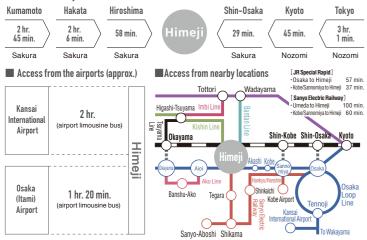


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Loopholes sama

These loopholes were created on the Castle's earthen walls and towers. Narrowing towards outside, the loophole structure enabled castle soldiers to easily shoot the enemies. The holes were also effective in repelling gunshots from the outside. Some 1,000 main at the Castle



Gates The structure such as strong gates with iron doors, and narrow gates that barely allow a single-file line of men to pass through is designed to prever

Secrets of

in large numbers



ching the Main Keep



Machicolations

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defenders to drop stones on enemies scaling the castle's stone walls or shoot at them with

guns. In addition to the keeps, the walls and

Fan-shaped

owers also have numerous machicolations

Despite its majesty, Himeji Castle incorporates a variety of defensive works in preparation for war

Impregnability

The famed Himeji Castle: magnificent and elegant as it was 400 years ago.

Himeji Castle is one of the Japan's largest existing castle architecture, boasting its majesty. In December 1993, Himeji Castle was registered as Japan's first UNESCO Cultural World Heritage Site since the entire castle comprises an unparalleled complex of wooden buildings. Never having been attacked since its construction more than 400 years ago, the current castle provides an almost completely intact example of the state of castle architecture at that time.

Because the structure is made of wood, it requires periodic repair and restration. As part of the recent repair project, the structure's plaster walls were resurfaced, and its roof tiles were replaced. Now the castle has recovered its blazing white brilliance. Such beautiful appearance has contributed to the first place in TripAdvisor® Best Castle Ranking 2016.



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> **Roof Tiles** About 80% of the tiles for the Main Keep

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Combined-keep Lavout renritsu-shiki-tenshu

Himeji Castle provides an intact example of a style of castle architecture known as combined-keep layout, consisting of the Main Keep and three small keeps. Roof decorations such as Chidori and Kara Bargeboards enhance its gorgeousness.

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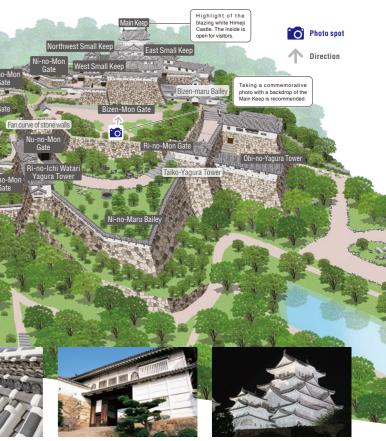
While boasting its massive presence. Himeii Castle is adorned with delicate decorations. The dignified beautiful appearance is worthy of one of the world best castles

original beauty.









were reused during the recent repair works. Such former materials have passed on the

Hishi-no-Mon Gate

When entering Himeji Castle, visitors first come upon the largest gate on the castle ground, Hishi-no-Mon Gate. The gate is distinguished by design features such as kato-mado (fire-shaped windows), which give the structure an elegant ambiance.



Himeii Caste is covered with white plaster (made by mixing glue with slaked lime). Due to its blazing white brilliance, it is also known as the "White Heron Castle," In addition to creating a magnificent appearance, the plaster also helps to prevent the spread of

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