

### About Matsumoto Castle

Matsumoto Castle is one of the oldest castles in Japan. Fortification of the site dates back to simple wooden structures built during the Warring States period (1467–1600). The towering castle was constructed in 1594, and today it is the oldest surviving example of a castle with five external stories but six internal floors.

Matsumoto Castle was nearly torn down during the Meiji era (1868–1912) and was saved only through the work of local residents who fought for its preservation. In the years since, the castle has been designated a National Treasure in recognition of its historic value.

### Map of the Castle Grounds

外堀	Outer Moat
内堀	Inner Moat
本丸御殿跡	Honmaru Goten Site
大天守	Great Keep
乾小天守	Northwest Tower
渡櫓	Roofed Passage
辰巳附櫓	Southeast Wing
月見櫓	Moon-Viewing Tower
埋橋	Uzumibashi Bridge
売店	Gift Shop
黒門	Kuromon Gate
観覧券売場	Ticket Office
太鼓門	Taikomon Gate
旧松本市立博物館	Former Site of the Matsumoto City Museum
二の丸御殿跡	Ninomaru Goten Site
御金蔵	Storehouse
二の丸裏御門橋	Ninomaru Ura-Gomon Bridge