



Himeji City Shosha Art & MA Craft Museum

The tiled roof and red pillars of the museum create a beautiful appearance with the bamboo greenery. Nostalgic folk toys and traditional craftworks, as well as works by the former head priest of Todaiji Temple, Abbot Shimizu Kosho, are displayed. Visitors can also enjoy Himeji papier-mâché painting.

Opening hours: 10am-5pm (entry until 4:30pm) Admission:Adults 300 yen, Senior High School and University students 200 yen, Junior High and Elementary School

students 50 ven Closed: Monday (may vary on national holidays), 12/25-1/5 Access: 25min bus ride from Himeji Sta., 3min walk from the



Enzan Memorial Museum MA of Art & Crafts B/C

Experience the tranquil garden and serene architecture. You can appreciate fine Japanese crafts, feeling the aesthetics of "space" in the elaborately designed ins and outs of the Japanese architecture, which embody an environmentally friendly lifestyle.

Opening hours: 10am-5pm (entry until 4:30pm) Admission: Adults 600 yen, Senior high school and University students 500 ven. Elementary and Junior high school students

Closed: Monday (may vary on national holidays), and New Year's period **Please inquire regarding temporary closing



Stroll around the two areas and savor the feeling of a world

tour in a single day. The Arc de Triomphe, Terracotta Army

Great Wall of China, and Neuschwanstein Castle are all

School students 600 yen
Closed:Open throughout the year
Access: 40 min bus ride from Himeji Sta., and short walk from

ssion: Adults 1,300 yen, Elementary and Junior High

Opening hours: 9am-5pm (entry until 4:30pm)

1 Taiyo Park

must-see attractions.

14 Himeji Central Park MAP B/D-6

Safari, swimming pool, and amusement park Experience 200% full enjoyment!

This amusement park offers both a safari and exciting rides. Going around the "Drive Through Safari" in your car is recommended. A swimming pool in summer, and skating rink in winter are also

sion: Adults 3,500yen, Elementary Schoo students 2,000yen, Preschoolers (3 years and ove

Access: 30min bus ride from Himeji Sta., and short wa



Around the Sakurayama Hills

Try observation of the stars and insects in the Sakurayama Hills, which are rich in nature! Lush greenery spreads out around the Sakurayama Reservoir, west of Himeji City. Visitors can enjoy many facilities for children



Hyogo Prefectural Kodomo no Yakata (Children's Center)

Himeji Science Museum "Atom no Yakata"

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Many original display devices offer various types of Accommodation facility for children to Training sessions and workshops Take a walk along this 8km path for experimentation, and actual materials provide a genuine stay, study and play. Have an immersive concerning child rearing are observation of nature, such as experience in the permanent exhibition, as well as in science astronomical observation experience with offered here. A playroom for plants, insects, and wild birds, etc. shows and fossil touching. The planetarium in the large dome is the large telescope on the top floor.

families, and a children's library Feel free to question nature guides are also available. at any time.

Himeji City Nature Observation Forest

also spectacular.

Opening hours: 9:30am-5pm (entry until 4:30pm)
Admission: Adults 500 yen, Elementary, Junior and Senior High school students 200 yen (permanent exhibition and planetarium excluded)
Closed: Tuesday (may vary on national holidays), and New Year's period
Access: 20min bus ride from Himeji Sta., and short walk from "Hoshinoko Yakata-mae" stop

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Admission: Free
Closed: Tuesday, the last day of a month, and New Year's Period Access: 20min bus ride from Himeji Sta., and short walk from "Shizen Kodomo no Yakata-mae" stop

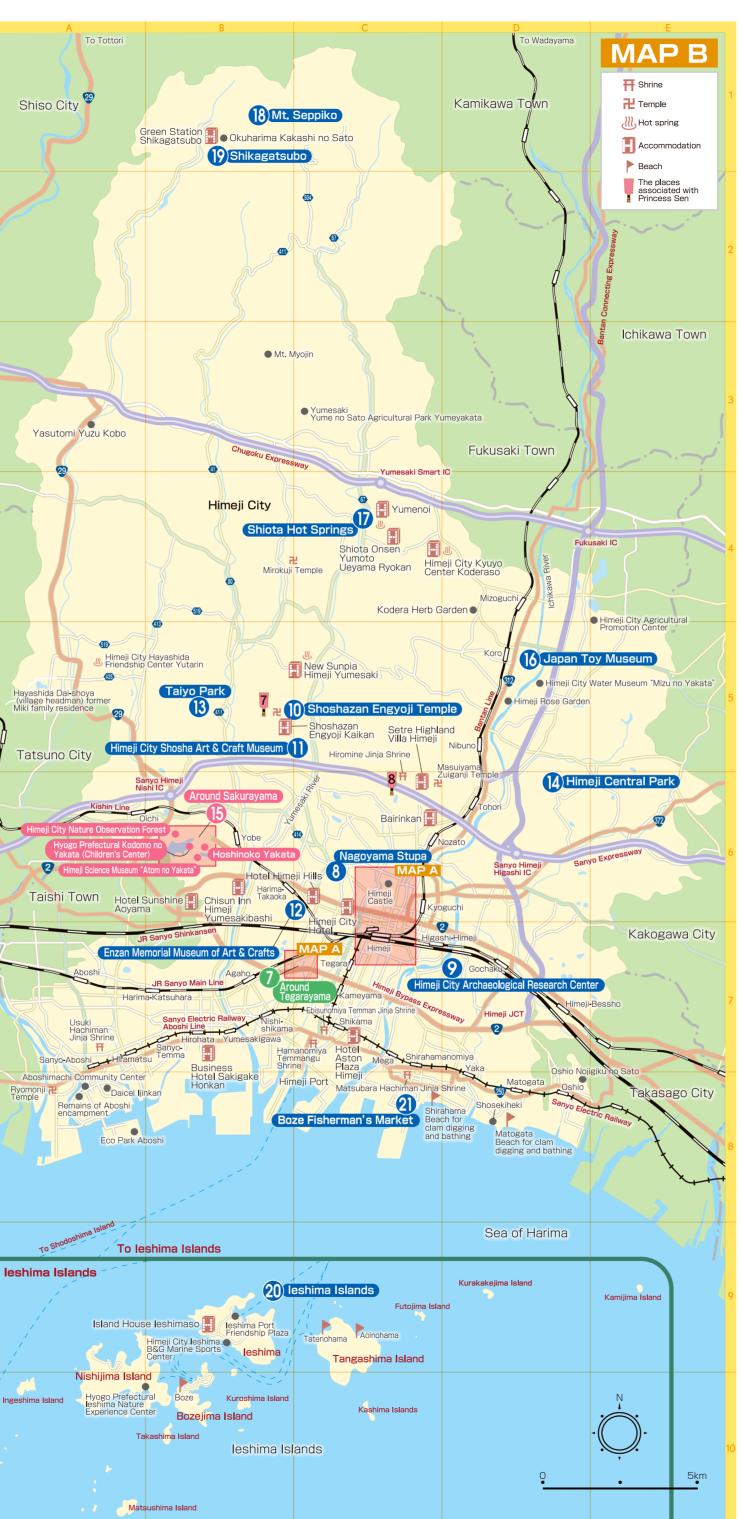
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16 Japan Toy Museum MAP B/D-5

This museum consists of six white-walled storeho displaying an extensive collection (approx. 90,00 pieces) of local or modern toys of Japan, and toys of dolls from 160 countries. Special exhibits are held in each season in buildings No. 1 and No. 6. See one of the leading toy museums in Japan with your own eyes.

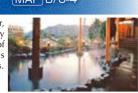
Opening hours: 10am-5pm Admission: Adults 600 yen, Senior High School University students 400 ven, and from 4 years old to Jul

High School students 200 yen Closed: Wednesday (open if it is a holiday), and New Ye ccess: 15min walk from JR Bantan Line Koro Station



17 Shiota Hot Springs

Located in the upper reaches of the Yumesaki Rive this hot spring area has long been cherished b countless people, and is known as the "Annex o Himeji". Since its discovery about 300 years ago, thi area has been famous for its efficacious healing spas Access: 40min bus ride from Himeii Sta.



18 Mt. Seppiko MAPB/B-1

Selected as one of the 100 Scenic Spots in Japan, Seppiko-san is a popular destination for rock

*Note that only a limited number of buses operate



19 Shikagatsubo MAPB/B-1

Starting at the Green Station Shikagatsubo camping site, you will no doubt enjoy hiking around and water sliding at the Shikagatsubo Waterfall. Closed: 12/29-1/3 (camping site)

Access: 1 hour bus ride from Himeji Sta.
*Note that only a limited number of buses operate



20 leshima Islands MAP B/A~E-9,10

Escaping from the noise of the city, you can enjoy water sports and fresh seafood. Access: 25min bus ride from Himeji Sta. to Himeji P and 30 min on sea



3 Boze Fisherman's Market

You can buy, barbecue, and eat fresh seafood f the local Ieshima Islands.

Closed: Wednesdays, and New Year's period Access: 20min bus ride from Hime from Shirahama Kaigan Bus Stop.



Transportation Information

—Transportation around Himeji—

Japan Railways (JR), Sanyo Electric Railway, and Shinki Bus and taxis are all available. JR is the largest railway company in Japan; its service network covers almost all areas of the country. Taking the Shinkansen bullet train can significantly shorten your travel time to major Japanese cities, which needs an additional charge for the express service except for Japan Rail Pass holders. Sanyo Electric Railway links Himeji and Sannomiya (Kobe). Shinki Bus covers all of Himeji. Japanese trains and bus are mostly operated punctually as a clean convenient transportation.

① JR ————

♦ There are three lines operating in Himeji

Sanyo Honsen (main line), Kishin Line, and Bantan Line <Sanyo Honsen>

Shinkaisoku (Special Rapid Service) is the most convenient way to go from/to Kobe, Osaka, and Kyoto. Stopping only at major stations, Shinkaisoku links Himeji and Sannomiya (Kobe) in about 40 minutes, Osaka 60 minutes, and Kyoto 90minutes. Meanwhile, there are local trains that stop all stations and also Kaisoku (Rapid Service) trains that stop at more stations than the Shinkaisoku (Special Rapid Service) trains. ♦ Shinkansen bullet train

Himeii has a Shinkansen Station. All Kodama and Hikari trains stop at Himeii. Please note that some Nozomi, Mizuho, and Sakura train do not stop at Himeji. You must buy

<Buying a Shinkansen ticket>

To purchase a ticket for Shinkansen or any other limited express train (there are reserved and non-reserved seats), ask at "midori-no-madoguchi" ticket window. You can use major credit cards, and are recommended to reserve your seat in advance as trains are sometimes fully booked.

2 Sanyo Electric Railway - - - -

Himeji station of Sanyo Electric Raiway is located in the northwest JR Himeji station. The entrance and platforms are on the second floor of Sanyo Department Store.

③ Buses Shinki Bus with two-tone orange provides the service throughout the city.

<How to use the bus>

1. Board from the rear and exit from the front.

2. When boarding, be sure to obtain a boarding ticket (small strip of the paper) from the

3. Press the button to get off the bus at the nearest bus-stop.

4. As you leave, pay the fare depending on the number shown on your ticket with the exact amount. Changing machine is located up front for your convenience 5. Children's fare for elementary school students is half of the adults', and 5 yen is rounded up to 10 yen. For example, when adults' fare is 210 yen, children's fare is

Inquiries regarding transportation

JR-WEST Customer Center Sanyo Electric Railway Sanyo-Himeji Station Shinki Bus Information Office

TEL.0570-00-2486 TEL.079-222-0570 TEL.079-285-2990



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Information

Himeji City Tourist Information Center TEL.079-287-0003

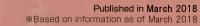
Himeji Convention & Visitors Bureau FEL.079-222-2285

For more information, visit our website http://www.himeji-kanko.jp/en/



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Hotel Wing

Himeji Castle

Himeji Castle was built at the beginning of the 17th century, when Japan's unique castle architectural techniques had reached their peak. It was the first site in Japan to be registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in 1993. It was also designated a National Treasure, in 1951.

It is called Hakuro-jo ("White Heron Castle") because of its brilliant white exterior, and is thought to resemble a white



Beauty of Overall Structure

It retains the complete form of the combined keeps, with the Main Keep being connected to the three small keeps by means of four connecting corridors. The gables and roof layers create a brilliant structural beauty, in combination with the flawless appearance of the exterior, covered entirely in white plaster.

What are Japanese Castles?

The keep was a symbol of authority and power for the Lord. At the same time, Japanese castles built during the Warring States Period were infused with the wisdom and techniques required for use as military facilities. Despite its graceful external appearance, Himeji Castle was built with a robust structure that also thoroughly considered defensive and offensive aspects. Please enjoy to the fullest every detail of its powerful and magnificent appearance.

Sites to see in the castle



Hishi Gate Stone Wall, Fan-shaped (Hishi-no-Mon) Curve (Ogi-no-Kobai)

The largest gate on the site appears



Main Keep and Pillars

This stone wall is named Ogi-no- The Main Keep appears to be five just inside the castle entrance. The name 'Hishi' comes from the water its curved shape, which resembles stories, including the basement. Two stories tall, but is actually seven strategist, but also as a master of castle construction, Kuroda Kanbei an open fan. The lower part of the main pillars, almost one meter across, of the gate. 'Katomado' (see photo enlargement) enhance the beauty of steeper toward the top, to prevent hold up this massive building. Although the west pillar was replaced the gate. They are elaborate bell- invaders from climbing it. Various entirely during restoration (1956-64), shaped decorations that often appear in Zen Buddhism.

means of fortification can be found in the east pillar retains the original material, as only the lower part in the the castle, such as this wall. Please material, as only the lower part in the take a close look at this historic castle. basement was replaced.



Stone Walls Built by Strategist Kanbei Kuroda

on the eastern side of the Hishi Gate. The technique of stacking

Admission Fees

Category	General Admission	Group Admission	and Kokoen Garden Combination Ticket	Remarks
Adult	1,000 yen	800 _{yen}	1,040 yen	18 years and ov
Child	300yen	240 yen	360yen	Elementary, Junior and Senio High School stude

* Admission is free for children who have not yet entered Elementary Children fee applies to 18 year-old Senior High School students **Opening hours: 9am-5pm (entry until 4pm, seasonally extended)
**Closed: 12/29·30 (may vary)



Using the Latest AR* App

ery' app from Google Play or the App Store, and you will be able to watch computer-generated images and videos related to the structures and defensive mechanisms that no longer exist. It will definitely help you to understand facts about Himeji Castlé in a more profound way. For your convenience free Wi-Fi is available inside the castle.

Numbered Tickets for Entry to Main Keep

To ensure the safety of visitors and protection of cultural properties, numbered tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis if 5,000 visitors are anticipated in a single day. This limit applies only to the Main Keep, not the site. For information regarding congestion, visit the website at:



http://www.himejicastle.jp/en/





Princess Sen's Story

Among the persons who lived in Himeji Castle, there was one woman of a rare beauty who decided to live faithfully to herself, even if the turbulent times she was living in were extremely hard to live for women. This woman is Princess Sen. After Princess Sen was saved from a burning castle, and on her way back to Edo, she fell in love at first sight with Honda Tadatoki who would later become the lord of Himeji Castle. It is one of rare marriage based on true love that took place during the Warring-States period. After that marriage, Princess Sen lived in Himeji Castle, and it is said that she spent her time there in happiness.

The places associated with Princess Sen

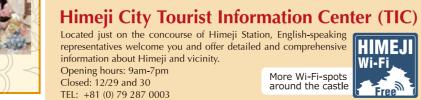












A little further

Lots to see

Himeji

Castle

MAP

Around

Semba, Josai

Himeji Castle Loop Bus

To Himeii City Hal

Operating hours: weekdays 9am-4:30pm and Weekends 9am-5pm Operation: Daily from March to November, but only on Saturdays, Sundays, and National Holidays at other times Day Pass: Adults 300 yen, Children 150 yen

Hyogo Prefecture

Building 845

Time on the map is approximate.

*Day Pass can be purchased at the Shinki Bus Information Center ** Only Day Pass holders can get special rates for admission to Himeji Castle, Kokoen, Museum of Art, Museum of Literature, and Museum of History

∮ Park

2 Kokoen Garden

A little further

Kokoen, one of the leisure spots in Himeji City, is composed of nine variously- sized traditional Japanese gardens. It is located on an Edo Period site where a Lord's mansion and the houses of his samurai formerly stood. Visitors can enjoy seasonal changes in the gardens, such as Oyashiki-no-niwa, which has a pond with carp swimming in it, the Tsukiyama Chisen-no-niwa, which has a mound and pond, and the Nagare-no-niwa which has flowers blooming along a stream. Matcha is served in the Soju-an

Opening hours: 9am-5pm (entry until 4:30pm) Admission: Adults 300 yen, Children 150 yen Combination ticket with Himeji Castle: Adult 1,040yen, Child 360yen Closed: 12/29 · 30 (tea ceremony is not available

Tea Room for an additional charge of 500 yen.

Access: 10min walk from the castle. 15min walk or 5min bus ride, and 3 min walk from Himeji Sta.





3 Himeji City Zoo MAP A/D-2

It is located inside the castle site, and is rich in greenery. You can stroll around observing the various animals, such as elephants and giraffes, with a total of 390 animals of 110 species. There is also the Fureai Hiroba ("Petting Zoo") where you can pet creatures such as guinea pigs, miniature pigs, and sheep.

9am-5pm (entry until 4:30pm Adults 200 yen, Children 30 yen

from December 29th to January 1: walk or 5min bus ride, and 3min wal

4 Himeji City Museum of Art MA

6 Himeji City Museum of Literature **1**

Ando Tadao, the world-renowned architect, designed this museum. The

A beautiful red brick building, built in 1905, is now being used as the museum. Collections feature paintings ranging from local artists to those of modern Belgian artists such as Paul Delvaux, René Magritte, and others. The forecourt, with its view of Himeji Castle, offers visitors a place to relax

200 yen, University or High School studen 150 yen, and Junior High and Elementa

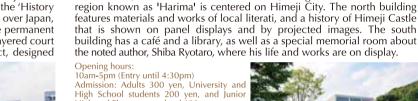
Closed from August 2018 to Februar



5 Hyogo Prefectural Museum of History MAP

This museum features the history of Hyogo Prefecture and Himeji Castle. The life of people from ancient to modern times is on display in the 'History of Himeji' section. Information on the castle, collected from all over Japan, is available in the 'Castle and Town' section. Along with these permanent exhibitions, you can also watch various videos, or try on a 12-layered court kimono and samurai armor. Tange Kenzo, the famed architect, designed this museum.

200 yen, University students 150 yen, and H School students 100 ven Admission for Special Exhibition: may Closed: Mondays (may vary on national hol





7 Around Tegarayama

A Himeji City Aquarium

This rare hill-top aquarium exhibits aquatic life such as penguins This park features a swimming pool in summer, and has coin-operated 120 families, 1,500 species, and 25,000 plants are displayed. and turtles, and has a 'Touch Pool' which visitors can make contact with starfish, herm crabs, and so on.



B Himeji Tegarayama Amusement Park

rides, bicycles, a fun house, etc., throughout the seasons

MAP A/A, B-8, 9 B/C-7





D Himeii Historical Peace Center

This museum exhibits the horror of war and the importance of life, by means of experiencing air raids through images, sounds, and a diorama, to pass this on to future generations.

his cenotaph commemorat the approximately 510,000 non combatants killed by aeria bombardment in Japan during the Pacific War. The central tower represents a sword stuck nto the ground, to express a oledge for no more war.



F Tegaravama Exchange Office

Himeii station and Tega second floor, and vou can c aboard the retrospect.

9 Himeji City Archaeological Research Center MAP B/D-



3 Nagoyama Stupa

MAP B/

As a symbolic building located on Nagoyama Hill, it has a pure and solemn atmosphere. It enshrines some ashes of Buddha, which were presented by former Indian Prime Minister Nehru. In spring, the whole area overflows with

colorful cherry and azalea blossoms which is a must-see. Opening hours: 8:40am-4:30 pr

Admission: 13 years old or over 200 y to 12 years old 100 yen Closed: 12/29-31 Access: 15min bus ride and 15min walk:

Payment: Credit card or cash + cell phone registration card

This center researches local buried cultural properties, and also mounts special seasonal exhibitions. (Unfortunately, only in Japanese) Opening hours: 10am-5pm (entry until 4:30pm)

(Displays in Japanese only)

Closed: Mondays (may vary on national holidays), and Access: 25min bus ride and 3min walk from Himeji Sta.



Mimi-chan – Nishimatsuya Chain Hime-Chari

Hours: 7 am – 8 pm(24-hour return) Fee: Basis rate ¥100 Additional fees: ¥100 for every 30 minutes over the initial 60 minutes (If you return the bike within 60 minutes, you can use it that day as many times as you like for just 100 yen.) Rental return location: any Cycle Station (see map)

(open 9 am – 6 pm)

(http://interstreet.jp/himeji/)

