

Saikai National Park

Crossroad Connecting the Islands,
Ocean, Nature, and Culture.

Situated in northwestern Kyushu, Saikai National Park is noted for its magnificent archipelago seascapes from the more than 400 islands, large and small, including the Kujuku Shima Islands of Sasebo, Ikitsuki-jima and Hirado-jima Islands, and the Goto Islands. The park is famous for the myriad vistas that can be found across the micro islands and a distinct geographical feature of dendritic drowned valleys on the Kujuku Shima Islands, steep sea cliffs on the Ikitsuki-jima and Hirado-jima Islands with well-developed columnar joints, wave-eroded cliffs of Cape Osezaki on the Goto Islands, and the open-sea archipelago seascape. The park also commands a view of different volcanic landforms from the Hirado-jima Island to the Fukue-jima Island. In response to these complex geographical features, the park

boasts a wide-ranging biodiversity. The shallow water is populated with macrophytes beds and the inner part of the bay cultivates tidal flats, making it the best breeding ground for rare species. The land area is lush with a evergreen broad leaved secondary forest and noted for the controlled field burning and rocky ridges, while the diverse flora from continental elements to Southeast Asia elements and endemic species by isolation effect. In addition, the large-scale migration of the *Pemis pitlorhyncus* traveling westward and the *Accipiter soloensis* traveling southward in autumn is simply impressive. As the park is also a place for humans, the culture and churches related to the religious beliefs of Christianity, whaling culture, and the military ruins related to the Sasebo Naval District are also some of the must-see sights.

Date of Designation :
March 16, 1955

Area : 24,646 ha (land area)

Related Prefecture :
Nagasaki



Enjoy the ocean, rivers, and other water scenery



Takahama Swimming Beach



Hamaguri-hama Swimming Beach



Enjoy the mountains and flora



Kawachi Pass



Mt. Onidake



Experience culture and local life



Mt. Yasumandake



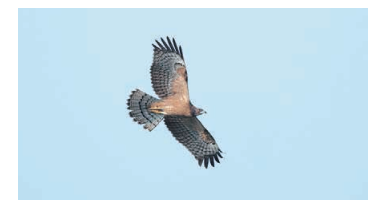
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Mt. Onidake



Meet the wildlife



Japanese Horseshoe Crab



Crested Honey Buzzard

Itinerary

Enjoy the leisurely pace of the beautiful islands and history where Christians were persecuted as well as the unique culture nurtured from this background and relax amidst nature and the island life

Saikai National Park located in Nagasaki Prefecture is highlighted by magnificent archipelago landscapes comprised of more than 400 islands of different sizes. The park features beautiful ocean vistas, undulating landscapes, and numerous churches scattered throughout the frontier. The landscape created by the harmonious blend of nature, culture of persecuted Christians, and the churches allows visitors to immerse themselves in an extraordinary atmosphere. The islands are filled with a welcoming atmosphere backed by the long history of trade with countries outside of Japan. Enjoy different scenery and atmospheres offered by each island, interact with the locals, and discover your own favorite spot. Spend your day the way you like.

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Day 1

Cycle the island and feel the nature and culture of Christians that followed their faith despite once being banned in Japan

- 9:15 ● Goto Tsubaki Airport
● Rental car pickup
- 10:00 ● Stroll around Mt. Onidake and watch the magnificent archipelago landscapes from the Azumaya Observation Deck
- 10:45 }
11:40 ● View Koura Beach from the Red Lighthouse and Shimayama Island
- 12:00 }
12:15 ● Cape Osezaki lighthouse (Location of movies and TV dramas)
- 12:45 }
12:55 ● Lunch at New Pandora
- 13:40 }
14:05 ● Arakawa Onsen Hot Spring footbath and whale bone arch
- 14:20 }
14:30 ● Enjoy Tontomari Beach and Takahama Beach, which are sandy beaches, and the superb view of two beaches located next to each other from the Gyoran Kannon Observatory. Enjoy the view of Goto Islands and a solidified lava plateau as well.
- 15:30 }
16:20 ● Abunze Visitor Center
- 17:00 }
17:10 ● Hotel check in
- 20:30 ● Starry sky guide
}
21:30 ● Unique night sky view of a remote island, unlimited sparkling stars

Day 2

Think about the Christians who were forced to hide their faith in the Kamigoto Islands which appear like a cross when viewed from above

- 6:00 ● Stroll along the Abunze Lava Coast
- 7:00 }
7:00 ● Breakfast
- 8:30 ● Rental car return
- 10:10 ● Ferry (For Aokata)
- 11:50 ● Rental car pickup
- 12:30 ● Enjoy Goto udon noodles at Chikusui Tei
- 13:20 }
13:50 ● Mountain climbing on Mt. Sanno (Mountain closely related to Saicho, a prominent Buddhist monk, Japan's national heritage)
- 15:50 }
16:25 ● Watch Akadaki Cliffs from Yagatame Park
- 17:00 }
17:20 ● Hamagurihama Beach
- 17:50 }
18:00 ● Dinner
- 19:00 }
● Overnight stay Hamagurihama Beach area

Day 3

Adventure of traveling islands by kayaking to enjoy the special experience and breathtaking landscape

- 6:00 ● Walk along Hamagurihama Beach
- 7:00 }
7:00 ● Breakfast
- 8:00 ● Rental car
- 9:00 ● Kayak tour
}
12:00 ● Kayak ride to an uninhabited island. The beauty of the island and the sea is exceptional.
- 12:00 ● Lunch
- 13:00 }
● Rental car
(Driving to see unique churches and picturesque beaches)
- 15:00 ● Narao Ako Tree
(Japanese Special Natural Monuments)
- 15:30 }
● Rental car
- 17:05 ● Depart from Narao Port

Inquiry

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