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# NAGASAKI

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## JAPAN AT A GLANCE

**SIZE:** 145,885 square miles, slightly smaller than California

**POPULATION:** 127,333,003 (July 2004 est.)

**LANGUAGE:** Japanese

**CAPITAL:** Tokyo

**TYPE OF GOVERNMENT:** Constitutional Monarchy with a Parliamentary Government

**CURRENCY:** Yen (JPY)

**TIME ZONE:** GMT + 9

## A City of Historical Significance, Straddling a Coastline and the Crossroads of Cultures

Considered the birthplace of Japanese civilization, the island of Kyushu benefited from its geographic proximity to the Asian landmass, benefitting from Korean and Chinese influences. Later, the island's port city of Nagasaki would prove a benefit to all of Japan.

Little more than a sleepy fishing village when Japan sealed itself off from the rest of the world, Nagasaki became the one place where foreigners were allowed contact with the country. It was through this small islet that Japan kept a focus on the technological, scientific and imperial advances of the West.

Nagasaki eventually evolved into the most westernized of Japan's cities, where Christianity and European culture had a profound influence. It became an important center for commercial and cultural interaction.

It is also the site of one of two nuclear detonations that occurred during World War II. On the morning of August 9, three days after the atomic bomb was dropped over Hiroshima, the B-29 BOCKSCAR, commanded by Major Charles Sweeney, arrived over the Japanese city of Kokura to drop the second atomic bomb "Fatman."

Kokura was obscured by haze and clouds and so the fateful decision was made to head to the secondary target: Nagasaki. Dangerously low on fuel and able to make only one bomb run over the city, the crew of BOCKSCAR initially found Nagasaki obscured by clouds. As fate would have it, a small opening appeared allowing the bomb to be dropped. At 11:02 a.m. "Fatman," with the explosive force of 21,000 tons of TNT, exploded approximately 1,900

### ABOUT YOUR PORT GUIDE

This is your guide to Nagasaki, specially prepared by Princess Cruises. This guide is intended to assist you if you are on a shore excursion, touring independently or doing both.

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Atomic Bomb Museum

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feet above Nagasaki's industrial Urakami Valley. Thus, Nagasaki achieved everlasting notoriety as the second city to be destroyed by an atomic bomb.

Approximately 40,000 Japanese died instantly while tens of thousands suffered injuries. There were 240,000 Japanese living in Nagasaki on August 9, and by the end of 1945 almost 150,000 had been killed, died of injuries, or seriously injured. In addition, the city suffered tremendous damage from the blast, even though the bomb had missed its intended target area closer to the harbor where we will dock. The destruction of Nagasaki,

along with Russia's entry into the war on the same day, shocked the Japanese leaders into a series of deliberations, which lead to the end of the war. The bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki would eventually be voted "the top news story of the 20th Century" and become one of the most controversial topics in history.

Visitors find this beautiful harbor city easy to explore on foot, although its steep inclines are reminiscent of San Francisco—as are its streetcars. You'll want to make a stop at the reposedul Peace Park with its soaring Peace Statue dedicated directly under the hypocenter

of the A-bomb. And standing on a hill above the park is the Nagasaki International Cultural Hall, with sobering exhibits on victims of the bomb.

Nearby is Nishizaka Hill, where you'll find the Monument to the 26 Martyrs. This statue is dedicated to the memory of the 20 Japanese and six foreigners who were crucified in 1597 for refusing to renounce the Christian faith. Also worth noting is the Glover Mansion, built in 1863, and its accompanying gardens. A short distance away is the Oura Cathedral, the oldest Gothic-style edifice in Japan.



Shimabara Castle



Statue of Peace, Peace Memorial Park

## Places of Interest

### PEACE MEMORIAL PARK

Nagasaki's memorial park is laid out at around ground zero—the center of the atomic blast that leveled the city on 9 August 1945.

### ATOMIC BOMB HYPOCENTER (GROUND ZERO)

The monument marks the center of the atomic bomb blast.

### ATOMIC BOMB MUSEUM

The museum's exhibits display photographs of and artifacts from the explosion.

### SHIMABARA

This well-preserved 16th-century town features a samurai village and a superb, reconstructed feudal castle.

### GLOVER GARDENS

Named after Scottish merchant Thomas Glover, the gardens are home to Glover House—Japan's oldest example of Western architecture.

### OURA CATHOLIC CHURCH

The oldest wooden church of gothic architecture existing in Japan.

### MT. INASA LOOKOUT

The lookout offers a panorama of Nagasaki, its deep-water bay, and the surrounding hills

### ONE-LEGGED TORII GATE

This ancient stone gate lost one of its legs in the atomic blast. The gate has been preserved in its post-explosion state as a reminder of the destructive force of the bomb.

### MUSEUM OF TRADITIONAL PERFORMING ARTS

This small museum in Glover Garden exhibits items and artifacts from Nagasaki's Kunchi Festival, one of the three great festivals celebrated in Japan.

**THESE SITES CAN BE FOUND ON THE MAP AT THE BACK OF THIS GUIDE**

## Practical Information

### DOCKING

Your Princess ship will dock in Matsugae Pier, Nagasaki Harbor.

### SHORE EXCURSION DEPARTURES

Passengers will meet at a specific location for each shore excursion departure. Please refer to your tour ticket and the Princess Patter for the correct place and time. Your Shore Excursion staff will be at that location to assist you.

### TAXIS

Limited taxis are available pierside and throughout the city. Drivers do not speak English and accept only local currency.

### SHOPPING

While in port, shop for exquisite glassware and turquoise shells.

The nearest shopping area is in the Hamano-machi district, approximately three miles away.

### OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

**Banks:** Generally open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Shops:** Generally open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Post Office:** The nearest post office is within walking distance from the pier.

### LOCAL CUISINE – Food Specialties

Japanese cuisine offers a great variety of dishes and regional specialties. Rice has traditionally been part of the Japanese staple and can be found in many dishes including sushi, soups, curry stew, seafood dishes, and many more.

While in port you can also try:

**Domburi:** a bowl of cooked rice with food toppings such as tempura, egg, chicken, or beef

**Sashimi:** raw sea food, fresh and correctly prepared, usually enjoyed with soy sauce and wasabi (green mustard)

**Yakizakana:** grilled fish

**Noodles:** Soba is made of buckwheat and wheat flour, thick as spaghetti, and served hot or cold; Udon is made of wheat flour, and also thick as spaghetti, served hot or cold; and Yakisoba are deep-fried, Chinese-style noodles

**Nabe:** dishes prepared in a hot pot, such as sukiyaki and shabu-shabu

**Shippoku:** Traditional Nagasaki dish

### Drink Specialties

The most popular non-alcoholic beverage is green tea, considered an antioxidant. Beer is the most popular alcoholic beverage. While in port, also sample the local favorites including:

**Shochu:** Distilled spirit with a high alcohol content, made with rice, sweet potatoes, wheat and sugar cane

**Sake:** Rice wine made of rice and water, with 10-20% alcohol content; usually served hot or cold.

It is recommended that you drink bottled water while in port

### TIPPING

Suggested tipping is 10 to 15 percent for good service.

### SOME USEFUL WORDS

Good Morning ... Ohayo Gozaimasu

Good Afternoon ... Konichiwa

Good Evening ... Konbanwa

Yes ..... Hai

No ..... Iie

Please ..... Douzu, or Onegaishimasu

Thank You ..... Arigato

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