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*Editor's Note: This is the original Okinawa Hai post on Nakagusuku Castle. We published a newer post on this establishment in 2065. We've left all of your original comments in place on this post, but we thought after 7 years you might want a fresher take on the place.*

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Sometimes, good ideas get lost in translation. A local example of this is T-shirts that bear unusual slogans like "Sunny Day Birds are Happy." I smile and wonder what the shirt creator was originally thinking.

Other times the translation is right on. While the phrasing may be unusual, the idea comes across beautifully. I'm reminded then that Okinawans are talented artisans and very poetic.

It's just such a phrase that perfectly captures the majestic and other-worldly feel of [Nakagusuku Castle](#) ruins. "On the old castle of the Southern Seas ancient romances are still breathing. The wind blowing over the stone walls invites the visitors to the world of ancient Ryukyu."





Don't take my word for it, though. Spend an afternoon exploring and see for yourself why Nakagusuku Castle was designated a National Historic Site. There is a lot of walking involved, and quite a few stairs so plan to get plenty of exercise. There are also several large grassy fields, so bring a picnic lunch and let the kids run around!