

Exploring

History and Folklore Museum & Branch Museum

Museum on the international history of Kuchinotsu and its port from the Age of Exploration to the 18th and 19th centuries.



Seibo Kitamura's Birthhouse Seibo Park & Museum

Birthhouse of the sculptor Kitamura Seibo, author of the Peace Monument in Nagasaki City. It houses a selection of his works.

Arima Christian Heritage Museum

The place to learn more on Hinoe Castle, Hara Castle and Japanese Christian history, it exhibits the artefacts found during excavation at the two sites.

Arie Onsen Shrine and Christian Tombstones

A location where the clash of the past Buddhist and Christian traditions in the region left its marks before the transition to today's quiet coexistence.

Uzen Volcanic Area Global Geopark

Geosites like the Futagoiwa Rock, the basalt rocks of Hayasaki Seashore, Hara Castle, and Tatsuiishi Seashore are testimony to the geological history of the area, from its formation after a submarine eruption millions of years ago.

Sezumesaki Lighthouse

Especially beautiful at night, sunrise, and sunset. On clear winter days, an optical mirage causes the setting sun to change shapes.



Maehama Beach

Pretty beach and nice facilities. In the summer, the Kazusa BBQ Ocean Center offers paddle boarding and windsurfing lessons among others.

Joining Events



Festivas Natalis (1st Sat of Dec)

Come to admire the parade of people in 16th-century Portuguese garb, and wonder at the two giant living Christmas trees decked out in lights.

Seminaro Print Contest & Exhibition (Dec-Feb)

The first place in Japan where artistic prints were ever made. Minamishimabara holds a yearly print contest and exhibition.

Arie Breweries Tour (Sat+Sun in mid-Feb)

Stroll around and chat with locals as you sample Arie's great sake, miso, somen, and soy sauce.



Marine Festa in Kuchinotsu (End of Jul)

Fun summer festival at the port. Cheer on the dragon boat race, join the fishing competition, or marvel at the yukata fashion show!

Arie Hanakora (Sat after Obon in Aug)

Come for the fireworks and food, stay for the lively Yosakoi dancing and the procession of boats made of Obon paper lanterns gliding into the sea.



Miso Goro Festival (1st Sat+Sun of Nov)

A parade of the statue of Miso Goro, soen refreshments, and an exhibition of noodle crafts.

Fukae Produce Fair (Mid-Nov)

The city's businesses showcase their best products. There is food, goods and bargains.



Minamishimabara 01te (23rd Nov & Feb/Mar)

Trekking trail through Kuchinotsu's enchanting nature and attractions. During the biannual 01te event, participants have access to refreshments.

Minamishimabara, a city of...

Population (2020): 49,433 (58 foreign nationals)

Area: 170.13 km

Local specialties: hand-stretched somen, marbled rockfish, Japanese tiger prawn, tomatoes, lettuce, potatoes, asparagus, squash, cucumbers, water-melon, garlic chives, nashi pear, napa cabbage, leaf tobacco, citrus fruits, melons, peaches

Local dishes: Gazonji soup, Nabhan croquettes, Gajitsu, Kikube, Hottotsumu

Popular souvenirs: Tonde Somen, Castella, Sake, Miso

For limited edition goods, please visit Kanse dolls

If you participate in the 01te, check the pop-up shops for these small cloth towels sport characteristic designs.

Check out Minamishimabara's charms on video!

Aerial video of Minamishimabara

Short film "The Initial History Museum of Minamishimabara"

QR codes for video and film.

Minamishimabara City Official Website: www.minamishimabara-city.jp/e_01k.htm

About Yumecoco project

We promote Minamishimabara's many charms in and outside Nagasaki Prefecture. Our aim is to build a city that others want to live in and employs young people, so that the future for those to come may be merry and multifaceted.

Yumecoco Project website (JPN): yumecoco1897.com

A special thank you to the past and current residents who helped with this map!



Things residents told us about Minamishimabara:

"Quiet, scenic, and charming, I highly recommend a visit!"

"A peaceful place to rest and refresh when in need of a break"

"The locals are kind and friendly, they make you feel at home"

"There is a little bit of everything, so take your time and explore"

"Most food is grown locally, always fresh, and very tasty"

"A hub of fascinating history, there are always things to learn"

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Yumecoco project presents

Welcome to Minamishimabara!

Delicious

A MAP OF

the merry & multifaceted

MINAMISHIMABARA

Come visit!

Pictureque

Fascinating

Relaxing

You'll feel right at home!

By car

From Hakata (1h 30) National Hwy → Saabara IC (Nagasaki Hwy) → National Route 251

From Nagasaki (1h 30) National Route 251 → Shimatetsu Bus → Shimatetsu Baitko Port

From Kumamoto Port (2h 30) → Shimatetsu Bus → JR Saabara St. → Shimatetsu Bus

From Nagasaki Airport (2h 30) → Shimatetsu Bus

From Fukuoka (3h 30) JR Hakata St. → Saabara St. → Shimatetsu Bus

Getting here by public transport

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Minamishimabara Community City Initiative

Eating

A. Kai no Ma wa

Fresh seafood presented stylishly, yet reminiscent of homemade meals.

B. Shirashi

Fried chicken so delicious you'll be licking your fingers clean.

C. Senpotei

Tasty ramen place. Try the dumplings and fried rice too.



D. Ajitaro

Family-run homely restaurant with filling set meals. You won't leave hungry!

E. Menkui

Locally-made somen dishes served in custom made bowls.



F. Kakkon Cafe

Chic cafe with coffee to warm your soul, ideal for a chat.

G. Tatsumi

Have your pick of Japanese set meals and delicious fish.



H. Minamishimabara Shokudo

Instagramable dishes made lovingly by local grandmas.

I. Atelier Grandpa

Cute cafe. Choose takeaway for a snack on the go.



J. Cafe Bremen

Charming cafe with roastery, you won't get fresher coffee elsewhere!

K. Mar Sala

Yummy Italian food made with fresh local ingredients

Sleeping, Bathing & Enjoying the Countryside

1. Uzen Mikado Hotel Honkan

A treat, from the filling meals to the comforting baths.

2. The Marquis's

Beautiful hotel, delicious coffee and set lunch. The place to go to for directions in English when lost.



3. Hara-jo Onsen Masago

For a restoring soak, a nice meal, and souvenir shopping. Ask the staff to rent an electric bike.

4. Shiro

Cozy ryokan, ask ahead to taste local dishes.



5. Shirahama Beach Hotel

Dine, rest and dip in the sea or the hot baths here.

6. Tonari no Tako-chan

Pleasant B&B, with seafood dishes to die for.



7. Eco-park Ronshobaru

Tent space, cabins, and lots of fun activities like horse riding. In summer, it hosts a music festival.

Campgrounds

8. Kazusa Bungalow Village

9. Maehama Campground

10. Shirahama Campground



Honestays and farmstays are also available, offering a range of authentic experiences including making traditional food, handicrafts, fishing and farming!

There are also seasonal fruit and vegetable picking experiences. Contact the Minamishimabara City Tourist Association to know more. TEL: 0957-65-6333 / E-mail: kankou@hinawarinet.ne.jp