

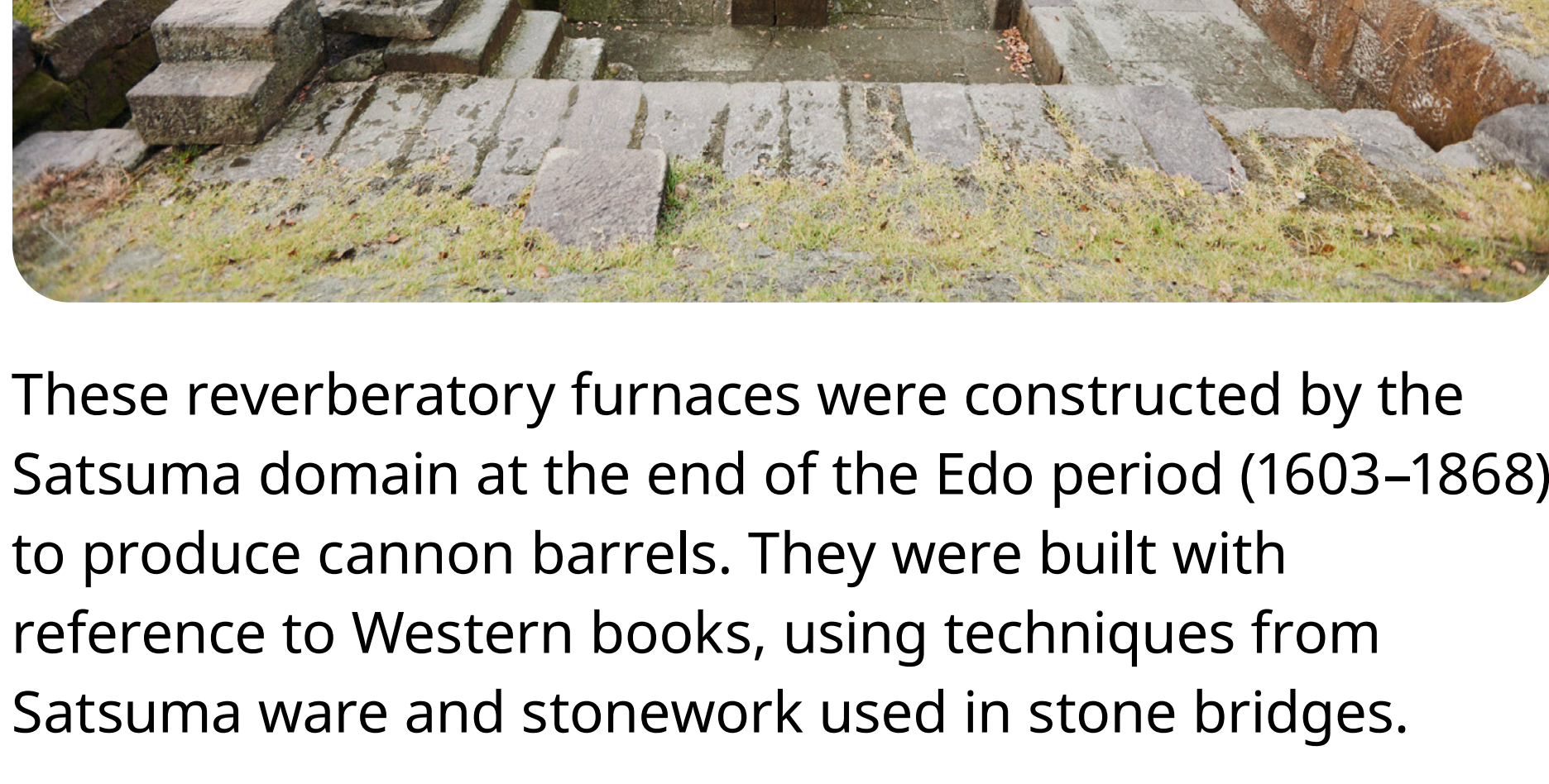


Discover the Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution in Kagoshima

The Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution, a registered UNESCO World Heritage Site, let you explore Japan's industrialization in the Meiji era (1868–1912). Kagoshima Prefecture is home to three of the component sites of this World Heritage Site: Former Shuseikan, Terayama Charcoal Kiln Site, and Sekiyoshi Sluice Gate of Yoshino Leat. Explore these heritage sites and immerse yourself in the history, nature, and culture of Kagoshima.

1 Former Shuseikan

Former Shuseikan Reverberatory Furnace Ruins



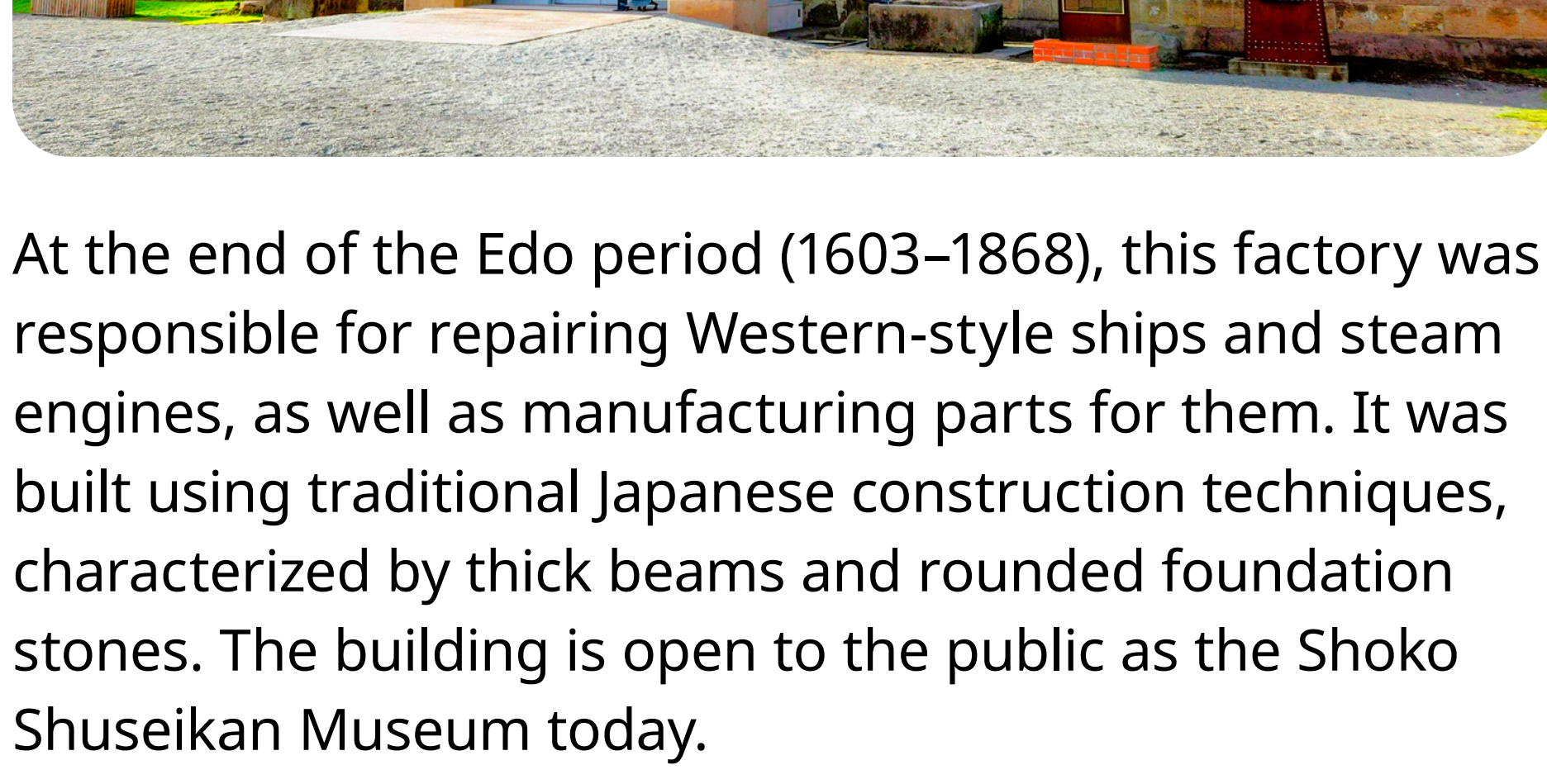
These reverberatory furnaces were constructed by the Satsuma domain at the end of the Edo period (1603–1868) to produce cannon barrels. They were built with reference to Western books, using techniques from Satsuma ware and stonework used in stone bridges.

[Sengan-en Garden and Shoko Shuseikan Museum]

Hours: 9 AM to 5 PM (open year-round)

9700-1 Yoshino-cho, Kagoshima

Former Shuseikan Machinery Factory (Currently the Main Building of Shoko Shuseikan Museum)



At the end of the Edo period (1603–1868), this factory was responsible for repairing Western-style ships and steam engines, as well as manufacturing parts for them. It was built using traditional Japanese construction techniques, characterized by thick beams and rounded foundation stones. The building is open to the public as the Shoko Shuseikan Museum today.

[Sengan-en Garden and Shoko Shuseikan Museum]

9698-1 Yoshino-cho, Kagoshima

Former Kagoshima Spinning Mill Engineer's Residence (Ijinkan)



This building served as accommodation for the British engineers who were invited to provide operational guidance at the Kagoshima Spinning Mill, Japan's first Western-style spinning mill. It is considered one of the earliest Western-style buildings in Japan that still exists today.

9685-15 Yoshino-cho, Kagoshima

2 Sekiyoshi Sluice Gate of Yoshino Leat



This water channel was first constructed in the early Edo period (1603–1868) to supply water for agricultural use. By the end of the Edo period, it was being used to operate water wheels that supplied power to the blast furnaces and cannon-boring machinery at Shuseikan.

1263 Shimota-cho, Kagoshima

3 Terayama Charcoal Kiln Site



The Terayama Charcoal Kiln was constructed in 1858 by Shimazu Nariakira, the 11th lord of the Satsuma domain, to increase the production of white charcoal used for modernization projects centered around Shuseikan. White charcoal was a key fuel for blast furnaces, reverberatory furnaces, and the production of Satsuma-kiriko cut glass.

* The photo shows the site before the disaster

10710-68 Yoshino-cho, Kagoshima

Bringing the World Heritage Sites Closer to You

JR Sengan-en Station

JR Sengan-en Station was opened on March 15, 2025. The station provides easy access to the Iso district, which is home to three component sites of the Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution.



Former Shuseikan Former Shuseikan Machinery Factory Former Kagoshima Spinning Mill Engineer's Residence (Ijinkan)

Only a one-minute walk from Sengan-en Garden!

Sekiyoshi Sluice Gate of Yoshino Leat

- Approx. 20 minutes from Sengan-en Garden by car
- From JR Kagoshima-chuo Station Approx. 30 minutes by Nangoku Kotsu bus (Honjo Line/Midorigaoka Danchi Line/Ishiki Danchi Line) Get off at Sekiyoshi no Sосуiko Iriguchi bus stop and walk for about 5 minutes

Terayama Charcoal Kiln Site

- Approx. 20 minutes from Sengan-en Garden by car From JR Kagoshima-chuo Station
- Approx. 35 minutes by Nangoku Kotsu bus (Miyamoura Danchi Line) Get off at Sanshubaru Gakuen-mae bus stop and walk for about 20 minutes

More to Explore in Kagoshima

● Scenic Spots and Attractions ●



Sengan-en Garden

A beautiful landscape garden built to be the ruling Shimazu family's second residence, offering a stunning view of Mt. Sakurajima. Visitors can enjoy Kagoshima's traditional cultural experiences, including kiriko cut glass craftwork and Shihan-mato archery.

9700-1 Yoshino-cho, Kagoshima



Sakurajima Ferry Terminal

(Kagoshima Port boarding area)

A ferry connecting Kagoshima City and Sakurajima. Passengers can enjoy impressive close-up views of Mt. Sakurajima.

4-1 Honko-shinmachi, Kagoshima



Io World Kagoshima City Aquarium

One of the largest aquariums in Kyushu, boasting a grand view of Mt. Sakurajima. The Kuroshio Great Water Tank featuring a whale shark is a must-see.

3-1 Honko-shinmachi, Kagoshima

● Gourmet ●



Jambo Mochi

Japanese rice cakes dipped in a thick, sweet soy sauce syrup. A traditional snack of Kagoshima.

9673 Yoshino-cho, Kagoshima



Karen Kagoshima Shop

A restaurant directly managed by the JA Kagoshima Economic Federation. It serves dishes featuring Kagoshima Wagyu beef and Kagoshima Kurobuta pork.

3-12 Yamanokuchi-cho, Kagoshima

● Cafes and Experiences ●



Starbucks Coffee Kagoshima Sengan-en Store

A registered tangible cultural property remodeled into a modern coffee shop, offering a charming, historic atmosphere.

9688-1 Yoshino-cho, Kagoshima



Kiriko Glass Cutting Experience

Satsuma-kiriko was developed by Shimazu Nariakira, the 11th lord of the Satsuma domain. Experience traditional craftsmanship first-hand as you try glass cutting under the guidance of skilled artisans.

Sengan-en Traditional Culture Experience Centre