



Himeji - 2 Days

Cherry Blossoms in early April

Himeji is not only the most beautiful castle in Japan but also the site of one of the most beautiful cherry blossoms in the country. A single glance takes in the castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the hundreds of sakuras in full bloom that surround it.

Day 1: Tokyo / Himeji

Depart for Himeji by Shinkansen at 9:00am. (duration: about 3h40).

Visits and meals at your convenience.

The fortress of Himeji, or castle of the "White Heron", is one of the oldest military works in medieval Japan. A cultural treasure, it was built in the 14th century and was often used as a setting for films, notably those of director Akira Kurosawa.



Himeji Castle

Visit Suggestions:

- **Himeji Castle**

Beautifully maintained, its 5-storey dungeon stands proudly above the city. You can take a pleasant walk amongst its 1800 cherry blossoms trees in bloom.



- **Koko-en Garden**

The Koko-en is a Japanese garden that was built in 1992. With an area of 3.5 hectares, it consists of nine different gardens and samurai houses. Various flowers can be admired throughout the year such as sakuras, wisterias, Irises, Lotuses, camellias, chrysanthemums and many others.

Night at the hotel.

Day 2: Himeji/ Tokyo

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visits and meals at your convenience.

Visit Suggestions:

- **Shoshazan Engyoji Temple**

Shoshazan Engyoji Temple was built in 966 on the northern edge of Himeji city. It is located on Mount Shosha, a small mountain that rises 371 meters above sea level. The beauty of the totally pristine environment devoid of modern structures has made Mount Shosha a recurring spot for films (The Last Samurai) and television shoots.



Shosha-zan Engyoji Temple

Depart for Tokyo via Shinkansen in the late afternoon.



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