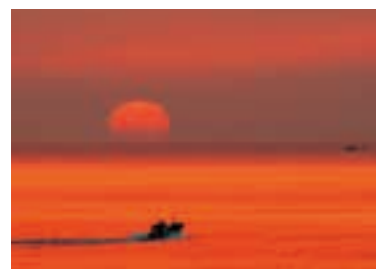


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Let's Visit Japan's Treasure Islands!



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\*The information of this guidebook is valid as of Feb. 2016  
but may be subject to change after that date.



# Islands and Dolphins

## Enjoy the playful behavior of a pod of dolphins

### Dolphins represent the diversity of life in the seas of Amakusa

In the beautiful blue waters off the shores of Tsuji-Shima Island near Itsuwa-machi live about 200 wild Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphins.

Tidal currents and rolling seabeds are a fertile environment for an abundance of small fish, creating rich feeding grounds for the dolphins.

Dolphin herds also prevent sharks from entering this area, which, in turn, allows free diving - the locally preferred method of gathering obalone a sea urchins, and seaweed.

Without the nets usually associated with fishing, dolphins and humans coexist in harmony among these Treasure Islands.

### The Soothing Experience of Dolphin-Watching

Local boatmen and guides have a thorough knowledge of both the sea and marine life, giving you a 95% chance of encountering a dolphin herd at any time of the year. The boat approaches so close to the dolphins, you almost feel as if you are right in the water with them.



### Dolphin-Watching Inquiries and Reservations

#### ●Amakusa Dolphin Information [B-3]

**Price** ¥2,500 for junior-high students and older, ¥1,500 for elementary school students  
¥500 for children age 2 years to elementary school

**Cruise** approximately 1 hour **Tel** 0969-26-4500 (8:00 ~ 20:00)

**Association Members**

- Dolphin Club ☎0969-33-0198
- Maruken Suisan ☎0969-33-1131
- Dolphin-pal Center Megumimaru ☎0969-33-0388
- Dolphin Marine World ☎0969-33-1633
- Amakusa Kaisen-Kura ☎0969-52-7707
- Amakusa Gyokyo ☎0969-33-0211
- Dolphin Cruise ☎0969-33-0881
- Itsuwa-machi Dolphin Tourist Boat Landing ☎0969-33-1378

**Other Service Operators**

- Tourist Home Izumi ☎0969-33-1643
- Tourist Home Mitsuhamas-o ☎0969-32-0034
- Dolphin-Watching Booking Center ☎0969-32-1771
- Sea Cruise ☎0969-56-2458

- Tsuji-Shima Island Dolphin-Watching Office ☎0969-33-1249
- Kozuka Rod and Line Store ☎0969-33-1937
- Santa Maria Museum ☎0969-45-8110

#### 5 Cruises/day: Departures

①10:00 ②11:30 ③13:00  
④14:30 ⑤16:00

#### Amakusa Dolphin Information by Captain Kaido kun

"The great thing about Amakusa Dolphin-watching is that you can easily encounter dolphins less than 10 minutes after leaving the dock. You can just hop in the boat as you are, and, during the one-hour trip you'll be able to watch dolphins to your complete satisfaction. The experience of watching these beautiful creatures will, I hope, be a moving one, and I also hope that it helps raise awareness about environmental issues.

For the future, I would like to train special guides for Amakusa Dolphin-Watching and offer eco-tourism-based dolphin-watching activities in order to help preserve this rich marine ecosystem for generations to come.





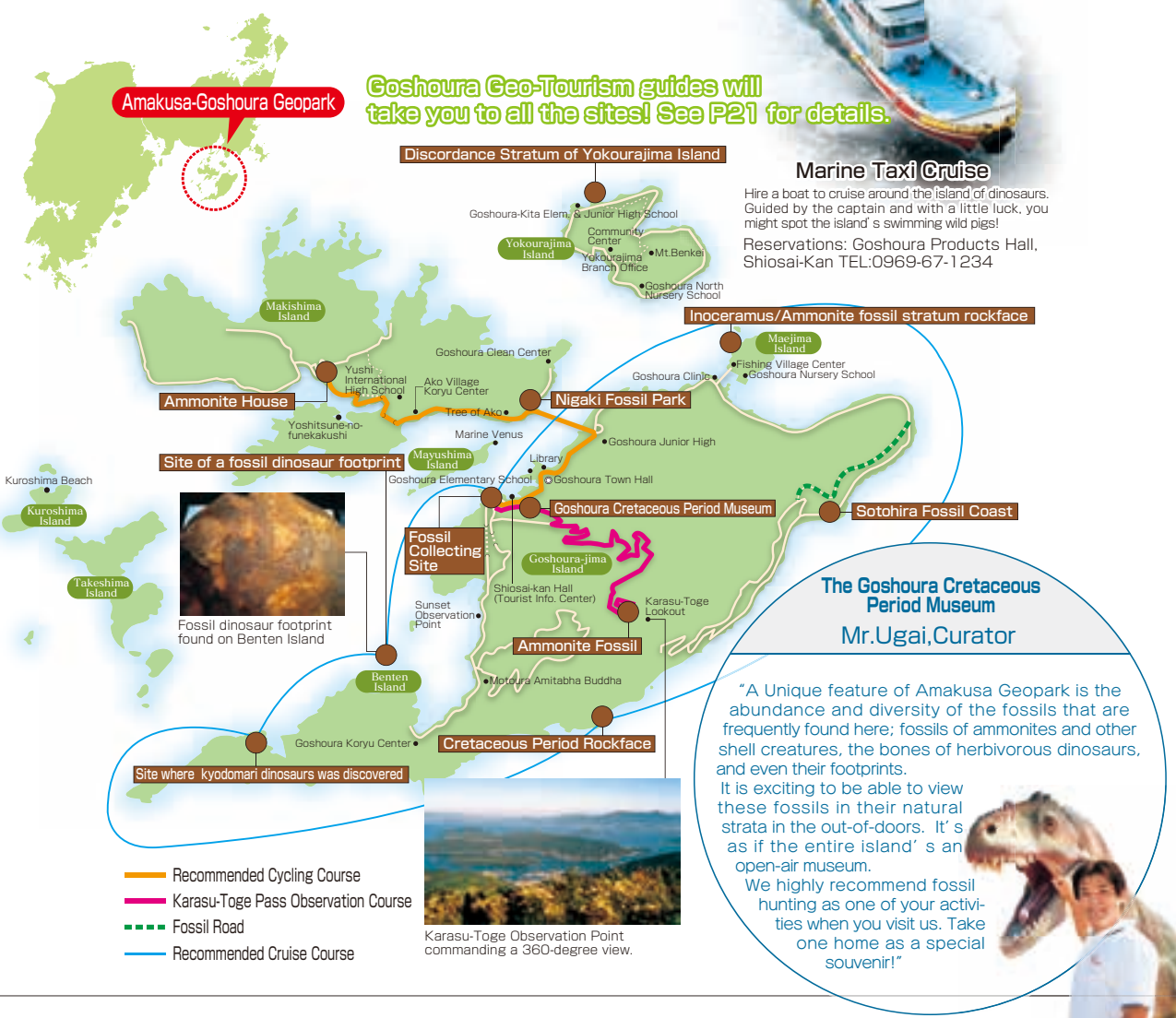
# Amakusa Geopark

Travel back  
one hundred million years in time.  
Feel the dynamic life  
of the earth at Amakusa Geopark!

**Amakusa became a member of the  
Japanese Geopark Network in Aug. 2014**

Amakusa district has beautiful scenery of archipelago  
and signature landscapes like Cuesta.  
Geological momeries are implanted in one hundred million  
years of history, and biogeocenosis mysteries make you  
feel just like a "treasure island".

"Amakusa Geopark" shows variety of geological stories  
such as geology, landscape, fossils, history, culture,  
industrials, biogeocenosis and so on, and they also  
effort to maintenance and succession.



## What is a "Geopark" ?

The UNESCO-supported World Geopark Network established in 2004 defines a Geopark as "a region that includes one or more sites of importance – not only geologically but also by virtue of its archaeological, ecological or cultural value." A Geopark is a nature park that focuses on the formation and features of the earth itself. Through geo-tourism promoting education and preservation, Geoparks can play a vital role in communities and regions.



Mt. Takabuto



"Hakusen Shio maneki" in Nagaura island



"Eboshi Kou ato" former coal mine



Stone wall in Tanasoko



Base of stone monument at  
Shiki former coal mine



Former rock quarry in Goshoura Island



Wall of "Sphenoceras"



"Gion-Bashi" stone bridge



"Oppai-iwa" breast shaped rock

## ●Fossil Collecting E-6



"Natsu yasumi kaseki seminar"  
Fossil seminar at Summer Vacation



Trigonia Fossil field work  
ground

Take part in fossil collecting at a site  
near the Goshoura Cretaceous Period  
Museum. Fossils of bivalve and spiral  
shell creatures are often found here.  
With a little luck, you may be able to  
find such rare fossils as ammonites  
which you can add to the museum  
collection.

- The Goshoura Cretaceous  
Period Museum
- Tel: 0969-67-2325
- Activity: App. 60 min
- Rock hammer rental: free

## ●Ammonite House E-6



■ The Goshoura Cretaceous Museum  
■ Tel: 0969-67-2325 ■ Admission free

A fossil ammonite Eupachy-  
discus as it was found in the  
earth. The fossil is 60 cm in  
diameter and is the largest  
ever found in Kyushu.



## ●The Goshoura Cretaceous Museum E-6



This museum was established when dinosaur fossils were  
discovered in Goshoura in July 2002. Among the thousand  
fossil displays you can see teeth of Japan's largest carnivorous  
dinosaurs, bones of herbivorous dinosaurs, and fossils of  
Japan's oldest large mammals. Within a five-minute walk from  
the museum are two fossil collection sites.

- The Goshoura Cretaceous Period Museum in the Goshoura Island  
Development Center
- Tel: 0969-67-2325
- Open: 8:30~17:00 (admission until 16:30)
- Closed: Mondays (except on national holidays: the next  
weekday is closed instead) and Dec 29~Jan 3
- Admission: Adult ¥200, High-school ¥150, Children ¥100  
(Preschoolers Free)



# Have Fun in the Seas of Amakusa

## Let's go to the Seas of Amakusa!

### Leisure Islands Amakusa

Located within the Ariake, Yatsushiro (or Shiranuhi), and East China seas, the islands of Amakusa offer a wonderful diversity of marine-related activities.

In addition to the ever-popular dolphin-watching, visitors can enjoy sea-bathing, kayaking, cruises, fishing, and scuba diving in a beautiful natural environment.

Take an underwater-walk or a ride in a glass-bottom boat in the Ushibuka Marine Park. In winter the sea is crystal clear and colorful corals and tropical fish can be seen easily. Come to the Seas of Amakusa for an especially memorable time.

### ●Mogushi Beach H-1

With its extensive white sands and crystal-clear emerald-green sea, Mogushi Beach is one of the most beautiful natural beaches in Kyushu, and a must-see for sun lovers. Drama fans will be interested to note that the beach was the location of the climactic duel in the NHK series "Musashi." And for nature buffs, May and June are the months when sea turtles come ashore to lay their eggs.

■Ushibuka Branch of Amakusa City Marine Industry Division: 0969-73-2111

### ●Glass-bottom Boat H-2



Tsukinoshima Island and Hogashima Island were designated as among Japan's first Underwater (Marine) Parks in 1970. A variety of corals, including alcyonarian and anthozoan, present a gorgeous flower-garden view under the sea. Glass-bottom boats depart from Ushibuka Port.

Cruise approx. 80 min  
5 departures/day

|       |        |        |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| ①9:30 | ②11:10 | ③13:00 | ④14:30 | ⑤16:00 |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

■Tickets: adult : ¥2200, Elementary & Junior High School Students: ¥1100, Children (3 ~ 5 yrs): ¥300, Infants (2 yrs and younger): free  
■Blue Marine Service: 0969-73-1173  
■Closed: Tuesday (excluding public holiday, July, August)



**Diving**  
Amakusa Saikai Seashore with its beautiful clear water is a designated Marine Park offering a selection of fine diving spots. How about an undersea excursion and encounters with colorful coral reefs and vivid tropical fish?

A crystal-clear indigo-blue paradise in harmony with marine life

### ●Sea Kayaking B-4



At low tide you can actually walk to Kamejima Island, but kayaking is the sport for most who visit Itsuwa-machi. Experience the absorbing pleasures and beauty of the sea in Itsuwa-machi. Note that reservation must be made 3 days in advance and that as groups only for 4th graders and older. Children younger than 4th grade can book for a double kayak with an accompanying adult.

■Kayak: single (2 hrs): adult ¥2,400 ~ Junior High School Students and younger ¥2,200 ~  
■Itsuwa Marine Leisure Center 0969-32-2223

### For scuba-diving information call the numbers below:

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| ●Diving Shop Tomikawa<br>(Ushibuka-machi, Amakusa City):<br>0969-73-4660         | ●Bowline Scuba<br>(Chikami, Kumamoto City) :<br>096-319-3200                        | ●Ushibuka Diving Service<br>(Oniki-machi, Amakusa City):<br>0969-72-8825 |
| ●Amakusa colorful tourism club<br>(Amakusa-machi, Amakusa City):<br>0969-42-5216 | ●Kumamoto Diving Service YokaYoka<br>(Shikaki-machi, Amakusa City):<br>0964-53-0611 |  |

### ●Wakeboarding



Wakeboarding is easy to get the hang of even for beginners. Imagine the thrill of skimming over the sea as a boat speeds you over the waves at the end of a line! The perfect leisure sport for Amazing Amakusa!

■Amakusa Shiro Tourism Association:  
0964-56-5602



# Winds of Southern European Culture

## Amakusa's Marine Road: A Flourishing Culture from the West

### Western Christianity Arrives from Overseas

Amakusa's western-most location in Japan and an excellent harbor led to early encounters with many cultures from over the seas throughout its long history.

Especially noteworthy is Christianity. Introduced to Japan in the mid-16th century by Portuguese and Spanish missionaries, Christianity took root in this region when Luis de Almeida was befriended by a local lord, Konishi Yukinaga. A Catholic seminary, the Amakusa Colegio, was founded here for the training of missionaries, and European knowledge, as well as religion, was taught.

On its return from Rome, the Tensho Embassy brought with it a Gutenberg Press. With this press the Colegio published works which came to be known as "Amakusa Books".

#### ● Sakitsu Catholic Church [F-2]



Standing tall in a peaceful fishing village is the Gothic-style Sakitsu Catholic Church. The present church was restored in 1934 during the ministry of Fr. Halbout, a French missionary. The scenery around the church was selected for "100 scenic Shores of Japan" and "100 Evocative Scenes of Japan".

■ 539 Sakitsu, Kawaura-machi, Amakusa City  
 ■ Opening hours: 9:00 ~ 17:00 (9:30 ~ Sundays)  
 ■ Tel: 0969-22-2243 (Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association)  
 ■ Admission: free

\* Mass is held on Sunday mornings; please refrain from sightseeing at this time.  
 \* A church is place of prayer. Please keep a respectful manner in the church.  
 \* Use address-based GPS navigation to find the church.



#### ● Amakusa Colegio Museum [F-2]

In 16th century, "Colegio" (major seminary training for a propagator) has invited to Amakusa. "Tensho-Kenoh-Syounen-Shisetsu" (delegation of four trainees of Arima seminario) dispatched to Rome, Italy and had an audience with the Pope. After they came back and trained at "Amakusa Colegio", they exhibited the flowering of European medieval culture to general public. The reproduction of the Western musical instrument and Gutenberg press, the early European ship model are unmissable.

In the complexed facility "the hall of the world peace ambassador doll" displays 117 dolls which arrived in hope of peace from all the countries of the world.  
 ■ 175-13 Shirakikawachi, Kawaura-machi, Amakusa City  
 ■ Open: 9:30 ~ 18:00 (enter by 17:30). Closed: Mondays (or the following weekday after a Monday national holiday) and Dec.29th ~ Jan.3rd  
 ■ Tel: 0969-76-0388  
 ■ Admission: Adult ¥200, Student: High-School ¥150, Younger ¥100 Group discount: 20 or more

### The World Santa Claus Congress in Amakusa



Authorized Santa Clauses of "Greenland International Santa Claus Association" gather in Amakusa and discuss various topics such as the proper way to spend Christmas time.

Amakusa is authorized as a "Holy Island of Santa Claus" at the 1st "World Santa Claus Congress in Amakusa" which held in 2013. There were 2 reasons for authorize.

The 1st reason is the history of celebrating Christmas in Amakusa. People in Amakusa continuously celebrate a "Shimotsuki sai" as a Christmas since 450 years ago, despite a long term of government's Anti-Christianism edicts and discrimination.

The other reason is hospitality. At the 1st congress, many of authorized Santa Clauses encountering a kindness and hospitality from people in Amakusa. They are impressed and feel Amakusa as their home towns and hope to come back.

### The Gothic-style church reaches high above a peaceful fishing village

#### ● Site of Nanban-dera Temple (Shokaku-ji Temple) [C-5]



Nanban-dera (literally, Temple of the Southern Barbarians) was built in 1589 by Lord Kotsu'ura Tanenao of Kotsu'ura Castle. At its peak, the temple had more than 3,500 adherents. The temple was destroyed during the anti-Christian suppressions and a Buddhist temple, Shokaku-ji was built on the exact site for the propagation of Buddhism following the Amakusa-Shimabara Rebellion. In 1975, during remodeling work on the main building, Christian gravestones were found under the building floor.

■ 3550 Kotsuura, Ariake-machi, Amakusa City  
 ■ Tel: 0969-53-1111 (Ariake Branch of Amakusa City Office)

#### Santa Maria Museum [C-5]



Reference materials and relics relating to the Hidden Christians are displayed in this house. Most of the items, collected by the director, were found in this area. Included are 50 of the famous Maria/Bodhisattva statues - items of devotion of Hidden Christians of this area.

■ 1940-1 Kotsuura minogoe, Ariake-machi, Amakusa City  
 ■ Open: 9:00 ~ 18:00 year round (closes at 17:00 Dec. ~ March)  
 ■ Tel: 0969-45-8110  
 ■ Admission: Adult ¥500, High-School & Junior High School: ¥300, Elementary School: ¥100

#### ● Amakusa Municipal Rosary Museum [E-1]



Displayed here are items introducing the religion, culture, and way of life of the Amakusa Christians. Reproduction of a typical room used by Hidden Christians, with a ceramic vessel into which prayers were chanted to muffle the sound during worship.

■ 1749 Oe, Amakusa-machi, Amakusa City  
 ■ Open: 8:30 ~ 17:00, Closed: Wednesdays (or the weekday after a Wednesday national holiday), Dec.30th ~ Jan.1st  
 ■ Tel: 0969-42-5259  
 ■ Admission: Adult ¥300, High-School ¥200, Younger Students ¥150



# Amakusa: Land of Living Faith

## Faith and Prayer despite suffering

### Oe and Sakitsu Catholic Churches, Where the Flame of Faith has been Kept Alive

Under the Edo-era government, the suppression of Christianity and the persecution of Christians became increasingly severe. With the Meiji Era, however, freedom of religion was officially recognized allowing “Christians of Hidden Faith” to emerge from hiding. Today, the churches of Oe and Sakitsu are cherished as symbols of spirituality and fortitude.

Let members of The Amakusa Treasure Island Association be your guides. See P23 for details.

#### ●Amakusa Shiro Memorial Hall [A-7]



The historical background of the Rebels of Amakusa-Shimabara as well as the influence of European culture is introduced through exhibits and a powerful 3-D film show using state-of-the-art visual technology.

■977-1 Oyano-machi-naka, Kami-Amakusa City  
 ■Open: 9:00~17:00 (Enter by 16:20)  
 ■Closed: 2nd Wed of Jan, 2nd Wed of June, and Dec. 29th~Jan.1st  
 ■Tel/Fax: 0964-56-5311  
 ■Admission: Adult¥600, Junior-High or Younger¥300, Infants free  
 \*10% discount for groups of 20 or more.

#### ●Oe Catholic Church [E-1]



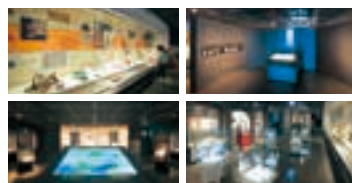
Oe Catholic Church was one of the first churches built after the ban on Christianity was lifted. The present church building was built in 1933 through the concerted effort of local parishioners and Fr. Garnier from France who dedicated his life to the spreading of the Gospel message.

■1782 Oe, Amakusa-machi, Amakusa City  
 ■Open: 9:00~17:00 (11:30~Sundays), Closed: Mondays  
 ■Tel: 0969-22-2243 (Amakusa Treasure Island Association)  
 ■Admission: free  
 \* Mass is held on Sunday mornings; please refrain from sightseeing at this time.  
 \* A church is place of prayer. Please keep a respectful manner while visiting.  
 \* Use address-based GPS navigation to locate the church.

#### Informative displays introduce the Christian Heritage of Amakusa

#### ●Amakusa Christian Museum [C-4]

On the hilltop of Shiroyama Park near the Mound of 1000 Martyrs (killed during the rebellion) and other Christian graves, the Amakusa Christian Heritage Hall reopened in July 2010. Overlooking the center of Hondo City, the hall houses four display zones of which explain local Christian history with particular focus on the Amakusa-Shimabara Rebellion. On display is Amakusa Shiro's holy Banner designated as a National Important Cultural Property.



■19-52 Funeno-o-machi, Amakusa City  
 ■Open: 8:30~18:00 (Enter by 17:30)  
 ■Closed: Dec.30th~Jan.1st  
 ■Tel: 0969-22-3845  
 ■Admission: Adult¥300, High-School ¥200, Younger Students¥150  
 \*20% discount for groups of 20 or more



Amakusa Shiro's holy Banner



Romanesque-style Oe Catholic Church stands on a hilltop

#### Timeline of Amakusa's Christian History

##### 1566: (Warring States Period) Christianity introduced to Amakusa

Western European Culture, new to Amakusa's inhabitants, is introduced along with Christianity.



##### 1589: The Golden Age of Amakusa Christian Culture

A Catholic seminary - the "Colegio" - opens in Amakusa and the Christian population is estimated at 250,000 in the islands.

✦1603 Edo Shogunate Government is established by Tokugawa Ieyasu (The Edo Period begins)  
 ✦1612 The Tokugawa regime increases the severity of Christian persecution

##### 1613~ Period of Christian Oppression

Devastating crop failures occur on a national scale. Famine and starvation sweep Amakusa. Taxes are maintained at crippling high levels, and the persecution of Christians continues. The people of Amakusa are in desperate straits.

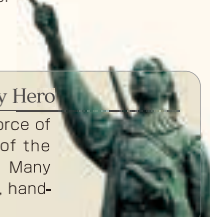
✦1633 The Edo Government announces Japan's isolation policy. Foreigners are restricted to Nagasaki and Hirado. (First National Isolation Order)

##### 1637: Rebellion Breaks Out in Amakusa and Shimabara

Discontent breaks into protest over the ruinous taxes and ban on Christianity. People turn to Amakusa Shiro for leadership and the Rebellion of Amakusa and Shimabara takes hold in the region.

##### Amakusa Shiro Tokisada, a Legendary Hero

Amakusa Shiro, famous as the unifying force of the Rebellion, was named commander of the rebels when he was only 16 years of age. Many legends and stories remain on this young, handsome, and rather mysterious figure.



##### 1638: Hara Castle falls on Feb. 28th marking the end of the Rebellion

✦1639 The Edo Government issues Japan's Isolation Policy #5.

##### 1641: Amakusa is placed under the direct control of the Edo Government. Suzuki Shigenari is inaugurated as the first local governor.

Suzuki Shigenari makes great contributions to the recovery of the region after the devastations brought during and after the rebellion. He also commissions the building of temples and shrines to bring peace to the hearts of the people. He demonstrates his dedication to the people by halving people's tax, which is paid in local rice. Though a representative of the Shogunate, he advocates on behalf of the local population despite dangers to himself. When his son takes over after his death, his request for a reduced tax is granted.



##### 1659: During the 2nd generation of the Suzuki governorship, a requested reduction of the lord's salary in rice tribute is granted.

##### 1907: A group of five Japanese writers visits Fr. Garnier, publishes "Five Pairs of Shoes"

A group of five famous writers, Yosano Hiroshi (Tekkan), Kitahara Hakushu, Kinoshita Mokutaro, Yoshii Isamu, and Hirano Banri travel through Kyushu primarily to visit sites of Christian culture. They meet Fr. Garnier and, impressed by the Christian history, exotic environment, and beautiful nature of Amakusa, they collectively publish their journals of this trip entitled "Five Pairs of Shoes". Their experiences during this trip greatly influence their literary activities and gives birth to a style referred to as Southern European (literally Southern Barbarian). A new wind of creativity is felt in Japanese literature.



##### 1933: Oe Catholic Church is built during the ministry of Fr. Garnier

##### 1934: Sakitsu Catholic Church is built during the ministry of Fr. Halbout.





# Traditional Performing Arts

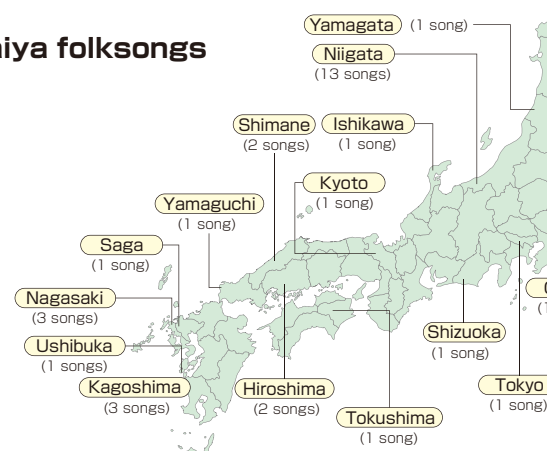
## A Rich Heritage of Performing Arts

### The South Wind Sings the Song of the Haiya

**Ushibuka is the birthplace of the Haiya folksongs sung throughout Japan**

The Haiya-Bushi or Haiya Melody was originally a song performed by the women of Ushibuka to welcome visiting boats. Ushibuka, with its excellent natural harbor and fishing grounds, has long flourished as a port town and refuge from storms for boats and ships from the farthest reaches of Japan. The Haiya, sung during celebrations and drinking bouts, spread nationwide during the Edo Period, and is considered to be the source of the popular rhythmical Okesa and Jinku folksongs sung in different regions of the country. The exciting Ushibuka Haiya Festival is held annually in April.

The Ushibuka Haiya is the source of all the Haiya folksongs in Japan



**An Ushibuka volunteer guide will be happy to show you around! See P25 for details.**



#### Amakusa Hondo Haiya Festival



The Amakusa Hondo Festival is one of the two summertime Amakusa Haiya events. Women in seasonal kimonos and men sporting traditional headbands dance through the streets to the pulsing beat. Want to join us? Spur-of-the-moment dancers are welcome!

■Inquiries: Amakusa Hondo Haiya Festival Organization Committee (Hondo Chamber of Commerce and Industry)  
■Tel: 0969-23-2001  
■Time: End of July~Beginning of August



Amakusa Hondo Haiya Festival Fireworks Display



Main event of the Ushibuka Haiya Festival  
Grand Parade of Ushibuka Haiya Dancers



Fleet of fishing boats

#### ●The Ushibuka Haiya Festival brings the colors of spring to Amakusa

The Ushibuka Haiya Festival is the largest event welcoming spring to Amakusa. During the 3-day festival the entire community is immersed in the Haiya melody with 5,000 dancers, young and old, women and men, winding their way through the narrow streets. Side events include a fisheries fair and a parade of fishing boats.

Inquiries: Ushibuka Haiya Festival Organization Committee  
Tel: 0969-73-2111 Time: in mid-April

### Traditional Handcrafts of Amakusa



Amakusa Earthenware Dolls

Traditional local toys. There are about 100 different figures including a mountain hag and a sumo wrestler. Unglazed molded figures undergo bisque firing and are hand-colored.



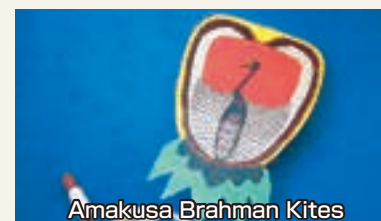
Amakusa Balls

Traditionally sea sponge, vegetable sponge, or fern was used as a core, which was wrapped with cotton and shaped into a ball. These beautiful objects are popular as ornaments and souvenirs.



Amakusa Oshie Pictures

Parts of an image are made separately of colorful stuffed fabrics and then arranged on a background board to complete the picture. Oshie Pictures are greatly appreciated as wall hangings.



Amakusa Brahman Kites

It is said that Portuguese missionaries introduced Brahman kites to Amakusa at the beginning of the Edo Period. The bamboo-stickframe kites are now a very popular folk art.

#### Discover the Culture of Amakusa Amakusa Cultural Exchange Center [C-4]

This unique western-style building dating from the early Showa Period (c. 1930) is notable for construction techniques that were unusually innovative for its time. In March 2006 it was nationally recognized as a Tangible Cultural Asset and now offers a place for the hands-on learning of traditional crafts and skills while preserving its architectural importance.

■8-25 Funeno'o-machi, Amakusa City  
■Open: 9:00~17:00 Closed: Mondays (or the following weekday after a Monday national holiday), the day after a national holiday, and Dec. 29~Jan. 3rd  
■Tel/Fax: 0969-27-5665 ■Admission: free  
■Hands-on Activities: Charges are based on program/materials





# White Porcelain World of Artisans

## Amakusa Porcelain: Generations of Enchantment

### Amakusa Porcelain: of the Highest Quality

The western coast of Amakusa is Japan's top producer of kaolin in both quality and volume. Amakusa produces 80% of the nation's output (20,000 tonnes per year) and ships not only to the famous porcelain producers of Kyushu, but also to the Kansai and Chukyo regions. Hiraga Gennai, the famous inventor of the Edo Period, praised it as being of "matchless quality in the world".

### Traditional, Beautiful Amakusa Porcelain - Generations of Art and Skill

Items made from Amakusa's high-quality kaolin are renowned for their strength and beautiful translucency when fired. Amakusa porcelain is a nationally recognized traditional craft, and many artisans have located their kilns throughout the area.

#### ●Amakusa Grand Pottery Fair



Both local and non-local artisans come together here to display and sell their wares. During the fair you can try your own hand at turning out pot or two on the wheel. Selected works will be displayed in a special ceramics exhibition.

■Time: End of October~beginning of November  
■Tel: 0969-23-1111 (Amakusa City, Div. of Industry)

#### ●Amakusa West Coast Spring Pottery Market, Amakusa West Coast Pottery Fair



Pottery fairs are held in Reihoku-machi and Amakusa-machi along the west coast of Amakusa. Visit the shops with their displays of the newest pottery works and demonstrations of glazing techniques. Have fun at the fairs while enjoying the fantastic scenery along the west coast of Amakusa.

■Time: May: Golden Week; Autumn: First half of October  
■Tel: 0969-23-1111 (Amakusa City Div. of Industry)  
Tel: 0969-35-1111 (Reihoku-Machi Business Promotion Div.)



#### ① Takahama Pottery Juho Gama

Tel: 0969-42-1115

Famous for its thin, white, translucent products.



#### ③ Uchida Sarayama Pottery

Tel: 0969-35-0222

The style is rough and simple yet elegant - resembling the ceramics found in this area in previous eras. The products complement a diversity of tastes and lifestyles.



#### ② Maruo Pottery

Tel: 0969-23-9522

Though the Maruo Kiln was established in 1845, its designs are modern and the products are suited for today's lifestyles and has won many fans.



#### ④ Mizunodaira Pottery

Tel: 0969-22-2440

The famous Aka-namako-Yuu, or "Red sea-cucumber glaze" invented by the fifth generation potter Genshiro, remains the distinctive signature of the Mizunodaira kiln.



#### ⑤ Ikoi-Toge Gama

Tel: 0969-32-1525

Using natural local materials as much as possible, the pottery of Ikoi-Toge Gama presents a solid, natural feel and quality.



#### ⑥ Tokyu-Kobo

Tel: 0969-32-2502

Opening on a small hilltop in 1998, the products of the kiln reflect the warm and gentle nature of the potter.



#### ⑦ Amakusa Soji Hisashi Gama

Tel: 0969-42-0287

All pieces are hand-made using such local Amakusa materials as kaolin, clay, glazing, and ash - working together to maximize the qualities of each component.



#### ⑧ Amakusa Hakuji Tobo Yasu

Tel: 0969-42-0545

In the tradition of Takahama Pottery, Amakusa Hakuji Tobo Yasu continually experiments with new glazes in its creation of new ceramic styles.



#### ⑨ Zozo Gama

Tel: 0964-58-0975

To best describe the designs of Zozo Gama, think Innovative and Original.



#### ⑩ Yoyo Gama

Tel: 0964-56-4601

With clay from Shigaraki and Amakusa, this kiln produces a contemporary playful design for everyday use.

### Amakusa Pottery Hands-On Programs

#### ●Try the Wheel



Trickier than it looks? Take the wheel for a spin!  
■Fee: ¥1,000~ (\*Shipping fees not included)  
■Try at: ①②③④⑤⑥⑦⑧⑨⑩

#### ●Decorate It



Set your own design on unglazed pottery. You'll hardly be able to wait as the pottery is fired and sent directly to you.  
■Fee: ¥600~ (\*Shipping fees not included)  
Try at: ①②③④⑤⑥⑦⑧⑨⑩

#### ●Try a Hand-Built Pot



Make your own unique cup, mug, or plate: one-of-a-kind in the world!  
■Fee: ¥1,500~ (\*Shipping fees not included)  
■Try at: ②③④⑤⑥⑦⑧⑨⑩

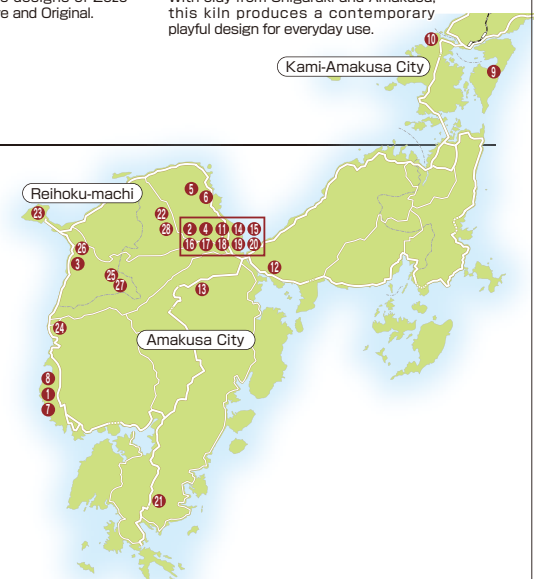
#### ●Make Your Own Azulejo



Azulejo is a decorated tile often used in Portuguese-style buildings. What special design will make a tile your own?  
■Fee: ¥1,000~ (\*Shipping fees not included)  
■Try at: ①②③

### [List of other Potters and Kilns]

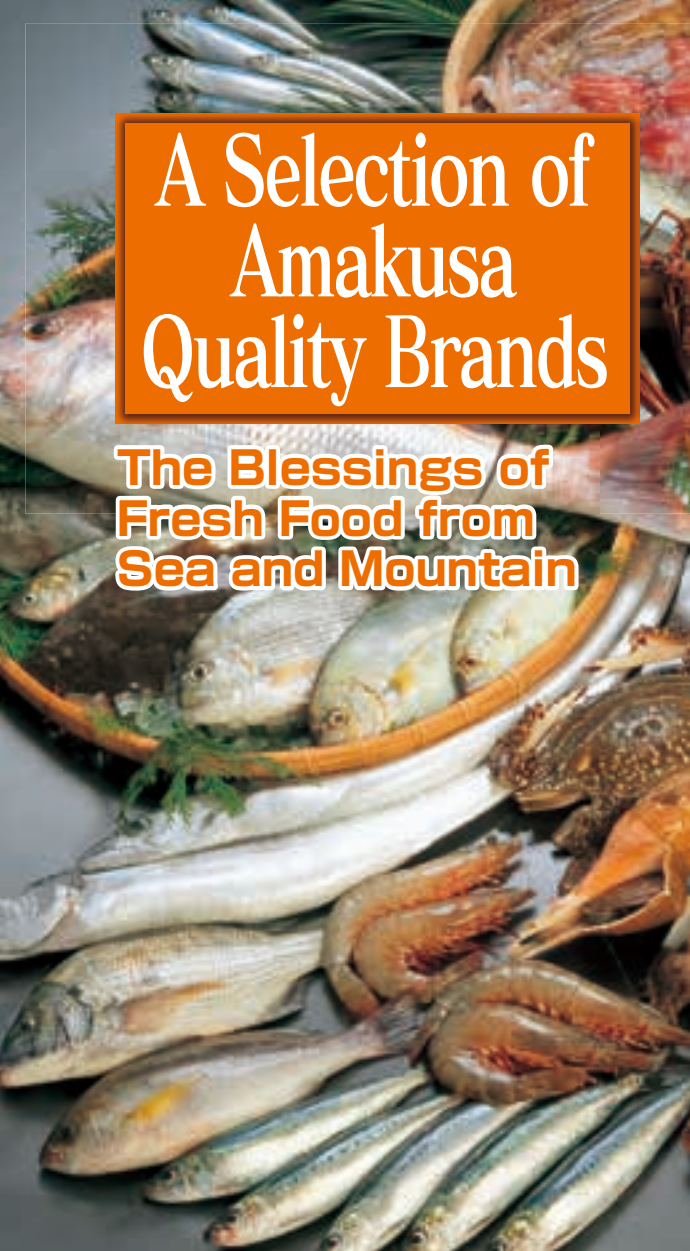
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| ⑪ Jonan Gama           | Tel: 0969-22-3513  | ⑭ Utsugi Gama               | Tel: 0969-72-6482 |
| ⑫ Hamanajara Gama      | Tel: 0969-23-3915  | ⑮ Ichiyama Kuiraya          | Tel: 0969-34-1156 |
| ⑬ Kobo 'Kiki'          | Tel: 0969-24-2833  | ⑯ Unshu Gama                | Tel: 0969-35-0945 |
| ⑭ Junto Gama           | Tel: 0969-23-8122  | ⑰ Amakusa Karatsu Juro Gama | Tel: 0969-42-3143 |
| ⑮ Yamano-kuchi Pottery | Tel: 0969-24-2072  | ⑱ Kameyama Sanae            | Tel: 0969-35-2041 |
| ⑯ Asaniji Gama         | Tel: 0969-24-4946  | ⑲ Kobo Kaze                 | Tel: 0969-35-2041 |
| ⑰ Suke Kobo            | Tel: 090-7389-7811 | ⑳ Mugen Gama                | Tel: 0969-35-0940 |
| ⑱ Reinan Gama          | Tel: 0969-22-3393  | ㉑ Tenjiku Gama              | Tel: 0969-36-0860 |
| ㉒ Reizan Pottery       | Tel: 0969-22-5339  | ㉓ Moriyama-touki            | Tel: 0969-34-0140 |
| ㉓ Ryo-kobo             | Tel: 0969-23-9389  |                             |                   |





# A Selection of Amakusa Quality Brands

## The Blessings of Fresh Food from Sea and Mountain



**Ushibuka Lobster Fair**  
End of August through December

A luxurious overnight stay at a local inn accompanied by a gourmet dinner including fresh boiled lobster, lobster miso soup and lobster sashimi.

Tel: 0969-74-7060: Amakusa Treasure Island Association, Ushibuka



**Amakusa Shimoda Hot-spring Inn Shrimp Gourmet Plan**  
End of August through December

Twelve or more dishes are served using fresh seafood including lobsters. Room and dinner plan offer a great deal!

Tel: 0969-42-3239: Shimoda Hot-spring Inn Association

Please your palate with a seasonal banquet of local made with local ingredients.

## Gourmet Events!



**Amakusa Hondo Donburi Fair**  
October ~ December

Enjoy the popular donburi fair of original recipes served in ceramic dishes provided by local potters. During the fair, all the restaurants in Hondo take part in a Stamp Rally.

Tel: 0969-22-2243: Amakusa Treasure Island Association, Hondo



**Goshoura Bukkin Fair**  
November ~ March

In the Goshoura dialect, "Bukkin" refers to the pufferfish, blowfish, or globefish. Enjoy boiled, fried, and fresh bukkin sashimi!

Tel: 0969-67-1080: Amakusa Treasure Island Association, Goshoura



**Amakusa Abalone Fair**  
September ~ December

The One-Night Stay Campaign offers an excellent sashimi selection including such treats as fresh plump abalone and sea urchin. All inns and tourist homes offer a set dinner of two abalones and scallops.

Tel: 0969-33-0276: Amakusa City Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Itsuwa-machi



**Amakusa Ariake Octopus Dishes**  
All year round

A popular menu of Ariake octopus dishes: Try the octopus steak and eight other octopus dishes!

Tel: 0969-53-1565: Amakusa Treasure Island Association, Ariake



**Amakusa Champon**

Amakusa champon With its abundance of ingredients is truly Amakusan cuisine. Each dining establishment turns out its own kind. You may be quite surprised at some of the varieties you will find.

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



**Sendago Soup with Dumplings**

Sendago is a family-style dish of potato dumplings introduced by missionaries. In recent years, sweet potatoes dumplings have gained popularity among locals.

Tel: 0969-42-3375  
Shimoda Hot-spring Center Shirasagi-kan



**Sea Urchin**

We can find different kinds of sea urchin depending on the time of year. Of these the 'red sea urchin' is one of Amakusa's special flavors. Its sweet and rich flavor is unique.

Tel: 0969-27-7371  
Amakusa Fishery Co-op



**Kuruma-Ebi Prawns**

These are large sweet prawns with a meaty texture. Amakusa Prawns are one of the top-brands in Japan both in quality and marine-farming production.

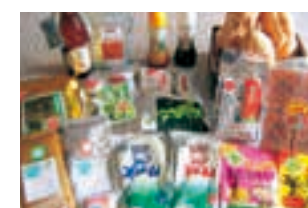
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Amakusa Fishery Co-op



**Amakusa Black Wagyu Beef**

The production of Black Wagyu beef has a long and active history in Amakusa. Its excellence in flavor, tenderness, and juiciness justifies its fame.

Tel: 0969-32-6888  
JA Direct Store "Amakusa Toretate Market"



**Shimon Potatoes**

Shimon potatoes - an excellent source of both fiber and magnesium - are drawing increased attention as a health-food. Kuratake-machi is a famous producer.

Tel: 0969-64-2405  
Ebisu Chaya



**Amakusa Salt**

Salt from the open sea of Amakusa contains high levels of naturally occurring calcium, magnesium, and potassium. This mild salt goes well with any cooking.

■Tel: 0969-42-5477  
Amakusa Salt Association  
■Tel: 0969-33-0610  
Natural Foods Kenkyukai  
■Tel: 0969-73-4525  
Salt Workshop Takarajima  
■Tel: 0969-33-1834  
Salt Farm  
■Tel: 0969-33-1135  
Dolphin Salt  
■Tel: 0969-23-7253  
Amakusa Shio-no-Michi  
■Tel: 0969-79-0400  
Rosario Salt  
■Tel: 0969-64-3500  
Kuratake Co.



**Hiougi-gai Scallops**

The beautiful Noble Scallop, prized by collectors for its ornamental shell, is wonderful as sashimi, sauté-ed in butter, or steamed in sake.

Tel: 0969-79-0012  
Amakusa Fishery Co-op, Sakitsu



**Shochu 'Amakusa'**

Established in 1900. The only distillery in Amakusa proudly offers a mild shochu - 'Amakusa' - made from carefully selected rice and pure water.

Tel: 0969-46-2013  
Amakusa shuzo



**Amakusa Daio Chickens**

After years of effort, the Amakusa Daio chicken - the largest species in Japan - was successfully revived. This heritage species is renowned for its firm texture meat and fine flavor.

Tel: 0969-32-6888  
JA Direct Store "Amakusa Toretate Market"



**Koppa-mochi**

Koppa-mochi was traditionally made by Amakusa farm-families as a preserved food or gift. Boiled potatoes are dried and processed with pounded rice and malt syrup.

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



**Dekopon Oranges**

This sweet and juicy citrus with the cute plump head is popular throughout Japan. Amakusa's mild climate is the original home of this delicious fruit.

Tel: 0969-32-6888  
JA Direct Store "Amakusa Toretate Market"



**Amakusa Bankan Oranges**

A refreshingly tart flavor mixed with sweetness is the trademark of this orange so suited to the warm, mild climate of Amakusa. Some 90% of the prefecture's bankan crop is grown here.

Tel: 0969-32-6888: JA Direct Store "Amakusa Toretate Market"



**Amakusa Green Bamboo Shoots**

A hint of sweetness in the delicate flavor is a special character of Amakusa bamboo shoots. So mild that they can be eaten without processing gives them the title King of Bamboo.

Tel: 0969-24-4770: Amakusa Green Bamboo Shoot Producers Co-op





# Amakusa Quality Products

'Amakusa Renaissance / Amakusa Products Quality Approval Committee' is engaged in the recognition and development of high quality Amakusa brands made from local ingredients and raw materials. After careful examination, approved products are given the Amakusa Quality Product seal and receive public relations and marketing support from Kumamoto Prefecture, Amakusa City, local Chambers of Commerce and the Commerce and Industry Association. Twenty-five products have been approved as of Nov. 2013.



Fig Cookies: Shiro-no-Hatsukoi

**Amakusa-ame Honpo**  
Tel: 0969-23-6827

Deliciously sweet and tart, these chewy cookies are made from Amakusa figs and Portuguese red wine.



Amakusa Fig Jam: Hatsukoi

**Amakusa-ame Honpo**  
Tel: 0969-23-6827

The second of the Shiro-no-Hatsukoi product series. A fig content of 60% preserves the natural fig flavor. No preservatives added.



Uni and Karasumi

**Maruken Suisan**  
Tel: 0969-33-1131

Mullet roe is mixed with high quality sea urchins, both of which are products of Amakusa.



Amakusa Kamaboko Tenryo

**Matsushita Kamaboko Shop**  
Tel: 0969-22-2219

Fresh fish sausage made of lizardfish harvested in Amakusa's open seas.



Amakusa Aranami Taimeshi

**Maruki Suisan Gyogyo**  
Tel: 0969-42-5311

Mix with rice and cook together. Makes an easy but authentic Sea Bream Rice.



Amakusa Aranami Tai-no-misozuke

**Maruki Suisan Gyogyo**  
Tel: 0969-42-5311

Sea bream from the Amakusa seas coated in miso paste.



Ryoshino Okimeshitai

**Maruki Suisan Gyogyo**  
Tel: 0969-42-5311

Now everyone can enjoy this traditional fisherman's favorite: Sea bream lavishly marinated in a special sauce of soy sauce and mirin.



Amakusatai-no-Nijuso

**Tawaki suisan**  
Tel: 0969-63-0339

Fresh, firm sea bream of two different flavors and colors are especially appreciated for festive occasions.



Amakusa White Porcelain Accessories

**Accessory Koike**  
Tel: 0969-22-3865

White Amakusa porcelain with silver makes an unparalleled accessory.



Porcelain Stereo Speaker Anguri

**Chiba Heigoro Sekizai**  
Tel: 0969-24-1073

Speakers made with Amakusa porcelain and Sumoto Stone create a healing sound space. One of a kind!



Tensin 3 Sisters

**Tenshin**  
Tel: 0964-56-0656

Tender Amakusa shrimp is added to the already well-acclaimed Tenshin no sandaimaki and Haruko no kosodemaki in this set of gourmet sushi.



Deep fried "Amakusa Daioh" Chicken

**Kougen**  
Tel: 090-1515-5390

Amakusa Daioh is called "phantasmal free-range local traditional pedigree chicken". Confit with specially-manufactured sauce made by "Amakusa Bankan" Orange.



Haruko no kosodemaki

**Tenshin**  
Tel: 0964-56-0656

little sea bream (catch especially in Spring) called "Haruko" and "Yushima Daikon" (a special white radish only in Yushima Island) are used for this special roll sushi.

## Inquiries regarding products:

Chamber of Commerce and Industry:  
1-25 Hondo, Sakae-machi,  
Amakusa City, 863-0022  
Tel: 0969-23-2001  
Fax: 0969-24-3340  
<http://www.hondo-cci-or.jp/amakusa-kinsei/>



Shima-Shima Gyoza Dumplings

**Pooh's Lodge**  
Tel: 0969-62-0312

Stripes of squid ink in dumplings' dough blended.



Ikinari Buta-mochi

**Pooh's Lodge**  
Tel: 0969-62-0312

Pickled plum, blended pork paste, and sweet potato paste wrapped in a rice flour pastry.



Amakusa Daio Chicken Pot Cooking

**Amarei**  
Tel: 0969-22-2526

Once lost but restored after a half-century of effort, the tasty Amakusa Daio breed is the largest chicken species in Japan.



Sakitsu Cedar Yokan

**Haiya**  
Tel: 0969-79-0858

Introduced by a delegation from the King of Ryukyu some 220 years ago, this unusual yokan sweet paste with a fragrance of cedar is wrapped in very thinly-rolled rice dough skins.



Tenshin-no-Sandaimaki (Gizzard Shad Sushi Rolls)

**Tenshin**  
Tel: 0964-56-0656

This is Amakusa gizzard shad sushi prepared in the Battera-style. Because it lacks the strong aroma associated with Battera, it has changed the image of this sushi dish.



Amakusa Fig Fromage

**Patisserie Mer Doux**  
Tel: 0969-22-6623

Fig jam from local ingredients, dekopon citrus, and unbaked cheese with sun-dried salt sandwiched in a sponge cake. Frozen and available for souvenir purchase.



Octopus Rice Goo!

**Amakusa Ariake**  
Tel: 0969-53-1565

Prepared from naturally harvested octopus, this specialty of Amakusa is perfect for a tender and flavorful octopus rice.



Fish Sauce Ajimoto

**Nishioka Katsuji Store**  
Tel: 0969-73-3848

A very rich fish sauce without the fishy smell! Made from fish, seaweed, and natural sea salt.



ESOPO

**gaju=Shiho Matsuoka**  
Tel: 096-364-8773

Art designer "Tetsuko Nakagawa" (born in Amakusa) made a picture story book based on a letterpress printing "Isoho monogatari". That print was made by Amakusa with Christian religion descendent about 400 years before.



Amakusa Fisherman's Rice Cracker

**Iwasaki suisan**  
Tel: 0969-67-3667

This rice cracker is made from condensed fish from the neighboring sea in Goshoura. It's high in calcium with no artificial additives.



Ready to eat Fisherman's Nitsuke

**Maruki Suisan Gyogyo**  
Tel: 0969-42-5311

Simply heat in the microwave oven to enjoy this old-time, home-style fish boiled in soy sauce. We're sure you'll love it.



Amakusa Kakuni Pan (Black wagyu beef curry-flavored roll)

**Pooh's Lodge**  
Tel: 0969-62-0312

Lightly deep-fried bun folded over prime cuts of curry-flavored wagyu beef.

## Local Products Markets Full lineup of Amakusa local products



Direct sales store: Shinwa Yuyake Market

127-1 Komiyaji, Shinwa-machi,  
Amakusa City  
Open: 10:00~18:00  
(Thu, Fri, Sat. only)  
Tel: 0969-46-2039



Goshoura Products Hall: Shiosai-kan

4310-8 Goshoura,  
Goshoura-machi, Amakusa City  
Open: 8:30~18:00  
Closed: Jan. 1st  
Tel: 0969-67-1234



Reihoku-machi Products Hall

4535-1 Kotsu-Fukae, Reihoku-machi,  
Amakusa City  
Open: 9:00~18:00 (Apr.~Oct.)  
9:00~17:30 (Nov.~Mar.)  
Closed: Wednesdays and from  
Dec. 29th~Jan. 2nd  
Tel: 0969-37-0725



Fukuregi Agriculture, Forestry, & Fishery Products Store "Magokoro Market"

3372-1 Fukuregi,  
Amakusa-machi, Amakusa City  
Open: 8:30~17:30 (Apr.~Sept.)  
8:30~17:00 (Oct.~Mar.)  
Closed: Aug. 15th,  
Dec. 31st & Jan. 3rd  
Tel: 0969-45-0373



Direct Sales Store Wakamiya

9490-1 Goryo, Itsuwa-machi,  
Amakusa City  
Open: 8:00~18:00  
Closed: Jan. 1st and 2nd  
Tel: 0969-32-1700



Ushibuka Kaisai-kan

9490-1 Goryo, Itsuwa-machi,  
Amakusa City  
Open: 9:00~18:00  
Special Sales Day: Dec. 31st  
Closed: Jan. 1st (only shop is open)  
Tel: 0969-73-3618





# Amakusa - Northern Area

Oyano, Matsushima, Ariake

The beautiful islands and five bridges of Amakusa welcome you!

Northern Amakusa - The Gateway to Kyushu. The Historical Journey Begins Here - Follow the course of Amakusa Shiro and Local Christian Culture



Sunset observation spot

Model Course

## Model Tour of Sites Related to Amakusa Shiro

First bridge → ① Amakusa Shiro Memorial Hall → ② Amakusa Visitors Center

(App. 15min./8km)

(App. 10 min./5km)

③ Santa Maria Museum → ④ Ariake Octopus Road · Ripple Land → ⑤ Shokakuji Temple

(App. 30 min./16km)

(App. 5min./1km)

Dining & Shopping



### Kami-Amakusa Products Hall: Sun Pearl

This center hosts a variety of local farm, forest, and sea products. Enjoy delicious dishes made from the freshest ingredients at the in-house restaurant.

11582-24 Naka, Oyano-machi, Kami-Amakusa  
Tel: 0964-58-5600  
Open: 8:00~18:00  
Closed: Not specified (Jan. 1st and during maintenance)

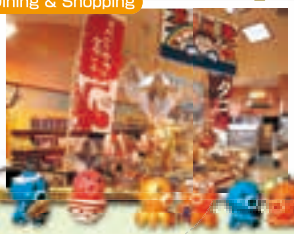
Photo Opportunity!  
Giant Octopus Objet  
ありあけタコ街道

Shiro-ga-hama Beach  
Santa Maria Museum  
Kotsu'ura IC

Ariake Octopus Tako-Nyudo  
Road-Station Ariake Ripple Land  
Sazanami Hot Spring

Shokakuji Temple

Dining & Shopping

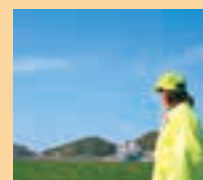


### Road Station Ripple Land

Local products' center with dining and sports facilities  
1955 Kotsu'ura, Ariake-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-53-1565  
Open: 9:00~18:00

Let us guide you!

### Kami-Amakusa Guide Association



Discover details of the land, history, and culture that only local guides can show you!  
The Cultures of Kami-Amakusa including the Amakusa Shiro Course.

11582-24 Naka, Oyano-machi, Kami-Amakusa City  
Tel: 0964-56-5602 (Amakusa Shiro Tourism Association)  
Charge: 1hour/¥1000 (Max ¥5000/day)  
●Reservations required one week in advance

## Sunset at Matsushima: One Hundred Sunset Views of Japan

The observation point on top of Mt. Takabuto offers a magnificent view over Unzen and Matsushima. Sunsets are of such renown, the site is included in the "100 Sunset Views of Japan".

### Swimming Beaches



Amakusa is a mecca for beach lovers in Kumamoto Prefecture

●Shirogahama Beach [C-5]  
Kotsu'ura, Ariake-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-53-1111

●Pearl Sun Beach [B-7]  
Aizu Hiai Matsushima-machi, Kami-Amakusa City  
Tel: 0964-56-5602

#### Other Beaches

- Karafunegahama Beach [A-7]
  - Yumigahama Beach [A-7]
  - Shirato Beach [A-6]
  - Yushima Beach [C-7]
  - Calm Beach [B-7]
  - Matsushima Beach [B-7]
- Amakusa Shiro Tourism Association  
Tel: 0964-56-5602

### Golf Courses



●Cherry Golf Amakusa [B-7]  
11356 Naka, Oyano-machi, Kami-Amakusa City  
Tel: 0964-57-0111



●Cherry Golf The Masters Amakusa [C-6]  
2928 kotsu'ura, Ariake-Machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-53-0333

### Activities



●Amakusa Visitors Center [B-7]

The abundance of cultural information at the Visitors Center will introduce you to the colorful history of Amakusa, while through its natural history programs you can learn about the surprising life cycles of sand crabs and luminous plankton. Nagaurajima Island where the center is located is a major habitat of sand crabs in Japan.

6311-1 Aizu, Matsushima-machi, Kami-Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-56-3665



●Underwater Aquarium Sea Doughnut [B-7]

This large doughnut-shaped aquarium seems to float in the sea. The gallery is divided into 7 continental zones where marine creatures of each continent can be observed.

6225-7 Aizu, Matsushima-machi, Kami-Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-56-2570

### Hot Spring Resort



●Spa Thalasso Amakusa [A-7]

732-14 Kami-Oyano-machi, Kami-Amakusa City  
Tel: 0964-56-1126

●Ariake Onsen Center: Sazanami Hot Spring [C-5]  
1955 kotsu'ura, Ariake-machi, Amakusa City Tel: 0969-53-1126

#### Matsushima Hot Springs

For hot spring lovers, Matsushima is a treasure. Enjoy hot spring bathing with a scenic ocean view.

### Scenic Views

●The Five Bridges of Amakusa and Tour Boat Cruises



First Bridge (Tenmon Bridge) [A-7]



Fifth Bridge (Matsushima Bridge) [B-7]



●Amakusa Ariake Octopus Tako-Nyudo Road [C-5]



Second Bridge (Oyano Bridge) [B-7]



Third Bridge (Nakano Bridge) [B-7]



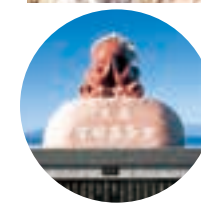
Fourth Bridge (Maeshima Bridge) [B-7]

Tour cruises around the 5 bridges

This cruise gives one a chance to appreciate the bridges from a different perspective, including views described as one of Japan's Three Great Matsushima Island Views.

#### Touring Boats

- Sea Cruise Tel: 0969-56-2458
- Pearl-Line Kanko Tel: 0969-56-0678



'Praying Octopus' - a tribute to the cephalopod

Ariake Octopus Tako-Nyudo  
Octopus is the major product of Ariake-machi. National Route 324 is known as the Octopus Road famous for its numerous scenes of its namesake hung to dry along the highway. Giant octopus statues are a symbol of the Octopus Road 'Ariake Tako Nyudo', and are popular photo spots.

Kotsu'ura Ariake-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-53-1111



# Amakusa - Eastern Area

Himedo, Ryugatake, Kuratake, Sumoto, Goshoura

## A region of ancient legends and traditional lifestyles

Eastern Amakusa has many spots of curiosity and wonder – dinosaurs, kappa, mysterious giant rocks, the largest Ebisu statue in Japan, and beautiful star-filled skies.



### Model Course Visiting Spots of Wonder



## Scenic sunrise view of Ryugatake Peak brings out a beautiful range of colors and hues.

Ryugatake Peak (470m) has been designated a national cultural property for its scenic beauty. This observation spot commands a panoramic view of numerous islands large and small in the Yatsushiro Sea as well as views of Yatsushiro and of Fugendake Peak across the sea in Unzen. The poet Noguchi Ujo wrote of the beautiful scene, "A single glance from Ryugatake Peak will catch Mt. Aso, Unzen, and far Kirishima".

### Swimming Beaches



A white sand beach watched over by the god Ebisu

●Ebisu Beach [D-6]  
Miyata, Kuratake-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-64-3111



The white sand beach of an uninhabited island

●Kuroshima Beach [E-5]  
Kuroshima, Goshoura, Goshoura-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-67-2111

### Camp Site



●Kuroshima Camp Site [E-5]

Kuroshima, Goshoura, Goshoura-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-67-2111

### Hot Spring



●Sumoto Hot Spring Center Kappa Roman Kan [D-5]

3725-1 Baba, Sumoto-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-54-5526

### Other Camp Sites

| Other Beaches  |                         | Other Camp Sites  |                         |
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| ●Kojima Beach: Himeura, Himedo-machi, Kami-Amakusa   | [D-7] Tel: 0969-56-0777 | ●Shiratake Forest Park Camping: 5395-2 Himeura, Himedo-machi, Kami-Amakusa  | [C-7] Tel: 0969-58-3821 |
| ●Suwa Beach: Futamado, Himedo-machi, Kami-Amakusa    | [D-7] Tel: 0969-56-0777 | ●Suwa Park Camp Site: Nikendo Chinai, Himedo-machi, Kami-Amakusa            | [D-7] Tel: 0969-56-0777 |
| ●Takado Beach: Takado, Ryugatake-machi, Kami-Amakusa | [D-7] Tel: 0969-56-1111 | ●Kojima Park/Camp Site: Himeura, Himedo-machi, Kami-Amakusa                 | [D-7] Tel: 0969-56-0777 |
|  |                         | ●Ryugatake Mountaintop Camp Site: 3360-9 Odo, Ryugatake-machi, Kami-Amakusa | [D-6] Tel: 0969-63-0466 |

### Activities



Goshoura's traditional Drive-Net fishing

●Tontoko Fishing  
"Tontoko" is the sound of banging on the side of a boat to drive fish into a net.

Goshoura-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-67-1080



Try your hand at the sweep of a boat in a calm cove.

●Tenma-sen Boat  
Used to ferry cargo to an offshore ship.  
Goshoura, Goshoura-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-67-1080



●Home stay  
A great chance to meet local people and experience real island home living.

28 homes in Goshoura-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-67-1080

### One of the major sea bream fishing grounds of Japan

|  |   |
|--|---|
| ●Kuratake-machi Fishing Boat Reservation<br>2396-1 Miyata, Kuratake-machi, Amakusa City<br>Tel: 0969-64-2008 | ●Omiyada Fishing Club<br>2437 Miyata, Kuratake-machi, Amakusa City<br>Tel: 0969-64-2028 |
| ●Tanasoko Fishing Club<br>1961 Tanasoko, Kuratake-machi, Amakusa City<br>Tel: 0969-64-3577                   |   |

### Scenic Points



●Kappa Trail

Twenty-seven kappa statues along Rt. 34 reflect the many local legends about these water sprites.

Sumoto-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-66-3111



●Kuratake Giant Ebisu Statue

This statue of the god Ebisu stands 10m high and is the largest marble statue in Japan.

Miyata, Kuratake-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-64-3111



●Tanasoko Stonewall

This stonewall was designed as a protection from the northern wind for the houses of Tanasoko.

Tanasoko, Kuratake-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-64-3111



●Myui Astronomical Observatory

Through the powerful telescope of this working observatory, visitors can view not only planets, but nebulae and star clusters as well.

3360-47 Odo, Ryugatake-machi, Kami-Amakusa  
Tel: 0969-63-0466



# Amakusa - Central Area

Hondo, Itsuwa, Shinwa

The Administrative, Commercial, and Transportation Center of Amakusa

This area has been a junction between Kamishima and Shimoshima Islands since time out of mind. Many sites of European cultural influence can still be found in this rich natural environment, famous home of wild dolphins. A charm-filled destination for visitors!



## Model Course

### Discovering the Nature and History of Amakusa

#### 1 Dolphin Watching

(App. 15 min./10km)

#### 2 A walk around Goryo Town

(App. 15min./10km)

#### 3 Gion Bridge

(App. 3min./3km)

#### 4 Amakusa Christian Museum

(App. 10min./5km)

#### 5 Pottery Kiln Visits

#### Amakusa Toretate Market

A full-lineup of fresh farm produce is sold here. You can mill the rice you bought in the market. Amakusa Black wagyu and Amakusa Pork are also very popular.

2-1 Sedo-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-32-6888  
open: 9:00~18:00 closed: Jan. 1&2

## Let us guide you!

### Amakusa Treasure Island Guides Association (Amakusa: all areas)

Let experts introduce you to the local history, legends, lives, and customs of the islands. (Only in Japanese)

15-7 Chuoshin-machi, Amakusa City (Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association)  
Tel: 0969-22-2243  
Fee: ¥1000/hour (Max 5 hours/day)  
Reservations required a week in advance

## Rent-a-Cycle

Cycling is an excellent way to see the ins and outs of Hondo. Rent and return a bicycle at six lodging facilities within the town.

Amakusa Hondo Tourist Inns and Hotels Association  
Tel: 0969-23-5368  
Fee: ¥800/day (¥400 up to 5 hours)  
Deposit: ¥2000 (Refunded upon bicycle return)

## Let us guide you!

### Goryo Town guides: Goryo Town Development Promotion Office

Take a walk along ancient paths lined with rustic stone walls. Let us guide you through the beautiful living scenery of this historic town.

2943 Goryo, Itsuwa-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-32-1111  
Fee: ¥500/ person (up to a group of 15)  
Reservations required 5 days in advance

### Goryo Town Walks

Many pottery kilns are located in the Hondo area

### Amakusa Christian Museum

Remodeled in July 2010  
Amakusa Christian relics are on display

## Loop Bus: Gurutto

Tour buses visiting major tourist sites are now available!  
Three courses with a volunteer guide.

- "Treasure Island: Sea Breezes, Dolphins, and the Sun" (app. 4 hrs)
- "Amakusa Christian Tales": Oe Catholic Church and Sakitsu Catholic Church (app. 5 hrs)

Availability: Everyday  
Fees: ¥1000 (Excluding lunch and admission charges at each site)  
Reservations: Reservations required 2days in advance  
Hondo Bus Center - 0969-22-5234

### The City Flower: Hibiscus hamabo (Rose of Sharon)

Komiyaji in Shinwa-machi is known for its great clusters of Rose of Sharon - the largest in Japan. Flowers bloom from July through August.

Komiyaji, Shinwa-machi, Amakusa City

Amakusa City Shinwa branch  
Tel: 0969-46-2111

## Enjoy a 360° view from the Mt. Ryudo observation point

Mt. Ryudo in southern Shinwa-machi, is a designated area of Unzen Amakusa National Park. Commanding a fabulous view, the mountaintop also offers Midorino Mura Camp Site with walking trail, tennis courts, and playground facilities set in the sweet air of Mother Nature.

## Hot Springs



### Outdoor hot spring bath with an ocean view

#### ●Perla-no Yubune [C-4]

996 Hirose, Hondo-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-23-2626

#### ●General Exchange Terminal Yumeru [B-3]

547 Futae, Itsuwa-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-26-4011



Other Hot Springs

- Hondo Onsen Center [D-4] 1-1 Sedo-machi, Amakusa City, Tel: 0969-24-2181
- Amakusa Yuraku'en [E-3] 81-8 Ikariishi, Shinwa-machi, Amakusa City, Tel: 0969-46-3926

## Parks



#### ●Nishinokubo Park [C-4]

Hondo-baba, Hondo-machi, Amakusa City  
Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association  
Tel: 0969-23-1111



#### ●Onnojo Park [C-4]

Goryo, Itsuwa-machi, Amakusa City  
Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association  
Tel: 0969-32-1111

Other Parks

- Junkyo (Martyrdom) Park [C-4] Funeno-o-machi, Amakusa City  
Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association Tel: 0969-23-1111

## Camp Site



#### ●Mt. Ryudo Midorino-mura [F-4]

11312 Komiyaji, Shinwa-machi, Amakusa City, Tel: 0969-46-2437

#### Other Camp Sites

- Wakamiya Park/Camp [B-4] Goryo, Itsuwa-machi, Tel: 0969-32-1111
- Kurosaki Camp [C-4] Goryo, Itsuwa-machi, Tel: 0969-32-1111
- Island Lodge Amakusa [B-3] 641 Futae, Itsuwa-machi, Amakusa City, Tel: 0969-33-0748
- Kameshima Camp [B-4] Kameshima, Itsuwa-machi, Tel: 0969-32-2223

## Swimming Beaches



#### ●Hondo Beach [C-4]

Mogine, Hirose, Hondo-machi, Amakusa City  
Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association  
Tel: 0969-22-2243



#### ●Kurosaki Beach [C-4]

Goryo, Itsuwa-machi, Amakusa City  
Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association  
Tel: 0969-32-1111

#### Other Beaches

- Wakamiya Park Beach [B-4] Goryo, Itsuwa-machi, Amakusa City
- Tate Beach [F-4] Komiyaji, Shinwa-machi, Amakusa City  
Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association Tel: 0969-22-2243

## Historical Sites



### A Battle site of the Amakusa-Shimabara Rebellion

#### ●Gion Bridge [C-4]

Machiyamaguchikawa, Funeno-o-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-23-1111

A great battle between the peasant rebel army and the soldiers of Karatsu Domain was fought here at the Machiyamaguchi River which turned red from the blood of the dying and wounded. Gion Bridge, the largest stone-span bridge in Japan, was constructed in 1832 and is now an Important National Cultural Property.

## Activities



#### ●Yumeru Tsujishima Taiken Club

Experience first-hand the life of a Tsuji islander: Boat-fishing with local fishermen, dolphin watching, and sales of local products.

547 Futae, Itsuwa-machi, Amakusa City, Tel: 0969-26-4011



#### ●Salt Production

Watch how mineral-rich natural sea salt is produced with the blessings of the sun and sea.

Shizen Shokuhin Kenkyukai: 0969-33-0610  
Salt Farm: 096-33-1834  
Admission: free



#### ●Net-trap Fishing

Set up a 4-meter high net at high tide and harvest your catch at low tide.

Miyajura Bay, Shinwa-machi, Amakusa City: 0969-46-2111



# 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

**Let us guide you!**

**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 Colegio Museum

**Let us guide you!**

**Sakitsu Tourism Volunteer Guides (Sakitsu area)**

Tel: 090-5479-1081 (Morita)

**Let us guide you!**

**Ushibuka Tourism Volunteer Guides (Ushibuka area)**

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

Ushibuka-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-74-7060  
Regular Course: ¥1000/ hr (groups up to 5)  
(Additional ¥100 for each extra person)  
\*Reservations required a day in advance

**Boat Tours**

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

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

**Round-Tour Bus: Gurutto**

Ushibuka Course (App. 4 hrs)  
Availability: Sat, Sun, and holidays only  
Fee: ¥1000 (Excluding optional plans and meals)  
Reservations: Until 15:00 two days prior  
Tel: 052-589-0200 (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.



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

**Shimoda Onsen Hot Spring**

**Amakusa Tourist Information Center**

●Shimoda Onsen Fureai-kan "Pratto" [D-1]

Drop in for tourist information at this welcoming retro-style facility.  
1310-3 Shimoda-kita, Amakusa-machi Tel: 0969-27-3726

**Shimoda Hot Spring 'Gosoku-no-yu'** [D-1]

A 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 people saw an injured white heron healing itself in the waters of the Shimotsu-Fukae River, looking closer, they discovered the hot spring. This Public Hot Spring Resort is recognized for its high quality mineral waters good for skin as well as general health. There are more than ten hotels and inns in this spa town facing the East China Sea. The porcelain-tile-paved street along the Shimotsu-Fukae River gives this hot spring town a special charm.

**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 Hot Spring Facilities "Amuri" [F-2]

This large hot spring facility is equipped with family baths, saunas, a restaurant, shops, and lodging facilities.  
4747-1 Kawaura, Kawaura-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-76-1526

**Scenic View**

**Amakusa Scenic Sights West Coast**

●Myokenura [D-1]

Shimoda-minami, Amakusa-machi, Amakusa City  
Tel: 0969-22-2243

**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  
※7/1 ~ 8/31 0969-42-0407

**Camp Site**

●Kawaura-on-the-Sea Cottages [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  
0969-45-0852 (April ~ October)

**Other Beaches**

- Tomioka Beach [B-2] Gongenyama-Shimoda-kita, Amakusa-machi Tel: 0969-35-1111
- Kodakahama Beach [F-1] Sakitsu, Kawaura-machi Tel: 0969-76-1111
- Ubushima Beach [G-3] Ubushima, Miyano-kawauchi, Kawaura-machi Tel: 0969-76-1111
- Mogushi Beach [H-1] Ushibuka-machi Tel: 0969-73-2111
- Onikizaki Beach [G-1] Oniki-machi, Amakusa City Tel: 0969-73-2111

**Other Camp Sites**

- Shiraiwasaki Camping [B-2] 2018-1 Tomioka, Reihoku-machi Tel: 0969-37-1136
- Todoroki Mantaro Mura Bungalows [D-2] 288-1 Shimoda-kita, Amakusa-machi Tel: 0969-42-3956
- Aino Misaki Camping [E-1] Takahama-kita, Amakusa-machi Tel: 0969-42-0407
- Ubushima Camping [G-3] Ubushima, Miyano-kawauchi, Kawaura-machi Tel: 0969-78-0286
- Amakusa Rest House Yuiho Sato Camping [G-1] 4688-1 Oniki-machi, Amakusa City Tel: 0969-72-8821



Amakusa - Northern Area

| Oyano Area                | Tel: 0964 | Capacity | Charge<br>(1 night w/2 meals) | Facility<br>Information |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Komatsuya Nagisakan       | 59-0111   | 180      | 10,800 ~                      | ♨                       |
| Kameya Hotel Hanatsubaki  | 59-0211   | 305      | 8,790 ~                       | ♨(E)Wi-Fi               |
| Wakamatsuya Ryokan        | 56-0022   | 40       | 8,640 ~                       |                         |
| Yunoyado Yurakutei        | 56-0536   | 90       | 15,270 ~                      | ♨(E)Wi-Fi               |
| Ryokan Taikobo            | 56-1496   | 40       | 6,400 ~                       |                         |
| Uminoyado Hamaiso         | 56-1882   | 70       | 9,000 ~                       | ♨                       |
| Hotel Shoryuen Kaisei     | 56-0348   | 130      | 13,110 ~                      | ♨(E)Wi-Fi               |
| Ryokan Setohira           | 56-5616   | 70       | 10,800 ~                      | One room with 4 or more |
| Ryokan Hinode-so          | 56-4075   | 50       | 8,640 ~                       |                         |
| Kiku Ryokan               | 56-4375   | 25       | 8,640 ~                       |                         |
| Ryokan Tsukimi-so         | 56-4001   | 20       | 8,640 ~                       |                         |
| Ariake-so                 | 56-4101   | 20       | 6,480 ~                       |                         |
| Ryotei Ainomisaki         | 59-0010   | 64       | 11,880 ~                      |                         |
| Hotel Kujira-tei          | 56-0926   | 30       | 9,700 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Seiryu-so    | 56-1004   | 30       | 6,480 ~                       |                         |
| Hamasaki Sengyo Hamankura | 59-0777   | 14       | 8,800 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Kikuharu     | 59-0075   | 23       | 6,300 ~                       |                         |
| Business Hotel Amakusa    | 59-0670   | 53       | 4,200 ~                       | (R)                     |
| Tourist Home Hamanoya     | 56-1969   | 30       | 6,500 ~                       |                         |

| Matsushima Area                          | Tel: 0969    | Capacity | Charge<br>(1 night w/2 meals) | Facility<br>Information |
|--|--------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Matsushima Kanko Hotel Misaki-tei        | 56-1188      | 290      | 10,950 ~                      | ♨(E)(C)(K)Wi-Fi         |
| Umino Yasuragi Hotel Ryugu               | 56-3333      | 158      | 13,110 ~                      | ♨                       |
| Hotel Shosenkaku Roman-kan               | 56-3000      | 80       | 13,000 ~                      | ♨(E)(C)(K)Wi-Fi         |
| Matsushima Onsen Gokyo-en                | 56-1417      | 50       | 11,880 ~                      | ♨                       |
| Ryokan Nakashima-so                      | 56-0542      | 60       | 10,000 ~                      | Wi-Fi                   |
| Suzuya                                   | 56-0107      | 15       | 5,000 ~                       |                         |
| Ryokan Tensho                            | 56-0119      | 50       | 8,650 ~                       | ♨                       |
| Amakusa Megumi-so                        | 28-3355      | 40       | 6,000 ~                       | ♨                       |
| Ranpu-tei                                | 56-2923      | 40       | 12,900 ~                      | ♨                       |
| Amakusa Nagisa-tei                       | 56-3232      | 65       | 10,950 ~                      | ♨                       |
| Ryokan Umi-no-Miyako                     | 56-2273      | 20       | 7,170 ~                       | ♨                       |
| Tourist Home Hikari Island (Apr. ~ Sep.) | 0964-56-5266 | 30       | 8,250 ~                       |                         |
| Amakusa Tenku-no-fune                    | 25-2000      | 48       | 21,600 ~                      | ♨                       |
| Tenpuan People                           | 56-1235      | 40       | 9,330 ~                       | ♨                       |
| Ariake Area                              | Tel: 0969    | Capacity | Charge<br>(1 night w/2 meals) | Facility<br>Information |
| Tourist Home Otafuku-so                  | 53-0109      | 16       | 6,800 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Hidemaru-so                 | 53-0104      | 20       | 6,800 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Chidori-so                  | 53-0047      | 12       | 6,300 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Marine Mates Shirogahama-so | 53-1513      | 18       | 7,800 ~                       | (E)Wi-Fi                |
| Ryokan Fugetsu-so                        | 53-1157      | 40       | 5,940 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Asahi-so                    | 54-0846      | 15       | 6,500 ~                       |                         |

Amakusa - Eastern Area

| Himedo Area                              | Tel: 0969 | Capacity | Charge<br>(1 night w/2 meals) | Facility<br>Information |
|--|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Shionokaoruyado Koraya                   | 58-3111   | 40       | 10,000 ~                      |                         |
| Ryugatake Area                           | Tel: 0969 | Capacity | Charge<br>(1 night w/2 meals) | Facility<br>Information |
| Kazushio Ryokan                          | 62-1258   | 20       | 10,800 ~                      |                         |
| Yoshiya Hotel Kirara-tei                 | 62-1108   | 60       | 10,800 ~                      |                         |
| Ryokan Hinoshima-so                      | 62-0568   | 60       | 11,880 ~                      |                         |
| Ryokan Ryoshinosato                      | 62-1175   | 46       | 12,000 ~                      | (E)Wi-Fi                |
| Ryokan Yoshidaya                         | 62-0202   | 20       | 6,500 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Aoi                         | 62-0180   | 15       | 6,500 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Nakagawa                    | 62-1212   | 20       | 7,560 ~                       |                         |
| Sumoto Area                              | Tel: 0969 | Capacity | Charge<br>(1 night w/2 meals) | Facility<br>Information |
| Kotobuki Ryokan                          | 66-2235   | 30       | 6,480 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home/Shokujidokoro Ogata         | 66-3456   | 15       | 7,020 ~                       |                         |
| Sumoto Hot Spring Center Kappa Roman-kan | 54-5526   | 38       | 5,800 ~                       | ♨                       |

| Goshoura Area           | Tel: 0969 | Capacity | Charge<br>(1 night w/2 meals) | Facility<br>Information |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Miyashita Ryokan        | 67-3021   | 20       | 7,560 ~                       |                         |
| Hekisui-kan             | 67-3013   | 24       | 7,500 ~                       |                         |
| Kikuya Ryokan           | 67-2426   | 26       | 7,000 ~                       |                         |
| Misaki-en               | 67-2856   | 15       | 7,500 ~                       |                         |
| Akane-so                | 67-2843   | 20       | 7,500 ~                       |                         |
| Hotel Seagull-tei       | 67-2929   | 19       | 7,560 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Makishima  | 67-2374   | 12       | 7,000 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Senoura    | 67-3908   | 14       | 7,000 ~                       |                         |
| Enjoy Morieda           | 67-2245   | 13       | 5,500 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Kyo' an    | 67-3091   | 8        | 9,720 ~                       |                         |
| Tsuruoka Ryokan         | 67-2006   | 6        | 7,500 ~                       |                         |
| Kuratake Area           | Tel: 0969 | Capacity | Charge<br>(1 night w/2 meals) | Facility<br>Information |
| Ryokan Ariake-so        | 64-3329   | 35       | 7,560 ~                       |                         |
| New Kuratake Umi-Hotaru | 64-2008   | 40       | 8,640 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Suzu-so    | 64-2414   | 20       | 5,400 ~                       |                         |

Experience the pleasures of a tourist home!  
(Up to 5 guests per home)

Goshoura Island Tourism Promotion Council

12 tourist homes throughout Goshoura-machi  
Adults: ¥7,560/room with 2 meals

Shinwa Youkihi Blue And Green Tourism Club

27 tourist homes throughout Shinwa machi  
Adults: ¥7,560/room with 2 meals

Miyaji-dake Satoyama Tourist Home Association

18 tourist homes throughout Miyaji-dake machi  
Adults: ¥7,560/room with 2 meals

Reservation: Kyushu Sanko Tourism Amakusa branch  
Tel: 0969-24-3151

Amakusa offers a variety of lodging plans; from rooms with 2 meals and a hot spring bath, to a simple room for the night. Choose from a wide selection that fits any budget or travel need.

Amakusa - Central Area

| Hondo Area                    | Tel: 0969 | Capacity | Charge<br>(1 night w/2 meals) | Facility<br>Information |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Hotel Alegria Gardens Amakusa | 22-3161   | 220      | 13,650 ~                      | ♨(E)(K)Wi-Fi            |
| Amakusa Prince Hotel          | 22-5136   | 96       | 10,800 ~                      | (E)(C)(K)Wi-Fi          |
| Amakusa Santa coming Hotel    | 22-0100   | 36       | 13,500 ~                      | Wi-Fi                   |
| Amakusa Plaza Hotel           | 23-5511   | 80       | 6,000 ~                       | (R)(E)Wi-Fi             |
| Emiya Ryokan                  | 22-3207   | 50       | 6,700 ~                       |                         |
| Nagomiyado Shinwa-so Kaishin  | 22-3653   | 36       | 8,800 ~                       | (E)                     |
| Hotel Sunroad                 | 24-1100   | 100      | 5,900 ~                       | (R)                     |
| Plaza Hotel Annex             | 23-3000   | 80       | 6,480 ~                       | (R)(E)Wi-Fi             |
| Plaza Hotel Bell Maison       | 23-3000   | 24       | 4,320 ~                       | (R)(E)                  |
| Hanabishi Ryokan              | 22-3847   | 40       | 6,480 ~                       |                         |
| Matsuya Ryokan                | 22-2261   | 25       | 5,500 ~                       |                         |
| Riverside Business Mito       | 23-4561   | 18       | 3,900 ~                       | (R)                     |
| Kawacho                       | 23-7261   | 60       | 8,640 ~                       | Wi-Fi                   |
| Hamaya Ryokan                 | 22-3230   | 35       | 6,500 ~                       |                         |
| Ryokan Kosenkaku              | 22-2575   | 26       | 4,500 ~                       |                         |
| Mitsuba Ryokan                | 22-3830   | 13       | 3,800 ~                       | (R)                     |
| Ryokan Sansui-so              | 22-2846   | 16       | 3,000 ~                       | (R)                     |
| Sue-so                        | 22-2659   | 8        | 3,000 ~                       | (R)                     |
| Tourist Home Kisen-so         | 22-4332   | 25       | 5,500 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Takeda           | 23-2362   | 10       | 5,000 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Kagetsu          | 23-1459   | 30       | 4,320 ~                       | Wi-Fi                   |

| Hondo Area                    | Tel: 0969 | Capacity     | Charge<br>(1 night w/2 meals) | Facility<br>Information |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Business Tourist Home Pearl   | 23-4700   | 50           | 3,720 ~                       | (R)                     |
| Tourist Home Megumi           | 23-4607   | 9            | 3,000 ~                       | (R)                     |
| Tourist Home Yoshida          | 22-3333   | 30           | 6,000 ~                       |                         |
| B & C Hotel Amakusa           | 32-7551   | 26           | 5,700 ~                       | (R)                     |
| Eco Hotel Assist              | 33-7700   | 135          | 7,800 ~                       | Wi-Fi                   |
| Amakusa Guest House Spring    | 66-9588   | 14           | 2,200 ~                       | (R)                     |
| Amakusa Tourist Home Nanban   | 22-2458   | 17           | 5,000 ~                       |                         |
| Itsuwa Area                   | Tel: 0969 | Capacity     | Charge<br>(1 night w/2 meals) | Facility<br>Information |
| Tourist Home Takeuchi         | 33-0226   | 20           | 8,500 ~                       |                         |
| Wakamatsuya Ryokan            | 32-0313   | 25           | 8,700 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Izumi            | 33-1643   | 45           | 8,000 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Iruka-kan        | 33-0085   | 34           | 9,700 ~                       | (E)                     |
| Island Lodge Amakusa          | 33-0748   | 25 (5/lodge) | 16,200/lodge                  | (R)                     |
| Tourist Home Ikuyoshi         | 33-1885   | 15           | 8,100 ~                       |                         |
| Uminoyado Tourist Home Yamase | 33-1388   | 35           | 8,640 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Mitsuhamas-so    | 32-0034   | 20           | 6,500 ~                       |                         |
| Shinwa Area                   | Tel: 0969 | Capacity     | Charge<br>(1 night w/2 meals) | Facility<br>Information |
| Hamaya Ryokan                 | 46-2222   | 40           | 7,800 ~                       |                         |
| Ryutozan Midorino-mura        | 46-2437   | 86           | 4(人)~3,460 ~                  | (R)                     |






















Amakusa - Western Area

| Reihoku Area                            | Tel: 0969 | Capacity | Charge<br>(1 night w/2 meals) | Facility<br>Information |
|---|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Okanoya Ryokan                          | 35-0034   | 20       | 7,000 ~                       |                         |
| Ryokan Kaishu                           | 35-0751   | 40       | 7,560 ~                       | Wi-Fi                   |
| Uminoyado Ryokan Kagetsu                | 35-2121   | 39       | 5,300 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Taiyo-maru                 | 35-1525   | 35       | 8,100 ~                       | (E)Wi-Fi                |
| Tourist Home Komoncho                   | 36-0111   | 8        | 6,500 ~                       |                         |
| Amakusa Hot Spring Hotel Shikisaki-kan  | 35-3533   | 66       | 11,650 ~                      |                         |
| Tourist Home Nishikido                  | 36-0555   | 12       | 7,000 ~                       | Wi-Fi                   |
| Amakusa Area                            | Tel: 0969 | Capacity | Charge<br>(1 night w/2 meals) | Facility<br>Information |
| Jarudhinmaru Boyo-kaku                  | 42-3111   | 306      | 13,110 ~                      | ♨(E)(C)(K)Wi-Fi         |
| Yumotono-sho Yumehotaru                 | 42-3311   | 60       | 13,110 ~                      | ♨                       |
| Ishiyama-rikyu Gosokuno-kutsu           | 45-3633   | 52       | 27,150 ~                      | ♨(E)(C)Wi-Fi            |
| Ajino-yado Kaio-tei                     | 42-3211   | 50       | 10,950 ~                      | ♨                       |
| Kutsurogino-yado Maruko                 | 42-3306   | 40       | 6,150 ~                       | ♨                       |
| Ryokan Igaya                            | 42-3011   | 40       | 10,950 ~                      | ♨Wi-Fi                  |
| Izumiya Ryokan                          | 42-3021   | 25       | 10,950 ~                      | ♨                       |
| Fujihiro Ryokan                         | 42-3549   | 16       | 6,630 ~                       | ♨                       |
| Gunpokaku Garasha                       | 42-3316   | 20       | 8,790 ~                       | ♨                       |
| Tabino-yado Yunohana                    | 42-3180   | 20       | 7,710 ~                       | ♨                       |
| Yu-no-sato Crayon                       | 36-9041   | 20       | 16,800 ~                      | ♨                       |
| Tourist Home Fukumatsu                  | 42-3920   | 20       | 6,950 ~                       | ♨                       |
| Todoroki Mantaro-mura Bungalow          | 42-3956   | 30       | 16,200 ~                      | 6/bungalow              |
| Chawanya Ryokan                         | 42-1188   | 30       | 8,640 ~                       |                         |
| Ryokan Shiraiso                         | 42-0021   | 15       | 8,640 ~                       |                         |
| Hiranoya Ryokan                         | 42-5106   | 25       | 7,500 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Isoya                      | 42-5139   | 14       | 7,020 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Kozatoko                   | 54-8633   | 6        | 7,500 ~                       |                         |
| Amakusa Nishikaigan Backpackers Furaibo | 42-3911   | 16       | 2,500 ~                       | (R)(E)Wi-Fi             |

| Kawaura Area                          | Tel: 0969 | Capacity | Charge<br>(1 night w/2 meals) | Facility<br>Information |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Yamaguchiya Ryokan                    | 76-1301   | 40       | 5,500 ~                       |                         |
| Ryokan Futaba                         | 76-0033   | 10       | 5,000 ~                       |                         |
| Umeya Ryokan                          | 76-0021   | 20       | 5,500 ~                       |                         |
| Amakusa-shi Sogo-Koryu-Shisetsu Amuri | 76-1526   | 53       | 5,400 ~                       | ♨Wi-Fi                  |
| Kawaura-machi ocean Cottage           | 76-1526   | 30       | 4,500 ~                       | (R)                     |
| Ushibuka Area                         | Tel: 0969 | Capacity | Charge<br>(1 night w/2 meals) | Facility<br>Information |
| Amakusa Hot Spring Ryokan             | 72-5121   | 20       | 7,020 ~                       | ♨(E)                    |
| Ryokan Hoyokan                        | 72-4121   | 32       | 8,800 ~                       |                         |
| Ryokan Hamasaki                       | 72-8111   | 35       | 7,600 ~                       | (E)                     |
| Ryokan Fukami-so                      | 75-0506   | 20       | 6,500 ~                       |                         |
| Tsuruya Ryokan                        | 75-0030   | 15       | 7,000 ~                       |                         |
| Ryokan Misaki-so                      | 75-0214   | 32       | 8,100 ~                       |                         |
| Ryokan Rie                            | 75-0877   | 10       | 4,000 ~                       | (W)                     |
| Ryokan Shirahama-so                   | 75-0727   | 20       | 7,700 ~                       |                         |
| Hotel Harbor Inn                      | 72-5154   | 40       | 6,250 ~                       | (W)(E)Wi-Fi             |
| Tourist Home Daikokuya                | 72-2733   | 15       | 6,000 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Misaki                   | 72-2814   | 19       | 4,700 ~                       | (W)                     |
| Tourist Home Satsuki-so               | 72-3773   | 12       | 5,000 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Haiya                    | 72-4605   | 25       | 6,480 ~                       |                         |
| Amakusa City Tourist Home Yasuragi-so | 72-6666   | 56       | 9,870 ~                       | ♨(E)Wi-Fi               |
| Tourist Home Hotei                    | 73-4480   | 20       | 7,500 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Suzuya                   | 75-0611   | 15       | 6,500 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Tomikawa                 | 73-2764   | 14       | 7,000 ~                       |                         |
| Amakusa Rest House Yuinosato          | 72-8821   | 50       | 8,800 ~                       | (E)Wi-Fi                |
| Tourist Home Tsurumaru                | 75-0032   | 10       | 6,000 ~                       |                         |
| SUNSET Ushibuka                       | 77-8011   | 13       | 6,500 ~                       |                         |
| Tourist Home Hifumi                   | 73-4985   | 10       | 7,000 ~                       |                         |



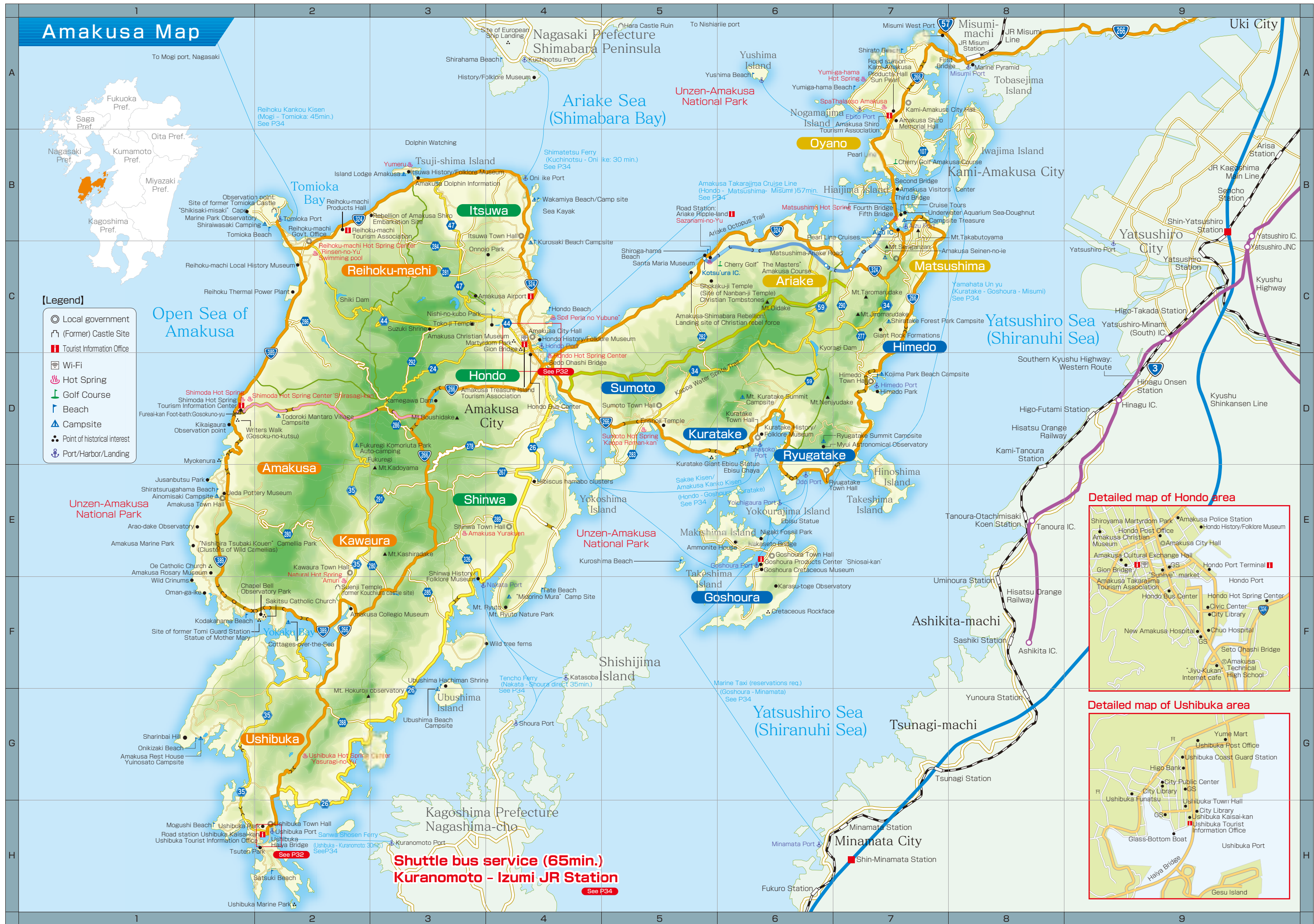
Amakusa Event Calendar

|   | April   | May   | June   | July | August | September | October | November | December | January | February | March |
|---|---|---|--|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|-------|
| <div><div>Northern Area</div><div><div>Oyano,<br/>Matsushima, Ariake</div></div></div> <div><div>■Shirogahama Beach Opening</div><div></div><div>Amakusa-Ariake Nanban-Cooking Fair (June ~ Aug.)</div></div> <div><div>■Ariake-machi Summer Festival:<br/>■Sazanami Festa<br/>■Tidal flats observation program<br/>■Luminous plankton observation program<br/>■Second Bridge Summer Festival<br/>■Noboritate Tenmangu Summer Festival<br/>■Amakusa Sand-Art Festival<br/>■Ebi-lympic</div><div></div></div> <div><div>■Suitotto Festival<br/>■Tidal flats observation program<br/>■Luminous plankton observation program</div><div></div></div> <div><div>■Amakusa 5-Bridges Festival</div><div></div></div> <div><div>■Shiokaze Walk Rally<br/>■Cycling Festa</div></div> <div><div>■Kusubo Rapeseed-flower Festa<br/>■Trekking Festival</div><div></div></div> <div><div>■Trekking Festival</div><div></div></div> <div><div>■Amakusa Pearl Line Marathon</div><div></div></div> <div><div>Class A gourmet</div></div> <div><div>Amakusa-Ariake Octopus Dinners (Year round)</div></div> <div><div>Local Fish Dinners (Year round)</div></div> | <div><div>■Kirara Festival<br/>■Amakusa Sunrise Walk<br/>■Kuratake Japanese Whiting Fishing Contest<br/>■Kuratake Walk Rally</div></div> <div><div>■Beach Openings Fishing Contest</div><div></div><div>Kappa Gozen Dinners</div></div> <div><div>■Summer-Dream-Sound HIMEDO Summer Festival<br/>■Family Fishing Contest<br/>■Ryugatake Shimo'oke-gawa Fudo Shrine Festival<br/>■Ryugatake Summer Festival<br/>■Goshoura Cretaceous Period Museum Summer plan exhibition</div></div> <div><div>■Kuratake Giant Ebisu Sea Bream Fishing Championship<br/>■Ryugatake Sea Bream Fishing Contest</div></div> <div><div>■Goshoura Yokatoko Festival<br/>■Sumoto Water Sprite (Kappa) Festival</div><div></div><div>■Cycling Festa</div><div><div>Goshoura Bukkin Festival (Nov. ~ March)</div><div>Kuratake Gourmet Grouper Cooking Fair (Nov. ~ March)</div></div></div> <div><div>■Ebisu Festival<br/>■Kuratake Ebisu Marathon<br/>■Ryugatake Osakuyama Bodhisattva Festival<br/>■Trekking Festival</div><div></div><div>Kuratake Gourmet Grouper Cooking Fair</div></div> <div><div>■Karasu-touge Panorama walk in Goshoura<br/>■Trekking Festival</div></div> <div><div>Traditional Japanese Crab Dinners (Year round)</div></div> | <div><div>■Amakusa Cherry Blossom Festival</div><div></div><div>Amakusa Shun-sen-gumi Dinners</div></div> <div><div>■Firefly Festa<br/>■Miyajima Shikiri Net-fishing<br/>■Mt. Ryudo Walk Rally<br/>■Futae Gurutto Walk</div></div> <div><div>■Amakusa Sweet Flag Festival<br/>■Hondo Beach Opening</div></div> <div><div>■Summer Octopus Fishing activity<br/>■Kids Dolphin-Watching Campaign<br/>■Hibiscus Hamobo Festival</div><div></div></div> <div><div>■Summer Octopus Fishing activity<br/>■Shinwa Summer Festival<br/>■Amakusa Hondo Haiya Festival<br/>■Shinwa Mud-Olympics</div><div></div></div> <div><div>■Sky Day Festa<br/>■World Santa Claus Congress</div><div></div></div> <div><div>■Goryo Sekichiku Autumn Evening Festival</div><div><div>Amakusa Hondo Donburi Fair (Oct. ~ Dec.)</div><div>Fall/Winter Amakusa Abalone Festival (Sept. ~ Dec.)</div></div></div> <div><div>■Amakusa Marathon<br/>■Shinwa Yang Guifei Festival<br/>■Amakusa Great Porcelain Fair<br/>■National Tanka Poem Contest commemorating Five Pairs of Shoes</div><div></div></div> <div><div>■Amakusa Romantic Fantasy</div></div> <div><div>■Amakusa Romantic Fantasy</div></div> <div><div>■Amakusa Road Race</div></div> <div><div>■Amakusa-Shimoshima Cycle Marathon<br/>■Mt.Tenjin Shiokaze Walk Rally<br/>■Mayu-hime Street Night festival of the woman</div></div> <div><div>Amakusa Shun-sen-gumi Dinners (Year round))</div></div> | <div><div>■Ushibuka Haiya Festival</div><div></div></div> <div><div>■Amakusa Western Coast Spring Porcelain Fair<br/>■Shimoda Hot Spring Festival<br/>■Tenjiku Azalea Festival<br/>■Jaga-Jaga Festival</div></div> <div><div>■Ushibuka Haiya National Singing Contest<br/>■Reihoku Beach Opening</div><div></div></div> <div><div>■Fishing Lamps Exploration<br/>■Satsuki Beach Festival<br/>■Mushi-oi Festival<br/>■Reihoku Jatto Festival (end of July ~ begin. of Aug.)</div><div></div></div> <div><div>■Sakitsu Port Church View Festival<br/>■Icyouda Great Summer Festival</div></div> <div><div></div><div><div>Amakusa Shimoda Hot Spring Lobster Gourmet Plan (end Aug. ~ Dec.)</div><div>Ushibuka Lobster Festival (end Aug. ~ Dec.)</div></div></div> <div><div>■Sea-crossing Festival<br/>■Amakusa Western Coast Pottery Festival<br/>■"Amakusanada ni haku" National Recitation Contest Amakusanada ni haku</div></div> <div><div>■Tenjiku-Amanokawa: "Saiyuki" Mountain Climbing<br/>■Fukuregi Nursery Song Festival</div></div> <div><div>■Ushibuka Akane Market<br/>■Ushibuka Marine Park Marathon</div></div> <div><div>■Kotsu Fukae Yasaka Shrine Hadaka Festival</div><div></div><div><div>Amakusa Shimoda Hoka-Hoka Nanban Fair (Jan. ~ March)</div><div>Kawaura Gourmet Anglerfish Pot Cooking Fair (Nov. ~ March)</div><div>Ushibuka Haiya Chanko Fair (Jan. ~ March)</div></div></div> <div><div>■Daffodil Festival</div></div> <div><div>■Attaka Amakusa Camellia Festival<br/>■Tomioka Inari Shrine Hatsu-uma Festival</div><div></div><div>Kawaura Gourmet Anglerfish Pot Cooking Fair</div></div> |      |        |           |         |          |          |         |          |       |

Flower Calendar

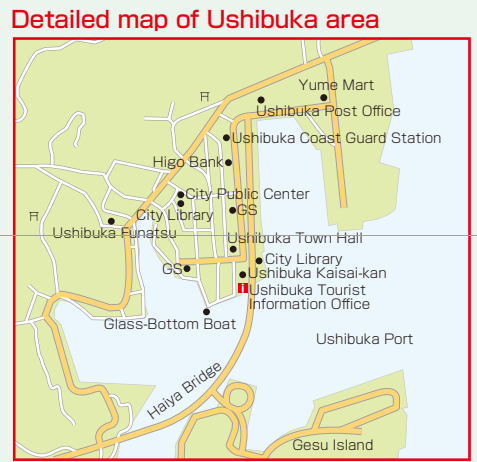
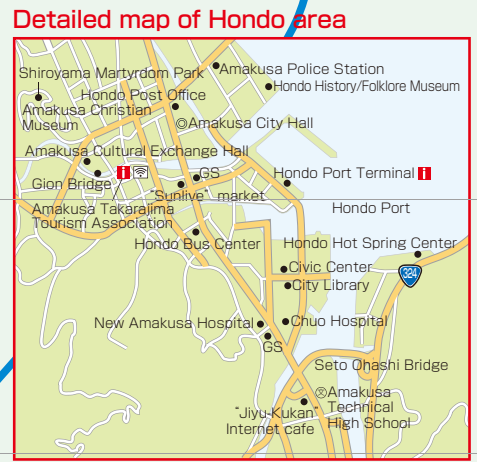
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| <div>Cherry Blossom (Collegio Park) end March ~ begin. April</div> <div></div> | <div>Rhaphiolepis indica var. (Sharinbai-no-oka) May ~ June</div> <div></div> | <div>Hibiscus Hamabo (Komiya) July ~ August</div> <div></div> <div>See P23</div> | <div>Sunflower (Sumoto Hot Spring: Kappa Roman-kan area) begin. Nov ~ begin. Dec.</div> <div></div> | <div>Rapeseed Flower (Matsushima) end Jan. ~ begin Feb.</div> <div>Rapeseed Flower (Kusubo, Ariake) Feb. ~ March</div> <div></div> |
|   | <div>Japanese iris (Nishinokubo Park) mid May ~ mid June</div> <div></div>    |   | <div>Sasanqua (Sazanka Road National Rt. 266) begin. Dec. ~ end Feb.</div> <div></div>              | <div>Camellia (Nishihira Camellia Park) Feb. ~ March</div> <div></div>   |
|   |  |   | <div></div>   | <div>Daffodil (Mt.Tomi Suisen Park) Dec. ~ April</div> <div></div>   |





Amakusa Map

- [Legend]**
- Local government
  - (Former) Castle Site
  - Tourist Information Office
  - Wi-Fi
  - Hot Spring
  - Golf Course
  - Beach
  - Campsite
  - Point of historical interest
  - Port/Harbor/Landing



**Shuttle bus service (65min.)**  
**Kuranomoto - Izumi JR Station**  
See P34



