

# MIKASA PARK and MONKEY ISLAND

**MIKASA**, the flagship of the Japanese Imperial Navy, is permanently docked at Yokosuka, and visitors come from all areas to visit this memorial and museum. The area has numerous exhibits on major events in Mikasa's history and on the Russo-Japanese War as well as the cabin of Vice Admiral Togo. Basic signs in English throughout the park mark points of interest.

Accompanying Mikasa Park is the **Water, Sound, and Light Park** (Mizu to Oto to Hikari no Koen). Dedicated on April 29, 1987 to commemorate Yokosuka City's 80th birthday, it is a favorite for many American visitors. An enchanting series of manmade streams and waterfalls runs throughout the park, and an amphitheater with natural grass seating faces Tokyo Bay. At the heart of the park is an elaborate, coordinated arrangement of fountains, waterfalls, light and music. The fountain moves to the rhythm of the music, resembling a dancer. The fountain becomes even more beautiful as it is lit at night. Many band concerts are held at the open-air theater. A stainless-steel arch monument by the park is visible from Green Beach on the Yokosuka Naval Base and provides a prism of color as the sunlight hits it.

## HISTORY of the MIKASA JAPANESE BATTLE SHIP

The Mikasa's story is a heroic one. During the afternoon of May 27, 1905, Vice Admiral Heihachiro Togo, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Grand Fleet, opened fire against the Russian Fleet in the battle of the Tsushima Straits, which was fought during the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-1905.

The Mikasa had always been superb, but she gained more glory for herself and for the Imperial Navy by gaining total victory over the Russian Baltic Fleet. Japan became a world power because of the victory in the Tsushima Straits and the defeat of the Russian Navy.

While the Mikasa was visiting Sasebo on September 11, 1905, an explosion caused by an exploding magazine ripped holes in her hull and she sank in 11 meters of water. She was refloated, but again sustained damages caused by the Great Kanto Earthquake of September 1, 1923, when the waters of the Yokosuka Harbor smashed her into the side of a pier.

After valiantly serving her country, the Mikasa was preserved as a historical relic in 1926, but was ordered stripped down and scrapped by occupation forces in 1945. The ship was all but forgotten, until a great movement seeking the restoration of the Mikasa began and sympathetic ears listened. Mikasa was restored to her original condition from funds appropriated by the Japanese Government and donated by the people, as well as through financial support from the U.S. Navy. The commemorating ceremony making the Mikasa a Japanese National Monument was held on May 27, 1961.

## HOW TO GET THERE

The park is located an easy five-minute walk from Womble Gate. Once outside the gate, turn left at the first corner, which is by a pre-school and kindergarten, walk past a dental school, and follow the cobbled-stone park/sidewalk toward the Mikasa Park entrance to your left.

Mikasa Park admission:

Free.

Park Hours:

Between 0800 and 2100 (Apr — Oct)

Between 0900 and 2000 (Nov — Mar)

Water, Sound, and Light Park Show schedule:

1100, 1230, 1400, 1530, 1700, 1830 and 2000 (Apr — Oct)

1100, 1230, 1400, 1530, 1700 and 1830 (Nov — Mar)

Battle Ship Mikasa Museum admission :

Adults: ¥500

Age over 65 years old: ¥400

High School Students: ¥300

Junior High School students and younger: FREE

Open daily from 0900-1730 (Apr — Sep)

0900-1700 (Mar & Oct)

0900-1630 (Jan, Feb, Nov & Dec)

Closed: Dec 28, 29, 30 and 31

# Monkey Island

**BARBECUE!  
FISHING!  
SWIMMING!  
ADVENTURE!**



※ There are no monkey on the island.  
※ However, there is plenty of happines.



Monkey Island is a natural island ! The only one in Tokyo Bay.  
Swimming and barbecuing can be done on Monkey Island.  
Moreover, the abundant nature and history on the island is very attractive.

It is about ten minutes on the ferry from Mikasa Park in Yokosuka City.  
Let's go to Monkey Island ! It will make you very happy.



Service timetable from March to November	
From Mikasa	From Island
8:30	8:45
9:30	9:45
10:30	10:45
11:30	11:45
12:30	12:45
13:30	13:45
14:30	14:45
15:30	15:45
16:30	17:00

Service timetable From December to February	
From Mikasa	From Island
9:00	9:15
10:00	10:15
11:00	11:15
12:00	12:15
13:00	13:15
14:00	14:15
15:00	15:15
16:00	16:30

No overnight stays on the island.  
No pets allowed.

Fares			
General charge		Group charge (15 people or more)	
Adult	¥ 1,200-	Adult	¥ 1,080-
School child	¥ 600-	Child	¥ 480-
		※ Notes	
		Free admission for each infant per adult. For group fares, children are charge the child fare.	



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