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Name	Hours / Closed	Admission	Address / Tel	Access	Note
Himeji Castle 姫路城	9:00-17:00 (enter by 16:00) ※The hours change depending on the season. Open daily except Dec.29 & 30	1,000JPY	68 Hon-machi, Himeji-shi, Hyogo Pref. 079-285-1146	20 min. walk from Himeji Sta. on JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line	The castle was registered as a World Cultural Heritage site in 1993. It was re-opened in March 2015 after a long period of renovation. It is also known as "White Heron Castle" (Shirasagi-jo) for its white appearance.
Hikone Castle 彦根城	8:30-17:00 (enter by 16:30) Open daily	1,000JPY (Hikone Castle & Genkyuen Garden)	1-1 Konki-cho, Hikone-shi, Shiga Pref. 0749-22-2742	15 min. walk from Hikone Sta. on JR Biwako Line	The castle was completed in 1622. "Tenshukaku" (castle tower) has three stories with white walls and variegated roofs.
Inuyama Castle 犬山城	9:00-17:00 (enter by 16:30) Open daily except Dec.29 - 31	550JPY	65-2 Inuyamakitakoken, Inuyama-shi, Aichi Pref. 0568-61-1711	20 min. walk from Inuyama Sta. (West Exit) on Meitetsu Inuyama Line	Tenshukaku (castle tower) has three stories with white walls and variegated roofs.
Matsue Castle 松江城	Apr. - Sep. : 8:30-18:00 (enter by 17:30) Oct. - Mar. : 8:30-17:00 (enter by 16:30) Open daily	800JPY	1-5 Tono-machi, Matsue-shi, Shimane Pref. 0852-21-4030	20 min. walk or 5 min. by bus from Matsueshinjiko-Onsen Sta. on Ichibata Dentetsu Line 10 min. by Lakeline bus from Matsue Sta. on JR San'in Honsen Line	The castle was built in 1611 and designated as a National Treasure in 2015.
Matsumoto Castle 松本城	8:30-17:00 (enter by 16:30) the end of Apr. - the beginning of May & the middle of Aug. : 8:00-18:00 (enter by 17:30) Jan.1-3 : 10:00-15:30 (enter by 15:00) Open daily except Dec.29 - 31	E-Ticket 1,200JPY Paper Ticket 1,300JPY	4-1 Marunouchi, Matsumoto-shi, Nagano Pref. 0263-32-2902	20 min. walk from Matsumoto Sta. on JR Shinonoi Line	The history of the castle began in 1504. The six-story "Tenshukaku" (castle tower) is designated as a National Treasure.

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Hirosaki Castle 弘前城	9:00-17:00 Cherry blossom season : 9:00-21:00 Closed on Nov.24 - Mar.31	320JPY	1 Shimoshirogane-cho, Hirosaki-shi, Aomori Pref. 0172-33-8739	30 min. walk or 15 min. by bus from Hirosaki Sta. on JR Ou Honsen Line	The castle is the only one which has original "Tenshukaku" (castle tower) in Tohoku region.
Maruoka Castle 丸岡城	8:30-17:00 (enter by 16:30) Open daily	450JPY	1-59 Kasumi-cho, Maruoka-cho, Sakai-shi, Fukui Pref. 0776-66-0303	20 min. by bus from Awara-Onsen Sta. or 60 min. by bus from Fukui Sta. on JR Hokuriku Shinkansen Line	The castle has one of the oldest "Tenshukaku" (castle tower) in Japan.
Bitchu Matsuyama Castle 備中松山城	Apr. - Sep. : 9:00-17:30 (enter by 17:00) Oct. - Mar. : 9:00-16:30 (enter by 16:00) Open daily except Dec.29 - Jan.3	500JPY	1 Uchisange, Takahashi-shi, Okayama Pref. 0866-22-1487	90 min. walk from Bitchu-Takahashi Sta. on JR Hakubi Line 10 min. by taxi from Bitchu-Takahashi Sta. to Fuigotoge Parking, and 20 min. walk to the castle	The castle was built on a 430m-high mountaintop, making it the highest fortress with the existing castle tower in Japan.
Marugame Castle 丸亀城	9:00-16:30 (enter by 16:00) Open daily	400JPY	Ichiban-cho, Marugame-shi, Kagawa Pref. 0877-25-3881	15 min. walk from Marugame Sta. on JR Yosan Line	The castle is famous for its high stone wall (60m high).
Iyo Matsuyama Castle 伊予松山城	9:00-17:00 (enter by 16:30) Aug. : 9:00-17:30 (enter by 17:00) Dec. & Jan. : 9:00-16:30 (enter by 16:00) Open daily except the third Wed. of Dec.	520JPY	3-2-46 Okaido, Matsuyama-shi, Ehime Pref. 089-921-4873	① 10 min. by street-car from Matsuyama Sta. on JR Yosan Line to Okaido Sta., and 5 min. walk to the ropeway (lift) sta. ② 3 min. by ropeway (6 min. by lift) to Chojaganaru, and 10 min. walk to the castle	"Tenshukaku" (castle tower) was rebuilt in 1854 after a fire.
Uwajima Castle 宇和島城	Nov. - Feb. : 9:00-16:00 Mar. - Oct. : 9:00-17:00 Open daily	200JPY	Marunouchi, Uwajima-shi, Ehime Pref. 0895-22-2832	15 min. walk from Uwajima Sta. on JR Yosan Line	The castle was designed and built by Lord Takatora Todo (1556-1630).
Kochi Castle 高知城	9:00-17:00 (enter by 16:30) Open daily except Dec.26 - Jan.1	500JPY	1-2-1 Marunouchi, Kochi-shi, Kochi Pref. 088-824-5701	25 min. walk or 10 min. by bus from Kochi Sta. on JR Dosan Line	The castle was destroyed in a fire, and "Tenshukaku" (castle tower) was reconstructed in 1749.

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