

# Nagasaki and the West

## The United Kingdom

- The first English Trading post was established in Hirado⑦, so the year 2013 marks 400 years of Japan-British relations.
- The first English Samurai, William Adams was actively involved in British and Dutch trading in Hirado⑦. He is also known as the model of James Clavell's best-selling novel "Shōgun".
- Glover Garden⑤ houses the old residences of British and Irish traders. The Scottish merchant Thomas Blake Glover contributed greatly to the modernization of Japan, through building Japan's first steam railway and establishing Mitsubishi and the shipbuilding industry. He was the father of Japan's popular brew, Kirin Beer.
- Hashima② (Gunkanjima) was featured in the recent James Bond movie, "Skyfall".
- Takashima Island: Glover invested in the development of a coalmine on Takashima Island, not far from Nagasaki Port. This island now has a stunning swimming beach with a coral shelf and tropical fish, which can be seen on beach-entry diving excursions.
- Dejima④ is the setting of "The Thousand Autumn of Jacob de Zoet" by English writer, David Mitchell.

## The Netherlands

- The Dutch East India Company's trading post in Hirado⑦ was the first trading post in Japan, built in 1609.
- The Dutch East India Company's trading post at Dejima④ was the only place where Japan was allowed to trade with the Netherlands during two centuries of isolation.
- The Nagasaki Kunchi Festival is one of the largest festivals in Japan. This unique autumn festival has been celebrated since 1634, with performances including the Dutch ship, Dutch dances along with other Japanese traditional dances, and parade floats. The directors of the Dutch trading post also enjoyed and were sometimes involved with this festival.
- Vincent van Gogh painted "La Mousmé" after reading "Madame Chrysanthème"⑤.
- Huis Ten Bosch in Sasebo City is a waterfront residential resort. One can enjoy flower festivals in all seasons, the world's greatest illuminations and various attractions including the 5D theatre, the 5-Story Tree house, cruising to Kujukushima① on a replica of the pirate ship from the popular animation "One Piece" and Next-Generation Energy Park. With the backing of the Dutch government and many scholars, this replica of Dutch town eventually grew to a planned community where people coexist in harmony with nature.

## France

- **Oura Cathedral, a National Treasure, was built by French missionaries.** It was the oldest wooden church of gothic architecture existing in Japan. The people of Nagasaki nicknamed this church the "French Temple".⑩
- Saint Guillaume Courtet was martyred in 1637 at Nishizaka and was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1862 as one of the 16 Martyrs of Japan.⑩
- In the late 19th century, many missionaries including Father De Rotz came to Nagasaki and contributed greatly by building a number of churches.⑩
- The first Frenchman to set foot in Japan was François Caron, served at the Dutch trading post in Hirado in 1619.
- The French novel "Madame Chrysanthème" by Pierre Loti is set in Nagasaki City.⑤
- The writer of "Silence" Shusaku Endo specialized in French literature and studied for several years in France.⑩
- Morio Matsui, a recipient of France's Legion of Honour, has his studio at an abandoned school on one of Nagasaki's remote islands⑨. He has painted works on the theme of peace in Nagasaki, such as "No More Nagasaki" and has exhibited his work at Oura Cathedral.⑩

## Germany

- The first German came to Dejima④ during the era of the isolation policy as a physician for the V.O.C. His name was Engelbert Kaempfer and published his "Japan Diary", which was the first book to give Europeans an accurate account of Japan. Philipp Franz von Siebold later published "Nippon", "Flora Japonica" and "Fauna Japonica", and Japanese people from all over Japan gathered and attended his medical school. He named a hydrangea after his wife "Otakusa" and now the hydrangea is the city flower of Nagasaki. The Siebold Memorial Museum in Nagasaki City is now open to the public and in 2013 celebrates the 190th anniversary of his visit to Nagasaki.
- Pieter Hartsinck was born in 1637 in Hirado⑦, and later established Harzing-Clausthal Stiftung.
- In 1859, the German merchant Louis Kniffler came to Dejima④ and established the first Prussian/German trading house in Japan. He later became Prussian Vice-Consul in Nagasaki.

## Switzerland

- The Swiss photographer Pierre Rossier arrived in Nagasaki in 1859 and taught his technique to Ueno Hikoma, Japan's first professional photographer.
- The Nagasaki City Mayor's delegation and Nagasaki high-school students working on the one-million signature campaign for nuclear abolition regularly go to the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva.

## Spain

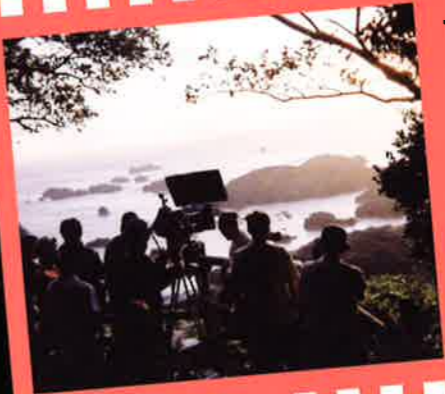
- Starting with Francisco Xavier's work in Hirado⑦ in 1550, and continuing to the early 17th century, many Spanish missionaries came to Nagasaki.⑩
- Eight Spanish missionaries were martyred at Nishizaka in Nagasaki City.⑩
- Nagasaki Prefectural Art Museum③ exhibits one of the largest collections of Spanish art in the East.

## Others

- Many Italian missionaries visited Nagasaki. Some local feudal lords in Nagasaki became Christians and sent a delegation of young Christian to the Vatican in 1582. Thanks to direct contact and trade with Europe, Nagasaki was once called the "Little Rome" of the Far East.⑩
- The 26 Martyrs who died at Nishizaka were canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1862.⑩
- In 1980 Pope John Paul II visited Japan for the first time and came to Nagasaki. He visited the monument to the 26 Martyrs and the Urakami district⑥, and delivered a speech.
- The Atomic-Bombed Virgin Mary of Urakami Cathedral⑥ was taken to the "Marcia per la Pace Perugia-Assisi", a peace march in Italy, in 2012.
- Italian composer Giacomo Puccini composed the opera, "Madama Butterfly", a story set in Nagasaki.⑤
  - The Ropeway to Mt. Inasa was designed by Ken Okuyama, who is also known for automobile design work with Ferrari.③

- Portugal: After the Portuguese ship arrived at Hirado⑦ in 1550 with Francisco Xavier on board, many Portuguese missionaries came to Nagasaki. They brought Western culture to Nagasaki, and those influences are still evident in the Japanese language and food.
- Poland: Maksymilian Maria Kolbe founded a monastery with a printing facility and a seminary in Nagasaki.⑩
- 1500 people from 20 countries rest in peace at Nagasaki's International Cemeteries.⑤
- Pearl S. Buck's American novel "The Big Wave" was inspired by the 1922 earthquake on the Shimabara Peninsula.⑥
- International award-winning modern architect Kengo Kuma designed the Nagasaki Prefectural Art Museum③, the Garden Terrace Hotel and the Olive Bay Hotel in Nagasaki Prefecture.

# Nagasaki in Hit Film



## The Last Samurai (2003)

**Filming Location in Nagasaki: Kujukushima Islands ①, Sasebo City**

The sunset view of the Kujukushima Islands appeared in the movie "The Last Samurai" as a symbol of Japanese coastal beauty.

**About the Kujukushima Islands:** Hundreds of islands are huddled together here in Japan's westernmost national park. The density of the islands is the highest in Japan. For more information on Kujukushima and the Saikai Pearl Sea Resort, please refer to ① on the next page.

## 007 Skyfall (2012)

**Filming Location in Nagasaki: Hashima ② (Gunkanjima, Battleship Island), Nagasaki City**

In the 50th anniversary James Bond hit film Skyfall, this deserted island was featured as the model of Dead City, the villain's lair.

**About Hashima:** also known by its nickname "Gunkanjima" (Battleship Island) due to its silhouette, this island has been added to the Tentative List of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites for its historical value based on its industrial heritage. For more information on Hashima and Gunkanjima Tours, please refer to ② on the next page.



## The Wolverine Samurai (2013)

**Filming Location in Nagasaki: Nagasaki Port ③**

This film starts with a scene of the bombing of Nagasaki Harbor during World War II. The actual images of this scene were created by composing real views of Nagasaki Harbor shot by the second unit from Hollywood.

**About Nagasaki Port:** The only port where trade with Europe flourished in 17th to 19th centuries. The current Nagasaki Port is highly valued as a beautiful port where international cruise ships frequently call. A number of sightseeing spots including the verdant Seaside Park and the Nagasaki Art Museum are located around the port. For further information, please refer to ③ on the next page.

## Silence (due 2015)

**Scenario-scouting by Martin Scorsese: The 26 Martyrs' Site, the Nagasaki Museum of History and Culture, and the Endo Shusaku Literary Museum in Nagasaki City, Unzen Hell in Shimabara Peninsula.**

Director Martin Scorsese is now in the planning stage of making Endo Shusaku's novel "Silence" into a movie expected to be released in the winter of 2015.

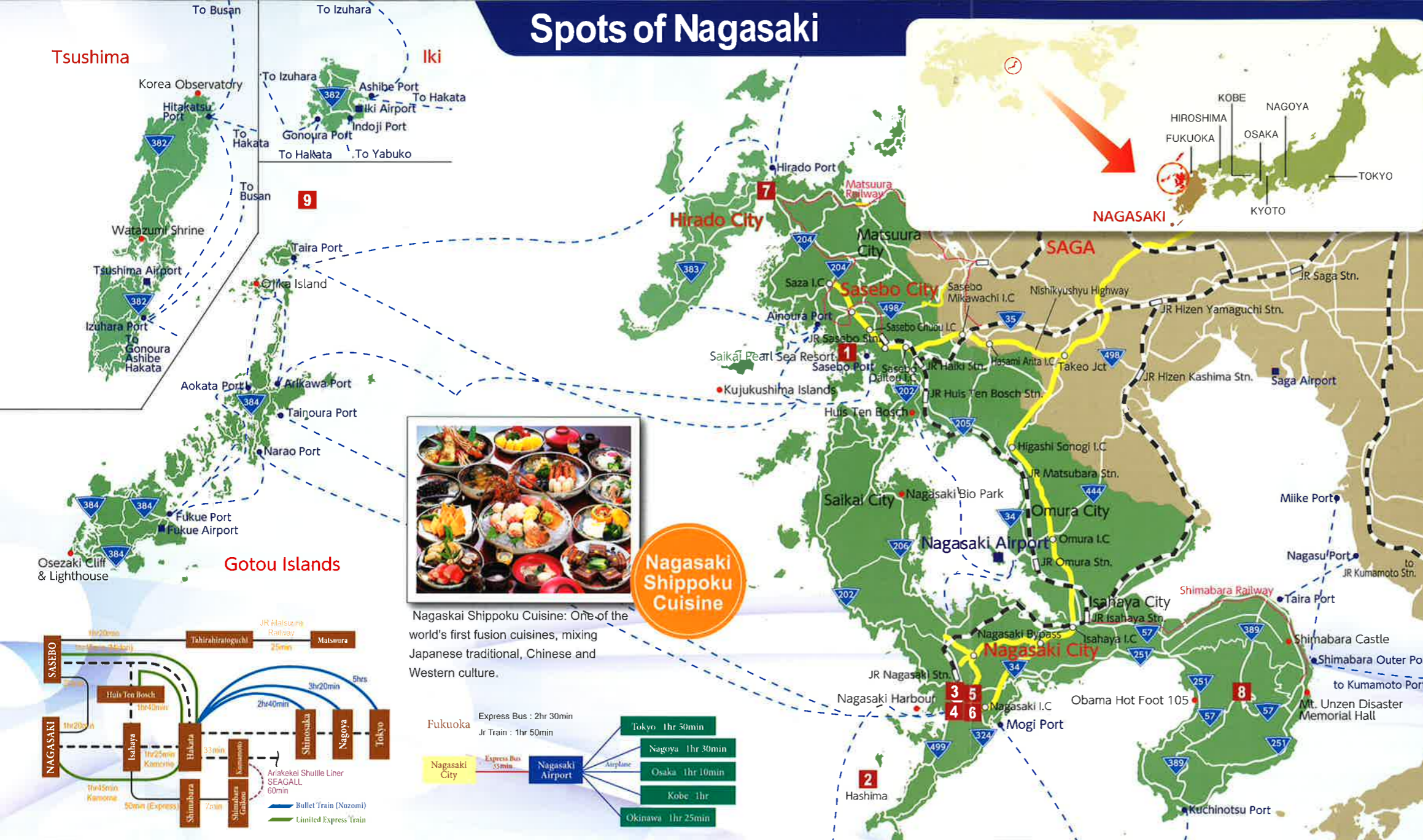
**About "Silence":** A historical novel written in 1966 by Japanese author Shusaku Endo, based on the historical facts of the suppression of Christianity and the history of crypto-Christians in Nagasaki in the 17th century. For further information about the history of the Christianity in Nagasaki, please see TOPICS on the next page.



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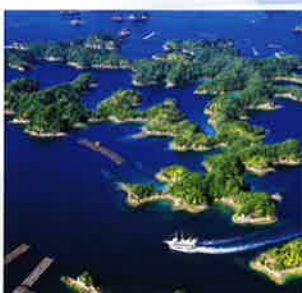
# Spots of Nagasaki



**Nagasaki Shippoku Cuisine**

Nagasaki Shippoku Cuisine: One of the world's first fusion cuisines, mixing Japanese traditional, Chinese and Western culture.

## 1 Pearl Sea Resort, Sasebo City



Saikai Pearl Sea Resort is located in the Kujyuku-Shima National Park. The beautiful sea here contains treasures including pearls and oysters. As the focal point of the Kujukushima islands adventure, you can take an excursion boat, rent a kayak, or visit the aquarium Umikirara to get a closer look at the amazing sea creatures populating the sea around the islands.

## 3 Nagasaki Port, Nagasaki City



Nagasaki Port flourished as the only window open to trade with Europe during Japan's period of national isolation (1641-1858). Even now, many cruise ships call at this port. The port is surrounded by mountains on three sides. At night, the port is lit up by the lights of the houses on the hillsides. Nagasaki City was selected as one of the three best night views in the world in 2012.

## 2 Hashima (Gunkanjima), Nagasaki City



Hashima is an island which prospered as the site of a Mitsubishi Mining Company deep sea coalmine, and is bristling with industrial-era buildings. In those days, the island boasted the highest population density in the world. Despite innovative features such as the roof gardens, the site fell into ruin after the closing of the mines in 1974. The island was reopened to visitors in 2009, with 10 boat tours each day.

## 4 Dejima, Nagasaki City



Dejima, an artificial island on Nagasaki Port, served as the Dutch East India Company's trading post and the exclusive point of interaction with Europe thus played a vital role in Japan's modernization. Currently, it is undergoing further restoration work. The Japanese rooms filled with antique European furniture provide you a sense of everyday life in Dejima and the mingling of styles and cultures.

## 5 Glover Garden, Nagasaki City



This park, part of the 2015 World Heritage Registration campaign, features gardens and residences that mix western styles with a Japanese touch, where Westerners lived in the 19th century, and commands a romantic panoramic view of Nagasaki Port. Romantic stories of Westerners and Japanese ladies provided the inspiration for Puccini's opera "Madame Butterfly." For information about Thomas Glover, who lived in the oldest wooden western house existing in Japan, please read the section "The UK" on next page.

## 10 TOPICS



"Churches and Christian Sites in Nagasaki", on the tentative list for UNESCO World Heritage Sites, are churches and places of pilgrimage scattered all over Nagasaki Prefecture, which represent the 450-year history of the propagation of Christianity and its culture in Japan. This history began with the introduction of Christianity to Hirado City by St. Francis Xavier in 1550, followed by the flourishing of Christianity which led to Nagasaki being called the "Little Rome in the East", and later the martyrdom of Japanese Christians and foreign missionaries starting with the martyrdom of the 26 Saints of Japan in Nagasaki City, the silencing of the hidden Christians, and the miraculous revival of Christianity 250 years later, the so-called "discovery of the hidden Christians." The year 2015 brings the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the hidden Christians, the year when hidden Christians from the Urakami area (©) confessed their faith in Christianity at Oura Cathedral.

## 6 Peace Park Area, Nagasaki City



On August 9, 1945, an atomic bomb exploded over the Urakami area and killed or injured about 150,000 people, as well as completely destroying all the buildings including the Urakami Cathedral and primary schools. Now, this area has completely recovered. The tree-filled Peace Park, the Atomic Bomb Museum, the Memorial Hall, the Hypocenter Park and the Urakami Cathedral are located within walking distance. At the Atomic Bomb Museum, you can learn about the facts of the bombing, the history of the war, and the hope for a nuclear free world. At the rebuilt Urakami Cathedral, the bomb-damaged wooden statue of the Virgin Mary remains alongside some other relics of the tragic event.

## 7 Hirado City



In the 17th century, Hirado City became the first place in Japan where a European trading post was established. In this cozy castle town, Hirado Castle and the recently renovated museum of the Dutch Trading Post showcase its history. The Matsura Historical Museum offers you the chance to experience the Matsura Clan's original warrior-style green tea service at the thatch-roofed tea ceremony house. Hirado is said to be the origin of Japanese tea and Zen. You can also enjoy trekking, cycling, net-fishing, sea kayaking, and swimming or horse riding at the white-sand beaches.

## 8 Shimabara Peninsula



Shimabara Peninsula is a popular destination for enjoying hot springs, hiking and seasonal flowers. It encompasses Japan's first national park, Shimabara Castle Town and Obama hot spring Town. Also, it was Japan's original resort for Western visitors including Helen Keller and Pearl S. Buck, and the location of the first public golf course in Japan which celebrates its 100 year anniversary in 2013. At the Unzen Jigoku, or "hell", you can view the volcanic activity and enjoy birdsong at the same time. This area is also known as a site of Christian martyrdom.

## 9 Remote Islands



Nagasaki's remote islands are located at the very western edge of Japan in a beautiful ocean which is home to the highest latitude coral-reef in the world. With their unique tradition and culture, the islands offer tourists a relaxing experience and a wealth of delicious foods throughout the year. The Gotou Islands have the intense history of hidden Christianity. Iki has the ancient history of Shintoism. Tsushima has a long history of interaction with Korea thanks to its location about 50km from Busan, South Korea. Ojika Town was selected as one of "Japan's most beautiful villages."