

# Optional Tour

**DATE:** Thursday, November 3  
**TIME:** 13:00 - 17:30

The technical visit, that has been a customary event of SETC, will not be held during SETC2022 due to scheduling restrictions. Instead, we planned a half-day tour to the historic Himeji Castle and a time-honored Sake brewery, which we believe will offer a good opportunity for the participants to explore the cultural aspect of the city. The tour will depart from Arcrea HIMEJI on November 3rd at 13:00 after the closing ceremony of SETC2022.

At Himeji Castle, a World Heritage Site, you will enjoy the guided tour in its vast grounds including the interior of the castle tower, one of Japan's National Treasure. At Nadagiku Sake Brewery, you will be greeted by the savor of old sake brewery that retains the appearance of its founding in 1910. After walking through the brewery, you can enjoy sake tasting and shopping for sake-related products.



## 世界遺産 姫路城 World Heritage Himeji Castle



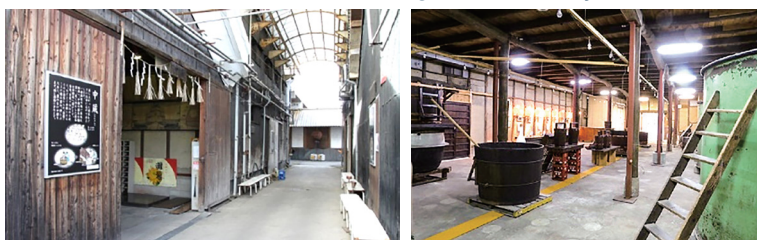
In the year 1333, Norimura Akamatsu (Enshin) built a fortress on Himeyama. Afterwards, Himeji Castle was expanded by feudal lords; Hideyoshi Toyotomi, Terumasa Ikeda, Tadamasa Honda and others, until it came into being in its entirety, as we see it today, in 1617.

Because of its shape and brilliant white exterior, as it stands out against the blue sky, it looks like a white egret flying up from the water, and so it is known familiarly as White Egret Castle.

In 1993 Himeji Castle was designated as Japan's first World Cultural Heritage site by UNESCO. It was acclaimed for "the degree of perfection of its wooden architecture, among the best in Japan, and uniquely outstanding internationally as well", and for being "an excellent example of early 17th century castle architecture at its peak, with exceptionally well-preserved wooden structures in the form of the keeps, turrets, and plaster walls, and engineering structures such as the stone walls and moats". It is the best example of Japan's unique defensive castle structure.



## 灘菊酒造株式会社 Nadagiku Brewery



Nadagiku Sake Brewery has six wooden brewery buildings that remain as they were when the brewery was founded in 1910. Please enjoy the quaint atmosphere while strolling around the old Sake the old *Sakaguras* (sake brewery houses). The current sake brewing and manufacturing methods are explained by panel displays, and the tools for sake brewing at the time of its founding are exhibited in the wooden brewery.

Note : - Optional Tour is on-line registration only. On-site registration is not available.  
- Lunch is not included..