Feel the transitions of the seasons and time of day Photos of the famed castle

Spring

Approximately 1,000 sakura and weeping cherry trees are planted on the castle ground. The scenery of these trees against Main Keep and white walls has been named one of the 100 best cherry blossom viewing points in Japan. The blossoms peak in early April.





Summer

deep summer, the trees of imevama Hill turn a deep green ighlighting the brilliant white of Main Keep. Combination with the pine trees is one of the typically uanced Jananese sceneries

Winter

As the trees drop their leaves, the

castle becomes a show of black

and white. On snowy days, the

covered in a blanket of snow to

branches and stone walls are

create a fabulous sight.

Autumn

The castle is decorated in the tone

of the changing leaves, creating an

color. The fall foliage usually peaks

enchantingly beautiful play of

around the end of November





Morning

In the morning, enjoy a rare view of Main Keep and three small keeps from Otokoyama Hill to the west of Himeii Castle. The silhouette of the castle against the backdrop of the morning sun will take your breath away



Night

limeji Castle is lit up year-round in the evening, creating a magical sight where Main Keep appears to float in the air. Have fun of "Himeii Castle Cherry Blossoms at night" spring

Fun in the castle town 01limeji cuisine





Himeii oden himeji-oden Japanese hotpot)

Himeji-style oden is eaten with grated ginger and soy sauce. There are many estaurants in the downtown area

providing this delightful dish

Hand-stretched noodles

Try these noodles—a tradition dating back some 600 years—of the Banshu region, former name of Himeji area. The brand name Ibo-no-ito" has come to be known around the nation since the Meiji period onward.

> Local sake jizake The area around Himeji is known for being the home of the Yamada Nishiki rice used to make Japanese sake. Himeii is also known as a treasure trove of Japanese sake.



is dish, featuring local fish caught in the sea near Himeji, is a source of pride in the region for its freshness and varieties. The conger eel is especially well-known for its incredible



After enjoying every inch of Himeji Castle, tour the castle town. There are tons of fun things to do!



Himeii leatherware

patterns of engraving or

drawing

This traditional craft, made only in Himeii. features white tanned leather. It turns whiter and whiter in the sun. Popular items include wallets, bags and glasses cases decorated with bright

Myochin Hibashi wind chime

nvochin-hibashi-furin Myochin Hibashi wind chime is made of special iron tongs

tempered with traditional techniques. Its refreshing clear sound is a masterpiece of craftsmanship



Himeii Castle is conveniently located near the station

This spot features an observation point on the North Exit of Himeji



2 Egret Himej

This shopping facility sits in close proximity to Himeji Castle. The view from the roof observation deck is a must-see!



The view of Himeji Castle from the main road dating back 150 years is spectacular.

4 "Power spot" of the castle town! Harima-no-Kuni Sosha,



Located to the southwest of Himeji Castle, this shrine has long been known as the place where the local Shinto deity of Harima is enshrined. It has repeatedly been a subject of veneration including the gift of a torii gate from a lord of Himeji Castle. It is also popular for its luck of matchmakin



G A variety of Himeji souvenirs Bansankan

This gift shop, located right in front of Himeji station, offers a variety of specialty goods of the Himeji and Nishi-harima areas. Gift selections include locally-made Japanese-style sweets and sake.

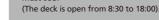


Hours: 9:00-19:00 Closed: Dec. 29-Jan. 3 Maedore local fish

the town and explore a series of ruins on the former castle territory. **1** Castle View

station. Snap a photo of the beautiful town of Himeji!







Itatehyozu-jinja Shrine



The Bus: Reasonable way to tour the castle town

The loop bus, which starts at Himeji station, is convenient not only for touring Himeji Castle but also various sightseeing spots in the area.

Himeji Castle loop bus

This bus runs from Himeji station to the Ote-Mon Gate of Himeji Castle, to sights around the castle,

and back to the station. Purchase a day pass to ride as many times as you like for the day, and also receive discounts on admission to Himeji Castle, Koko-en, Himeji City Museum of Art, etc.

Fare: Adult: 100 yen; Child: 50 yen

Day pass: Adult: 300 yen; Child: 150 yen

Hours: Daily in Mar.-Nov.; Sat., Sun. and holidays in Dec.-Feb.

(may be no operation at end-of-year/New Year holiday)



6 Himeji City Museum of Art This beautiful red brick museum exhibits the works of local and world-famous artists.

Hyogo Prefectural Museum of History

Learn about the history and festivals of Himeji Castle and Hyogo Prefecture.



To the suburbs by bus



Shoshazan Engyo-ji Temp

This historic temple, built in the year 966, has gained popularity as the set for the Hollywood film "The

Last Samurai" and more. Ride on a ropeway, with the combination ticket for ropeway and round-trip bus (from Himeii station). The temple is located 28 minutes by bus from the No. 10 bus stop at the North Exit of Himeji Station. Get off at Shoshazan ropeway.

Tourist information! Himeji City Tourist Information Center

In addition to sightseeing information and pamphlets, this center also offers free bicycle rentals, wheelchair lending service, mobile phone charging service (fees apply). Located near the Himeji Station North Exit.

Tel: 079-287-0003

Hours: 9:00-19:00 (registration until 16:00) Closed: Dec. 29 and 30

Accommodation in Himeji

There is a variety of accommodation in Himeji City, particularly around Himeji station. Check info here!





