

Buildings

During the remodeling-phase by Shogun Ienobu, several teahouses and shrines were built, but most burnt down in 1725.

There were five teahouses on the garden's grounds. Today, two of the three teahouses of the banks of Shioiri no ike were already rebuilt, Matsu no ochaya and Tsubame no ochaya. Leaving Taka no ochaya at the pond and Umite no ochaya at the seaside to come next.

Nakajima no ochaya (中島の御茶屋)

This teahouse was first built in 1704 and was later renovated in 1983. It is the central point of the garden, lying in the middle of the Shioiri no ike pond. When looking from above, together with the two bridges left and right, it looks like a flying crane. It may have been the intention of the designer to build it in the shape of a crane, to include this auspicious symbol into the garden. Although it could only be seen in parts from the Ochin hill at that time, not truly from above. This teahouse was the main resting place for the shogun and his nobles. They never became tired of taking a rest here. As it was so important, there were a lot of rare and precious objects kept inside. Later, the Emperor met General Grant, the 18th President of the United States in this teahouse.



Gravel pattern in front of the teahouse.

Maru-uzu-mon

丸渦紋

Matcha and traditional Japanese sweets in Nakajima no ochaya.

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