

鹿児島県 Kagoshima Pref. (薩摩 Satsuma/
大隅 Osumi/旧肥後 former Higo)



From Gyonin-dake in Nagashima Island

In Kagoshima Prefecture, “S to SE faces of Mt.Unzen” can be viewed on days with very clear air from observatories in Nagashima and Shishijima (Nagashima Town) or elevated observatories in Izumi Plain (Izumi City) in northeastern region, and Kirishima Mountain Range in the northern region. Mt.Unzen appears like floating behind Yatsushiro Sea, Amakusa Islands and Izumi Plain where many cranes fly around.

Nagashima Islands constitute Unzen-Amakusa National Park with Amakusa Islands (Kumamoto Prefecture) and Mt.Unzen (Nagasaki Prefecture), occupying the southernmost part, and being appreciated for the picturesque seascape. In fact, Nagashima Islands are historically related to these areas: the islands belonged to “Higo” (now Kumamoto Prefecture) with Amakusa Islands; the islands constituted “Hi-no-kuni (Fire Country)” with Amakusa Islands and Mt.Unzen because Hi-no-kuni consisted of above Higo and “Hizen” (now Saga and Nagasaki Prefectures) where Mt.Unzen towering. In medieval times, Shimazu Family, the lord of Satsuma and Osumi captured Nagashima Islands and incorporated them into Satsuma, however, the characteristic terraqueous landscape containing many terraced fields surrounded by blue sea remains continuous from Nagashima Islands to Mt.Unzen (Shimabara Peninsula), resulting in a united national park.

Why don't you travel around Kagoshima Prefecture exploring faces of Mt.Unzen?

- Tourist information in Kagoshima Pref. is here.
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