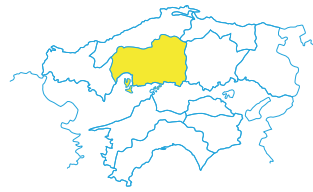


HIROSHIMA



Hiroshima City

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park



Built near the atomic bomb's hypocenter, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park offers a continual message of peace through its plea for lasting world peace. The park is home to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum as well as the Memorial Cenotaph.

■ Access: Take Hiroshima Electric Railway and get off at "Atomic Bomb Dome Sta." ■ Location: 1 Nakajima-cho, Naka Ward, Hiroshima / 1-10 Ote-machi, Naka Ward, Hiroshima ■ Contact: Hiroshima City Tourist Information Center, +81-82-247-6738
Website: <http://www.hiroshima-navi.or.jp/en/>

Atomic Bomb Dome



This World Heritage Site is a reminder of the devastation that occurred when the atomic bomb fell on Hiroshima. The memorial has become a symbol for the desire to abolish nuclear weapons and for the importance of lasting peace in the world. *Visitors can tour the outside without restriction.

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Website: <http://www.hiroshima-navi.or.jp/en/>

Orizuru Tower



The Orizuru Tower is a new facility designed to provide visitors a chance to experience Hiroshima. The tower's observatory looks out over the Atomic Bomb Dome and Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park surrounded by the rebuilt cityscape of Hiroshima. In the distance, visitors can also catch a glimpse of Miyajima. Coming down from the observatory, visitors will find the "Wall of Cranes" as well as a market selling local goods and a cafe.

■ Access: Take Hiroshima Electric Railway and get off at "Atomic Bomb Dome Sta." ■ Location: 1-2-1 Ote-machi, Naka Ward, Hiroshima ■ Contact: Orizuru Tower Office, +81-82-569-6803
Website: <http://www.orizurutower.jp/en/>

Shopping in Hiroshima City



Visitors will find many shopping destinations to enjoy, from 580 m long Hondori Shopping Arcade to department stores and outlet malls.

■ Access: Near JR Hiroshima Sta. ■ Location: Hiroshima City ■ Website: <http://www.hiroshima-navi.or.jp/en/>

Miyajima

Itsukushima Shrine



Known for its majestically ornate vermilion architecture, Itsukushima Shrine is Japan's most famous shrine. The 16 m tall torii seemingly floating on the sea makes for a magnificent sight. *Opening hours vary according to season.

■ Admission: General 300 yen, Students 200 yen (senior high) / 100 yen (elementary and junior high) ■ Access: 10 minutes by ferry from Miyajimaguchi Port to Miyajima Pier, and then 15 minutes on foot ■ Location: 1-1 Miyajima-cho, Hatsukaichi, Hiroshima ■ Contact: +81-829-44-2020 Website: <http://visit-miyajima-japan.com/en/>

Mt. Misen



Mt. Misen, along with Itsukushima Shrine, is a World Heritage Site that features a primeval forest with an unspoiled natural landscape. Enjoy a stroll through the mountain's forest while enjoying a view of the many islands dotting the Seto Inland Sea and the forest's odd-shaped rocks.

■ Access: 10 minutes by ferry from Miyajimaguchi Port ■ Location: Miyajima-cho, Hatsukaichi, Hiroshima ■ Contact: Miyajima Tourism Association, +81-829-44-2011 Website: <http://www.miyajima.or.jp/english/>

Shimanami Kaido Cycling (Hiroshima area)



The Shimanami Kaido, Japan's first cycling road, traverses the straits between the islands of Shikoku and Honshu. This "cyclist's paradise" is enjoyable for both professionals and beginners.

■ Access: Accessible by bike from JR Onomichi Sta. ■ Location: Mukojima / Innoshima / Ikuchijima Islands, Onomichi, Hiroshima ■ Contact: Onomichi Tourism Association, +81-848-37-9736 Website: <http://www.ononavi.com/>

Tobishima Kaido Cycling



The Tobishima Kaido Cycling Route stretches roughly 31 km over seven bridges connecting the seven Akinada Islands and Honshu. Enjoy a bicycle tour of beautiful islands connected by distinctive bridges.

■ Access: Accessible by bike from JR Nigata Sta. ■ Contact: Akinada Tobishima Kaido Collaboration Promotion Association, +81-823-66-2131 Website: <http://www.tobishima-kaido.net/>

Seaplane Scenic Flights



The aerial view of the splendid "Tatoubi" islands dotting the Seto Inland Sea is a majestic sight. Seaplane passengers will be treated to an impressive view that is quite different from views found aboard a boat.

■ Access: 40 minutes by car from JR Fukuyama Sta. ■ Location: 1364-6 Urasaki-cho, Onomichi, Hiroshima ■ Contact: Setouchi Seaplanes, Inc., +81-848-70-0107 Website: <http://setouchi-seaplanes.com/>

Hiroshima Bay Night Cruise



Passengers will be treated to a full-fledged dinner or barbecue while enjoying a relaxing cruise. Cruises for simply enjoying the night landscape are also available.

■ Access: Take Hiroshima Electric Railway to Hiroshima Port Sta. ■ Contact: Secretariat of the Hiroshima Bay Night Cruise Managing Committee, Hiroshima Convention & Visitors Bureau, +81-82-247-6805 Website: <http://www.hiroshima-navi.or.jp/en/>

Brewery Tour



This tour includes seven sakagura (sake brewery) along Saijo Sakagura Dori and the Fujii Shuzo Brewery Exchange Hall in the Takehara City Special Preservation District. Participants will enjoy comparing each taste in their quest to find a favorite.

■ Access: 3 minutes on foot from Saijo Sta., and 15 minutes on foot from JR Takehara Sta. ■ Location: Higashi-hiroshima / Takehara, Hiroshima ■ Contact: Saijo Sakagura Dori Tourist Information Center, +81-82-421-2511 Website: <http://www.hh-kanko.ne.jp/> Fujii Shuzo Brewery Exchange Hall *Closed Monday (or the following day if Monday is a national holiday), +81-846-22-2029 (weekdays only) Website: <http://www.fujiishuzou.com/>

Kagura



Kagura is a traditional song and dance dedicated to the gods in prayer and thanks for a bountiful harvest. This heroic, splendid dance is definitely worth a look.

Kagura Monzen Toji Village

■ Access: 1 hour by highway bus from Hiroshima Bus Center to "Midori" bus stop. The courtesy bus is available from the stop. (Reservation required: +81-826-54-0888) ■ Location: 4627 Hongo, Midori-cho, Akitakata, Hiroshima ■ Contact: Kagura Monzen Toji Village, +81-826-54-0888 Website: <http://www.kaguramonzentoujimura.com/kagura.html>

Hiroshima Prefectural Citizen's Culture Center

■ Access: Accessible from Kamiya-cho-nishi Sta. on the Hiroshima Electric Railway ■ Location: 1-5-3 Ote-machi, Naka Ward, Hiroshima ■ Contact: Hiroshima Prefectural Citizen's Culture Center, +81-82-245-2311 Website: <http://www.rcchall.jp/bunkac/html/kagura/index.html>

Okunoshima Island



This world-famous island greets guests with some 700 wild rabbits. Every year, a large number of tourists visit this small island with a circumference of about 4 km in search of healing.

■ Access: 15 minutes by ferry from Tadanoumi Port ■ Location: Okunoshima, Tadanoumi-cho, Takehara, Hiroshima ■ Contact: Kyukamura Ohkunoshima, +81-846-26-0321 Website: <http://www.qkamura.or.jp/ohkuno/>

Tomonoura



Tomonoura offers visitors a view of the quintessential scenery of the Setonaikai National Park. The port town of Tomonoura is a place where visitors can look out over the refreshing view of the Seto Inland Sea dotted with green islands such as Sensujima and Bentenjima.

■ Access: 30 minutes by bus from JR Fukuyama Sta. to "Tomonoura" bus stop ■ Location: Tomo, Tomo-cho, Fukuyama, Hiroshima ■ Contact: Fukuyama City Tourism Association, +81-84-926-2649 Website: <http://www.fukuyama-kanko.com/english/index.html>

Senkoji Park



After riding up the ropeway, visitors can look out from the summit observatory over the beautiful city of Onomichi and the numerous beautiful islands in the Seto Inland Sea.

■ Access: 5 minutes by bus from JR Onomichi Sta. to "Nagaeguchi" bus stop, and then 3 minutes by ropeway ■ Location: 19 Nishitsuchido-cho, Onomichi, Hiroshima ■ Contact: Onomichi Tourism Association, +81-848-37-9736 Website: <http://www.ononavi.com/>