Himeji City

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

Special deal! Himeji Castle + Koko-en Garden 20% off!

HIMEJI TOURIST PASS
One-way Nankai Railway ticket from Kansai International Airport to Nankai Namba Station
1-day pass on Sanyo / Hanshin Railway from Osaka Namba Station
Amagasaki Station - Sanyo Himeji / Sanyo Abashi Station + discount offers for attractions along the Sanyo Railway line.
Travel economically from Kansai Airport to Himeji!
Fare: ¥2,000 Available at the Travel Desk
(Kansai Airport Terminal, center of ground floor)

JAPAN RAIL PASS

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World Cultural Heritage Site, National Treasure

**Himeji Castle**

"Himeji Castle is revitalized after 5 and 1/2 years of restoration work"

Likened to a heron taking flight, graceful Himeji Castle earns the nickname "White Heron 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.

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

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.

New way to enjoy the castle!
Koko-en
Japanese Garden

Located just to the west of Himeji Castle, Koko-en Japanese Garden is an essential feature of any Himeji visit. Sprawling 3.5 ha (35,000 square meters) and divided into 9 gardens, Koko-en is often used as a shooting backdrop for historical dramas. The Oyashiki garden with its ponds in the Chisen-kaiyu style and the tea garden featuring the Sotoue tea house in genuine Sukiyaki architectural style are rich in the atmosphere of the Edo period. Contemplate the garden as you relax over lunch in the restaurant.

Enjoy each of the garden's four seasons.

It's also famous as the location for the movie "Rurioni Kenshin"

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

Kussuiken
Restaurant
Rich in local ingredients, enjoy a Japanese lunch while viewing the beauty of the garden.

Gourmet

Tea ceremony ¥500 (See P11)
(with Japanese sweets)

Information
● Time: 9:00 - 17:00 (last entry 16:30; in summer 17:30)
● Fees: adults ¥300 (18 or older), children ¥150 (students), pre-school children free
* Himeji Castle + Koko-en Garden combined ticket: adults ¥1,040, children ¥360
● Closed: Dec 29 - 30

Shoshaizan
Engyo-ji
Temple

Your heart will delight in the tranquility. Founded 1000 years ago by the holy priest Shoku, this Tendai Sect temple is set across a forested mountain and is often called the Hieizan Temple of the west. Enjoy stunning views of Himeji from the ropeway to Engyoji Temple where buildings of Important Cultural significance dot the mountainside. Scenes from the Tom Cruise blockbuster "The Last Samurai", as well as many other movies and TV dramas, were shot here.

Mani-den
Mitsu-no-do

Vegetarian temple-style restaurant Shukubo

Zazen meditation

Access to Shoshaizan Engyo-ji Temple (30 min by bus)

From Himeji Station
Buy the combined bus + ropeway ticket at the Bus Information Desk (ticket office) *Tickets not available on the bus adults ¥1,400, children ¥700
Tako (Shoshaizan ropeway) at stop, until the terminus

From Himeji Castle
Tako (Shoshaizan ropeway) from Himeji Castle Otemon-mae bus stop, until the terminus adults ¥270, children (6 - 12) ¥140, under 5 years free
Note *P1 See MAP

The combined ticket (bus + ropeway) is only sold at the Bus Information Desk (ticket office)
Take a stroll or rent a bike all around Himeji Castle

**Himeji Castle will charm you!**

1. **Egret Himeji** (from rooftop)
   - 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!

2. **Karo-yashiki-ato Park** (Sakura-mon-sui)
   - View the Rōnko 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.

3. **Shiromidal Park**
   - Admire the lit-up splendor of Himeji Castle!

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.
   - **Hours:** 10:00 - 17:00 (last entry 16:30)
   - **Fees:** (permanent exhibition): adults ¥200, high school, college ¥150, elementary - junior high school ¥100, pre-school children free
   - *Special exhibitions extra
   - **Closed:** Mon (Tue if Mon is a holiday) May close on days after holidays, at New Years, etc.

5. **Hyogo Prefectural Museum of History**
   - An image of the castle is reflected in the museum's window.
   - **Hours:** 10:00 - 17:00 (last entry 16:30)
   - **Fees:** adults ¥210, college students ¥150, senior high school ¥100, junior high school and younger free
   - *Special exhibitions extra
   - **Closed:** Mon (Tue if Mon is a holiday) May close at New Years, etc.

6. **Shirotopia Memorial 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!

7. **Otoko-yama Mountain** (Himeji Museum of Literature / Miyama-bashi)
   - The climb of 200 steps of Otoko-yama Mountain is worth it for a superb view of Himeji Castle. 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.

8. **Keitoku-ji Temple Park**
   - "Nice!!"

9. **Himeji San-no-maru Onna-zaka**
   - "Nice!!"

10. **JR Himeji Station** (from Castle View)
    - "Nice!!"

11. **Himeji City Museum of Literature**
    - "Nice!!"

12. **Gokuraku-ji Temple Park**
    - "Nice!!"

13. **Shinomiya Park**
    - "Nice!!"

14. **Himeji East Garden**
    - "Nice!!"
### Around Himeji Castle

#### Shrines and Temples

**Himeji Gokoku Shrine**

Dedicated to the people of the Bannoo 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.

**Harima-no-kuni Soshu 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”.

**Junisho Shrine (Okiku 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 Cemetery**

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.

**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. Totaling 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.

### Out and About near Himeji City

#### Amusement

**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.

**Taiyo Park**

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

#### 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 old and modern), traditional dolls, as well as toys and dolls from 160 countries around the world.

- **Hours:** 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)
- **Fee:** amusement park + safari + pool + skating rink adults (from junior high school) ¥3,500, elementary ¥2,000, from 3 years ¥1,200
  - Safari bus: ¥600/seat
- **Access:** 30 min by Shinku Bus from JR Himeji Station or Sanyo Railway Station to Himeji Central Park bus stop.
The Himeji Experience

Make the most of your visit by experiencing Japanese culture, tradition and history. Try wearing Kimono, the elegance of the tea ceremony, sutra copying or transform yourself into a Japanese Samurai.

Pose as your favorite Samurai in real armor straight from the movies!

Quick Change into Period Dress

Fee: ¥5,800
*Reservation required for 4 or more
*Open: every Sat
Contact: 079-296-5277

Tea Ceremony

Experience the refined elegance and grace of the Japanese tea ceremony at the Sojuan tea house in Koko-en garden with Matcha green tea and Japanese sweets.

Fee: ¥300 (tea and sweets)
*Entry fees to Koko-en Garden required:
Adults ¥300, children ¥150 from 1 person; reserve for 10 or more
Hours: 10:00 - 16:00
Time: 20 min
Open: all year around
Contact: Koko-en Garden Sojuan tea house 079-289-4121

Stroll around Himeji Castle in Kimono or Yukata!

A professional will dress you in one of a variety of stunning rental Kimono or Yukata for that most Japanese photo memory.

Fee: ¥3,000 (includes Kimono, accessories, dressing) from 1 to 20 people
*Please ask about the same-day reservation.
Hours: 10:00 - 18:00
Time: 3 h
Open: all year around
Contact: Jokamachi Style 090-9979-1414

Take a Stroll in a Kimono

Take a graceful stroll around the castle town in a traditional Kimono.

Fee: ¥3,000 (includes Kimono, accessories, dressing) from 1 to 20 people
*Please ask about the same-day reservation.
Hours: 10:00 - 18:00
Time: 3 h
Open: all year around
Contact: Jokamachi Style 090-9979-1414

Warrior Makeover

Get dressed in authentic armor! Choose your weapon! And swing through the castle and Otemon-mae.

Fee: ¥7,000 / 1 h, ¥10,000 / 2 h
*For 1 - 3 people
*Reserve 1 week ahead
Hours: from 13:00
Time: 1 or 2 h (including changing time, etc.)
Open: every Sun
Contact: 079-286-8988
Himeji Convention Support (Closed weekends and holidays)

Ninja Training

Step into the garb of the famous Ninja before doing some genuine training in the arts of sword fighting and star throwing.

Fee: Adults ¥6,000, children ¥3,000. For 5 - 10 people
*Reserve 1 week ahead.
*No same-day bookings
Time: 90 min
Open: every Sat
Contact: 079-286-8988
Himeji Convention Support (Closed weekends and holidays)

Make Kamaboko (fish cake)

Try your hand at making Kamaboko and Chikumaboko. Japanese fish cakes then enjoy tasting different products.

Fee: ¥700 - ¥1,550 for 1 - 20 people
*Reserve 3 days ahead
Time: 30 - 90 min
Open: all year around except Wed, Sun, and Dec 21 - Jan 6
Contact: 0120-59-8108

Create Japanese sweets

Learn to making charming Japanese sweets adorned with seasonal decorations.

Fee: ¥1,500, with ¥500 coupon to use at Kineya
*For 6 - 20 people reservations required (You can make a reservation on the same day)
Hours: from 13:00, from 15:00
Time: 40 min
Open: all year around
Contact: Kineya 079-297-2333

Zazen: the state of “no-mind”

Experience the state of ‘no-mind’ in moments free of distractions as you try Zazen meditation in the Jogyo-Do Training Hall as seen in the movie “The Last Samurai”.

Fee: ¥500 for 1 - 40 people
*Reserve 3 days ahead
Hours: from 14:00
Time: about 1 h
Open: all year around (depending on events)
Contact: Shoshazan Engyoku Temple 079-286-3327

Ashigaru Momban

Stay alert and stand guard in front of Himeji Castle Onen-mon in traditional armor as you welcome visitors, chat and pose for photos.

Fee: Adults and children ¥3,000
*For 1 - 4 people
*Reserve 1 week ahead, no same-day bookings
Hours: 10:00 - 15:00
Time: 2 and half hour (including changing time)
Open: Sun and holidays during the spring and autumn tourist seasons
Contact: 079-286-8988
Himeji Convention Support (Closed weekends and holidays)

Delicious local Sake is famed for its taste. Sake brewery tour

Fee: ¥1100 (includes tasting) from 1 person
*Walk in, or book ahead
Hours: 10:00 - 17:00
Time: 15 - 30 min
*Check with the website for tour times.
Open: all year around except Dec 21 - Jan 3
Contact: Nadajiku Shuzo 079-286-3111

Heartfelt sutra copying, one character at a time

Open your heart and express your hopes as you trace each of the characters.

Fee: Heart Sutra, ¥1,000
Hanaibra sutra ¥200
*For 1 - 40 people
*No reservation required
Hours: 9:00 - 16:30
Time: Heart Sutra 1 h
Hanaibra sutra 10 - 20 min
Open: all year around
Contact: 079-286-3327
Shoshazan Engyo-ji Temple

Feed the animals on safari

Get up close and make friends with the rare white lion and white tiger. Not only can you meet the magnificent giraffes, elephants, bears and many other animals but you’ll even have a chance to feed them.

Fee: Food ¥200 - 500
*Park entry fee separate
*From 1 person
Hours: 10:00 - 17:00
*Simmy until 1 h before park closing
*May change due to weather or animals’ condition
Time: 2 min or longer
Open: all year around (regular Wed closing, open on Wed holidays during spring, summer and winter vacations)
Contact: Himeji Central Park 079-284-1111

Tile-making

A rare opportunity to experience making tiles and clay working with instruction by the craftsmen who made the Dai-tenshu Shachihoko ridge-end tiles.

Fee: variable (please inquire)
For 2 - 200 people
*Reserve 7 days ahead
Time: 35 - 90 min
Open: all year around (except Sun, holidays, New Year)
Contact: Koyo Seiga 079-232-6295
Mail: info@koyoseiga.co.jp

Sip into the garb of the famous Ninja before doing some genuine training in the arts of sword fighting and star throwing.
Hiragi – conger eel cuisine
Relax and enjoy our specialty conger eel cuisine in a Japanese-style space. We’re proud of our finest dish: grilled conger eel.

Hours: Lunch 11:00 - 14:00 (L.O. 13:30) Dinner weekdays 17:30 - 23:00 (L.O. 21:30)
Sun, holidays 17:00 - 22:30 (L.O. 21:00)
Closed: Wed
Average price: Lunch ¥2,000, Dinner ¥3,500
Tel: 079-284-1239

Takada-no-baba
Himeji’s largest tourist-oriented restaurant, right in front of Himeji Castle.

Hours: Lunch 9:00 - 17:00 (L.O. 16:00)
Closed: all year round
Average price: ¥1,000
Tel: 079-222-2505

Tsujikawa Gonbei
Venerable seafood set menu restaurant. We’re confident that we have the best prices, freshness, flavor and quality!

Hours: Lunch 10:30 - 15:30 + or as long as they last
Closed: irregular holidays
Average price: ¥1,000
Tel: 079-288-4826

Ichoura
Himeji conger eel and creative Japanese cuisine

Here you can eat all of Himeji’s famous conger eel cuisine.
Enjoy it with local sake!

Hours: Lunch 11:30 (L.O. 14:00) Dinner from 17:30 (L.O. 22:00)
Sun and holidays from 17:30 (L.O. 21:00)
Closed: Mon (also Tue Lunch)
Average price: Lunch ¥1,350, Dinner ¥3,500
Tel: 079-288-7714

Banshu Himeji Homachi Tamagoya
We use our own eggs and rice to make eggs over rice. Local food is important to us – we also serve rice with conger eel and Tamago-yaki.

Hours: 11:00 - 17:00 (L.O. 16:30)
Closed: Dec 31
Average price: Lunch ¥1,000
Tel: 079-289-0058

Hirome Sushi
Relax and enjoy a reasonably-priced meal made with fresh local fish.
You’ll find lots of photos of Himeji Castle on the walls.

Hours: Lunch 11:00 - 15:00 (L.O. 14:30) Dinner 17:00 - 23:00 (L.O. 22:30)
Closed: Sun
Average price: Lunch ¥550, Dinner ¥2,000
Tel: 079-222-0246

SEIKO CLUB
Himeji Chamber of Commerce
The seasonal freshness of Harima is brought to you in French, Japanese and fusion cuisine. The waterfall and garden make for a special, comforting dining experience!

Hours: Lunch 11:30 - 15:00 (L.O. 14:30) Dinner 17:30 - 21:30 (L.O. 20:30)
Closed: irregular holidays
Average price: Lunch ¥1,700, Dinner ¥3,200
Tel: 079-281-6903

Moritomi
We invite you to enjoy the hospitality of Japanese cuisine, from a casual set menu lunch, to Seto Inland Sea seafood, to an opulent dinner banquet.

Hours: Lunch 11:00 - 14:00 Dinner 17:30 - 22:00 (L.O. 21:00)
Closed: Mon
Average price: Lunch ¥2,500, Dinner ¥7,000
Tel: 079-224-3335

Nagomi Dining Mikashio
Next door to the famous Harima-no-kuni Shrine. Enjoy seasonal cuisine of a kind only possible using Harima’s fresh ingredients.

Hours: Lunch 11:30 - 15:00 (L.O. 14:00) Dinner 17:30 - 21:30 (L.O. 20:30)
Closed: New Year holidays
Average price: Lunch ¥1,500, Dinner ¥3,000
Tel: 079-224-1113

Kappa Tei
Serving Himeji oden for over 50 years. Besides ordinary single oden, the “Dugushi (Large bamboo skewer) oden”, at ¥600, is also very popular.

Hours: Lunch 11:00 - 14:00 (L.O. 13:30)
Dinner 17:00 - 21:00 (L.O. 20:00)
Closed: irregular holidays (please check)
Average price: Lunch ¥1,000, Dinner ¥2,000
Tel: 079-284-6281

Hospitable dining Fukutei
A secured Japanese-style building. We offer a full line-up of Himeji specialties: grilled conger eel, oden, Seto Inland Sea seafood and more.

Hours: Lunch weekdays from 11:30 (L.O. 14:00)
Sun, holidays from 11:30 (L.O. 14:30)
Dinner weekdays from 17:00 (L.O. 21:00)
Sun, holidays from 17:00 (L.O. 20:00)
Closed: New Year holidays
Average price: Lunch ¥1,500, Dinner ¥3,000
Tel: 079-222-8150

Family cooking Sugimoto
A restaurant for enjoying conger eel cuisine. We recommend the conger eel rice bowl — our secret sauce brings out the flavor.

Hours: Lunch 11:00 - 14:00 (L.O. 13:30)
Dinner 17:00 - 21:00 (L.O. 20:00)
Closed: irregular holidays (please check)
Average price: Lunch ¥1,000, Dinner ¥2,000
Tel: 079-284-6281

Japanese food – Pubs

Enjoy your meal while gazing at Himeji Castle from this panoramic restaurant.

Hours: Lunch 11:30 - 15:00 (L.O. 14:30)
Dinner 17:00 - 21:30 (L.O. 21:00)
Closed: 1/month, usually the 3rd Mon
Average price: Lunch ¥1,620, Dinner ¥3,240
Tel: 079-225-0030

EGRET CASTLE MILLE

A 2-min walk from Himeji Station. Izakaya (Pub) specializing in Japanese food. For casual enjoyment of Japanese food: Sushi, Tempura, Yakitori, Sake and more.

Hours: Lunch 11:30 - 15:00 (L.O. 14:00)
Dinner 17:30 - 24:00
L.O. 23:30, drinks L.O. 23:30
Closed: 2nd Mon
Average price: Lunch ¥1,500, Dinner ¥3,500
Tel: 079-288-6365
*credit cards only accepted at night

Shokusaiya Usagi – downtown Himeji Station
A 2-min walk from Himeji Station. Izakaya (Pub) specializing in Japanese food. For casual enjoyment of Japanese food: Sushi, Tempura, Yakitori, Sake and more.

Hours: Lunch 11:30 - 15:00 (L.O. 14:00)
Dinner 17:30 - 24:00
L.O. 23:30, drinks L.O. 23:30
Closed: 2nd Mon
Average price: Lunch ¥1,500, Dinner ¥3,500
Tel: 079-288-6365
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Closed: irregular holidays
Average price: Lunch ¥1,700, Dinner ¥3,200
Tel: 079-281-6903

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Closed: New Year holidays
Average price: Lunch ¥1,500, Dinner ¥3,000
Tel: 079-224-1113

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Gassai Himeji Station North
Come inside, to the home of an Edo samurai. Enjoy Himeji specialties like fresh seafood and a variety of Japanese Sake. You can also find us south of Himeji Station.

Hours: Lunch 12:00 - 16:00 (Sat, Sun, holidays only)
Dinner 17:00 - 24:00 (LO 23:30)
Closed: irregular holidays
Average price: Lunch ¥1,500, Dinner ¥2,500
Tel: 079-286-8890

Kineya Main store
We invite you to sample our plentiful offerings, from tasty meals to a wide variety of souvenirs.

Hours: Breakfast 8:00 - 11:00 (LO 11:00)
Lunch 11:00 - 18:30
Dinner 16:00 - 18:30
Closed: all year round
Average price: Breakfast ¥240, Lunch ¥1,500, Dinner ¥2,500
Tel: 079-285-3509

20 YUMEZEN - gourmet food + Sake
We invite you to sample our cuisine, made with seafood caught in Himeji. Our range of carefully selected Himeji Sake is also very popular.

Hours: Lunch 10:00 - 17:00 (LO 16:30)
Closed: irregular holidays (Please check.)
Average price: Lunch ¥1,000
Tel: 079-240-0032

21 Rikimaru conveyor-belt Sushi
This is a long standing conveyor-belt Sushi restaurant established 35 years ago. Highly skilled Sushi chefs prepare (ive from ports all over the country - mainly from the Seto inland Sea - and still the price is only a reasonable ¥108 per plate. Families welcome.

Hours: Lunch 11:00 - 22:00 (LO 21:40)
Closed: Jan
Average price: Lunch ¥880, Dinner ¥1,580
Tel: 079-281-2727

22 Enyaichaidai Himeji Station North
Our specialty is robata-yaki. Please enjoy your fill of the carefully grilled fruits of the mountains and sea. Enjoy the feeling of an old-fashioned Japanese pub, and our lavish fine-up of Japanese Sake!

Hours: Lunch 11:00 - 15:00 (LO 14:30)
Dinner Mon-Thu 17:00 - 23:00, Fri, Sat. before holidays 17:30 - 24:00 (LO 23:30)
Sun, holidays 17:00 - 22:30 (21:00)
Closed: irregular holidays (Please check.)
Average price: Lunch ¥800, Dinner ¥3,000
Tel: 079-224-5138

23 Torichi
Specializing in chicken. The famous roasted on-the-bone chicken flavored with our secret spices is mouth-wateringly delicious. You must try it! You can also try to fill your fill of a wide range of other dishes.

Hours: Lunch 11:30 - 15:00 (LO 14:30)
Dinner 17:00 - 23:00 (LO 22:00)
Sat, Sun, holidays
Lunch 11:30 - 15:00 (LO 14:30)
Dinner 14:30 - 23:00 (LO 22:00)
Closed: irregular holidays (Please check.)
Average price: Lunch ¥1,200, Dinner ¥5,000
Tel: 079-225-8785

24 Kamameshi Yamamoto
You must try our carefully cooked rice dish, Kamameshi. We also recommend our Somen and Udon, using the famous Banshu Udon noodles.

Hours: Lunch 10:00 - 17:00 (LO 17:00)
Closed: irregular holidays (Please check.)
Tel: 079-285-3916

25 Shabu-shabu Tsukino-An Himeji branch
Specializing in Shabu-shabu. We recommend the all-you-can-eat Himeji brand "Peach-sight Pork" menu. Enjoy this gourmet pork in its home territory.

Hours: Dinner 17:00 - 23:00 (LO 22:30)
Closed: irregular holidays (Please check.)
Average price: Dinner ¥3,000
Tel: 079-224-6568

26 Gyuzen Himeji Station branch
Yakiniku (grilled meat) is our specialty. We recommend the all-you-can-eat menu. Nothing can beat the aroma of meat grilled until it’s burnt and juicy. Delicious with beer, and of course, perfect with rice.

Hours: 24:00 - 14:00 (LO 13:00)
Closed: irregular holidays (Please check.)
Average price: Dinner ¥3,400
Tel: 079-225-5625

27 Eikioba Otome branch
Beloved by the citizens of Himeji for 66 years, serving the famous Himeji-cho-soba.

Hours: 10:00 - 18:00
Closed: irregular holidays (Please check.)
Average price: Breakfast ¥860, Lunch ¥500, Dinner ¥780
Tel: 079-280-2058

28 Memme Sanuki Udon
All hand-made, fine consistency Udon. Charming home-style atmosphere. Kitsune-udon and Kama-age-udon are popular!

Hours: 1$ - 17:00
Closed: Wed
Average price: ¥500
Tel: 079-295-2118

29 Chinese Cuisine
Venerable Chinese restaurant founded 55 years ago. Offers everything from an authentic full course to a light lunch. The local Himeji lotus root shaomai and Shasage-i-ma are popular as souvenirs.

Hours: Lunch 11:30 - 14:30 (LO 14:00)
Dinner: 17:00 - 21:30 (LO 21:00)
Closed: Dec 31 - Jan 1
Average price: Lunch ¥900, Dinner ¥6,000
Tel: 079-223-0401

30 Senhime Chaya
Just in front of Himeji Castle, this teahouse serves local Himeji specialties like the Hiramimata "Shirasu-don".

Hours: Lunch 11:00 - 14:30 (LO 14:00)
Closed: irregular holidays (Please check.)
Average price: ¥700
Tel: 079-288-4567

31 Kohoseki
Generous portions at reasonable prices! This Chinese restaurant is beloved by the locals. Choose to sit at the counter, a table, or in a private room.

Hours: 11:00 - 21:00
Closed: irregular holidays (Please check.)
Average price: Lunch ¥650, Dinner ¥1,000
Tel: 079-288-0459

32 Torrai-un
Founded in 1946, nostalgic taste for the citizens of Himeji. Chinese noodle and shaomai are popular!

Hours: 11:00 - 19:00 (LO 19:00)
Closed: Tue, every 3rd Mon
Average price: Lunch ¥600, Dinner ¥1,000
Tel: 079-292-1570
Western Cuisine
(steak, hamburgers, Italian, French, etc.)

Western food in a Japanese atmosphere. We recommend the hamburger served in an earthenware pot! Counter seats only.

Hours: Lunch 11:30 - 14:00, Dinner 17:00 - 21:00 (LO 23:00)
Closed: Lunch, Mon
Average price: Lunch ¥1,400, Dinner ¥3,000
Tel: 079-268-1139

Grill TENPEI
The closest Western restaurant to Himeji Castle. It feels like a hideaway. We offer flavor full of quality, made with carefully selected ingredients, time and effort, and love.

Hours: Lunch 11:30 - 14:30 (LO 14:00), Dinner 17:00 - 21:00 (LO 23:00)
Closed: Tue, every 3rd Wed
Average price: Lunch ¥1,200, Dinner ¥2,000
Tel: 079-280-4907

Steak Koji
Enjoy the highest quality, carefully selected Tajima Japanese Black steak, using only the filet, in a relaxing atmosphere.

Hours: Dinner 17:00 - 22:00 (LO 21:30)
*Please inquire in advance for lunch, Closed: Sun, New Year holidays
Average price: Dinner ¥10,000
Tel: 079-253-3488

Steak Senju
An atmospheric traditional restaurant, housed in an old renovated house. We recommend the Japanese Black beef, grilled in front of you by our chef.

Hours: Lunch 11:30 - 22:00 (Lunch LO 14:00)
Closed: Dec 31 - Jan 2
Average price: Lunch ¥4,000, Dinner ¥15,000
Tel: 0120-590-797

SORANIIWA
Get a full view of Himeji Castle! A Harima French restaurant making lavish use of Himeji’s organic produce.

Hours: Lunch Mon, Wed - Sun 11:30 - 16:00 (LO 14:00)
*Closed for receptions and banquets Dinner Thu - Sun 17:30 - 21:00 (LO 20:00)
Closed: Tue, New Year holidays
Average price: Lunch ¥7,000, Dinner ¥9,800
Tel: 079-281-0070

Italian bar Padre Madre
The attractive and varied menu emphasizes local produce, and includes many tapas-type appetizers, pasta, and thin-crust pizza baked in an authentic pizza oven.

Hours: Lunch 11:30 - 15:00, Dinner 17:00 - 22:00
Closed: Mon
Average price: Lunch ¥1,000, Dinner ¥3,000
Tel: 079-288-4630

Beefsteak Kawamura
Skilled chefs grill Japanese Black beef from Kobe and Tajima before your eyes. Please come and savor the very best Japanese Black beef.

Hours: Lunch 11:30 - 16:00 (LO 15:00), Dinner 17:00 - 22:00 (LO 21:30)
Closed: irregular holidays
Average price: Lunch ¥4,000, Dinner ¥10,000
Tel: 079-243-1122

Kittty Café
A cute café full of sweets, with a Hello Kitty theme and motif.

Hours: 9:30 - 20:00 (LO 19:30)
Closed: regular holidays
Average price: ¥420
Tel: 079-228-3200

Kobayashi Tea Shop Zongai
A Japanese café that stays loyal to the traditions of Chaya. Choose the Japanese sweet of the day, a tea bowl and enjoy drinking Matcha. We also recommend the Matcha soft ice cream, unchanged for 40 years!

Hours: 10:00 - 18:00 (LO 18:00)
Closed: Jan 1 - 4
Average price: ¥600
Tel: 079-225-0232

Jidai Café
A 5-min walk from Himeji Castle. Relax at your leisure in a harmonious space. The Ninja parfait is popular.

Hours: 10:00 - 18:00
Closed: Jul - Aug: 10:00 - 19:00
Average price: ¥500
Tel: 079-225-5777

Soya
Taste the famous Himeji almond toast in a classic interior decorated with lovely antiques.

Hours: 7:30 - 17:00 (LO 16:30)
Closed: Jan
Average price: Breakfast ¥500, Lunch ¥900
Tel: 079-222-0071

Hamamoto Coffee
Try our aromatic coffee made with a siphon-just like watching a science experiment!

Hours: 11:00 - 19:00, Breakfast 7:00 - 11:00
Average price: Breakfast ¥500, Lunch ¥900
Tel: 079-269-2733

Cafés
**Himeji Restaurants**

52. **Harimaya Chaho (Tea Shop)**
   - An historic shop in business for 67 years. The rich-tasting matcha soft ice cream, using the highest quality Uji matcha, and fragrant hojicha soft ice cream will revive you after a long day’s walking.
   - Hours: 10:00 - 18:00
   - Closed: Wed during winter only
   - Average price: ¥300
   - Tel: 079-282-8848

53. **Himeji Castle Town Guild**
   - A café run by a popular owner who studied abroad in England, and one who knows a lot about the castle and Himeji City.
   - Hours: Mon - Sat: 10:00 - 22:30 (LO 21:30)
   - Sun: 10:00 - 19:00 (LO 18:30)
   - Closed: Wed
   - Average price: ¥1,000
   - Tel: 079-280-1296

54. **Bonbori**
   - Japanese trinkets and a café where you can feel at ease.
   - Hours: 9:00 - 17:00
   - Closed: irregular holidays (Please check.)
   - Average price: Lunch ¥600
   - Tel: 079-283-6555

55. **Kokoromi**
   - *Only VISA*
   - Compare Japanese Sake from 62 Hyogo breweries. Standing bar, with various snacks.
   - Hours: from Tue to Fri 13:00 - 21:00
   - Sat, Sun, holidays: 12:00 - 20:00
   - Closed: Mon
   - Average price: ¥500
   - Tel: 079-280-6172

56. **Tacco Pire**
   - Much loved for 50 years. Akasht-yaki takoyaki was invented here! Try it Himeji style: with sauce, and dipped in stock.
   - Hours: 10:00 - 20:00 (LO 19:30)
   - Closed: regular holidays (Please check.)
   - Average price: ¥500
   - Tel: 079-221-3607

57. **Yassa Bento Himeji local burgers**
   - We offer burgers and bento lunchboxes that make lavish use of Himeji’s local ingredients.
   - Hours: 10:00 - 18:00 (LO 17:30)
   - Closed: 1 irregular holiday / month (Please check.)
   - Average price: Breakfast ¥540, Lunch ¥1,080
   - Tel: 070-5341-5086

58. **Sanyo Department Store**
   - The restaurants are in the West Building on the 6th floor.
   - Hours: 10:00 - 22:00
   - Open: all year around

59. **Himeji Underground Shopping Center GRAND FESTA**
   - You’ll find a variety of restaurants in the convenient underground shopping center in front of Himeji Station.
   - Lunch, dinner, or café. Please take the time to enjoy FESTA.
   - Hours: 11:00 - 23:30 (Open hours vary among shops)
   - Open: all year around

60. **FESTA Building in front of Himeji Station**
   - Very convenient, right in front of the station. FESTA has 15 pubs and restaurants where you can enjoy a leisurely lunch, dinner, or coffee time.
   - Hours: 11:00 - 23:30 (Open hours vary among shops.)
   - Open: all year around

61. **Yamatayashiki (department store)**
   - 1st floor
   - The Farmer’s Daughter / Café and Kitchen
   - 8th floor Restaurants
   - Ume-no-Hana / Yuba and Tofu
   - Reiz / Shanghai cuisine
   - Chikuma / Japanese cuisine
   - Kineya / Japanese cuisine on the spot
   - Marufuku Coffee Shop
   - Hours: 1st floor 10:00 - 22:00
   - 8th floor 11:00 - 22:00
   - *Open hours vary among shops
   - Closed: irregular holidays (Please check.)

62. **TERRASSO HIMEJI**
   - Near JR Himeji Station east entrance
   - Commercial space with a movie theater. Restaurants on the 4th floor offer Tonkatsu, set menus, hamburgers and steak.
   - Hours: 11:00 - 23:30 (LO 22:30)
   - Closed: irregular holidays (Please check.)
   - Open: all year around
Shopping Plazas and Department Stores

1. Ploie HIMEJI
   - Meika: Famous sweets
   - Jizake: Local sake
   - Himewan: Leather goods
   - Dentco: Traditional arts & crafts
   - Accepts credit cards
   - See map on P13-14

   Boasting 200 shops in 4 buildings (1, 2, 3, Gochiso and Souvenir), Ploie HIMEJI shopping mall, opened in 2015, adjoins JR Himeji Station. Along with fashion clothing stores, you’ll find general merchandise shops, many restaurants and beauty salons, shops for specialty Himeji leather goods and crafts and enjoy local gourmet delights. In addition to shopping, take in the magnificent view of Himeji Castle and the Shinkansen bullet train from the roof top of Ploie HIMEJI Main Building.

   Tax-free Shops
   A total of 34 tax-free shops (as of Dec, 2017)
   - Clothing: UNIQLO, GU, URBAN RESEARCH, KBF, Lee Shop
   - Fashion goods: Onitsuka Tiger, DIESEL, Kanebo Optician
   - Household goods: Tokyo Hands, MUJI, Drugstore Matsumoto Kiyoshi
   *Please note only a few tax-free shops are listed. Please check for more details here: [http://www.piolo-himeji.jp/en/]

2. Sanyo Department Store
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   - Jizake: Local sake
   - Himewan: Leather goods
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   This traditional department store carries an extensive range of products, from food to clothing, the famous sweets from the Keihan- shin region, as well as famous brand names in the ladies’ wear department. Connected to Sanyo Railway Himeji Station by an underground passage and use Bridge E to reach JR Himeji Station and Shink Bus Station.

   Tax-free shop: The tax-free service counter is in the Customer Salon on the 5th floor, West Building.
   - Hours: 10:00 - 19:30
   - Main Building 5F and 8F until 19h.
   - Closed: Jan 1

   With items for sale that can only be found in Himeji, Yamatoysaki is the nearest department store to Himeji Castle. The renovated building offers tax-free shopping to overseas visitors and enjoy local specialties in the open cafe.

   *Come to the Customer Salon on the 4th floor to complete the tax-free paperwork.
   - Hours: 8:30-1:00, 2:30 - 5:00
   - 8G Restaurants 11:00 - 22:00
   - Closed: irregular holidays (Please check.)

3. Yamatoysaki (department store)
   - Meika: Famous sweets
   - Jizake: Local sake
   - Himewan: Leather goods
   - Dentco: Traditional arts & crafts
   - Accepts credit cards

4. Bansankan Jibasan Bldg. 1F
   - Meika: Famous sweets
   - Jizake: Local sake
   - Himewan: Leather goods
   - Dentco: Traditional arts & crafts
   - Accepts credit cards

5. Bon Marche / Supermarket
   - Meika: Famous sweets
   - Jizake: Local sake
   - Himewan: Leather goods
   - Dentco: Traditional arts & crafts
   - Accepts credit cards

6. Kakuchi / Toys
   - Meika: Famous sweets
   - Jizake: Local sake
   - Himewan: Leather goods
   - Dentco: Traditional arts & crafts
   - Accepts credit cards

Typical Himeji Souvenirs

- Himeji famous sweets
  - Passed down from the Edo Period, Himeji City has a long history of sweets production which is still alive and thriving today.

- Myochin Hishabi wind chimes
  - Made by skilled artisans, the clear refreshing sound of these wind chimes is achieved by repeatedly heating and hammering the iron.

- Local Sake
  - Himeji’s local Sake is made with the highest quality rice and water.

Shopping Street

As many as 10 different shopping arcade streets surround both Himeji Station and Himeji Castle such as Himeji Mu-yuki-dori, Nishin-kanai-machi, Nikka-machi, Omizo-sujid and more. Explore and enjoy Himeji cuisine, local souvenirs, stroll streets with an old world charm and enjoy the atmosphere of this castle town.

Himeji City suburbs

- AEON HIMEJI-OOTSU (department stores & Supermarkets)
  - 671-1146, Otsu-shi 2-5, Otsu-ku, Otsu
- AEON HIMEJI-RIVER CITY (department stores & Supermarkets)
  - 672-8206, Hoso 520, Himeji-ku, Himeji
- Jolihinden Himeji-Otsu Aeon Mall
  - 671-1146, Otsu-shi 2-5, Otsu-ku, Otsu
- MEGA Don Quijote Himeji Shisharuma Store
  - 673-4055, Shisharuma-cho, Himeji
- Don Quijote HIMEJI RIC Store
  - 673-4091, Togo-cho, Himeji
- SPORTS AUTHORITY HIMEJI-RIVER CITY
  - 672-8204, 1-2-3, Hoso, Himeji-ku, Himeji
- SPORTS AUTHORITY HIMEJI-OOTSU
  - 671-1146, Otsu-shi 2-5, Otsu-ku, Otsu

Yumesaki River

Route 2
- JR Sanyo Line
- JR Himeji Station
- Gochu-ku

Route 250
- Himeji Bypass (Route 2)
- Sanyo Electric Railway

Ichijin River

Route 2
- JR Himeji Station
- Higashi Himeji
- Gochu-ku

Route 250
- Tenma
- Hirohata
- Yumesakigawa
- Nishihara
- Shikama
- Mega
- Shirahamaru-cho

Route 1
- Himeji Bypass (Route 2)
- Sanyo Electric Railway
Himeji Castle Grandvrio Hotel  079-284-3511
Free welcome bus from the Himeji Station South Exit (0min).
S, W, D, T, N
Popular bathing facilities include a large bath and stone sauna.

Hotel CROWN HILLS HIMEJI  079-222-8000
The most spacious rooms in the city and a large garage.

DORMY INN HIMEJI  079-286-5489
Has the only natural hot spring bath across from Himeji Station.

Hotel Himeji Plaza  079-281-9000
All-cypress sauna and large natural mineral bath.

Hotel Alpha-one Himejinamamiguchi  079-276-2000
Roofy arrangements, large bath, bath, second floor and non-smoking floor.

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.

Via Inn Himeji  079-286-6111
Mostly single rooms, complimentary breakfast.

Sakura Inn Himeji Shinkansen South Gate  079-284-1045
Convenient location just south of JR Himeji Station.

Hotel Livemax Himejiakima  079-282-4400
Low-price business hotel close to Himeji Station, very convenient for sightseeing.

Comfort Hotel Himeji  079-286-6511
Comfortable rooms are popular. Complimentary breakfast.

APA HOTEL HIMEJITEKI-KITA  079-284-4111
A 5-min walk from Himeji Station north entrance.

Himeji Green Hotel Tatemachi  079-286-2000
The bath (with sauna) looking out over Himeji Castle is the big attraction.

Hotel Abest Himeji  079-282-5963
New style of business hotel with the emphasis on smart design.

Himeji City Hotel  079-298-0700
Your base for business or sightseeing in Himeji.

Hotel Himeji Hills  079-299-8669
Complimentary breakfast and free parking.

Hotel Claire Higasa  079-224-3421
We care about quality, service, and the Himeji identity.

Business Hotel Saginou  079-222-2583
Business hotel with free breakfast. No meals.

Hotel Wing International Himeji  079-287-2111
Closest to Himeji Castle, with the emphasis on smart design and good service.

Himeji Green Hotel Sakamoto  079-282-0083
Close Himeji Castle; views from many rooms.

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.

Yumeno  079-336-1000
Hot spring ryokan with full facilities. Open-air bath.

Yumenoian Yuyakekoyake  079-336-0457
Inn hidden away in a village forest. Open-air baths in the rooms.

Ueyama Ryokan  079-336-0200
Appreciate the seasons in the open-air bath and enjoy hot spring cuisine using source water.

New Sunpia Himeji Yumesaki  079-335-5651
Hot spring resort in a mountain valley north of Shoshaan. Complimentary sports facilities.

Other lodging facilities

Kodera & Yasutomi
Green Station Shikagatsuto
Yumeya  079-336-1585
Kojo  079-232-7788

Ieshima
Odate Ryokan  079-325-2048
Island House Ieshimao  079-325-2982
Ryokan Okabe  079-325-0340
Ryokan Shimaiz  079-325-0777
Nakamura  079-325-0492
Aoiso  079-325-2094
Minoato Ryokan  079-325-0114
Ieshima Shizen Taiken Center  079-327-1508

Guesthouse

Himeji 588 Guesthouse  079-227-6994
A 5-minute walk to Himeji Castle. A home-stay guesthouse with a renovated 65-year-old dining room.

Engakudou  090-9717-6703
Close to Himeji Castle. Old minshuku-style guesthouse.

Kimono inn UTAKATA  090-9979-1411
It's on the second floor of antique kimono rental store.

Shironoshita Guesthouse  079-240-6560
Opened in June 2017. Newly built guesthouse near Himeji castle.

Himeji Castle Grandvrio Hotel Kagura-no-yu
Five kinds of baths, large and small, plus sauna, onsen, stone saunas, etc., for relaxation and healing.

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