

8 Nakasendo Post Town Ambiance

Start and end point / Mino-Ota Station (South Exit)

3hrs.

Start

Enjoy Ota-juku on the Nakasendo Trail, with Edo-period glory remaining well preserved. You can stroll around the town, tracing back the tendrils of history.

15min.



1 Old Komatsuya Rest House (Former Yoshida Family Residence)

An old Edo-period inn left as-is and used as a rest house. Draw in the ambiance of the old Post Town as you have a rest.

Closed: Tuesdays (or the next weekday if Tues. is a public holiday), over New Year's
Opening Hours: 8:30-17:00

Stay Time 20min.



5min.



2 Miyozakura Saké Brewery

Established in 1893, Miyozakura Brewery brews saké from the pure underground flow of the Kiso River to great acclaim.

Closed: Weekends and public holidays
Opening Hours: 9:00-17:00

Stay Time 20min.



You can get a tour of the brewery with advance reservation.



A great place to take a break on a nice day, with boat-shaped benches and shade given by umbrellas inspired by Japanese tradition.



A short walk away!

Ota Bridge Crossing Plaza

End point

20min.



The road zigzags to obstruct the invasion of enemies, and prevent clear vision ahead. This is called "masu-gata".

Take in the majestic Kiso river from the embankment at the south exit of Nakasendo Kaikan Hall.

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You can book a free volunteer tour guide for the Nakasendo Ota-juku area.

Book at least 10 days in advance from the Minokamo Tourism Association homepage.



3 Secondary Inn for Dignitaries (Waki-honjin) – Hayashi Family Residence

Built in 1769, the building has been preserved to this day. It is registered as a National Important Cultural Property. The neighboring Inkyo-ya building is open to the public.

(Inkyo-ya) Closed: Mondays (the next day if Mon. is a public holiday), over New Year's
(Omo-ya) Closed: Mondays, Wednesdays, over New Year's
Opening Hours: 9:00-16:00

Stay Time 30min.

(Open only by reservation, book with Minokamo Cultural Forest at 0574-28-1110)

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Ota-juku Nakasendo Hall

You can learn about the history and culture of Ota-juku, and buy local vegetables and souvenirs. There is a café-restaurant that uses local produce!

Closed: Mondays (or the day after if Mon. is a public holiday), over New Year's
Opening Hours: 9:00-17:00

Stay Time 1hr.



Across the road.



Down the road on the other side.

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Front Gate of the Main Inn For Dignitaries (Honjin)

This gate was constructed for Princess Kazunomiya as she made her journey to Edo (now Tokyo) to marry the 14th Shogun, Tokugawa Iemochi. The materials and design laud the prosperity of the inn.

Stay Time 10min.

