

World Cultural Heritage

Hidden Christian Sites in the Nagasaki Region

# Sakitsu Village in Amakusa

## Take-a-walk map



**“Hidden Christian Sites in the Nagasaki Region” and one of its comprising asset “Sakitsu Village of Amakusa”.**

The Christianity introduced to Japan in 16th century followed unprecedented history in the world that entailed prosperity, harsh suppression, over 250 years of underground movement, and miraculous resurrection.

After the incident of Shimabara/Amakusa riot (1637 ~ 1638), during the era where Christianity was banned by the Edo Shogunate, the so called “Underground Christians” continued to practice their faith by co-existing with Japanese traditional religion and general society. The “Heritage related to the Underground Christians in Nagasaki and Amakusa area” are heritages that serve as the evidence of culture related to the continuation of faith among said underground Christians.

It is composed with 12 assets such as final battle ground of riot and village where Christians continued to practice their faith.

One of asset composition “Sakitsu Village in Amakusa” is a village that shows the continuation of faith by Underground Christians living under the ban on Christianity.

It entails unique culture of using substitute objects such as custom of praying toward abalone and tairagi by deeming the pattern inside these shells as Virgin Mary, and using daily items as faith fixtures.

The village is recognized to hold significant asset value, since it served as a fishing village that cultivated various religious faith with coexistence of Buddhism / Shintoism / Christianity, and for being selected as an important cultural landscape in Japan.

### Sakitsu Village “Taking a walk rule”

Many residents in the village are engaged in daily affairs. Please take a walk in consideration of their privacy by following the next rule.

1. Walk on the right side of the road without taking up too much space.
2. Refrain from entering inside private property, touching items/equipment that belongs to local residents.
3. Walk quietly without making loud noises.
4. Refrain from taking photos at private locations.
5. Do not throw away trash or smoke on the road.

### “Admission etiquette” of Sakitsu Church

Church is a holy ground where believers come to pray. Please tour inside the building in a quiet and respectful way.

1. General vehicle is not allowed to enter inside the church premise.
2. Photo taking is not allowed inside the church.
3. Take off your shoes inside the church.
4. Pets are not allowed inside the church.
5. Do not touch the objects inside the church without permission.
6. Mobile phone must either be turned off or be on silent-mode.
7. You may not enter inside during events such as mass / wedding / funeral / etc.
8. Do not touch the church bell without permission.
9. You must wear clothes appropriate for a place of prayer, and must avoid wearing clothes with high exposure of skin.

### 1 Former House of Fishery Leader

The only remaining former fishery leader's house was restored following the original design which is an important component of the Cultural Landscape of Sakitsu and Imatomi.

CL = 9:00am~5:00pm  
CL = 12/30~1/1 ¥ = Free



### 2 Kake

The terrace built over the sea is constructed of bamboo and palm wood and is used as a fishery workspace.



### 3 Sakitsu Minatoya Museum

Devotional items used only in Sakitsu fishing village are displayed. This former Japanese inn was restored from its original design.

CL = 9:00am~5:00pm (last entrance 4:30pm)  
CL = 463 Sakitsu, Kawaura-machi, Amakusa City  
CL = 12/30~1/1  
¥ = Free ☎ = 0969-75-9911



### 4 Sakitsu Church

The Gothic style church was built in 1934 when Fr. Halbout from France worked in Sakitsu Church. This is the symbol of “Sakitsu Village in Amakusa”, a site of the World Heritage “Hidden Christians sites in the Nagasaki Region”

CL = 9:00am~5:00pm  
CL = 539 Sakitsu, Kawaura-machi, Amakusa City  
¥ = Free ☎ = 0969-78-6000 (Sakitsu Tourist Information Center)



### 5 Picture and Photo Gallery

It is an accessory facility of Sakitsu shiryokan Minatoya that exhibits pictures and photos.

CL = 9:00am~5:00pm  
CL = 470 Sakitsu, Kawaura-machi, Amakusa City  
CL = 12/30~1/1 ¥ = Free  
☎ = 0969-75-9911 (Sakitsu Minatoya Museum)



### 6 Open Space (Former Site of Montsukiya Japanese Inn)

Ryokan site (Japanese style hotel) visited by various writers/cultured person, among others, Kan Kikuchi, Fumiko Hayashi, Ujo Noguchi, Fusao Hayashi, Souichi Oya, Ryotaro Shiba.

This location was also known as the place that filmed TV drama series “Aiyori aoku” (1972~1973) with Amakusa taking the center stage. The drama unfolds story that took place from the end of WWII to post-WWII period.



### 7 Toya

An alley about 90 cm wide running between houses. It is often a feature of fishing villages and is used as a communication place for locals.



### 8 The Statue of the Virgin Mary on the Cliff

Statue of Virgin Mary facing toward the ocean that stands on the cape nearby Sakitsu Church.

The statue was built in 1974(Showa 49) as the symbol of Christian faith. The statue quietly looks over and prays for the safe journey and good catch of fishing boats that passes by. In addition, since the sunset view from the statue of Virgin Mary creates a romantic atmosphere, the place is recognized as one of the eight picturesque sights of Amakusa.



### 9 Grave of Father Halbout

Father Halbout became the priest of Sakitsu Church in December 1927 (Showa 2). He dedicated himself to the construction of the church by purchasing the remains of the house of village headman. Strict Fumie (picture to be trampled upon to test Christian's faith) was practiced at this site during the era of ban on Christianity. He passed away in January, 1945 (Showa 20) at the age of 81.



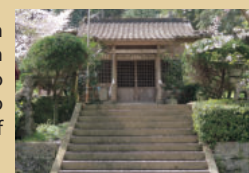
### 10 Former site of Sakitsu Church

The site of church that was built in Sakitsu in 1888 (Meiji 21) after the lifting of ban on Christianity. Monastery that was used as the dormitory for sisters of Sakitsu Church (built in 1957) is currently standing on the site.



### 11 Sakitsu Suwa Shrine

A great number of Hidden Christians were discovered in 1805 and they were forced to discard their religious items into the box located on the ground of this shrine.





Restaurants/Shopping at Sakitsu village



**1 Amuri Champion Noodles Sakitsu shop** 〈Restaurant〉  
P・Champion Noodles 800yen  
・Champion Noodles(mini size) 600yen  
🕒=11:00am～3:00pm  
📞=every Mon.～Wed.  
☎=0969-76-1526



**2 KUROSHIO** 〈Souvenir・Shop〉  
P・Cookies 200yen  
・Baked confectioneries 150yen～  
・Cakes 100yen～  
🕒=10:00am～8:00pm  
📞=Irregular holidays  
☎=0969-79-0223



**3 Nakashiki shop** 〈Dried fish〉  
P・dried horse mackerel 500yen  
・Minced fish meat of lizardfish 200yen  
🕒=8:00am～6:00pm  
📞=Irregular holidays  
☎=080-5250-9543



**4 Yokaku marine product** 〈Dried fish〉  
P・Horse mackerel salted and dried overnight with mirin 600yen  
・Hairtail salted and dried overnight with mirin 600yen  
・Paste made from salted fermented oval squid 650yen  
🕒=7:00am～6:00pm  
📞=Sometimes closed when attending events etc.  
☎=0969-79-0513



**5 Shimoda Coffee** 〈Restaurant〉  
P・Coffee 400yen  
・Made in Minamata black tea 300yen  
・Ginger bomber 350yen  
🕒=11:30 am～4:30 pm (10:00am～on Sat.&Sun.)  
📞=every Thu. (Open everyday in Aug.)  
☎=080-2781-0489



**6 MARIN** 〈Souvenir・Shop〉  
P・Soft ice cream 200yen  
・Coffee 250yen  
・Various Drinks 140yen～  
🕒=8:30am～8:00pm  
📞=1/1  
☎=0969-79-0037



**7 AMAKUSANTA** 〈Souvenir・Shop〉  
P・Olive leaf tea 900yen～  
・Ice cream with oil poured on top (Olive) 200yen  
・Pesticide-free oil (Olive) 2,000yen～  
🕒=10:00am～5:00pm  
📞=Irregular holidays  
☎=090-4205-3946



**8 Miyashita shop** 〈Souvenir・Shop〉  
P・Sugiyokan 150yen  
・Pen case with Sakitsu church motif 1,000yen  
・Eco bag with Sakitsu church motif woven with Amakusa style 1,800yen  
🕒=8:30am～7:00pm 📞=1/1  
☎=0969-79-0007



**9 Urakabe shop** 〈Dried fish〉  
P・Horse mackerel dried with mirin 500yen  
・Mackerel dried with mirin 500yen  
・Barracuda dried with mirin 500yen  
🕒=9:00am～5:00pm 📞=Open 365 days  
☎=0969-79-0310・070-1254-3841



**10 Urasaki shop** 〈Dried fish〉  
P・Lizard fish sakuraboshi(dried lizard fish dipped in mirin and soy sauce) 500yen  
・Ray fin 500yen  
・Dried flathead 500yen  
🕒=8:00am～5:00pm 📞=Open 365 days  
☎=0969-79-0703



**11 Salt of Rosary** 〈Souvenir・Shop〉  
P・Sun-dried salt (100g), 450yen, (180g) 650yen  
・Kama salt (180g) 550yen  
・Salt with five colors (100g) 550yen  
🕒=9:00am～5:00pm  
📞=Open on Sat., Sun. and Holidays only  
☎=080-5204-1827  
You can experience the making of salt (Reservation required 2 days in advance)



**12 KURAGE** 〈Restaurant〉  
P・Omakase nigiri (leave it to chef nigiri) of Amakusa local fish 2,200yen～  
🕒=12:00pm～2:00pm (Reservation required for dinner)  
📞=Irregular holidays  
☎=0969-79-0051



**13 Hanatsubaki** (Camellia with bloomed flowers) **Photo House Morita** 〈Restaurant / Digital cameral print〉  
P・Coffee(hot)400yen  
・Matcha (Powdered green tea) 500yen (comes with snacks)  
・Matcha latte 400yen  
🕒=10:00am～5:00pm 📞=Irregular holidays  
☎=0969-79-0755(FAX number is the same)



**14 Kyodobunkadensho yakata "Haiya"** (Souvenir・Shop) (local culture tradition museum)  
P・Amakusa's quality product "Sakitsu Sugi" Yokan 200yen(Closed during January～mid-February)  
・Sakitsu fig jam 650yen  
・Fig piroshki 250yen  
🕒=7:30am～4:00pm 📞=12/25～1/31, 8/15・16  
☎=0969-79-0858



**15 Amakusa rainbow shell** (Souvenir・Shop)  
P・Hiougi shell strap 1,000yen  
・Hiougi shell key chain 1,000yen  
・Abalone necklace/pierce 2,000yen  
🕒=8:30am～5:00pm 📞=Irregular holidays  
☎=080-5608-6861



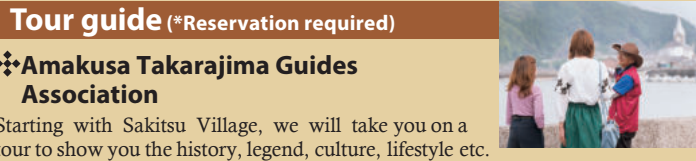
**16 Symphony** 〈Restaurant〉  
P・Sakitsu Pescatore(single item) 800yen  
・Sakitsu Pescatore(Lunch course) 1,600yen  
🕒=11:00am～6:00pm(L.O. 5:00pm)  
📞=every Wed.  
☎=0969-79-0800



**17 Gohan-ya Nagi** 〈Restaurant〉  
P・Nagi set meal 1,000yen  
・Curry beef bowl 900yen  
🕒=11:00am～2:30pm(L.O. 2:00pm)  
📞=every Thu. ,The 3rd Sunday of the month  
☎=0969-79-0541



**18 Kintsu-ichiba Specialty Store** (Souvenir・direct sales store)  
P・Local specially selected dried fish 500yen～  
・Specially made product by women section of fishery cooperative "Sakitsu iwaimeshi bento" (Sakitsu celebration rice bento) \*Reservation required", daily dish  
・Sakitsu specialty Hiougi shell BBQ 1 piece 200yen  
🕒=10:00am～4:00pm  
📞=every Wed. ☎=0969-79-0333



Tour guide (\*Reservation required)  
❖Amakusa Takarajima Guides Association

Starting with Sakitsu Village, we will take you on a tour to show you the history, legend, culture, lifestyle etc. that are still practiced in various Amakusa regions, along with telling you about some of the interesting episodes in the region.  
[Target region] Entire Amakusa region [Rate] Basic rate 2,000yen + 1,000yen per1 hour [Application deadline] 7 days prior to the tour date  
☎Executive office of Amakusa Takarajima Guides Association (Amakusa Takarajima Tourism Association) ☎0969-22-2243

Experience tour (\*Reservation required)  
❖Walk around Sakitsu city & The Statue of the Virgin Mary on the Cliff cruising

The local tour guide will show you around the must-see spots of Sakitsu village by walking around the city and cruising  
[Meeting location] Kintsu-ichiba Specialty Store  
[Cruising Course] Sakitsu Suwa Shrine → Sakitsu Church →Toya → The Statue of the Virgin Mary on the Cliff cruise \*The order of course is subject to change  
[Overall time] About 2 hours  
[Rate] 3,500yen per person if over 4 persons, 4,000 yen per person for 3 persons, 4,900yen per person for 2 persons. 540yen for children below elementary school age, no charge for children under 3 years old (however, it will not come with souvenir)  
[Application deadline] 7 days prior to the tour date  
☎Amakusa Takarajima Tourism Association ☎0969-22-2243



1 Amakusa Collegio Museum

It exhibits documents etc. of Nanban culture that blossomed in Amakusa in the late 16th century. Western antique musical instruments,Gutenberg printing machine (reproduction) and Nanban ship model are must see!  
Aside from these items, it also exhibits 117 pieces of "World Peace Ambassador Dolls".  
🕒=8:30am～5:00pm (Museum is until 4:30pm)  
📍=175-13 Shirakikawachi, Kawaaura-machi Amakusa City  
📞=every Thu. (The next day if it is a holiday), 12/30～1/1  
¥=Adult: 200yen, High school student: 150yen, Junior high / Elementary school student: 100yen  
☎=0969-76-0388



2 Kawaaura Ocean Cottage

The first ever cottage in Japan to be set up on the ocean. It entails 5 lodging facilities and 40m long fishing place.  
Lodging facility can be used for short stay without staying overnight(BBQ set/fishing pole rental available).  
🕒=[Lodging] 4:00pm～9:00am [Short stay] 10:00am～3:00pm  
📍=Sight frontage 653 Imatomi, Kawaaura-machi Amakusa City  
📞=First Monday of every month  
¥=[Lodging (Price of 1 person per building) ] Use of 1 person 8,000yen～  
☎=0969-76-1526 (at Amuri)



3 Oe Church

After the ban on Christianity was lifted, it became the first ever church to be built in Amakusa. With the help of local believers, the present church was built in 1933 (Showa 8) by a French missionary "Father Garnier" who dedicated his entire life to minister in Amakusa.  
🕒=9:00am～5:00pm  
📍=11782 Oe, Amakusa-machi Amakusa City ¥=no charge  
☎=0969-22-2243 (Amakusa Takarajima Tourism Association)  
\*Please input the address if you are searching through navigation system



4 Amakusa Rosary Museum

Exhibits relics and documents that reveal the lifestyle, faith, and culture of hidden Christians. Diorama that recreated the hidden room, 3D image, and record deleting vase during the period of anti-Christian edicts are must see items.  
🕒=8:30am～5:00pm(Admission is until 4:30pm)  
📍=1749 Oe, Amakusa-machi Amakusa City  
📞=every Wed. (The next day if it is a holiday), 12/30～1/1  
¥=Adult 300yen, High school student: 200yen, Junior high / Elementary school student: 150yen  
☎=0969-42-5259



Restaurants

1 EAT730 (eat nazare)

1630-4 Imatomi, Kawaaura-machi Amakusa City ☎0969-79-0730

2 Amuri

4747-1 Kawaaura, Kawaaura-machi Amakusa City ☎0969-76-1526

3 Yamaguchiya Ryokan

4899 Kawaaura, Kawaaura-machi Amakusa City ☎0969-76-1301

4 Restaurant "Michi"

5177 Kawaaura, Kawaaura-machi Amakusa City☎0969-76-0939

5 Nabechan Shokudo

5008-3 Kawaaura, Kawaaura-machi Amakusa City☎0969-76-1256

6 Mokuba

175-138 Shirakikawachi, Kawaaura-machi Amakusa City ☎0969-76-0928

7 Men no mori

1873-1 Oe, Amakusa-machi Amakusa City☎0969-42-5912

8 Rurudo no Cafe

1731 Oe, Amakusa-machi Amakusa City ☎090-2502-0846

9 Hiranoya Ryokan's Restaurant Ben

7327 Oe, Amakusa-machi Amakusa City ☎0969-42-5106

10 Arakawa

7326-1 Oe, Amakusa-machi Amakusa City☎0969-42-5573

Inquiry regarding Sakitsu village

❖ Sakitsu Tourist Information Center

Tour guide, local history introduction section, wheel chair rental (2 wheel chairs), Rental bicycle (200yen per day)  
Free parking space Parking capacity : 117 vehicles (19 regular vehicles, 2 handicap vehicles for handicapped person, 6 large vehicles, multipurpose square (Temporarily parking space) 90 vehicles)  
🕒=1117-10 Sakitsu, Kawaaura-machi Amakusa City, 863-1204  
🕒=9:00 am～5:30 pm 📞=12/30～1/1  
☎=0969-78-6000 FAX : 0969-78-6010 🌐=http://sakituguidance.amakusa-web.jp



Inquiry regarding Amakusa tour / lodging

❖ Amakusa Takarajima Tourism Association

📍=15-7 Chuoshinmachi Amakusa City, 863-0023 First floor of Treasure Island International House Porto  
🕒=9:00 am～6:00 pm  
📞=12/31～1/1  
☎=0969-22-2243 FAX : 0969-22-2390  
🌐=http://www.t-island.jp/

