

Agent

# NAGASAKI

A MISSION FOR YOUNG EXPLORERS





#### Nagasaki: A Mission for Young Explorers

#### Greetings, Agent!

You've been selected for a top-secret mission to uncover the hidden treasures of Nagasaki! From the historic streets of Dejima to the mystical glow of Lantern Festival nights, your adventure will take you through a city full of history, culture, and seaside charm. Complete these challenges to earn the title of **Nagasaki Master Explorer!** 

Good luck, and remember: stay curious and adventurous!

#### **Top Secret Mission: Nagasaki Adventure**

#### **Operation Time Traveler**

- **Dejima Discovery** Step back in time at Dejima, the historic Dutch trading post.
- **Bonus:** Find a building with a green roof and imagine what life was like for travelers long ago.
- **Castle Climb** Visit Nagasaki Museum of History & Culture and look for samurai armor.
- Bonus: Can you find a family crest (kamon) on display?

#### **Operation Nature Explorer**

- **Glover Garden Quest** Spot three different types of flowers in Glover Garden.
- **Bonus:** Find the heart-shaped stone hidden in the garden, legend says it brings good luck!



- **Seaside Watch** From Nagasaki Seaside Park, count how many boats you see passing in the harbor.
- **Bonus:** Can you spot a traditional Japanese-style ship?

#### **Operation Light & Mystery**

- Lantern Detective During the Nagasaki Lantern Festival, find three lanterns shaped like animals.
- Bonus: Can you find a dragon lantern?
- **Ghostly Glow** Visit Meganebashi (Spectacles Bridge) at night and look for its reflection in the water.
- **Bonus:** Take a photo or sketch the bridge with its reflection!

#### **Bonus Operations**

- Champon Challenge Try Nagasaki champon, a famous noodle dish!
- Bonus: What color was the broth?
- Temple Treasure Hunt Find a hidden statue at Sofukuji or Kofukuji Temple.
- Bonus: Spot a dragon carving, many temples in Nagasaki have them!
- **Story Creator** Write or draw a story about a hidden pirate treasure in Nagasaki Bay.



#### Luca & Nico's Secret Message – Can You Decode It?

Use your new Nagasaki dialect words (see below) to crack the code!

"Mokkosan, Explorer! Climb up to Glover Garden, say Dattan to a lantern, and enjoy some Champon!"

#### **Craft: Lantern Festival Magic**

Create your own Nagasaki Festival Lantern!

#### What You'll Need:

- Colored paper (red or yellow for festival colors)
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors (ask an adult for help!)
- Glue or tape
- String or ribbon

#### Steps:

- 1. Fold a piece of paper in half like a book.
- 2. Cut slits along the folded edge, leaving space at the top and bottom.
- 3. Unfold the paper and tape or glue the ends together to form a lantern shape.
- 4. Decorate with markers, stickers, or patterns!
- 5. Add a string at the top to hang your lantern just like in the festival!



#### **Culture Guide: What Makes Nagasaki Special**

- **East Meets West** Nagasaki has a mix of Japanese, Chinese, and Dutch influences due to its history as an international port city.
- **Nagasaki Lantern Festival** Held during Chinese New Year, the festival lights up the city with thousands of glowing lanterns!
- **Champon & Sara Udon** Nagasaki is famous for Champon (a noodle soup) and Sara Udon (crispy noodles with toppings).
- **Dejima** Japan's Window to the World This small island was the only place where Japan traded with Europe for over 200 years!
- **Meganebashi (Spectacles Bridge)** One of Japan's oldest stone bridges, named for its reflection that looks like eyeglasses!

#### Language Guide: Speak Like a Local in Nagasaki!

Learn some words from the Nagasaki dialect (Nagasaki-ben)!

- Mokkosan! (もっこさん! ) Well done!
- **Dattan** (だったん) Goodbye!
- **Guburii-sabi!** (ぐぶりーさび!) Thank you! (A very old-style phrase!)
- **Zessan** (ぜっさん) Amazing!

(Nagasaki-ben is a fun and unique dialect. Locals will love hearing you try it!)

#### **Packing Tips for Your Nagasaki Adventure**

Every great agent needs the right gear! Don't forget to pack these mission essentials:

- Walking shoes Nagasaki has hills and cobblestone streets!
- **A warm jacket** It can be windy near the harbor!
- Notebook & pencil Record discoveries in your Secret Mission Log.
- Camera or phone For photo evidence of glowing lanterns and bridges!
- **A snack for exploring** Maybe a Castella sponge cake, a Nagasaki specialty!



# **Secret Mission Log – Agent's Final Report**

Congratulations, Agent! Before you leave Nagasaki, complete your final mission debrief: (Parents can print this as a fun keepsake!)

The most amazing thing I saw during my adventure:						
The funniest moment of my adventure:						
A secret I learned about Nagasaki:						
My next mission will be to						



#### Family Mission Recap - Adventure Club Discussion

Gather around, agents! Let's debrief our mission with these fun questions: (Encourages family bonding and deeper engagement with the adventure!) If you could live in an old Dejima house, what would you decorate it with? What was the most magical lantern you saw? How would you describe the taste of Champon?

If you could design a new lantern for the festival, what shape would it be?



What's one thing you learned about Nagasaki that surprised you?						

#### **MISSION COMPLETE!**

Celebrate your success with a sweet treat, like Nagasaki Castella cake or a warm bowl of Champon. Share your discoveries with fellow adventurers and prepare for your next mission.

Agent, your journey through Nagasaki has just begun – until next time...

Stay curious, stay adventurous, and keep dreaming! ~ The LuNi Travels Family ~