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Editor's Note: This is the original Okinawa Hai post on Shikinaen Royal Gardens. We published a newer post on this establishment in 2014. We've left all of your original comments in place on this post, but we thought after five years you might want a fresher take on the place. That newer post can be seen at: <http://okinawahai.com/shikinaen/>

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Take your time walking the grounds. There's a lovely walk through a wooded area, and you can see one of the few spots on Okinawa where you get a panoramic view that is all land.

Examining the royal home reminded me of walking through the Nakamura House. They also have some sort of snack/show going on there you can purchase separately, but we opted not to. This is considered a sacred site so no food or beverages are allowed, other than those available at the snack/show.

Once you've explored the home, continue walking over some beautiful stone bridges that lead to a small house set out on a tiny island. From there you head back towards the entrance.

With two toddlers in tow it took us about an hour to an hour and a half to go through. We probably would've taken longer had we had more time to relax and examine without the kids.