

Itsukushima (Miyajima), Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan

Home to Japan's most photographed image — a vermillion torii gate rising from the sea — Miyajima pairs a UNESCO World Heritage shrine with deer that roam freely among the temples, street-grilled oysters, and sweeping views from sacred Mt. Misen.

 Ferry from mainland port (most ships) or tender to island (small ships)  Typical call: 7-10 hrs  Currency: Japanese Yen (¥)  Language: Japanese

 UNESCO World Heritage Site

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Most ships dock at Hiroshima Port (Ujina) or Itsukaichi Wharf; small/expedition ships may tender directly to Miyajima Ferry Terminal

Best For: Shrines & temples, iconic photography, street food, scenic mountain views

Walk to shrine: 10-12 min flat walk from Miyajima Ferry Terminal to Itsukushima Shrine

Don't Miss: The floating torii gate at high tide, grilled oysters on Omotesando, Daisho-in Temple's 500 Rakan statues

 Getting around:  Taxi  ¥2,400–¥5,500

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Itsukushima Shrine & the Floating Torii** — Walk the covered corridors of the 12th-century UNESCO shrine built on stilts over the tidal inlet, then step out to photograph the Great Torii gate...
- Mount Misen & Ropeway** — Take the two-stage ropeway up to the Mt.
- Daisho-in Temple** — One of Japan's most important Shingon Buddhist temples, set at the foot of Mt.
- Hiroshima Peace Memorial & Museum** — Most ship excursions pair Miyajima with the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Museum, one of the world's most moving sites.
- Omotesando Street Food Crawl** — Miyajima's main shopping street is a gauntlet of free samples and open-air grills.

BEST WALKS

- Ferry Terminal to Itsukushima Shrine** 1.0 km | 12 min | Flat | Paved coastal path — The classic Miyajima walk.
- Shrine to Daisho-in Temple** 1.2 km | 20-25 min | Gentle uphill | Mix of paved and stone paths — From the shrine, follow signs inland and uphill through quiet residential lanes to Daisho-in Temple.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	65°	50°	10d
Jun	78°	66°	14d
Aug	87°	76°	15d
Sep	81°	70°	14d
Oct	72°	59°	8d

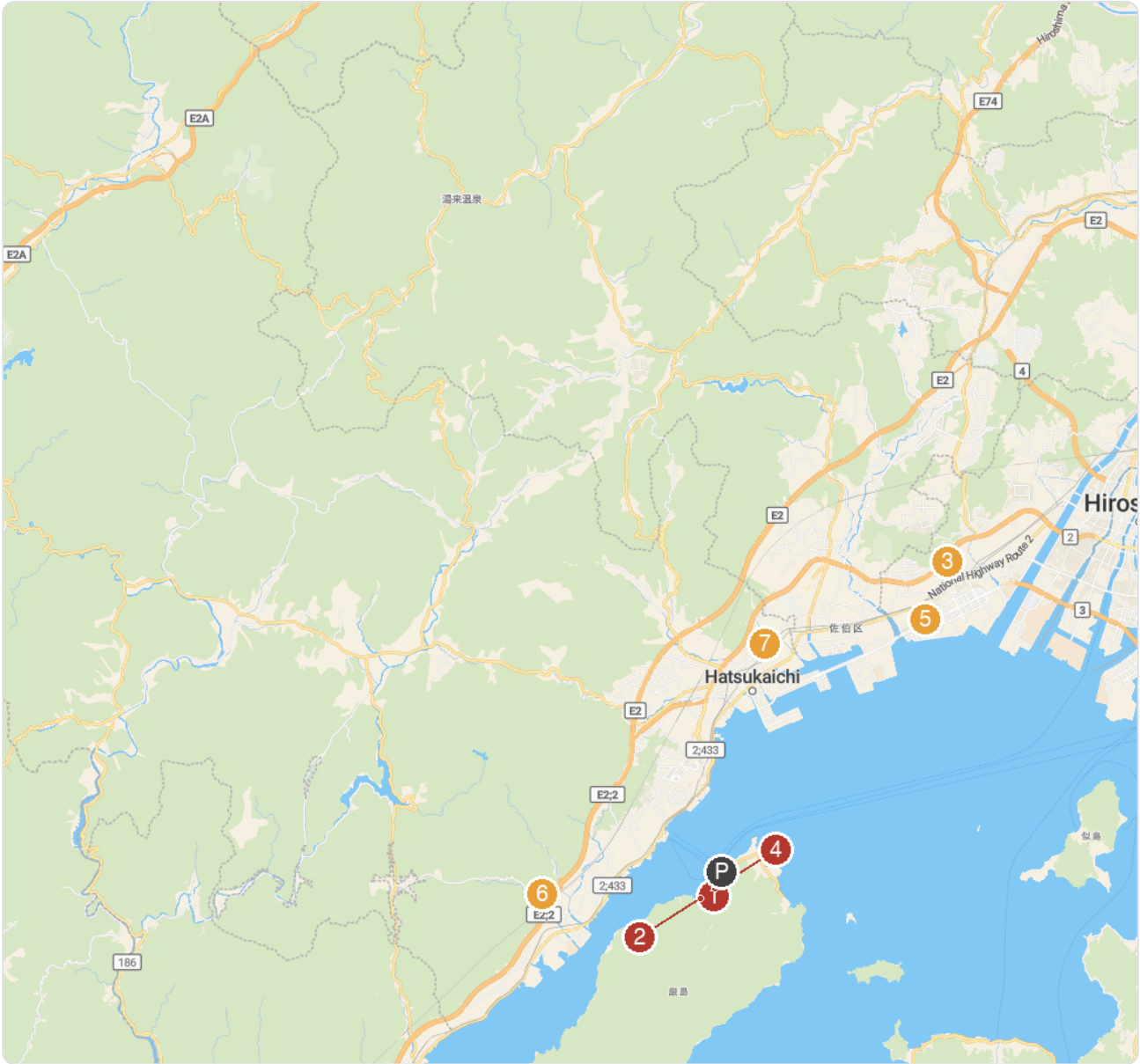
 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 5:40AM–6:42PM · Jun 4:58AM–7:24PM · Aug 5:31AM–6:58PM · Sep 5:53AM–6:17PM · Oct 6:16AM–5:36PM	
 Currency: Japanese Yen (¥)	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Guard your paper:** The island's deer are notorious thieves. They will eat maps, tickets, cruise daily programs, and paper money from unzipped bags. Keep paper items zipped away.
- Check the tide:** The torii gate looks iconic floating at high tide. At low tide you can walk to its base — also spectacular but different. Look up tide times for Miyajima before you go.
- Carry yen cash:** Many street stalls, oyster grills, and small shrine booths are cash-only. ATMs are available at the post office near the ferry terminal.
- Budget your transit time:** Allow 45–75 minutes each way from Hiroshima mainland piers. A 7-hour port call gives you roughly 4–5 hours on the island itself.
- Ropeway timing:** Queues for Mt. Misen ropeway peak between 10 AM–1 PM. Go early or at lunch when ship groups are at the shrine. Only attempt the summit hike if you have 6+ hours on the island.
- Must-eat:** Miyajima oysters grilled over charcoal (yaki-gaki) are fresh, enormous, and typically ¥500-800 each. The age-momiji (deep-fried maple cake on a stick) is the best ¥200 you'll spend.

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 | Itsukushima Jinja | Iconic floating Shinto shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage site. | 2 | Miyajima Public Aquarium | Public aquarium showcasing marine life from the Seto Inland Sea. |
| 3 | Suzugamine Park | Scenic park offering panoramic views of Miyajima and the sea. | 4 | Rokai Bune (Roaring Boat) | Traditional boat ride offering unique views of Itsukushima Shrine. |
| 5 | WoodEgg OKONOMIYAKI MUSEUM | Museum dedicated to the history and making of okonomiyaki. | 6 | Imosenotaki Park | Park featuring a beautiful waterfall and nature trails. |
| 7 | Dounji | Historic Buddhist temple with serene gardens and statues. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |