



A special space you'll want all to yourself
Reflecting on a rich story



The Japanese Garden is located in the western part of Daisen Park, which is nestled between the tombs of Emperor Nintoku and Emperor Richu. It opened in March 1989, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Sakai's designation as a city.

Sakai has long played an important role as a gateway between Japan and continental Asia. As the base for trade ships called "kemin-sen," it introduced advanced technology and culture from the continent to Japan, which had a major impact on the nation as a whole. At that time, the city flourished as a place of freedom with its own unique culture. The Japanese Garden in Daisen Park encapsulates Sakai's rich history and culture.

The park is designed in the traditional tsukiyama rinsen kaiyu style. In short, this style is typified by a central pond surrounded by paths winding through artificially created hills. Water spills down from the Togen-dai lawn area and flows beautifully across the vast grounds, interweaving through scenic spots, before finally emptying out into a large pond that represents the sea.

Garden Overview

Total Area	26,000㎡ (300m north-south, 30-130m east-west, approximately 940m in perimeter)
Garden Style	Tsukiyama rinsen kaiyu style (A pond encircled by paths, with artificial hills and plentiful greenery)
Designer	Kinsaku Nakane
Rest House	Architectural style: Sukiya-style shinden-zukuri (Building's total area: 376.07 m ² , Japanese rooms: 18, 8, and 4 tatami mats, earthen-floor rooms: 181.7 m ²)
Togen-dai	Stone-paved area, lawn area (1,410 m ² , including 420 m ² of lawn) Surroundings: Peony garden (390 m ²)

Visitor Information

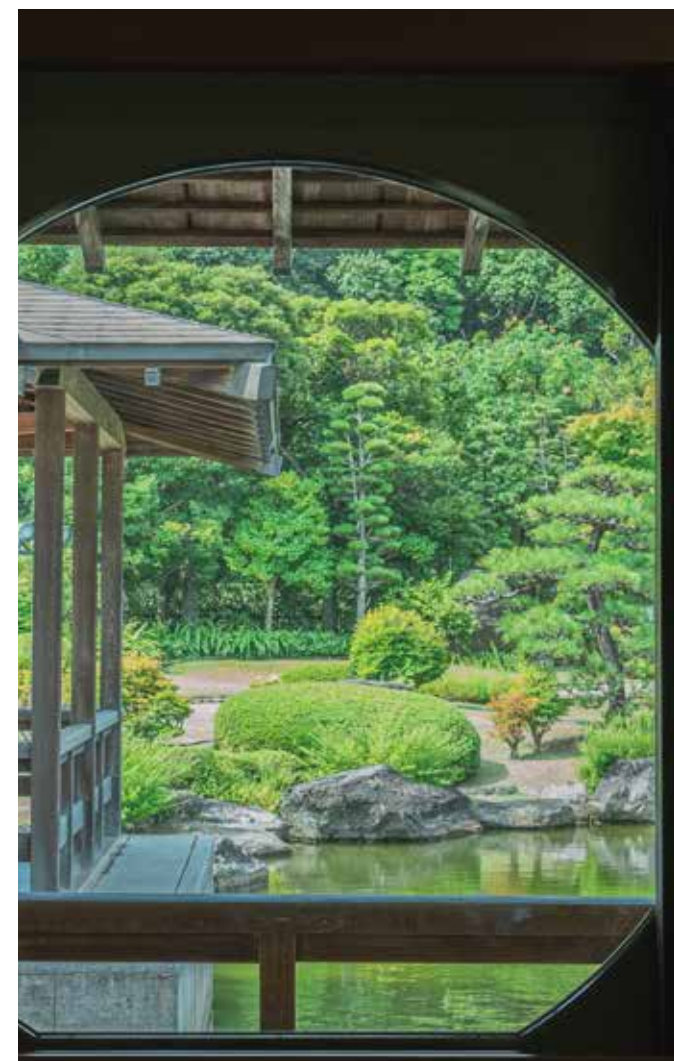
Hours	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last entry at 4:30 p.m.)
Closed	Mondays (if Monday is a holiday, the following weekday) and during New Year holidays
Admission Fees	Adults: 200 yen, Elementary & Junior High students: 100 yen (tax included) *Entry is free for those aged 65 and older (who are residents of Sakai City), persons with disabilities (ID required), and preschool children *Admission is free (application required) for special purposes such as educational school visits, official visits by administrative officials from other cities, etc. *Nighttime events, special openings, etc. require a separate fee.
Access	〒590-0801 Inside Daisen Park, Daisen Nakamachi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ● By Train: Approx. 10-minute walk from Mozu Station on the JR Hanwa Line 5-minute walk from the Daisen Koen Nishi (Daisen Park West) bus stop, which can be reached from Sakaihigashi Station on the Nankai Koya Line ● By Car: Approx. 10 minutes from Sakai on the Hanshin Expressway Sakai Line
Management	Japanese Garden in Daisen Park Management Group



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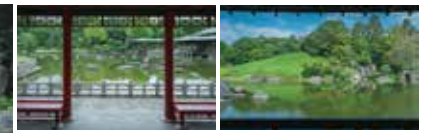
4 Take a break at Seitaitei

At the Seitaitei rest spot, you can relax while listening to the sounds of the stream and the rustling leaves. The lovely Tojakuchi pond is decorated with irises and small waterfalls, surrounded by a plethora of blooming plum and apricot trees.



5 Look down over the Japanese Garden

From the Kasatei rest spot, you can enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the pond and surrounding area. Beyond, you can see the trees of Daisen Park and the tomb of Emperor Nintoku. Utilizing outside scenery as a part of the garden's ambiance is a design element called "shakkei."



Kansenden Lushan
Explore the artificial hills covered with ruscus-leaved bamboo, splashing waterfalls, and impactful stone arrangements. This area evokes the scenic beauty of China's Mount Lushan, a world of secluded mountains and deep valleys. From the Kansenden, look for Kamejima and Tsurujima Islands in the pond. The white pine near the building, originating from China, adds to the otherworldly charm of the area.

Hiryubaku Falls
*Due to the design of the stone bridge, it is inaccessible to wheelchair users.

6 Immerse in secluded mountains and valleys



3 Sakai's Togen-dai



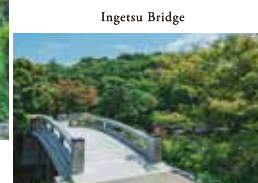
Ryuhaitei

In spring, this garden of peach, cherry, and peony blossoms blooms one after the other. In the lawn area, you can find an elegantly engraved stone from China. Water flows through the carvings which depict Sun Wukong, the Monkey King from the famous Chinese novel, Journey to the West.



Ishizu Stream

The stream is modeled after the Ishizu River that flows through Sakai. Standing on the bridges, you can enjoy beautiful views not visible from the garden path. It's also the perfect spot for photos. Make sure to take a detour to explore the various bridges throughout the garden.



Ingetsu Bridge

2 Gaze at the flowing stream from the bridges



Garden Entrance/Exit



From the Rest House, you can look out across the pond to the opposite shore, which represents the Chinese mainland: a symbolism that evokes the history of Sakai. The artificial hill (Lushan) and waterfall (Hiryubaku Falls) are gorgeously reflected on the surface of the water. Take a moment to enjoy tea and Japanese sweets while watching the koi fish.



1 Relax at the Rest House

- *Do not bring in outside food or drink.
- *Wheelchairs are available for rent (4 chairs available)
- *There is no nursing room, but please consult with staff if needed
- *Due to the presence of steps and slopes, some areas may be difficult for wheelchairs to access

