

Itinerary

5 days visiting 2025 Osaka/Kansai Expo (April 13 - October 13) and West Setouchi



Day 1

Arrival (Osaka)

*** Welcome to Japan !!! ***

Arrival at Kansai International Airport

Sightseeing in Osaka

Universal Studios Japan, Osaka Castle, Abeno Harukas, Kaiyukan, etc.

Overnight in Osaka City

*Award ceremony, welcome party, etc.



Osaka Castle (Osaka City)

Day 2

Visit to Osaka/Kansai Expo

Visit the Expo with pavilions showcasing initiatives to achieve the SDGs and the future beyond, to create "A Future Society for our Lives." Exhibitors include 150 countries and 25 international organizations, as well as businesses, NGOs, NPOs, community groups and others from around the world.



Conceptual image of an outdoor event space



Conceptual image of Osaka/Kansai Expo venue

Overnight in Osaka city

Day 3

Hiroshima (Travel by Shinkansen)

A.M.: Visit the Atomic Bomb Dome and Peace Memorial Museum

The Atomic Bomb Dome is a ruin of the building destroyed by the first atomic bomb used against humans in human history.

Lunch: Okonomiyaki experience etc.

Soul food with roots in Hiroshima

P.M.: Optional tours

- Peace Park Tour VR
- Bicycle Peace Tour
- Brush making experience
- Mazda Museum tour

Located on the automaker's grounds, the Corporate Museum tells the story of Mazda from its founding to the present, as well as Mazda's vision for the next 100 years.

• Sake brewery tour, etc.

Dinner: Enjoy traditional performing arts with a Japanese garden in the background. (Kagura, tea ceremony, Kagami biraki, etc.)

Overnight in Hiroshima City

Day 4

Tour on Miyajima Island

A.M.: Hiking on Mt. Misen (Ropeway)

Enjoy beautiful views over the Seto Inland Sea

Lunch: Anagomeshi, oyster dishes etc.

P.M.: Visit Itsukushima Shrine and Daisho-in temple (Japanese cultural experience)

A variety of experiences at Miyajima's most historic temple, including a vegetarian cuisine, Zen meditation, and making Buddhist prayer beads.



Itsukushima Shrine



The summit of Mt. Misen (Miyajima)



Miyajima Misen Daisho-in Temple

Overnight in Hiroshima city

Day 5

Morning: To Kansai Airport (Travel by Shinkansen)



Atomic Bomb Dome



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum



G7 Leaders' Visit to Itsukushima Shrine (May 2023)

Itinerary

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Expo showcasing initiatives from around the world for "A Future Society for Our Lives."



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Overnight in Osaka city

Day 3

Fukuyama (travel by Shinkansen), Take a chartered bus to visit Shimanami Kaido/Matsuyama City

A.M.: Tour along Shimanami

Shimanami cycling

Enjoy cycling along Shimanami Kaido, known as a "sacred place for cyclists" and named one of the "Seven Greatest Cycling Trails in the World" by CNN.

Kirozan Observation Park

Located on Oshima in Imabari City, you can see the world's first triple suspension bridge "Kurushima Kaikyo Bridge" and the current of "Kurushima Kaikyo", one of Japan's three major rapid tides.

Lunch: Seafood barbecue experience

P.M.: Matsuyama/Dogo Onsen (hot spring)

Honkan (Botchan-yu), Annex (Asuka-no-yu), etc.

The charm of Dogo Onsen Honkan lies in its history. Reputed to be the oldest hot spring in Japan, it was the first public bathhouse to be designated a National Important Cultural Property in 1994 and continues to operate as an active public bathhouse.

Ozashiki (Geisha game) experience

Dinner with geisha who will perform traditional Japanese dances and games to entertain visitors.

Overnight in Matsuyama/Dogo Onsen



Shimanami Cycling

Kirozan Park



Dogo Onsen Honkan (main building)



Ozashiki experience

Day 4

Tour in Matsuyama City

A.M.: Ohenro pilgrimage experience

The Shikoku Henro Pilgrimage is said to follow the path of Kobo Daishi some 1,200 years ago. The tour includes Ishiteji Temple, the most famous of the 88 sacred sites on the Shikoku Henro Pilgrimage, with the Nio-mon Gate, a national treasure, and the Mantra Cave.

Lunch: Taimeshi (rice with sea bream)

Originated as a sea bream dish presented to Empress by local fishermen.

P.M.: Matsuyama Castle

Located in the center of Matsuyama City, Matsuyama Castle has one of the 12 remaining original castle towers in Japan. Its 21 buildings are listed as Important Cultural Properties.

Bansuiso

A French-style building exuding "Romanticism in Taisho Era", built in 1922 by a count of the ruling family of Matsuyama Domain as his residence and guesthouse.

Travel to Hiroshima by high-speed passenger ship (Super Jet)

Overnight in Hiroshima city

Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima, the main venue of G7 Hiroshima Summit in 2023 etc.



Pilgrimage experience

Rice with sea bream



Matsuyama Castle



Bansuiso

Day 5

Tour in Hiroshima City

A.M.: Visit to the Atomic Bomb Dome and Peace Memorial Museum

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Flower offerings at Peace Memorial Park

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Atomic Bomb Dome



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum



G7 Leaders offer flowers in Peace Memorial Park (May 2023)



Okonomiyaki experience



VR experience



Cycling peace tour



Brush making experience



Mazda Museum

Day 6

Tour on Miyajima Island

A.M.: Visit to Itsukushima Shrine Senjokaku and Five-storied Pagoda

The shrine was rebuilt in the Shinden-zukuri style in 1168 by a powerful man named Taira no Kiyomori. Known as the shrine with the Otorii gate floating in the sea, it has been named one of the three most scenic spots in Japan, along with Matsushima and Amanohashidate, and was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1996.

Misen Observation Deck

Panoramic views of the Seto Inland Sea

- Stroll around the shopping street (Momiji Manju, etc.)
- Heian costume/dressing experience
- Buddhist Temple experience

Enjoy a variety of experiences at Daishoin Temple, Miyajima's most historic Buddhist temple, including a vegetarian cuisine, Zen meditation, and making Buddhist prayer beads.

Lunch: Anagomeshi (rice with conger eel), oyster dishes, etc.

P.M.: Visit to a beer brewery (MIYAJIMA BREWERY)

The only brewery on Miyajima Island uses natural water from Miyajima Island for brewing. Freshly brewed beer is available on tap.



Itsukushima Shrine



G7 Leaders' Visit to Itsukushima Shrine (May 2023)



The summit of Mt. Misen (Miyajima)

To Kansai Airport (Travel by Shinkansen)



Miyajima Misen Daisho-in Temple



Heian costume experience

Sample Itinerary

Crossing the Seto Inland Sea 6 days 5 nights



The view of the Setouchi dotted with islands and islets (Onomichi)
Photo Courtesy of Hiroshima Prefecture



Osaka Castle (Osaka)

Day 1



Arrival (Osaka)

*** Welcome to Japan! ***

Arrive at Kansai International Airport.
⇒ Check-in at hotel in Osaka city.

Osaka Castle

View the castle including its lavishly decorated castle tower.

Osaka History Museum

Experience and learn history of Osaka through restored miniature models.

Dotonbori

Food tour to enjoy Osaka specialties including Takoyaki.

Day 2



Awajishima, Tokushima, Kagawa

in the morning: Awajishima, Tokushima-Awaji
Yumebutai (Stage of Dream)

Stroll around the facility complex with one of the largest botanical greenhouses in Japan.

Uzushio Cruise

Get close to the world largest whirlpools by boat and enjoy the sight.

Pm: Kagawa

Udon Noodles Making

Make authentic Sanuki udon noodles on your own.

Kotohira-gu Shrine

Climb 785 stone steps hoping for blessings from the gods.



Kotohira-gu Shrine (Kagawa)

Day 3



Okayama

Kurashiki Bikan Historical Area

Stroll through the both historic and artistic white-walled townscape.



Kurashiki Bikan Historical Area (Okayama)

Day 4



Fukuyama, Takehara, Onomichi

Optional Activity:

① Onomichi, Takehara Shimanami Cycling

Enjoy one of the best cycling roads of the world to your heart's content.

Senkoji Temple

See a panoramic view of Onomichi City and the Seto Inland Sea from the temple.

Takehara Preserved Townscape Area

Strolling around the town makes you feel as though you were sent back in time to the Edo period.

② Fukuyama Cultural Experience Shinshoji Temple Museum of Zen Buddhism and Garden

Enjoy Japanese cultural experience including copying Buddhist scriptures, sitting meditation.

Its main hall can be used as a meeting space.



Shinshoji (Fukuyama)



Takehara Preserved Townscape Area (Takehara)
Photo Courtesy of Hiroshima Prefecture

Day 5



Hiroshima, Miyajima

in the morning : Optional activity:

① Atomic Bomb Dome, Peace Memorial Park

Visit the A-Bomb Dome, a designated World Heritage Site preserved as how it was just after the bombing.

② Experience: Sending a Message with a Postcard Recycled from Orizuru, Lantern Floating, Orizuru Making to Dedicate to the victims.

Activities to express your hope for the total destruction of nuclear weapons and lasting world peace.



A-bomb Dome and a streetcar (Hiroshima)
Photo Courtesy of Hiroshima Prefecture



O-torii Gate (Miyajima)
Photo Courtesy of Hiroshima Prefecture

Itsukushima Shrine

Visit the Itsukushima Shrine, a World Heritage Site known for the O-torii Gate standing in the sea.

Day 6



Departure (Fukuoka)

in the morning: Fukuoka

Depart Hiroshima for Fukuoka by Shinkansen. Free at leisure, e.g. visiting street food stalls.

in the afternoon: Fukuoka International Airport

Check-in and enjoy your time at the airport until your departure.

Have a safe trip (back home)!



street food stalls (Fukuoka)

Sample Itinerary

Kyoto, Hiroshima, Fukuoka

Natural and Cultural Experiences

3 nights 4 days



Itsukushima Shrine (Miyajima)
photo courtesy of Hiroshima Prefecture



Day 3

Miyajima Sightseeing

⇒ A 45-minute high speed boat ride from Hiroshima City to Miyajima Island.

Daishoin Temple:

This is the oldest Buddhist temple on Miyajima, where various cultural experiences are available: Buddhist vegetarian cuisine, zazen meditation and making Buddhist prayer beads.

Mt. Misen:

You can enjoy a spectacular view over the Seto Inland Sea from the mountain top.



Daishoin Temple (Miyajima)



View from the top of Mt. Misen (Miyajima)

Day 1

Arrival (Kyoto)

*** Welcome to Japan! ***

Arrive at Kansai International Airport

⇒ Check-in hotel in Kyoto

Kyoto Sightseeing

Kiyomizu-dera Temple: A World Heritage Site with a 1200-year history.

Arashiyama: A place of scenic beauty with a sense of changing seasons; cherry blossoms in spring and colored maple leaves in autumn.

Fushimi Inari Shrine: A Shinto shrine known for the one thousand vermillion torii gates.



One thousand vermillion torii gates at Fushimi Inari Shrine (Kyoto)

Day 2

Hiroshima-Natural and Cultural Experience

Hiroshima Sightseeing

Cycling: Ride a bicycle and get around the city.

Streetcar: See Hiroshima from a chartered streetcar.

Okonomiyaki Cooking Studio "OKOSTA":

Make Hiroshima's must-eat local specialty okonomiyaki on your own!



Okonomiyaki Cooking Studio "OKOSTA" (Hiroshima)

Day 4

Optional Activities

① Akitakata Sightseeing

Kagura Monzen Tojimura: Hiroshima's traditional performing art Kagura and its costume wearing experience. Onsen hot spring is also available.

② Akiota Sightseeing

You can enjoy beautiful natural scenery such as the terraced rice fields in Ini and the Sandankyo Gorge.



Kagura Monzen Tojimura (Akitakata)
Photo Courtesy of Hiroshima Prefecture

Fukuoka (Departure)

Depart Hiroshima for Fukuoka by Shinkansen.

Fukuoka Sightseeing

Enjoy shopping and Fukuoka's food specialties in Hakata, Fukuoka City.

Move to Fukuoka International Airport.

Check-in at the airport and enjoy your time until your departure.

Have a safe trip (back home)!



Hakata (Fukuoka City)

Sample Itinerary

Kyoto, Hiroshima, Yamaguchi Culinary delights & fine sakes 3 nights 4 days

Day 1 Arrival (Kyoto)



*** Welcome to Japan! ***

Arrive at Kansai International Airport
⇒ Check-in at hotel in Kyoto

Visit Sake Brewery in Fushimi

Sake tasting in Fushimi, one of the three major sake-producing areas.

Welcome Dinner

Sushi with sake!



Sake brewery (Kyoto)

Day 2



Visit World Heritage Sites in Kyoto

Depart hotel to visit Fushimi Inari and some of the World Heritage Sites in Kyoto.

Optional Activities: If you are a great sake lover, why don't you visit Nada in Kobe, another major sake-producing place.

Visit Sake Brewery in Nada

Sake tasting in Nada, another major sake producing area in Japan.

⇒ Depart Kobe for Saijo, Hiroshima by Shinkansen.

Visit Sake Brewery in Saijo

Sake tasting in Saijo, one of the three major sake-producing areas in Japan.
Bishu-nabe, hot pot dish with sake for dinner.
Check-in at hotel in Hiroshima.



Sake brewery (Saijo)



Sake tasting (Saijo)

Day 3



Miyajima sightseeing followed by Japan-themed evening gala

⇒ Depart hotel for Miyajima by high speed boat. (26min.)

Itsukushima Shrine

Visit this Shinto shrine designated as a World Heritage Site. Take a souvenir photo against the O-torii Gate standing in the sea.

Omote-sando Shopping Street

This is a fun street to walk along. You can enjoy locally brewed sake and beer, local dishes using Hiroshima oysters or conger eels and *momiji manju*, a popular Hiroshima, among other things.

⇒ Depart Miyajima for Iwakuni

Irori Sanzoku

A gala party at a quaint mountain restaurant surrounded by trees.



O-tori Gate (Miyajima)



Omote-sando Shopping Arcade (Miyajima)

photo courtesy of Hiroshima Prefecture

Day 4



Optional Activity : Early morning walk in Peace Memorial Park

- Walk around the park and the A-bomb Dome. (You can offer flowers to the Cenotaph)
- Send a message using a postcard recycled from orizuru.

Iwakuni (Departure)(+your last sake brewery visit)

Depart hotel and enjoy Iwakuni to the fullest.

Kintaikyo Bridge

Cross one of the three most beautiful bridges in Japan. A variety of attractions are available around the bridge: cultural experiences such as kimono wearing, soft serve ice cream with 100 different flavors ranging from the standard to the unusual and Iwakuni Sushi, a popular local specialty.

Visit to Sake Brewery in Iwakuni

Here you can taste the famous *Dassa!*

Depart Iwakuni for Fukuoka by Shinkansen. Check-in at Fukuoka International Airport. Enjoy your time until your departure.

Have a safe trip (back home)!



Evening gala at Irori Sanzoku (Iwakuni)

photo courtesy of Hiroshima Prefecture



Kintaikyo-Bridge (Iwakuni)