

# Osumi Yagura Ruins

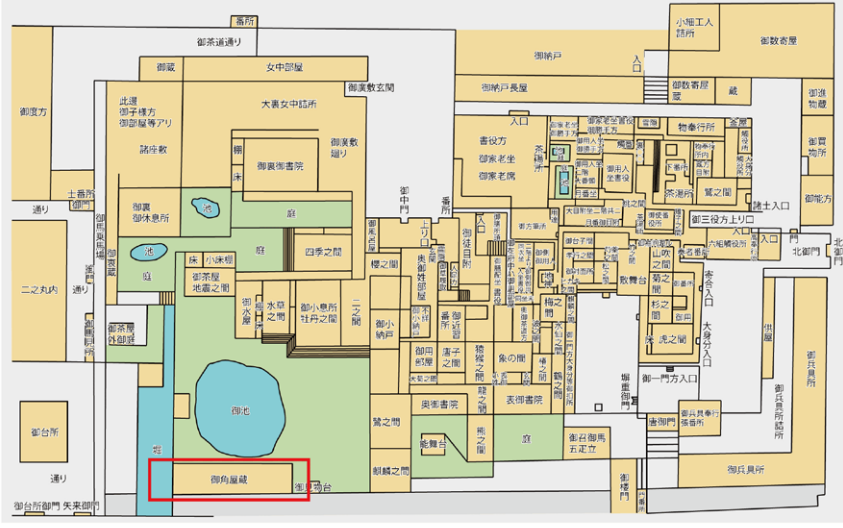
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Osumi Yagura was a turret located on the southern edge facing the inner moat of the Honmaru of Kagoshima (Tsurumaru) Castle. It is presumed to have been approximately 20 meters long and approximately 7.5 meters wide. An excavation survey conducted in 1999 in line with the stone wall restoration project revealed a part of the turret foundation approximately 1 meter below ground.

The stone foundation remaining was 10 meters long and 3.8 meters wide, which suggests that the outer wall of the Osumi Yagura stood on top of the stone wall and above the cut stone-lined cornerstone. Around the Osumi Yagura was a network of rainwater ditches (drainage ditches) about 0.6 meters wide and a berm about the same width. There were traces of the berm and the stone foundation being hardened by plaster.

Osumi Yagura was positioned at the southeast corner of the castle with the function of protecting as well as maintaining the beauty and dignity of the castle. According to a document from the early Meiji Period (1868–1912), the turret was written as "御角屋蔵" and used as a storage house.

There is a record of Atsuhime (later, Tensho-in), who became the wife of the 13th Shogun Tokugawa Iesada, watching the Gion Festival on June 15, 1853, from here.



The location of Osumi Yagura (from Naruo Tsunenori Sashizu)



Osumi Yagura, photographed in 1872