Inside the Sant Juan Bautista

- Cabins of Vizcaino & Hasekura
  The cabins of Hasekura and Vizcaino are located on the quarterdeck, to the left and right respectively. By studying their personal effects, one can see the differences between the two men's lifestyles aboard the ship. Also, be sure to check the small size of the beds.

- Ship's Bell
  The bell was rung every 30 minutes as a time check, and also to transmit information such as weather changes to the crew.

- Sailing Implements
  The various objects on display here are presumed to be what were used in the time period of the ship's journeys.

- Great Cabin
  This served as the quarters of the captain, Luis Soleto. Figures of Hasekura and Vizcaino in the cabin depict some important meetings that may have taken place during the voyage.

- Galley
  The galley was probably located at the base of the forecastle, where meals were prepared for the 180 crew members.

- Captain
  The captain's cabin was used for the frequent raising and lowering of heavy objects, such as the anchor, the yard's or the guns.

- Japanese Crew at Mealt ime
  Here we find Japanese crew members eating over a meal. Meals on board consisted mainly of food that would keep for long periods, such as dried rice, dried fish, and pickled vegetables.

- Cannons
  Although the Sant Juan Bautista was not a battle-ship, guns were stowed for use in times of emergency.

- Ship's Hold
  Various sails were stored in the hold, such as food and cloth for repairing the sails.

- Kuyo-mon Crest
  A characteristic feature of gallions is the elegant decorative figure on the stem. This ship proudly displays the "Kuyo-mon," the family crest of the Date clan.

- Figurehead
  The figurehead originally served as the guardian deity of a ship. In Europe it usually took the form of a lion, tiger, polar bear or a goddess. However, on the Sant Juan Bautista we find the Dragon of Aun, of which Lord Masamune Date was especially fond.

- Restroom for wheelchairs
- Baby-changing facilities
- Wheelchair chart lift
- Baby buggy rental
- Wheelchair rental

- How to find us
  - By train: Take the Ishinomaki Line to Watanohama Station. 5 min taxi ride or 25 min walk from Watanohama.
  - By bus: 30 min from Ishinomaki Station on the Ayukawa Line bus, get off at Sant Juan Park stop (only stops here on Sat, Sun or holidays). On other days, nearest stop is Shiomisai Koen Park.
  - By car: 30 min from Ishinomaki-Kamakura IC on Sanriku Expressway, via Magiyama Tunnel (see map).

Parking: Free parking for 300 vehicles (for large buses, please contact beforehand)

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MIYAGI SANT JUAN BAUTISTA MUSEUM

The Sant Juan Bautista Museum is a cultural & educational facility and knowledge repository designed to preserve and convey information about the Keicho Diplomatic Mission of Tsunenaga Hasekura. In the 17th century, about 400 years ago, Hasekura set out on a mission to Europe on the Sant Juan Bautista galleon, which he used to cross the Pacific Ocean. A full-sized replica of the ship is on display here, along with other exhibits explaining the mission in detail.
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It was in 1613 that Masamune Date, feudal lord of the Sendai fiefdom, initiated the Keicho Diplomatic Mission, headed by his vassal Tsunenaga Hasekura. The mission was to gain audience with the Pope and the King of Spain, with the purpose of seeking direct trade with Mexico (then New Spain) in exchange for permission to carry out Christian missionary activity in the Sendai area. Here at this museum, you will find on display a full-sized replica of the Sant Juan Bautista, the western-style wooden sailing vessel used by the mission to make return trips across the Pacific Ocean. Severe damage from the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami of 2011 forced the closure of the facility, but in autumn of 2013, after 2 years and 8 months, the museum successfully reopened in time for the 400th anniversary of the departure of the Keicho Mission. We sincerely hope that the rebuilt Sant Juan Bautista will serve as a symbol of fortitude and hope for the future, both having historically carried the Keicho Diplomatic Mission, and having overcome the trials of the 2011 disaster.

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**Notice**

- From April 2016, we cancelled the embarkation and enter to dock area due to deterioration of the ship.
- We change the entrance fee as follows.

[ Entrance Fee ]

- 700 yen ⇒ 350 yen
- (FREE for under 18s)

- The ship only can view from the Outdoor square

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**Sant Juan Theater**

**Program**

Follow Your Dream

A thrilling recreation of Hasekura’s epic 17th century voyage across the ocean on the Sant Juan Bautista in glorious widescreen hi-definition.

Tsunami & The Sant Juan Bautista

Using a combination of recent footage of the 2011 tsunami hit Sant Juan Museum and animation, we also look at how the huge tsunami that struck the area 2 years before the Keicho Diplomatic Mission set out.

**Program Schedule**

First show: 9:40 ~ Final show: 15:40 ~

Programs are shown regularly at 10 and 40 mins past the hour. Programs are subject to change without notice. For irregular hours schedules, please check with staff.

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**Sant Juan Bautista Museum Dock Area**

Engraving a Message in your Heart & Soul

Because of its location at sea level, the dock area building suffered severe damage from the tsunami of 2011, and many exhibits were washed away. The building was subsequently repaired, and now serves as an area to display objects and information concerning the disaster.

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**The Sant Juan Bautista**

A full-sized replica of a Japanese-built western-style galleon. This is the most recent and biggest replica ship in Japan. Applicable land displays and walk around inside (depending on weathers and information about how to be bound at the time of an earthquake).

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**Sant Juan Plaza**

The wide ocean takes you on a voyage through history

- Sant Juan Plaza
- The hilltop view is AWESOME!
- View from above the Sant Juan Park
- The Dream Bell may fulfill your wishes...

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**Sant Juan Bautista Museum Exhibition Area**

Follow the footsteps of Tsunenaga Hasekura and the Keicho Diplomatic Mission

- Keicho Diplomatic Mission Exhibition
- This room uses display panels and dioramas to explain the Keicho Diplomatic Mission, allowing visitors to gain a better understanding of the mission itself and its historical background in an interesting and educational way.

**Sant Juan Shop**

Selling a variety of attractive souvenirs and gifts, including original items such as Sant Juan Bautista themed phone straps.