach [H-1]
- Onikizaki Beach [G-1]

Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association Tel: 0969-22-2243

Other Camp Sites

- Shiraiwasaki Camping [B-2]
- Todoroki Mantaro Mura Bungalow [D-2]
- Aino Misaki Camping [E-1]
- Ubushima Camping [G-3]
- Amakusa Rest House: Yuino Sato Camping [G-1]
- 2018-1 Tomioka, Reihoku-machi Tel: 0969-37-1136
- 288-1 Shimoda-kita, Amakusa-machi Tel: 0969-42-3956
- Takahama-kita, Amakusa-machi Tel: 0969-42-0407
- Ubushima, Miyano-kawauchi, Kawauchi-machi Tel: 0969-76-1111
- 4688-1 Oniki-machi, Amakusa City Tel: 0969-72-8821