

Cape Nagasakibana

This triangular cape protrudes like a nose from the Satsuma Peninsula's southernmost tip. Located on the corner of the Ibusuki caldera's outer ring, the cape consists entirely of volcanic rock, which creates fantastical shapes along the coast.

Ryugu Shrine, dedicated to the god of the sea Ryujin, overlooks the cape. This area is known as the birthplace of the legendary Urashima Taro, a fisherman who was spirited away to the undersea Ryugu Palace, where he met and fell in love with the princess Otohime. To this day, visitors come to the shrine to pray for good fortune in matchmaking.

Cape Nagasakibana offers panoramic views of the sea and Mt. Kaimon, as well as a variety of subtropical plants that bloom year-round thanks to the mild climate.