Sengan-en

Explore the sprawling traditional gardens and the majestic house lived in and loved by the lords of the Shimadzu clan. Sengan-en was built in 1658 by Shimadzu Mitsusada, inspired by the majestic views of active volcano Sakurajima and Kinko Bay.
Chinese influences can be seen in many places around the gardens, showing Kagoshima to be Japan's southern gateway to the outside world.
Sengan-en was visited by not only dignitaries from all over Japan, but also royally from overseas including Edward VIII of the UK and Nicholas II of Russia.
With traditional cultural events held year round, and spectacular changes in each season, Sengan-en truly is one of Japan's greatest stately homes.

The House

Slip back into the past and discover the lifestyle lived by the influential Shimadzu family.

Take a stroll around the house and explore the rooms lived in by the Shimadzu family. See how Prince Shimadzu Tasakuni lived at the end of the 19th century, and learn how important dignitaries were welcomed at Sengan-en.

Open 9:00~17:00 (Last entry 16:50)

Price
Adult ............................. ¥ 500
Child(7.15) .......................... ¥ 250

Entrance
Please show your ticket at the house entrance

Guide Map

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World Heritage Site

Japan was the only country in Asia able to replicate the industrial revolution in the late 1800s, and the story of why this was possible is told at the Shoko Shuseikan Museum, just outside Sengan-en.
Follow the course of the Shimadzu family over 800 years, and see how the international relations they forged led to the development of industrialization in modern Japan.
The museum is housed in Japan’s oldest remaining stone factory, built in 1865. Sengan-en and the Shoko Shuseikan were inscribed as part of the “Sites of Japan’s Meiji Industrial Revolution: Iron and Steel, Shipbuilding and Coal Mining” UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site in 2015.

Restaurants

The finest local cuisine and amazing views of active volcano Sakurajima.

Shokutei | Open 11:00~15:30
The best of Kagoshima cuisine curated by our head chef, using only the finest local ingredients. Enjoy a spectacular view of the gardens and Sakurajima beyond in the luxurious surroundings of our flagship restaurant.

Shofukien | Open 11:00~14:30
Enjoy a wide selection of filling Kagoshima delicacies in our spacious restaurant overlooking active volcano Sakurajima. The modern wooden interior creates a warm, relaxing space to unwind before continuing your journey.

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Events

Enjoy traditional cultural events in each season

- Spring: Satsuna Hina Matsuri, Nagasaki Buna, Ryukyu no En Poetry Recital
- May: Streamers, Summer Leaf Display, Morning Glory Display
- Chrysanthemum Festival: Jimmy-sai Beauty Festival, Taniyama-shiki Traditional Archery
- Winter: Kadomatsu New Year’s Decorations, Winter Peonies Display

Recommended Route

- For first time visitors (Follow the red route → to the map)

Sengan-en is very large, covering over 12 acres! If you’re not sure where to go, follow our recommended route for first time visitors.

Sengan-en Shoko Shuseikan

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