

Historical trail of Tsurusaki

The course takes you through the historical sites of Tsurusaki which flourished as the enclave of Lord Kiyomasa of the Higo Domain, as you learn about the history and culture of the area.

Tsurusaki district
Tsurusaki was an important enclave of the Higo Domain (Kumamoto) and the sea gateway of Sankinkotai detail.

① Mori Kuso Memorial Museum
Kuso Mori, the Emperor's teacher during the end of the Shogunate, opened Chiraikan, a school in his residence, Tenshodo, in Tsurusaki district. The museum showcases historical artifacts, documents, and relics.

② Hoshinji Temple
The temple was built by Lord Kiyomasa Kato of the Higo Domain. The main temple houses the wooden tablets of the successive heads of the Kato clan, and the treasure house contains relics associated with Lord Kiyomasa.

③ Start
Statues and lodging place of Kaishu Katsu and Ryoma Sakamoto

④ The site of the Bungo-Tsurusaki teahouse
Tsurusaki Elementary School
Tsurusaki High School

⑤ The site of the pier used for the Sankinkotai detail
The place was used by the Lord of the Higo Domain as the pier for his Sankinkotai detail. It is now Shinbori Park, but there is a stone monument marking the location of the dock.

⑥ Tsurusaki Daijingu Shrine
Tsurusaki Park
The park hosts the splendid and elegant Homba Tsurusaki Dance Festival in August!

⑦ The site of the construction office, Yushukan.
Tsurusaki Bridge

⑧ Izumi Shrine

⑨ Ken hachimangu Shrine
The shrine was built after the discovery of the sacred sword of Usa Shrine, which had been missing for centuries.

⑩ Jingo-ji Temple

Ohno River
Otozu River

大御代は ゆたかなりけり旅杖
一夜の夢を 千代の鶴さき
文久四年鶴崎にて 勝 海舟

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When?	As and when needed (Must be booked at least one week in advance)		
Times	9:30AM - 2:30PM The tour lasts 90 to 120 minutes	Fee	Free (bookings for the folk entertainment are taken separately)
Meet-up	Kuso Mori Museum 381-1, Tsurusaki, Oita City.		

Folk entertainment such as Tsurusaki Dance and Watari Byoshi are subject to availability.