

## Strolling around the World Heritage Site full of romance and history UNESCO World Heritage Site Katsuren Castle

Katsuren Castle Ruins was registered as one of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of "Gusuku and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu" in 2000. Why not feel the history and romance of the area?

### Gusuku (Ryukyu-style castle) ruins that tell the history of the Ryukyu Kingdom

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It's known as the residence of Amawari, the tenth lord of the castle who brought prosperity to the Katsuren area by trading with China, Southeast Asian countries, and mainland Japan in the 15th century.

It's a castle that reminds you of artistic beauty through the curves of the castle walls, though the wall using natural cliffs was intentionally made with defense in mind.

Therefore, it was known as an impregnable castle. The castle stood at 60 to 98 m above sea level. From the highest ground called Ichino Kuruwa (the highest castle bound),

you can see the sparkling blue Pacific Ocean, Chinen Peninsula to the south, and the Yanbaru area in the north.

Politically, the most significant part of the castle is considered to be Nino Kuruwa (the second highest castle bound). Discovery of tiles from the surrounding area suggests that there may have been buildings with tile-thatched roofs at that time, which were generally only found in Shuri Castle and Urasoe Castle. Currently, the ruins of its foundation stones are being restored on the grounds.

How about strolling around Katsuren Castle Ruins, which holds the lives of ancient people and the presence of history all around it?

### UNESCO World Heritage Site Katsuren Castle Ruins

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When you climb up inside the castle walls, you can look down at the view of the Mid-Sea Road and the islands of Uruma City.

