

Himeshima's location near the mouth of the Seto Inland Sea has made the island an important reference point for ships traveling through the strait. Built in 1904, Himeshima Lighthouse sits atop the island's easternmost mountain, where it marks the location of the island's rocky coastline for passing ships. The structure is made from granite brought from Yamaguchi Prefecture, and was designed in the British lighthouse style brought to Japan by Richard Brunton (1841–1901). It is a good example of the westernization of Japanese architecture that came about after the Meiji Restoration in 1867.