

Saga and Nagasaki

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九州国立博物館

Kyushu National Museum



- The fourth old national museum in Japan.
- Its collection focusses on the relationship of Japan with the continent from the prehistoric time to today.
- The Kyudai students are allowed to enter the regular exhibition for free thanks to the special contract.
- Visitors can explore the special exhibition by paying extra charge. It is a must see.

光明禅寺 Komyozenji Temple



- The zen temple is located near the Tenmangu Shrine, and is famous for its beautiful autumn foliage. A must-see.
- Today, unfortunately, the temple prohibits visitors from taking photographs.

竈神社 Kamado (oven) shrine



- The kamado shrine is located by 40 minutes walk away from the Tenmangu shrine.
- Another popular spot for its red leaves in autumn.
- You can go to the shrine by bus for 10 minutes ride from the Dazaifu station.

御船山楽園 Mifuneyama-Rakuen



- The garden was built by Lord Nabeshima Shigeyoshi of the Saga domain in the early 19th century.
- The garden is famous for its unique mixture of the Japanese and Chinese styles.

御船山楽園の夜景

Night at the Mifune-yama Rakuen



Mifuneyama-Rakuen is very popular especially for the visitors who admire the night-view of the autumn foliage.

武雄温泉 Takaeo Onsen Hot Spring

廣福寺 Kofukuji Temple



- The Takeo Onsen was developed in the mediaeval period, and protected by the Lord Nabeshima to attract a lot of visitors from the northern Kyushu.
- The special bathroom for the lord Nabeshima is now open to public.
- The Koryuji Temple is a very famous spot to view autumn foliage, located near the gate of the public bath.

平和記念公園 長崎市

Nagasaki Peace Park



- Nagasaki city was destroyed by the US air force with an atomic bomb on August 9, 1945 at the end of the WWII.
- The Peace Memorial Statue was created by a famous engraver Kitamura Seibo, to pray for the world with no nuclear weapons to come.

興福寺 Kofukuji Temple, Nagasaki



- In 1654, a famous Zen priest Ingen came from China to Nagasaki and stayed in Japan until the end of his life.
- He was invited to Kyoto by the Shogun Tokugawa Iemitsu, and founded the Manpukuji Temple.
- The Bakufu subsidized the town to develop a special Buddhist temple district (Tera-machi) in Nagasaki, because it wished to destroy the early Christian community.
- The Buddhist temple district survived the atomic bomb destruction in 1945.

大浦天主堂 Nagasaki

Ohura Church



- The church was built at the end of Edo era (1862), and is the oldest catholic church in Japan, remaining today.
- At the end of the Edo era, A french priest Putitjean found the local hidden Christians, who continued praying for Jesus more than 250 years informally, pretending to be Buddhists.

長崎 Nagasaki



At the end of Tokugawa era, the Bakufu reserved the area near the Nagasaki Bay for a British merchant Glover, who started his trade business with the Bakufu and the powerful daimyos.



↑The Nagasaki Bay from the Glover House

<- Giacomo Puccini

Miura Tamaki ->
in Madame Butterfly

