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Ariake Sea Course.

A train to tour the seas of West Kyushu

Kohoku (10:38-10:45)

It is the junction station of Nagasaki Main Line and Sasebo Line. The name was changed from "Hizen-Yamaguchi Station" to "Kohoku Station" with the opening of the Nishikyushu Shinkansen line.

Kashimaru-kun.

Takeo-onsen (10:22 着)

West Kyushu Shinkansen line opened on September 23, 2022. It is the gateway connecting Saga and Nagasaki. It is a face-to-face transfer station for "the Relay Kamome" and "the Nishikyushu Shinkansen."

Ariake Bay

This is the largest sea in Kyushu and spans across 4 prefectures: Saga, Fukuoka, Nagasaki and Kumamoto. The maximum tide difference is about 6 meters, which is the highest in Japan.

Nagasaki (13:15 着)

They have the largest number of fish species landed in Japan. Sea bream, horse mackerel, Japanese spiny lobster, etc. can be enjoyed in each season. Also it's known as the birthplace of Wagyu beef that is soft and rich in minerals.

Hizen-hama (11:06-11:23)

You can enjoy local sake at "HAMA BAR" which is Japan's first sake bar directly connected to the station platform. There is also a famous sake brewery "Nabeshima."

Tara (11:34-11:41)

The platform has the Bell of Happiness, named after the auspicious station name that means, "There are many good things."

Konagai (12:00-12:06)

A fruit bus stop was set up at the Nagasaki Travel Expo held in 1990 to soothe the hearts of visitors to Nagasaki. You may be able to see Mt. Unzen from the platform.

Isahaya (12:25-12:26)

It is the closest station to Unzen, a summer resort on clouds with plump food and hot springs. The Shimabara Railway has Japan's closest station to the sea, where happy handkerchiefs are scattered in the wind.

Welcome to Nagasaki!

Omura Bay Course.

Nagasaki (14:53 着)

The platform has an open design inspired by the scenery of the sea and mountains. The scenery of the Nagasaki Port, which has a history of 450 years also spreads out in front of you.

Nagayo (15:05-15:18)

The station building is shaped like a mandarin orange, a specialty of Nagayo Town, cut in half. In addition, figs, olives, and lemons are widely cultivated.

Isahaya (15:44-15:45)

The Ikiriki area is famous for its Ikiriki mandarin oranges, which take advantage of the terraced fields and are bathed in the sea breeze from Omura Bay and the sun. Jellies and juices made with Ikiriki mandarin oranges, and mandarin oranges available only in winter, are sold on the train.

Shin-omura (16:05 着)

Shin-Omura Station was newly established at the same time as the opening of the West Kyushu Shinkansen line. It's the place related to "Sumitada Omura", Japan's first Christian daimyo who introduced Christianity to Nagasaki.

Chiwata (16:20-16:30)

Chiwata Station was selected for the image of a poster for the Seishun 18 Kippu. You can overlook the beautiful Omura Bay from the platform.

Huis Ten Bosch (17:01-17:04)

Japan's largest theme park that recreates the streets of Europe. Seasonal flowers bloom colourfully, and 13 million lights shine at night.

Hakki (17:09-17:16)

The station is characterized by a switchback structure. The trains came in from the Takeo area will back up when heading toward Sasebo.

Arita (17:23-17:25)

The production area of one of Japan's traditional crafts, Arita porcelain. It is thin, light, and durable, and is characterized by delicate paintings drawn in vivid colors on a transparent white porcelain.

Takeo-onsen (17:51 着)

A historic hot spring resort that opened 1,300 years ago. Boumon (the two-storied gate) does not use a single nail, and was designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan in 2005.

Omura Bay

Because it is surrounded by land on all sides, it is not easily affected by the outside, and the tidal difference is only 90 cm. It is also famous for pearl farming.

Gaba-yokatoko-bai (very good place)