

# Optional Tours to and from the Port of Himeji

Day  
Course



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Half Day

### Boze Fisherman's Cooperative Marine Experience

Participants  
**40**

#### Boze Fisherman's Cooperative

Boze has more small fishing trawlers than anywhere else in Hyogo Prefecture, and many fishermen operate these boats year-round. It's quite impressive to see fish brought out of the water right before your eyes! While on your tour, you can try some freshly-caught fish.



#### Course

Port of Himeji (8:30 am dep) - Mega Fishing Port - fishing grounds (fish trawling tour) - Mega Fishing Port - Himeji Maedore Market (shopping) - Port of Himeji (11:50 am arr)

Half Day

### Tour of the Birthplace of Kunio Yanagita in Fukusaki Town and the Japan Toy Museum

Participants  
**40**

#### Birthplace of Kunio Yanagita

Kunio Yanagita, who developed and established the new field of Japanese folklore, was born here, and he referred to his birthplace as "the smallest house in Japan". You can get a sense of what Japan was like 150 years ago. You can encounter the kappa that appeared in the writings of Yanagita at the nearby Tujikawayama Park, too.



#### Course

Port of Himeji (8:30 am dep) - Tour of Birthplace of Kunio Yanagita, Tujikawayama Park, (monster statue tour) and Tsujikawa Tourism Exchange Center - Japan Toy Museum (tour) - Port of Himeji (12:40 pm arr)

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### Koyo Seiga Clay Craft Workshop and Tour of the Japan Toy Museum

Participants  
**40**

#### Clay Craft Workshop at Koyo Seiga

Koyo Seiga is a famous company in the traditional industry of Himeji. Make your own unique item from the same clay used in creating roof tiles while being guided by a roof tile craftsman famous for making roof tiles and restoring patterns for Himeji Castle.



#### Course

Port of Himeji (9:10 am dep) - Koyo Seiga (clay craft workshop) - Japan Toy Museum (tour) - Port of Himeji (1:00 pm arr)



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### Tatsuno City Soy Sauce and Miso Workshop

Participants  
**10**

#### Suehiro Soy Sauce

Founded in 1879, this company has continued to produce traditional soy sauce in Tatsuno City, the birthplace of soy sauce. They produce this soy sauce with particular care to ingredients and method. You can see the natural brewing process of soy sauce here, where they make their popular light soy sauce.



#### Course

Port of Himeji (8:20 am dep) - Suehiro Soy Sauce (tour of soy sauce brewery and shopping) - Ido Koji (making miso) - Port of Himeji (12:00 pm arr)







Photos provided by Tatsuno City

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### Tour of Sake Breweries in Shiso City, the Birthplace of Sake, and Scarecrow Watching in "Scarecrow Village"

Participants **20**



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#### Okuharima Scarecrow Village

You can see quiet mountain landscapes in Okuharima Scarecrow Village. This village is found in the Seki area of Yasutomi in Hyogo Prefecture. The few dozen residents live alongside 130 scarecrows. The verb "live" seems to apply to these scarecrows, who can often be mistaken for people. Enjoy a glimpse into the unspoiled scenes of an old Japanese town.



#### Course

Port of Himeji (9:30 am dep) - Okuharima Scarecrow Village (scarecrow watching) - Oimatsu Dining and Brewery (lunch, sake tasting, shopping) - Nadagiku Sake Brewery (sake tasting and shopping) - Port of Himeji (4:00 pm arr)

\*You can listen to a talk from Masato Okaue, the creator of the scarecrows in Scarecrow Village (negotiable)

#### Oimatsu Brewery

This brewery has over 250 years of history since its founding in 1768 in the former castle town of the Yamasaki domain. They produce a high-quality sake that is loved locally using delicious subsoil water from the Shiso region and prepared through traditional long-term fermentation at low temperatures without the use of machinery. Be sure to try some at the brewery.

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### Tour of Ikuno Silver Mine Historic Remains and Takeda Castle Remains

Participants **15**



#### Ikuno Silver Mine Shaft

There is a 1-km long mine shaft for tourists, and it remains a constant 13°C (55°F) year-round. You can experience the modern mine shaft as well as a shaft from the Edo period, and these are important historical remains where you can see mining operations from each time period. The Ikuno Silver Mine is also part of a Japanese heritage cultural asset certified by the Agency for Cultural Affairs known as The Old Silver Mine Carriage Road and Road of Ore. Experience this history.



#### Takeda Castle Remains (Ritsuun Gorge)

A prefectural nature park located on the side of Mt. Asago. There are three observation towers that are popular spots for viewing Takeda Castle. While only the stone walls remain, you can imagine Takeda Castle when it still stood while looking out at the scenery from the observation towers.



#### EN Takeda Castle Town Hotel

The former Kimura Distillery (owned by Asago City), located in the castle town of the former Takeda Castle, was renovated and reopened as EN Takeda Castle Town Hotel in the autumn of 2013. The restaurant is located in the former fermentation warehouse, where history is alive among the thick beams, multiple columns, and brown mud walls. You can enjoy French cuisine here.

#### Course

Port of Himeji (9:00 am dep) - Ikuno Silver Mine (mine shaft tour) - EN Takeda Castle Town Hotel (lunch) - Ritsuun Gorge (views of Takeda Castle Remains) - Port of Himeji (5:00 pm arr)

\*travel by taxi

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### Planing Workshop at Banshu Miki, Tour of Takahashi Soy Sauce in Kasai City, and a Walk Among 500 Statues of Buddhist Disciples

Participants **10**

#### Tsunesaburo

A preserved site of ancient forging. In addition to seeing the manufacturing process, there is an exhibit room and you can also see the forging process through a video. You can experience planing while encountering traditional handicrafts.



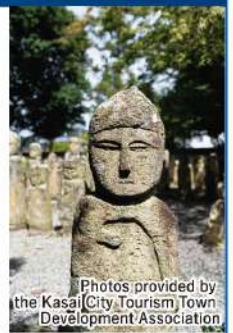
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#### Takahashi Soy Sauce

A soy sauce brewery in Kasai City that has developed with the people in the area since 1921. Only local ingredients are used, and you can see in detail the ancient soy sauce manufacturing process, with the fermentation process being done naturally by hand. You will surely be surprised by the wisdom of people from the past.

#### 500 Statues of Buddhist Disciples

Approximately 500 stone Buddhist images are lined up with smiles, tears, and a range of other emotions. They have slightly exotic features, and it is said that they were modeled after people who came from the Asian continent. Encounter the group of enchanting, weathered, rust-colored stone Buddhist images.



Photos provided by the Kasai City Tourism Town Development Association

#### Course

Port of Himeji (9:30 am dep) - Tsunesaburo (planing and natural whetstone polishing workshop) - Michinoeki Miki Japanese Restaurant (lunch, Kajiya-nabe) - Takahashi Soy Sauce (tour) - 500 Statues of Buddhist Disciples (guided tour) - Port of Himeji (4:00 pm arr)





# Sightseeing Map of Optional Tours to and from the Port of Himeji



Optional Day Tours to Take from the Port of Himeji



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