

Shurijō Castle Reconstruction Model Course

~Aiming at the reconstruction of Shurijō Castle, the spiritual foundation for Okinawa~

Would you like to go on the new Shurijō Castle walking tour course?



Shureimon / Kyō-no Uchi quick course

Course 1:
About 30 minutes

(1) Suimuikan lawn area → (2) Shureimon → (3) Kankaimon → (4) Zuisenmon → (5) Kōfukumon → (6) Hōshimon-mae → (11) Kobikimon → (12) Shops in front of Suimuikan → (1) Suimuikan lawn area

Course 2:
About 60 minutes

(1) Suimuikan lawn area → (2) Shureimon → (3) Kankaimon → (4) Zuisenmon → (5) Kōfukumon → (6) Hōshimon-mae → (7) Front of Kyō-no Uchi castle walls → (8) Kyō-no Uchi observation platform → (9) Kyō-no Uchi Utaki (sacred worshipping site) → (10) Iri-no Azana → (11) Kobikimon → (12) Shops in front of Suimuikan → (1) Suimuikan lawn area

1 Suimuikan lawn area



About
1 minute
on foot

An open lawn area in front of Suimuikan. There are plenty of shops here, making it an ideal meeting place for touring Shurijō Castle Park.

2 Shureimon



About
3 minutes
on foot

"Shurei" means "to observe propriety" and also that "Ryukyū is a country that prioritizes propriety." This gate is constructed in the traditional Chinese architectural style of Paifang (also known as palou).

3 Kankaimon



About
3 minutes
on foot

This is the first gate that leads to the inner castle walls of Shurijō Castle, and the term "Kankai" means "to welcome."

4 Zuisenmon



About
3 minutes
on foot

"Zuisen" means "a magnificent, auspicious spring." The spring water in front of the right side of the gate is called "Ryūhi" (the "Ryū" in Ryūhi means "dragon," while "hi" refers to long pipes that direct the water from rivers and springs, or trenches, and water trough that collects the rainwater from rooftops; Ryūhi means spring water gushing from a dragon's mouth), and the name of the gate has thus been derived.

8 Kyō-no Uchi observation platform



About
2 minutes
on foot

The observation platform in Kyō-no Uchi is located on the south side of Shurijō Castle, from where visitors can enjoy the scenery of an area of gently sloping hills.

7 Front of Kyō-no Uchi castle walls



About
1 minute
on foot

The other side of the stone wall on the south side of "Shicha-nu Una" is "Kyō-no Uchi," the largest area within the castle grounds for religious ceremonies. This location is said to be the place of origin of Shurijō Castle.

6 Hōshimon-mae



About
1 minute
on foot

Also known as "Kimihokori Ujō." To the left (the north side) is the "Naden," a room used for handling the accounts of medicinal goods, tea, tobacco, etc. To the right (the south side) is the "Kimihokori," a room that was used for rituals, etc. within the castle.

5 Kōfukumon



About
1 minute
on foot

"Kōfuku" means to "spread good fortune." Also known as "Naga Ujō," the building itself has the function of a gate and is characteristic of Shurijō Castle gates.

9 Kyō-no Uchi Utaki (sacred worshipping site)



About
3 minutes
on foot

At the Kyō-no Uchi Utaki, Kikoe Ōkimi, the highest-ranking priestess of a faith that was unique to the Ryukyus, and other priestesses known as Ōamushirare prayed to the gods for the prosperity of the royal family, safe voyages, and abundant harvests.

10 Iri-no Azana



About
3 minutes
on foot

This is an observation platform built on the west side of the castle at an altitude of about 130 meters above sea level. From here, visitors can get a commanding view that includes Naha City and Naha Port, as well as the Kerama Islands in the distant horizon.

11 Kobikimon



About
2 minutes
on foot

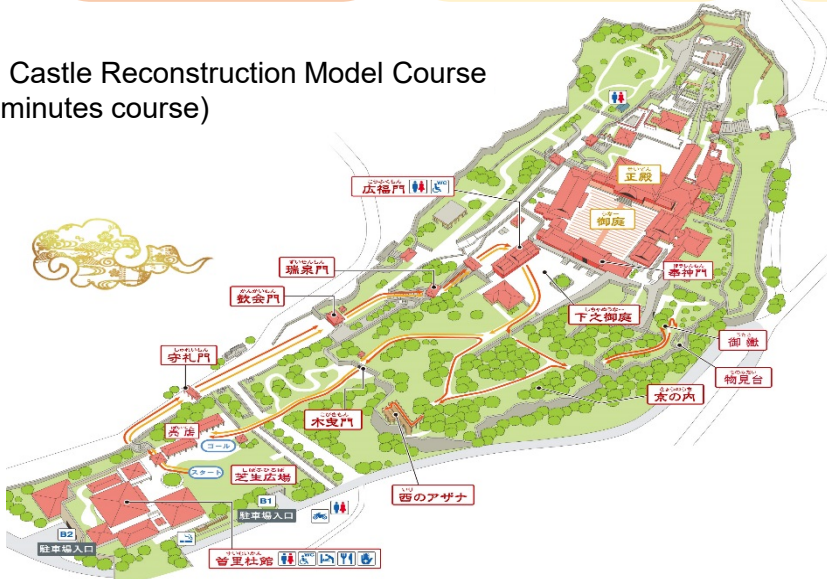
This gate was normally blocked with stones. The stones were removed, and the gate was opened only at a time when Shurijō Castle underwent repairs once every few years.

12 Shops in front of Suimuikan



Please enjoy delicious ice cream and Shurijō Castle Park original merchandise, etc.

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