

Zazen and Sutra Copying Lessons

※Only Japanese language is supported.

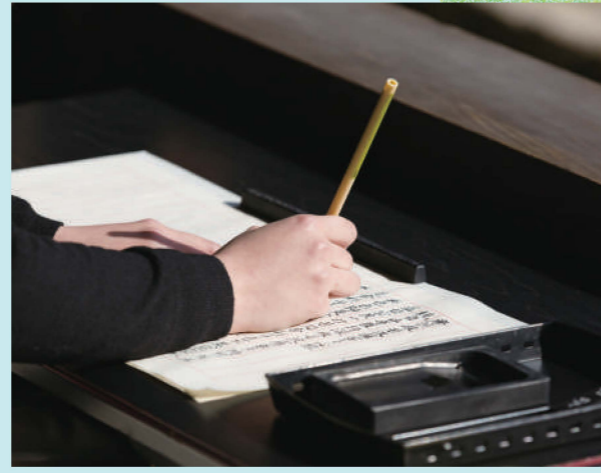


There is a monthly zazen session and sutra copying lessons are held. These offerings are praised for their ability to refresh your body and mind through focusing yourself.



◎Monthly zazen sessions are free of charge with no reservation required.
(Held from 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of each month.)
◎Tel: (079) 266-3327 (Engyoji Temple Head Office)
*Note: Sutra copying lesson reservations are available upon request at the Jikido Hall.

◎Sutra copying lesson fees:
Heart Sutra: 1,000 yen (time required: 1 hour)
Life-Extending Ten-Line Kannon Sutra: 500 yen (time required: 20 minutes)
Petal Sutra: 300 yen (time required: 10 minutes)



Sightseeing Spots in the Area



◎Tel: (079) 335-0330

1 Tsuhozan Mirokuji Temple

The first stop on the Yumesaki Seven Lucky Gods pilgrimage, this temple enshrines "Hoteison", god of happiness and good fortune. The temple is surrounded by valleys and has a neat and clean atmosphere with lush greenery. It is also the location where Shoku Shonin, the founder of Shoshazan Engyoji Temple, lived out his final years.

2 Shiota Onsen (Hot Spring)

A famous hot springs area known as the back parlor of Himeji. The distinctive as-is and natural style of the hot spring town is appealing.



Yumenoi open-air bath "Tenshu no Yu"
◎Tel: (079) 336-1000



Shiota Onsen Yumoto Ueyama Ryokan
◎Tel: (079) 336-0020
◎Tel: (079) 335-0330



Inquiries
Himeji Sightseeing Navi Port
(Himeji City Tourist Information Center)

Tel (079) 287-0003 JR Himeji Station Central Gate, west side
Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Access

- Take the bus from stop #10 in front of the JR and Sanyo Electric Railway Himeji Station and get off at the last stop, Mt. Shosha Ropeway (about 30 minutes).
 - By car, it's about a 10-minute drive from the Sanyo Himeji West Interchange on the Sanyo Expressway. About 25 minutes from the Chuji Ramp on the Himeji Bypass.
 - About a 20-minute drive from the Yumesaki Smart Interchange on the Chugoku Expressway.
- *Note: Only vehicles with ETC cards installed can use this route.
*Note: Free parking for personal vehicles is available at the Ropeway's Shosha Sanroku Station (foot of mountain).
(*Note: Sightseeing buses are also free to use.)

Discount tickets for traveling around Mt. Shosha are on sale at the Himeji Station Shinki Bus Information Center.

For people who only want to visit Mt. Shosha:

Mt. Shosha Ropeway Set Ticket

Roundtrip bus fare from Himeji Station + roundtrip ropeway fare
Adults: 1,700 yen, small children: 850 yen

For people who want to visit both Himeji Castle and Mt. Shosha

Castle Town Tour 2-Day Ticket

Unlimited rides on city buses for 2 days + roundtrip ropeway fare
Adults: 1,900 yen, small children: 950 yen
Himeji Station Shinki Bus Information Center:
Q-WELL Himeji 1F
Tel: (079) 285-2990

Engyoji Temple and Surroundings Guide

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Mt. SHOSHA

Welcome to a sacred healing place.



Engyoji Temple



Engyoji Temple website

Tranquil Time to Rest Your Five Senses

Engyoji Temple was established by Shoku Shonin in 966 AD, and it is the 27th spot on the Saigoku 33 Kannon Temple Pilgrimage. The temple's quiet and peaceful space offers a place to spend time in focus and relaxation, forgetting the bustle of modern life and resetting your body and mind.

©Donations: Middle school and up: 800 yen, Elementary school: 500 yen, Younger than elementary school: Free ©Tel: (079) 266-3327 *Ropeway hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Varies depending on the season. Details in the bottom right.)

1 Kaizando

A hall where Shoku Shonin, the founder of Engyoji Temple, is enshrined. It stands in the center of the Inner Sanctuary and houses an eternal flame which is kept burning as a symbol of the 1,000-years history of Mt. Shosha. The current building is one of the major Kaizando Halls of the early Edo period. A famous legend states that a statue of a sumo wrestler made by Hidari Jingoro once stood under northwest eave, but it was too heavy and ended up running away. (Important Cultural Property)



Three Halls Used for Filming Movies and TV Dramas

Daikodo, Jikido, and Jogyo which are located beyond the Maniden are known collectively as the "Three Halls."



2 Jogyo

This hall is dedicated to a statue of Amida Nyorai and used for the Buddhist practice of Jogyo Zanmai. The central overhanging stage was built for Japanese Bugaku dedicated to the Daikodo's Shaka Sanzon. (Important Cultural Property)



3 Jikido

Established upon the request of the former emperor turned monk, Go-Shirakawa. It was built during the Muromachi period, originally to serve as a place for monks in training to sleep and have meals. Also called "Chodo." Currently the first floor is a dojo space for copying sutras and the second floor houses temple treasures for viewing. (Important Cultural Property)



4 Daikodo

Built in the mid-Muromachi period, this space for study and training is the main hall of Engyoji Temple. The principal statue of Shaka Sanzon is enshrined here. (Important Cultural Property)
The "Four Heavenly Kings" statues (normally not on display) enshrined here are Important Cultural Property.



Time Required

- Maniden: Approx. 25-minute walk from the ropeway's Sanjo Station
*Note: Bus service is available. (Fare required, about 5 minutes)
- Three Halls: Approx. 5-minute walk from Maniden
- Kaizando: Approx. 2-minute walk from Daikodo

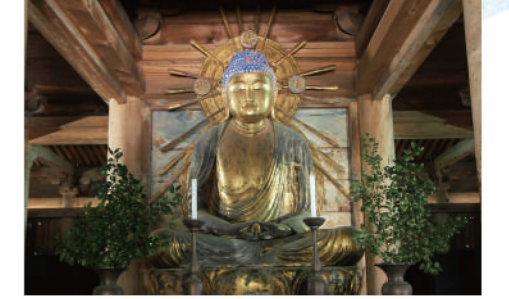
5 Maniden

A structure built halfway up a rocky mountainside using the kakezukuri overhang method. (Important Cultural Property)



A stone monument inscribed with the holy words of Saicho, founder of the Tendai Sect. The monument is on the path from Sanjo Station to the temple's Shinosho information desk.

2 Seated Statue of Amida Nyorai



This statue is enshrined in the Jogyodo (not normally on display). The lacquered statue is 2.56 meters tall and was created by Anchin, a disciple of Shoku Shonin, in 1005. (Important Cultural Property)

6 Honda Family Graves



The graves of the Honda family, castle lords of Himeji, are in a corner to the southeast of the Daikodo surrounded by a moat, with a total of five mausoleum buildings each of which is inscribed with the family name "Honda." (Mausoleum interiors are not generally open to the public.) These mausoleums dating back to the early to mid-Edo period are rare even in the prefecture as a whole. (The Cultural Property Designated by Hyogo Prefecture)

7 Niomon Gate



A structure built in the early Edo period with Nio guardian statues enshrined on both sides, both of which are Himeji Municipally Designated Cultural Properties. The construction is the traditional Japanese form featuring eight legs, three rooms, and one door. The ceiling has ridges in the front and back, which is a three-ridge structure in combination with the exterior roof. (The Cultural Property Designated by Hyogo Prefecture)

Spiritual Place

Hakuken Gongen is purported to be the site where Shoku Shonin, founder of the temple on Mt. Shosha, attained enlightenment. It is said to be one of the potent natural energy sites in the temple complex.

Spiritual Place



All visitors to the bell are free to ring it. The sound is said to be the voice of the Buddha reverberating in your heart.

Himeji Sightseeing Website: Hime no Michi



Engyoji Temple (English)

Filming Site Information

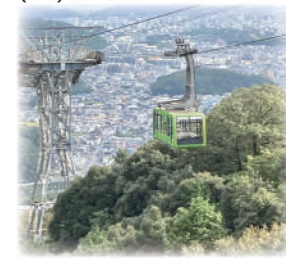
Major Movies and TV Dramas Filmed at Mt. Shosha

- Snake Eyes (2021, Towa Pictures)
Director: Robert Schwentke
Stars: Henry Golding, Andrew Koji, Haruka Abe, Takehiro Hira
- Detective Chinatown 3 (2021, Asmik Ace)
Director: Sicheng Chen
Stars: Baoqiang Wang, Haoran Liu, Satoshi Tsumabuki, Tony Jaa
- Sekigahara (2017, Toho, Asmik Ace)
Writer and Director: Masato Harada
Stars: Junichi Okada, Kasumi Arimura, Koji Yakusho
- March Comes in Like a Lion (2017, Toho, Asmik Ace)
Director: Keishi Otomo
Stars: Ryunosuke Kamiki
- Honnouji Hotel (2017, Toho)
Director: Masayuki Suzuki
Stars: Haruka Ayase, Shinichi Tsutsumi, Gaku Hamada
- Kakekomi (2015, Shochiku)
Director: Masato Harada
Stars: Yo Oizumi, Erika Toda, Hikari Mitsuhashi
- Gunshi Kanbee (2014, NHK)
Stars: Junichi Okada, Miki Nakatani
- The Last Samurai (2003, Warner Bros.)
Director: Edward Zwick
Stars: Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe



8 Mt. Shosha Ropeway

- Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (every 15 minutes)
Sometimes longer depending on the season & events.
- *Note: Operation may be canceled sometimes during the winter for maintenance and inspection purposes.
- Fare: Adults: 700 yen, Small children: 350 yen
(Roundtrip: Adults: 1,200 yen, Small children: 600 yen)
- Tel: (079) 266-2006



Approx. 4 minutes

Like taking a walk in the sky.



A panoramic View of the Harima Plain can be seen from the deck.



Mt. Shosha Ropeway web