

# Visit Akashi - The City of Time!



Akashi Municipal Planetarium  
※Image 1

Akashi is known as the “City of Time” as it is positioned on the 135th longitudinal meridian - the standard for Japanese time. It is also a town with a real ‘foodie’ heritage where you’ll be able to sample some of the freshest seafood found only in the rich waters of the “Akashi Strait.” The Akashi Municipal Planetarium and the Akashi City Museum of Culture are packed full of great ways to learn about the history and culture Akashi. Yamato Nadeshiko who wears the Junihitoe (a traditional form of kimono) and local heroes should be there to greet you! This trip will be fun from start to finish, as you make the most of your trip to this popular city!

## Itinerary

\*The itinerary is subject to change without notice.

- 9:30 Meet at Kyoto Station Hachijo-guchi chartered bus platform === Chartered Bus ===
- 11:00–12:30 Akashi Municipal Planetarium === Chartered Bus ===
- 12:45–14:00 Fish Market Tour & Lunch ..... Walking .....
- 14:15–14:45 Akashi Castle Visit ..... Walking .....
- 15:00–16:00 Akashi City Museum of Culture === Chartered Bus ===
- 17:30 Tour ends at JR Kyoto Station

**Akashi Municipal Planetarium:** This Science Museum is built right on the meridian and delves into the theme of time and space. The building is registered tangible cultural property – and is home to Japan’s oldest active planetarium.

**Akashi City Museum of Culture:** This interesting local museum has a permanent exhibition introducing the history and culture of the city through the theme “The Environment and Everyday Lives.” The museum’s most celebrated exhibits include ancient elephant bone fossils and the bones of “Akashi Genjin” found in Akashi.

**Uontana Fish Market:** There are more than 110 stores here selling fresh seafood called “Hiruami”, most of which come directly from Akashi Fishing Port. You can try local delicacies like fish tempura and cooked octopus.

**Akashi Castle:** The castle is celebrating its 400th anniversary in 2019! The triple moats here are designated as Important Cultural Properties of Japan. The highlight is the impressive stone walls—standing at 20m high and 350m long. It is one of the “100 Great Castles of Japan”.



Akashi City Museum of Culture ※Image 2



Akashi Fish Market ※Image 3



Akashi Castle ※Image 4