

# Walking Tour in Matsumae

Explore castle town on foot!

Distance **2.5km** / Duration **3 hours**

## MATSUMAE TOWN OFFICE

1-minute walk

## MATSUMAE CASTLE

3-minute walk

## KOZENJI TEMPLE

1-minute walk

## RYU-UN-IN TEMPLE

1-minute walk

## MATSUMAE FAMILY CEMETERY

5-minute walk

## MATSUMAEHAN YASHIKI MUSEUM

10-minute walk

## SENNENJI TEMPLE

5-minute walk

## JOKA STREET

5-minute walk

## ONSEN RYOKAN YANO

GOAL!

# Eat & Shopping

## ONSEN RYOKAN YANO

温泉旅館矢野

This Japanese-style accommodation is located near Matsumae Castle. On-site restaurant serves Matsumae Clan's traditional cuisine featuring fresh local seafood such as tuna (Aug - Dec), squid and abalone.

## SANKYU HONTEN

三久本店

Adjoining the Onsen Ryokan Yano, this folksy shokudo is famous for Chinese style cuisine "Hama Chanpon" using local seafood and vegetable.

11:00 - 20:00

## JOKA STREET

城下通り

Modern shopping street which reproduced the castle town of the Edo Period. Shops-lined selling Matsumae Pickles, seafood, Japanese confectionery and souvenirs.

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## AREA MAP



## Sights



### MATSUMAE CASTLE

#### 松前城

The only one Japanese-style castle in Hokkaido, it was built in 1854 by Takahiro Matsumae. This castle town prospered as a political center of Hokkaido until 1868. Castle tower was burnt down by town office's fire in 1949, was rebuilt as a **Matsumae Castle Museum** (9:00 - 17:00 from 10 Apr to 10 Dec, 360 yen) in 1961. **Temple Town** spreads out behind the castle, historic landscape is called Little Kyoto.



### MATSUMAEHAN YASHIKI MUSEUM

#### 松前藩屋敷

Experience the life of Matsumae Clan in the Edo Period, this open-air museum reproduce the 14 heritage buildings such as magistrate's office, samurai residence and mercantile houses. Walking across the castle town **wearing amor or kimono** (90 minutes, 1500 yen). Folk handicraft shop features traditional accessories using local Matsumae sider. 9:00 - 17:00 from 10 Apr to 10 Dec, 360 yen



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## Temple Town



### KOZENJI TEMPLE

#### 光善寺

Here since 1575, this temple is famous for Kechimyaku-zakura (bloodline cherry-blossoms). On-site beautiful garden was landscaped in the 19th century.



### RYU-UN-IN TEMPLE

#### 龍雲院

Matsumae's oldest temple architecture built in 1625, white dandelions and daffodils bloom in spring. Engravings of the temple gate is very elaborate.



### HOGENJI TEMPLE

#### 法源寺

Located in the calm temple town center, here since 1490. Hogenji has the Hokkaido's oldest temple gate built in the Mid-Edo Period.



### MATSUMAE FAMILY CEMETERY

#### 松前藩主松前家墓所

Surrounded by cedar forest, standing on the 54 graves of lords and their families on-site.