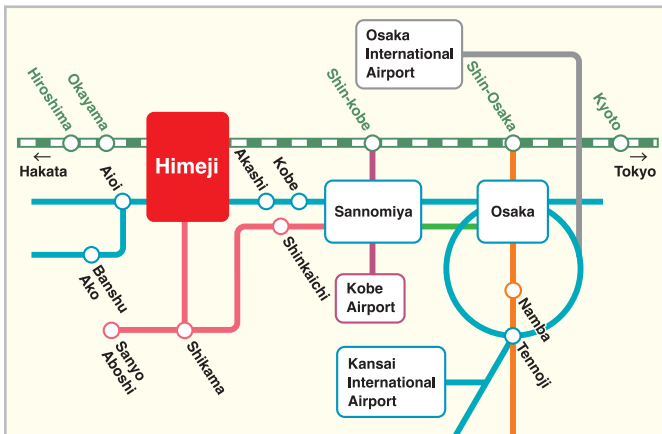


From the airport: (approx)

- Kansai International Airport 2 h 10 min
(airport limousine bus)
- Osaka (Itami) Airport 1 h 20 min
(airport limousine bus)
- Kobe Airport 1 h
(Portliner and JR Special Rapid)



From JR Shinkansen (approx) (By Nozomi or Mizuho)

- Tokyo 3 h 1 min
- Shin-Yokohama 2 h 42 min
- Nagoya 1 h 20 min
- Kyoto 44 min
- Shin-Osaka 29 min
- Shin-Kobe 15 min
- Okayama 19 min
- Hiroshima 56 min
- Hakata 2 h
- Kagoshima Chuo 3 h 20 min

- * Nozomi and Mizuho may not always stop at Himeji Station
- * Almost all Hikari and Sakura stop at Himeji Station
- * All Kodama stop at Himeji Station

From other JR lines (approx)

- Kyoto 1 h 32 min
- Osaka 1 h
- Sannomiya 39 min
- Okayama 1 h 25 min

Hyogo Amazing Pass

With this ticket, ride all day on the Shinkai Bus (Orange Bus) within Hyogo prefecture; the Kobe City Loop/Port Loop; and the Sannomiya to Sanda Premium Outlet line for just ¥1,000. Make the most of it!

Article on Hyogo Amazing Pass model courses
<https://matcha-jp.com/jp/13352>

Useage: 1 Day Ticket (from 00:00 to 24:00)

Price: Adults ¥1,000, children ¥500



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Himeji Castle Loop Bus

Hop-on Hop-off 1-Day Pass available

The most convenient and inexpensive way to explore Himeji. Hop on and off as you like to view the castle from every angle.



Hours: Weekdays: departures every 30 min, 9:00 - 16:30
 Weekends, Holidays: 9:00 - 17:00
 *10:00 - 15:00: every 15 min
 *9:00 - 10:00: every 30 min
 *15:00 - 17:00: every 30 min
 Last departure at 17:00
 Reduced schedule during New Year holidays (January 1-3)

Dates: Mar - Nov: every day
 Dec - Feb: weekends and holidays

Location: Shinki Bus Himeji eki-mae stop 6

Contact: Shinki Bus Information Desk
 Tel: 079-285-2990

Fares: One ticket: adults ¥190, children ¥100

| | New model | Older model |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Cash | ○ | ○ |
| IC card | ○ | × |
| Contactless card (VISA) | ○ | × |

1-Day Pass: adults ¥400, children ¥200

*Buy at the Shinki Bus Information Desk; not available on the bus

Special offer:

20% off admission fee (Himeji Castle, Kokoen Garden, Himeji City Museum of Art (permanent exhibition only), Himeji Museum of Literature (permanent exhibition only), group ticket rate for Hyogo Prefectural Museum of History)

- Show your 1-Day Pass at the entrance to each attraction
- Not valid in combination with other special offers such as the combined ticket to Himeji Castle and Kokoen Garden.

Combined tickets

*Not valid in combination with other special offers

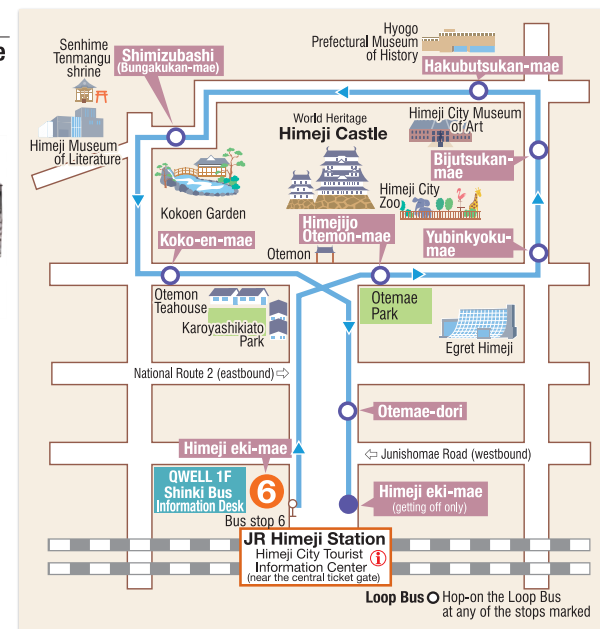
Himeji Castle + Kokoen Garden combined ticket

Fees: adults ¥1,050, children (elementary - high school) ¥360
 Buy at Himeji Castle and Kokoen Garden ticket gates

Shoshazan Ropeway + Bus combined ticket

Special discount combined ticket includes round-trip bus (Himeji Station - Shoshazan Ropeway Station) + round-trip Shoshazan Ropeway

Fares: adults ¥1,700, children ¥850
 Buy at Shinki Bus Information Desk

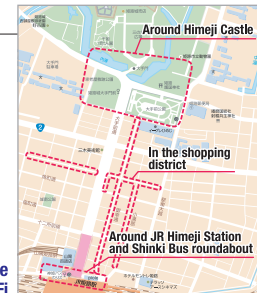


HIMEJI Free Wi-Fi

Up to 180 free minutes per day (18 × 10 min)

Select "HIMEJI Wi-Fi" from the Wi-Fi network screen on your device.
 Input your e-mail address after agreeing to the terms of use.

Where you can use HIMEJI Free Wi-Fi



Himechari Bicycle Rental

Himechari is a bike rental service. You can rent a bike from any cycle dock at Himeji Station or around Himeji Castle, and return it to any convenient dock. Electric bikes can be used with the dedicated app.

Usage time: until 23:59 on rental day
Cost: ¥1,650 per person per day
Ticket sales: JTB Himeji Miyuku-dori office
 Hours: 10:30-18:30; closed Tuesdays and 12/30 - 1/3
 *Please show your passport when purchasing tickets

Payment: Cash or credit card
Contact: 0570-783-677 (7:00-19:00)
 *24 hours in case of accident or emergency



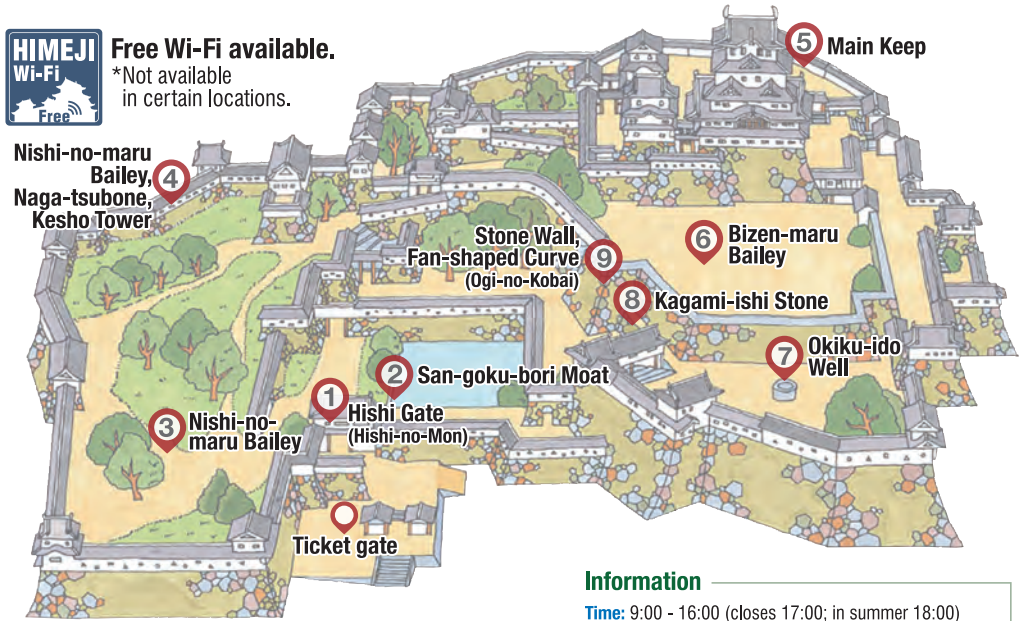


World Heritage Himeji Castle

Its graceful white-plastered form has been likened to an egret taking flight, giving rise to its nickname "White Egret Castle". With a history spanning 400 years, this magnificent structure is renowned in Japan as having retained its original form since construction. 8 white plastered keeps and towers, designated as national treasures and 74 other towers and gates, are Important Cultural Properties. In addition, the entire complex is honored as a World Cultural Heritage Site.



Free Wi-Fi available.
*Not available in certain locations.



Information

Time: 9:00 - 16:00 (closes 17:00; in summer 18:00)
Fees: adults ¥1,000 (18 years or older), children ¥300 (elementary - high school), pre-school children: free
* Himeji Castle + Kokoan Garden combined ticket: adults ¥1,050, children ¥360
Closed: Dec 29 - 30

Enjoy Great Discoveries Using the Latest AR APP



Download the free app to your smartphone or tablet, then hold it over the AR panels to see videos, etc. of how the castle was actually used in the past.



Start
Sakura-mon Bridge
First you see Sakura-mon Bridge and Ote-mon Gate



Ote-mon Gate
Pass through Ote-mon Gate to San-no-maru Hiroba. Pass through the gate... Next you see...



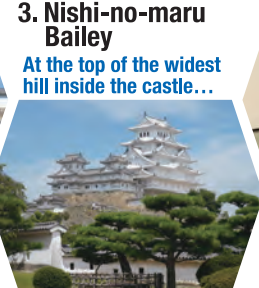
Buy your ticket, then enter the castle!
Buy your ticket from a machine or at the ticket window. The combined ticket (castle + Kokoan Garden) is recommended!



1. Hishi Gate (Hishi-no-Mon)
The largest gate in Himeji Castle, built in the Azuchi-Momoyama period, more than 400 years ago



2. San-goku-bori Moat
Once through the gate, the huge main keep, Dai-tenshu, greets you. First photo opp! Sometimes you can spot herons.



3. Nishi-no-maru Bailey
At the top of the widest hill inside the castle...



Constructed for Lord Honda Tadatoki and his wife Princess Sen, Nishi-no-maru Bailey is a must-see with its 240m-long corridor. View the mechanisms used to defend the castle, traces of past lords, and see how Princess Sen and her ladies-in waiting lived in Naga-tsubone.



4. Nishi-no-maru Bailey, Naga-tsubone (Hyakken Corridor), Kesho Tower



5. Main Keep
From the outside, Dai-tenshu at first seems to have 5 stories, but it really has 7 floors: 6 above-ground and 1 underground.



6. Bizen-maru Bailey
Leave Dai-tenshu and ...



7. Okiku-ido Well

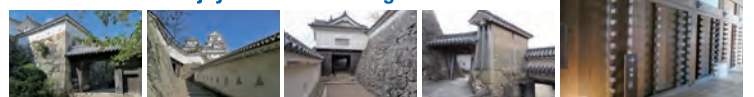


8. Kagami-ishi Stone (Mirror Stone)



9. Stone Wall, Fan-shaped Curve (Ogi-no-Kobai)
A stone wall that curves like an opened fan the higher you go, to make it harder for the enemy to climb.

Enjoy the beautiful original architecture



Ingenuous methods were employed to prevent enemy attackers from reaching the main keep, the castle's maze-like layout, twisting paths and fortified gates with iron doors.

Audio Guide to Himeji Castle

Listen to an explanation of each spot on your own smartphone.





Koko-en Garden

An 8.6 acre Japanese garden built in 1992 to the west of Himeji Castle. The name Koko-en comes from “Koko-do”, the name of the Provincial School for Literary and Military Training established near the entrance of the garden by Lord Sakai, the last lord of Himeji Castle in the Edo period. Inside, the garden is composed of a group of 9 unique gardens and an authentic sukiya style teahouse, making the most of the layout of the Nishi-Oyashiki-ato and Buke-Yashiki-ato, and creating an elegance befitting a castle town. In recent years it has also gained attention as a location for domestic and foreign movies and TV dramas.



- 1. Genkan (entry/exit)**
Viewing the roofed mud walls from here, you might almost think you'd gone back in time to the Edo period.
- 2. Oyashiki-mon (Gate)**
Viewing the roofed mud walls from here, you might almost think you'd gone back in time to the Edo period.

- 4. Watari-Roka (Roofed corridor)**
This central curve is the garden's symbol. A lingering sound like that of a drum as you walk down the hall and the views on both sides are impressive. The garden's seasonal expressions – spring greenery and autumn colors – make it the perfect spot for a photo opportunity.



- 3. Kassui-ken Restaurant**
Savor Himeji specialty food and drink while enjoying the views of the Oyashiki garden. A variety of set menus is available.

- 5. Oyashiki Garden (The Garden of the Lord's residence)**
This garden, the largest of the 9, housed the Himeji Lord's villa, Nishi-Oyashiki, and is laid out in chisenkaiyu (pond strolling) style. The waterfall on the south side brims with the charm of a flow from deep mountain valleys, and colorful carp decorate the large pond, which recalls the Seto Inland Sea.



- 6. Nae-no-niwa (Seedling Garden)**
Plants mainly from the Edo period are raised here in seedbeds framed in wood.

- 8. Sojuan (Tea ceremony house)**
An authentic sukiya style teahouse. As if to express the utmost courtesy to the castle keep, the building itself and each tearoom are designed to face Himeji Castle's keep.



- Tea Ceremony (More casual than the formal ceremony)**
Hours: 12:00-16:00 (Latest entry time 15:40)
Fees: ¥500 (Matcha and sweets)
Closed: Dec 21 – Jan 5

- 7. Cha-no-Niwa (Tea Garden)**
The tea garden centers around the authentic sukiya style teahouse, Sojuan, and includes the entry, reception, small room, stepping stone, middle gate, stone wash basin, garden lantern and seated meeting gardens.



- 9. Nagare-no-Hiraniwa (Flowing Flat Garden)**
A bright, relaxed garden with calmly flowing water. Enjoy the special flavor of each season, with weeping cherry trees in spring, water iris and Japanese iris in summer, fresh greenery in spring and rich autumn colors.

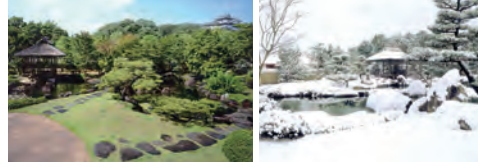


- 10. Natsuki-no-Niwa (The Garden of summer trees)**
The deciduous trees in this garden offer a seasonal color palette from the fresh greenery of spring through the colors of the autumn leaves. View Himeji Castle's keep from the Robotei arbor.



- 12. Hana-no-Niwa (Flower Garden)**
Wild grasses and flowers popular since Edo times are grown in this garden.

- 14. Tsukiyama-Chisen-no-Niwa (Hill, Pond & Fountain Garden)**
A typical Japanese garden with beautiful maple trees and Japanese black pines. A rock island shaped like a turtle sits on the north side of the pond and a crane is on the south.



- 11. Matsu-no-Niwa (Pine Garden)**
This garden recreates the image of a Japanese red pine forest, typical of the Seto Inland Sea region. Himeji's city flower, the white egret flower, occupies one portion of the brook. Its soothing flowers bloom in summer.



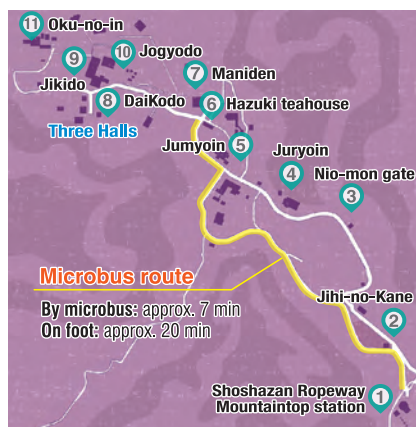
- 13. Take-no-Niwa (Bamboo Garden)**
This garden contains about 15 kinds of bamboo. The contrast between the straight bamboo and the plaster roofed walls creates scenery reminiscent of landscape paintings.



Information
Hours: 9:00-17:00 (last entry 16:30)
* One hour longer in summer
Fees: Adults ¥310 (over 18), Children ¥150 (students under 18)
* Combined Himeji Castle & Koko-en Garden ticket
Adults ¥1,050, Children ¥360
Closed: Dec 29 & 30

Shoshazan Engyoji Temple

Approx. 30 minutes north of Himeji station by car/bus. Sometimes called the “Hieizan of the West”, this Tendai sect temple boasts more than 1,000 years of history. One of the Sandai-Dojo (big three dojos), it was founded in the middle of the Heian period by the priest Shoku. Ascend to the mountaintop, 371 meters above sea level, in 4 minutes by ropeway. The tranquility, natural beauty and sense of history create the unique atmosphere of this sacred mountain. Many temples and important cultural properties dot the mountaintop. It's also famous as a location for Tom Cruise's “The Last Samurai” and other foreign and domestic movies.



Access

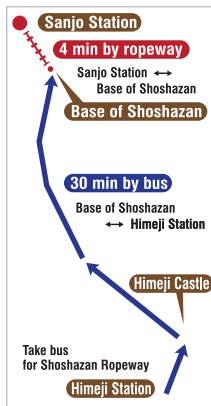
Himeji Station/Castle to Shoshazan

From Himeji Station:
Shinki bus
Take No.10 for Shoshazan Ropeway from bus stop 10 at Himeji Station North Entrance to the terminus.

From Himeji Castle:
see MAP P1
Take Shinki Bus No.10 for Shoshazan Ropeway from Himeji Castle Otomon-mae bus stop to the terminus.

Ropeway from the foot of Shoshazan to the top

A ropeway is used.



Combined Ticket

Ticket: Round-trip bus ticket (Himeji Station – Shoshazan Ropeway) + Shoshazan Ropeway ticket

Fees: Adults ¥1,700 / Children ¥850

Ticket window:

QWELL 1F Shinki Bus Information desk

* No tickets sold on the bus

1. Shoshazan Ropeway Mountaintop station



2. Jihi-no-Kane (Bell of the mercy)



3. Nio-mon gate

Gate from early Edo period, with Nio guardian statues on each side. Entrance to Engyoji precincts.



4. Juryoin

A Michelin 1-star restaurant within this important cultural property offers vegetarian cuisine.

*Open April-Nov, closed Thursdays

*Reservation required for 5 or more guests



5. Jumyojin

An Edo period building designated an Important Cultural Property. Fusuma paintings by Kano Eino are viewable during special openings.

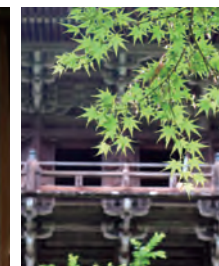
6. Hazuki teahouse

Offers lunch and snacks; good as a rest stop.



7. Maniden

This building constructed like a stage was built in 970 A.D. on the midslope of a rocky mountain. Important Cultural Property statues of the Shitenno (four heavenly kings) are enshrined here. The structure is the same as Kiyomizu Temple. Enjoy superb views of Maniden surrounded by fresh greenery or autumn colors.



8-10. Three Halls

A medieval, U-shaped building composed of the DaiKodo, Shokudo, and Jogyodo halls.



Location for “The Last Samurai”

DaiKodo

Engyoji's main hall, used for study and training such as sutra readings and discussion.



Jikido

Originally where trainee monks ate and slept. Built in 1174, unusually with two stories. Now the 1st floor is for sutra copying and the temple's treasures are exhibited on the 2nd floor.



Jogyodo

Training hall for Jogyo-Sanmai (walking around the Buddha image while devoutly chanting his name.)



11. Oku-no-in



Information

Ropeway:

Open: 8:30~17:00 * Runs every 15 min.

Fees: Adult round-trip ¥1200, child round-trip ¥600

Closed: May close temporarily in February for maintenance. Please inquire.

Donation: ¥500

* Round-trip microbus from Sanjo Station to Maniden Hall is ¥1000 (including donation)

Experiences *Please inquire in advance.

Sutra copying

Heart sutra: ¥1,000 (about 1 hr)

Hanabira sutra: ¥300 (about 10 min)

Always available



Zazen

Daily from 2 pm (about 1 hr)

Fee: ¥1,000

Reserve 3 days before

TEL: 079-266-3327

FAX: 079-266-4908





North South East West Himeji Castle will charm you!

1. JR Himeji Station (from Castle View)



3. Shiromidai Park

Get the iconic shot of the main keep between the full-size Shachihoko ridge-end tiles from this southeast vantage point. Himeji Castle at its best!



5. Hyogo Prefectural Museum of History

The museum was designed by the world famous architect Kenzo Tange.



OPEN 10:00 - 17:00 (last entry 16:30)
FEES adults ¥200, college students ¥150, others free
 *Special exhibitions extra
CLOSE Mon (Tue if Mon is a holiday) May close on days after holidays. Closed during the New Year period.

2. Egret Himeji (rooftop view)



4. Himeji City Museum of Art

Blending nicely with Himeji Castle, this historic brick building is beautifully lit up at night along with Himeji Castle.



OPEN 10:00 - 17:00 (last entry 16:30)
FEES (permanent exhibition): adults ¥210, high school, collage ¥150, elementary - junior high school ¥100, pre-school children free *Special exhibitions extra
CLOSE Mon (Tue if Mon is a holiday) May close on days after holidays. Closed during the New Year period.

6. Shirotopia Memorial Park

View the Ro roofed passage turret connecting the Inui small keep from here. Morning and evening provide the best light for photos. The Senkan-tei rest house and even the toilets were designed by Kisho Kurokawa, one of the most famous architects in Japan.



Admire the lit-up splendor of Himeji Castle!

7. Otoko-yama Mountain

The climb of 200 steps of Otoko-yama Mountain is worth it for a superb view of Himeji Castle.



9. Keifuku-ji Temple Park



10. Karo-yashiki-ato Park



8. Himeji City Museum of Literature

The Himeji Museum of Literature was designed by Tadao Ando to orbit the castle and to be a space in which a dialog with literature can be held.



OPEN 10:00 - 17:00 (last entry 16:30)
FEES Adults ¥ 450, high school & college students ¥300, elementary & middle school students ¥150 (fees differ for special exhibitions)
CLOSE Mon (Tue if Mon is a holiday) May close on days after holidays. Closed during the New Year period.

Shrines and Temples (Around Himeji Castle)



Himeji Gokoku-Jinja Shrine
Dedicated to the people of the Banshu and Tajima regions who died in the service of their country during and after the Meiji period as Japan traveled the road toward modernization. A popular place to visit and pray for protection against evil, traffic accidents and other misfortune.



Okiku Shrine (Junisho Shrine)

The Deity of Medicine is housed in this shrine and another shrine within the grounds is dedicated to Okiku, the protagonist from "The Banshu Sara-yashiki Story".



Nagoyama Stupa
Situated on a low hill this modern park-like cemetery features a dome-shaped Buddhist stupa which holds the ashes of the Buddha, presented by former Indian Prime Minister Nehru. The cemetery also contains an ossuary, an incense temple and others which create a very special atmosphere. In addition, the park is also well known for its seasonal flowers.



Harimanokuni Main Shrine
Commanding a view of Himeji Castle, the ceiling of this shrine is decorated with paintings of the 4 deities that preside at each of the seasons. Devotion to the shrine has been shown by many successive owners of Himeji Castle in ways such as the offering of Torii (shrine gates). Images of the divine messengers, the horned owls, are found on the four corners of the bridge in front of the gate, where they keep a benevolent watch over visitors. In addition, one of the shrine's deities is famous for matchmaking success! A popular place of mystic energy leading from the south Torii to the inner shrine, the 180-meter path is known as "The Himeji Matchmaking Path".



Kameyama-gobo Hontoku-ji Temple
Dating back more than 500 years, this temple flourished as a center for spreading the doctrine of the Jodo Shinshu Sect in Harima. Totalling around 16,500 square meters the precincts contain many large-scale cultural assets. Be sure to visit on the 4th Sunday of each month to experience the Kameyama Gobo Free Market. Open Guide morning market and flea market as well as other events.

Amusement (Out and About near Himeji City)



Himeji Central Park
Offering both an amusement park and a safari park. Home to 1,000 animals of 120 different kinds which you can view from your own car, a tour bus or take a walking safari to see the animals up close. The amusement park boasts 35 different attractions from thrill rides to children's rides which can be enjoyed by both couples and families, open for year around fun with a pool in summer and an ice-skating rink in winter.

- OPEN** Park closing times vary with the season
summer: 9:30 - 18:00 (last entry 17:00)
winter: 10:00 - 16:30 (last entry 15:30)
- FEES** amusement park + safari + pool in summer and skating rink in winter
adults (from junior high school) ¥3,600~¥4,000,
elementary ¥2,000~¥2,200, from 3 years ¥1,200~¥1,400
*Safari bus: ¥800/seat
- ACCESS** 30 min by Shinki Bus from Himeji Station North Bus Terminal
- Bus** Terminal to Himeji Central Park bus stop.



Taiyo Park
Take a leisurely trip around the world in just one day. Enjoy the 3D art exhibition.



- OPEN** 9:00 - 17:00
- FEES** adults ¥1,500, children (elementary - junior high school) ¥700
- CLOSE** Irregular
- ACCESS** 30 min by Shinki Bus from Himeji Station North Bus Terminal to Uchikoshi-Nishi Taiyo Koen Mae or Uchikoshi-shinden Taiyo Koen Kita
- Bus**



Japan Toy Museum
Located in a rural quiet setting 10 km northeast of Himeji Castle, the Japan Toy Museum houses a collection of more than 90,000 items in 6 traditional white-plastered warehouses. Included are Japanese toys, (both folk and modern), traditional dolls, as well as toys and dolls from 160 countries around the world.



- OPEN** 10:00 - 17:00
- FEES** adults ¥600, high school - college ¥400, 4 years and older ¥200
- CLOSE** Wed and during the New Year period
- ACCESS** A 16-min train ride from Himeji Station to Koro Station, followed by a 15-min walk.
- JR** JR Bantan Line





The Himeji Experience

2 Period Costume Makeover

Put on authentic armor as used in movies. A costume only (no wig or makeup) cosplay option is also available. Reservation required for 4 or more.

FEE ¥5,800 (for up to 3 people)
OPEN 10:00~18:00
TIME 30 min
CLOSE Monday
 (Tues if Mon is a holiday)
CONTACT Transformation Photo studio Yumeori Yakata
 079-226-5277



4 Ashigaru Monban

Stand guard in front of Himeji Castle's Otemon wearing armor, welcome visitors and let them take photos with you. Reserve 7 days before.



FEE Adults & children: ¥3,000
OPEN Sundays and holidays during spring and autumn tourist seasons
 10:00~13:00
 2 hr 30 min
CONTACT Monban Sakura-gumi Utaka
 090-7341-6488

6 Make Kamaboko

Have fun kneading and stretching the ingredients to make kamaboko. See it bake before your very eyes, then enjoy tasting the company's products and take your creation home with you. Reserve 3 days before.



FEE ¥700~¥1,500
OPEN Every day except Wed, Sun and Dec 1 - Jan 6
 30 min~1 hr 30 min
CONTACT Hatoya
 0120-59-8108

1 Tea Ceremony

Enjoy green tea and Japanese sweets at an elegant and modest Japanese tea ceremony in Kokoen's Sojuan teahouse. (More casual than the usual formal ceremony)



FEE ¥500
OPEN 10:00~16:00
TIME 20 min
CLOSE Dec 21 Jan 5
CONTACT Kokoen Sojuan
 079-289-4121



3 Warrior Makeover

Transform yourself into a real warrior. Put on authentic armor and weapons and stroll around Himeji Castle. Reserve 7 days before.

FEE 1 hr: ¥7,000,
 2 hrs: ¥10,000
 Sunday 12:30~
TIME 1 hr or 3 hrs
CONTACT Himeji Convention Support (closed weekends & holidays)
 079-286-8988



5 Ninja Training

A unique opportunity to dress up as a real ninja and undergo training around Himeji Castle. Learn how to throw a knife and practice sword-fighting. Reserve 7 days before.

FEE Adults ¥7,000,
 children ¥4,000
OPEN Saturday
 10:30~13:30
TIME 1 hr 30 min
CONTACT Himeji Ninja-kai
 ninja.kagemaru@iris.eonet.ne.jp



7 Sake Brewery Visit

This old wooden brewery is more than 100 years old. Visit the elegant building and enjoy tasting the delicious sake.

FEE ¥110 (including tasting)
OPEN 10:00~17:00
TIME 15~30 min
CLOSE Dec 31 - Jan 3
CONTACT Nadagiku Shuzo
 079-285-3111



8 Sweet-making

Traditional culture of a castle town. Make sweets and red bean paste under the guidance of an expert. Learn how to create lovely Japanese sweets with seasonal motifs. Reservation required (same day OK).

FEE ¥2,800
 (with ¥500 Kineya coupon)
OPEN Daily 13:00~15:00~
TIME 40 min
CONTACT Kineya
 079-267-2333



10 Zazen

Try zazen in the Jogyodo, as seen in the movie "The Last Samurai". Sit quietly in your meditation posture and experience the stillness. Reserve 3 days before.



FEE ¥1,000
OPEN Daily starting at 14:00
TIME About 1 hr
CONTACT Shoshazan Engyoji
 079-266-3327



12 Feed the Animals on Safari



See a variety of animals, including the rare white lion and white tiger, and feed the animals.

FEE ¥200~¥500 * Park entry fee separate
OPEN 10:00~17:00 (Entry until 1 hr before park closing. Feeding depends on weather and animals' conditions.)
TIME About 5 min in each spot
CLOSE Irregular Wed closing
 But open on Wed holidays and during spring, summer & winter vacations
CONTACT Himeji Central Park
 079-264-1611



14 Stroll around Himeji Castle in Kimono or Yukata

A variety of rental kimono & yukata are available. Hair stylists and pro fitters transform you! Then just take off the kimono or yukata and return it. Reserve the day before.

FEE Yukata (hakama) + fitting + hair ¥6,000~
 Photo shoot by pro cameraman: 2 hrs ¥15,000
 All year 10:00~1~2 hrs
OPEN Open all year
TIME Rental Boutique Marilyn House
CONTACT 079-223-1291



9 Sutra Copying

The simpler Hanabira Sutra or the authentic Heart Sutra. Copy each individual character carefully, with an open heart.

FEE Hanabira sutra: ¥300/
 Heart Sutra ¥1,000
OPEN Daily 9:00~15:00
TIME Hanabira sutra: about 10 min/
 Heart Sutra: about 1 hr
CONTACT Shoshazan Engyoji
 079-266-3327



11 Tile making

A unique opportunity to experience tile-making & clay working, guided by the craftsmen who make the Himeji Castle Daitenshu shachihoko ridge-end tiles. Reserve 7 days before.



FEE Variable (please inquire)
OPEN Variable (please inquire)
TIME 30~90 min
CLOSE Sunday, holidays, New Year period
CONTACT Koyo Seiga
 079-232-5295



13 Take a stroll in a kimono

Change into a kimono and take a graceful walk around Himeji Castle. Enjoy tea ceremony in Kokoen or pay a leisurely visit to the art museum. Reserve the day before.

FEE ¥3,000
 (kimono, accessories, fitting)
OPEN 10:00~18:00
TIME 3 hrs
CLOSE All year
CONTACT Jokamachi Style
 090-9979-4141



15 Study Japanese Cuisine!

Learn to make Dashi, the foundation of Japanese UMAMI, from scratch & Beautiful Japanese Food. Cooking experi-ence class in a home kitchen just north of Himeji Castle.

FEE ¥5,000~¥8,000 (varies depending on ingredients)
OPEN Mon to Sun
 11:30-14:30 lunchtime
 16:30-17:30 dinner time
TIME 2.5~3 hrs
CONTACT aikscoking
 airinrin0220@yahoo.co.jp
 090-1242-7794



FEE Fee **OPEN** Opening hours **TIME** Time required
CLOSE Closed **CONTACT** Contact **Tel**

16 Himeji Leather

Create an object from Himeji tanned leather, prize-winning leather with more than 1000 years of history. Choose from among various items such as keyholders & coin purses.



FEE Stamping ¥1,000~/
Handsewn key holder ¥1,080~
OPEN 10:00~17:00
TIME Stamping 5~30 min/
Handsewing 30 min~
CLOSE Every Monday
(Tues when Mon is a holiday)
CONTACT Himeusagi
079-282-9921

17 Stroll around Himeji in an antique kimono

Our staff outfits you in the kimono and accessories of your choice. After a leisurely walk around Himeji Castle and environs, you can take everything home with you.

FEE ¥6,500~/
Kimono purchase only
¥1,500~
OPEN 9:15~14:00
TIME Fitting 30 min
CLOSE Tuesday
CONTACT Kimono de Himeji Chouett
050-5436-8675



18 Oiran Experience

This photo studio captures you as a modern courtesan. Why not create a lasting memory in Himeji's castle town?

FEE ¥18,000
OPEN 10:00~18:00
TIME About 2 hrs
CLOSE Sundays, holidays
CONTACT Studio Barbie
070-4564-8099



English-Speaking Guides

Volunteer Guide Association of Himeji Castle (VEGA)

English-speaking guides inside Himeji Castle (after paid entrance). Request on the day at the ticket window; no prior reservations.

Himeji Convention Support

Book English-speaking guides for city tours. Start at Himeji station and visit the castle, Koko-en, Shoshazan Engyoji and more.

FEE Per person Adults ¥5,000~
CONTACT Apply via the website 1 week before.
info@hcs.or.jp

Himeji Castle English Speaking Guide Group

Book an English-speaking guide for your tour of the city. Start at Himeji station and visit the castle, Koko-en, Shoshazan Engyoji and more.

FEE No charge
CONTACT Apply via the website 1 week before.
http://www.i-guide.jp.org

Kashi-no-ki Kai

Book English-speaking guides for city tours. Start at Himeji station and visit the castle, Koko-en, Shoshazan Engyoji and more.

CONTACT Apply via the website 1 week before.
himejtourkashinoki@gmail.com

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Local cuisine loved by locals

Top Himeji Recommendations!

Almond Toast

Toast spread with subtly sweet, fragrant almond butter is a Himeji classic. Find it in most coffee shops.



Himeji Oden

Put ginger soy sauce on oden in the true Himeji style. Available in many restaurants near the station.



Himeji Champon-yaki

A mix of sautéed udon and soba noodles in sauce.



Himeji Ingredients

From Himeji to the World

Seafood

Fresh seafood is caught all year round in the Harimanada sea, seen in panorama from Himeji.



Joukamachi Dog

Kamaboko made of donut dough and cheese. Created by Himeji's oldest kamaboko producer.



Eki Soba

Born in Himeji in 1949 and always beloved by the citizens. Chinese noodles in Japanese stock are superb.



Himeji Doro-yaki

Japanese-flavored batter cooked on a red-hot grill, crisp outside and soft inside – delicious!



Himeji Akashi-yaki

Takoyaki dipped in sauce and dashi.



Brand-name Meats

Himeji Wagyu

Japanese black beef raised in the Himeji region to the very highest standards.



Himeji Pork

Pork from Himeji pigs raised in a clean, stress-free environment. Known for its sweet fat and high-quality meat.

Himeji Traditional Sweets

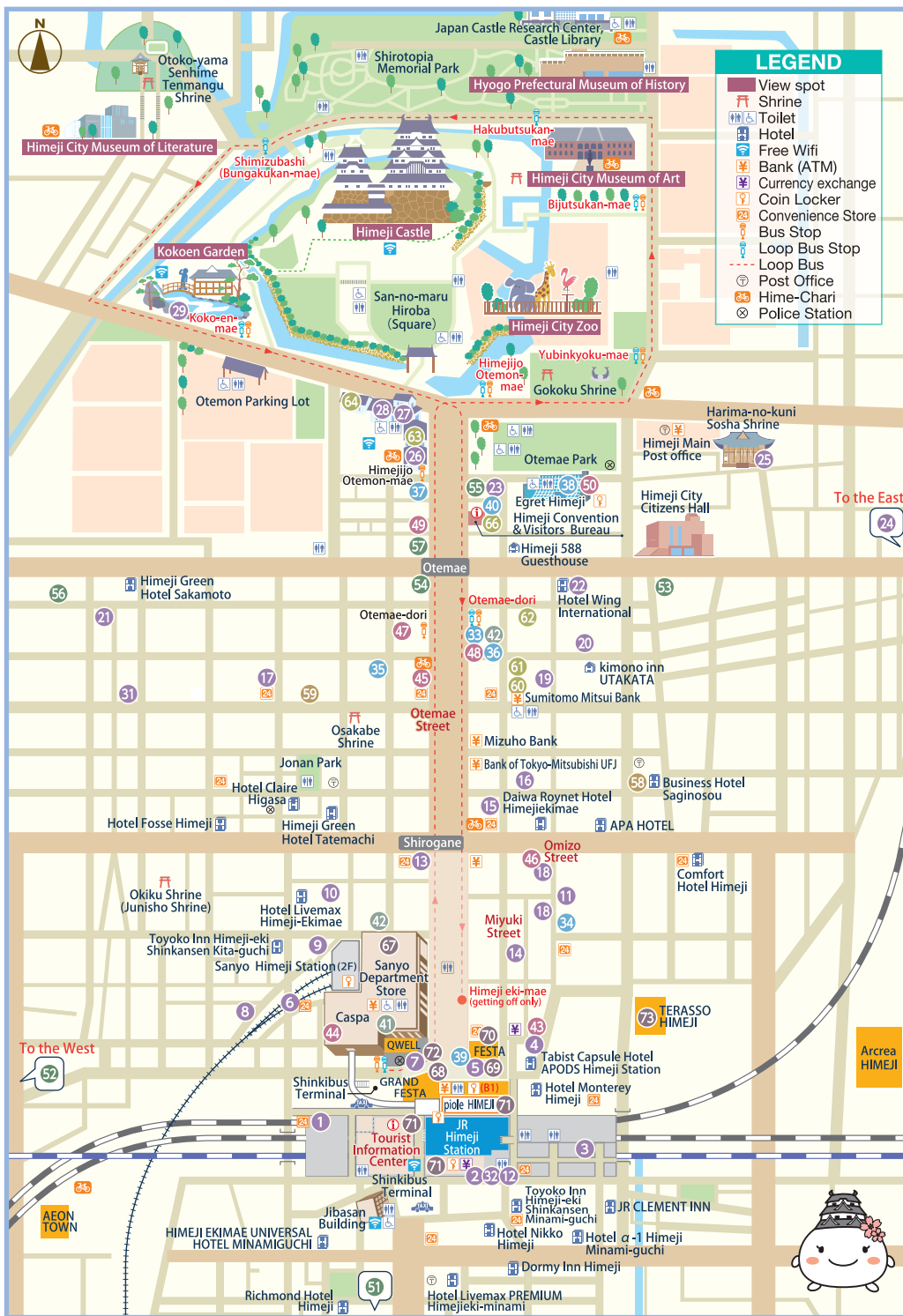
Enjoy a variety of Japanese sweets made in the tradition dating from the Edo period and continuing to the present day.



Local Sake

The pure water and air of the Harima plain, including Himeji, is a great producing area for the king of brewer's rice, Yamada Nishiki. 8 breweries in the city each create their unique sake.





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Japanese, Set Menu, Izakaya, Teppan-yaki

2 Local Himeji sake and Himeji Oden Honpo

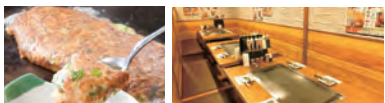


Closest to Himeji station and specializing in Himeji oden. Enjoy all 7 Himeji sake brews at your leisure.

OPEN 11:00~21:30 (LO 21:00)
CLOSE Variable
¥ ¥500~
☎ 079-284-6677



4 Nanpu Himeji Main Shop



Doro-yaki is very popular, crisp outside and soft inside. You can also order okonomi-yaki, monja-yaki, takoyaki and more.

OPEN Mon-Fri 17:00~24:00 (food LO 23:00)
 Sat 11:30-23:00 (LO 22:30)
 Sun/holidays 11:30-22:30 (LO 22:00)
CLOSE Mon (Tues when Mon is a holiday), Jan 1
¥ Lunch ¥1,000~, Dinner ¥2,000~
☎ 079-280-3411



6 Himeji Shokudo



Enjoy local cuisine at a reasonable price, in this izakaya's comfortable, fun atmosphere.

OPEN weekdays Lunch 11:00~15:00 (LO 14:30)
 Dinner 17:00~23:00 (LO 22:30)
 Sat / holidays Lunch 11:00~15:00 (LO 14:30)
 Dinner 17:00~21:00 (LO 20:30)

CLOSE Sunday
¥ Lunch ¥500~, Dinner ¥1,000~
☎ 079-222-0246



1 Kaiten-zushi Rikimaru

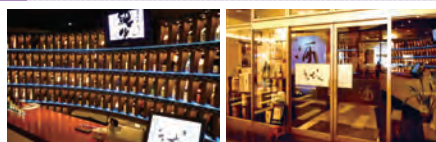


Gourmet kaiten-zushi chain for 39 years. Skilled sushi chefs prepare fresh fish from all over Japan, especially the Inland Sea. Reasonably priced, starting at ¥108 per plate.

OPEN Weekdays 11:00~22:00 (LO 21:40)
 Weekends & holidays 11:00~22:00 (LO 21:40)
CLOSE 1-Jan
¥ Lunch ¥980~, Dinner ¥1,580~
☎ 079-287-2727



3 Kokoromi



Vast array of 300 Hyogo prefecture sakes! Taste & compare. Use the multilingual touch screens to order.

OPEN (weekdays) 13:00~21:00
 (weekends & holidays) 12:00~20:00
CLOSE Monday
¥ ¥500~
☎ 079-280-6172



5 TACOPY



A local favorite for more than 50 years, serving Akashi-yaki takoyaki. Enjoy it Himeji style: with sauce and dipped in dashi.

OPEN 10:00~20:00 (LO 19:30)
CLOSE 1-Jan
¥ Takoyaki ¥450~
☎ 079-221-3657



7 Eel cuisine: Hiiragi QWELL Himeji branch



Leisurely enjoy the famous Himeji eel cuisine in a peaceful space. Carefully selected eel is hand-grilled.

OPEN Lunch 11:00~14:30 (LO 14:00)
 Dinner 17:00~22:00 (LO 21:00)
CLOSE 1-Jan
¥ Lunch ¥1,800~, Dinner ¥3,500~
☎ 079-287-8848



8 Nikuya Marumasa



A 6-minute walk from Himeji Station. Enjoy delicious meat dishes at reasonable prices. Enjoy the famous Nikuyaki-mori, 450g of different cuts.

OPEN Mon-Sat 15:00~25:00 (LO 24:30)
 Sun / Holidays 15:00~24:00 (LO 23:30)
CLOSE Variable
¥ Lunch ¥2,500~¥3,200, Dinner ¥2,500~¥3,200
☎ 079-283-3133



10 Tenya Marumasa



Enjoy freshly fried crispy tempura. The specialty is Ippon Anago, a whole tempura-fried eel. Be sure to give it a try.

OPEN weekdays 15:00~24:00 (LO 23:30)
 Weekends Holidays 12:00~24:00 (LO 23:30)
CLOSE Variable
¥ Lunch ¥1,800~, Dinner ¥2,400~
☎ 079-280-1128



12 Enya Ichidai Himeji branch



Specialty is robata-yaki. Eat your fill of carefully grilled seafood & mountain products. Enjoy the retro izakaya atmosphere and abundant selection of sake.

OPEN 11:00~23:00 (LO 22:30)
 Lunch menu 11:00~ (LO 14:30)
CLOSE Variable
¥ Lunch ¥740~, Dinner ¥2,000~
☎ 079-283-1005



13 Shokusaiya Usagi



Stylish Japanese-style izakaya 2 minutes from Himeji Station on foot. Enjoy sushi, tempura, yakitori, sake and more.

OPEN Lunch 11:30~15:00 (LO 14:30)
 Dinner 17:00~24:00 (LO 23:00)
 *Sun/holidays drinks LO 23:30
CLOSE Second Mon
¥ Lunch ¥1,500~, Dinner ¥3,500~
☎ 079-288-6636



9 Marumasaya Himeji Main Shop

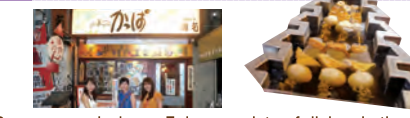


Authentic charcoal-grilled yakitori ¥100 per stick! Be sure to try this juicy, filling yakitori!

OPEN 12:00~26:00 (LO 25:00)
CLOSE 1-Jan
¥ Lunch ¥1,000~¥2,000, Dinner ¥2,000~¥3,000
☎ 079-225-1888



11 Nadagiku Kappa-tei



Brewery-run izakaya. Enjoy a variety of dishes in the unique interior, especially Himeji Oden. Set lunch menu available.

OPEN Weekdays Lunch 11:30~14:00
 Dinner 16:30~21:30 (LO 21:00)
 Sat 11:30~21:30 (LO 21:00), Sun 11:30~20:30 (LO 20:00)
 Holidays 11:30~20:00 (LO 19:30)
CLOSE Wed
¥ Lunch ¥800, Dinner ¥2,000
☎ 079-221-3573



14 Gyuzen Himeji branch



Enjoy yakiniku, shabu-shabi, sukiyaki in a refined Japanese space. All-you-can-eat menu also available.

OPEN Dinner 17:00~24:00 (LO 23:00)
CLOSE Variable
¥ Dinner ¥3,000~
☎ 079-225-5825



16 Omotenashi Dining Fukutei



Offers Himeji's specialty grilled eel, Himeji oden, and dishes making the most of seafood from the Inland Sea and other ingredients.

OPEN Weekdays Lunch 11:30~ (LO 14:00),
 Dinner 17:00~ (LO 21:00)
 Weekends/holidays Lunch 11:00~ (LO 14:30),
 Dinner 17:00~ (LO 20:00)
CLOSE Wed / New Year period
¥ Lunch ¥1,500~, Dinner ¥3,000~
☎ 079-222-8150



18 Gassai Himeji Station North

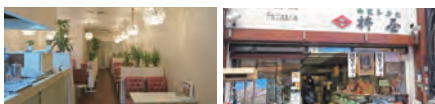


Welcome to an Edo period samurai residence and a variety of Himeji's fresh fish and local sakes. Another branch is south of JR Himeji station.

OPEN Weekends/holidays
 Lunch 12:00~16:00
 Dinner 16:00~24:00 (LO 23:30)
CLOSE Variable; please inquire
¥ Lunch ¥1,500~, Dinner ¥2,500~
☎ 079-288-8890



20 Kineya Nikaimachi Main Shop



Drop in any time of day and enjoy local delicacy almond toast for breakfast, and later on, Japanese cuisine including home-made tonkatsu, ebi fry and more.

OPEN Breakfast 8:00~11:00 (LO 11:00)
 Lunch 11:00~16:00 (LO 16:00)
 Dinner 16:00~20:00 (LO 19:00)
CLOSE Open all year
¥ Breakfast ¥400~, Lunch ¥700~, Dinner ¥800~
☎ 079-285-3509



15 Icchoura (Eel cuisine and Harima sake)



Enjoy Harima's specialty eel cuisine together with local sake.

OPEN Lunch 11:30~ (LO 14:00)
 Dinner 17:30~ (LO 21:00)
CLOSE Mon (Tues lunch)
¥ Lunch ¥1,080~, Dinner ¥3,500~
☎ 079-288-7714



17 Moriju



Special unagi cuisine grilled Kansai style over charcoal, with secret sauce passed down since the founding. Oyster dishes are also popular in winter (Nov-Mar).

OPEN Lunch 11:30~14:00 (LO 13:30)
 Dinner 17:00~20:30 (LO 20:00)
CLOSE Sun/holidays
¥ Lunch ¥2,000~, Dinner ¥3,450~
☎ 079-223-2517



19 Washoku Renge



Enjoy creative Japanese cuisine at reasonable prices. We invite you to try our popular "Renge Lunch" made with seasonal ingredients.

OPEN Lunch 11:00~14:30 (LO 14:00)
 Dinner 17:00~21:30 (LO 21:00)
CLOSE Every Tues, one Wed/month (variable)
¥ Lunch ¥1,500~, Dinner ¥3,500~
☎ 079-280-5039



21 Sushi-ichi



Private rooms are the setting for sushi made with locally caught fresh fish, and local sake. Himeji specialty eel cuisine, including una-jyu, is also popular.

OPEN Lunch 11:30~13:45 (LO 13:30)
 Dinner 16:30~22:30 (LO 22:00)
CLOSE Variable. New Year, O-Bon. Reservation required.
¥ Lunch ¥4,500~, Dinner ¥15,000~
☎ 079-222-6961



22 Gastro Pub Yumezen



Izakaya in Hotel Wing, 1st fl, a 5-minute walk from Himeji Station. Enjoy fresh fish from Harima-nada Sea, Himeji oden and local sake. Varied offerings, from single dishes to set menus.

OPEN 17:30~23:00 (Food LO 22:00, Drink LO 22:30)
CLOSE Sun
¥ ¥2,500~
☎ 079-287-2113



24 SEIKO CLUB Chamber of Commerce & Industry



Enjoy a fusion of French and Japanese cuisine using Harima's fresh, seasonal ingredients. Admire the garden's waterfall as you dine.

OPEN Lunch 11:30~15:00 (LO 14:30)
 Dinner 17:30~21:30 (LO 20:30)
CLOSE New Year holidays
¥ Lunch ¥1,700~, Dinner ¥3,200~
☎ 079-281-6800



26 Harikai Himeji Castle branch



A 1-minute walk from Himeji Castle. Seafood caught in the sea near Himeji and selected local sake are popular.

OPEN Weekdays 11:00~16:00 (LO 15:30)
 Weekends, Holidays 11:00~17:00 (LO 16:30)
CLOSE Variable; please inquire
¥ ¥500~
☎ 079-280-5032



28 Banshu Himeji Honmachi Tamagoya



Rice topped with egg uses our own eggs and rice – a must-try. Local ingredients are also used to make eel rice topped with tamago-yaki.

OPEN 11:00~17:00 (LO 16:30)
CLOSE Dec 1, Jan 1
¥ Lunch ¥1,000~
☎ 079-289-0058



23 Home Cooking Sugimoto

Famous for anago-don (eel donburi) using a secret sauce. Enjoy Himeji specialties in a cozy family atmosphere.



OPEN Lunch 11:00~14:00 (LO 13:30)
 Dinner 17:00~21:00 (LO 20:00)
CLOSE Variable
¥ Lunch ¥1,000~, Dinner ¥2,000~
☎ 079-284-6261



25 Nagomi dining Mikashio



Next door to the historical Harima shrine. Enjoy seasonal Japanese cuisine using the freshest Harima ingredients.

OPEN Lunch 11:30~15:00 (LO 14:00)
 Dinner 17:00~21:00 (LO 20:00)
CLOSE New Year period
¥ Lunch ¥1,500~, Dinner ¥3,000~
☎ 079-224-1113

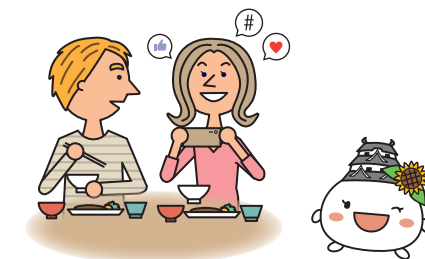


27 Takadanobaba



Situated just below Himeji Castle, Himeji's largest tourism center combines a restaurant and souvenir shop.

OPEN 9:00~17:00 (LO 16:00)
CLOSE Open all year
¥ ¥1,000~
☎ 079-222-2505



29 Kassui-ken (Kokoan Garden)



Dine or enjoy a light snack while admiring the beautiful Japanese garden. A variety of distinctive Himeji set menus is offered.

OPEN Lunch 10:00~16:30 (LO 16:00) *Meals 11:00~15:00
CLOSE Dec 29 & 30
¥ Lunch ¥1,350~
☎ 079-289-4131



31 Kura



Run by Nadaqiku Shuzo, this kushi-age restaurant uses seasonal ingredients. The interior, with real sake barrels, brings to mind a sake brewery and Japan's original landscape.

OPEN 17:00~23:00 (LO 22:30)
CLOSE Wed
¥ ¥3,200~
☎ 079-222-6868



Take-out (One hand gourmet)

34 35 Taiyaki Honpo Yujido

3-minute walk from Himeji Station. Our famous taiyaki are carefully grilled for more than 30 min, for a crisp skin stuffed full of delicious red bean paste.



34 35

30 Farm restaurant Shakankan



Zen words: "Don't rush, stay calm, go slowly." Savor the natural setting and healthy food served buffet style.

OPEN Lunch 11:15~12:45, 13:00~14:30
CLOSE Wed, New Year period, O-Bon
¥ General ¥1,800 (65+ ¥1,500)
☎ 079-338-0510



32 Seafood Donburi Honten Rikimaru



Seafood donburi restaurant inside Himeji Station, run by a long-established kaiten-zushi shop. Enjoy donburi made with fresh local fish and conger eel, a Himeji speciality.

OPEN 11:00~20:00 (LO 19:40)
CLOSE Jan 1
¥ ¥880~
☎ 079-240-7715



33 Yamasa Kamaboko Otemae branch "Joukamachi Dog"



Sweet fluffy American dog and soft cheese kamaboko go together perfectly! Look for the mascot Satchan.

OPEN 9:30~19:00
CLOSE 1-Jan
¥ Joukamachi Dog ¥180
☎ 079-225-0033



OPEN 34. East Station branch 10:00~20:00
 35. West Nikaimachi branch 10:00~19:00 *Until sold out
CLOSE Thurs
¥ ¥140~
☎ 34. East Station branch 079-225-3040
 35. West Nikaimachi branch 079-289-8562



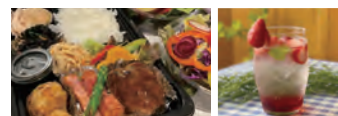
36 Matcha Teashop Zongai (Kobayashi Chaya)

Devoted to tea for 140 years, this is Himeji's oldest teashop. Enjoy matcha and Japanese sweets in the café. "Green Soft" ice cream made from matcha has long been popular among the locals.

OPEN 10:00~18:30
CLOSE Tues
¥ ¥500~
☎ 079-225-0232



38 La Grasse Matinee



Take-out restaurant offering sandwiches and bentos made by our vegetable sommeliers. The eye-catching, hand-made sandwiches are stuffed full of seasonable vegetables. Vegan and vegetarian options available.

OPEN Weekdays 11:00~17:00
 Sat/Sun/Hols 10:00~17:00
CLOSE Mon/Tues
¥ Sandwiches ¥350~, Bentos ¥770~
☎ 070-2295-9782



39 Takeda no Anagomeshi Maneki Honten



Discover this long-awaited anago bento take-out restaurant just one minute's walk from Himeji Station. Savor the very best anagomeshi, made by a long-established Himeji bento shop.

OPEN 9:00~20:00
CLOSE Jan 1
¥ Takeda no Anagomeshi ¥1,850
 Takeda no Anagomeshi (small) ¥1,300
☎ 079-223-8652



37 Harimaya Chaho

Near Himeji Castle, offering tea leaves carefully selected from all over Japan, Uji matcha ice cream, green tea using high-grade matcha, and more. Take-out also available.

OPEN 10:00~17:00
CLOSE Wed during winter only
¥ ¥300~
☎ 079-282-8848



40 Warabimochi Semmonten Kadofuji



Located near the World Heritage Himeji Castle, this shop specializes in warabimochi. Please try our authentic, hand-made warabimochi.

OPEN 10:00~18:00
CLOSE May close during New Year holidays.
¥ Warabimochi ¥540~
 Warabimochi drinks ¥750~
☎ 079-284-1318



Bento

41 Sanyo Department Store 1st basement level

Find confectionary, eat-in restaurants, ingredients, bento, perishables and a wide variety of food products here. Many Himeji specialties also available.

OPEN 10:00~19:30
CLOSE 1-Jan



42 Bon Marché

Supermarket with two branches near Himeji Station. Wide array of local ingredients, bento, deli items, sweets, perishables and more. Select your own bento ingredients, sold by weight.

OPEN 8:00~21:00
CLOSE New Year period
☎ Otemae branch 079-288-0770
 Himeji branch 079-288-0007



Noodles (Udon, Ramen, etc.)

43 Himeji Tanmen



Tanmen are the best! Besides the standard salt tanmen, try variations like miso and spicy. Home-made gyoza and karaage are also popular.

OPEN 11:00~24:30 (LO 24:00)
CLOSE Variable
Lunch ¥800~, Dinner ¥800~
079-280-2322



44 Ramen Miyako



Over many years of training, the owner has perfected full-flavored yet clean-tasting Kyoto-style noodles packed with umami. The flavor expands as you eat.

OPEN 11:00~22:00 (LO 21:30)
CLOSE Always open
Lunch ¥550~
079-223-5875



45 Maneki-no-Eki-Soba Otemae branch



Everyone in Himeji knows this place, started in 1949, for its soul food. Chinese noodles in Japanese stock are a local delicacy.

OPEN 10:00~18:00
CLOSE Variable; please inquire
Lunch ¥360~
079-283-2208



46 Ramen Tsurukameya



The favorite dish, using rich tonkotsu soy sauce, is Bakaton ramen. Gyoza are also popular.

OPEN 11:00~24:00
CLOSE Open all year
Lunch ¥700~
079-288-1230



47 Tonraishun



Venerable restaurant founded in 1946 and loved ever since by the locals, serving popular Chinese noodles, shumai and more.

OPEN Weekdays 11:00~19:30 (LO 18:50)
Sat/Sun/Hols 11:00~19:30 (LO 18:50)
CLOSE Tues, 2 Mons/month (variable)
Lunch ¥800~, Dinner ¥1,000~
079-222-1570



48 Yumeno Soba Otemae branch

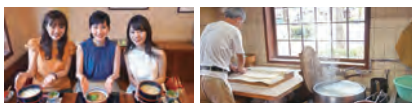


Try soba made in Himeji's Yumesakicho. Also comes in set menus with Himeji's famous oden and tempura (fish-paste products)

OPEN 11:00~15:00
CLOSE Tues
Lunch ¥1,000~
079-225-2277



49 Sanuki Udon Menme



Springy udon noodles are all home-made before your eyes. Savor popular kitsune udon or kama-age udon in a family atmosphere.

OPEN 12:00~17:00
CLOSE Wed
Lunch ¥600~¥900
079-225-0118



50 Senhime Chaya



3-min walk from Himeji Castle. Enjoy the famous Shirasu-don and other local Himeji cuisine, including set menus with udon or soba, and Himeji oden.

OPEN 11:00~15:00
CLOSE Open all year
Lunch ¥700~
079-288-4567



Western-style cuisine (steak, hamburgers, Italian, French, etc.)

51 Beefsteak Kawamura

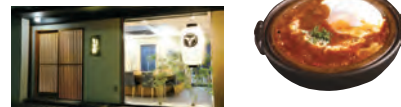


Experienced chefs grill delicious Kobe and Tajima beefsteak before your eyes. Savor melt-in-your-mouth highest quality marbled beef.

OPEN Lunch 11:30~14:30 (LO)
Dinner 17:00~21:00 (LO)
CLOSE Mon, variable
Lunch ¥4,600~, Dinner ¥10,000~
079-243-1122



53 Kitchen Shimada



Enjoy authentic Western cuisine in a relaxed setting. Hamburgers served in a Yanagawa-nabe are popular. Counter seats only.

OPEN (weekdays) Lunch 11:30~14:00 (until sold out)
Dinner 17:30~21:00 (LO 21:00)
(weekends/hols) Lunch 11:30~14:00 (until sold out)
Dinner 17:30~21:00 (LO 21:00)
CLOSE Variable; please inquire
Lunch ¥1,400~, Dinner ¥3,800~
079-288-1139



55 Grill TENPEI



Closest Western-style restaurant to Himeji Castle. All dishes are lovingly prepared by experienced chefs using carefully selected ingredients.

OPEN Lunch 11:30~14:30 (LO 14:00)
Dinner 18:00~21:00 (LO 20:30, * Open only on Saturdays,
Sundays and public holidays)
CLOSE Tues/3rd Wed
Lunch ¥1,200~, Dinner ¥2,000~
079-280-4697



52 Steak Senju

Steak house in an elegantly restored old building. Sit at the teppan counter to have your food cooked before your eyes. High quality wagyu and carefully selected ingredients.



OPEN Lunch 11:30~14:30 (LO 14:00)
Dinner 17:00~22:00 (LO 21:30)
CLOSE New Year period
Lunch ¥4,000~
Dinner ¥13,000~
079-297-3907



54 SORANIWA



Restaurant with a view of Himeji Castle. Enjoy course menus created from combinations of seasonal local vegetables, seafood and meat.

OPEN Lunch 11:30~15:00 (LO 13:30)
Dinner 17:30~21:30 (LO 19:30)
CLOSE Tues
Lunch ¥2,700~, Dinner ¥4,860~
079-281-0070



56 Steak Koji



Serves only cow filet from carefully selected Japanese black beef. Savor the very best steak cooked on a special grill, in a relaxed space.

OPEN Dinner 17:00~22:00 (LO 21:30)
CLOSE Sunday
Lunch ¥10,000~
079-223-3488

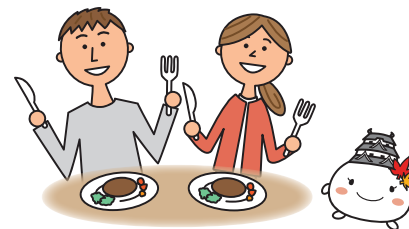


57 Nepalese and Indian cuisine DARBAR



Enjoy the authentic flavors of Nepal and India. We offer many different naans and curries.

OPEN Lunch 11:00~15:00
Dinner 17:00~20:00
CLOSE Always open
Lunch ¥750~, Dinner ¥1,000~
079-282-8788



Chinese Cuisine

58 Kohoseki

Eat heartily yet inexpensively, choosing from a variety of single dishes or set menus, at this Chinese restaurant popular with locals.



OPEN 11:00~21:00
CLOSE Variable
Lunch ¥650~
Dinner ¥1,000~
☎ 079-288-0459



59 Shinpekin

A formal Chinese restaurant with 58 years of history. Features everything from authentic full-course menus to simple lunches. Take home Himeji Lotus Root Shumai as a souvenir.



OPEN Lunch 11:30~14:30 (LO 14:00)
Dinner 17:00~21:30 (LO 21:00)
CLOSE Dec 31 - Jan 1
Lunch ¥700~, Dinner ¥1,000~
☎ 079-223-0401



Café

60 Hamamoto Coffee



The siphoned aroma coffee is special. Himeji's famous almond toast is also popular. It's almost as if you were in a laboratory.

OPEN Breakfast 7:00~11:00, 11:00~18:00
CLOSE Thurs
¥500~
☎ 079-282-2233



61 Himeji Kambeedo



People line up for freshly squeezed 100% juice and natural ice, combined for natural flavor and fluffy texture. Pancakes (limited time) are also popular.

OPEN Weekdays 12:00~17:00
Sat/Sun/Hols 11:00~17:00
CLOSE Variable
¥1,000~
☎ 079-288-1000



62 Tairiku Main Branch



The first retro coffee shop in Himeji, started in 1947. A full menu of food and drinks is served in this antique interior. Enjoy Himeji's famous almond toast.

OPEN 7:30~17:00 (LO 16:30)
CLOSE Closed 1-Jan
Breakfast ¥450~, Lunch ¥650~
☎ 079-222-0071



63 Bonbori



Café that also sells sundry Japanese arts & crafts and souvenirs. Japanese sweets are popular. Stop in before or after visiting Himeji Castle.

OPEN 10:00~17:00
CLOSE Always open
¥600~
☎ 079-283-6555



64 Soya



Café near Himeji Castle that also sells sundry Japanese items. Delicious coffee, matcha and seasonal Japanese cakes are popular.

OPEN 10:00~17:00 (LO 16:30) CLOSE Always open
¥500~
☎ 079-288-4888



65 Café de Muche



Here you can taste Himeji's famous almond butter. Close to Himeji Castle and open early. Eat a hearty breakfast at reasonable prices. Has two branches.

OPEN Breakfast 7:00~11:00, Lunch 11:00~17:00
Dinner 17:00~22:00 (LO 21:30)
CLOSE 1-Jan
Breakfast ¥430~, Lunch ¥980~, Dinner ¥980~
☎ 079-289-1120



66 Café SOL

Café opened in Feb 2019. Enjoy donuts and other delicious baked goods in the spacious courtyard garden.



OPEN 8:30~18:00
CLOSE Weekdays
¥500~
☎ 079-258-0191



Halal friendly

16 Omotenashi Dining Fukutei

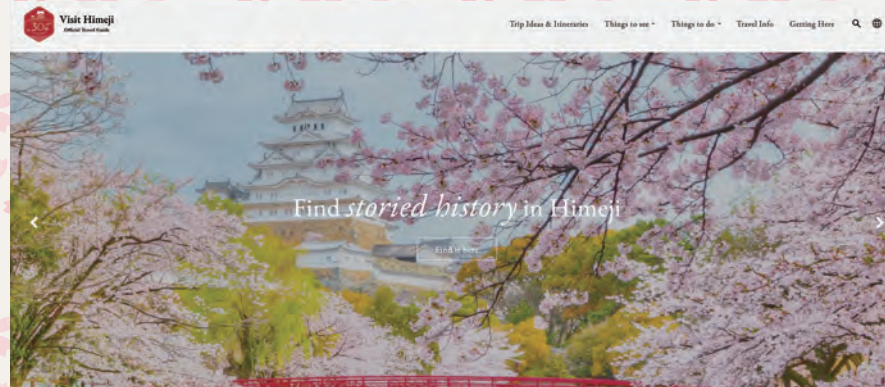


Offers Himeji's specialty grilled eel, Himeji oden, and dishes making the most of seafood from the Inland Sea and other ingredients.

OPEN Weekdays Lunch 11:30~(LO 14:00),
Dinner 17:00~(LO 21:00)
Weekends/holidays Lunch 11:00~(LO 14:30),
Dinner 17:00~(LO 20:00)
CLOSE Wed / New Year period
Lunch ¥1,500~, Dinner ¥3,000~
☎ 079-222-8150



HIMEJI CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU



Find Your Himeji Style





Restaurant Floors

67 Sanyo Department Store, West Bldg 6th F

OPEN 10:00~22:00 CLOSE 1-Jan



68 GRAND FESTA

OPEN 10:00~23:00 (Some stores differ) CLOSE 1-Jan



3rd Avenue

Ekisoba Maneki
Kissa Yanagi

5th Avenue

Fukuzushi
Baskin-Robbins ice cream
TACOPY (takoyaki)
Goza Soro (ramen)
Saizeriya, Maruki Udon



6th Avenue

Shellfish at Maruho (oysters, shellfish)
Kyochabana (onomiyaki)
Tsurukame Hachiban (izakaya)
Okinoshima Fishmonger
Menya Niboshi/Koba Gyoza
Cafeteria Yukari
Nakaya
Yakitori Toriya Seisakusho
Appare Siuisan Kirin (seafood izakaya)

69 FESTA

OPEN 11:00~23:30 (Some stores differ) CLOSE 1-Jan

Super convenient, right in front of Himeji Station. 15 cafés and restaurants. Come to Festa for lunch, dinner or coffee.



1st F

Himeji Norengai
Saint Mark Café
Dipper Dan:
Gelato and crepes
Tonichi: tonkatsu
Hoshino Coffee

2nd F

KARAOKE Manekineko

3rd F

Gusto: Café restaurant
All-you-can-eat shabushabu: Tajimaya

70 Himeji Noren-gai

OPEN 11:00~23:00 CLOSE Open all year

New trendy spot in Himeji! Local dishes all in one place in Nomiya Alley. The retro-feeling street is lined with 5 restaurants.

Himeji Kaishu-yaki Bar Marujosuisan

Enjoy fresh seafood authentically broiled



Charcoal-grilled yakitori: Marumasaya

Well-known in Himeji. Charcoal-grilled yakitori is the star



Himeji Sake, Nibbles, Sushi

Boasts sushi using the freshest seafood



Oden & Kushikatsu in Himeji

Known for Himeji oden, Hinepon & other local dishes



Thai stall Rei

Real Thai cuisine using Hyogo ingredients.



71 piole HIMEJI

OPEN 10:00~20:00 (Some stores differ) CLOSE 1-Jan



piole 1

Coconoha (café)
Bibimu (Korean)
RyuRyu (pasta, pizza)
Dragon Red River (Chinese)
Kushiya Monogatari (kushi-age)
Sachifukuya café
Nanazu Green Tea (café)

Starbucks Coffee
D'OR. & KITCHEN
Cafe no.
Cosco Crepe
BAGEL & BAGEL



piole 2

Starbucks Coffee
Oraga Soba
Freshness Burger
GODIVA

Taishu KushiyaKisakaba
Tsubosaka Shoten
Omi Yakniku Horumon Sudaku

Omiyage-kan

Reception
Ushikun-no-Kakogawa
Katsu-meshi-tei

Kushi-katsu Dengana
Harima robata bar Enya Ichidai
Himeji specialty Ekisoba Maneki
Seafood Donburi Honten Rikimaru
Cafeteria Yasube

piole 3

Kaiten-zushi Rikimaru



72 QWELL

OPEN 11:00~23:00 (Some stores differ) CLOSE Open all year

Café Santa Maria Nagomi



Eel cuisine Hiiragi



Dining bar igu & peace VERANDA



*Some stores differ

73 TERASSO Himeji

OPEN 11:00~22:00 (LO 21:30) CLOSE Variable; please inquire



Ootoya



A commercial building next to JR Himeji Station east exit. On the 4th floor find set menus, hamburgers, steaks, and more.

Mister Donut
LUANA Hawaiian Cafe
Italian dining Ricordo

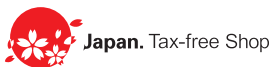




Local sake



Himeji Confectionery



Shopping / Tax-free Shops

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piole HIMEJI



Huge shopping mall connected to JR Himeji Station. Popular brands like Uniqlo & Mujirushi, as well as Himeji confectionery, bentos and more.

OPEN (1 2 3) 10:00~20:00
(Gochiso Bldg) 10:00~21:00
(Omiyage Bldg) 8:30~20:00
*Some stores differ



PRECISE In each shop
CLOSE Variable



Don Quijote Himeji RIOS

Currently the oldest Don Quijote in Himeji, with the largest selection of colored contact lenses and cigarettes. Brand items and appliances also sold! Gin-ren card can also be used in this tax-free shop. Come to RIOS and find a good bargain!

OPEN 10:00~2:00 *Differs by store
PRECISE At payment
CLOSE Always open



Sanyo Department Store



Closest department store to Himeji Station. Offers Himeji confectionery and many other local specialties, as well as items popular with visitors from abroad: cosmetics, pearls, iron kettles and more. As well as Japanese, Western, and Chinese cuisine, enjoy ramen, hand-made udon and more.

OPEN 10:00~19:30
5th & 6th floors in main bldg until 19:00

PRECISE Tax-free service counter in West Bldg
5th F customer salon

CLOSE 1-Jan



Himeji Leathercraft

Himeji is known for producing leather tanned until white. Gorgeous designs are created by stamping and hand-painting the leather to make wallets, handbags and other small items.



Shiromaru-hime

Typical Himeji Souvenirs



Myochin Hibashi Wind Chimes

Modern hibashi wind chimes in the tradition of armor craft from the Heian period. Distinguished by their pure sound.

Shopping Streets

Ten different shopping arcades can be found near Himeji Station and Himeji Castle: Miyuki-dori, Nishi Nikai-machi, Nikai-machi, Omizo-suji, etc. The streets are lined with restaurants, bars, souvenir shops, general stores, clothing stores, drugstores, venerable shops with a retro atmosphere, and more.



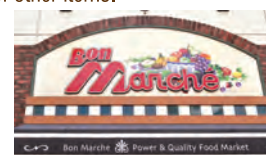
Bansankan Jibasan Bldg 1F

Offers local Himeji specialties: confectionery, sake, soy sauce, leather goods, dried noodles, traditional crafts, etc. Just south of Himeji Station.



Bon Marché / Supermarket

Stop in on the way to Himeji Castle for bento, sweets and a wide range of other items.



Kakiuchi / Toy Store

Himeji Castle souvenirs and Japanese toys.



Kooma / Pottery

One of West Japan's largest purveyors of dishes. More than 30,000 individual and unique items.



Himeji Leathercraft



Himeji Leathercraft main store Ono



Hime Usagi

Souvenir Shops near Himeji Castle



Takadanobaba

Himeji Castle Shop

Kakiuchi Shoten

Nishi-no-maru Chamise

Bonbori

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Hotel

- 1 Himeji Castle Grandvrio Hotel** 079-284-3311
Free welcome bus from the Himeji Station South Exit (±5min). Popular bathing facilities include large bath and stone sauna
- 2 HOTEL CROWN HILLS HIMEJI** 079-222-8000
The most spacious rooms in the city and a large garage
- 3 DORMY INN HIMEJI** 079-286-5489
Has the only natural hot spring bath across from Himeji Station
- 5 Hotel Alpha-one Himejiminamiguchi** 079-226-0005
Roomy accommodations, large bath, ladies' floor and non-smoking floor
- 6 Hotel Nikko Himeji** 079-222-2231
1 min from JR Himeji Station central ticket gate. One of the largest full-service hotels in the city
- 7 JR CLEMENT INN** 079-280-1123
Mostly single rooms.
- 8 Toyoko Inn Himeji-eki Shinkansen Minami-guchi** 079-284-1045
Convenient location just south of JR Himeji Station. Complimentary breakfast
- 9 Hotel Livemax Himejiekimae** 079-282-4400
Low-price business hotel. Close to Himeji Station, very convenient for sightseeing
- 10 Comfort Hotel Himeji** 079-286-8511
Comfortable rooms are popular. Complimentary breakfast
- 11 APA HOTEL <HIMEJIEKI-KITA>** 079-284-4111
A 5-min walk from Himeji Station north entrance. Free Wi-Fi and cable LAN in all rooms
- 12 Himeji Green Hotel Tatemachi** 079-288-2000
The bath (with sauna) looking out over Himeji Castle is the big attraction
- 13 Hotel Fosse Himeji** 079-283-5963
New style of business hotel with the emphasis on smart design
- 14 Toyoko Inn Himeji-eki Shinkansen Kita-guchi** 079-226-1045
Conveniently located just a 5 min walk from JR Himeji.

- 15 Hotel Himeji Hills** 079-299-8689
Complimentary breakfast and free parking. High-quality Serta mattresses and toilets with bidet functions in all rooms.
- 16 Hotel Claire Higasa** 079-224-3421
We care about quality, service, and the Himeji identity. The bath with a view and high quality meals are popular.
- 17 Business Hotel Saginossu** 079-222-2583
Business hotel with bed only, no meals
- 18 Hotel Wing International Himeji** 079-287-2111
Closest to Himeji Castle, with the emphasis on smart design and good service
- 19 Himeji Green Hotel Sakamoto** 079-289-0088
Close Himeji Castle, views from many rooms. Free parking for guests.
- 20 HIMEJI EKIMAE UNIVERSAL HOTEL MINAMIGUCHI** 079-222-4000
As a business hub, and for tourists... Free breakfast, dinner, large bath, sauna.
- 21 Hotel Livemax Himejishiyakusyo-mae** 079-226-7400
Newly built business hotel with Simmons mattresses in all rooms.
- 22 Hotel Monterey Himeji** 079-224-7111
City hotel in an ideal location, directly accessible from JR Himeji Station and a 15-minute walk from Himeji Castle, a World Heritage site.
- 23 Richmond Hotel Himeji** 079-288-2000
Conveniently located, just a 6-minute walk from JR Himeji Station! Ideal for business and sightseeing in the city.
- 24 Daiwa Roynet Hotel Himejiekimae** 079-287-0655
Excellent location 5 minutes on foot from Himeji Station, 10 minutes from Himeji Castle. All rooms have a bathroom and separate toilet.
- 25 Hotel Livemax PREMIUM Himejeki-minami** 079-284-2210
Conveniently located, only 5 minutes on foot from JR Himeji Station.
- 26 Tabist Capsule Hotel APODS Himeji Station** 079-262-6367
Capsule hotel just one minute's walk from Himeji Station. No need to bring anything; enjoy free drinks, and separate floor for women only.

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Guest house

- 27 Himeji 588 Guesthouse** 079-227-6994
A few minutes' walk to Himeji Castle. A home-style guesthouse with a renovated 65-year-old dining room.
- 28 Kimono inn UTAKATA** 090-9979-4141
It's on the second floor of antique kimono rental store.



- 29 Shironoshita Guesthouse** 079-240-6550
Newly built guesthouse near Himeji castle.



With a long history Himeji's hot spring spas are often called the city's 'annex'. Since the Edo period the medicinal virtues of the waters have gained a reputation for releasing the pains of various illnesses, as well as the aches and stresses of daily life. The rich natural environment has always been lively with bathers from distant lands who take their time to relax at leisure.

Hot Spring

- 1 Yumenoji** 079-336-1000
Hot spring ryokan with full facilities. Open-air bath
- 2 Yumenoian Yuyakekoyake** 079-336-0457
Inn hidden away in a village forest. Open-air baths in the rooms
- 3 Ueyama Ryokan** 079-336-0020
Appreciate the seasons in the open-air bath and enjoy hot spring cuisine using source water
- 4 New Sunpia Himeji Yumesaki** 079-335-5551
Hot spring resort in a mountain valley north of Shoshazan. Complete sports facilities.

Hot Spring Day Trip

*Please inquire in advance. Prices and times may vary depending on the season.

Himeji Castle Grandvrio Hotel Kagura-no-yu

Five kinds of baths, large and small, plus sauna, ondo, stone sauna, etc. for relaxation and healing
Hours : 10:00 - midnight (last entry 23:00)
Fees: adults ¥1,000 (weekdays), ¥1,500 (weekends, holidays)
Access: A 10-min walk from south of JR Himeji Station

Yumenoji

Hours : 11:00 - 14:30
Fee: adults ¥1,980
Access: 35 min from Himeji Station by Shinki Bus via Shiota for Maenosho / Yamanouchi, to Yume-no-i bus stop

New Sunpia Himeji Yumesaki

Hours : weekdays 15:00 - 19:00 (last entry 18:30)
weekends, holidays 12:00 - 19:00 (last entry 18:30)
Fee: adults ¥700
Access: Shinki Bus via Sunpia for Maenosho, 2 buses per day (stops in front of Sunpia)



Other lodging facilities

Suburbs of Himeji City

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| SETRE highland villa himeji | 079-284-3010 |
| Hoshinoko Yakata | 079-267-3050 |
| Chisun Inn Himeji Yumesakibashi | 079-267-7511 |
| Hotel Sunshine Aoyama | 079-276-1181 |
| Hotel Aston Plaza Himeji | 079-243-1500 |
| Hotel Sakigake Honkan | 079-236-4774 |

Kodera & Yasutomi

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Green Station Shikagatsubo | 0790-66-3505 |
| Yumeyakata | 079-336-1585 |
| Koderaso | 079-232-7788 |

Ieshima

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| Odate Ryokan | 079-325-0248 |
| Island House Ieshimaso | 079-325-2882 |
| Ryokan Okabe | 079-325-0340 |
| Ryokan Shimizu | 079-325-0777 |
| Nakamuraosou | 079-325-0492 |
| Aoiso | 079-325-2094 |
| Minato Ryokan | 079-326-0114 |
| Ieshima Shizen Taiken Center | 079-327-1508 |