



What is a brick?

As brick can easily be made of readily available clay, it is one of the building materials which have been used all over the world from ancient times. Some varieties include sun-dried bricks, burned bricks, and firebricks for industrial use. In China, the brick is called "zhuan", which also includes one that is tile-shaped. It was introduced to Japan along with Buddhism from China.

About Maizuru World Brick Museum

The Japanese navy established one of four major naval headquarters in Maizuru in 1901 and built various structures of bricks. Many of them still exist. After a hundred years since they were built, these buildings along with other brick buildings leave an exotic impression.

The building of the World Brick Museum was originally built as a torpedo storage of the former Maizuru Naval Arsenal in 1903. This is one of the oldest existing steel-framed brick buildings in Japan.

We opened this museum to promote an appreciation of brick, which is one of the attractions in Maizuru.

The story titled "Historic Naval Bases which consists of Yokosuka, Kure, Sasebo, and Maizuru — Places to Experience Japan's Dynamic Modernization" was recognized as Japan Heritage in 2016. This building is one of major cultural properties in the story. A two-story steel-framed brick building. Total floor area: 830.36㎡ Registered as a national important cultural property in June, 2008

Hours 9:00AM-5:00PM (admission until 4:30PM)

Closed from December 29 to January 1

Admission fees

Individuals: 400 yen (group of 20 or more: 300 yen)

Students (elementary school - university):

150 yen (group of 20 or more: 100 yen)

Joint admission ticket with the Maizuru Repatriation Memorial Museum. Individual: 600 yen, Students: 200 yen (Admission is good for both museums; not available for groups)

Note: the Maizuru Repatriation Memorial Museum is closed on the third Thursday every month except in August and on national holidays.

Discount is available for those with disabilities.



Directions

- By car** From Kyoto, take Kyoto Jukan Expressway and Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway (ca. 100 km)
 From Osaka, take Chugoku Expressway and Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway (ca. 130 km)
 From Nagoya, take Tokaido Expressway and Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway (ca. 190 km)
 It takes about 10 minutes from Maizuru-higashi Interchange (ca. 6 km)
 It takes about 10 minutes from the Maizuru Repatriation Memorial Museum. (ca. 6 km)
- By JR** :get off at Higashi-Maizuru and take the local bus to the museum.
 From Kyoto, take the San'in Line and the Maizuru Line (ca. 1 hour 40 minutes by super express)
 From Osaka, take the Fukuchiyama Line, the San'in Line and the Maizuru Line (ca. 2 hours 20 minutes by super express)
 From Tsuruga, take the Obama Line (ca. 2 hours)
- By bus** :get off at Higashi-Maizuru and take the local bus to the museum.
 From Kyoto, take a highway bus at the bus stop in front of Kyoto JR Station (ca. 2 hours)
 From Osaka, take a highway bus at Umeda or Nanba (ca. 2 hours 10 minutes)
 From Kobe, take a highway bus at Sannomiya (ca. 2 hours)

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