

Directions: **Driving from MCAS Iwakuni to Fleet Activities Sasebo**

Sasebo is about 360 km (225 miles) from Iwakuni and is about a 4 to 5 hour drive.

To get to the Sanyo Expressway: Exit the main gate, cross the tracks, and turn right on route 188 at the first traffic light. Follow route 188 until route 2. At route 2, turn left. Follow route 2 to the expressway entrance. (Yes, there are faster and shorter ways to get there but these directions are easy to explain and easy to follow.)

Once you pass the toll gate, get on the expressway going in the direction of Kitakyushu. Follow the **Sanyo Expressway** until it ends at the **Chugoku Expressway**. (You will not have to turn, exit, or go through a toll booth, you will simply merge onto the Chugoku Expressway.)

At the **Shimonoseki Junction**, remain on the **Chugoku Expressway**.

The last service area on Honshu is “**Dannoura**” (mile post 541.) This service area has a nice view of the Kamon strait and the bridge that connects Honshu and Kyushu. (The corresponding service area on your way back is “Mekari.”)

When you get back on the expressway and cross the bridge, the name of the expressway will shortly change to the **Kyushu Expressway**. (You will not have to turn, exit, or go through a toll booth, only the name of the expressway changes.)

Follow the **Kyushu Expressway** to the **Nagasaki Expressway Junction**. You must exit here and get on the **Nagasaki Expressway** going in the direction of **Nagasaki**. (You will not go through a toll booth, you simply change expressways.) The service area **Kawanobori** (milepost 62) is the last service area before Sasebo.

Exit the **Nagasaki Expressway** at **Exit 6-Sasebo JCT** (milepost 64.) Follow the signs to the **Nishi Kyushu Expressway**. You will go through a toll booth and must surrender a toll pass but you won't exit the expressway system. Follow the **Nishi Kyushu Expressway** until it ends at **Exit 5-Sasebo Minato** (milepost 26.)

You will go through an unmanned toll booth at **Sasebo Mikawachi** (milepost 14) before the end of the expressway. If you're using a toll pass, push the lever for assistance. An expressway employee will come out, take your toll pass, and let you through the gate.

The last toll booth at **Exit 5-Sasebo Minato** is manned. After paying the toll or surrendering yet another toll pass, go through the toll booth and **turn right** at the traffic light.

Follow this road around the harbor for about 2 km. You will pass some JMSDF facilities. Do not turn into them but continue going straight until you see the U.S. Navy base on your left. Turn left at the traffic light to go to the main gate.

After the gate go two blocks and you'll come to a “T” in the road. Two of the base exchange buildings are to your right and left. (The Toyland and Garden Shop are in yet another building.) If you turn left and follow the road around, the road goes to the Harbor Club, BOQ, BEQ, and Navy Lodge. If you turn right, the road goes to the food court, McDonald's, and the gas station.

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