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Hiroshima (広島), pop. 2,819,962 (as of Oct. 2018), the world-renowned “City of Peace”, is the largest city in the western end of the Japanese mainland. It is also a beautiful city, endowed with nature and an environment including the Seto Inland Sea, six rivers flowing through its mountains, and an urban area full of green.

Although it once became a burnt field because of the atomic bomb, in time, along with other Hiroshima residents, and with generous assistance from Japan and around the world, they managed to bring their city back to life.

The city has been developed as a “mono-zukuri” or manufacturing town, mainly as a center of the auto industry.

Access from Tokyo:

By JR Shinkansen: [From Tokyo Sta.] 4 hrs. 5 min. by Nozomi (¥19,080) / 4 hrs. 50 min. by Hikari and Sakura* (¥18,560).

By Air: [From Haneda Airport] 1 hr. 20 min. to Hiroshima Airport by JAL / ANA (¥34,600).

[From the Airport to JR Hiroshima Sta.]

– 45 min. by Airport Bus (¥1,340).

– 15 min. by Shuttle Bus (¥390) to JR Shiraichi Sta. then 45 min. by Local Train (¥760).

By Bus: [From Tokyo Sta.] 11 hrs. 50 min. by Overnight Bus “New Breeze” (Fares vary. <https://japanbusonline.com/en/>).

Access from Kyoto and Osaka:

By JR Shinkansen: [From Kyoto Sta.] 1 hr. 45 min. by Nozomi (¥11,410) / 2 hrs. by Hikari and Sakura* (¥11,090).

[From Shin-Osaka Sta.] 1 hr. 30 min. by Nozomi (¥10,440) / 1 hr. 45 min. by Sakura (¥10,230).

By Bus: [From Kyoto & Osaka] 5 – 6 hrs. by JR Expressway Bus (Fares vary. Overnight service available).

Access from Fukuoka:

By JR Shinkansen: [From Hakata Sta.] 1 hr. 10 min. by Nozomi (¥9,150) / 1 hr. 30 min. by Sakura (¥8,940).

By Bus: [From Hakata Bus Terminal] 4 hrs. 30 min. by JR Expressway Bus “Koufuku Liner” (¥4,150 [normal season] Overnight service available).

* Transfer at Shin-Kobe Sta.

Sea Route from Matsuyama:

[To Hiroshima Port] 1 hr. 10 min. by Super Jet (¥7,100) / 2 hrs. 40 min. by Ferry (¥3,600)

Operated by Setonaikai Kisen <http://setonaikaikisen.co.jp/language/en/>

Sightseeing around the city:

• Sunrise Tours (by JTB <https://www.japanican.com/en/>): Sightseeing tour with English-speaking guide (from ¥14,000) .

• Streetcar (Hiroshima Dentetsu): Convenient for city sightseeing.

¥180 (¥130 within the Hakushima Line [route 9]) for one ride on the Inner-city Line; Up to ¥280 from the Inner-city Line through to the Miyajima Line.

Transfer (designated stations only): Ask a staff for a transfer ticket when you get off (Add ¥50 from the Hakushima Line [route 9]).

• Hiroshima Sightseeing Loop Bus (めいぶる〜ぶ) offers 3 routes covering the city center. ¥400 for 1-day pass.

[Note] Free for nationwide Japan Rail Pass & regional JR-West Rail Pass holder. Please present your pass to the driver.

One-day Trip card: ¥600, valid for all streetcar lines including the Miyajima Line, which terminates at Hiroden Miyajima-guchi Sta.

One-day Trip card (streetcar and ship): ¥840, valid for all streetcar lines including the Miyajima Line, which terminates at Hiroden Miyajima-guchi Sta., and Matsudai tourist ship (Miyajima-guchi ↔ Miyajima).

Places To Go:

● A-Bomb Dome (原爆ドーム)

The Hiroshima Industrial Promotion Hall was constructed in 1915. This building was highly regarded for its imposing European style.

On August 6, 1945, it was instantly destroyed by the first atomic bombing in history. Flames enveloped the ceiling of the dome and consumed the entire building, killing everyone within. Parts of the wall, which withstood the blast because it came from above, together with the steel frame of its dome have become a symbol of Hiroshima. Because of its shape and circumstances, it came to be called the A-Bomb Dome. It serves as a historical witness to convey the tragedy of history’s first atomic bombing and a symbol of our vow to abolish nuclear weapons, and for lasting world peace. Based on the World Heritage Convention, the A-Bomb Dome was registered on the UNESCO World Heritage list in December 1996.

Access: Board a streetcar at JR Hiroshima Sta. bound for Eba or Miyajima and get off at “Atomic Bomb Dome”.

● Peace Memorial Park (平和記念公園)

The park, which covers approximately 122,100 square meters, was completed after the war, and in February 2007 it was the first postwar park to be designated as a National Place of Scenic Beauty. Within the park visitors will find many memorials and monuments such as the Cenotaph for the A-Bomb Victims. Also inside the park grounds are the Peace Memorial Museum, the Hiroshima National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims and the International Conference Center Hiroshima. Over 1.3 million guests visit the Peace Memorial Museum every year. There are about 19,000 pieces in the museum collection, such as scorched roof tiles, burned clothing and glass bottles that were melted by the heat. In July 2006, the museum was the first postwar building to be designated as a National Important Cultural Property.

– Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum –

Tel: (082)241-4004; Open: 8:30–19:00 (Seasonal).

Access: Walk for 7 min. from the A-Bomb Dome.

*See p. 4 for admission and opening times.

● **River Cruise** (河川遊覧船)

River cruises and cruises between two World Heritage sites (A-Bomb Dome to Miyajima Island) are available.

Depending on the tide level, navigation may not be possible.

<http://www.aqua-net-h.co.jp/en/>

Access: Board a streetcar at JR Hiroshima Sta. bound for Eba or Miyajima, get off at "Atomic Bomb Dome" after a 16-min. ride, then walk for 3 min.

● **Hiroshima Castle** (広島城)

This castle tower now stands in the form of a history museum. On August 5 and 6, there are free guides explaining the castle and the atom bomb.

Tel: (082)221-7512; Open: 9:00–18:00.

Access: Board a streetcar at JR Hiroshima Sta. bound for Eba, Miyajima or Hiroshima Port (via Kamiya-cho), get off at "Kamiya-cho Higashi" after a 15-min. ride, then walk for 15 min.

● **Hiroshima Museum of Art** (ひろしま美術館)

Beginning with *Daubigny's Garden* by van Gogh, this museum treasures many well-known works by artists such as Cezanne and Renoir.

Tel: (082)223-2530; Open: 9:00–17:00.

Access: Board a streetcar at JR Hiroshima Sta. bound for Eba, Miyajima or Hiroshima Port (via Kamiya-cho), get off at "Kamiya-cho Nishi" or "Kamiya-cho Higashi" after a 15-min. ride, then walk for 5 min.

● **Shukkeien Garden** (縮景園)

Constructed by Soko Ueda, senior retainer and tea ceremony master, as the villa garden for Asano Nagamasa, the feudal lord of Hiroshima.

Tel: (082)221-3620; Open: 9:00–18:00 (from Apr. to Sep.), 9:00–17:00 (from Oct. to Mar.).

Access: Approximately 900 meters from JR Hiroshima Sta.

● **Memorial Cathedral for World Peace** (世界平和記念聖堂)

Constructed in 1954 by A-bomb survivor Father Hugo Lassalle in prayer for world peace.

Tel: (082)221-0621

Access: 8 min. walk from streetcar "Kanayama-cho" stop or 10 min. walk from JR Hiroshima Sta.

● **Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art** (広島市現代美術館)

This museum, designed by Kisho Kurokawa, is designed in a free style that represents many different cultures and time periods. Features fine art from Japan and around the world, including Andy Warhol's *Marilyn*.

Tel: (082)264-1121; Open: 10:00–17:00.

Access: Board a streetcar at JR Hiroshima Sta. bound for Hiroshima Port (via Hijiya-shita), get off at "Hijiya-shita" after a 10 min. ride, then walk 500 meters.

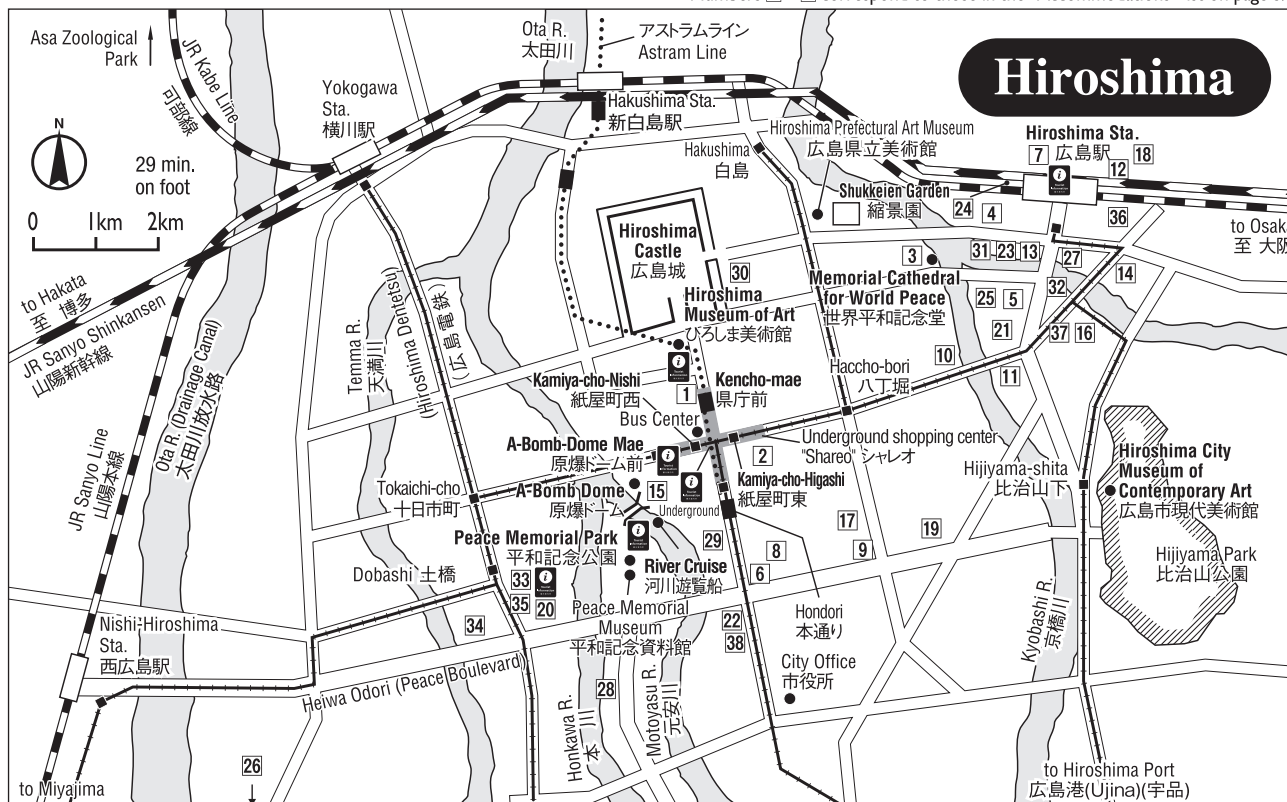
Other Places to Visit in the Vicinity:

Kintai Bridge (錦帯橋), 15 min. by bus from Iwakuni Sta. in Yamaguchi Pref. was originally constructed in 1673 by Hiroyoshi Kikkawa, a feudal lord of the district, for the purpose of protecting the residents from flooding by Nishiki River. The bridge is 193 m long, 5 m wide and 12 m above the water at the highest point. To erect the bridge, no nails were used at all; instead, some clamps and wires were employed as fasteners. During the three months from June to August, demonstrations of cormorant fishing are held under the bridge. Bridge toll: ¥300.

Sandankyo (三段峡), 75 min. by express bus from Hiroshima Bus Center, a gorge designated as an "Outstanding Scenic Place," is situated on the upper reaches of Ota River, 73 km northwest of Hiroshima. Noted for its scenic beauty, created by the fresh verdure and natural colors in season and a number of fine waterfalls and rapid streams, the gorge can be reached by bus in 2 hrs. from Hiroshima Bus Center. The gorge extends for 16 km and must be traversed on foot. Sandankyo is the best place for fall hiking when the leaves turn red. (The area opens from Apr.)

Yuki Onsen Spa (湯来温泉), 1 hr. 10 min. by bus from JR Itsukaichi sta. Center, is a quiet hot spring resort situated in the valley of Minochi River to the west of Hiroshima. In summer, the croaking of frogs and flashing of fireflies add to the attraction of the place. With Yunoyama Onsen Spa in the neighborhood, the district is popular with hikers.

Numbers ①–③⑧ correspond to those in the "Accommodations" list on page 3/4.



Accommodations:

| Name of facilities | Tel. | Fax. | Room rate (¥) | Name of facilities | Tel. | Fax. | Room rate (¥) |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Hiroshima: | | | | 25 Hotel New Ginkaku (R) | (082)261-8628 | (082)261-8641 | ¥ |
| 1 Rihga Royal Hotel Hiroshima (H) | (082)502-1121 | (082)228-5415 | ¥¥¥ | 26 Hiroshima Diamond Hotel (H) | (082)292-3161 | (082)291-1400 | ¥¥ |
| 2 Hiroshima Kokusai Hotel (H) | (082)248-2323 | (082)248-2622 | ¥¥ | 27 Hotel Kawashima (BH) | (082)263-3535 | (082)263-0345 | ¥ |
| 3 Hotel Flex (H) | (082)223-1000 | (082)223-5678 | ¥¥ | 28 Aster Plaza (Hiroshima International Youth House) | (082)247-8700 | (082)246-5808 | ¥ |
| 4 Hotel New Hiroden (H) | (082)263-3456 | (082)263-3784 | ¥¥ | 29 Park Side Hotel (BH) | (082)244-7131 | (082)242-6071 | ¥ |
| 5 Hiroshima Grand Intelligent Hotel (BH) | (082)263-5111 | (082)262-2403 | ¥ | 30 Hotel Unizo Hiroshima (BH) | (082)228-3351 | (082)228-4114 | ¥ |
| 6 ANA Crown Plaza Hotel Hiroshima (H) | (082)241-1111 | (082)241-9123 | ¥¥¥ | 31 Hiroshima Ekimae Green Hotel (BH) | (082)264-3939 | (082)262-2669 | ¥ |
| 7 Hotel Granvia Hiroshima (H) | (082)262-1111 | (082)262-4050 | ¥¥¥ | 32 Hotel Ceutury 21 Hiroshima (H) | (082)263-3111 | (082)263-7601 | ¥¥ |
| 8 Hotel Hokke Club Hiroshima (BH) | (082)248-3371 | (082)248-4799 | ¥ | 33 Ikawa Ryokan (R) | (082)231-5058 | (082)231-5995 | ¥ |
| 9 Hotel Tokyu Rei Hotel (H) | (082)244-0109 | (082)245-4467 | ¥¥ | 34 Business Ryokan Sansui (R) | (082)293-9051 | (082)233-2377 | ¥ |
| 10 Regalo Hotel (BH) | (082)224-6300 | (082)224-6301 | ¥ | Backpackers hostels: | | | |
| 11 Hiroshima Intelligent Hotel Annex (BH) | (082)263-7878 | (082)263-7892 | ¥ | 35 J-Hoppers Hiroshima | (082)233-1360 | (082)559-9085 | ¥ |
| 12 Sheraton Hiroshima Hotel (H) | (082)262-7111 | (082)262-7115 | ¥¥¥ | 36 Hana Hostel | (082)263-2980 | (082)298-2988 | ¥ |
| 13 APA Hotel (BH) | (082)264-9111 | (082)262-8282 | ¥ | 37 K's House Hiroshima | (082)568-7244 | (082)568-7240 | ¥ |
| 14 Ark Hotel Hiroshima (BH) | (082)263-6363 | (082)263-6262 | ¥ | 38 Reino inn Hiroshima Peace Park (Y) | (082)236-7003 | (082)236-7010 | ¥ |
| 15 Aioi (R) | (082)247-9331 | (082)247-9335 | ¥¥ | Yuki Spa: | | | |
| 16 Taisho Ryokan (R) | (082)262-2181 | (082)264-5570 | ¥ | Kajika-so (R) | (082)85-0311 | (082)85-0901 | ¥¥ |
| 17 Sera Bekkan (R) | (082)248-2251 | (082)248-2768 | ¥¥ | Yuki People's Lodge (PL) | (082)85-0111 | (082)85-0277 | ¥¥ |
| 18 New Tachibana (R) | (082)263-7281 | (082)263-7286 | ¥ | Sandankyo: | | | |
| 19 Toyoko Inn Hiroshima heiwa-o-dori (BH) | (082)504-1045 | (082)504-1046 | ¥ | Sandankyo Hotel (R) | (082)28-2308 | (082)28-2290 | ¥¥ |
| 20 Minshuku Ikedaya (M) | (082)231-3329 | (082)231-7875 | ¥ | | | | |
| 21 Mikawa Ryokan (R) | (082)261-2719 | (082)263-2706 | ¥ | | | | |
| 22 Hotel SunRoute Hiroshima (H) | (082)249-3600 | (082)249-3677 | ¥¥¥ | | | | |
| 23 Hotel Sun Palace (BH) | (082)264-6111 | (082)261-3000 | ¥ | | | | |
| 24 New Matsuo (R) | (082)262-3141 | (082)261-2259 | ¥ | | | | |

Remarks:

1 – **34** correspond to those on the map on page 2/4. Rate per person.

H = Hotel

M = Minshuku (family-run inn)

¥¥¥ = more than 15,000 yen

R = Ryokan

Y = Youth Hostel

¥¥ = 8,001 yen – 15,000 yen

BH = Business Hotel

PL = People's Lodge

¥ = 8,000 yen or less

* Standard basis rate (no meals, taxes included)

MIYAJIMA

Miyajima (宮島), literally Shrine Island, a popular name for Itsukushima Shrine, has long been revered as a sacred island because of Itsukushima Shrine founded there in 593 A.D. which is dedicated to the maritime guardian goddesses. The island, about 31 km in circumference, is easily accessible by ferryboat in 10 min. from Miyajimaguchi Pier and 5 min. walk to the Pier from JR Miyajimaguchi Sta., which is reached in 29 min. by JR

Sanyo Line from Hiroshima Sta. Miyajima, noted for its magnificent landscape, including the shrine, is an ideal summer resort, replete with excellent swimming beaches and many pleasant trails for strolling. It is also noted for its cherry blossoms as well as for its autumnal tints. The lighting of the Shrine makes the opposite shore beautiful till 23:00.

Accommodations:

| Name of facilities | Tel. | Fax. | Room rate (¥) |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 Miyajima Grand Hotel Arimoto (R) | (0829)44-2411 | (0829)44-2416 | ¥¥¥ |
| 2 Hotel Miyarikyu (R) | (0829)44-2111 | (0829)44-2554 | ¥¥¥ |
| 3 Jukeiso (H) | (0829)44-0300 | (0829)44-0388 | ¥¥¥ |
| 4 Mizuhaso (R) | (0829)44-0173 | (0829)44-0183 | ¥¥ |
| 5 Guest House Kikugawa (P) | (0829)44-0039 | (0829)44-2773 | ¥ |
| 6 Yamaichi Bekkan (R) | (0829)44-0700 | (0829)44-0701 | ¥¥ |
| 7 Iwaso Ryokan (H) | (0829)44-2233 | (0829)44-2230 | ¥¥¥ |

Accommodation numbers correspond to the map on page 4/4.

Remarks:

Rate per person.

H = Hotel

R = Ryokan

P = Pension

¥¥¥ = more than 15,000 yen

¥¥ = 8,001 yen – 15,000 yen

¥ = 8,000 yen or less

* Standard basis rate (no meals, taxes included)

Access from Hiroshima:

By JR: Hiroshima Sta. → Miyajimaguchi Sta., 30 min. ¥410.

By Streetcar operated by Hiroshima Dentetsu: Hiroshima Sta. → Hiroden-Miyajimaguchi Sta., 70 min. ¥280.

Note: JR trains leave about every 6 - 30 min. Streetcars run about every 7 min.

Miyajima is reached by ferryboat (10 min. ¥180) from Miyajimaguchi Pier.

By Boat ①: Ujina Port (Hiroshima Port) → Miyajima Pier, 32 min., ¥1,850.

[Note] Reservation is recommended. Tel. (082) 254-1701. <http://setonaikaikisen.co.jp/language/en/>

• Ujina Port (30 min. by streetcar from Hiroshima Sta. ¥180)

By Boat ②: Peace Memorial park (Motoyasubashi Pier) → Miyajima Pier, 45 min., ¥2,000.

[Note] Timetable may differ due to water level. Visit <http://www.aqua-net-h.co.jp/en/> for updates.

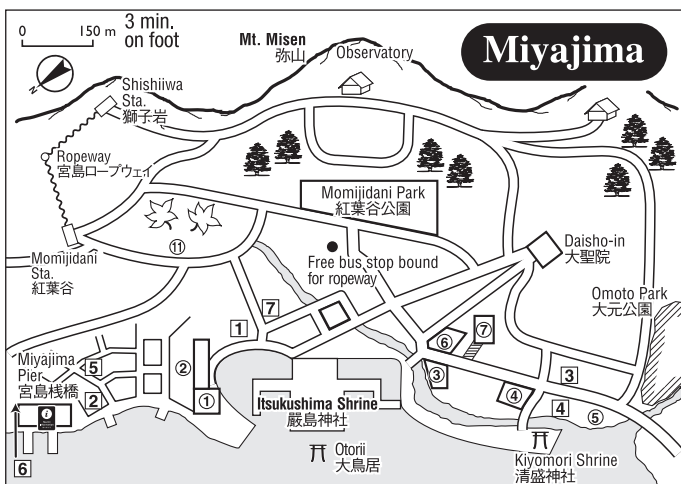
4-hour Hiking Route:

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| Miyajima Pier (宮島棧橋) | 16 min. | Itsukushima Shrine (厳島神社) | 10 min. | Nishi-Matsubara & Kiyomori Shrine (西松原) (清盛神社) | 1 min. | Miyajima Aquarium (宮島水族館) | 5 min. | Omoto Park (大元公園) |
| | 5 min. | Miyajima History and Folklore Museum (宮島歴史民俗資料館) | | Daiganji Temple (大願寺) | 2 min. | Treasure Hall (宝物館) | 6 min. | Tahoto (Pagoda) (多宝塔) |
| | 8 min. | Momijidani Park (紅葉谷公園) | | Five-storied Pagoda & Senjokaku (五重の塔) (千畳閣) | 13 min. | Miyajima Pier (宮島棧橋) | | |

Places To Go:

Itsukushima Shrine (厳島神社), 10 min. walk from the pier, presently consists of the Main Shrine and several subsidiary shrines and buildings—all connected by wide corridors or galleries. These stretch above the sea on both sides of the shrine so that when the tide comes in, the whole edifice seems to be floating. The Main Shrine, Heiden (Offering Hall), Haiden (Hall of Worship), Haraiden (Purification Hall) and the corridors have been designated as UNESCO world Heritage site. Open: 6:30 – 17:30 (6:30 – 18:00, Mar. 1 – Oct. 14, 6:30 – 17:00, Dec. 1 – Dec. 3). Admission: ¥300.

Mt. Misen (弥山), alt. 535 m, is the highest peak on the island. Take a ropeway from Momijidani Sta. to Shishiwa Sta. (Time: 20 min. Fare: ¥1,800 for a round trip). The summit can be reached by 30 minutes hike from there. The primeval forest here is preserved as a natural monument. A splendid view is afforded of Hiroshima City, the nearby mountains and the Inland Sea with its innumerable islets.



Numbers ①-⑦ correspond to those accommodations on page 3/4.

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| ① Senjokaku | ④ Miyajima History and Folklore Museum |
| ② Five-storied Pagoda | ⑤ Miyajima Aquarium |
| ③ Daiganji Temple | ⑥ Treasure Hall |
| | ⑦ Tahoto (Pagoda) |

JNTO TIC (Tourist Information Center)

TIC of Japan National Tourism Organization is your helping hand while in Japan. Its main services are providing travel information and free literature on Japan such as tourist spots, transportation, and suggesting tour itineraries, etc.

1F, Shin-Tokyo Bldg., 3-3-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
100-0005 Tel. 03-3201-3331 (in Japan)
Open daily from 9:00 to 18:00 (Closed on Jan. 1)
<https://www.japan.travel/en/plan/tic/>

Annual Events:

Kangen-sai (管絃祭) (Orchestra Festival) is the largest annual festival held on the day of Jun. 17 by the lunar calendar at Itsukushima Shrine, when three stately barges bearing a portable shrine as well as priests and musicians cross the bay along with other gaily decorated boats joining the colorful procession.

[Good to know] Admission and opening times at tourist attractions:

- Last entry to the most of attractions is 30 min. before the closing time.
- In general, if their weekly closing day (most are on Mon.) falls on a national holiday, they are open on the day and are closed on the following day after the holiday(s).
- Most are closed throughout / a part of New Year holiday period (especially Dec. 29–Jan. 3).
- Please visit the official website of each place / your nearest tourist information center for the updates.



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JNTO Website
<https://www.japan.travel/en/plan/list-of-volunteer-guides/>

TOURIST INFORMATION in the area

Hiroshima Tourist Information:
2F of Shinkansen side, JR Hiroshima Station.
Matsubara-cho, Minami-ku, Hiroshima city, Hiroshima
Hours: 6:00–24:00 Tel. (082) 263-5120

Miyajima Tourist Information (Miyajima Ferry Terminal):
1162-18 Miyajima-cho, Hatsukaichi city, Hiroshima
Hours: 9:00-18:00 Tel. (0829) 44-2011

To find other Tourist Information Centers, visit <https://tic.jnto.go.jp/>

JNTO Website: <https://www.jnto.go.jp>

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