Area Guide
The center of Kagoshima castle town in the Edo period

ISO AND KANMACHI AREA

1 Sengan-en
Sengan-en was constructed by Shimazu Mohoku as residence for his brother Tochi. This is a fine example of the genre known as “formal garden.” Its landmark linden trees, erected before the Meiji era, are said to be the oldest in Japan. There are historic sites, restaurants, and souvenirs shops in the garden. Visit Sengan-en and explore historical gardens.

2 Stoko Shusenkan Museum
The museum stands on the site of the main residence built by Shimazu Nariaki. The building, a former manorial hall built in 1863, has been designated as national important cultural property. The exhibits showcase the history and culture of the Shimadzu family. Inside the Tsukasa house, the museum exhibits the deeds and documents related to the manorial project of the Satsuma Clan.

3 Visit Satsuma Kiriko Cut-Glass Factory
You can watch the manufacturing process of Satsuma Kiriko Cut-Glass.

4 Foreigners’ Residence Ijinkan
Ijinkan was built as a residence for foreign engineers when Shimadzu Takamori established the Satsuma clan’s modernization project of the Satsuma Clan. The house was used by Prince Jirocho and Prince Atsuhime. The site of the main residence of the Imaizumi Shimadzu family. This is a fine example of the genre known as “formal garden.” Its landmark linden trees, erected before the Meiji era, are said to be the oldest in Japan. There are historic sites, restaurants, and souvenirs shops in the garden. Visit Sengan-en and explore historical gardens.

5 Remains of Imasato-Shimazu Family’s Residence (Atsuhime’s birthplace)
The site of the main residence of the Imasato-Shimazu family, where Princess Atsuhime was born. Though there is no residence left, the inner garden retains the natural beauty and charm of those days. There is a signboard at the Nanshu-koen-iriguchi stop in front of the stone walls.

6 Saigo Nanshu Memorial Museum and Nanshu Park
The museum is located in Nanshu Park. Exhibits are related to the achievements of local heroes during the Meiji Restoration, focusing on Saigo Takamori and the personal belongings of Saigo Takamori. Enjoy exploring these historical sites.

Sengan-en
This area features a variety of scenic spots and historic architectures associated with local figures such as Atsuhime and Saigo Takamori. Enjoy exploring these historical gardens.

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Shoko Shuseikan Museum
Visit Satsuma Kiriko Cut-Glass Factory (Satsuma Kiriko Cut Glass Co.)

Garden
Parking: 500 vehicles (300 yen for cars)
Fees: 300 yen (except for public holidays, every 3rd Sunday, one week in summer time, New Year’s holidays. except for public holidays, every 3rd Sunday, one week in summer time, New Year’s holidays.)
Hours: 8:30AM-5:30PM (Factory is open to the public 9:00AM-5:00PM)

Saigo Nanshu Memorial Museum

Adults 200 yen
Parking: 60 vehicles
Fees: 800 yen (except for public holidays, every 3rd Sunday, one week in summer time, New Year’s holidays.)
Closed: 9:00AM-5:00PM (enter before 4:40PM)

Saigo Nanshu Memorial Museum

TEL: 099-247-1100 (Saigo Nanshu Memorial Museum)

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Nanshu cemetery for the Satsuma family. This is a fine example of the genre known as "formal garden." It’s landmark linden trees, erected before the Meiji era, are said to be the oldest in Japan. There are historic sites, restaurants, and souvenirs shops in the garden. Visit Sengan-en and explore historical gardens.