

Himeji, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan

Japan's most spectacular original samurai castle rises above a city that time treated kindly. Himeji Castle is not a reconstruction — it is the real thing, and it is extraordinary.

 Pier (Shikama Wharf)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 Currency: Japanese Yen (¥)

 Language: Japanese

 UNESCO World Heritage Site

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Shikama Wharf, Port of Himeji (~8 km from castle)

Best For: History lovers, architecture, Japanese culture, photography

Walk to Castle: Shuttle or taxi required from pier; 15 min walk from Himeji Station

Don't Miss: Himeji Castle interior climb + Koko-en Garden combined ticket (¥2,600 non-resident)

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ ¥3,600–¥4,500 (~\$24-30 USD) · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Himeji Castle** — Japan's finest original castle — not a reconstruction.
- **Koko-en Garden** — Nine walled gardens in Edo-period style sit right beside the castle.
- **Mt. Shosha & Engyoji Temple** — A 1,000-year-old temple complex clings to forested Mt.
- **Himeji City Museum of History** — Just a short walk from the castle, this excellent museum traces Himeji's samurai history and the castle's construction.
- **Himeji Oden & Local Sake Tasting** — Himeji-style oden is drizzled with sweet ginger-soy sauce — nothing like standard oden.

BEST WALKS

- **Otemae-dori Castle Walk** 1 km each way · Flat · 15 min · All abilities — From Himeji Station, walk the wide boulevard straight to the castle gates.
- **Castle to Koko-en Garden Loop** 0.5 km loop · Easy · 10 min walk · All abilities — After touring the castle, exit through the west gate and cross directly into Koko-en Garden.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	64°	46°	10d
Jun	77°	64°	14d
Aug	87°	75°	15d
Sep	81°	68°	14d
Oct	71°	56°	8d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:29AM–6:33PM · Jun 4:47AM–7:15PM · Aug 5:21AM–6:49PM · Sep 5:44AM–6:08PM · Oct 6:06AM–5:26PM

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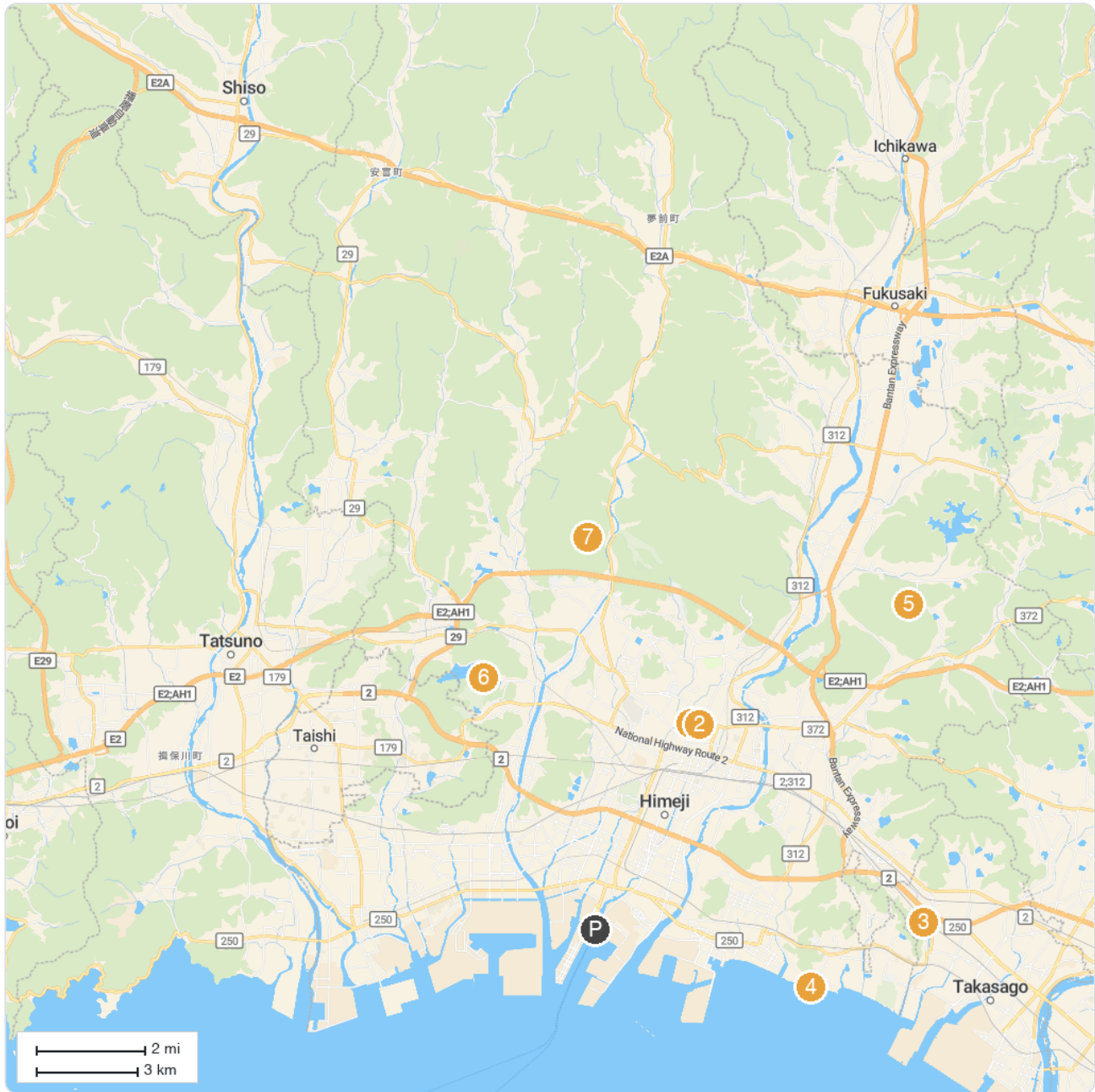
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring clean socks. You must remove shoes before entering the castle keep and carry them in a plastic bag. The wooden floors are cold and the stairs are steep (up to 54°). Slip-on...
- Get the combined ticket. The castle + Koko-en Garden combo costs ¥2,600 for non-residents — just ¥100 more than the castle

Himeji, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Himeji Castle Japan's most beautiful, original feudal castle. | 2 Himeji City Museum of Art City art museum featuring Japanese and international works. |
| 3 Tenkawahigashi Park Riverside park with walking paths and cherry blossoms. | 4 Shosekiheki Park Park featuring a unique rock wall formation. |
| 5 Himeji Central Park Safari park and amusement park for families. | 6 Himeji City Science Museum Interactive science museum with a planetarium. |
| 7 Engyōji Historic mountaintop Buddhist temple complex. | P Cruise port / terminal |