

~ "æ n de co" Niigata Downtown Walking tour ~



Deai-no-Hiroba: Nishibori ROSA is a meeting place (underneath Nishibori dori St.)

まち歩き順路



1 NEXT 21

The first high-rise building to be constructed in Niigata city, NEXT21 is an important local landmark for the Niigata-jima area. Built with 21 floors situated above ground level, the building is a total of 125 meters tall.

2 Nabejaya

One of Niigata city's representative formal Japanese dining restaurants ("Ryōtei"). Established in 1846, Nabejaya is a Registered National Tangible Cultural Property. The main building was constructed in 1910. The 3 story wood frame building was constructed between 1936 and 1938.

3 Sangyo Kaikan

The Sangyo Kaikan is a local center for Geigi (geisha), Ryōtei (a kind of traditional Japanese restaurant), and teahouse businesses. Est. 1964. The building also serves as a business space for Ryuto Shinko Co. Ltd, a company dedicated to the promotion of the geisha district.

4 The Alley of Heaven and Hell

The Alley of Heaven and Hell lies sandwiched between the Nishiohata Park (formerly the site of the Niigata Prison), and a high class Ryōtei (a traditional Japanese restaurant). The alley was named for the contrast between these two sites.

5 Ikinari-ya

One of Niigata city's representative formal Japanese dining restaurants ("Ryōtei"). Ikinari-ya, a Registered National Tangible Cultural Property, is believed to have been established sometime between 1688 and 1704 (during the years of the Genroku era).

6 The Niigata Saitou Villa

This estate was built as a summer house for the Saitou family, the wealthy owners of a flourishing shipping business. The house was built in 1918. The stately Japanese-style architecture and the expansive garden are visually appealing in every season.

7 Dopperi-zaka

The word "Dopperi" was taken from the German word "doppel" ("double"). The Niigata High School student dormitories (under the old educational system) formerly stood at the top of the hill. The name Dopperi-zaka ("Double Hill") was an admonition to students, warning them that those who neglected their studies and traversed the hill too often, frequenting the bustling town center immediately below, would be forced to repeat the same grade.

8 Niigata Catholic Church

Designed by the Swiss architect Mack Hindel, the church was built in 1927. The Niigata church is the main church for the Niigata, Yamagata, and Akita parishes. The church's valuable German-made pipe organ and stained-glass windows are especially beautiful.