Yokohama Port Heritage Walk

This historic ramble takes in the sights along the edge of the harbour.

Start Kanagawa Prefectural Museum of Cultural History
Distance 2km
Duration 1½ hours

1 The grand, domed Kanagawa Prefectural Museum of Cultural History was designed by a Japanese architect in neo-baroque style, a marker of Yokohama’s newfound wealth and Western sensibilities after a few decades of global trade.

2 With its neoclassical colonnade, the NYK Maritime Museum (1936) served as a suitably bling HQ for Nippon Yusen Kaisha, one of the oldest shipping companies in the world.

3 The old Yokohama Customs building (1934) has a mosque-styled dome topping the tower.

4 The leafy former British Consulate, now the Yokohama Archives of History, was where Japan and the US signed the first of the ‘unequal’ trade treaties in 1854.

5 All-white Kaigan Church (1872) was the first Protestant church in Japan, established by an American missionary.

6 Yamashita Rinko Line Promenade, a raised scenic walkway, has views of the cruise ships docked at the stylish Osanbashi pier.

7 NYK Hikawa Maru is a luxury liner that once conveyed Japanese passengers to Seattle in the 1930s, bringing back jazz and other Western cultural influences.

Take a Break ...
Zō-no-hana Terrace is a promenade pitstop for drinks and snacks.

Classic Photo Step back in time as you explore this vintage liner.