



Sights of Nara-kōen

Many of Nara's most-important sites are located around Nara-kōen (奈良公園), a fine park occupying much of the eastern city.

Start Kintetsu Nara Station

Distance 5km

Duration 4 hours

2 Isui-en, Nara's prettiest strolling garden, offers some peaceful respite.

3 Admire the Niō guardians at the massively impressive southern gate of **Tōdai-ji Nandai-mon** before exploring Tōdai-ji.

4 Climb the steps to **Nigatsu-dō & Sangatsu-dō**, viewing the graceful curves of the Daibutsuden and the Nara plain.

Classic Photo A close-up of one of Nara-kōen's famously tame deer.

1 On entering the park you'll be greeted by Nara-kōen's **deer** hopping for *shika-sembai* (deer biscuits; ¥150), sold by vendors.

7 Stroll through the grounds of **Kōfuku-ji**, another of Nara's World Heritage Sites, passing between the Nanen-dō and Hokuen-dō halls.

6 Admire the heights of the **Five-Storey Pagoda**, Japan's second-tallest, dating from 1426.

Take a Break...
Take tea in Isui-en's garden.

5 Explore **Kasuga Taisha**, Nara's grandest Shintō shrine, with many smaller subshrines within.

