

World Heritage Himeji Castle 25th Anniversary

World Heritage Site and National Treasure Himeji Castle Special Winter Exhibition

Inside the Kotenshu-gun

The Himeji Castle is an intact example of a style of castle architecture known as *renritsu-shiki tenshugun*, which roughly translates to “connected tower complex”. The *daitenshu* (main keep) has *kotenshu* (small keep) positioned to its north, west, and northwest, and 4 roofed passages (the *I, Ro, Ha*, and *Ni Watari-yagura*) connect the towers to create the closed □ shape that is characteristic of said style. This typically protected area will be open to visitors for a limited time this winter, in celebration of the Himeji Castle’s 25th year as a World Heritage Site.

Period: **February 1–28, 2019**

Hours: 9:00am to 4:30pm (enter by 4:00pm)

Area: Himeji Castle *Higashi Kotenshu* and *Inui Kotenshu*; *I, Ro*, and *Ha Watari-yagura*

Admission: ¥300 ※Separate from the castle entrance fee.



Special Vintage Viewing Ticket (reprint)

Higashi Kotenshu first-ever public exhibition

Originally called the *Ushitora yagura*, this tower is located north of the Main Keep. It has a 3-story exterior, and contains 3 floors and a basement.

Inui Kotenshu

This tower sits northwest of the Main Keep, and was called the *Inui yagura* at the time of construction.

It has a 3-story exterior, but contains 4 floors and 1 basement.

I · Ro · Ha Watari-yagura

2-story roofed passages connecting the Main Keep, *Higashi Kotenshu* (east tower), *Inui Kotenshu* (northwest tower), and *Nishi Kotenshu* (west tower), in counterclockwise order.

The interiors consist of 2 floors and a basement.



