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fun facts on Kumamoto Castle!



- Address: 1-1-1 Ninomaru, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City 860-0008
- Parking: Regular cars (58 spaces), large motorcycles (24 spaces) and mopeds (30 spaces)
- Facility bus stop (free/reservation required): For reservations, call 096-288-0807
March - November: 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. December - February: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Bicycle parking: Available
- Required time: 20 - 60 min. (Wakuwakuza)

Admission fees	
Kumamoto Castle Museum Wakuwakuza	Kumamoto Castle
(Individuals) Adults: ¥300 Children (ES and JHS): ¥100 (Groups of 30 or more) Adults: ¥240 Children (ES and JHS): ¥80	Kumamoto Castle is currently closed for reconstruction work due to damage caused by the 2016 earthquake.
Opening times	
Kumamoto Castle Museum Wakuwakuza	Kumamoto Castle
Open all year 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Admission until 5 p.m.) * Closed: December 29, 30 and 31	Kumamoto Castle is currently closed for reconstruction work due to damage caused by the 2016 earthquake.

Access

- **From Kumamoto Station**
(By bus)
Kumamoto Castle Loop Bus "Shiromegurin"
* Loop bus departs from in front of Kumamoto Station and runs around the Kumamoto Castle area.
Kumamoto Station --> Kotsu Center
--> Sakuranobaba Josaien
Required time: Approx. 23 min.
(Shiyakusho-mae --> Sakuranobaba Josaien
Required time: Approx. 7 min.)
(By tram)
Kumamoto-Ekimae tram stop
--> Kumamoto Castle/Shiyakusho-mae tram stop
Required time: Approx. 15 min. ride and 7 min. walk
- **From Kumamoto Airport**
(By airport shuttle bus)
Kumamoto Airport bus stop
--> Kotsu Center
Required time: Approx. 40 min. ride and 5 min. walk
- **From Kumamoto IC**
Take National Route 57 to downtown Kumamoto
Approx. 30 min. by car
- **From Mashiki-Kumamoto Kuko IC**
Take Prefectural Route 36 (No. 2 Kuko Line) to downtown Kumamoto
Approx. 30 min. by car
- **From Ueki IC**
Take National Route 3 to downtown Kumamoto
Approx. 40 min. by car



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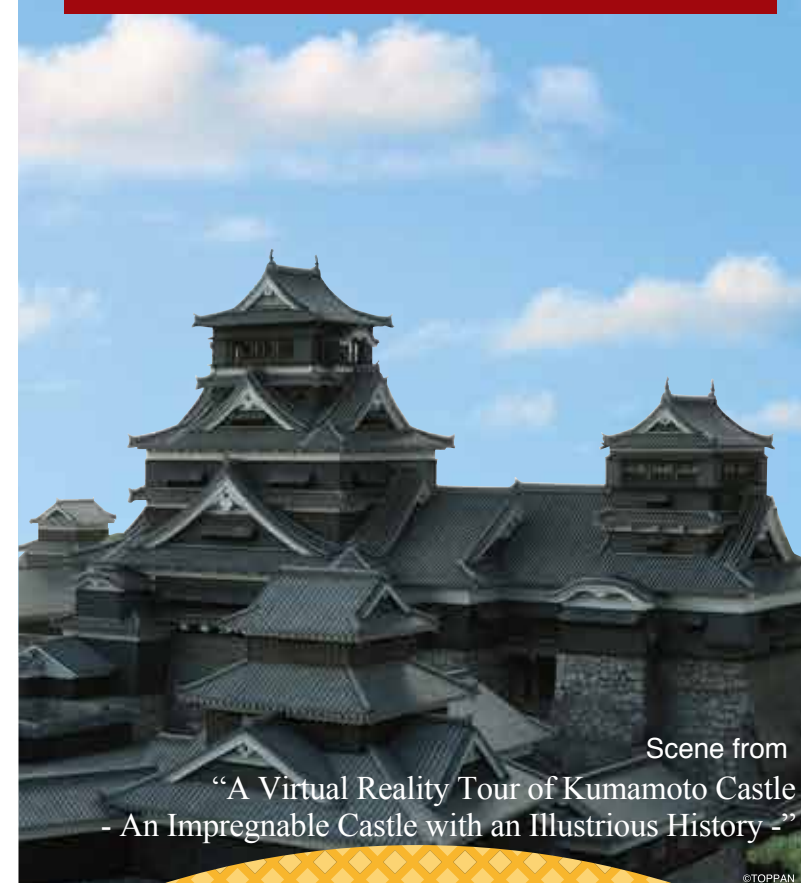


English version

Fascinating historical and
cultural discovery zones
bring Kumamoto Castle to life



Kumamoto Castle Museum Wakuwakuza



\\ An even better museum
Endless excitement as you find out



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An entertainment space bringing Kumamoto's history to life

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Learn and experience the history of Kumamoto and its symbolic castle

Showcasing Kumamoto Castle in all its glory, and featuring new content like projection mapping of the damage caused to the castle and its reconstruction.



New shachihoko roof decoration for the subsidiary tower of the keep

1 Projection mapping of the damage caused to Kumamoto Castle and its reconstruction

An audiovisual reconstruction of the damage Kumamoto Castle sustained during the earthquake projected on a 3D model of the castle, including fallen walls and roof tiles and collapsed turrets. This new feature also shows how the castle will be reconstructed.



2 Live camera feeds from the grounds

Eight cameras have been set up around the castle grounds to allow visitors to view the reconstruction efforts in real time on monitors in the museum.



3 Footage of damage to Kumamoto Castle

Two videos played on loop, one showing Kumamoto Castle directly after the disaster and the other showing the inside of the keep, Honmaru Goten Palace and turrets.

10 min. each



4 Experience making a stone wall

In this area, you can experience making a stone wall in the style of those at Kumamoto Castle. These signature curved stone walls were designed to fend off attacks.



12 Famous historic person quiz game

Take on the challenge of this quiz game on famous people connected with Kumamoto, such as Kato Kiyomasa, Miyamoto Musashi and Natsume Soseki.

NEW

Learn about the Satsuma Rebellion!



11 Satsuma Rebellion area

Here, you can enjoy learning about the Satsuma Rebellion through quizzes and games, and can dress up as a soldier from either side of the battle for a photo.



Experience Kumamoto during the Sengoku and Edo periods!



Prepare for battle!

8 Be a horseback warrior

The lord himself also rode a horse! Mount a model horse and prepare for battle!

9 Try on Japanese armor

Try on a faithful reproduction of Japanese armor.



6 Try sitting in a palanquin

Sit in a palanquin and imagine you are a lord riding in style to Edo.



5 Compare your height with Kato Kiyomasa

Commemorate your visit with a photograph comparing your height with Kato Kiyomasa. Also features a timeline detailing Kiyomasa's life.



7 Dress up as a lord or lady

Put on a splendid costume and experience being the lord or lady of Kumamoto Castle.

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Story Palace

A dramatic journey through the history of Kumamoto Castle

This section of the museum introduces you to the highlights of Kumamoto Castle's history through realistic videos and theater in a drama that crosses time and space.



Short plays and Kumamoto Castle VR

Approx. 10 min.

13 Short plays

A program of entertaining performances, including "Kato Kiyomasa, valued for his loyalty," "Great men of Kumamoto Castle" and "Meiji period Kumamoto, told in photographs."

*English-subtitled. Multilingual audio guide available.

14 Kumamoto Castle VR full version!

New video production

Visitors can watch a full virtual reality video of Kumamoto Castle during the Edo period (1603 - 1868) and as it was prior to the earthquake.

*The English-subtitled version is available in the 1st floor theater room. Please ask our staff if you are interested.



Display of the latest archaeological finds at Kumamoto Castle

Kumamoto Castle VR headsets

*Audio explanation in Japanese only.

Try on period costume (fee applies)

Try on period clothing and walk around outside the museum. Available costumes include ninjas, town girls and otemoyan folk dancers.

