Educational trips from overseas to Nagasaki Prefecture using Farm Stays (private lodging with agriculture, forestry and fishing experiences)

Nagasaki Prefecture

What are Farm Stays (private lodging with agriculture, forestry and fishing experiences)?

Formally referred to as "private lodging with agriculture, forestry and fishing experiences," Farm Stays are an accommodation program in which visitors to agricultural, forestry and fishing localities in Japan are provide with experiences in these industries and accommodation in ordinary homes. Since the accommodation is provided in ordinary homes they afford a chance to interact with families and gain a deeper experience of Japanese culture.
This is an introduction to Educational trips from overseas to Nagasaki Prefecture using Farm Stays consisting of encounters with the charms of localities and their people.

〈1〉 Regarding accommodation

As the accommodation provided is in ordinary private homes the quota of participants per home is three to five people, and larger groups are spread amongst a number of different homes.
Meals are cooked by participants together with the hosts while learning about Japanese food from them, and then enjoyed together with the host family around the same dining table. Since the meals are all family cooking provided by each home the menus vary from one home to another.
In principle participants also share the toilets and bathrooms of the host family. Participants are requested to join with the host family in the preparation of meals, bedding and other everyday matters.
People from travel agencies and school personnel stay separately at nearby hotels. Prior consultation is required for those wishing to inspect the homes providing accommodation.

〈Views of home life〉

〈2〉 Regarding experiences

❶Experiences at the homes providing accommodation

Those staying at homes take part in different experiences according to each household. In the case of farmers this is agricultural activities particular to the season, in the homes of fishermen it is fishing and so on. Interaction with the host family can be deepened while being taught by them.

〈View of activities〉

①Nurturing strawberries

❷Experiences at places other than the accommodating home

There are specific locations for each of the agricultural, fishing and other experiences. It is possible to take part in either class- or group-size experiences, and for participants to choose the content of the experience activities.

②Beach seine fishing

Introduction to accepting organizations

1 Omura City Green Tourism Promotion Council

Local attractions

Omura City serves as a gateway to Nagasaki Prefecture from the east, and since Nagasaki Airport is situated here it is a very convenient locality. In particular, Fukushige Machi, which is located in the northern part of the Omura City is familiarly known as "Fukushige Fruit Village," a place where high-quality fruits such as grapes and pears are produced.

Basic information on the Organization

Number of participants catered for	From 10 to 40 people Quota of three to five people per home providing accommodation	
Eligible participants	Elementary school children or older	
Fee plan	Accommodation	・One night with breakfast: 6,500 yen (not including taxes) ・One night with two meals: 8,000 yen (not including taxes)
	Experiences	One experience (roughly 1 to 2 hours): from 1,000 yen upwards (not including taxes)
Experience format	At a place other than that of accommodation	
Experience menu	Agriculture	Harvesting vegetables, picking fruit
	Others	Food education (sausages, pizza, fruit rice cakes etc.) Craftwork experiences(decorating tote bags with pictures, tin badge-making classes)

Strengths and special features of the organization

The fruit harvesting experiences enable strawberry picking in the winter, and grape and pear picking in the summer. In addition, there are also logistics centers for the processing and sales of agricultural produce as well as cooking experiences, so all manner of food education is available year-round. Participants are able to enjoy the pleasures of making things with materials provided by nature, and the delicious tastes of the fertile land.

These education trips to Japan have thus far accepted visitors from over 20 countries and regions including China, Taiwan and South Korea.

Experience example

Day 1	10:30	Experience 1	Pizza class or rainbow class
	12:00	Lunch	Eat the food prepared during the experience class
	13:00	Experience 2	Decorating tote bags with pictures, tin badge-making classes
	16:00	Experience 3	Sweet-making class
	17:30		Opening ceremony, explanation of rules about home stays
	18:00	Meeting ceremony	The family of the home providing accommodation will be in attendance. Participants will meet the families here and then move to their various places of accommodation.
	18:30	Overnight home stay	Participants will make and eat the meal together with the family and get to know them. Afterwards they will take a bath and go to bed around 10pm.
Day 2	07:30	Wake up	Have breakfast and prepare to depart.
	09:00	Farewell ceremony	Everybody joins to say good bye to the host family.
	09:20	Departure	Depart for school interaction session and sightseeing.

Other experiences and tourist spots in the vicinity

Green Park Iwamotoen (Higashinodake Machi, Omura City)	Miniature golf, Putter Ball golf, tennis and grass skiing can be enjoyed.
Omura Park (Kushima, Omura City)	In the spring Omura cherry trees blossom and in June irises come into flower.
Nodake Lake Park (Higashinodake Machi, Omura City)	With a camping site and cycling road, this is a good spot to spend some relaxing time.

Model course

Day	Schedule	Accommodation
1	Around 11:00 Fukuoka Airport ═ Urban Expressway to Dazaifu Interchange ═ 12:10-12:30 Kinryu Service Area (rest) ═ 14:00-17:30 Sightseeing in Nagasaki City (Peace Park, etc.) ═ 18:00 Hotel in Nagasaki City	Hotel in Nagasaki City
2	9:00 Hotel in Nagasaki City ═ 10:30-12:00 Experience 1 - - - Lunch - - - 13:00-17:00 Experiences 2/3 - - - 17:30 Meeting ceremony - - - 18:00 Home stay experience (at each home) (Omura Yume Farm Chouchou or other nearby farm)	Home stay experience (3 to 4 people per home)
3	8:30 Home stay experience (at each home) - - - 9:00-9:20 Farewell ceremony ═ School interaction and visits to tourist spots ═ Omura Interchange ═ North or South Nagasaki etc.	Hotel in Nagasaki Prefecture

Access from main points

Fukuoka Airport	Around two hours by car using expressway (Nearest interchange: about 10 to 15 minutes from Omura Interchange)
Hakata Station	Around two hours by train (90 minutes from Hakata Station to Isahaya Station on express service) then 20 minutes from Isahaya Station to Takematsu Station; around seven minutes by car from Takematsu Station
Nagasaki Airport	Around 15 minutes by car using ordinary roads
Within Nagasaki City	Around 40 minutes by car on expressway, around one hour on ordinary roads

Comment from participant

As well experiencing a home stay I was able to enjoy a great time all through the day with the cooking and fruit harvesting experiences!! I was able to feel attractions unique to Omura, and have a lot of fun at the farm stay where the hosts were incredibly kind!!

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Main languages that can be catered for |

- Telephone responses by secretariat ▶ In Japanese only
- E-mail responses by secretariat ▶ English, Chinese, Korean(messages will be translated)
- Experience destinations ▶ English, Chinese, Korean (translated written explanations and translation apps will be used)
- Home stays ▶ Japanese will be spoken, but communication will be attempted using translation apps etc.

2 Minamishimabara City Tourist Association

Local attractions

Minamishimabara is situated in the far south of Nagasaki Prefecture, and offers the beauty of nature combining sea and mountains. Facing the Ariake Sea, a body of water rich in fish and shellfish, agriculture, forestry and fisheries are the main industries in this city where over half the area is covered by farmland.

In addition, it is the location of the Hara Castle remains that are part of the UNESCO-recognized Hidden Christian Sites in the Nagasaki Region, and is a place to both learn about and feel history.

Basic information on the Organization

Number of participants catered for	Up to 100 people Quota of three to five people per home providing accommodation	
Eligible participants	Junior High School students or older (elementary school students may be accepted upon consultation)	
Fee plan	Accommodation	First night: One night with two meals + one experience：9,000 yen (not including taxes) Continuous stays (two nights or more): One night with two meals + one experience: 8,100 yen(not including taxes) NB: In the case of continuous stays there is a separate lunch-making experience for 1,000 yen (not including taxes)
	Additional experiences	ne experience (2 to 3 hours) 1,500 yen (not including taxes)
Experience format	Experiences conducted at accommodating home	
Experience menu	Agriculture	Planting vegetables from seed, tending and harvesting (Potatoes, strawberries, asparagus, onions etc.)
	Fisheries	Fishing, repairing nets, cutting and preparing fish
	Forestry	Thinning, pruning, chopping wood
	Others	Cooking local dishes, feeding cows, experiencing the Japanese countryside.

Strengths and special features of the organization

By staying at the accommodation (an ordinary home) and having the experiences plenty of time for interacting with the host family is assured and it is possible to enjoy getting to know them well.
Moreover, it is possible to coordinate interaction with local schools in collaboration with the Board of Education. Since 2012 the acceptance of inbound travelers has been enthusiastically pursued, and many schools have accepted overseas groups mainly from Asian nations and regions such as China, Taiwan, South Korea, the Philippines and Malaysia.

Experience example

Day 1	14:00	Arrival Welcoming ceremony	A welcome greeting will be made and participants get to meet the family they will be staying with. An explanation of the activities schedule and important points will be made.
	14:30	Experience	Agriculture is experienced at the place of accommodation according to the season of the year.
	17:30	Dinner Bath Get together	Dinner will be made with the host family, followed by time together with the family. After taking a bath participants will go to bed around 9pm.
Day 2	06:30	Wake up	Have breakfast and prepare to depart.
	08:30	Farewell ceremony Departure	Everyone will assemble for a ceremony to say farewell to the host family. Interaction at school, and departure for sightseeing spots.

Other experiences and tourist spots in the vicinity

Unzen Volcanic Area Global Geopark experience (entire Shimabara peninsula)	A tour of the geopark will be made including the scenery, topography, geological strata and hot spas created by nature.
Dolphin watching experience (Minamishimabara City)	Meet wild dolphins. The probability of being able to encounter them is 99%.
History leaning experience (Arima Cho, Minamishimabara City)	Learn from a guide about the Hara Castle remains that are part of the UNESCO-recognized Hidden Christian Sites in the Nagasaki Region.
Disaster prevention learning experience (Fukae Machi, Minamishimabara City)	Learn about the state of the damage caused by the explosion of the Unzen Fugendake volcano at the Mizunashihonjin Fukae (a Michi-no-eki (roadside station)) and the ruins of Oonokoba Elementary School and Sabo Mirai Museum.

Model course

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2	9:00 Hotel in Nagasaki City ═ 10:30-11:00 Obama Spa foot bath ═ 11:30-13:00 Unzen Hell Valley ═ 14:00-15:00 Dolphin watching ═ 15:30 Welcome ceremony - - - 16:00 Experience/ home stay experience (at each home)	Home stay experience (3 to 5 people per home)
3	8:20 Home stay experience (3 to 5 people per home) - - - 8:40-9:00 Farewell ceremony ═ 9:30-11:30 School interaction ═ Mount Unzen Disaster Museum ═ Shimabara Castle etc. (it is possible to cross to Kumamoto by sea ferry)	Hotel in Shimabara City

Access from main points

Fukuoka Airport	Around three-and-a-half hours by car using expressway (Nearest interchange: Isahaya, two hours from Fukuoka Airport, then 90 minutes from Isahaya)
Hakata Station Via Kumamoto	About two hours and twenty minutes using the Kyushu Shinkansen etc. (Hakata Station to Kumamoto Station: 40 minutes on Shinkansen; Kumamoto Station to Kumamoto Port: 30 minutes by bus; Kumamoto Port to Shimabara Port : 30 minutes by ferry; Shimabara Port to Minamishimabara City: 40 minutes by bus.)
Nagasaki Airport	Around two hours by car using expressway
Nagasaki City	Around two hours by car on ordinary road

Comment from participant

I was given the chance to experience all sorts of things for the first time. The water melons were delicious and when I recall the taste of the freshly picked okra my mouth beings to water. The evening meal that the mother made using freshly picked vegetables was delicious, in fact it was more delicious than any food I have tasted anywhere else. I was also amazed by the starry skies that you never see in the city. I saw a shooting star but didn't have time to make a wish, nevertheless the memory of seeing the Milky Way and shooting stars with all the other participants is a beautiful one, and my most treasured souvenir. It was all such fun that I boasted about it to my family when I got home. The really kind XXX family are like a second family to me.

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- Home stays (including experiences) ▶ Japanese will be spoken, but communication will be attempted using translation apps etc.

3 Matsuura-Tou Tourism Exchange Association

Local attractions

The Kita Matsuura Peninsula is located in the northern part of Nagasaki Prefecture. Since it is surrounded in most directions by sea, fishing is a major business, but agriculture is also a vibrant enterprise and Matsuura City's terraced rice paddies in Fukushima Cho have been selected as one of Japan's 100 great rice paddy views, offering a magnificent landscape combining the sea and farmland. In the Hirado district there are many spots used in commerce that provide pristine seas and pretty landscapes, and much of the old town's flavor and nature are still left in-tact.

Basic information on the Organization

Number of participants catered for	From 20 to up to 400 participants The quota for home stays is four to five people per household	
Eligible participants	Junior High School Students (elementary school students may be accepted upon consultation)	
Fee plan	Home stay	・On night with two meals: 8,000 yen (not including taxes) ・One night with two meals and experience: 10,500 yen (not including taxes)
	Experiences	One experience (2 to 3 hours) 2,500 yen (not including taxes)
Experience format	At a place other than that of accommodation	
Experience menu	Agriculture	Orange harvesting (seasonal), potato cultivation (seasonal)
	Fisheries	Boat fishing, harbor fishing, octopus fishing etc.
	Others	Culinary experiences including making rice cakes

Strengths and special features of the organization

As there are separate instructors for the home stays and the experiences, it is possible to interact with a larger number of people. In addition, another attraction is being able to have the experiences participants plan for themselves regardless of the nature of business of the host family.

Thus far, educational tourism visitors have visited Matsuura from Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea.

Experience example

Day 1	14:00	Arrival	Instructor will be waiting at the venue of the experience.
	14:00	Experience 1	The agricultural or fishery experiences selected will be conducted.
	17:00	Meeting ceremony	The family providing accommodation will come to greet participants. Everybody will meet and then split into groups of four to five and go to their respective homes.
	17:30	Home stay	Dinner will be made with the host family and time spent interacting with them. After taking a bath, bed time will be about 10p.m.
Day 2	07:00	Wake up	Have breakfast and prepare to depart.
	08:00	Farewell ceremony	Everyone assembles to say farewell to the host family.
	08:30	Departure	Depart for interaction with schools and sightseeing spots.

Other experiences and tourist spots in the vicinity

Matsuura Umi no Furusato kan (a Michi-no-eki (road station)) (Shisa Machi, Matsuura City)	A road station where it is possible to buy souvenirs including a selection of the fruits of the sea.
Doya terraced rice paddies (Fukushima Cho, Matsuura City)	This is the location chosen as one of Japan's 100 great rice paddy views.
Sunset Road (Ikitsuki Cho, Hirado City)	The contrast between the sea and the sky is wonderful, and this spot is often used in commercials.
Tabira Church (Tabira Cho, Hirado City)	Although the church was not registered as part of the UNESCO World Heritage its stained glass and the structure itself are gorgeous, and a spot visited by many tourists.
Zhen Chenggong Memorial Museum (Kawachi Cho, Hirado City)	A museum recording the achievements of the 17th century Zhen Chenggong, a former ruler of what is now Taiwan, and recreating his birthplace in Japan.

Model course

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1	Around 11:00 Fukuoka Airport ═ Urban Expressway to Dazaifu Interchange ═ 12:10-12:30 Kinryu Service Area (rest) ═ 14:00-17:30 Huis Ten Bosch ═ 18:00 Hotel in Sasebo City	Hotel in Sasebo City
2	9:00 Hotel in Sasebo City ═ 10:00-13:000 Kujukushima Pearl Sea Resort ═ Matsuura-Tou no Sato (transfer) ═ 15:00-17:00 Experience 1 (Experience venue) ═ 17:30 Matsuura-Tou no Sato (Meeting ceremony) - - - Home stay experience (at each home)	Home stay experience (4 to 5 people per home)
3	Home stay experience (at each home) - - - 8:15-11:15 Experience 2 (Experience venue) ═ 11:30-12:00 Matsuura-Tou no Sato (Farewell ceremony) ═ School interaction and visits to tourist spots // Nishi Kyushu Expressway Route 202 ═ Fukuoka-Maehara Road →Urban Expressway Karatsu Osakana Mura (rest) ═ Fukuoka Airport \\ Nagasaki Expressway Saza Interchange ═ Kinryu Service Area (rest) Dazaifu Interchange → Urban Expressway ═ Fukuoka Airport	

Access from main points

Fukuoka Airport	Around two hours and ten minutes by car (using expressway) (i) Via the Fukuoka-Maehara toll road (Nearest interchange: 85 minutes to the Minamihatataniguchi Interchange, then 45 minutes to Matsuura) (ii) Via the Nagasaki Expressway (Nearest interchange: 100 minutes to the Saza Interchange, then 30 minutes to Matsuura)
Hakata Station	Around two hours and forty minutes by train (Hakata Station to Arita Station: 90 minutes; Arita Station to Imari Station: 25 minutes; Imari station to Matsuura Station 40 minutes, then five minutes by car from Matsuura station)
Nagasaki Airport	Around one hour and fifty minutes by car (using expressway) (Nearest interchange: 80 minutes to Saza Interchange, then 30 minutes to Matsuura)
Nagasaki City	Around two hours by car (using expressway) (Nearest interchange: 90 minutes to Saza Interchange, then 30 minutes to Matsuura)

Comment from participant

I really enjoyed tasting the atmosphere of a Japanese home and mixing with the people of Matsuura. It was also great to directly sense the profound feelings of the organizers and their preparations behind the hospitality I experienced.

It was really great to get to pass time with the host family and chat with them late into the night.

I was able to enjoy the boat fishing experience thanks to the kind way in which the captain explained how to fish an what to be careful about. It was fun to see everybody having such a good time fishing.

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- Experience providers ▶ English and Chinese (translated written explanations and translation apps will be used)
- Home stays ▶ Japanese will be spoken, but communication will be attempted using translation apps etc.

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Nagasaki Tabinet, the website for tourist information on Nagasaki is here:

https://www.nagasaki-tabinet.com/en

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