

Venus Fort

Monthly TOPICS: HOT!

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“Venus Fort, The Theme Park For Women”
“Breathtaking city of 17th Century Europe will satisfy your every need”
“Enjoy the romantic sky ceiling that changes color every 20 minutes”
“Beautiful laser attraction on the Chapel Plaza”
“Throw the coin in the special Plaza Fountain and your wish will come true”

I don't know about the readers, but these copies just make me laugh.

Is this place really HOT as it claims to be? As the location, Odaiba (Tokyo Waterfront), claims as well?

Well, I have to go check it out. I think TOPICS readers can do with little break away from the hardcore Market/Economics/J-REIT TOPICS once awhile (yes, to celebrate the lifting of J-REIT ban!).

VENUS FORT



Business Proprietor:	Mori Building Co., Ltd.
Location:	1 Aomi Koto-ku, Tokyo
Land Area:	33,969 m ²
Total Floor Area:	44,140 m ²
No. of Shops:	139
Completed:	August 1999
Use:	Shopping Center

Off the Yurikamome-line at the Aomi station. Connected directly to the station is the “Pallet Town” where our target “Venus Fort” is located on the 2nd and 3rd floors.

So, I followed the sign and ended up in front of the dark entrance. Don’t tell me it’s closed, but this is Japan, no shopping center will be closed at lunchtime. Went in the dark (more like black entrance) into a dark deserted corridor with European kind of decoration on the wall. Am I in the haunted castle?

I turned the corner, and saw rows of cute little shops between the haunted dim streets. From there I just lost my mind. There are so many shops (yes 139), with clothes, jewelries, shoes, makeup, hats, bags, i.e. everything (yes, to satisfy the every needs of women)!

I came back to my senses couple of hours later with shopping bags and aching feet, exhausted . . .



Went to see the famous fountain with Goddesses and the Chapel.

Very very impressive, beautifully designed, European like, and not as tacky as I had expected (sorry for the poor description, my energy was sucked out by shopping).

Can call it romantic, however, personally would not recommend for a date, unless he enjoys mall shopping like us. It is the theme park for the “Women”.

However, highly recommended for a hide and seek. The European maze like structure promises you a good game!