

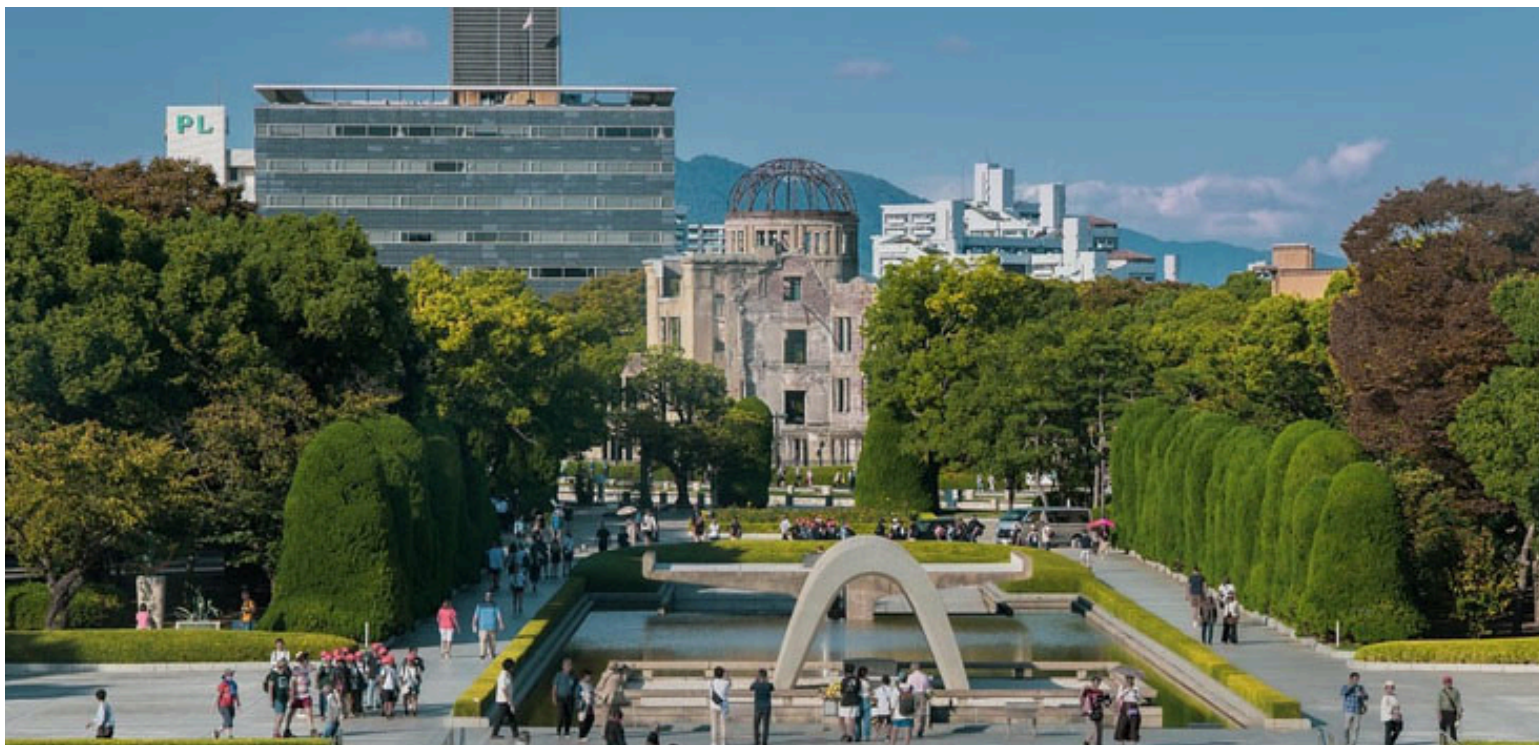
HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA DAY-TRIP ITINERARY

WELCOME TO HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA



A Hiroshima and Miyajima day trip offers one of Japan's most powerful and rewarding travel experiences, blending profound history with breathtaking natural beauty. From the solemn reflections at Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park to the iconic "floating" torii gate of Itsukushima Shrine, this itinerary offers a balanced pace while exploring museums and other iconic destinations.

This is a self-guided itinerary, so feel free to add or remove things as you please. We've designed this itinerary to have a good flow for your day trip to Hiroshima & Miyajima. We've also included optional visits - for the purpose of time keeping, we'd recommend only doing 1 optional visit in both Hiroshima and Miyajima.



MORNING IN HIROSHIMA



HIROSHIMA PEACE MEMORIAL PARK

200 Yen – Approx. 1-2 Hours

Start the day at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum – perhaps one of Japan's most significant and moving museums. Inside, visitors can reflect on the damage caused by the devastating Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima on August 6th, 1945, and gaze upon many of the relics that were destroyed by the blast. This eye-opening museum serves as a lasting memory of the damage inflicted upon Hiroshima in World War II.



ATOMIC BOMB DOME & PEACE MEMORIAL PARK

Free – Approx. 30-60 Minutes

After visiting the peace museum, head to the Peace Memorial Park and take in the sights of the park, as well as gaze at the Atomic bomb dome, which surprisingly mostly survived the blast of the Atomic bomb. The park is full of history and interesting memorials and carries significant weight. Today, the park is visited by families of those lost, and visitors from around the world to pay respect.



HIROSHIMA CASTLE (OPTIONAL SIDE TRIP)

Free – Approx. 10-20 Minutes

If you're looking for a quick extra visit in Hiroshima, head to the Hiroshima Castle Park. While the castle keep closed its doors to the public in March of 2026. You can still walk around, and admire the castle park, and the exterior of the castle for free. Hiroshima Castle is only only about a 10-15 minute walk from the Hiroshima Peace Park, making for a quick and easy side trip.



HIROSHIMA ORIZURU TOWER (OPTIONAL SIDE TRIP)

2,200 Yen – Approx. 15-30 Minutes

The Hiroshima Orizuru Tower is a prominent and contemporary landmark located next to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, Japan. Opened in 2016, the tower is situated near the Atomic Bomb Dome, the tower provides breathtaking panoramic views of Hiroshima city, including the Peace Memorial Park, the Ota River, and the cityscape.

LUNCH IN HIROSHIMA



Before heading out to Miyajima, be sure to grab lunch. Hiroshima-style Okonomiyaki is a popular local speciality in Hiroshima and is served all across the city. Adapted from the Osaka style, this savoury Japanese pancake is filled with cabbage, thick, bouncy noodles, and pork belly, then glazed with a savoury sauce and drizzled with Japanese mayo. Bonito flakes are topped onto complete the savoury pancake. You can find variations of the dish with slightly different ingredients and proteins, depending on the restaurant.

You can find it all over the city, but our recommended restaurants are;

- [Okonomiyaki Mitchan Sohonten Hiroshima Station](#)
- [Okonomimura](#)
- [Kuraya Kamiyacho](#)

GETTING AROUND HIROSHIMA



Many of the city's top attractions can easily be accessed by streetcar. There, Hiroshima streetcars accept coins and IC Cards like **Icoca and Suica, costing 240 Yen each trip**

To/From Hiroshioma Station;

- Route 1 for Hiroshima Peace Museum (get off at Fukuromachi Station)
- Route 2,6 & 7 will get you to the northern side of the Peace Park & Atomic Bomb Dome (Get off at Genbaku Dome-Mae Station)

AFTERNOON ON MIYAJIMA

GETTING TO MIYAJIMA



From JR Hiroshima Station, take the San-yo Main Line to Miyajimaguchi Station. This journey takes about 30 minutes one way and costs 420 Yen, or is free with the JR Pass.

Once you arrive at Miyajimaguchi Station, take the main exit, and follow the signs for the Miyajima ferry terminal.



There are two choices of ferry companies that will take you to Miyajima, JR West and Matsudai Kisen - both are essentially identical, with the exception that the JR West ferry accepts the JR Pass as a form of payment. The ferry costs 200 yen each way, and you purchase your tickets before departing on each side. If you have a JR Pass, then it makes sense to use the JR West ferry since it's free, but without the pass, it comes down to which service departs first.

The ferries operate on a frequent timetable, running from around 6 am to the last service back to the mainland at 10:14 pm.

Importantly, regardless of whether you hold a JR Pass, you will need to pay a mandatory 100 yen tourist tax to access Miyajima. You only need to pay this tax one way, when departing for Miyajima.

AFTERNOON ON MIYAJIMA



O-TORRI

Free - Approx 10-30 Minutes

After arriving on Miyajima, follow the coastline from the ferry terminal to the floating Torii gate of Itsukushima Shrine. Admire the gate from the shore during high tide, or walk along the sand flats at low tide to see the 16 metre (52 ft) tall vermilion torii gate up close. The Itsukushima Shrine torii gate has become an iconic symbol of Japan, with millions of visitors each year.

The O-torii only appears to float at high tide. Be sure to check [tide times \(click here\)](#).



ITSUKUSHIMA SHRINE HALL (OPTIONAL SIDE TRIP)

300 Yen - Approx. 10-20 Minutes

Itsukushima Shrine is designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, and is one of the most significant places in Japan. In the Shinto belief, Miyajima Island itself is considered sacred, so the shrine was ingeniously constructed over water to allow worshippers to pay respects without setting foot on the holy ground. Itsukushima Shrine takes on two entirely different appearances, depending on the tide. At high tide, the shrine and torii gate appear to be floating on top of the water.



MT. MISEN & MIYAJIMA ROPEWAY (OPTIONAL)

2000 Yen - Approx. 1 Hour

If you want an aerial perspective of the island, head over to the Miyajima Ropeway and ascend Mt. Misen. Mt. Misen is the highest peak on Miyajima Island, standing at approximately 535 meters (1,755 ft) above sea level. To get to the top, take the Miyajima ropeway - a cablecar system that takes you near to the summit of Mt. Misen for a perfect, panoramic view of the island and the Seto Inland Sea of Japan.



OMOTESANDŌ SHOPPING STREET

Varies by store - Approx. 15-90 Minutes

The Omotesando Shopping Street is a popular shopping street on the island of Miyajima, in Hiroshima Prefecture. The street is lively and lined closely with shops, stalls, and street food. The shopping street is about 300 meters long (approx. 970 ft) and lined with shops. One of the most popular street foods to try is 'momiji manju', or a fried maple leaf. There are numerous stalls that sell Miyajima's signature dish along this bustling shopping street. Shops begin closing around 4:00pm, but most will be open until 5:00pm.

STAYING OVERNIGHT ON MIYAJIMA

Staying on Miyajima is becoming increasingly popular among visitors to this sacred island. It's not hard to see why, with the unforgettable Itsukushima Shrine and floating torii gate, as well as the charming island atmosphere. While many come to the island for a day trip, overnight stays on Miyajima offer an experience that day trippers often miss out on. After the tourists begin leaving, the island transforms into a peaceful paradise. Quiet streets, wandering deer, and the O-Torii gate illuminated by lights after dark are just some of the experiences waiting for those who stay overnight. Outside of our itinerary, there are so many other stunning attractions on the Island that you simply can't experience with a half-day trip. Staying overnight allows you to truly get an appreciation for Miyajima. To help inform your stay, we've provided our top 3 hotels on Miyajima. Internet may be required to access the booking links.

SAKURAYA

Enjoy simple, authentic comfort at Sakuraya, a welcoming ryokan just steps from the ferry terminal and a short stroll to Itsukushima Shrine. Offering clean Japanese-style rooms, friendly service, and excellent value on an otherwise premium island, Sakuraya is perfect for travellers seeking convenience without sacrificing atmosphere. Rooms are limited and book out quickly.

[CHECK AVAILABILITY](#)

MIYAJIMA GRAND HOTEL ARIMOTO

Located just moments from Itsukushima Shrine, the hotel blends elegant Japanese design with spacious comfort, sea-view rooms, and tranquil public baths overlooking nature. Impeccable service, beautifully prepared kaiseki cuisine, and an atmosphere of quiet exclusivity make it a standout choice. The hotel is also regarded as one of the oldest on Miyajima, with a history of over 400 years; however, the current building was built in the 1970's. This is our top pick on Miyajima.

[CHECK AVAILABILITY](#)

IWASO RYOKAN

The Iwaso Ryokan on Miyajima is a timeless, historic retreat nestled within Momijidani Park, about a 10-minute walk from the Itsukushima Shrine. Established in 1854, this distinguished ryokan offers serene tatami rooms, seasonal kaiseki dining, and a tranquil onsen surrounded by forested hills. Iwaso blends heritage, nature, and refined hospitality. The Iwaso Ryokan offers a rare opportunity to experience such a historic traditional Japan

[CHECK AVAILABILITY](#)

CLOSING REMARKS



THANK YOU!

As we wrap up, we want to take this time to appreciate you, and thank you for reading our Hiroshima & Miyajima 1-day Itinerary.

As a small team with mighty ambitions, we'd like to invite you to take this opportunity to work with us. It means a lot to us that we can share our passion with the world.

We encourage you to reach out if you have any questions beyond what we've provided, and we can provide some basic assistance during your trip.

We are also more than happy to help answer any general questions about Japan you may have!

Feel free to reach out to us at any time with your questions, comments, etc.

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