

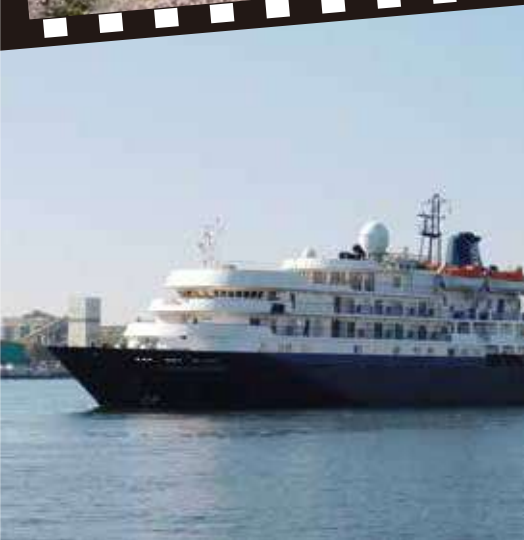
ship plus



Your amazing journey begins from your ship!

Welcome to the Port of Himeji

The Port of Himeji has prospered from ancient times as an entryway to the Harima region. Although the port plays an important role as the center of the Harima industrial area, its convenient location - only 20 minutes from Himeji city center - has also made it extremely popular as a port for cruise ships. We hope you'll enjoy the amazing Ship+ experience!



Himeji Castle

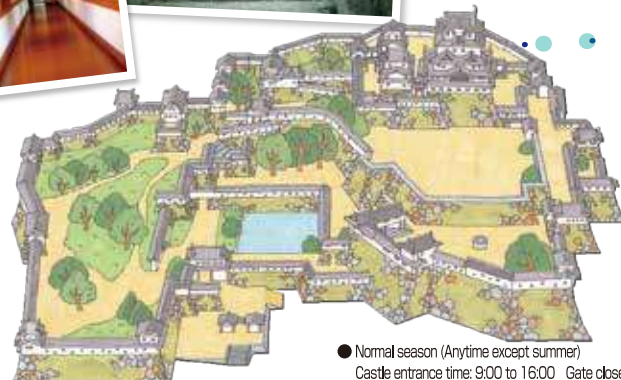
A Pure-White World Heritage Site



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Strolling around Himeji Castle



Himeji Castle - World Heritage Site

Himeji Castle was designated as a national treasure in 1931 and was one of the first World Heritage sites registered in Japan in 1993. The castle will be reopened to the public in March 2015 after five years of restoration work. Be sure to admire the beautiful, gleaming white Main Keep.

- Normal season (Anytime except summer)
Castle entrance time: 9:00 to 16:00 Gate closes: 17:00
- Summer (Latter part of April until end of Aug.)
Castle entrance time: 9:00 to 17:00 Gate closes: 18:00
- 68 Honmachi, Himeji City
- TEL. 079-285-1146
- Adults: 1,000 yen Children: 300 yen (Himeji Castle Management Office)
- 15 min. by foot from JR Himeji Station

Himeji Castle Nishioyashiki -ato Garden Koko-en

This garden was created on the site of a Himeji feudal lord's residence. Composed of nine gardens of various sizes, its paths and meander around a series of ponds. Making use of an Edo period land allotment, the garden is perfect for enjoying the changing scenery of the four seasons.

- 9:00 to 17:00 (Last Park Entry 16:30)
(We have extension at time by season, too)
- 68 Honmachi, Himeji City
- TEL. 079-289-4120
- Adults: 310 yen, Elementary/
Jr. high school students: 150 yen
- 15 min. by foot from JR Himeji Station



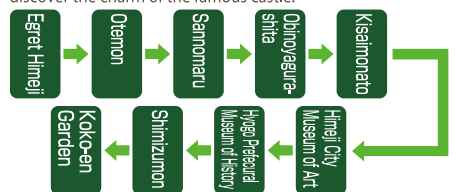
Himeji Castle Japanese-style Boat <inner moat learning boat>

- Approx. 30 minutes
- Adults 1,200 yen
Children (over 3 years old to elementary school students) 600 yen
- For more information about service schedule, please confirm on website of Himeji feudal clan Japanese-style boat culture meeting.
- TEL. 079-280-3371

Himeji Castle is the highest peak of castle architecture and has a 400-year history.

Himeji Castle: Inner moat Tour Course

Himeji Castle offers beautiful views from everywhere and is called the front from all directions. Please enjoy the walk of inner moat. An expert local guide will accompany you to discover the charm of the famous castle.



- Meeting Place: Himeji city tourist information center in JR Himeji station
- Day: All year (excluded for New Year holidays)
- Guide fee: Free (Travel agency treatment is determined separately)
- Time required: Approx. 2 hours
- Reservations: 10 days before the conduct date
- Further Information: TEL 079-287-0003



This museum is housed in a red-brick building formerly used as an army warehouse. The museum's collection features modern Belgian artists from the late 19th century such as Rene Magritte, as well as present day artists.

Himeji City Museum of Art

- 10:00 to 17:00 (Last entry 16:30)
- 68-25 Honmachi, Himeji City
- TEL. 079-222-2288
- Adults: 210 yen Sr. high school/University students: 150 yen
Elementary/Jr. high school students: 100 yen
- 20 min. by foot from JR Himeji Station



This museum provides an opportunity to learn about the history and folk arts of Hyogo Prefecture, as well as children's culture, and various aspects of Himeji Castle and the castle town. You can enjoy virtual reality tours, and even try on a Junihitoe (a twelve-layer kimono worn by court-ladies) or a Kabuto (Samurai helmet).

Hyogo Prefectural Museum of History

- 10:00 to 17:00 (Last entry 16:30)
- 68 Honmachi, Himeji City
- TEL. 079-288-9011
- Adults: 200 yen University students: 150 yen
Sr. high school students: 100 yen Elementary/Jr. high school students: Free
- 25 min. by foot from JR Himeji Station

Free Reservations are available

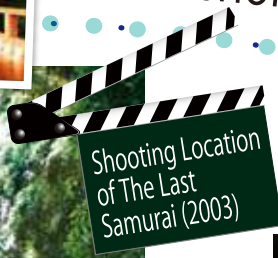
Himeji Sightseeing Volunteer Guides

Mt. Shosha

The Thousand-Year Prayer Mountain



A short trip from the city center



Engyo-ji Temple on Mt. Shosha

Referred to as the "Mt. Hiei of the West", this temple is one of the three main teaching centers of Tendai Buddhism. Sitting amidst untouched nature, the temple grounds are dotted with various important cultural properties.



Enjoy a four minutes trol in the air!

Mt. Shosha Ropeway

- 8:30 to 17:00 (Varies depending on the time of year)
- TEL. 079-266-2006
- Ticket price Adults: 600 yen Children: 300 yen (Round trip Adults: 1,000 yen Children: 500 yen)
- Approx. 30 min. by bus from JR Himeji Station



Wow... it's like going back in time...



Highly regarded as a place to refresh your mind and body.



Experience Zazen Meditation and Hand-copying of Sutras

- Zazen meditation: Reservation required Approx. one hour/500 yen (Free for some) TEL. 079-266-3327
- Sutra transcription fee/Heart Sutra: 1,000 yen (requires one hour) /Flower-petal Sutra: 300 yen (requires 10 min.)



Buddhist Monk Vegetarian Dining in Juryoin

Be sure to savor this culinary delight inside Juryoin (a subtemple; an Important Cultural Property of Japan) served in once-obsolete Shosha lacquerware dishes that have been returned to life.

- Open: April to Nov. (Five or more people required for reservations)
- TEL. 079-266-3553
- Closed: Thursday



Shosha Art and Craft Museum

- 10:00 to 17:00 (Last entry 16:30)
- 1223 Shosha, Himeji City
- 079-267-0301
- Adults: 310 yen
- Sr. high school/University students: 210 yen
- Elementary/Jr. high school students: 50 yen
- Approx. 30 min. by bus from JR Himeji Station



This museum features a collection of some 90,000 toys. It includes not only traditional Japanese toys, but also toys collected from all over the world. This collection has received acclaim both within Japan and abroad. Themed and special exhibitions are held seasonally.

Japan Toy Museum

- 10:00 to 17:00
- 671-3 Nakanino, Kodericho, Himeji City
- TEL. 079-232-4388
- Adults: 600 yen Sr. high school/University students: 400 yen Children four and older: 200 yen
- 15 min. by foot from Koro Station, JR Bantan Line (Approx. 30 min. by car from JR Himeji Station)



Himeji Hariko (papier mache) and Himeji spinning tops are traditional crafts that have been cultivated in the castle town of Himeji. You can enjoy adding your own colors to blank hariko and tops made from plain wood. Don't miss out on creating a fun memory!

Hands-on Himeji Hariko Experience

- Open every day from 10:00 to 17:00 (Last entry 16:00)
- Participation fee: 800 yen for a mask, 330 yen for a top

Takeda Castle

The Castle in the Sky



Stroll Around Hyogo's Castles

Takeda Castle Ruins (National Historic Site)

The Takeda Castle ruins are also referred to as the "Castle in the sky" or the "Machu Picchu of Japan" because it appears to be floating in a sea of wispy clouds.

- Photo provided by Mr. Toshihisa Yoshida -

- 8:00 to 18:00 from Mar. 1 to May. 31
- 6:00 to 18:00 from Jun. 1 to Aug. 31
- 4:00 to 17:00 from Sep. 1 to Nov. 30
- 10:00 to 14:00 from Dec. 1 to Jan. 3
- Admission is from 30 min. to 1 hr. before closing.
- 169 Aza Kojozan, Takeda, Wadayama-cho, Asago City
- TEL. 079-674-2120
- Adults: 500 yen Jr. high school students and younger: Free
- 20 min. by Tenku Bus from Takeda Station, JR Bantan Line
- 20 min. by foot from the mountainside parking lot.



The Old Kimura Distillery EN

This 100-year-old sake brewery has been renovated, and given new life as a multi-purpose facility with a restaurant and lodging facilities.

- 363 Aza Kamimachi Nishigawa, Takeda, Wadayama-cho, Asago City
- TEL. 079-674-0501
- 3 min. by foot from Takeda Station, JR Bantan Line



Ako Castle

Ako Castle in Ako City is famous for the story of the Forty-seven Ronin (Chushingura). It has been selected as one of Japan's 100 greatest castles.

This flatland castle, situated on the coast, has an extremely unusual modified Rinkaku (contour) style, making it important in modern castle history.

- 9:00 to 16:30 (Last entry 16:00)
- Kamikariya, Ako City ● Free
- TEL. 0791-43-6839
- 15 min. by foot from JR Banshu-Ako Station



Enjoyed by everyone from kids to adults!

Experience

Learn with tile craftsmen "Full Tile Making Course"

This fully-featured program includes workshop tours, lectures and hands-on experience making Kawara (traditional roof tiles) and clay handicraft. Instructors include Kawara and Onigawara (ogre-image roof tile) artisans who have worked on the Shachihoko ridge-end tiles of Himeji Castle's Main Keep.



- Held year-round
- Time required: Three hours
- Cost: 4,000 yen
- Koyo Seiga TEL. 079-232-5295
- Reservations accepted up to seven days in advance - Inquire if you want to make a same-day reservation.



Make adorable sweets with seasonal motifs



"Try Making Japanese Sweets!"



- From 13:00/From 15:00
- Time required: 40 min.
- Cost: 1,500 yen
- Kineya TEL. 079-267-2333
- Reservations required - Same-day reservations accepted

Kamaboko and Chikuwa taste even better handmade!



"Kamaboko (steamed fish paste) Making" Experience



- Held year-round
- Time required: Two hours
- Cost: 1,500 yen
- Yamasa Kamaboko TEL. 079-335-1055
- Reservations accepted until the day prior -

Let's row into wonderful nature!



Sea Kayak Experience!



- Held year-round
- Cost: Kayak, Canoe 500 to 1,000 yen per boat
- Hyogo Prefectural Ieshima Nature Experience Center TEL. 079-327-1508
- Reservations required -

Recommended in Himeji

Delicacies



Grilled Conger Eel

Quickly cut into a fillet, the eel is skewered and coated with a soy-based sauce, and then cooked to aromatic perfection. This savory rich flavor makes for a perfect present to send anywhere in Japan.



Himeji Oden

It is thought that this popular food was first consumed in the Hamate area of Himeji at the start of the Showa era, when ginger soy sauce was added to salty-sweet Kanto Oden.



Hinepon

A chicken that can no longer produce eggs (Hine hen) is grilled and covered with Ponzu (soy sauce citrus vinegar) to create a delicious dish. It's unique refreshing flavor, different from regular grilled chicken, is highly popular.



Almond Butter

Enjoy the savory, fragrant flavor of this chunky almond butter by spreading it on bread and toasting.

Ieshima Islands

Islands that Connect Ocean and People

The Ieshima Islands are an archipelago, consisting of some 44 various-sized islands located 18 km off the coast of Himeji City. Also known as Onogoro Island (origin island), this area has been considered to be the birthplace of Japan since ancient times and retains a variety of myths and legends.



Enjoy the refreshing sea breeze as you enjoy a walk around this port town!

"Ieshima Island Walk"

- Held year-round (Excluding year-end/New Year's holidays)
- Time required: One to two hours
- Please contact the Ieshima Tourism Association for fees and reservations.
- Ieshima Tourism Assoc. TEL. 079-325-8777



Cross the Sea for a Stroll Around Ieshima Island



Hyogo Prefectural Ieshima Nature Experience Center

Located in the southeastern of Nishijima, the largest island of Ieshima Islands floating in the Seto Inland Sea, it is a facility where you can learn about the marine environment. Sea experience programs are substantial. Let's play with nature and learn from nature using your five physical senses. Reservations required.



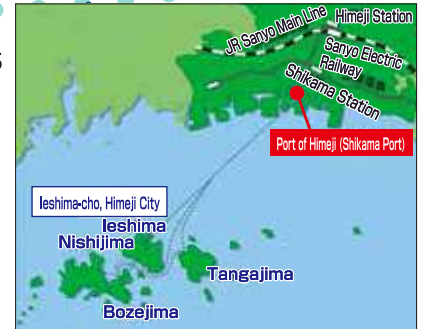
Observe the fishing process on the boat

You can observe some of the fishing process from the boat and you can also enjoy having fresh fishes that fishermen catch and fillet on the boat.



Fresh Seafood

The catch of fish from around Ieshima Islands is one of the most prominent in Japan. There is a bounty of various types of seasonal fish throughout the year, including sea bream, greater amberjack, and adult yellowtail. You can also try your hand at fishing using a beach seine or a trawl net.



- Location: Ieshima-cho, Himeji City
- Approx. 35 min. from Port of Himeji by regularly operating passenger ship

Harima is the Hometown of Japanese Sake

Delight your taste buds with delicious local sake!

"Sake Brewery Tour"



Includes sake tasting!

This course provides a sake brewing tour and tasting of sake straight from the brewery's cellar.

- Held year round
- Time required: 25 to 45 min.
- Cost: 100 yen (includes sake tasting)
- Nadagiku Shuzo TEL. 079-285-3111

The Harima Fudoki (a 1,300 year old record of the culture, climate, etc. of Harima province), contains the oldest description of sake brewing using malted rice, making the Harima region the birthplace of sake brewing. This legacy, together with the cultivation of "Yamada Nishiki" (a brewer's rice considered to be the most suitable for sake brewing) in Hyogo prefecture, has resulted in sake breweries in Harima producing large quantities of rich, flavorful sake.



Autumn Festivals in Banshu



The Banshu region is known all across Japan for its many famous festivals. At each shrine, Shinto rituals are held to give thanks for a bountiful harvest, along with mock battles between beautifully decorated portable shrines.

Recommended in Himeji

Souvenirs



Himeji Hariko

Himeji Hariko (papier mache) is a traditional craft handed down from the Edo period. Hariko masks with rich, comical facial expressions and bobble-head tiger figures make excellent souvenirs and gifts.



Himeji Leather Craft

"Banshu White Tanned Leather" is a famous type of leather craft. With a velvety feel and high-quality texture, this leather craft is loved by a great number of people.



Myochin Hibashi

Myochin Hibashi are charcoal tongs that have been repurposed to create door and wind chimes. They were invented by the 52nd head of the Myochin family, a line of armor makers dating back to the Heian period.



Tama-tsubaki

A Japanese confection which was a traditional favorite of the Himeji Domain. This charming sweet cake consists of an egg-yolk bean paste filling wrapped in a soft Japanese confectionery made with rice flour and shaped in the form of a camellia.

Port of Himeji



Colorful Welcoming Ceremonies are Only the Beginning



The main tourist attractions of Himeji City are historical (such as Himeji Castle and Engyo-ji Temple on Mt. Shosha), as well as cultural assets such as art and history museums, and the Nishioyashiki-ato Garden (Koko-en). Due to this, the city is known as a city of culture.

The city's convenience adds to its attractiveness, being only about 50 minutes by Shinkansen from Kyoto, the preeminent sightseeing city in Japan.

Means of transportation in Himeji and surrounding urban areas



Bus stop: Port of Himeji Bus Stop (Shinki Bus to JR Himeji Station)
 ※ Approx. 400 m from the mooring pier
 ※ Service time: 6:45 to 21:30
 ※ Service interval: 20 to 30 min. Time required: Approx. 25 min.



Taxi stand: Same as above
 ※ Approx. 6.5 km to JR Himeji Station Time required: Approx. 20 min.



Himeji ↔ Kobe
 Approx. 40 min. by JR (Special Rapid Service)



Himeji ↔ Shin-Osaka
 Approx. 30 min. by Nozomi (Shinkansen)



Himeji ↔ Aiko
 Approx. 30 min. by JR

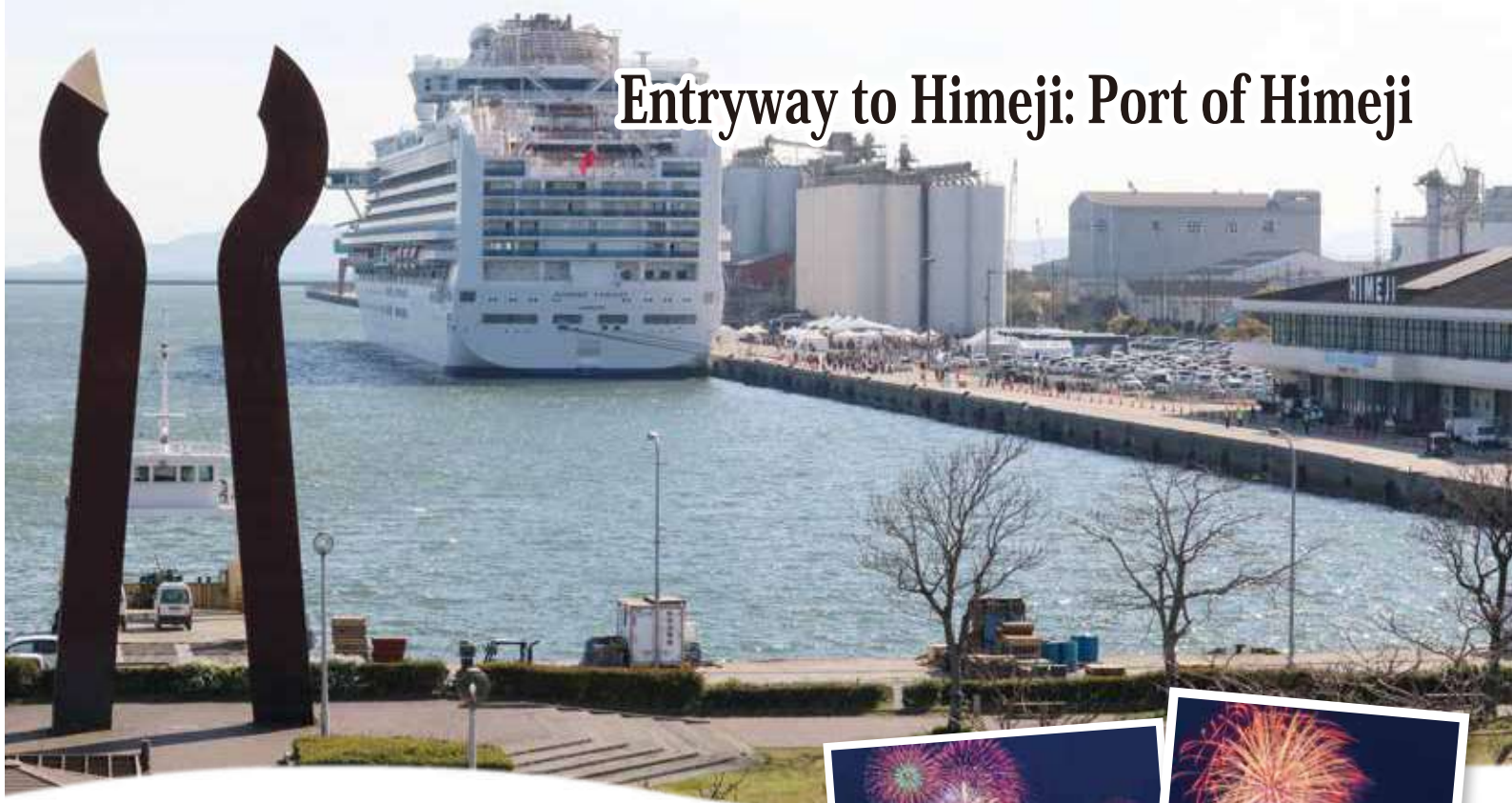


Himeji ↔ Kyoto
 Approx. 50 min. by Nozomi (Shinkansen)



Himeji ↔ Kansai International Airport
 Approx. 140 min. by bus

Entryway to Himeji: Port of Himeji



Docking Pier

Use Shikama No. 4 Pier (-10m, L=170m) (Generally bow first entry)
For large ships, use Shikama No. 4 and 5 Piers (-10m, L=340m)

Parking lot

Use open space (Approx. 5,000 m²)
Parking is available for 30 tour buses in front of the berth.
Shuttle buses and taxis are also available in this area.

Exemption for Cruise Ships

Cruise Ships entering the Port of Himeji receive a 100% discount on port entry fee and wharfage.
This policy was enacted on April 1, 2019.

Sample Port Charge Calculation for a cruise ship.
The charges below reflect a 24 hour period.

☆A cruise ship 30,000G/T
Port Entry 75,000JPY , Wharfage 315,000JPY Total 390,000JPY
Exemption 390,000JPY

Inquiries

Harbor facilities

Himeji Port Management Office

Tel.079-235-0176

Tourism

Himeji Convention & Visitors Bureau

Tel.079-222-2285

Welcome events, etc.

Industry Promotion Section, Industry Department, Himeji City

Tel.079-221-2504

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Himeji Port Branch Office, Kobe District Immigration Office, Osaka Regional Immigration Bureau

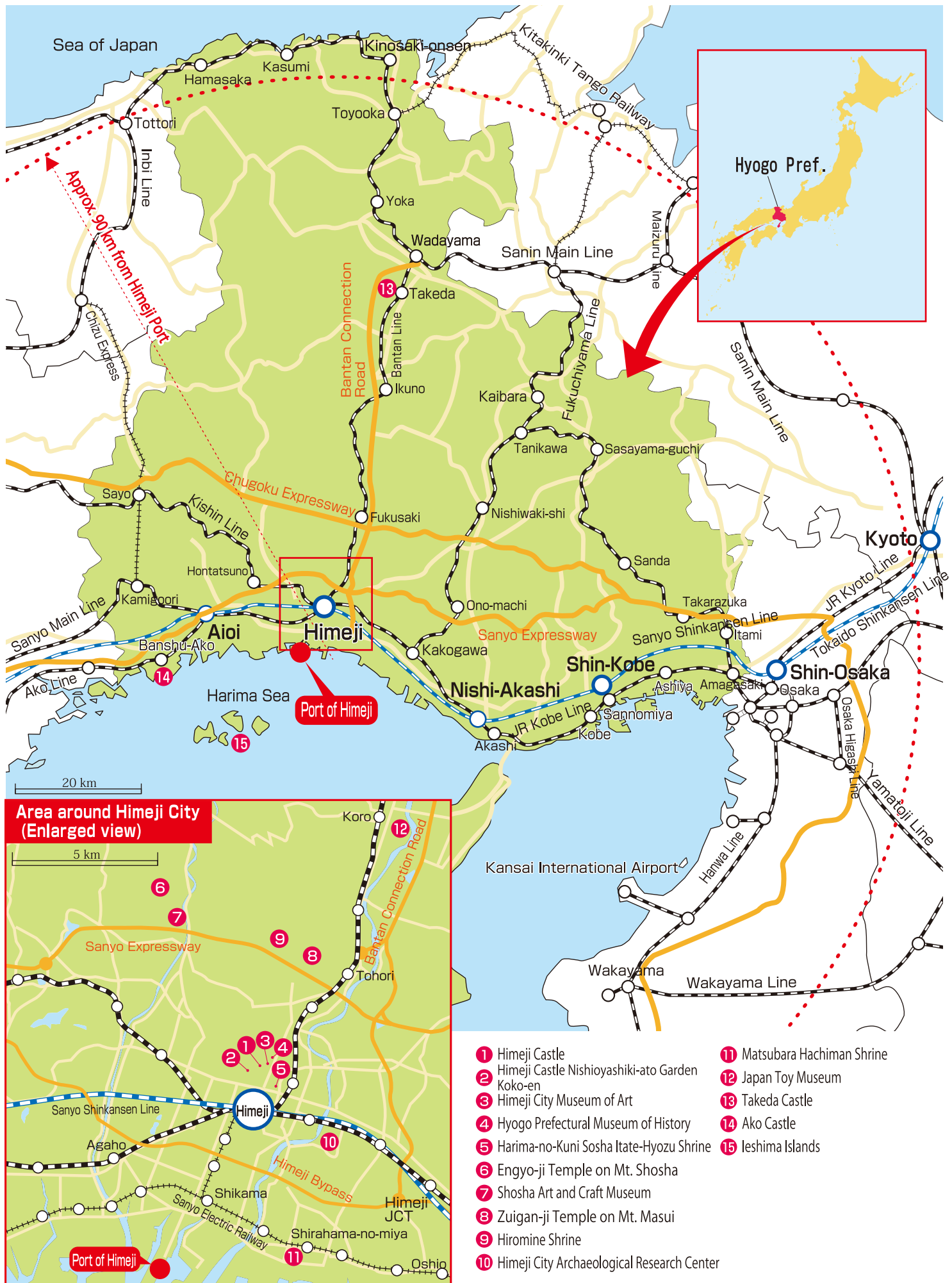
Tel.079-235-4688

Himeji Branch Customs, Kobe Customs

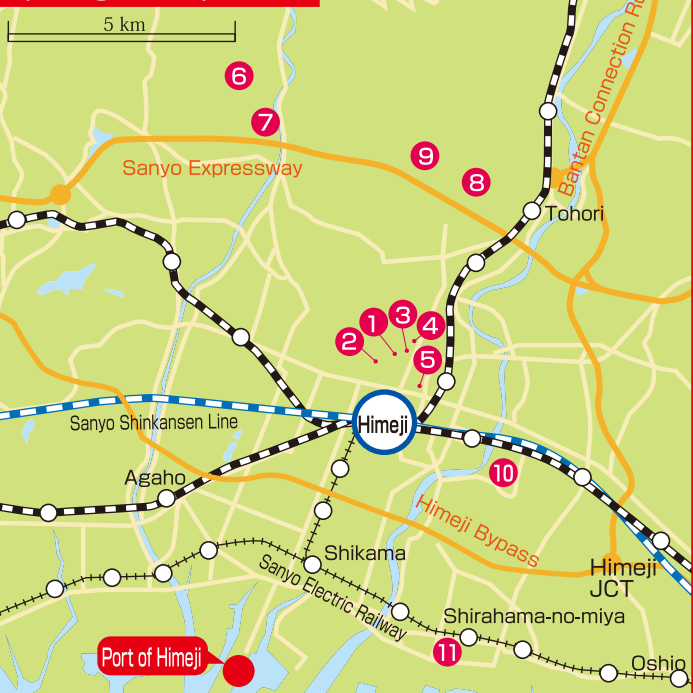
Tel.079-235-4571

Kobe Quarantine Station

Tel.078-672-9651



Area around Himeji City (Enlarged view)



- ① Himeji Castle
- ② Himeji Castle Nishioyashiki-ato Garden Koko-en
- ③ Himeji City Museum of Art
- ④ Hyogo Prefectural Museum of History
- ⑤ Harima-no-Kuni Soshia Itate-Hyozu Shrine
- ⑥ Engyo-ji Temple on Mt. Shosha
- ⑦ Shosha Art and Craft Museum
- ⑧ Zuigan-ji Temple on Mt. Masui
- ⑨ Hiromine Shrine
- ⑩ Himeji City Archaeological Research Center
- ⑪ Matsubara Hachiman Shrine
- ⑫ Japan Toy Museum
- ⑬ Takeda Castle
- ⑭ Ako Castle
- ⑮ Ieshima Islands

