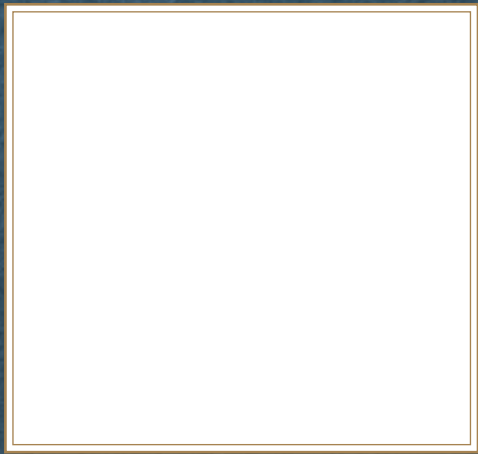


Kumamoto Castle Commemorative Stamp

Available at the South Entrance, North Entrance,
Ninomaru and Wakuwakuza ticket offices



If you have the Top 100 Castles in Japan Official Stamp Book,
please stamp your book instead of this pamphlet.

INFORMATION

Kumamoto Castle Phone: 096-223-5011
(Kumamoto Castle Management Center)
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Last entry at 4:30 p.m.)
Please obey the following rules when in the Special Observation Area.
Thank you for your kind cooperation.



Kumamoto City Museum Phone: 096-324-3500
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Last entry at 4:30 p.m.)
Closed: Mondays (or the following day if Monday is a national holiday)
and Dec. 29th - Jan. 3rd

Sakuranobaba Josaien

Kumamoto Castle Museum Wakuwakuza

Phone: 096-286-5600
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Last entry at 5:00 p.m.)

Sakuranokoji (Gift Shop and Restaurant Area) Phone: 096-288-5577
Hours: Gift shops 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Restaurants 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Last order at 6:00 p.m.)

Former Residence of Hosokawa Gyobu

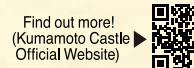
Closed Due to Earthquake Damage

Lords of the Castle Restoration & Kumamoto Castle Disaster Restoration Support Fund

Please support the restoration and reconstruction of Kumamoto Castle!
Donations can be made at the Restoration Donation Desk (next to the
Ninomaru Rest Station) (cash only).
For more information, please visit the official Kumamoto Castle website.

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Kumamoto Castle Official App

Please download the "Kumamoto Castle Official App"
on your smartphone.

● Functions of the App

- 1) You can enjoy commentary and video content about the permanent
exhibits within the castle keeps through audio and subtitles.
* Available Languages: Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean.
- 2) You can use the AR (Augmented Reality) function to superimpose
old photos on the current scenery from the observation deck on the
main keep's 6th floor.



QR code for
the "Kumamoto
Castle Official App".▶

● How to Download the App

Scan the QR code above or search "Kumamoto Castle Official
App" in the App Store or Google Play to download the app.
You can download the app via Kumamoto Free Wi-Fi.

Admission Prices in parentheses are for groups of 30 or more people. * Admission is free for preschoolers

Kumamoto Castle

Admission

Elementary & junior high school students	¥300	(¥240)
High school students & older	¥800	(¥640)

Annual Pass

Elementary & junior high school students	
High school students & older	¥1,600

Kumamoto City Museum

Admission

Junior high school students & younger	¥200	(¥160)
High school & college students	¥300	(¥240)
Adults	¥400	(¥320)

Planetarium Show Tickets

Junior high school students & younger	¥100	(¥80)
High school & college students	¥150	(¥120)
Adults	¥200	(¥160)

* General Admission Ticket is also
required for planetarium shows

Kumamoto Castle Museum Wakuwakuza

Admission

Elementary & junior high school students	¥100	(¥80)
High school students & older	¥300	(¥240)

Combination Tickets

Combination ticket for
Kumamoto Castle and Wakuwakuza

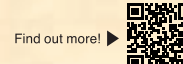
Elementary & junior high school students	¥300
High school students & older	¥850

Combination ticket for
Kumamoto Castle, Wakuwakuza
and Kumamoto City Museum

Elementary & junior high school students	¥400
High school students & older	¥1,100

Facilities Covered by the Combination Ticket

1 KUMAMOTO CITY MUSEUM



The museum houses and
exhibits materials related to
the origins, history, culture,
and nature of Kumamoto.
Here, you can enrich your
understanding of the Kato
and Hosokawa clans and
Kumamoto Castle. There is
also a planetarium in the
basement. The museum
building itself, designed by
Kurokawa Kisho, is also a
must-see.

2 SAKURANOBABA JOSAIEN



**Kumamoto Castle
Museum Wakuwakuza**
This is a museum where you
can enjoy learning about the
history and culture of
Kumamoto Castle through a
variety of content, including
a spectacular VR image of
Kumamoto Castle.



Sakuranokoji

A market lined with fine
restaurants and shops
selling local foods and
souvenirs unique to
Kumamoto Prefecture,
including exclusive items
only available here.

Bus Service Information

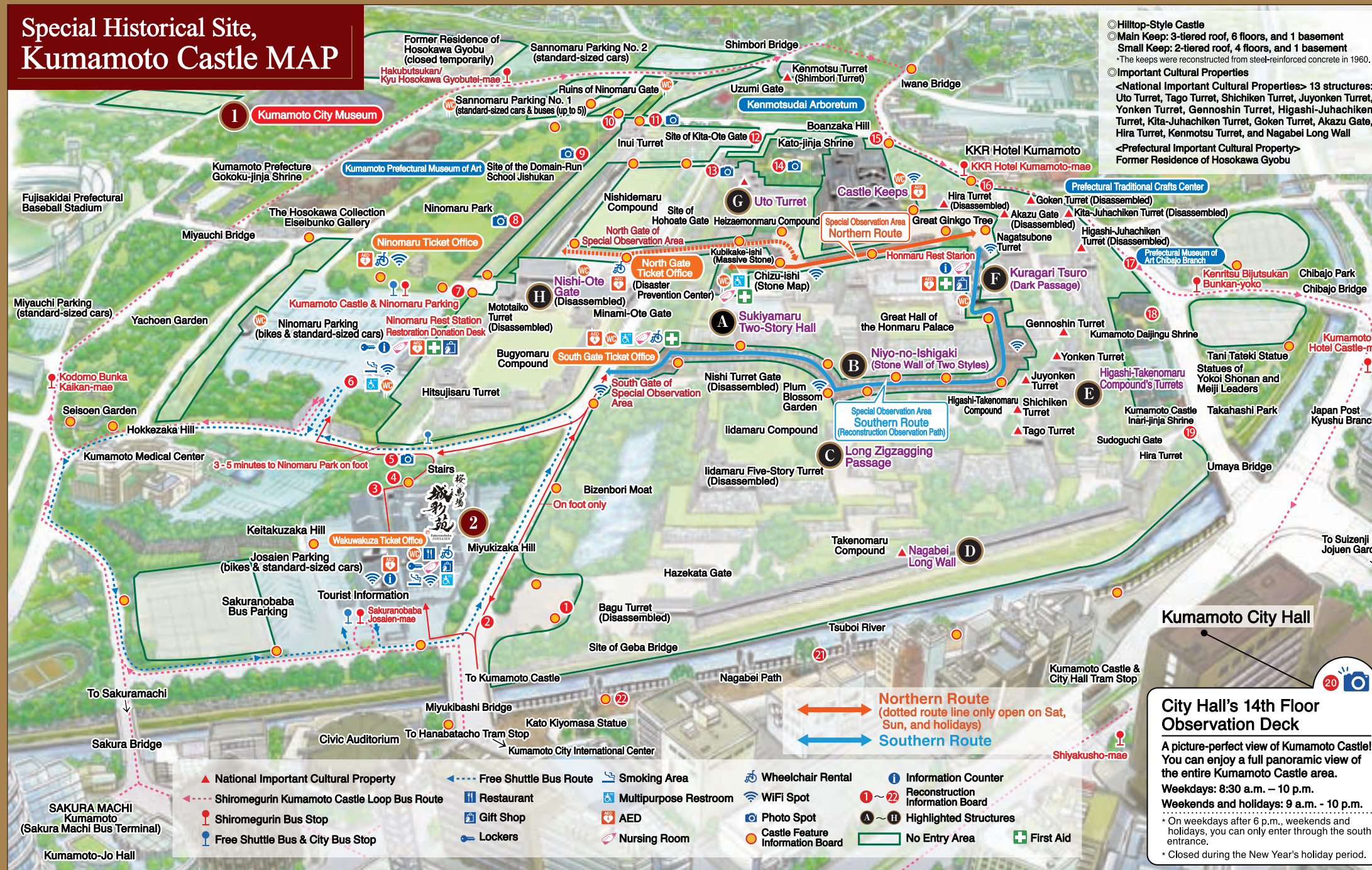
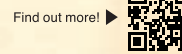
Free Shuttle Bus

This shuttle bus runs between Josaien and Ninomaru Parking Lot every 10 to 15 minutes.
(Available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The last bus departs from Ninomaru Parking Lot)

Shiromegurin Kumamoto Castle Loop Bus

Please check the official website for the bus schedule and related information.

	Single Use	1-Day Ticket
Adult	¥180	¥500
Child	¥90	¥250



A Sukiyamaru Two-Story Hall



Due to the earthquake, the stone wall beneath
the recently refurbished Sukiyamaru
Two-Story Hall partially collapsed. The stone
wall supporting the five-story turret (left of
the building in the photo) also collapsed, and
the upper surface of the wall cracked.

B Niyo-no-Ishigaki (Stone Wall of Two Styles)



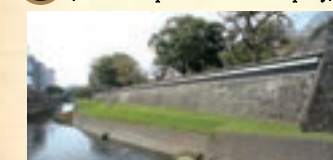
This is one of the places where the beauty of the
stone walls is on full display due to the
side-by-side view of the both the original stone
wall (right) and new stone wall (left) that was
added on later. There is also a spot at the top of the
new stone wall that sunk due to the earthquake.

C Long Zigzagging Passage



This passage, which bends back on itself six
times from Takenomaru Compound, managed to retain
its dignity as an Important Cultural Property despite
sustaining damage to its plaster walls and floor in the
earthquake. The tsuzuki-yagura, however, which was
a structure adjoined to the south side of this five-story
turret, collapsed in the earthquake.

D Nagabei Long Wall (National Important Cultural Property)



This long wall facing the Tsuboi River stretches
about 242 meters. Although it was temporarily
removed around the time of the Satsuma Rebellion
and partially collapsed after the 2016 Kumamoto
Earthquake, it was fully restored in 2021.

E Higashi-Takenomaru Compound's Turrets



This landscape, a series of single-story
turrets, gives a good idea of how the castle
area would have looked in its heyday.
Because some of the turrets tilted due to the
earthquake, wire fences and other measures
have been employed to prevent collapse.

F Great Hall of the Honmaru Palace & Kuragari Tsuru (Dark Passage)



In the recently restored interior of the Honmaru
Palace (above the pictured subterranean
tunnel), the earthquake caused the floor to slant
and damaged the walls. The Kuragari Tsuru
(Dark Passage), which is one of only a handful
of such underground passages in Japan, did not
sustain any noticeable damage.

G Uto Turret (National Important Cultural Property)



This five-story turret, which is comparable in size to
the keeps of other Japanese castles, managed to retain
its dignity as an Important Cultural Property despite
sustaining damage to its plaster walls and floor in the
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H Nishi-Ote Gate



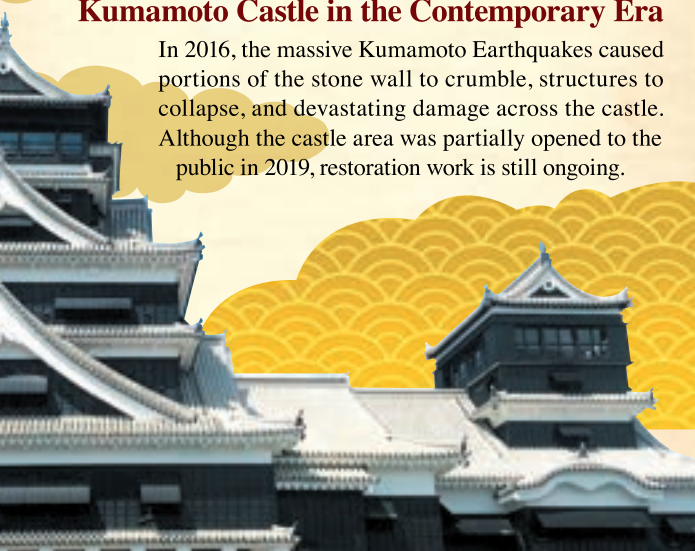
The Nishi-Ote Gate was dismantled and stored
after it was damaged in the earthquake, and the
fallen stones have been collected. Nets and
cages of smaller stones have been placed in
front of the stone walls to ensure safety.

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400 Years
of
History



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Observation Deck

Diagram showing a viewing area with a sign pointing to 5F.