

World Cultural Heritage Site  
National Treasure

# HIMEJI CASTLE

## 姫路城

### Himeji Castle, Steeped in History and Legend

Himeji Castle was registered as Japan's first World Heritage Site in December 1993, along with Horyuji Temple in Nara. Himeji Castle, also known as "Shirasagi-jo" (White Egret Castle), has overcome many hardships and still maintains its elegant presence even after 400 years.



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Bus: 2,500 yen for the day  
Standard-sized car: 600 yen for the first 3 hours or less  
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Large motorcycle (engine displacement 126cc and over): 500 yen per day  
Standard-sized car: 200 yen for the first 30 minutes or less  
Over 30 minutes and up to 1 hour: 400 yen  
Every 30 minutes thereafter: 150 yen  
Maximum amount per day: 1,200 yen

#### Standard time to tour Himeji Castle

About 1 hour and 30 minutes

(Round trip to the Main Keep: Approx. 1 hour,  
Nishi no maru area: Approx. 30 minutes)

※Wheelchair-accessible restrooms are not available in the paid area.  
Please use the restrooms in the San no maru Area.

# How to Enjoy Himeji Castle

## Himeji Castle Audio Guide

An audio guide to the history and fascination of Himeji Castle!

Enjoy the audio commentary for each spot on your smartphone.

<Fee>Free of charge

※You will need to connect to the Internet with your smartphone to access the Himeji Castle website.

※Data charges incurred when using the voice reading service are the responsibility of the customer.

※Please use earphones when listening to the guide.

If you do not have earphones, they are available at the Information Room for 100 yen (tax included).

※Please turn off silent mode before use.

## Himeji Castle Foreign Language Guided Tours <English>

English guided tours by professional guides for tourists visiting Japan [Himeji Castle English guided tour]

<When>Everyday(except for closed days and year-end and New Year holidays)

<Hours>①10:00~11:45 ②13:00~14:45

<Guided tours>1 hour and 45 minutes

※Time may vary depending on how crowded the castle is.

<F e e>Adults 1,000 yen,

Junior high and high school students 500 yen

(Free for elementary school students and younger. However, no more than 2 per adult)

<Starting point>Information Room next to the ticket gate

## Information Room

- Commemorative stamps of the 100 Great Castles of Japan and others
- Himeji Castle virtual reality and audio guide earphones available for purchase
- Foreign-language guided tours of Himeji Castle are available

- Tourist information on the surrounding area
- Cane and pet cage rental available
- Foreign language pamphlets
- Nursing and first-aid rooms are available.

We also respond to various other inquiries (information available in Japanese, English and Chinese).

## Information

Admission fee	Adults (18years old and over)	1,000yen	
	Students (Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High School)	300yen	
	30 persons and over	Adults	800yen
		Student	240yen

Combined ticket for Himeji Castle and Koko-en Garden	Adults	1,050yen
	Students	360yen

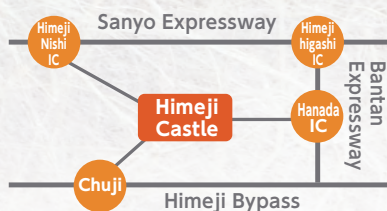
\*No admission fee for preschool children.

\*Student admission fee applies to 18 years old high school students.

■Opening hours 09:00–17:00 (Last entry 16:00) Depends on the season

※Smoking is prohibited in Himeji Castle and the Himeji Castle area except in designated smoking areas.

### By Car



○Sanyo Expressway : From Hanada IC via Bantan Expressway (About 15min)  
From Himeji Nishi IC (About 25min)

○Hanshin Expressway : From Chuji Ramp via Himeji Bypass (About 15 min)

### By Train

Accessible by JR lines, Shinkansen and Sanyo Electric Railway (connected from Osaka by Hanshin and Hankyu Railway) .



○The JR Kobe Line (Special rapid service) (bound for Himeji, Aboshi, and Banshu Aka) : About one hour from Osaka, about 40 minutes from Sannomiya.

○Private Sanyo railway lines : Take the Sanyo Himeji-bound train on the Hanshin Line and the Sanyo Line. About one hour and 30 minutes by express service from Hanshin Umeda and about one hour from Hanshin Sannomiya.



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Himeji Castle Official Site



We provide real-time information on crowds and parking. Check here for the latest info and access!

The official website of Himeji Castle in Himeji City. Click here for information on the history of Himeji Castle, miscellaneous information, national treasures, and sister castles.

This is the official account of Himeji Castle Management Office. We provide you with the latest information on Himeji Castle as well as some great photos.

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