

Welcome to SHIKA ZEN

The area surrounding Kamigitagura in Shikamachi-cho, Sasebo City, Nagasaki, is a truly captivating destination. It offers stunning ocean views and the scenic beauty of the Kujukushima Islands, while providing excellent access to the historic Hirado area. Additionally, it is conveniently located for a day trip to Huis Ten Bosch.

We have put together a guide to the local attractions near Shikazen. If you have the time, we highly recommend exploring these wonderful spots.

Wide-Area Map



Shikamachi Area Map (5-10minuts drive)



1. Stunning Views and Marine Activities (Shikamachi area)

- **Nagushiyama Park**

Located at the summit of a mountain 234 meters above sea level and accessible by car, this is a prime **viewpoint** offering a panoramic vista of the Northern Kujukushima Islands.

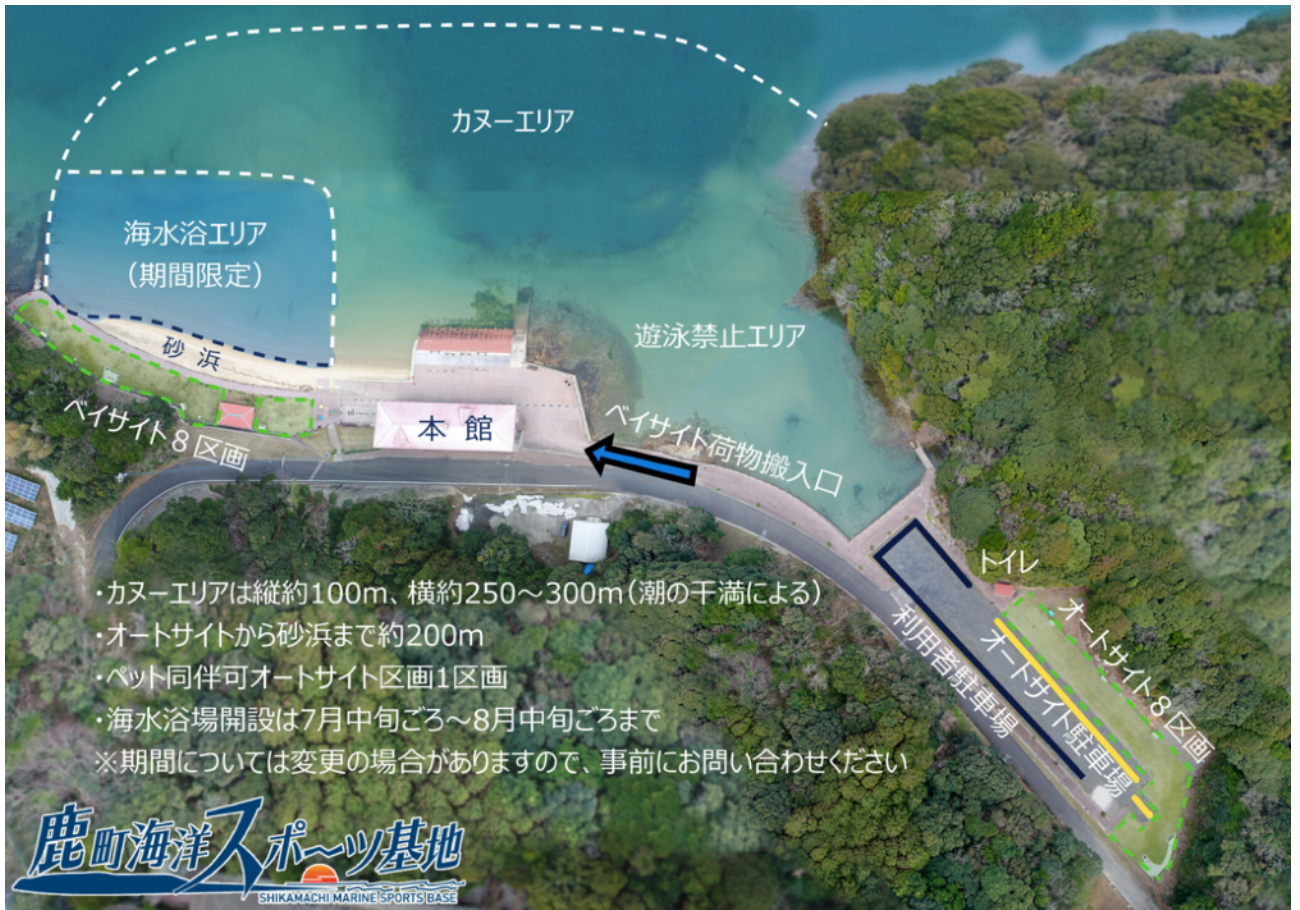
The highlight is from late April to early May, when approximately 100,000 azaleas paint the slopes in vibrant crimson. The contrast between the brilliant flowers and the deep blue sea is truly magnificent



- ## Shikamachi Marine Sports Base

Located in Shikamachi-cho, Sasebo City, in northern Nagasaki Prefecture, the Shikamachi Marine Sports Base is a premier facility where visitors can enjoy activities such as **kayaking** and camping.

The base is situated within the Saikai National Park, an area blessed with abundant nature. It overlooks the Northern Kujukushima Islands, a region recognized as part of the "Most Beautiful Bays in the World" club.



- **Jumbo Fishing Village 0956-77-4951**

Located right near Nagushiyama Park, this sea fishing pond is nestled within the lush greenery of Saikai National Park.

The pond is **abundantly stocked** with a wide variety of fish, including red sea bream, striped jack, striped pigfish, black sea bream, yellowtail, and kingfish!

No reservations required—just bring yourself! ♪ (All equipment is available for rent.)



- **Kouzakibana Park (Westernmost point)**

This site is the **Westernmost Point of Mainland Japan**.

From the cape jutting out into the sea, you can enjoy views of the Goto Islands. Visitors can also receive an official "**Westernmost Point Reach Certificate**".



2. Hirado Area

Once you cross the Hirado Bridge, you will find yourself in downtown Hirado, a charming area where the atmosphere of an old castle town meets a unique international flair.

- **Hirado Bridge**

This stunning suspension bridge opened in 1977 as a toll road, but is now free to cross. The majestic view from the bridge is truly spectacular and well worth a visit.



- **Hirado Castle**

A magnificent castle standing on a hill overlooking the Hirado Strait. From the castle tower, you can enjoy a panoramic view of the Hirado Bridge and the charming streets of the city. The interior now serves as a museum, displaying precious historical artifacts. Also known as Kameoka Castle, this is a "Hirayama-style" castle (built on a hill surrounded by plains) that juts out into the Hirado Strait. Construction began in 1704 under Matsura Takashi (the 30th lord) based on the Yamaga school of fortification, and was completed in 1718 during the era of Matsura Atsunobu (the 31st lord).



- **Matsuura Historical Museum**

The Matsuura Historical Museum is the oldest museum in Nagasaki Prefecture. It preserves and exhibits a vast collection of historical artifacts passed down through the Matsuura clan, the lords of the Hirado Domain who ruled northern Nagasaki—including Hirado and Iki—since the Kamakura period.

The museum is housed in the "Tsurugamine Mansion," which was originally built in 1893 as a private residence for the Matsuura family.



- **St. Francis Xavier Memorial Church**

This beautiful Catholic church is known for its striking emerald-green exterior. The "View of Temples and the Church," where you can see the church alongside nearby Buddhist temples, is an iconic scene that symbolizes Hirado.

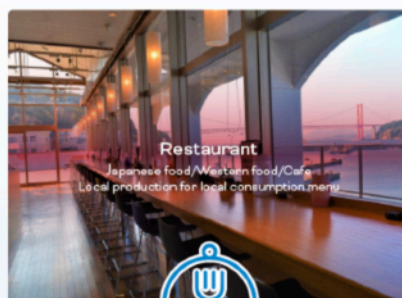


- **Tabira-Hiradoguchi Station: The Westernmost Station in Japan**
Tabira-Hiradoguchi Station on the Matsuura Railway is the westernmost railway station in Japan (on a conventional rail line). The station features an on-site railway museum and a monument on the platform marking its status as the nation's westernmost station.
- **Tabira Insect Park**
This facility allows visitors to observe insects in their natural habitat. It is a place where people of all ages—from children to adults—can learn about the delicate ecosystem of the "Satoyama" (traditional Japanese countryside).
- **Hirado Seto Market Fresh seafood from the local sea**
The area is home to numerous markets and restaurants where you can enjoy fresh seafood. Savor the flavors of the season, including local specialties like flying fish (known as "Ago") and flounder.



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3. Huise Ten Bosch

A short trip to the south will lead you to one of Japan's largest theme parks. The seasonal flowers and the breathtaking night illuminations are truly spectacular, offering an exotic getaway for your holiday.



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Each of the locations introduced here offers a unique experience that can only be found in this region, creating precious memories that will last a lifetime. Whether it is the lush nature, deep history, or modern attractions of Nagasaki, you are sure to enjoy a fulfilling stay that captures the very best of what this area has to offer.