

EXTENSION

JAPAN

Hiroshima & Miyajima



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Memorial to the Human Spirit

In the four syllables of Hiroshima lie an infinite number of feelings and a range of experiences that have made the city one of Japan's most-visited destinations. As a memorial to human tenacity over the utter destruction of war, this is an essential for every traveler who seeks to understand our world. Our visit pays respect to the consequences of the detonation of the first atomic bomb. But we also explore the beauty and more distant history of Hiroshima with visits to the sacred island of Miyajima and Shukkeien Garden, where perfect landscapes are created in miniature. Experienced on the heels of a week in Tokyo, Hakone and Kyoto, these days in Hiroshima will add immeasurably to your understanding of contemporary life in Japan.

DAY 1

KYOTO / HIROSHIMA

- Ride the bullet train to Hiroshima
- Ferry to the sacred island of Miyajima

From the hotel where your trip concluded, we'll transfer to Kyoto train station, where you will board a bullet train bound for the city of Hiroshima.

After lunch, we'll board a ferry for a cruise to Miyajima, the sacred island of Shintoism floating in the Inland Sea. Its "floating" Torii Gate is officially known as one of Japan's "3 Most Beautiful Views." It is certainly one of the most photographed! The gate belongs to a shrine dating back to the 6th century, and the complex is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Mere commoners were not allowed to set foot on this holy place, and even now it is forbidden to give birth or die on the island! You will have time to explore the island and its many shrines and temples and sample local treats such as the maple leaf shaped cakes before we head back to the mainland.

As the afternoon draws to a close, we check into our hotel. Dinner this evening is on your own.

OVERNIGHT: HIROSHIMA
MEALS: D

DAY 2

HIROSHIMA

- Visit Peace Memorial Park at ground zero
- Explore the miniature landscapes in Shukkeien Garden

This day is dedicated to the memory of August 6, 1945—the day Hiroshima was destroyed and the world was changed by the atomic bomb. Our first visit is to the Peace Memorial

Park. This was ground zero. The park, dedicated to those who lost their lives in the attack, contains the A-Bomb Dome, the haunting skeletal remains of what was once the Hiroshima Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall. You'll have time to stroll through this beautiful and solemn place and to reflect as you like on its symbolism and meaning.

After lunch, the tone shifts from the cosmic to the miniature as we visit Shukkeien Garden ("shrunk-scenery garden"), truly a paragon of the legendary landscape esthetic of Japan. Dating back to 1620, the garden creates dramatically scaled down images of valleys, mountains and forests. Lovely teahouses are scattered through the park, perfectly arranged to offer you the best views of the miniaturized landscapes.

This evening join your guide for a farewell dinner.

OVERNIGHT: HIROSHIMA
MEALS: B, D

DAY 3

DEPARTURE

- Enjoy free time before your departure
- Transfer to airport: Osaka Kansai Int'l, Osaka Itami or Hiroshima Airport

After checkout, we'll assist you in boarding the bullet train to Shin-Osaka where an assistant will escort you to a private vehicle to Osaka Kansai International Airport. Alternatively, we can arrange a transfer to Hiroshima Airport or Osaka Itami Airport.

MEALS: B



Tour Hotels



Sekitei Hiroshima

Situated high on a hill with views of the island of Miyajima, this classic ryokan epitomizes the serenity of Japanese design and hospitality, with landscaped gardens of perfection. Tatami-matted rooms boast large windows to connect you to beautiful views.

OVERNIGHT: HATSUKAICHI CITY | NIGHTS: 2

Tour Dates & Prices

Tour Dates	Price per Person	Price per Person
	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
April 19-21, 2020	\$3,995	\$5,790
May 24-26, 2020	\$3,995	\$5,790
September 13-15, 2020	\$3,995	\$5,790
November 15-17, 2020	\$3,995	\$5,790
April 18-20, 2021	\$4,095	\$5,890
May 23-25, 2021	\$4,095	\$5,890
September 12-14, 2021	\$4,095	\$5,890
November 14-16, 2021	\$4,095	\$5,890

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Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH: 3 Days, 2 Nights

START: Kyoto hotel lobby, Kyoto, Japan Train transfer to Hiroshima included

END: Hiroshima hotel lobby, Hiroshima, Japan Transfer included to Hiroshima Airport or train transfer to Osaka Kansai Airport or Osaka Itami Airport

TERRAIN: Easy to moderate on good trails with some steps, and city sidewalks.

What's Included

- Memorable accommodations for 2 nights
- All breakfasts and 2 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide
- Admissions to sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- All land transportation during the trip

Above & Beyond Benefits

- Invisible Check-In
- Privileged Access Events

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ENJOY THE UNEXPECTED

When you travel with Classic Journeys, you can expect handcrafted surprises built into every trip, but some things just can't be anticipated. Unusual weather, a once-a-year festival or an unscheduled site closing will inspire us and your local guide to improvise and modify this itinerary. Likewise, the hotels named here are used on the majority of our trips, but occasionally one of them can't accommodate us. If that happens, you can count on us to let you know before departure and make sure you're in a hotel of equal or better quality. It's our goal to make your trip exceptional!

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THE SUN RISES ON JAPAN

WONDER IF YOU'LL LIKE JAPAN?

OUR IN-HOUSE EXPERT LOVED IT SO MUCH THAT HER "VISIT" LASTED 3 YEARS!

Kristin Frick has the travel bug, the kind of incurable itch that landed her at Classic Journeys as our Senior Guest Services Coordinator. When Japan began to show up on our radar as a most-requested destination, she raised her hand and said, "Dekimasu!" or "I can do it!" Given that she lived and taught

English in Japan for three years, asking her to handcraft the itinerary was a no-brainer. Kristin's firsthand knowledge and passion for Japan guarantee you a remarkably well thought out experience.



WHY DID YOU MOVE TO JAPAN?

I'd been living and teaching in France, but it was difficult to get a visa. So I made a leap to Japan, where getting a visa was not a problem, as they bring native-speaking English speakers into classrooms. My planned six-month stay lasted three years!

IS THE COUNTRY AS INSULAR AS THEY SAY?

It can definitely be an insular society. I couldn't communicate at all, so I had to jump in and learn quickly. I got to know the people and culture very well through teaching English. What really stands out was that I taught older people in addition to kids. It was fascinating to get to know them and hear their stories from growing up, in some cases before WWII. It gave me a new perspective on their history and culture that we don't get in the United States.

HOW DID YOU TRANSLATE YOUR EXPERIENCES INTO THE NEW CLASSIC JOURNEYS TRIP?

First, I knew that you absolutely need connections with local people. Because it's a safe country, people are tempted to go on their own, but you miss the real Japan by doing that. I wanted to replicate unique things I did there, like going to generations-old farms or visiting tea plantations. We also go to Tokyo Sky Tree, which is one of the biggest buildings. It's an ancient society rich in tradition and

history, but it's also hyper-new, with bright lights, big cities and a wild and crazy urban energy. I want our guests to see and feel that old/new dichotomy.

WHY SHOULD TRAVELERS GO TO JAPAN NOW?

In practical terms, the U.S. dollar is strong against the yen, so we can offer great value. Even though Japan is far away, it's easy to get there on the many nonstop flights from American cities. The art, architecture and food are all on a level that's light years beyond anywhere else. The food, in particular, is incredible. Japanese restaurants have more Michelin stars than any other country in the world!

WHAT DOES CLASSIC JOURNEYS PROVIDE THAT TRAVELERS CAN'T GET ANYWHERE ELSE?

We have a unique bento-box approach to this trip that's very different. Our core itinerary explores Tokyo, the countryside near Mount Fuji, and Kyoto. We stay in an especially beautiful hotel at Mount Fuji that has stunning views. Kyoto is a more traditional city, a perfect counter-balance to ultra-modern Tokyo. The bento box idea is to offer an add-on post-tour extension to Hiroshima, a pre-tour itinerary for Tokyo, and an optional mid-tour hike up Mount Fuji. Each guest can do all of them, none of them or any combination. Everything is high quality, pre-designed and easy. Not every visitor can say that about their travels in Japan, but I know that ours will!

■ SAMPLE OUR BENTO BOX

It's easy to customize our 7-day/6-night Japan trip to your taste. The itinerary includes time in Tokyo, Hakone near the base of Mt. Fuji, and Kyoto. You can also add on any or all of these carefully crafted Japanese experiences to enhance your visit.

■ TOKYO PRE-TRIP

Visit Old Tokyo and Mt. Nokogiri, the sacred peak overlooking Tokyo Bay (2 days/2 nights)

■ HIROSHIMA POST-TRIP

Experience Peace Memorial Park, the miniature landscapes of Shukkeien Garden and Miyajima Island (3 days/2 nights)

■ MOUNT FUJI CLIMB

A mid-trip option (September departure only) to ascend Mt. Fuji with one night at the rustic 8th Station before reaching the summit.