

Arita Porcelain & Nagasaki Peace Park



Approximately 7 Hours



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Set out from the pier on a scenic drive to the **Arita** area, famous for the porcelain of the same name that is well known in Japan and around the world. Your first visit is to the **Kyushu Ceramic Museum**. This museum, opened in 1980, was constructed for the purpose of collecting and exhibiting porcelain, researching the history of local kilns, and disseminating ceramic culture. You'll also see one of the kilns used for firing the porcelain. You will have a chance to purchase some pottery before proceeding to **lunch** at a local restaurant. Return to Nagasaki city to visit **Nagasaki Peace Park**. The park is located only a few minutes' walk from the epicenter of the Nagasaki atomic bomb blast of 1945. Nagasaki Peace Park is dedicated to world peace and occupies more than eight acres in the middle of a city where land is the most precious resource. It features a large fountain and different statues and sculptures donated by various countries and artists around the world. Return to the pier at the conclusion of your tour.

Notes:

Tour does not operate on Mondays.

Ground Zero & the Atomic Bomb Museum



Approximately 3½ Hours



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Nagasaki was opened to foreign trade in 1570, and flourished as the sole portal through which Western culture entered Japan during the isolation period. Along with Christian culture, foreign learning found its way into the country—particularly in the fields of shipbuilding, mining, printing and medicine. In addition to its many historic places, the city and its surrounding area are also very rich in scenic beauty. Today you will visit **Nagasaki Peace Park**, created in remembrance of the atomic bomb explosion on August 9, 1945. Conclude with a trip to the **Atomic Bomb Museum** before returning to the pier.

Nagasaki Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Approximately 7 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.



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Nagasaki Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



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Nagasaki Sights



Approximately 2 Hours



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Your tour begins with a scenic drive to **Inasayama Nature Park**, located on Inasayama Hill. This is a famous spot for beautiful sunsets and night views. If the weather permits, enjoy a view of Unzen, Amakusa and Gotoh Islands. Continue to **Nagasaki Peace Park**, which covers eight acres and contains a large fountain and different statues and sculptures donated in the name of world peace by various countries and artists around the world. The main statue is 30 feet tall and was commissioned by the city of Nagasaki. It depicts a man with one arm raised to the sky to indicate the threat of nuclear destruction and the other arm held horizontally in a gesture of peace. The man's eyelids are closed in anguished prayer for those who perished in the bombing. Pause here for photos before continuing your drive to see **Uragami Cathedral**, which was the largest cathedral in the East until it was destroyed by the atomic bomb blast. View **Dejima**, once an artificial island in the port of Nagasaki, built in 1636 to house Japan's Portuguese residents. Dejima is no longer an island—the surrounding area was reclaimed during the 20th century. However, a number of Dejima's historical structures remain or are being reconstructed in the area. You will drive through **Chinatown** en route back to the ship (time permitting).

Nagasaki's History & Culture



Approximately 3½ Hours



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5 out of 5

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Visit the **Nagasaki Museum of History & Culture**—an exceptional museum housing 48,000 displays. This museum explores the nationally prominent theme of the history of overseas exchanges. The permanent historical culture zone contains exhibits of valuable materials on the theme of recent historical exchanges with Portugal, the Netherlands, Spain, China and Korea. Another area contains a reconstruction of part of the Tateyama Government Branch of the Nagasaki Magistrate’s Office. Two must-see exhibits are the crime notebooks from the Magistrate’s Office and the macabre ‘trample tablets’ used in the persecution of Christians. **Nagasaki Peace Park** and its famous statue are located only a few minutes’ walk from the epicenter of the atomic bomb blast of August 9, 1945. The park is dedicated to world peace, and here you will visit the **Atomic Bomb Museum** (International Culture Hall)—home to numerous photographs and relics of that fateful day.

Notes:

Tour does not operate on third Tuesday of the month.

Saikai Bridge & 99 Islands



Approximately 8½ Hours



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Visit **Saikai National Park**, located 31 miles north of Nagasaki and noted for its beautiful coastline along the Bay of Kujukushima (99 Islands). Dotted in the bay are many small islands,

adding further beauty to this intricate setting. A **two-hour drive** through the rolling countryside from Nagasaki will bring you to the heart of this natural wonderland, where you will take a **cruise among the beautiful Kujukushima Islands**. Enjoy a western-style **lunch** before departing for **Mt Yumihari** with a spectacular view over Saikai National Park, which includes the Sakai Bridge and the islands. From here, you'll drive to the bridge and see for yourself why it is well known for its views of tidal swirls—a phenomenon created by the crashing current in the narrow channel. Return to the ship after this full day of natural wonders and beautiful scenery.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Participants must negotiate stairs and/or uneven surfaces.

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Shimabara & Fugen Volcano



Approximately 8 Hours



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The historic city of **Shimabara** lies about 62 miles east of Nagasaki—a scenic drive along the coastal road. En route you will pass picturesque Ariake Bay and head out onto the Shimabara Peninsula. The city itself flourished in the early 17th century after the construction of the magnificent **Shimabara Castle**. Enjoy a guided visit to the renovated castle, which is now open as a museum of ancient Christian history. On display are old swords, armor and other items from the Edo period. Following your tour of the castle, set out on a **walking tour** through Shimabara's **Old Town** and visit the **Samurai District**. A Japanese-style **lunch** is served at a local restaurant before you continue to **Mizunashi Honjin**. After standing dormant for more than 200 years, Fugen Volcano suddenly erupted in 1991—burying a small village and killing 48 people. At Mizunashi Honjin, you'll see the preserved ruins of some of the houses buried in the mud and lava rock. Come away from this excursion with a greater insight into Japan's history and intrigue.

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