

Hiroshima Tourist Information - September 2010

The city of Hiroshima is located in Western Japan and fronts the calm, island-dotted Seto Inland Sea. Hiroshima is known as the "City of Water" after the six beautiful rivers running through it. The city has many interesting sightseeing spots including the Peace Memorial Park, and World Heritage listed Atomic Bomb Dome and Itsukushima Shrine on spectacular Miyajima.

Sightseeing guide maps are available for download from the website below.
www.hcvb.city.hiroshima.jp/e_navigator/information/tourist.html

You can watch movies introducing Hiroshima at the websites below.
www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/kikaku/kikaku/vi/chiikikankoken/movie/index_e.html
www.youtube.com/user/hcvb2008#p/u

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* Hiroshima Photo CD

Hiroshima photo CDs are available free of charge from Hiroshima Convention & Visitors Bureau. Contact the Bureau on the email address at the end of this newsletter for further information. All of the photos on the CD-ROM are not subject to copyright.

* Cycling

A great way to take in the beauty of Hiroshima is by cycling around the city. Hiroshima has lovely riverside esplanades where you can enjoy scenic bike rides and hear the music of the wind. Rentals of motorized bicycles are available at the hotels below.

1. Hotel Granvia Hiroshima
2. Oriental Hotel Hiroshima
3. Hotel Sunroute Hiroshima
4. Mielparque Hiroshima
5. Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima

Bikes can be returned to any bicycle-station, except rentals from the Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima.

Rental fee: 1000 yen per day (for adults and children 13 years and over)

Rental period: From 9:00am till no later than 5:00pm



* Hiroshima Bay Cruise - GINGA -

The beautiful sight of many islands surrounded by a calm sea is particularly spectacular. This beauty cannot be captured in a photo; it's the kind of beauty that needs to be experienced in order to understand it. One way to experience this scenery is on the *Hiroshima Bay Cruise -GINGA-*. *GINGA* offers lunch and dinner cruises on which passengers can enjoy a variety of dishes from the Seto Inland Sea. The cruise also includes Miyajima giving passengers the opportunity to see the famous Itsukushima Shrine.

Lunch cruise 11:30am - 2:00pm from 5000 yen

Hiroshima port→off the coast of Miyajima → Miyajima port → Hiroshima port

Dinner cruise 6:50pm - 9:00pm from 7500 yen

Hiroshima port→off the coast of Miyajima → around Hiroshima Bay Bridge → Hiroshima Port

Applications and enquiries: Seto Inland Sea Lines
kotani(at)skk-t.co.jp



* Hiroshima confectionery

Hiroshima has many well known local confectionery, the most famous one being *Momiji manju*. *Momiji manju* (pictured below left) is a maple-leaf shaped cake with a soft filling. There are a variety of fillings available including custard, cream, chocolate, cheese and the traditional sweet bean paste. At some of the shops you can enjoy warm *manju* straight out of the baking pan. Delicious!!

In addition to *Momiji manju*, there is a long list of delicious confectionery which originated in Hiroshima. It includes *Gosaku manju*, a cake with a thin dough wrapped around a generous serving of sweet beans, and *Hiroshima sake jelly* made from local sake. These sweets and others can be purchased at department stores, gift shops in Hiroshima Station and Hiroshima Airport, and other local stores.



- Seasonal Information: autumn and winter

* Bicycle Train

The *Setouchi Shimanami Kaido* (expressway) which links the islands between Onomichi in Hiroshima Prefecture and Imabari in Ehime Prefecture is a recommended cycling course. The expressway has a pedestrian walkway running parallel to it which enables cyclists to ride across the bridges. You can enjoy stunning views of the Seto Inland Sea when cycling along this path. Bicycle rental services are available in Onomichi, Imabari and on every island between the two cities. This (northern) autumn, a bicycle train will be in service allowing passengers to board and ride with bicycles. This means you can take a day trip to the *Shimanami Kaido* from Hiroshima City with your bicycle on the bicycle train! (Reservations required for the bicycle train).

Dates: Sept 18 – 19, Oct 2 - 3, Oct 9, Oct 16 – 17.

Time: 8:25am departure from Hiroshima Station - 9:47am arrival at Onomichi Station
5:47pm departure from Onomichi Station - 7:17pm arrival at Hiroshima Station

Fare: Round-trip adult 3000 yen, child 1540 yen

Onomichi Tourist Association www.ononavi.com/

* Setouchi Osanpo Cruise

This (northern) autumn, *Setouchi Osanpo Cruise* will be operating boat tours to the Seto Inland Sea islands. Passengers can enjoy panoramic views of the sea and beautiful island scenery, in addition to experiencing the islands' climate, culture, history and local cuisine.

Course A: Visit Tomonoura, Cruise the Seto Inland Sea (one way cruise also available)

Adult: round trip 9800 yen, one way 7800 yen

Child: round trip 8500 yen, one way 6500 yen

Dates: Sept 4, 11, 18, 22, 23, 26; Oct 3, 9, 12, 23, 31.

Miyajima 8:00 – Hiroshima 8:30 – Prince Hotel 8:35 – Kure 9:00 – Onomichi 11:00 - Sightseeing Tomonoura (lunch) – Osakishimojima (Mitarai) – Tataru Bridge – Kure 17:55 – Prince Hotel 18:20 – Hiroshima 18:25 – Miyajima 18:55

Course B: Visit Kurushima Strait (bridge) – Kojima Island walk and Hashihama shipyard

Adult: round trip 7900 yen, Child: round trip 6900 yen

Dates: Sept 17, 19; Oct 2, 19, 20, 30; Nov 13, 14.

Miyajima 8:15 – Hiroshima 8:45 – Prince Hotel 8:50 – Kure 9:15 - Kurushima Strait Umashima Island 11:00 - Imabari Port, lunch – Hashihama shipyard - Oshima Island Hike – Kure 17:45 – Prince Hotel 18:10 – Hiroshima 18:15 – Miyajima 18:45

Course C: Visit Ukashima Island (fishery visit) and visit Kaminoseki Murotsu Port

Adult: round trip 7900 yen, Child : round trip 6900 yen

Dates: Sept 5, 20; Oct 10, 17, 24; Nov 3.

Kure 7:30 – Prince Hotel 7:55 – Hiroshima 8:00 – Miyajima 8:30 – Ukashima Island, fishery visit - visit Kaminoseki, Murotsu Port – Miyajima 17:30 – Hiroshima 18:00 – Prince Hotel 18:05 – Kure 18:30

Course D: Old port "Mitarai", Omishima Island cruise

Adult: round trip 8900 yen, Child: round trip 7900 yen

Dates: Sept 25; Oct 11, 16; Nov 6, 7.

Miyajima 8:00 – Hiroshima 8:30 – Prince Hotel 8:35 – Kure 9:00 – Mihara 10:40 – Omishima island, lunch - old port "Mitarai (Osakishimojima Island)" – Kure 17:10 – Prince Hotel 17:35 – Hiroshima 17:40 – Miyajima 18:10

Course E: Orange Island – Osakishimajima, Setoda City visit

Adult: round trip 7900 yen, Child: round trip 6900 yen

Dates: Nov 20, 21, 23, 27, 28.

Miyajima 8:00 – Hiroshima 8:30 – Prince Hotel 8:35 – Kure 9:00 – Mihara 10:40 – Sightseeing Setoda City, lunch – (old city) Mitarai, visit Orange island – Kure 17:30 – Prince Hotel 17:55 – Hiroshima 18:00 – Miyajima 18:30

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* Hiroshima Dreamination

For the two months from mid-November, Hiroshima will hold its annual illumination event, Hiroshima Dreamination. Many of the illumination monuments will be placed along Peace Boulevard as well as in various locations in the city centre. More than 1.3 million bulbs will be used in this year's electric light festival for which the theme is "fairytale". Each year the number of monuments increasing with the 2010 event set to be a great one.



Movie of last year's Hiroshima Dreamination

www.hcvb.city.hiroshima.jp/e_navigator/month/month091001b.html

* Oyster and oyster boat

Hiroshima Bay's oyster industry is proud of its 450 year history. It is the largest producer of oysters in Japan. Many years ago, it was popular for people to load oysters onto their boats and go to Osaka where they would moor at the riverbank and serve oyster dishes on their boats. These days, two oyster boats remain on the riverbank in Hiroshima, serving fresh oyster dishes.

- Oyster boats *KANAWA* (east side of Heiwa Bridge)
Open throughout the year (except year-end and New Year)
www.kanawa.co.jp/fune-e-top.htm

Weekdays: 11:00-14:00/17:00-21:00 (last call)

Sunday & holidays: 11:00-14:00/17:00-20:30 (last call)

- Oyster boats *HIROSHIMA* (west side of Heiwa Bridge)
Regular holiday: Sunday
Open: 11:30 - 14:00/17:00-22:00



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