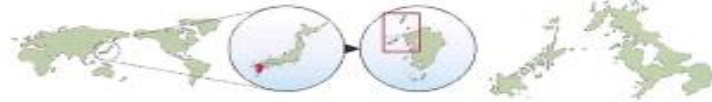


Welcome to NAGASAKI

**Prefecture of International Exchange,
World-Class Heritage
and a Prayer for Peace**

*Nagasaki, rich in natural beauty
and international flavor*

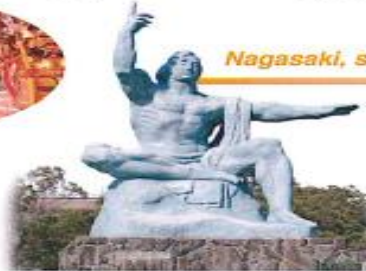
Nagasaki is a prefecture with a long history of overseas exchange, and to this day it retains a special international atmosphere. Our vast ocean area, long coastline and rich forests bring forth bountiful delicacies, from seafood to meats, vegetables and more. This is a place where visitors can get their fill of Japanese cuisine, or "washoku" (recently named by UNESCO as an item of Intangible Cultural Heritage) in all its rich seasonal variety, as well as enjoying the waters of the hot springs that well up from the earth.



**Twin bids for World Heritage recognition:
recounting the story of overseas trade**

Nagasaki, situated at the far western edge of Japan, close to the Asian continent, has long formed a window to the outside world. For that reason, it played a vital role as the starting point for the modernization of Japan, which became the first country outside of the Western world to accomplish such rapid development. The process can be traced from the arrival in Nagasaki in the 16th century of Western learning and Christianity, which flourished in the region, through to the introduction of the latest Western technology in the 19th century and beyond.

Nagasaki is currently advancing initiatives to have two valuable collections of cultural heritage sites, which tell the story of the processes of material and personal exchange that occurred here, registered on the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. The two collections are the "Churches and Christian Sites in Nagasaki" and the "Modern Industrial Heritage Sites in Kyushu and Yamaguchi".



Nagasaki, spreading its message of peace to the world

Alongside Hiroshima, Nagasaki suffered mankind's first usage of atomic weaponry. The city was laid waste in an instant by the atomic blast, heat and radiation of a single nuclear bomb, and huge numbers of precious lives were lost. Over the next 70 years, this city, which suffered such enormous damage, has been reborn as a beautiful city that prays for world peace. Nagasaki calls for the abolition of nuclear weaponry and the establishment of lasting world peace at the earliest possible occasion.



Opening Ceremony, Nagasaki, Japan Panel Exhibition

April 26, 2014 1:30pm~ @University of California, Irvine, Room: HG 1030

Lectured by Hon. Tomihisa Taue, Mayor of the City of Nagasaki, Japan

DVD Presentation: Journey of Romance NAGASAKI, Children of Nagasaki (Peace)

Panel Exhibition: "Welcome to Nagasaki"

"Prefecture of International Exchange, World-Class Heritage, and a Prayer for Peace"

April 26(Sat)~April 29(Tue) @ University of California, Irvine, Room: HG 1002

Please come to see our event!

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