

COURSES AROUND HIMEJI PORT

JAPAN HERITAGE SIGHTSEEING MODEL

DAY TRIP COURSES



HALF DAY**The History and Culture of Hyogo's Rustic and Romantic Fishing Villages***Visit Murotsu, A Port of Call Along the Historic Kitamaebune*

🕒 3 hrs 40 mins

👥 Max Participants: 30

🛍️ Souvenirs: Tea, Soy Sauce Products

START**Depart from Himeji Port****Murotsu Townscape**

Murotsu has managed to preserve the atmosphere of the past so visitors can gain an understanding of the lives residents experienced.

Murotsu Museum of Folklore

- An Introduction to the Port Town of Murotsu.
- Guide Available (Prior Reservation Required)

Usukuchi Tatsuno Soy Sauce Museum

A museum that tells the history of soy sauce making from the Edo Period.

END**Return to Himeji Port****Murotsu Townscape**

👥 Max Participants: 15

🛍️ Souvenirs: Canvas Bags and Accessories made from Japan's oldest cloth, Matsuemon Sails

The Dreams of Men who Conquered the Rough Seas*Tour the Hometown of Kuraku Matsuemon, A Prominent Contributor to the Kitamaebune***HALF DAY**

🕒 3 hrs

**Kuraku Matsuemon Former Residence****START****Depart from Himeji Port****Oushiko Shrine**

Behind the shrine, there is a large stone structure by the name of "Stone Treasure Hall" with a width of 6.5m, a height of 5.6m and a depth of 7.5m.

Kuraku Matsuemon Former Residence

- The former residence of Kuraku Matsuemon who contributed to the renovation of the shipping industry and ports during the Edo Period.
- Guide Available (Prior Reservation Required)

Matsuemonho (Mikage Store)

Factory Tour

Shibata-saishoudou

"Nojigiku no Sato" is a famous item of confectionery named after the Hyogo Prefecture flower "Nojigiku".

END**Return to Himeji Port****HALF DAY****Enrich the Mind via Japan Heritage Places of Worship***Japan's Oldest Pilgrimage Route with Over 1300 Years of History, Saigoku Kannon Pilgrimage*

🕒 4 hrs

👥 Max Participants: 40

🛍️ Souvenirs: Kiyomizudera Kawara Senbei (Banshu Kiyomizudera Local Speciality Store)

START**Depart from Himeji Port****Hokkesan Ichijo-ji Temple**

Hokkesan Ichijo-ji is the 26th temple on the Saigoku Kannon Pilgrimage. The three-storied pagoda is a national treasure and one of the oldest pagodas in Japan, dating back to the latter half of the Heian Period.

Banshu Kiyomizudera Temple

- Guide Available (Prior Reservation Required)
- Banshu Kiyomizudera is the 25th temple of the 33rd Saigoku Kannon Pilgrimage. In the grounds, visitors can enjoy cherry blossoms, rhododendrons and hydrangeas in spring and the colorful leaves during Autumn.

END**Return to Himeji Port****Banshu Kiyomizudera Temple**

👥 Max Participants: 30

⚠️ Unable between January and March

A Journey of Discovery Through the Filming Locations of "The Last Samurai"*Japan's Oldest Pilgrimage Route with Over 1300 Years of History, Saigoku Kannon Pilgrimage***HALF DAY**

🕒 4 hrs

🛍️ Souvenirs: Kosho Kimizu goods such as hand towels, Himeji Hariko (paper mache crafts), Himeji Koma (traditional spinning tops, postcards and Picture/Photography books)

**Shoshazan Engyoji Temple****START****Depart from Himeji Port****Shoshazan Engyoji Temple**

- Sutra Copying (15 mins)
- Guide Available (Prior Reservation Required)
- Engyoji Temple was established in 966. It is the 27th temple on the Saigoku Kannon Pilgrimage. Due to the beautiful scenery and absence of modern infrastructure, Mount Shosha is frequently used as a filming location for historical movies and TV dramas, "The Last Samurai" being the most famous.

Shosha Handicraft Museum

Pieces of work and collections by Kosho Shimizu (Former Chief Priest of Todaiji Temple in Nara and Artist), traditional crafts from Himeji and old-fashioned local toys are on display.

END**Return to Himeji Port**

ONE DAY**Visit Ikuno, the Town of Silver***The Bantan Thoroughway - 73 km of Historic Ruts, Showcasing a Look at Japan's Unique History of Mineral Resources*

6 hrs

Max Participants: 15

Unavailable during Year-end and New Year Holidays

Souvenirs: Ore and Silver Products, Ikuno Silver Mine Aged Sake

START**Depart from Himeji Port****Ikuno Silver Mine Historical Site**

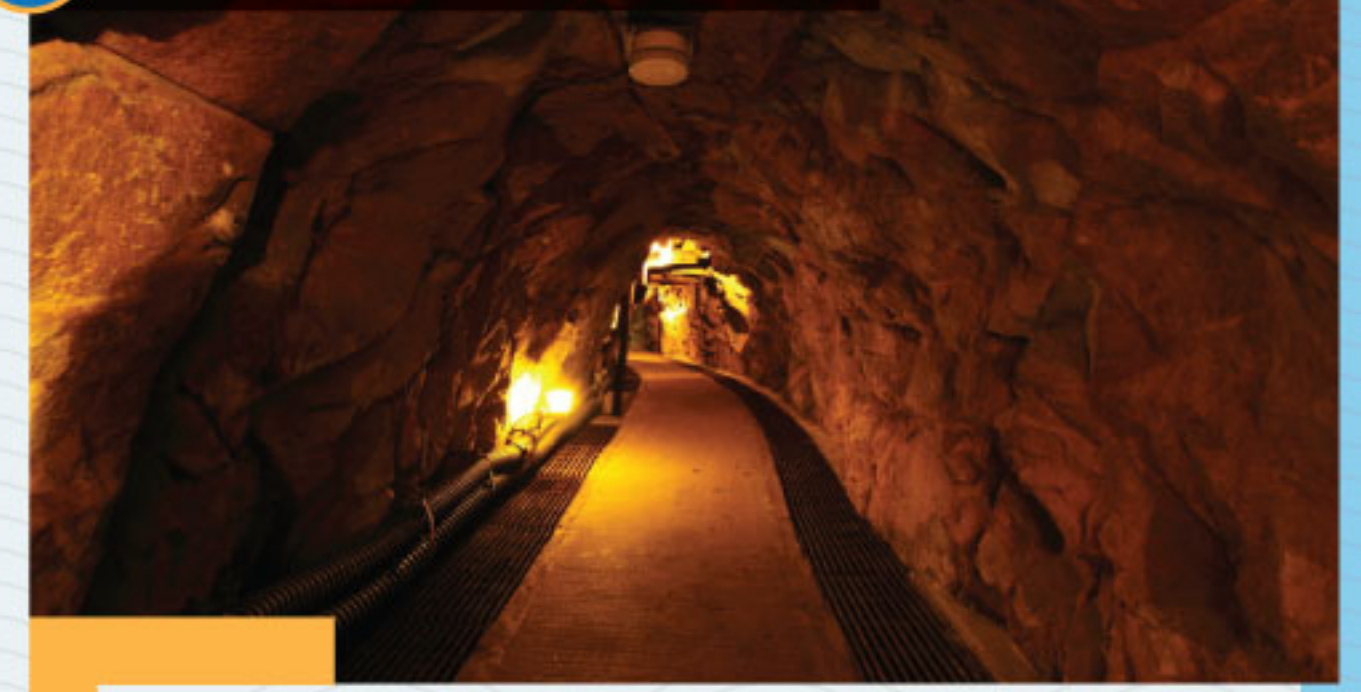
- Mine Tunnel Course (40 mins)
- Outside Course (30 mins)

Cafe Argent

The speciality is "Ikuno Hayashi Rice" with Tajima Beef.

Former Official Residences of Ikuno Silver Mine

Designated a cultural asset of Asago City, the residences offer a glimpse of how lifestyles changed throughout the Meiji, Taisho, and Showa periods.

END**Return to Himeji Port****Ikuno Silver Mine Historical Site**

During the first year of the Meiji period, the Meiji government invited French mining engineer Jean Francisque Coignet to modernize and mechanize the mine. The minehead is built using French-style stonework.

Max Participants: 30

Unavailable during Year-end and New Year Holidays

Souvenirs: Tea, Japanese Pearl Barley Products, Local Sake "Dragon King's Dance"

Gin no Bashamichi - A Historical Medium that Transcends Time*The Bantan Thoroughway - 73 km of Historic Ruts, Showcasing a Look at Japan's Unique History of Mineral Resources***ONE DAY**

5 hrs

Koyo Seiga Factory

Under the guidance of craftsmen and masters at Koyo Seiga, workshops are held where visitors can experience tile making and clay work.

START**Depart from Himeji Port****Koyo Seiga Factory**

- Factory Tour (30 mins)
- Tile Craftsmen Experience (30 mins)
- Guide Available (Prior Reservation Required)

Mochimugi-no-Yakata

Try dishes made of Mochimugi Barley, a speciality of Fukusaki Town.

Tsujikawayama Park

Watch out for the appearance of Kawajiro's Kappa and the upside-down winged Tengu.

Miki Family Residence

Important Tangible Cultural Property designated by Hyogo Prefecture. A magnificent property conveying the life of a Village Head during former times.

Former Ginseng Office (Currently Kanzaki Sake Brewery)

- The Himeji Clan cultivated Ginseng during the Edo Period.
- It is now Kanzaki Sake Brewery, selling sake such as "Gin no Bashamichi", a pure rice sake.

END**Return to Himeji Port****ONE DAY****The Continuation of Tradition at the Land of Salt***The Producer of Japan's No.1 Salt, Banshu-Ako*

5 hrs 20 mins

Max Participants: 30

Unavailable during Year-end and New Year Holidays

Souvenirs: Ako's local sake Chuushingura and Otome

START**Depart from Himeji Port****Ako Marine Science Museum**

Salt-Making Experience (30 mins)

Ako Misaki Resthouse

Enjoy fresh seafood.

Sakoshi Townscape

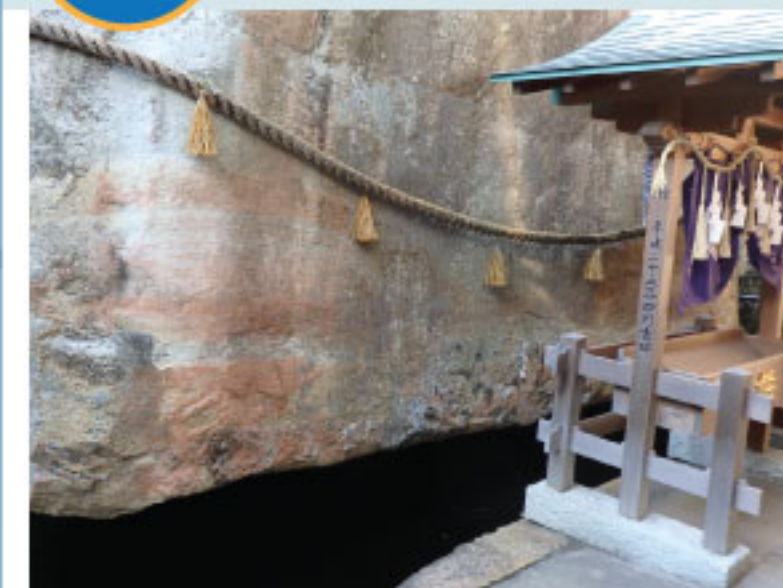
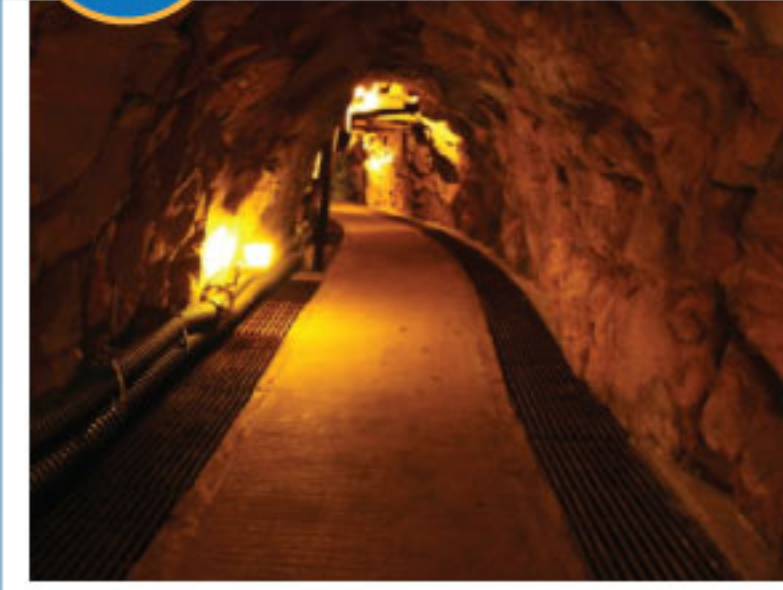
Sakoshi, which was one of the leading shipping areas within the Seto Inland Sea during the Edo Period, was certified as a Japanese heritage site due to it being a port of call for the Kitamaebune ships.

Okuto Sake Brewery Museum

- Sake tasting.
- Exhibitions of sake brewing tools and historical materials related to small cargo vessels.

END**Return to Himeji Port****Ako Marine Science Museum**

Ako Marine Science Museum is split into 4 themes which explain salt physically and scientifically. Various salt fields have been restored at the salt farm and traditional salt-making methods can be observed.

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