## 佐賀県 Saga Pref.(肥前 Hizen)



From Yoshinogari Historical Park

In Saga Prefecture, "NW to NE faces of Mt.Unzen" can be viewed beyond Ariake Sea from across the prefecture, mainly from the central to southern regions facing Ariake Sea. On days with very clear air, the mountain is visible beyond Tara-dake and Saga Plain from Kurokami-yama and Jougo-dake in northwestern region, Sakurei-zan and Ten-zan in the northern region, Sefuri-yama in the northeastern region. Mt.Unzen is sung in songs of junior high school or high school in Shiroishi Town or Ureshino City near Ariake Sea shores, thus has been felt familiar in the region.

Saga Plain facing Ariake Sea has been expanded through reclamation of the tidalflat, and has produced rich rice paddy fields on it. The rich amount of mud/silt/sand in the largest tidalflats in Japan, in fact, is daily supplied by Chikugo River, Kase River, Rokkaku River, etc., eroding the surface covering rocks formed by super eruption of Mt.Aso long time ago, and such rich amount of mud/silt/sand does not flow out to the outer sea, because Mt.Unzen (Shimabara Peninsula) is narrowing the outlet of Ariake Sea. Mt.Aso is visible from Tara-dake or Ten-zan to the SE direction on very clear days, and there tourists can make a visual image of *the historical large triangle* formed between Mt.Aso & Mt.Unzen (please see the Aso Region pages).

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

- Tourist information in Saga Pref. is here.
  - → Saga Prefectural Tourism Federation http://www.saga-tripgenius.com/