

Nagoya Port Building & the Fuji

A: What a beautiful scene! Is the ship due to leave for a foreign country?

B: No. The name of that ship is "Fuji." It used to be an observation ship in the South Pole. There is no way it can be used now. Now it is preserved as a museum.

A: I see. Let's have a look later.

B: All right. Have you ever been here before? There are a lot of places to see in this area. For example, we have a huge aquarium, various shops and a shopping mall called JETTY where you can eat. We also have an amusement park. We can have a good time here.

A: I'd like to visit the aquarium at first and then eat at JETTY. If we have time, I'd like to go to the amusement park, too. It's a fine day today. What do you say to taking a ride on the Ferris wheel?

B: Sounds good.

A: By the way, do you know *OASIS 21*? I hear they built a new park in Sakae. Could you tell me about it?

B : All right. In fact, I went there last Sunday. The symbol of *OASIS 21* is a structure called a water spaceship. We can enjoy a harmony of light and water there. Moreover, there are nice restaurants and shops below the spaceship, open until very late. This building is also used as a bus terminal. This place is very popular among young people. *OASIS 21* is a modern and multipurpose park, and is worth visiting!



Oasis 21 画像提供: http://www.sakaepark.co.jp/

Nagoya Port Guide

Port of Nagoya Public Aquarium

The theme of this aquarium is a journey to the Antarctic. In the south side of the building, we can learn about many creatures in different environments and oceans around the world such as "marine life around Japan," "the deep sea," "tropical marine life," "Australia," and "the Antarctic." In the north side of the building, we can see how large marine mammals have evolved. If we visit the main pool, we can enjoy a dynamic animal performance.



In the port, there are many other places to visit. We can visit an observation ship at the South Pole, the Fuji, which is preserved as a museum. If we visit Nagoyako Port Building, we can enjoy the wonderful scene of Nagoya Port. The night view from the lookout point on the 21st floor, especially, is beyond description. We can also enjoy Nagoya Port by a pleasure boat. It takes about 30 minutes to enjoy a wonderful view via the sea. We can also have a party on the boat! Next to the aquarium is a theme park called Sea Train Land, where we can have a good time.

JETTY

JETTY is a three-story building where we can enjoy shopping and eating. There are some unique shops in this building, so whoever visits it can enjoy shopping to the full!



Bluebonnet

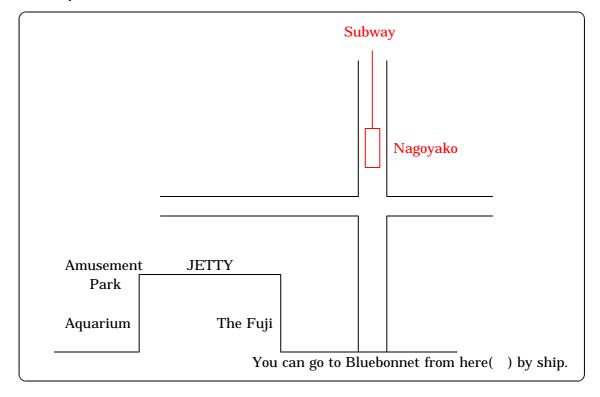
"Bluebonnet," the Nagoya Port Wildflower Garden, is full of wildflowers and was opened at Nagoya Port in April 2002. Bluebonnet aims to promote academic research of wildflowers and to become a gardening information center. Wildflowers are primeval and grow without care. Gardens of various styles in the park provides visitors with many useful ideas to garden successfully. It is convenient to visit Bluebonnet by boat from Nagoya Port. If we go by boat, we can not only save time but also enjoy a wonderful view and a fresh sea breeze!

Other Sights

Atsuta Shrine has a very old history and was founded at the beginning of the 2nd century. Every year about nine million people visit it to pray. The shrine is famous for the Emperor's sacred sword, "Kusanaginomitsurugi(草薙神剣)", which is one of the three divine symbols of the imperial throne. In the shrine we can see 1,000-year-old hinoki (Japanese cypress), and all around the shrine we'll be overwhelmed by hundreds of very old trees. Moreover, there are a number of historical structures worth seeing. For example, we can see the Nobunaga Wall built by Oda Nobunaga to commemorate his victory in 1560 - Okehazama no tatakai. Near the shrine there are some old burial mounds. An old burial mound is a grave unique to Japan, so for those who are interested in history, an old burial mound is worth seeing.

ACCESS

[SUBWAY] about 20 minutes' ride from Sakae Station to Nagoyako Station through the Meijo Line and Meiko Line



EXERCISES

COMPREHENSION CHECK 文の内容に即して,以下の設問に英語で答えなさい。 (1) What is Bluebonnet?
(2) What is a convenient way to get to Bluebonnet?
(3) What is Atsuta Jingu Shrine famous for?
(4) What is the theme of the Port of Nagoya Aquarium?
(5) How many people visit Atsuta Jingu Shrine every year?
2 USEFUL EXPRESSIONS 文中の表現を参考にして,空欄に適語を入れなさい。 (1) そこへ行くのにバスで 30 分かかります。 It () 30 minutes to go there by bus.
(2) そこは何度も訪れる価値があります。 It is ()() many times.
(3) 私の家はは3階建てです。 My house is a () building.
(4) そこを訪れる人はだれでも買い物を楽しめます。 () visits it can enjoy shopping.
(5) 京都にはたくさんの歴史的建物があります。 There are ()()() historical structures in Kyoto