



About Himeji

A city of 460,000 people, Himeji is located in the heart of the Himeji plain in the southwestern part of Hyogo Prefecture. Progressively amalgamating adjacent towns and villages since its municipal inauguration in 1889, Himeji now stretches 23.5 km to the east and west 21.3 km to the north and south and boast a total area of 273.47 km squared. Himeji is said to have been populated by human beings for about 10,000 years, a fact underlined by the discovery of ancient artifacts throughout the city. Himeji Castle and Horyu-ji Buddhist Temple in Nara were given the World Cultural Heritage status for the first time in Japan, at the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO in 1993. The huge plain including Himeji flourished over the years as an industry and transportation center in proximity to the cities of Kyoto, Osaka and Kobe.

Travel Information

The Hotel Sungarden Himeji is located in front of the South Gate of JR Himeji station (about 1 min by walk).
 Access to the JR Himeji Station :

▷from the New Kansai Airport

Take the JR "Kanku-Kaisoku" to Osaka station (about 1h), and change the train for the JR "Shin-Kaisoku" Super Rapid (about 1h) or the JR "Kaisoku" Rapid (about 1.5h) to Himeji station. Take the trains bound for Himeji or Aboshi stations

▷from the Itami Airport

The Itami Airport is domestic air service. Take the Airport Limousine Bus Service directly bound for the JR Himeji station (about 1.5h). The Airport Limousine is available almost every one hour from 9:20a.m to 9:00p.m.

▷from the Narita Airport

Take the JR "Narita Express" to Tokyo station (about 1h), and then take the Shinkansen "HIKARI Super Express" to Himeji station (about 4h). A limited number of HIKARI stops at Himeji station. If you take HIKARI which does not stop at Himeji or "NOZOMI Super Express," you must change the train for "KODAMA Super Express" at Shin-Osaka station (HIKARI: about 3h, NOZOMI: about 2.5h). The Himeji station is the third stop from Shin-Osaka (about 3/4h).