

Nagasaki City, Nagasaki Prefecture, Japan

Few ports carry a story as heavy—or as hopeful—as Nagasaki. Its hillside streets, harbor views, and layered history of East-West exchange reward every hour you spend ashore.

 Docked (Matsugae or Dejima Wharf)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)

 Language: Japanese

 Trams cover most sights cheaply

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Berth at Matsugae International Cruise Terminal (most ships) or Dejima Wharf (smaller vessels); no tendering

Best For: History, culture, walking, peace memorials, Japanese-Western architecture

Walk to center: Matsugae Pier is ~1-2 km to downtown; 15-20 min walk or short tram ride

Don't Miss: Atomic Bomb Museum + Peace Park, Glover Garden, Oura Church (UNESCO)

 Getting around:  **Taxi** ✓ ¥800–¥1,800 to city center ·  **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, DiDi, GO

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Atomic Bomb Museum & Peace Memorial Park** — Ground zero of August 9, 1945.
- **Glover Garden & Oura Church** — A hillside open-air museum showcasing the mansions of 19th-century foreign merchants, including the Former Glover House — the oldest surviving...
- **Dejima Island** — Nagasaki's fan-shaped artificial island was Japan's sole window to the West during the Edo period — a Dutch trading post from 1641 to 1853.
- **Mount Inasa Night Views** — Ranked among Japan's three greatest night views, Inasa's summit gives a panoramic sweep of the city and harbour glittering below.
- **Shinchi Chinatown & Nagasaki Chanpon** — Nagasaki Chinatown is one of Japan's three major Chinatowns.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Glover Garden Walk** 3-4 km · 1.5-2 hrs · Moderate (uphill finish) — From the Matsugae pier, head south along the waterfront to Dejima Island, continue through Chinatown to the base of Glover Garden.
- **Peace Park to Urakami Cathedral** 2 km · 45 min · Easy — Start at Peace Memorial Park, visit the Atomic Bomb Museum, then walk north to the Urakami Cathedral (Urakami Tenshudo) — rebuilt after the bomb destroyed the original.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		66°	54°	11d
Jun		78°	68°	16d
Aug		86°	78°	16d
Sep		81°	72°	15d
Oct		73°	63°	8d

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 5:51AM–6:50PM · Jun 5:12AM–7:29PM · Aug 5:43AM–7:05PM · Sep 6:04AM–6:26PM · Oct 6:24AM–5:47PM

 Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)

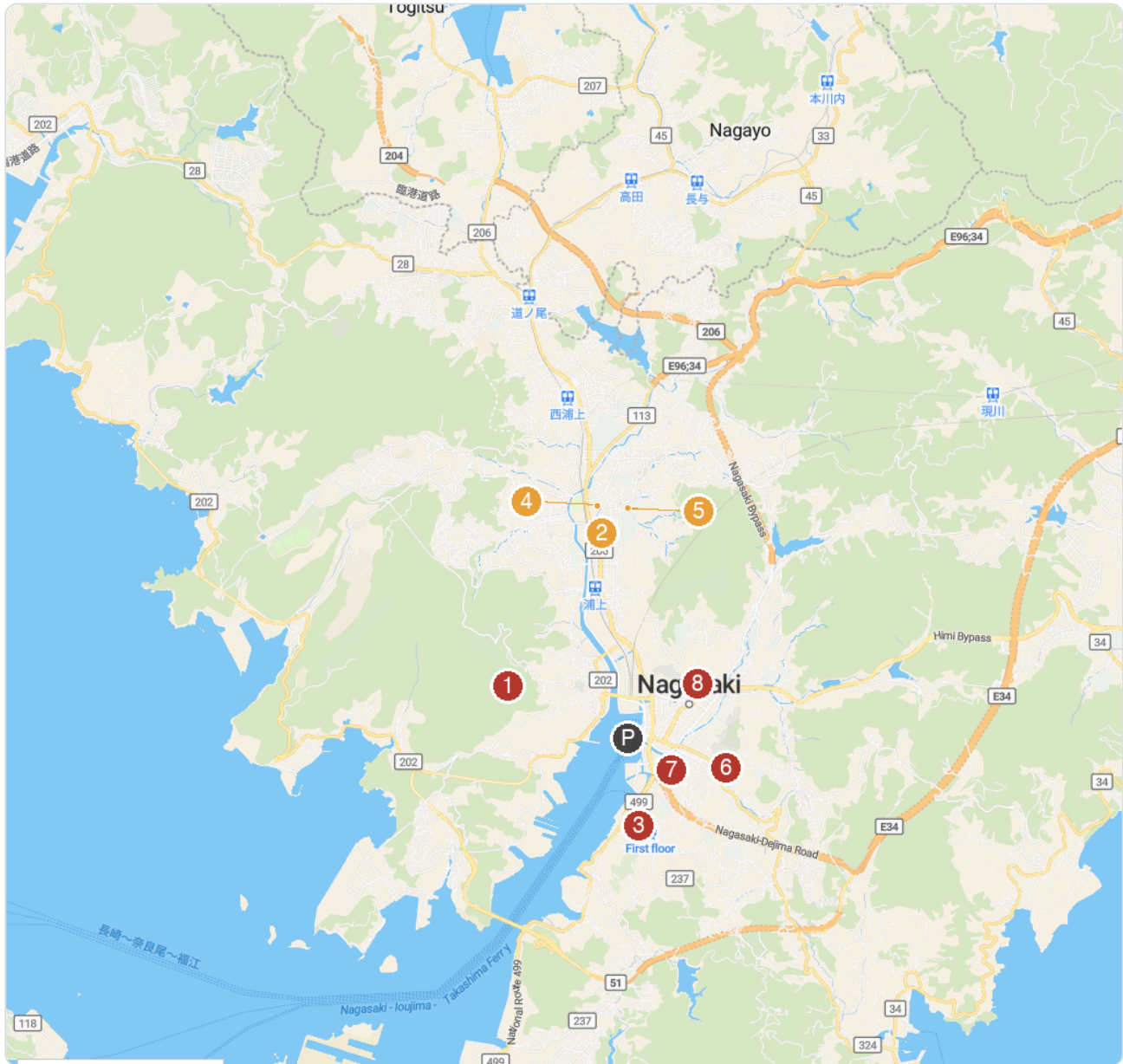
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Get the tram day pass. ¥600 from the tourist desk near the pier — unlimited rides on the network that connects all major sights. Single fares are ¥150 but add up fast.
- Bring cash. Japan remains highly cash-oriented. An ATM at the 7-Eleven near Dejima accepts foreign cards. Withdraw yen before heading to smaller restaurants or temples.
- Pack a compact umbrella. Nagasaki is one of Japan's rainier ports. Summer calls (June-September) often coincide with the rainy season — a lightweight rain jacket is a good call.
- Peace Museum first. Visit the Atomic Bomb Museum early before tour groups arrive. It deserves at least 90 minutes; give yourself time to absorb it.
- Eat chanpon. Nagasaki's signature noodle dish — thick ramen in a milky seafood broth — is a local invention you won't find like this anywhere else. Try Shikairo near Chinatown.
- Skip the taxi queue at the terminal. The walk to the nearest tram stop is only 5-10 minutes and far faster than waiting for a cab at busy port days.

Nagasaki City, Nagasaki Prefecture, Japan — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 1 Mt. Inasa Overlook | Panoramic night views of Nagasaki from a mountain peak. | 2 Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum | Museum documenting the 1945 atomic bombing of Nagasaki. |
| 3 Ōura Cathedral | Japan's oldest existing Gothic-style Catholic church. | 4 Peace Park Nagasaki | Park with statues and monuments commemorating the atomic bombing. |
| 5 Urakami Cathedral | Grand Catholic church rebuilt after the atomic bombing. | 6 Yasaka Shrine | Historic Shinto shrine with traditional Japanese architecture. |
| 7 Nagasaki Shintchi Chinatown | Japan's oldest Chinatown, famous for food and culture. | 8 Nagasaki Museum of History & Culture | Museum showcasing Nagasaki's rich history and international culture. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |