

Highlights Map

A historic park located in the heart of Osaka, with the Main Tower, full of historical romance, at its core. With numerous cultural properties, the plum groves and Nishinomaru Garden that change with the seasons, and surrounded by a lush forest, Osaka Castle Park is truly an oasis within the city. There are always people who enjoy music and sports visiting the park, and plenty of facilities that provide places of relaxation for the citizens.



A Otemon Gate
(Important Cultural Property)

The main gate of the castle, crafted in the Koraimon style, is a must-see. The "aoi-mon" (triple hollyhock crests) indicating that the castle was rebuilt as a stronghold of the Tokugawa government, and the gate's magical appearance when lit up at night are also recommended.



B Tamon-yagura Turret
(Important Cultural Property)

This large structure is located at Ote-guchi Masugata Square. It includes a "yari otoshi" (spear drop), a mechanism used to drop spears from above onto enemies passing through the main gate.



F Takoishi Stone
(Octopus Stone)

At 5.5 m high, 11.7 m wide, and an estimated 108 tons, this is the largest stone of Osaka Castle. The pattern on the left edge looks like an octopus, which is said to be the origin of the "Takoishi Stone" (Octopus Stone) moniker.



C Sengan-yagura Turret
(Important Cultural Property)

The two-story Sumiyagura (corner turret) played a critical role in defending the Otemon Gate from the north. It has loopholes from which the muzzles of matchlock rifles were aimed out at the enemy.



E Sakuramon Gate
(Important Cultural Property)

The name "Sakuramon" (cherry blossom gate) is said to have come from the rows of cherry trees that lined this area during the Toyotomi period. This is the main entrance to the hommaru (inner bailey), overlooking the Main Tower.

Intro to Golden Route spots (Approx. 3 km) To get to know Osaka Castle, enjoy this route first!



D Nishinomaru Garden

In spring, there are about 300 cherry trees in full bloom, making this a famous cherry-blossom viewing spot. Visitors can enjoy an excellent view of the Main Tower from the wide-open lawn.

- Garden opening hours / 9:00am-5:00pm (Mar-Oct), 9:00am-4:30pm (Nov-Feb)
*Last entry: 30 min. before park closes

- The park is closed on Mondays (Tue instead if Mon is a holiday) & during the New Year's holiday period (Dec. 28-Jan. 4)

- Admission fee: Adults / 200 yen
* Free for children in junior high school and younger, Osaka residents aged 65+ (ID required), and those with a disability certificate
* Opening hours and admission fees may differ during cherry-blossom season.



G Japanese Garden

In conjunction with the restoration of the Main Tower in 1931, this was developed as an attached garden to the Kishu Palace which existed at the time. From the south side of the pond, you can enjoy a beautiful view, with the Main Tower as a backdrop.

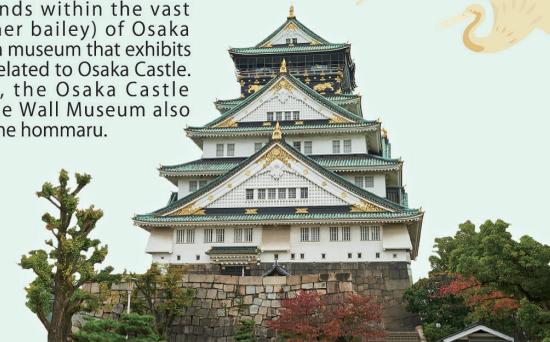


H Former Headquarters of the Fourth Army Division (MIRAIZA OSAKA-JO)

This historical Western-style building was built in 1931. In 2017, it was renovated as MIRAIZA OSAKA-JO, a bustling new hub.

I Main Tower of Osaka Castle
(Registered Tangible Cultural Property)

The tower stands within the vast hommaru (inner bailey) of Osaka Castle. Inside is a museum that exhibits cultural assets related to Osaka Castle. In April 2025, the Osaka Castle Toyotomi Stone Wall Museum also opened within the hommaru.



J Place where Toyotomi Hideyori and Yodo-dono committed suicide

A stone monument on the east side of the Yamazatomaru Bailey. Toyotomi Hideyori and his mother Yodo-dono, concubine of Toyotomi Hideyoshi, are said to have committed suicide in the Yamazatomaru Bailey.



K Gokurakubashi Bridge

This is a popular spot for taking beautiful pictures of the Main Tower, visible over the inner moat.



L Osaka Castle Gozabune Boat

This 20-minute cruise through the inner moat allows you to see the impressive stone walls, the tallest in Japan, right before your eyes. Visitors can enjoy the trip aboard a glittering golden boat.



M Aoyamon Gate

This gate stands at Aoya-guchi, one of the entrances to Osaka Castle. Surrounding it is a square structure for defending against enemy intrusions.

N JO-TERRACE OSAKA

Packed with various shops and restaurants, this complex offers a new way to experience Osaka Castle Park. There is also a photo bench, staffed by a hospitable team of historical characters!