

Unzen-Amakusa National Park

The Terraqueous Panorama, Composed of the Steaming Mt. Unzen and Archipelagic Amakusa.

This park was established in 1934 as one of Japan's first national parks (Unzen National Park), and later in 1956, the Amakusa area was added to become Unzen-Amakusa National Park. The highlight of this park is its terraqueous panorama composed of volcanic landscape of the steaming Mt. Unzen and archipelagic seascape of Amakusa. The Unzen area is a mountainous area of the Shimabara Peninsula centered on Mt. Unzen, consisting of over 20 mountains, and it affords various panoramic views along with the seascape on three sides. Visitors can experience volcanic activity throughout the area including Jigoku Onsen (hell hot spring), the origin of the name Mt.

“Unzen.” The Amakusa area is an archipelago with 120 islands and is a place to savor a varied coastline with indentations unique to a submergent coast, land-tied islands and sea cliffs, as well as corals in the sea. Both Unzen and Amakusa areas are rich in historical sites resulted from the earliest arrival of foreign cultures in Japan, including the history of Christianity known as the Shimabara-Amakusa Rebellion. In recent years, both areas are approved as geoparks, where visitors enjoy learning geological origin and blessing of the areas, named Unzen Volcanic Area Geopark and Amakusa Geopark, respectively with the national park zone as its core.

Date of Designation :
March 16, 1934

Area : 28,335 ha (land area)

Related Prefecture :
Nagasaki, Kumamoto, Kagoshima



Enjoy the ocean, rivers, and other water scenery



Myoken-ura



Ogase



Enjoy the mountains and flora



Unzen Jigoku



Shiratake Wetland



Experience culture and local life



Bell View Park of chapel with a view of church



Shimabara Somen Noodles



Meet the wildlife



Blue-and-white Flycatcher
(Cyanoptila cyanomelana)



Sphire Devil Damselfish and
Blacksaddle Goatfish

Itinerary

Experience a lifestyle in harmony with nature in land formed by volcanic activity of the Unzen volcano cluster and the scenic ocean of Amakusa


Unzen-Amakusa National Park features great panoramic views of water and land created by the volcanic scenery of the Unzen volcano cluster where steam swirls in the air and oceanic view of Amakusa and its islands. Unzen was formed by ejecta from the volcano while Amakusa was formed as a result of the sediment being forced upward. Experience the life of the locals living in harmony with volcanoes through conservation activity of the local Miyama Kirishima azaleas, which have been protected since the 16th century, circular agriculture that takes advantage of the slope formed by pyroclastic material as well as soil that allows rainwater to drain through quickly. In Amakusa, try sea kayaking to feel the greatness and blessings of nature.

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Day 1

Learn about conservation activity of the Miyama Kirishima azaleas and visit a farmers market featuring unique locally grown vegetables

- 8:30 ●  Private tour car
} (Drive from Nagasaki City to Tashirobaru)
- 10:00 ● Weeding experience of azaleas
} Conservation activity of azaleas which have been protected since the 16th century
- 12:00 ● Lunch
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- 13:00 ● Relaxation experience such as a zazen meditation experience or strolling
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- 14:30 ●  Private tour car
} (To Chijiwa)
(Organic farmer's market Taneto)
- 15:30 ●  Private tour car
} (To Unzen Onsen)
- 16:00 ● Hotel (Unzen Onsen)

Day 2

Dyeing experience with natural ingredients and harvesting of vegetables grown in traditional circular agriculture

- 9:00 ●  Private tour car
} (Drive to Unzen Tsumura Farm)
- 9:30 ● Vegetable harvesting
} Circular agriculture experience
- 11:30 ● Lunch
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- 13:00 ●  Private tour car
} (Drive to Suwanoike)
- 13:30 ● Interaction with nature
} Dyeing experience
- 15:30 ●  Private tour car
} (Drive to Kuchinotsu Port)
- 16:00 ●  Ferry
} (Kuchinotsu Port to Oniike Port)
- 16:30 ●  Private tour car
} (Drive to Amakusa City)
- 17:00 ● Hotel

Day 3

Kayaking in the ocean of Amakusa to collect marine debris and ponder an environmentally friendly lifestyle

- 8:00 ●  Private tour car
} (Drive to Matsushima Town)
- 8:40 ● Sea kayak tour
} Enjoy the view of Amakusa and Mt. Fugen from sea level and ponder environmental issues through collecting marine debris on the ocean
- 12:00 ● Lunch
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- 12:30 ● Lunch
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- 13:30 ●  Private tour car
} (Drive to Kumamoto City)
- 15:00 ● Kumamoto City

Inquiry

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