

Nakatsu Castle Town North Course

The course takes you on a tour of the highlights of the castle town, Nakatsu. It includes typical sights such as Nakatsu Castle, the old residence of Yukichi Fukuzawa, and Tera-machi.

⑦ Nakatsu Castle



Yoshitaka (Kambei) Kuroda was ordered by Hideyoshi Toyotomi to control Kyushu and received 123,000 Goku to build the castle in 1588. It is one of Japan's three famous castles on a lake.

⑥ The old residence of Yukichi Fukuzawa



The house is where Yukichi Fukuzawa had spent his boyhood until he moved to Nagasaki to study. The storehouse in the garden was remodeled by Yukichi, and he dedicated himself to his studies in the second-floor room.

⑧ Nakatsu City History Museum



The stonewalls of Nakatsu Castle can be viewed through the picture window. In addition to the rotating exhibit rooms for which there is a fee, the museum has free admission areas, including a cafe, a stonewall theater, and a play studio for hands-on learning.



Goganji Temple (Akakabedera)



The temple is also known as Akakabedera (temple with red walls). After the death of the Lord Kii Shigetada Utsunomiya in Nakatsu Castle by the plot of Yoshitaka Kuroda who had approached on the pretense of reconciliation, all of Utsunomiya's men who had lain in wait for him at Goganji Temple were murdered. Legend has it that the walls were painted red as they could not get rid of the blood stains no matter how many times they had applied paint to cover them.

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When?	All year (excluding end of year and New Year holidays) *Must be booked at least a week in advance		
Times	Morning course from 10:00AM, afternoon from 1:00PM	Fee	[Tour guide fee] 3,000 yen per guide There is no admission to establishments included in the tour.
Meet-up	JR Nakatsu Station South Gate Tourist Information Center 219-2, Shimata, Nakatsu City, Oita Prefecture.		