

Enjoy up close Shurijo Castle that can be seen only now during reconstruction

Nine facilities including the Seiden (main structure) were burnt down by a fire on October 31, 2019.

With the support of many people in Japan and abroad, we are currently moving forward, step by step, on the road to revival with the theme of "showcasing the reconstruction."

The restoration has begun from the Seiden. In the main Una courtyard where the Seiden stood, a timber warehouse for processing wood materials, a "gensunba" for drawing full-scale drawings, and "suyane," a protective scaffold for shielding the Seiden under construction from rain, wind and dust were built. Visitors can watch the restoration construction through the glass windows of the viewing area adjoining the structure.

*In principle, no restoration construction is done on Saturdays and Sundays.

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| Information | Restrooms | Nursing room | Diaper changing station |
| First aid | AED (Automated external defibrillator) | Rental center (Wheelchairs, walking canes, strollers) | Parking |
| Bicycle parking | Escalator | Elevator | Smoking area |
| Restaurant | Shop | Coin-operated locker | |

Free area

Paid area



4 Koufukumon
Ticket office

The word "Kofuku" inscribed on the lacquered plaque means "spreading fortune." On its east side, there was "Ookumiza" which managed family register affairs, and on the west side, there was "Ushaza" which managed temples and shrines.

5 Houshinmon
Ticket gate

Entry through the central gate among the three was limited to only a few high-ranking persons such as the king. Here visitors can observe the morning ritual "Ukejo" announcing the opening of the gate.

6 Template Workshop Viewing Area

It is a place for producing full-scale drawings used in the construction of the Shurijo Castle Seiden. Visitors can watch workers work through the glass windows.

7 Bare Roof Viewing Area

The restoration construction of the Shurijo Castle Seiden is done inside this structure. It is a three-story building, and visitors can observe the construction up close from the viewing area set up on each floor.

8 Shurijo Castle Reconstruction Exhibition Room

Remnants found after the fire such as shishi (lion-dog) tiles are exhibited, and the road to the revival of Shurijo Castle is described in a video. The contents of the exhibition will change according to the progress of the construction.

9 Yohokoriden

The site where the ascension ceremony for the new king was held after a king passed away. Today, the history of Ryukyu Kingdom and the culture of the ruins of the Shurijo Castle Seiden are shown on a huge monitor.

10 Agari-no Azana

An observation platform on the east side of the castle. From here, visitors can see the entire Shurijo Castle Park and the city of Naha. Since east is where the sun rises, it is called "agari" in the local dialect.

1 Shureimon

The words "Shurei no Kuni" inscribed on the lacquered plaque mean "Ryukyu is a nation of propriety." It was destroyed in the Battle of Okinawa and was restored in 1958.

2 Sonohyan-Utaki Ishimon
World Heritage

The members of the royal family prayed in front of this stone gate for the safe journey when the king traveled outside of the castle. It was partially destroyed during the Battle of Okinawa and was restored in 1957. In December 2000, the gate was inscribed as a World Heritage Site.

3 Ryuhi

The name comes from how the water is springing from the dragon's mouth. It is situated in front of Zuisenmon and was an essential source of drinking water for the royal palace and their guests.