

## **The 12 Components of World Cultural Heritage**

### **The Impetus for Going into Hiding**

1 Remains of Hara Castle

The final battleground of the Shimabara Rebellion.

### **Objects of Veneration**

2 The village of Kasuga and Sacred Places in Hirado (Kasuga and Mt. Yasumandake)

The villagers venerated the mountain.

3 The village of Kasuga and Sacred Places in Hirado (Nakaenoshima Island)

The villagers venerated the island, a martyrdom site.

4 The village of Sakitsu in Amakusa

The villagers venerated everyday objects like abalone shells.

5 The village of Shitsu in Sotome

The villagers venerated holy pictures of Mary and other religious figures.

6. The village of Ōno in Sotome

The villagers venerated shrines.

### **Where Hidden Christians Migrated to Maintain their Faith**

7 Villages on Kuroshima Island

The villages were built on the old horse farms of the Hirado domain.

8 Remains of Villages on Nozaki Island

The villages were built on a site sacred to Shinto.

9. Villages on Kashiragashima Island

The villages were built in a place where the sick were quarantined.

10 Villages on Hisaka Island

The villages were built on undeveloped land in the island.

### **Typical Church Marking the End of the Hidden Era**

11 The village of Egami on Naru Island (Egami Church and its surroundings)

### **The Site of the “Discovery of the Hidden Christians,” Which Brought Major Change**

12 Oura Cathedral