

# Welcome to the Kochi Castle Museum of History

## Japan, Revealed through Tosa

Extensive collections and displays about the Tosa Domain and Kochi Prefecture, centering on some 67,000 historical materials and artworks handed down from the Yamauchi lords of Tosa, including National Treasures and Important Cultural Properties.

In addition to permanent exhibitions featuring many original materials, a range of themed and seasonal exhibitions and events are held throughout the year. The beautiful view of Kochi Castle from the outlook lobby is a must-see! Expect fresh, powerful experiences of Tosa history and culture on every visit.



### Craftsmen Techniques and Tosa traditions live on in the building design

The building has a modern look, yet is based on traditional architecture to harmonize with Kochi Castle.



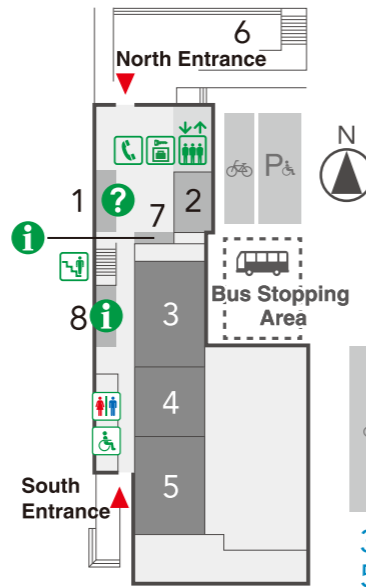
Tosa cypress wall (1st, 2nd, 3rd Floors)



Tosa plaster wall decorated with Tosa cutlery (Lobby, 1st Floor)



Tosa washi paper ceiling (Japanese room, 1st Floor)



### 1. Information Ticket Sales

Tickets on sale for the 3rd Floor exhibitions. Wheelchairs and strollers are available for use in the Museum.

### 2. Museum Shop

A wide array of Kochi souvenir items, including original Museum products that are available nowhere else.

Get my stuff here!

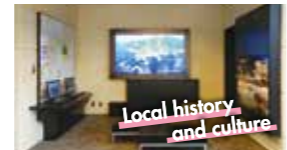
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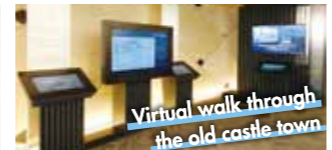
### 3. Hall 4. Workshop

### 5. Japanese room 6. North stage

### 7. Kochi Prefecture Information Corner



Learn about the historic cultural attractions in each part of Kochi Prefecture. View video clips, consult the event map, or search out information. Pamphlets are also available.



See the stories and sights of the former castle town onscreen, and call up detailed information. Pick up a walking map, and take a stroll through the castle town.

### 1. Cafe

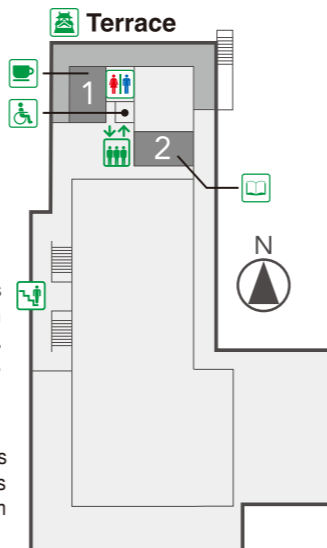


Offering snacks and drinks, as well as meals prepared from traditional local ingredients. The terrace has a gorgeous view of Kochi Castle.

### 2. Reading Room



Consult documents and databases about the Museum collections.



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## Huge panoramic view of Kochi Castle!

**1. Kochi Castle Outlook Lobby**  
A gorgeous view of Kochi Castle and the Otemon Gate, and a statue of the castle builder Yamauchi Katsutoyo



### 2. Hands-on

Dress up in perfect replicas of samurai helmets and outer coat. Souvenir photos can be made.

### 3. Introductory Exhibition

The entrance room to the main exhibitions presents an overall chronology of Tosa history and pictorial maps of the Tosa Domain.



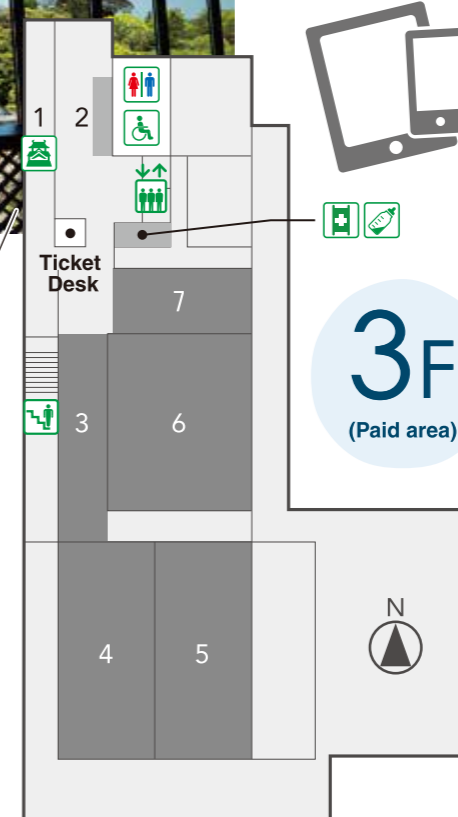
### 4. General Exhibition 1

Covering the Sengoku and Edo Periods (16th through mid-19th centuries) (Exhibits are periodically changed)



### 5. General Exhibition 2

〈The Art and Culture of the Edo period〉 Here we showcase artifacts used by the Daimyo (feudal lords), including armor, swords, Noh masks, and items used for tea ceremony. In addition we introduce Tosa culture, through written works, paintings and calligraphy by scholars and writers of Tosa. \* Exhibits are periodically changed.



Castle in the hand  
Can Kochi Castle actually fit onto your hand?  
How will you set up your souvenir photo?

**Audio Guide**  
(Digital exhibition guide)  
English, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Japanese

- ✓ Runs on many phones and tablets!
- ✓ Explains the key exhibits!
- ✓ Includes a quiz for kids, and a guide to Tosa-ben dialect!
- ✓ Tablets are available free of charge (3rd Floor Counter)

### Rules for Visitors

- Do not touch the exhibits or display cases.
- Photos permitted only without flash, and without a tripod or other equipment.
- No food or drink. No smoking.
- Take notes only with a wooden pencil. Use of ink pens or mechanical pencils is prohibited.

### 7. AV Corner



Facilities for searching and viewing images of Kochi history and of items in the Museum collections.

### 6. Special Exhibition

Periodic exhibitions with seasonal or special historical themes.



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### How to Visit the Museum

**Opening Hours** 9:00~18:00 (Sunday: 8:00~18:00)  
 ※Entry until 17:30.

**Closings** December 27 — January 1

**Entrance Fees**

- During special periodic and permanent exhibitions: ¥800 (¥640)
- During only a permanent exhibition: ¥500 (¥400)
- ※Fees in parentheses are for a group of 20 or more
- Annual Pass: ¥2,000
- Kochi Castle Combination Ticket: ¥1,040 during special periodic and permanent exhibitions (During only a permanent exhibition: ¥800)
- ※Admitted free of charge:
  - Children of high school age or younger
  - Persons with a certified disability
  - Persons with a certified sick or injury or hibakusha, together with one caregiver.
  - Persons with a golden ager certified by Kochi prefecture or city
- ※Please visit the Museum website for the schedule of periodic exhibitions and entrance fees.

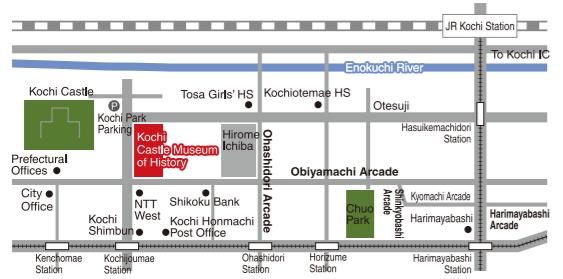


**Access**

- ◆By Car: 15 minutes from the Kochi Expressway Kochi Interchange.
- ◆From JR Kochi Station: Tosaden Kotsu tram bound for Harimayabashi, to the Harimayabashi stop (5 minutes). Then change to a tram bound for Kagamigawabashi, Asakura or Ino, and get off at the Kochijomae stop (5 minutes). Then 3 minutes on foot.
- ◆From Kochi Airport: On the shuttle bus to the city bound for JR Kochi Station, get off at Harimayabashi.

**Parking**

- ◆Automobile Parking Park at one of the nearby commercial parking lots. The Museum has no parking for visitors, except two spaces for persons with disabilities.
- ◆Bus Stopping Area Tour buses leave the bus stopping area immediately after the passengers disembark, and park away from the Museum. Park at one of the nearby commercial parking lots including the Kochi Koen Parking. \*On Sundays, Sunday Market is held and no vehicles can load and unload from the north side.



## Kochi Prefectural Kochi Castle Museum of History

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### Services and Barrier-Free Access

Audio guides explaining the key exhibits will run on many phones and tablets. (English, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Japanese)  
 Tablets may be borrowed at the 3rd Floor Counter.  
 ※A deposit of ¥1000 yen is required, and refunded when the tablet is returned. (Earphones provided free of charge)

- ◆ Assistance Dogs Assistance dogs for the disabled are welcome in the Museum.
- ◆ Wheelchairs, Strollers, Walkers Mobility aids including wheelchairs, strollers, canes and walkers may be used in the Museum, and may be borrowed, free of charge, at 1st Floor Reception.
- ◆ Writing Tablets Available at 1st Floor Reception.
- ◆ Special Toilets Wheelchair-accessible toilets are on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Floors. An ostomate toilet is on the 2nd floor. Diaper changing stations are in restrooms on the 1st and 3rd floors.
- ◆ Medical Aid & Nursing Room Located on the 3rd Floor. Please contact any staff member for assistance.
- ◆ Coin Lockers 100 yen, refunded when key is inserted. Next to the elevator on the 1st Floor.

- ◆ Hall Lectures, concerts and other events.
- ◆ North stage We hold various outdoor events.

- ◆ Workshop Handicraft workshops and experiential classes.
- ◆ Japanese room Traditional cultural activities including tea ceremony and seasonal events.

### For more meaningful and enjoyable museum experiences!

In addition to exhibits, lectures and special events are presented throughout the year to encourage greater public appreciation, awareness and enjoyment of the history and culture of Kochi and Japan.

**Museum Lectures**  
 Lectures by curators and other professionals on history, arts and crafts, preservation and restoration. Topics may range widely beyond the Museum displays and collections.

**Workshops for Children**  
 "Excitement searches" in and around the Castle, summer craft workshops, and many other fun learning activities.

**Culture Lectures for Non-Japanese**  
 Lectures and workshops on traditional Japanese culture, tailored to the foreign visitor.

**Special Events**  
 Seasonal and traditional events, walking tours of historic sites, and presentations about ongoing Tosa traditions in Kochi Prefecture.

### Museum Missions

- ◆ Storage and preservation of Yamauchi family legacies and local historical materials
- ◆ Research in premodern and modern Japanese history
- ◆ Dissemination of information on exhibitions, etc.
- ◆ Education of schoolchildren and adults
- ◆ Support for historic and cultural industries and tourism