

Take it slow – meander through the castle town by the sea –

Hiji is one of a few castle towns associated with the Toyotomi family. Enjoy visiting the town's cultural properties while appreciating the quaint old streets and the superb view of Beppu Bay.

④Chidokan
(an old domain school)



Toshinori Kinoshita, the 15th Lord of the Hiji Domain, opened the school in 1858. It is the only surviving example of its kind in the prefecture and is the prefecture's listed historical site.

①Ninomaru Yakata



The Ninomaru Yakata is a reproduction of the rear gate turret that had been built to protect the postern of the castle keep on the premises. It contains a souvenir shop selling a marble sole-shaped pastry, a local specialty, and a cafe area.

⑧The Great Camellia Sasanka

The tree is estimated to be over 400 years old. Since its color and shape differ from the wild variety, it proves that a cultivated variety of camellia sasanka had existed since ancient times, thus making this example extremely valuable.

③Kimon (demon's gate) turret

⑤The site of Hiji Castle



The castle was built in 1601 by Nobutoshi Kinoshita, the nephew of Hideyoshi Toyotomi's wife, Nene. It commands the view of Mt Takasaki and the azure Beppu Bay.

⑥Shiroshita Park

The park offers a panoramic view of Mt Takasaki and Beppu Bay. There is a trail along the coast where visitors can enjoy a relaxing walk.

⑦A time bell from the Genroku era

Legend has it that the bell was struck 12 times a day to announce the hours in the Edo period.

⑨Tekizanso



The villa was built in 1915 by a goldmine tycoon, Hiroe Narikiyo, and it is a typical example of Hiji's modern Japanese architecture. The marbled sole can be enjoyed here.

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When?	Every day (except the end of the year/New Year holidays) Book at least a day in advance. The tour is for two or more people.	
Times	As and when needed between 9:00AM and 3:00PM. Duration: about 45 minutes ~	
Meet-up	Hiji Town Tourist Information Center Ninomaru Yakata, 2612-1, Hiji Town, Hayami District, Oita Prefecture.	
Fee	1,000 yen per person, 500 yen x the number of persons for a group of 2+, 300 yen x the number of persons for a group of 5+, 250 yen x the number of persons for a group of 10+.	