

Ao-no-Domon, Yabakei Bridge, Rakanji Bridge Course

Ao-no-Domon is a tunnel dug by a Buddhist monk named Zenkai over 30 years in the Edo period. Would you like to touch the chisel marks that remain? You can also enjoy the elegant Yabakei Bridge and Rakanji Bridge made of stone on foot.

④ Yabakei Bridge (Oranda Bridge)

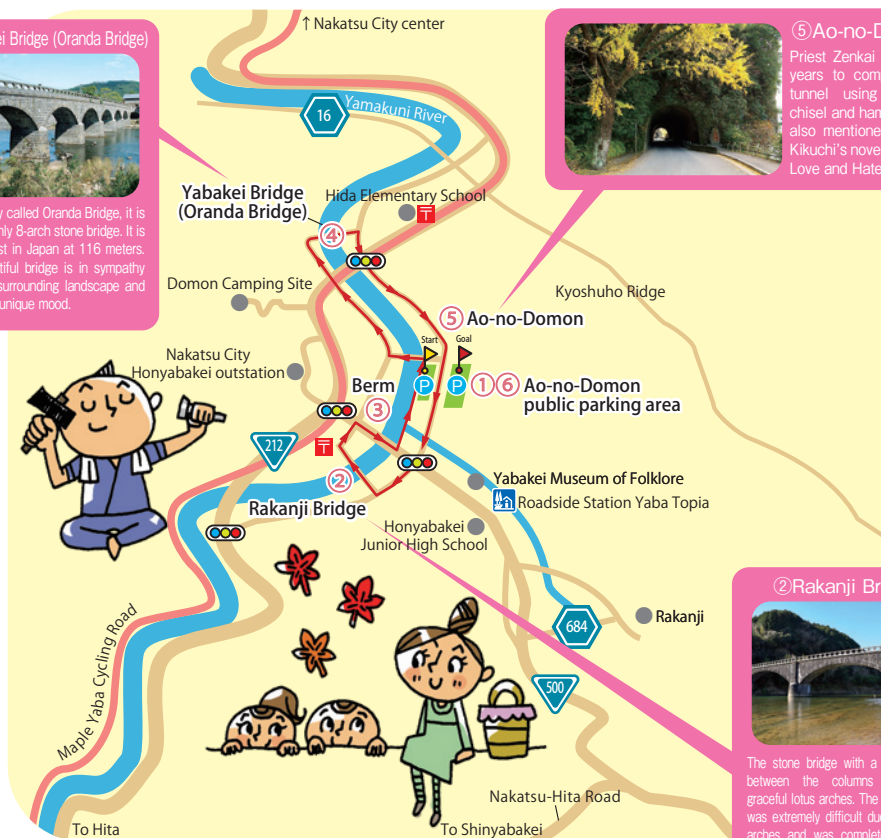


Commonly called Oranda Bridge, it is Japan's only 8-arch stone bridge. It is the longest in Japan at 116 meters. The beautiful bridge is in sympathy with the surrounding landscape and exudes a unique mood.



⑤ Ao-no-Domon

Priest Zenkai spent 30 years to complete the tunnel using only a chisel and hammer. It is also mentioned in Kan Kikuchi's novel "Beyond Love and Hate."



② Rakanji Bridge



The stone bridge with a wide space between the columns has three graceful lotus arches. The construction was extremely difficult due to the flat arches and was completed in 1919 after two collapses. It is one of Japan's three longest bridges, the Yaba bridges.

Course	①Ao-no-Domon public parking area → ② Rakanji Bridge → ③Berm → ④Yabakei Bridge (Oranda Bridge) → ⑤Ao-no-Domon → ⑥Ao-no-Domon public parking area	Book Tourism Information Center, Nakatsu Yabakei Tourism Association. 219-2, Shimata, Nakatsu City, Oita Prefecture. (JR Nakatsu Station South Gate) TEL: 0979-23-4511 (Japanese only) FAX: 0979-64-6611 (Japanese only) E-mail: info@nakatsuyaba.com FAX and emails in English are available if you are willing to wait some time for a response. Book at least a week in advance by phone or from the website. ※Duration: 2 hours on foot
When?	All year (Apply at least 1 week in advance)	
Times	As per customer request.	
Meet-up	Ao-no-Domon public parking area Sogi, Yabakei-machi, Nakatsu City, Oita Prefecture.	
Fee		[Tour guide fee] 2,000 yen per guide