

Highlights Map

Osaka Castle Park is an urban park in the heart of Osaka, with the historical, romantic Main Tower at its core. Osaka Castle Park, with its numerous cultural assets, plum groves, and Nishinomaru Garden, is a true urban oasis surrounded by lush greenery and forests. The park is also a magnet for people who enjoy music and sports, and has a wide range of facilities where the people of Osaka can relax and enjoy themselves.



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 "Sakura-mon" (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 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 a scenic 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

Together with the restoration of the Main Tower in 1931, what at the time was the garden of the Kishu Goten Mansion was also re-landscaped. The view from the southern side of the pond showcases the Main Tower, which appears as a backdrop to the garden scenery.



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 Main Tower rises at the heart of the expansive Osaka Castle. Inside is a museum exhibiting cultural assets related to Osaka Castle. In 2023, it was designated a Structure of Landscape Importance by the City of Osaka.



J Place where Hideyori Toyotomi and Yodo-dono committed suicide

A stone monument on the east side of the Yamazato-Maru Bailey. Hideyori Toyotomi and his mother Yodo-dono, concubine of Hideyoshi Toyotomi, are said to have committed suicide in the Yamazato-Maru 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 in the inner moat passes right by the castle's towering stone walls, considered the most impressive in Japan. Visitors can enjoy the trip aboard a glittering golden boat.



M Aoyamon Gate

A gate located at the Aoya-guchi Entrance, one of the gateways to Osaka Castle. The box-shaped partition helped protect the castle from enemy invasions.



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!