

Admission Fee Information

■ Admission Fee *Wheelchairs are also available.

	Adult	Student (Senior HS)	Child (Elem. & Jr. HS)	Under Age 6
General	¥800	¥600	¥300	Free
Groups	¥640	¥480	¥240	
Yearly Passport	¥1,600	¥1,200	¥600	

- The Seiden, Nanden, Bandokoro, Sho'in Sasunoma, Kudani-udun, Yuinchi, Kintu-humiesho, Okushoin, Hokuden, Houshimon are located in the paid admission zone. Admission is free in the other parts of the Park.
- Group fees apply for 20 persons and more.

Hours

■ Open Hours

- Apr. to Jun. (8:30 to 19:00) Last entry: 18:30
- Jul. to Sept. (8:30 to 20:00) Last entry: 19:30
- Oct. to Nov. (8:30 to 19:00) Last entry: 18:30
- Dec. to Mar. (8:30 to 18:00) Last entry: 17:30

■ Closed

The Park is closed on the first Wednesday and Thursday of July, every year.

Access

1. By Public Bus

- Use city bus No. ①②③ or outer-city bus No. ④ and get off at the "Shurijo koen irtguchi" bus stop. Shureimon is 5 minutes away on foot.
- Use the No. ⑦⑧ Shuri-jokamachi Line bus, and get off at "Shurijo-mae" bus stop. Shureimon is 1 minute away on foot.
- Use city bus No. ⑨⑩ or outer-city bus No. ⑤⑥ and get off at "Yamagawa" bus stop. Shureimon is 15 minutes away on foot.

2. By Sightseeing Bus, Car or Taxi

The attendants will direct visitors arriving by bus, car or taxi, if parking spaces are available in the Underground Parking Lot of the Suimuikan (Shurijo Castle Park Rest Center).

■ Suimuikan Parking Fees

- Motorcoach ¥940
(Book of 11 tickets: ¥9,400)
- Small Vehicle ¥310
(Book of 11 tickets: ¥3,100)

■ Suimuikan Parking Lot Hours

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3. By Monorail (Yui Rail)

Get off at Shuri Monorail Station or Gibo Monorail Station.

Shureimon is 15 minutes away on foot.



SHURIJO CASTLE PARK

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Shurijo Castle Park

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Welcome to Shurijo Castle

Testimony to the splendor of the Ryukyu Kingdom

Shurijo Castle Tour

- ← General Course (Approx. 1 hr., 20 min.) Basic Route
- ← Wheelchair Course (Approx. 1 hr., 10 min.) Basic Route
- ← Surrounding Cultural Assets

● Wheelchair and cane Rentals

Wheelchair and cane rentals are available free of charge at Shuimukan and Houshinmon. Please ask staff for details.

● Coin-operated Lockers

Coin-operated lockers are available for use in the Shuimukan and Koufukumon. (Deposit time is 15 minutes after use. (Free of charge))

Shurijo Castle Park Paid Admission Zone

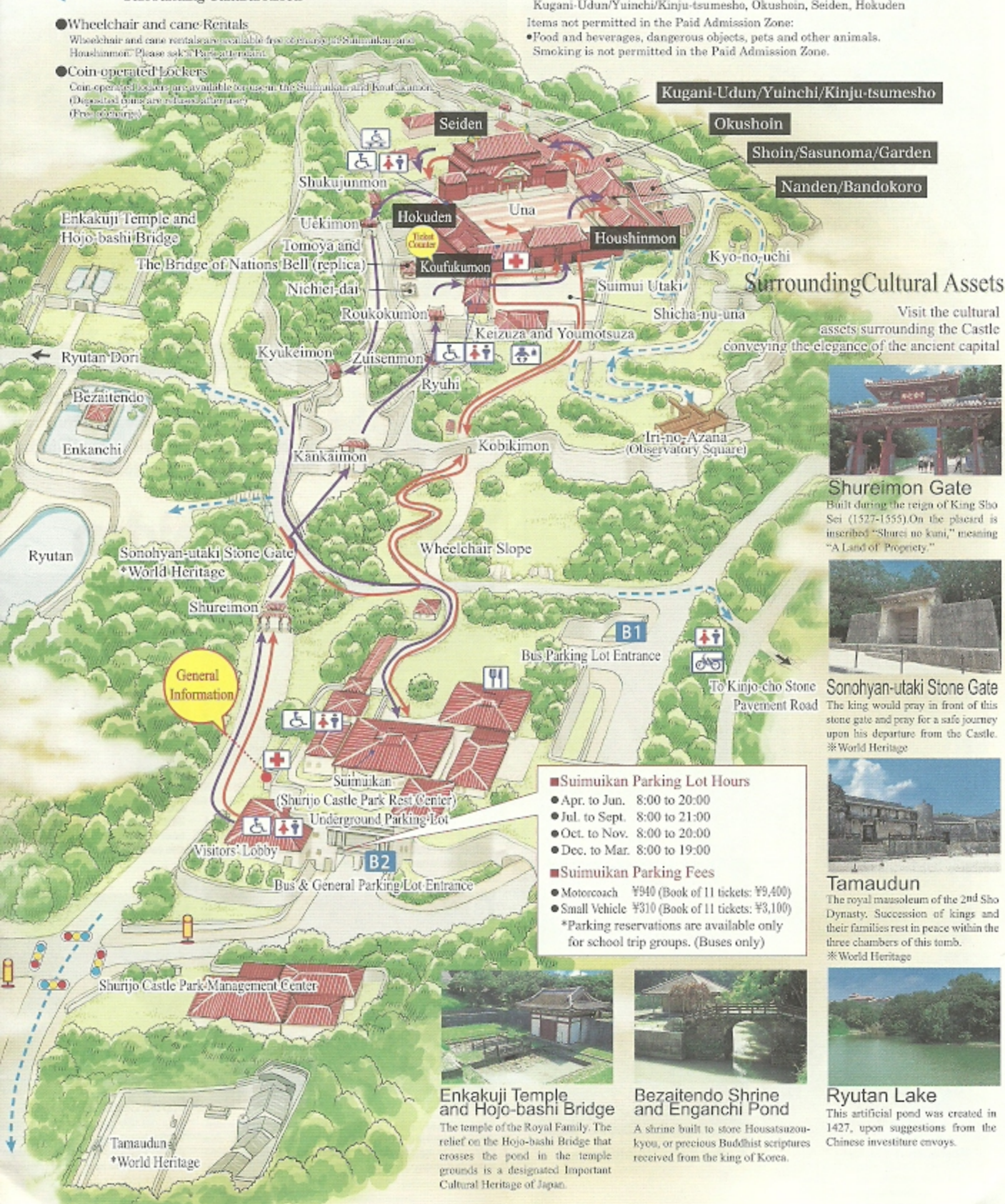
Entry tickets are available at the Koufukumon ticket counter.

Facilities in the Paid Admission Zone:

- Houshinmon (Entrance), Nanden/Bandokoro, Shoin/Sasunoma, Kugani-Udun/Yuinchi/Kinju-tsumesho, Okushoin, Seiden, Hokuden

Items not permitted in the Paid Admission Zone:

- Food and beverages, dangerous objects, pets and other animals.
- Smoking is not permitted in the Paid Admission Zone.



Surrounding Cultural Assets

Visit the cultural assets surrounding the Castle conveying the elegance of the ancient capital



Shureimon Gate

Built during the reign of King Sho Sei (1527-1555). On the plaque is inscribed "Shurei no kuni," meaning "A Land of Prosperity."



Sonohyan-utaki Stone Gate

The king would pray in front of this stone gate and pray for a safe journey upon his departure from the Castle. *World Heritage



Tamaudun

The royal mausoleum of the 2nd Sho Dynasty. Succession of kings and their families rest in peace within the three chambers of this tomb. *World Heritage



Ryutan Lake

This artificial pond was created in 1427, upon suggestions from the Chinese investiture envoys.

Enkakuji Temple and Hojo-bashi Bridge

The temple of the Royal Family. The relief on the Hojo-bashi Bridge that crosses the pond in the temple grounds is a designated Important Cultural Heritage of Japan.

Bezaitendo Shrine and Enganchi Pond

A shrine built to store Housatsuzou-kyou, or precious Buddhist scriptures received from the king of Korea.

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Shurijo Castle Park Management Center

Tamaudun *World Heritage

Bus Parking Lot Entrance

Bus & General Parking Lot Entrance

Visitors Lobby

Underground Parking Lot

Shuimukan (Shurijo Castle Park Rest Center)

Koufukumon

Houshinmon

Seiden

Shoin/Sasunoma/Garden

Nanden/Bandokoro

Kugani-Udun/Yuinchi/Kinju-tsumesho

Okushoin

Shoin/Sasunoma/Garden

Nanden/Bandokoro

Houshinmon

Una

Hokuden

Uekimon

Tomoya and The Bridge of Nations Bell (replica)

Nichiei-dai

Roukokumon

Kyukeimon

Zuisenmon

Ryuh

Kobikimon

Wheelchair Slope

Shicha-nu-una

Suimui Utaki

Keizusa and Youmotsusa

Iri-no-Azana (Observatory Square)

Kyuo-no-uchi

Shureimon

Sonohyan-utaki Stone Gate *World Heritage

Enkanchi

Bezaitendo

Ryutan

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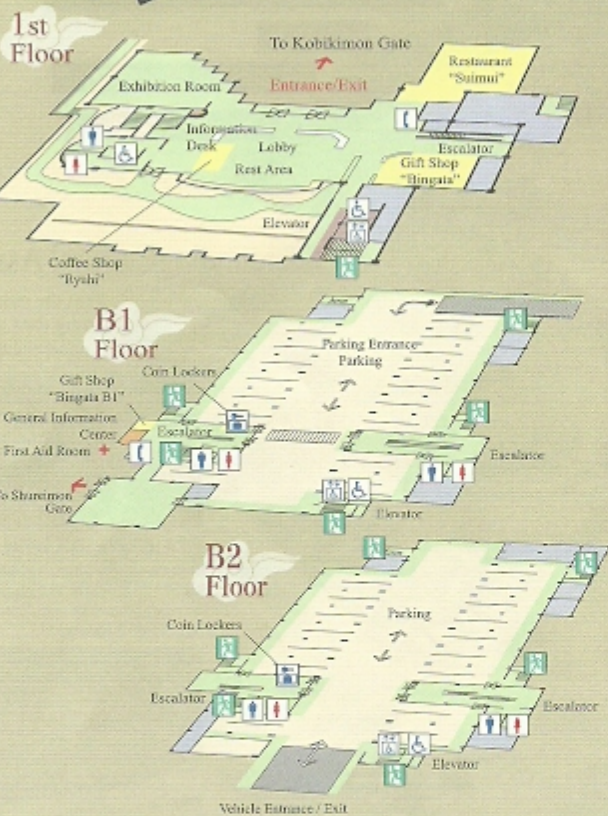
Suimuikan

The Rest Center offers information on the various cultural assets located within the Park and in the surroundings of Shurijo Castle. It also houses a service area with shops and a restaurant for our visitors to enjoy and relax.



Original Souvenirs

At Gift Shop "Bingata," visitors can find traditional souvenirs as well as original Shurijo Castle merchandise such as T-shirts and stationary items.



- Restaurant "Suimui" Business Hours:
Apr. to Nov. 10:00 to 19:30 (Last order at 19:00)
Dec. to Mar. 10:00 to 18:30 (Last order at 18:00)
- Gift Shop "Bingata" Business Hours:
8:00 to 18:00 Year Round
- Coffee Shop "Ryushi" Business Hours:
9:00 to 18:00 Year Round



Exhibition Room



Gift Shop "Bingata"



Restaurant "Suimui"



Coffee Shop "Ryushi"

Okinawa Shurijo Castle Park





Shuri Castle Seiden

Shuri Castle was the royal seat of the Ryukyu Kingdom for approximately 500 years. It served as the Kingdom's political, economical and cultural core. On the eaves of the walls and other areas of the Shuri Castle's Seiden is gilded with. Additionally, a portion has lacquer undercoating.



Seiden: Large Dragon Pillar (Lion) Cloud Motif Seiden Large Dragon Pillar (Lion) Cloud Motif
Height: 4.0m (Pillar: 3.1m, Post: 1.1m)
Festive: Ryukyu, Imari-style
Material: Hinokashi wood (from Myanmar)

Shurijo Castle, colored in the brilliant colors of vermilion, the center stage of the Ryukyu Kingdom

The culture of the Ryukyu Kingdom era is brought back to life in the modern age

It is said that Shurijo Castle was constructed around the 14th century, however, the details are not known. Since becoming the royal seat in 1406 for King Sho Hashi who united the kingdom, the Castle proudly served as the heart of the politics, foreign diplomacy and culture of the Ryukyu Kingdom for approximately 500 years until King Sho Tai, the last ruler of the kingdom abdicated the throne to the Meiji Government. Through trade with China, Japan and Southeast Asia, various items were brought to the Shurijo Castle, where the distinct culture of Ryukyu blossomed through the arts such as lacquerware, dyes and textiles, ceramics and music.

Shurijo Castle was reduced to ashes in the Battle of Okinawa in 1945, but was restored in 1992, commemorating the 20th anniversary of Okinawa's reversion to Japan. The Castle, painted in brilliant vermilion, represented the rebirth of the history and culture of the Ryukyu Kingdom, and can be said as the symbol of Okinawa.

A World Heritage that tells the tales of the prosperous Ryukyu Kingdom

Shurijo Castle served as the proud and dignified center of Ryukyu Kingdom and its politics, foreign affairs and culture. With architectural influences from both China and Japan, the Castle shows its exceptional cultural and historical values in its unique stonework and architectural design. Thus, Shurijo was designated as a World Heritage Site in December of 2000, the 11th World Heritage Site within Japan.



Path to the Seiden



1 Kankaimon Gate

This is the front gate of the Shurijo Castle. It was named Kankaimon as a way of welcome to the visitors to the Castle, such as the "Sapposhi," the Chinese investiture envoys. It is also called "Amze-ujō."



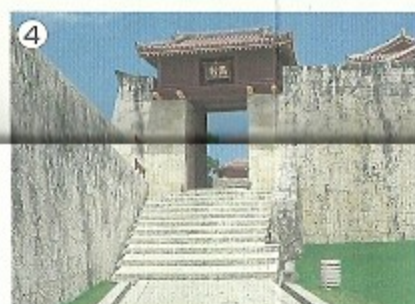
2 Zuisenmon Gate

Zuisen means "a splendid and auspicious spring." The gate takes its name from the Ryūbi spring just in front of it. It is also called "Hikawa-ujō."



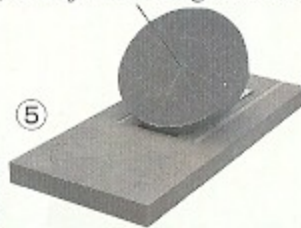
3 Ryūbi

Spring in front of the Zuisenmon Gate. This spring provided precious drinking water for the royal family and was also delivered to the "Tenshinkan," where the "Sapposhi" lodged while in Ryukyu.



4 Roukokumon Gate

This gate was named for the water clock in the gate's turret, as "Roukokū" means "water clock" in Chinese. It is also called "Kage-ise-ujō." High-ranking officials would get off their palanquins here, out of respect for the king.



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Nichiei-dai

A sundial placed in front of the Roukokumon Gate. It is said that the use of the sundial began in 1739, and kept the time in the kingdom until 1879, when Ryukyu became a prefecture of Japan.



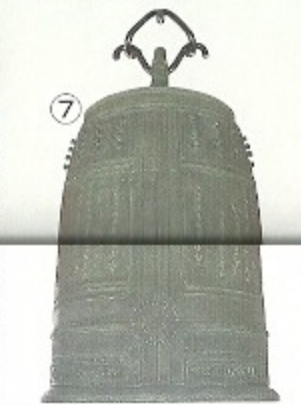
6 Tomoya

Restored based on old pictures and records. Its original use is unknown.



7 Kofukumon Gate

On the east-side of this structure housed the "Okumiza," managing the official registry records, and on the west was the "Jishaza," the office managing temples. It is also known as "Naga-ujō." Presently, it serves as the Castle's ticket counter.



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8 Bankoku Shinryo-no Kane

This bell was hung in the Shurijo Castle Seiden in 1458. It is famous for its inscription emphasizing the spirit of trade and friendship upon which the prosperity of the Ryukyu Kingdom was based. (Replies)



9 Houshinmon Gate

On the east-side of this structure housed the "Okumiza," managing the official registry records, and on the west was the "Jishaza," the office managing temples. It is also known as "Naga-ujō." Presently, it serves as the Castle's ticket counter.



10 Suimui Utaki

One of the places of worship within the Castle precincts. It is the subject of many songs and poetry recorded in "Omumoushi," the oldest Ryukyu collection of songs. According to Ryukyu mythology, it is said to be "a sacred place created by gods."



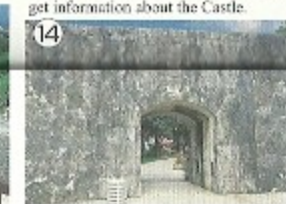
11 Keizusa & Youmoutsusa

"Keizusa" was the office that managed the lineage records of the warrior class and compiled documents of the kingdom, while "Youmoutsusa" kept track of the goods, materials used within the Castle grounds. Presently, it serves as a place to take a break and to get information about the Castle.



12 Kyo no Uchi

This was the largest area within the Castle grounds where important rituals and observances were held. A number of Utaki, or worship sites were located in this area, and prayers by the goddess Kikoe-Okimi were offered for the prosperity of the royal family, safe journeys on the seas and



13 Iri-no-Azana

During the Ryukyu Kingdom era, this gate was used to carry in materials for renovations in the Castle buildings and for repairs on the stonework. At other times, it was generally barricaded with stones. Presently, it serves as the entranceway for the visitors' observation route.

