Holidays have really come in. Let’s check the local events to enjoy the festive air in town!

**No.1 Event this weekend!**

**Kirakira (Twinkle-twinkle) Festival 2017**

**Until Monday, 25 December**

Shimanose Park

Google map coordinates: 33.172391, 129.720690

This is the most exciting event of the year in Sasebo. Please do not miss any events!

Food and drink stands are open every weekend from 1100 to 2000.

Please visit website: [http://yonkacho.com/kirafes/2017/kirafex2017_A4pdf](http://yonkacho.com/kirafes/2017/kirafex2017_A4pdf) to see the flyer. The information is available only in Japanese, though. Call the festival committee office in Japanese at 0956-24-4411 for more information.

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All the events above are held on **Saturday, 23 December** at Shimanose Park.

**Let’s Light Candles**

**Sunday, 24 December**

Shimanose Park

**Snow Falls in Sasebo**

**Monday, 25 December**

Shimanose Park

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**No.2 Event this weekend!**

**Holiday Music Concerts**

**Arkas Kiratto (Shining City) Sasebo Family Concert**

**Saturday, 23 December**

Arkas Sasebo Medium Hall

Google map coordinates: 33.166053, 129.724332

Admission: Y1,500 (adult), Y500 (child)

This is a family concert that 3 years old children can enjoy listening. Please call Arkas Sasebo office in Japanese at 0956-42-1111 for more information.

**Polaris Concert**

**Saturday, 23 December**

Arkas Sasebo Big Hall

Google map coordinates: 33.166053, 129.724332

Admission: Free

“Polaris” is the Polar Star in Ratin. The brass band of Sasebo Kita High School and Middle School was named after the Polar Star. The symbol of Sasebo Kita High School is “Polar Star.” Why do I know it? I’ve graduated from the school. I heard 3 different types of music will be performed in 3 parts. It sounds fun. Call the high school in Japanese at 0956-22-4105 (Setoguchi Sensei) for more information.

**Ekimachi 1-chome (Shopping Mall in front of JR Sasebo Train Station) Concerts**

Ekimachi 1-chome Stage

Google map coordinates: 33.163933, 129.725697

Please call the shopping center office in Japanese at 0956-24-6523 for more information.

**Sasebo Rainbow Gospel Club Live Show**

**Saturday, 23 December**

**Emukae Boys and Girls Choir Concert**

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Sunday, 24 December 1500 / 1700

*No.3 Event this weekend!*

**Christmas Fantasia**

*Friday, 22 and Saturday, 23 December*

Emukae District Culture Hall “Infinitus”

Google map coordinates: 33.281292, 129.684604

The event has started on Sunday, 3 December and holiday lights will be on from 1730 to 2300 until Thursday, 4 January.

**Stage Events**

*Saturday, 23 December*

1200

Ryuou Taiko Drum Team Show, Children Yosakoi Dance, music concerts, and hula dance show will be held.

**Movie Shows**

*Friday, 22 December*

1330 / 1930

“Kono Sekai no Katasumi ni (At the corner of this world)"

*Saturday, 23 December*

1330

“Despicable Me 3”

**Shimanose Art Center Information**

The following exhibitions are held at the Shimanose Art Center. The admission to each exhibition is free of charge unless it’s mentioned.

Shimanose Art Center at the corner of Shimanose Park in Ginza

Google map coordinates: 33.172731, 129.720672

Hours of business: 1000-1800, closed on Tuesdays

**Shiki Amano Cosmos Art Exhibition**

Friday, 22 to Thursday, 28 December

Call the art center in Japanese at 0956-22-7123 for more information.

**Cool Choice, Stop the Global Warming Campaign Poster Contest Award-winning Posters Exhibition**

Starting on Monday, 18 December

**Costume-played Diver in 99 Islands Pearl Sea Center**

The following events are held in 99 Islands Pearl Sea Center Aquarium.

Google map coordinates: 33.151185, 129.689476

Phone #: 0956-28-0011

99 Island Pearl Sea Resort Aquarium

Y1,440 (high school student or older), Y720 (4 years old to middle school student)

Special Discount for Sasebonians (Sasebo habitants): Y1,020 (high school student and older), Y520 (4 years old to middle school student). Please show your Military ID card.

To see the divers in the tank is free. However, the admission to the aquarium will be asked.

St.Clause Diver followed by a Reindeer Diver

*Saturday, 23 to Monday, 25 December*

1100

New Year Zodiac Sign Diver

Wednesday, 3 January

1100

**Sasebo Shikisaikan 8th Anniversary Sale**

*Saturday, 23 and Sunday, 24 December*

1000-1600

Mikawachi Shikisaikan on Route 35

Google map coordinates: 33.152956, 129.829915

Good holiday gift shopping opportunity! You may come across good Mikawachi Chinaware. Call the Shikisaikan Hall in Japanese at 0956-30-7744 for more information.
**Huis Ten Bosch Holiday Special Event**

Huis Ten Bosch
Google map coordinates: 33.086373, 129.787217

Christmas Events
Santa Clause DJ Party
**Friday, 22 to Monday, 25 December**
Heart-shaped Fireworks Display
**Saturday, 23 to Monday, 25 December**

New Year’s Day Count Down Show
Sunday, 31 December

Fireworks display will be held twice. Please do not miss them. I'll inform you about the events when I get the detailed information.

**Ari-Fes (Arita Festival) Autumn 2017**

Until Thursday, 28 December
Arita-cho in Saga Prefecture
Google map coordinates: 33.182882, 129.888944 (Arita Tourism Association)

**Stroll in Kimono**
Until Thursday, 28 December 1000-1600
Fee: Y3,000 (kimono rental, kimono fitting, and Y1,500 meal coupons)
    Y2,000 (kimono rental and kimono fitting)
Max number of participants is 15. Please check in before 1400.

**The Last Sunset Cluise and The First Sunrise Cluise**

Sunday, 31 December 2017 and Monday, 1 January 2018
99 Islands Pearl Sea Resort in Kashimae-cho
Google map coordinates: 33.161356, 129.679050
Fare: Y2,400 (adult), Y1,200 (4 years old to middle school student)

The Last Sunset Cluise in 2017
Sunday, 31 December 1635-1735
Let’s see off the last sun in 2017. Hot bowl of soba noodles are served after the cluise. A big raffle drawing will be held during the cluise.

The First Sunrise Cluise in 2018
Monday, 1 January 0720-0820
Let’s see the new-born sunrise of the year from the boat. A hot bowl of Zenzai (sweet brown been soup) will be served. A big raffle drawings will be held during the cluise.

**Heisei 30th First Fire Drill**

Saturday, 6 January 1000-1225
Ardas Sasebo, New Port Park, and Sasebo Port International Terminal
Note: the location of the drill has been relocated. Please be careful.
Please call the Sasebo Fire Department office in Japanese at 0956-23-9251 for more information.

Heisei 30th Coming-of-Aged Day Ceremony
Sunday, 7 January 1200
Ardas Sasebo Convention Center
Google map coordinates: 33.166067, 129.724317
People who were born between April 2, 1997 and April 1, 1998 will be recognized as “adults” legally. Sasebo city mayor gives a congratulatory speech and new adults have a blast. If you falls in the category (age), you can attend the ceremony technically.

**Tabira Park Light Festival 2017**
Until Monday, 8 January 2018
Tabira Park in Tabira-cho on Route 204
Google map coordinates: 33.354527, 129.576839
About 150,000 lights are lip up at night until January 8th. The lighting ceremony is held on Saturday, 2 December at 1700. Mochi (rice cakes) distributing, Yosakoi Dance performance, and fireworks display are scheduled. St. Clause hands out gifts to lucky 300 kids. Please call the Tabira Park office in Japanese at 0950-57-0309 for more information.

**Flea Markets**

**Sasebo Morning Market Flea Market**
Google map coordinates: 33.164545, 129.720377
Phone #: 0956-22-9890
Saturdays, 23, 30 December 0300-0900
Morning Market across water from the Navy Lodge
The enroll fee to have a space for your store is Y500. You don’t have to open your store at 0300. Whenever you’re ready until 0900. You find the market the busiest from 0600 to 0730. Please visit the website: [http://sasebo-asaichi.com/](http://sasebo-asaichi.com/) to learn about it in details. Call in Japanese at 0956-22-9890 for more information.

**Top-kun Flea Market**
**Sunday, 24 December** 0950-1600
Sasebo Bicycle Race Arena on Route 11, next to the Sasebo Minato Interchange
Google map coordinates: 33.155455, 129.730262
Phone #: 0956-31-4797
About 60 stalls welcome the shoppers! Red Hiro shows are held twice at 1200 and 1500. Kid’s games and air toys are available. Sounds exciting!
**EM Design** organizes this flea market. If you would like to participate in any of these, please contact EM Design in Japanese at 0956-66-8770 for more information. Please visit the website: [http://emd.syoutengai.com/](http://emd.syoutengai.com/)

**Daito Shopping Center Flea Market**
Address: 14-2 Daito-cho, Sasebo-shi, Nagasaki Prefecture 857-1161
Phone #: 0956-27-2222
Wednesday, 27 December 1000-1500
Wednesday, 10 January 1000-1500
AEON Daito Shopping Center Parking Lot (2nd floor of the three-story high parking next to the main building of the store. Please find Mr. Donuts, leave the main building, and you will find it on your left.)
The bi-monthly flea market is held on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Wednesday every month. You can reserve your stall for several hundred yen. Please contact Mr. Yasunaga in Japanese at 090-4572-1899 for more information. It will be held rain or shine.
Pearl Sea Center (former Saikai Pearl Sea Center) Information

Google map coordinates: 33.161243, 129.678967
Phone #: 0956-28-4187

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Parking fee increases by Y100 for an hour for over 5 hours at any car parking. Bus parking fee increases by Y300 for an hour for over 5 hours. The highest car parking fee is Y600 up to for 12 hours and bus parking fee is Y1,800.

Note: The parking fees remain the same as before the tax increase.

I know this chart may be different from the one you find in the pamphlet you get from the Sasebo city hall. However, this chart is much easier to understand the fee. When I got the chart, I didn’t understand it at first. I called the Sasebo city hall and made sure the fee increase along with the length you park.

You may be wondering which ones are #3 to #5 car parking. Because you don’t have to pay anything until you park your car over 4 hours. If you know the supermarket, “Marina,” you know them. The car parking left to the supermarket is #3, and the one in front of the supermarket is #4. Car parking #5 is on Route 11 next to the 99 Island Hotel. If you are staying there over 5 hours, any car parking fee is the same. The car parking #1 is in front of the aquarium. The car parking #2 is located in the left of #1 close to the beach.

If you park your car for 4 hours or less, park either #3 or #4. If you are planning to stay there longer, any car parking fee is the same. But if you are staying there over 6 hours, spend there all day for Y600 of car parking. You may spend a lot more money for your meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks), though.

It’s not only bad news from the Pearl Sea Center. The other day, I found they have new equipments at the aquarium called “AQUA SCOPE.” It’s a radio-shaped portable mechanical guide that gives you explanation in the aquarium. When you move to the certain spots, it speaks automatically. It’s like a friend who knows about the aquarium very well explains when you visit there with him/her. It’s a very cool device. I believe your kids would love it. The service is available in different languages (Chinese, English, Korean and Japanese). The service is free of charge. Please ask whichever you like to listen.

99 Island Pearl Sea Resort Aquarium
Y1,440 (high school student or older), Y720 (4 years old to middle school student)
Special Discount for Sasebonians (Sasebo habitants): ¥1,020 (high school student and older), Y520 (4 years old to middle school student). Please show your Military ID card.
Please call the office at 0956-28-4187 for more information.

Class
Amamoba (Shallow water) Playroom in Umikirarra (Shining Ocean) Aquarium
If not mentioned, the tuition is free. The admission to the aquarium is still required, though.

Saturdays, 23, and 30 December 1130-1200, 1430-1500
Google map coordinates: 33.161243, 129.678967
Phone #: 0956-28-4187
Admission: ¥620 (adult, Sasebo citizen), Y150 (child, Sasebo citizen)
Please show your ID card at the ticket office.
Some fish have skills to catch bugs by shooting water to them or hiding secretly between pebbles. They are like Ninjas. Check them out at the aquarium! Call the Pearl Sea Center office in Japanese at 0956-28-4187 for more information. Please remember the following campaign.

99 Islands Pearl Sea Center “Oyster Festival”
99 Islands Pearl Sea Center
Google map coordinates: 33.160578, 129.678089
February 2018
Fee: ¥800 (About 1 kg (2 pounds) oysters), ¥200 (chacoals), ¥250 (oyster opener knife and a work glove)
Enjoy the sea food BBQ! Oysters are Oishii (delicious)!

Sightseeing Boats
Pearl Queen Cruise
Everyday 1000, 1100, 1300, 1400, 1500
Duration of the tour: 50 minutes
Fare: ¥1,400 (middle school student or older), ¥700 (4 years old to middle school student, 9th grade), Free for children 3 years old or under
Note: children ages under 3 years old are free of charge. Please ask the staff about the admission fee.

Pearl Queen Sunset Cruise
Saturdays, Sundays, and Japanese holidays until Sunday, 29 October
Duration of the trip: about 60 minutes
Fare: ¥1,400 (adult), ¥700 (4 years old to middle school student)
The departure time depends on the sunset time of the day. Please check it by calling the office in Japanese at 0956-28-1999.

Sea Kayak Experience
Every Sunday and Japanese holidays till October 1100-1530
99 Island Marina
Note: It’s not a tour but an experience. The kayaks never go out from the bay.
Fee: ¥520 (single), ¥1,030 (tandem, two passengers)
After 10 minutes lecture, you will paddle around the kayak in the marina. The class starts every 30 minutes and the duration of the class is 45 minutes. You don’t have to sign up ahead of time.

**Sailboat Experience**
Everyday 1110, 1210, 1310, 1410, 1510, 1610
Duration of the experience: about 60 minutes
Fee: Y2,050 (adult), Y1,30 (4 years old to middle school student)
The max number of passengers is 10
The participants take a sailboat and cruise in the 99 Islands. You have a chance to navigate the boat.

**99 Island Relax Cruise**
Everyday 1120, 1220, 1320, 1420, 1520, 1620
Duration of the cruise: about 50 minutes
The max number of passengers is 12
The river boat takes you to where big boats can’t go. The boat cruises very smoothly and you are so close to the water. You feel like you are flying over the water.

**99 Island Visitor Center Programs**
Programs held at the 99 Island Visitor Center require small amount of fee. Contact the center at 0956-28-7919 or visit website: [http://www.kujukushima-visitorcenter.jp/](http://www.kujukushima-visitorcenter.jp/)

**Saikai National Park Kujukushima Zoological and Botanical Garden Events**
The phone number there is 0956-28-0011. Tuition for the following classes is free unless it is specifically noted. You only pay the zoo admission fee.

**The whole zoo becomes non-smoking area. Please be careful.**
Address: 2171 Funakoshi-cho, Sasebo-shi, Nagasaki Prefecture 857-1231
Google map coordinates: 33.151185, 129.689476
Phone #: 0956-28-0011

**The Penguin Aquarium**
The new penguin aquarium has been finished at the 99 Island Zoological and Botanical garden lately. 22 penguins entertain the visitors. The admission fees to the 99 Island Zoological and Botanical Garden have been changed. Please see the chart below. Please show your ID card with your driver’s license at the entrance, which proves you live in Sasebo city. You can get the Sasebo citizen discount. The car park at the zoo remains free.

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Animal Photos that Zookeepers Took!
Please visit the facebook page:  [https://www.facebook.com/sasebo.morikirara](https://www.facebook.com/sasebo.morikirara)
The photos that only zookeepers could have taken are exhibited on the facebook.

**Note:** The volunteer activity “SAZANBOS” has been in hiatus, meaning they are not doing the volunteer activities now. I checked it on Friday, 24 June 2016. It’ll be announced in monthly Sasebo Newsletter when they restart the activities.

The Original Post Cards and Magnets are for Sale
Now the amazing photos of zoo animals and plants are printed on magnets and post cards. Original magnets are 14 different pieces (¥394 each), and post cards are 20 different pieces (¥108 each).

Note: The nursing room is available in the zoo. The facility is for parents with babies. The facility has a nursing room to change diapers and feed babies. Please refrain from bringing your pets to the zoo.

**Mt. Eboshi Sports Village Information**
Address: 128 Eboshi-cho, Sasebo, Nagasaki 857-0001
Phone #: 0956-24-6669

“Dog Run” Park has been completed!
It’ opens now at Mt. Eboshi Sports Village
Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays and Japanese Holidays.
Admission: ¥300 per dog, Annual membership: ¥3,000 per dog
Do you know what we mean when we say “Dog Run”? Now, I know it’s been very difficult for you to find parks to walk or run your pet dogs freely in Sasebo. This facility is only for dogs but they must be pre-registered at the park office. The registration fee is ¥500. The owner of dogs should be at least 18 years. Your dog’s shot records and owner’s ID card is required when you register your dog(s). Please call Sasebo City Hall Park Maintenance Office at 0956-24-1111 for more information.

**Youth Science Museum**
Address: 12-31 Hotate-cho, Sasebo-shi, Nagasaki Prefecture 857-0031
Phone #: 0956-23-1517
Wednesday to Sunday and Monday 0900-1700
Closed on Tuesday and Japanese holidays. Phone number: 0956-23-1517
Sasebo Planetarium was closed and newly the Youth Science Museum opened in Hotate-cho. Visit there once. It’s a new facility with decent and free parking lot.

**Planetarium**
Max number of attendees is 68. The duration of the show is 45 minutes.
Admission: **Y310 (adult), Y150 (4 years old to middle school student)**
Closed on Tuesdays and Japanese holidays.

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**Sasebo Local Library (Hours have been changed in April 2017)**
Google map coordinates: 33.174613, 129.721180
Phone #: 0956-22-5618
Sunday 1000-1800
Tuesday to Friday, and Saturday 1000-2000
Closed on Mondays and Japanese holidays. Contact the library at 0956-22-5618 for more information.

The History of Sasebo Data Base Exhibition
Whenever the library is open 1000-1755
Please come to the local history section on the 2nd floor. You can observe the historical information.

**CD Check Outs**
Commencing February this year, you can borrow 6 CDs instead of 3 CDs.

Have you ever visited the local library? There is a mezzanine where you saw the local authors’ information chronologically in the glass cases. The local library serves the space for everyone to display your art and crafts for free commencing in April this year. Give them a call in Japanese at 0956-22-5618 for more information.

**Huis Ten Bosch Events**
I try my best to get correct and current information of the theme park but flyers I get occasionally from Huis Ten Bosch confuse me. I think I’m very patient to get the information of events usually. I called the information center but I’m afraid the staff works there do not answer my questions promptly. I have to say the following information is the one to my best knowledge. They can be reached at 0570-064-110.
However, you can’t dial the number from the base phones. I used my cell phone to call and only the recording guidance in Japanese answered. I had an impression that they don’t want to be reached. It seems you pay how much ever you are told at the gate of Huis Ten Bosch and enjoy whatever available on that day. The following number in Fukuoka is better to get hold of them: 092-411-0800. Or visit their web site: www.huistenbosch.co.jp

Google map coordinates: 33.086328, 129.787208
Address: 1-1 Huis Ten Bosch-cho, Sasebo, Nagasaki Prefecture 859-3292
Phone #: 0570-064-110

Despite their unfriendly attitude, Huis Ten Bosch is well-known all through Japan and pays taxes to Sasebo city. They hire local people, too. Let’s support the theme park.

Below is the admission chart and fee for the New Huis Ten Bosch. You can bring your pet with you. Of course it’s not free. You pay Y500 per pet.

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Please call the information center at 0570-064-110 using your cell phone. The base phones don’t work to call the number.

**Huis Ten Bosch Count Down Show 2017 to 2018**
Sunday, 31 December

Robot Kingdom Grand Opening!
Huis Ten Bosch
Do you like Robot Animes such as “Gundom?” Please do not miss this chance. There will be “Gundam Show,” “Battle King Show” and other robot shows. You can enjoy dining at the “Hen-na Restaurant.” A robot chef prepares your dish. I’m going to check the kingdom this weekend.

**White Ferris Wheel!**

Huis Ten Bosch
Ticket to ride: Y700

New **White Ferris Wheel** is now in service. The tickets are Y700 for 11-minute ride. 1% of ticket sales go to the charity fund for the Northern Japan Earthquakes and Tsunami Victims. Please see Huis Ten Bosch information section. There are a lot of events scheduled. Call Huis Ten Bosch at 0570-064-110 for more information.

Huis Ten Bosch Wander Vehicle “Duck Tour”
Everyday, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1400, 1500, 1600
Fee: Y2,500 (adult), Y1,800 (3 to elementary school student), Y500 (2 years old and under)

Have you seen the amphibious bus at the Huis Ten Bosch yet? When I saw it, it was crossing the street. Yes, it looks like a boat but yet can drive on the road! The bus drives on the road for 25 minutes and ducks in the water for 20 minutes. You don’t have to sign up, come to the Huis Ten Bosch Entrance 15 minutes prior to the tour that you wish to take. I’m thinking to take my brother and his family to ride on this bus. Please call HTB Tourism Office at 0956-27-0360 for more information.

**Adventure Park**

A little birdie told me that the **Adventure Park** is open at the Huis Ten Bosch. The park opened March 3rd. There are two facilities in the park; “Tenku-no-shiro (Castle in the Sky)” and “Shooting Star (Zip-line).”

The 5-story high mega maze, “The Maze” opened at the Adventure Park.

“Shooting Star (Zip-line)” consists of a pulley suspended on a cable mounted on an incline. It is designed to enable a user propelled by holding on or attaching to the freely moving pulley. One at the park goes over the channel and it is 300 meters (1000 feet) long.

“Tenku-no-shiro (Castle in the Sky)” is a big jungle gym that reminds you a boot camp. The highest point of the jungle gym is 9 meters from the ground (30 feet high).

Please call Camp Ten Bosch Administrative Office at 0956-27-0284 for detailed information. If you do not speak Japanese, please ask any Japanese friends to help you. Why don’t you go there with them? That should be fun!

**FFSC Classes**

**English as a Second Language**
Tuesday, 9, 16, 23, 30 January 1000-1100
Main Base FFSC Conference Room
Tuition: Free

Hario Village **English Café**
Tuesday, **26 December** 1000-1130
Tuesdays, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 January 1000-1130
Hario Village Community Center Classroom C and D
Tuition: Free

Japanese Phrase Class Tuesdays, 9, 16, 23, 30 January 1130-1230
Main Base FFSC Conference Room
Tuition: Free
No need to sign up. You don’t have to complete the course. Please stop by and learn Japanese phrases.