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Locations: Hiroshima and Miyajima Island

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- 6:20am Depart JCMU by taxi
6:40am Arrive Maibara Station
- 7:00am **Shinkansen Departure** from Maibara Station to Hiroshima
Hikari 491
- 9:05am Arrive Hiroshima Station
> Hiroshima City Tram: LINE #6 will take you to Peace Park
Pay as you **exit** the tram (¥150 one-way).
> Disembark at Genbaku Domu (A-Bomb Dome); the 10th stop.
- 9:30am **Peace Memorial Park**
- Children's Peace Memorial
 - Cenotaph: Flame of Peace
 - Peace Memorial Museum (¥50)
- 1:00pm Lunch on your own and return tram to Hiroshima Station
> Meet at Genbaku Domu Rendezvous Point (A-Bomb Dome)
- 1:30pm From JR Hiroshima Station, take the **JR Sanyo Line** to Miyajimaguchi
1:56pm Arrive Miyajimaguchi Station
- 2:00pm **Ferry to Miyajima Island**
From Miyajimaguchi Station, it is just a few steps to the ferry pier.
Frequently departing ferries take 10 minutes. There are two companies that provide ferry service; **take the JR Ferry...**
Use your JR Rail Pass for free passage to and from the island.
- O-torii of Itsukushima Shrine (the great floating gate)
 - Itsukushima Shrine—founded 593; built on stilts; best at high tide
 - Goju-no-to; five-story pagoda built on a bluff overlooking shrine
 - Momijidani (Maple Leaf Valley) Park; cable car to Mount Misen
 - Mount Misen—can be reached by hiking, or by ropeway / cable car.
Aerial Ropeway is ¥1,800 round trip
Views of the inland sea between Honshu and Shikoku Islands.
Wild Deer and Monkey Sanctuary at the summit.
- 5:30 (45)pm **Ferry to Miyajimaguchi Port**
6:14pm From Miyajimaguchi Station, take the JR Sanyo Line to Hiroshima
6:46pm Arrive at Hiroshima Station
- 6:50pm Dinner in Hiroshima Station
- 7:51pm** **LAST Shinkansen Departure** from Hiroshima to Maibara
Hikari 490
- 10:10pm Arrive Maibara Station
One other Shinkansen (Hikari 580) is available, but requires making a transfer at Shin-Osaka Station (Kodama 696). If you deviate from this suggested itinerary, make sure to obtain a JR Shinkansen Timetable/Booklet so that you can plan your day accordingly.