

Special Model Courses

Bus trip



Go by chartered bus
from Himeji Port!

A once in a lifetime
experience is waiting,
just for you.

Experience the sights and sounds of
Himeji and Harima in these attraction
packed model courses.
A wide variety of things to do and see,
from sightseeing, to hands-on experiences
and fine dining.



Half day Course

12:00 to Around 17:00



Himeji Port

Splendor in the beauty
Himeji has to offer!

Take a peaceful walk around Himeji Castle

Himeji Castle

Koko-en Garden

Himeji City Museum of Art

Museum of History

Himeji City Museum of Literature



Himeji Port



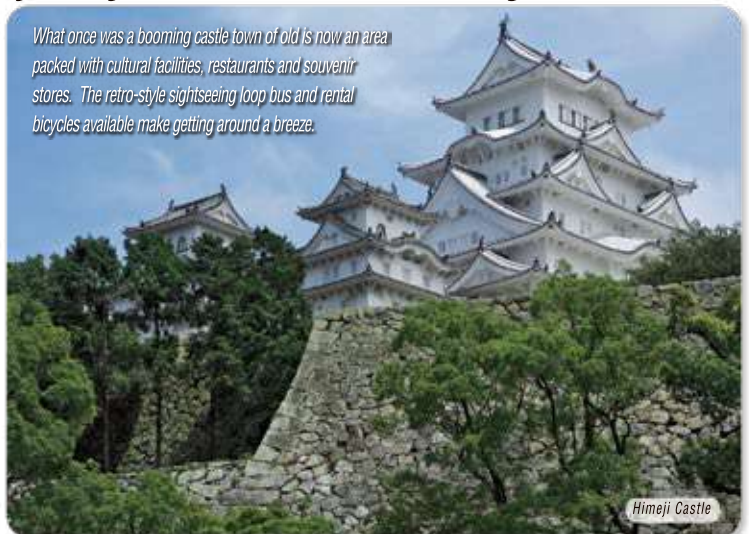
Nadagiku Shuzo

Here visitors can tour a wooden sake brewery
that has remained as is since the Meiji period.
Enjoy dining on strained tofu, sukiyaki and
other specialty dishes in the restaurant within
the brewery grounds.

Tours/ 10:00 to 18:00
Holidays/ End of year holidays
TEL. 079-285-3111

A little
side trip★

What once was a booming castle town of old is now an area
packed with cultural facilities, restaurants and souvenir
stores. The retro-style sightseeing loop bus and rental
bicycles available make getting around a breeze.



Himeji Castle



Himeji City Museum of Art



Koko-en Garden

Himeji City Museum of Literature

Introduces literary persons
with connections to Harima
and Himeji. The building
designed by leading architect
Tadao Ando is also a must see.



10:00 to 17:00
Holidays/ Mondays, day after public holidays
TEL. 079-293-8228



Seijuro Monaka

Featuring the sedge hat
appearing in the love tragedy
'Onatsu and Seijuro' in the
form of a Japanese sweet.



Matsuya Main Store: Hours/
9:00 to 19:00 (Sunday/ 9:00 to 12:00)
TEL. 079-222-1526

Himeji Castle Stand: Hours/ 9:00 to 17:00
TEL. 079-284-0697

Enjoy various parts of Himeji

All day Course

10:00 to Around 17:00



Enjoy the World Heritage Site Himeji Castle while also taking in an annex to Harima Tour around Himeji's standout sightseeing spots



Himeji Port

Shoshazan

Shiota Hot Springs (Lunch)

Himeji Castle

Koko-en Garden



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*Ropeway to the peak of Shoshazan used



Shoshazan Engyo-ji Mani-den



Himeji Castle

A little side trip★

Shosha Art and Craft Museum



A building with beautiful roofing tiles and red pillars surrounded by a serene bamboo thicket. Displays folk toys and traditional crafts, and paintings, writings and picture ceramics of the late Master Kosho Shimizu, a local who was once the chief abbot of Todai-ji Temple. Visitors are able to view demonstrations of Himeji spinning tops and paper-maches being made, and can experience ceramics painting and coloring for themselves.

Tours/ 10:00 to 17:00 Holidays/ Mondays, day after public holidays, end of year holidays
TEL. 079-267-0301



Shiota Hot Spring "Yumenoi"

Enjoy a banquet of dishes featuring the blessings of the Harima mountains and sea, from Himeji Wagyu steak and boar stew, to salt grilled sea bream and more.
TEL. 079-336-1000

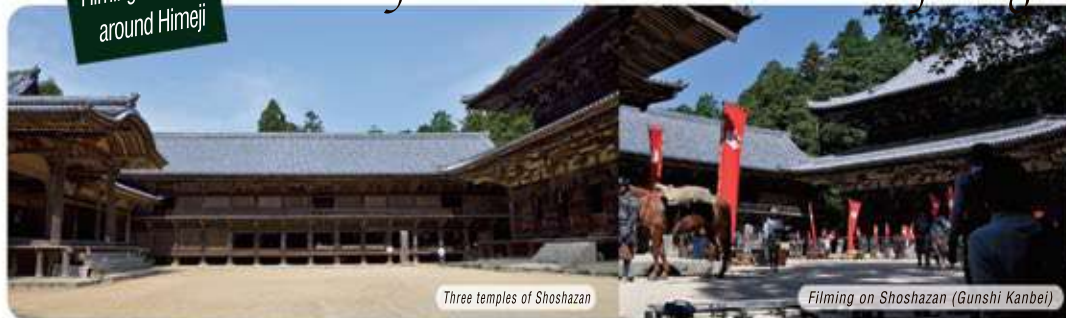


West wing of Himeji Castle "Hyakken Corridor"

A 240 m building built to surround the palace. Rooms of ladies in waiting who served Sen-hime continue down a line.



A must for those wanting to see where their favorite films and TV shows were filmed in Himeji Visited by Tom Cruise! A tour around the filming locations special to Himeji



Three temples of Shoshazan



Gate to Himeji Castle (Shogun-zaka Slope)



Himeji Port

Shoshazan Engyo-ji Temple

Juryoin (Lunch)

Himeji Castle

Koko-en Garden



Himeji Port



Buddhist Monk Vegetarian Dining in Juryoin

Dine on dishes prepared in the flavor of Zen arranged in a manner well-known of the high priests at Shoshazan Engyo-ji and served in bowls finished with the illusory Shosha lacquer coating.

Open/ April to November (Closed on Thursdays) (Reservation required)
TEL. 079-266-3553

A little side trip★

Kameyama Gobo "Hontoku-ji Temple"

The main temple was reconstructed here after the Nishi Hongan-ji temple was dismantled in Kyoto. Prior to the move the site was used by the Shinsengumi as their military post in Kyoto, with two sword cuts left in the north pillar by the Shinsengumi still visible today.



Shoshazan Engyo-ji Mani-den

Shoshazan Sutra copying/ zazen

◆ Sutra copying

Price/ Petal sutra 300 yen

Heart sutra 1,000 yen

◆ Zazen meditation/

Price/ 500 yen From 14:00 Around one hour

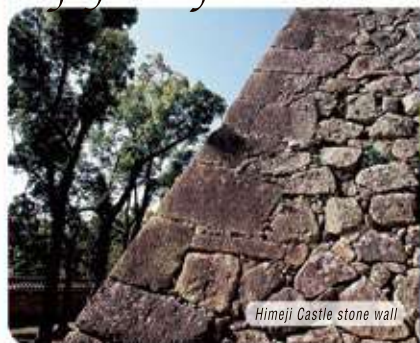
*Reservation required at least three days in advance

TEL. 079-266-3327



Shoshazan, a mountain of prayer boasting a 1,000 year history, has been the filming location for various classic films and TV dramas including Gunshi Kanbei, The Last Samurai, Tenchi: The Samurai Astronomer and Genji Monogatari: Sennen no Nazo. From Himeji Castle serving as the ideal backdrop for period pieces, to Koko-en where Rurouni Kenshin was filmed, and Kameyama Hontoku-ji Temple where Shinsengumi! was filmed among others, Himeji has acted as a hot spot filming location.

Enjoy a deeper look at Himeji with a guide giving a comprehensive look at Himeji Castle.



Himeji Castle stone wall



Sen-hime Tenman-gu Shrine



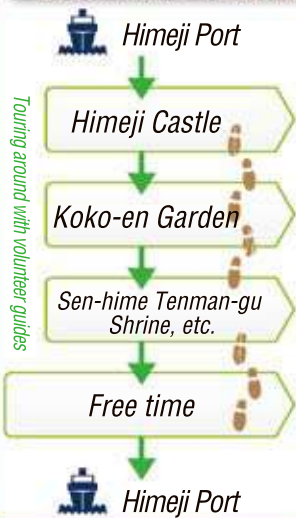
Omizosuji Shopping Street

Trick art featuring Kanbei Kuroda and others are waiting to pop out here and there in the street!



Koko-en "Kassui-ken"

The restaurant inside "Koko-en" that has been a filming location for films and TV dramas. Enjoy creative Japanese food using local ingredients while gazing out at the residence gardens. TEL. 079-289-4131



Veteran guides carefully take you through this two-hour course of Himeji Castle that encompasses every part of its authentic spiral design. Not only are the castle structures covered, the guides go into great detail in explaining the stone walls used and buildings and other facets of the castle as well. Experience Himeji Castle as you have never known it before. After this enjoy walking among the deep, cultured history of the area around Himeji Castle, including sites like Koko-en and the Sen-hime Tenman-gu Shrine.



Himeji sightseeing volunteer guide association

Since its opening in 2001 this has actively helped funnel the volunteer spirit in aiding visitors.
Contact/ Himeji City Tourist Information Center TEL/ 079-287-0003

Himeji Castle sightseeing guide by seniors

Have local members guide you around Himeji Castle and Koko-en. (Guide fee/ 1 tour 2,000 yen)
Contact/ Himeji Castle Guide Station TEL. 079-288-4813

Restaurant "mile"

Dine on delicious food while looking out at the large chalk-colored castle keep. Don't miss this fantastic location!

Hours/ 11:30 to 15:00
(Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays 11:00 to 15:00)
17:00 to 21:30
TEL. 079-225-0030

Map for the Area Around Himeji Castle



Cafe de Miki with Hello Kitty

A cafe for those looking to escape to the world of the world-famous Hello Kitty.

Hours/ 9:30 to 20:00 Holidays/ Open year round TEL. 079-226-3200



A little side trip★

Souvenirs & Shopping



piole HIMEJI souvenirs building

Hours/ 8:30 to 20:00 Holidays/ End of year holidays
TEL. 079-226-0123 (Main line)



Himeji/ Nishi-Harima local specialty corner "Bansankan"

Hours/ 9:00 to 19:00 Holidays/ End of year holidays
TEL. 079-289-2835



100 Selections of Masterpieces - Harima "Himeji no Takaragura"

Hours/ 9:00 to 17:00 Holidays/ End of year holidays
TEL. 079-283-7237



Miyuki-dori Shopping Street

A shopping street joining JR Himeji Station and Himeji Castle. Plenty of fine dining and souvenirs available.

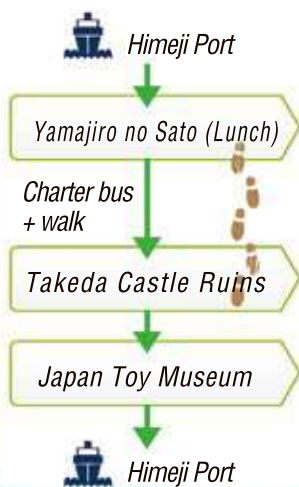
Enjoy Hyogo's castles

All day Course

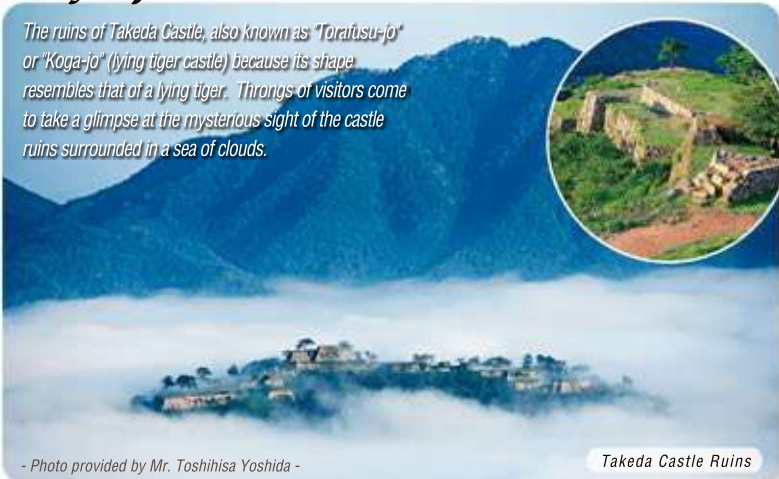
10:00 to Around 17:00



A must see for castle lovers! A special course visiting Takeda Castle ♪ /
Discover the wonder of Japan's Machu Picchu - Takeda Castle!



The ruins of Takeda Castle, also known as "Torafusu-jo" or "Koga-jo" (lying tiger castle) because its shape resembles that of a lying tiger. Throngs of visitors come to take a glimpse at the mysterious sight of the castle ruins surrounded in a sea of clouds.



Yamajiro no Sato
A popular restaurant with an original menu of dishes using Tajima beef. A wide range of souvenirs to choose from.
Hours/ 9:00 to 15:00
TEL. 079-670-6518



Japan Toy Museum
Over 90,000 toys collected from 160 countries around the world! A leading Japanese toy museum.
Hours/ 10:00 to 17:00
Holidays/ Wednesdays, end of the year holidays
TEL. 079-232-4388



Enjoy walking around Ako - the setting of the Forty-Seven Ronin - to your heart's content ♪ /
Feel as one with the Forty-Seven Ronin as you make your way around sites connected to the Ako Gishi clan!



Ako is filled with things to see, from Ako Castle - which was the stage for the famous story, the Forty-Seven Ronin, the harbor town Sakoshi, and the Akomizaki national park, to the salt fields famous for producing "Ako salt." The Ako Gishi Festival held on December 14 every year is also not to be missed.



A little side trip ★ Somen no Sato
Enjoy all sorts of somen noodles at the restaurant "Iori"
Tours/ 9:00 to 17:00
Holidays/ Mondays TEL. 0791-65-9000



Issui
A soft texture and appetizing aroma... Enjoy the much vaunted Anago dishes on the menu.
Hours/ 11:30 to 15:00, 17:00 to 21:00
Holidays/ Thursdays TEL. 0791-45-2488

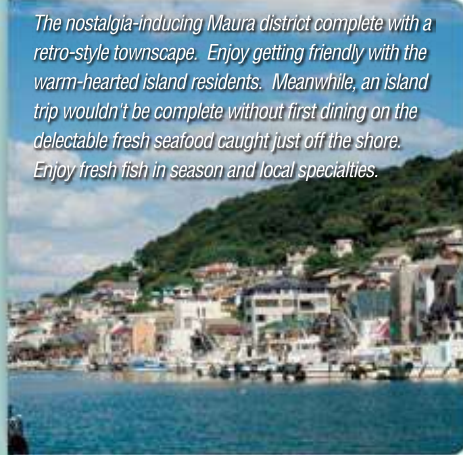
Ieshima island trip

All day Course

10:00 to Around 17:00

Spend a blissful moment in relaxing island surrounds with a blue sky overhead and blue sea stretching out before you /
Leave completely satisfied having enjoyed an island adventure and the freshest of seafood ♪

The nostalgia-inducing Maura district complete with a retro-style townscape. Enjoy getting friendly with the warm-hearted island residents. Meanwhile, an island trip wouldn't be complete without first dining on the delectable fresh seafood caught just off the shore. Enjoy fresh fish in season and local specialties.



"Dongamessen" Legend has it that a turtle became a rock after waiting for a person for long time.



The "Ieshima Summer Festival" held every year on 7/24 and 25

Himeji Port to Ieshima



le Island Tourism Assoc. TEL. 079-325-8777



Ryokan
specializing in Japanese food "Okabe"
Taste the pride of this ryokan specializing in simple, yet hearty local dishes - the "Jako Nabe Hot Pot." The delicious fish stock kicks in with the fine noodles (somen) served to end a perfect meal.
TEL. 079-325-0340

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