

Himeji Culture

Diverse cultures have been passed down in Himeji with a long history as a castle town.

Sweet

The sweets have been fashioned by craftsmanship following the traditions of the castle town.



Tamatubaki

The Sweet which the lord of Himeji Castle ate.



Gozasoro

Pancakes stuffed with sweet bean paste.



Sennensugi

Tom Cruise purchased during his visit to Himeji.

Traditional Craft

Expertise and craftsmanship in ancient arts and crafts remain.



Myouchinhibashi

Wind-bell using tongs.



Himekawa

Items made of the special white leather.

Himeji Festivals

A variety of old and new festivals are held throughout the year.

Spring



Kan-o-kai

(The Cherry Blossom Viewing Festival)

Summer



Himeji Minato Matsuri

(Himeji Harbor Festival)

Autumn



Nada no Kenka Matsuri

(Parade of Patable Shrines)

Winter



Onioi at Shosha

(Ceremony to Exorcise Evil)

Access

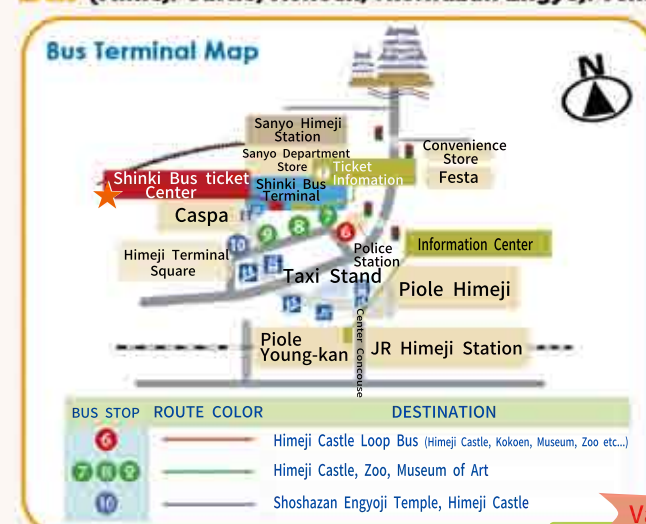
From Airport

- Osaka International Airport (Itami Airport) ...1h 20min by airport limousine (8.5 round trip / day)
- Kansai International Airport ...2h 10min by airport limousine
- Kobe Airport ...1h by Port Liner and JR (Special Rapid Service)

JR Rail Line (Special Rapid Service)



Bus (Himeji Castle, Koko-en, Shoshazan Engyoji Temple)



Loop Bus The retro style bus will take you around Himeji.

<One ride> Fee : Adult : ¥100 Child : ¥50
Child (6-year old to 6th grader in elementary school)

<1day pass> Fee : Adult : ¥300 Child : ¥150

★ Oneday pass may be purchased at Shinki Bus Terminal.

Operation days : Every day from March to November, Saturday, Sunday and holiday from December to February (Operation may be suspended at the end/beginning of the year)
Operation hours : 9:00-16:30 (until 17:00 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays)

Valuable Information
One day pass enables you to be applicable for 20% discount from admission fee for regular exhibit at Himeji Castle, Koko-en, Museum of Art, Museum of Literature and group fee is applied at Museum of History.

Combined round trip Tickets of the bus and the ropeway. You can buy the following ticket at "Shinki Bus ticket center". Save 10% on Tickets! Save up to ¥140 off!

Shoshazan ropeway & Bus Tickets

Fee : Adult : ¥1,300 Child : ¥650
Child (6-year old to 6th grader in elementary school)

★ Shoshazan Ropeway & Bus Tickets may be purchased at Shinki Bus Terminal.

JR Shinkansen (by NOZOMI)



Location Map Himeji



Welcome to a Dramatic City



Hyogo-Himeji City

Himeji Film Commission



Contact

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Journey to impressive scene

Quite a few famous movies were shot on location in Himeji;
The Hollywood movie 'You Only Live Twice' starring Sean Connery,
and 'The Last Samurai' features Tom Cruise, just to name a few.



Kojoen Gardens

Oyashiki-no-niwa
(The garden of the Lord's residence)



Red leaves

Address : 68 Honmachi, Himeji, Hyogo
Opening hours : 9:00~17:00
(admission permitted until 16:30)
Admission fee : adult 300 yen, child 150 yen

Himeji Castle



Sakura

Address : 68 Honmachi, Himeji, Hyogo
Opening hours : 9:00~17:00
(Gate close at 16:00)
Admission fee : adult 1000 yen, child 300 yen

Himeji Castle is one of the most beautiful, and oldest wooden castles,
preserved in its original condition, in Japan.
It is also a symbol of Japanese traditional craftsmanship and designated
as one of the World Heritage sites. The glorious architecture has
survived for over 400 years, It constantly amazes people with its somber,
white elegant walls and wooden frame.



Rising sun



Night view



View from the top floor



Slope to Ha-no-mon

Movies



In Himeji Castle, every single point is a prime film location.
From any angle, you can take a great shot of the Main Keep, gates,
turrets, stone walls and so on. The wonderful scenery makes long
distance or close up shooting very vivid and realistic.

007 series 'You Only Live Twice'(1967)

Director : Lewis Gilbert
Actor : Sean Connery



Himeji Castle has adopted as a Dojo (Training Hall).
Some scenes were shot such as James Bond landing on Sannomaru
Square from a helicopter and he observed ninjas training.

Kakushi-Ken Oni-no-Tsume (2004)

Director : Yoji Yamada
Actor : Masatoshi Nagase,
Takako Matsu



At Hishi Gate, a scene of samurai coming
up in the remaining snow was shot.

Tenchi Meisatsu (2012)

Director : Youji Takita
Actor : Junichi Okada,
Aoi Miyazaki



At Ote-mon Gate (main gate), a scene
crowded with samurai people coming
up to the castle in the morning was shot.

Fresh green



Ropeway

Shoshazan Engyoji Temple

Address : 2968 Shosha, Himeji, Hyogo
Admission fee : 500 yen
Shoshazan Ropeway runs
every 15 minutes from 8:30~17:00
(500 yen one-way, 900 yen round-trip)

Engyoji Temple on the top of Mt. Shosha has a long history of over
1,000 years, and has a lot of ancient religious architecture.



Daikodo, Jogyodo, Jikido(Mitsunodo)



Maniden(main temple)



Okuno-in



Experience sutra writing
Open: All year around
Fee: 1,000 yen for Heart sutra,
300 yen for flower petal sutra
Reservation & contact:
Shoshazan Engyoji Temple
TEL: 079-266-3327
*No reservation necessary
*Entrance fee: 500 yen



Experience Zen meditation
Open: All year around(from 4:00)
Fee: 500 yen
Reservation & contact:
Shoshazan Engyoji Temple
TEL: 079-266-3327
*Reservation must be made
3 days in advance.No walk ins.
*Entrance fee: 500 yen

The Akira Kurosawa Movies



Kagemusha (1980)

Director : Akira Kurosawa
Actor : Tatsuya Nakadai,
Tsumotomi Yamazaki

Himeji Castle is a location that famous director Kurosawa
often used for "the Seven Samurai".
Speaking of Samurai Movies, Himeji Castle is often portrayed
as "Edo Castle".



Ran (1985)

Director : Akira Kurosawa
Actor : Tatsuya Nakadai,
Hitoshi Ueki



The movie depicting the organization of only women
in a castle called "O-oku (inner palace)".
It was the filming location of a banquet.
It was a enticing scene.

Ooku (2006)

Director : Toru Hayashi
Actor : Yukie Nakama,
Hidetoshi Nishijima

Appear by copter!!



Jyujin



Tom's House
Waiting room of Tom Cruise.

The Last Samurai (2003)

Director : Edward Zwick
Actor : Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe



The scene which the hero Algren played by
Cruise, who had spent a year in Japan,
scene was shot in Engyoji Temple.
A winter and a spring scenes were staged
to express Japan four seasons.

Gunshi Kanbei (2014)

Actor : Junichi Okada



The drama which depicts the life of Kanbei Kuroda,
a samurai born in Himeji, who played an active
role as a military strategist for Hideyoshi Toyotomi
in the Sengoku period (period of warring states in Japan).
It was broadcast by NHK.

THE ASSASSIN (2015)

The 60th anniversary of the Cannes International Film Festival
Director : Hsiao-Hsien Hou
Director's Award winning work
Actor : Qi shu, Chen Chang, Satoshi Tsumabuki



There was a large filming period of 5 years.
The action movie depicted a lonely female
assassin who had the strangest fate.