

Hiroshima Peace Tourism Recommended

ROUTE 1 Exploring Hibaku Buildings and the Legacy of Hiroshima

6 Locations About 1.5 Hours About 5.5 km

The damage from the atomic bombing was widespread and even today, you can find buildings that survived the bombing across the city, continuing to convey the devastation that unfolded. This route will take you around *hibaku* buildings by bicycle. Experience modern-day Hiroshima as you ride through the reconstructed cityscape and along the rivers that run through the city.

ROUTE 2 History Through the Arts: A Comprehensive View of Hiroshima Through Culture

15 Locations About 8 Hours About 12 km

Using the sightseeing loop bus, visit all three of Hiroshima's unique art museums and view art and literature that appeal for peace. Art can only truly be enjoyed in times of peace. We hope you'll take the time to reflect on the preciousness of peace while here in Hiroshima, a city that rose from the ashes of the atomic bombing.

ROUTE 3 From the Ashes: A Look at Modern Hiroshima

3 Locations About 1.5 Hours About 5.5 km

This bicycle tour route allows you to experience the dramatic recovery of Hiroshima as you ride around the city. Take in the view of the whole city from high above from an observation deck, ride past one of the most beloved baseball stadiums in all of Japan, and marvel at the restored Enkō-bashi Bridge that survived the bombing.

Legend:

- Hibaku buildings
- Museums and facilities
- Memorials and monuments
- Hibaku trees
- Astramline
- Hiroshima Electric Railway (streetcar)
- Hiroshima Prefectural Office
- City Hall
- Ward Office
- National Route Number
- Peacecle bicycle sharing ports

Peacecle and Bus Routes

These routes are accessible by **bicycle (Peacecle Share Cycle)** or **city loop bus (Hiroshima Meipuru-pu)** and help visitors learn about Hiroshima past and present, highlighting atomic-bombed (*hibaku*) buildings, reconstructed cityscape, and riverside scenery that runs through the city. For more details, see the official Peace Tourism website.

Locations:

- Hiroshima Museum of History and Traditional Crafts (Former Ujina Army Provosts Depot)
- Weeping Willow (*Hibaku* tree)
- The Sanyō Buntoku-den Memorial Hall
- Tamonin Temple Bell Tower
- Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum
- Shukkeien Garden
- Heiwa Ōhashi Bridge (Peace Bridge)
- Hijiya Park
- Mazda Zoom-Zoom Stadium
- Enkō-bashi Bridge
- Hiroshima University Former Faculty of Science Building I
- Former Deshio Army Clothing Depot

Hiroshima Meipuru-pu

Fare Single ride: Adults 220 yen, Children 110 yen
One-day pass: Adults 600 yen, Children 300 yen

IC card payment (ICOCA, Suica, etc.) is also accepted. You can also use your Japan Rail Pass or JR-West Rail Pass to board.

With Hiroshima Station's Shinkansen exit as the start and end of the line, this hop-on and hop-off sightseeing loop bus takes you to major tourist attractions in Hiroshima City, including the Atomic Bomb Dome, a World Heritage Site.

Orange Route (via Peace Memorial Park/Art Museum)
Service begins at Hiroshima Station Shinkansen Exit at 10 am (last bus at 5 pm); entire route takes 47 minutes

Green Route (via Peace Memorial Park/Shintenchō)
Service begins at Hiroshima Station Shinkansen Exit at 9:30 am (last bus at 5:30 pm); entire route takes 40 minutes

Lemon Route (via Peace Memorial Park)
Service begins at Hiroshima Station Shinkansen Exit at 9 am (last bus at 6 pm); entire route takes 35 minutes

All routes go to the Atomic Bomb Dome and Peace Memorial Park.

Inquiries JR Bus Chugoku Customer Center
Tel: 0570-010-666

Hiroshima City Peacecle Bicycle Sharing Service

Rent and return bicycles at any of the cycle ports installed around the city center!

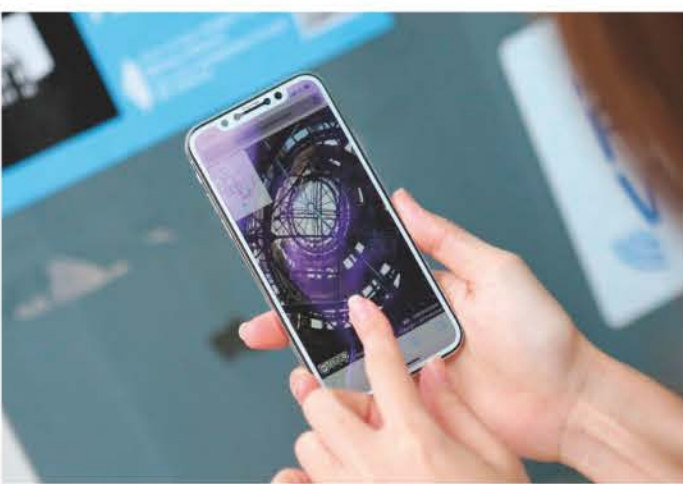
Peacecle Operation Office
Tel: 0570-783-677

HIROSHIMA FREE Wi-Fi

Hiroshima Free Wi-Fi is operated by the City of Hiroshima

For more information, scan the QR code on the left.

User Feedback on Peace Tourism



I was still thinking about the Atomic Bomb Dome as I headed to the north side. There, I spotted a blue Peace Tourism sign and scanned it with my smartphone, allowing me to see a 360° panoramic view of the inside of the Dome, which was something I had never seen before. Looking up into history, the sight left me in awe.

Honkawa Elementary School Peace Museum

At Honkawa Elementary School, the school located closest to the hypocenter, part of the atomic-bombed school building has been preserved as a testimony to the bombing. In an instant, the atomic bomb claimed countless lives. It made me think that we need to consider what we can do for peace while remembering the tragedy of war and cherishing our will for peace.

The Hypocenter

Crossing Motoyasu Bridge and heading north, I came across Shima Hospital, the hypocenter that I saw earlier in a model in the basement of Honkawa Elementary School. Standing where so many lost their lives in an instant was a powerful reminder of the horror of the weapons of mass destruction known as nuclear weapons.

HIROSHIMA PEACE TOURISM

2025 marks 80 years since the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. The first city in human history to experience an atomic bombing, immediately after the bombing it was said that nothing green would grow in Hiroshima for 75 years. However, thanks to the tireless efforts of those who came before us, as well as generous support from home and abroad, the city achieved a dramatic recovery, developing into a city which symbolizes peace and attracts countless visitors from around the world.

As you walk around the city, where many remnants of the bombing still remain, we hope that you will learn about the reality of the atomic bombing, reflect on the citizens who lived their lives here before it happened, and feel the resilience of the people who restored the city to its current state. May this inspire you to think about the meaning of peace. To us, this is what peace tourism is all about.

Check out the Hiroshima Peace Tourism website!

DIRECTORY Search for information about peace-related sites

Using the directory, you can easily search for information about peace-related facilities and more! Just tap the place you want to know more about to see a detailed description and where it is located.

ROUTES Find recommended tourism routes

Here you can find our recommended routes for touring peace-related facilities. Tap any one of the four routes to see a detailed map and recommended course. If you tap the sites and facilities on the course, you can find detailed information and where it is located.

STORIES In-depth history about peace-related sites

The Stories section introduces the in-depth history of peace-related sites from the time of the bombing to the present day. Deepen your understanding by brushing up on history before your visit!

360° Panoramic View (AR)

See a 360° panoramic video of the inside of the Atomic Bomb Dome by scanning the AR marker on the tourism information sign on the north side of the Dome with your smartphone.

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The Former Hiroshima Branch of the Bank of Japan

From Shima Hospital, the hypocenter of the bombing, I crossed the Hondori shopping arcade, a busy street stretching from east to west, and walked along the streetcar line for about five minutes. There, I found the Hiroshima branch of the former Bank of Japan. Despite nearly all the buildings around the hypocenter collapsing in the bombing, the bank managed to survive due to its sturdy construction. Photos of the building before the bombing, blueprints, and more, are on display in the Bank Manager's office on the second floor.

Fukuro-machi Elementary School Peace Museum

Down the street from the Hiroshima branch of the former Bank of Japan is the Fukuro-machi Elementary School Peace Museum. The wooden school buildings burned down in the bombing, however the west school building, made of reinforced concrete, survived. Its walls were used as a message board for survivors to relay messages to families about their whereabouts, etc. These messages have been preserved and can still be read today.

Hiroshima Orizuru Tower

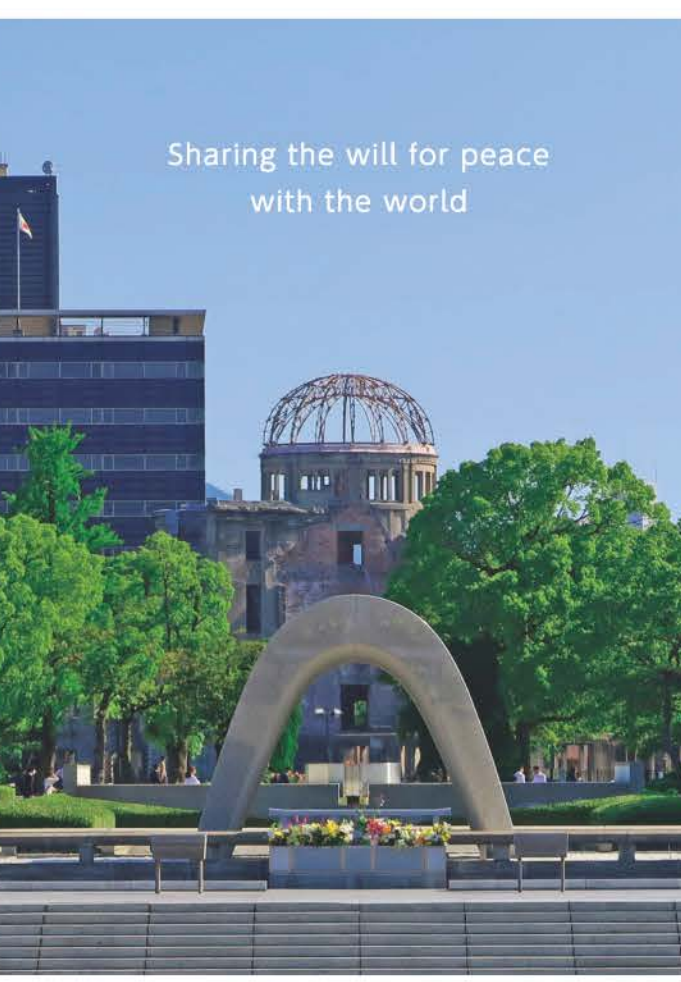
Orizuru Tower, located on the east side of the Atomic Bomb Dome, welcomes visitors from Japan and abroad alike. From the Hiroshima Hills wooden rooftop observation deck, visitors can, on a clear day, get a panoramic view of the Atomic Bomb Dome in Peace Memorial Park (a World Heritage Site) and Mt. Misen, located on Miyajima (home to a World Heritage Site).

While my tour this time focused on buildings that survived the atomic bombing, I discovered and learned so much more! I hope that I can take what I learned in Hiroshima and use it in the future.

Don't forget to check out Hiroshima's official tourism website Dive! Hiroshima

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Guide Map



Hiroshima Peace Tourism Official Website

Instagram

Opportunities to Learn More

Atomic Bomb Survivor Testimonies

Atomic bomb survivors (*hibakusha*) speak of their experience in the atomic bombing to convey their sincere wish that no one else should ever suffer as they have, and to share the Will of Hiroshima, which hopes for the abolition of nuclear weapons and the realization of lasting world peace. Testimonies can be given in-person or online. Please note that reservations are necessary. You can make your reservation up to one year in advance on the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum website. *Hibakusha* testimonies are also given at atomic bombing exhibitions held at home and abroad. We encourage you to visit these exhibitions when they are held in your city!

Talks by A-bomb Legacy Successors/ Hibakusha Family Member Legacy Successors

With the aging of the *hibakusha*, the number of those who can speak about their experience in the atomic bombing is dwindling. To ensure their legacy, the A-bomb Legacy Successors and *Hibakusha* Family Member Legacy Successors convey the experiences of *hibakusha* and their will for peace on their behalf. These talks are given when requested by groups and are also regularly held at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum (HPMM).

Talks in English held every day at HPMM (excluding Dec. 30-31) from 1-2 pm. Admission is free; no reservations necessary.

Venue: Temporary Exhibition Room in the East Bldg. of HPMM (B1F)

Hiroshima Peace Volunteer Tours

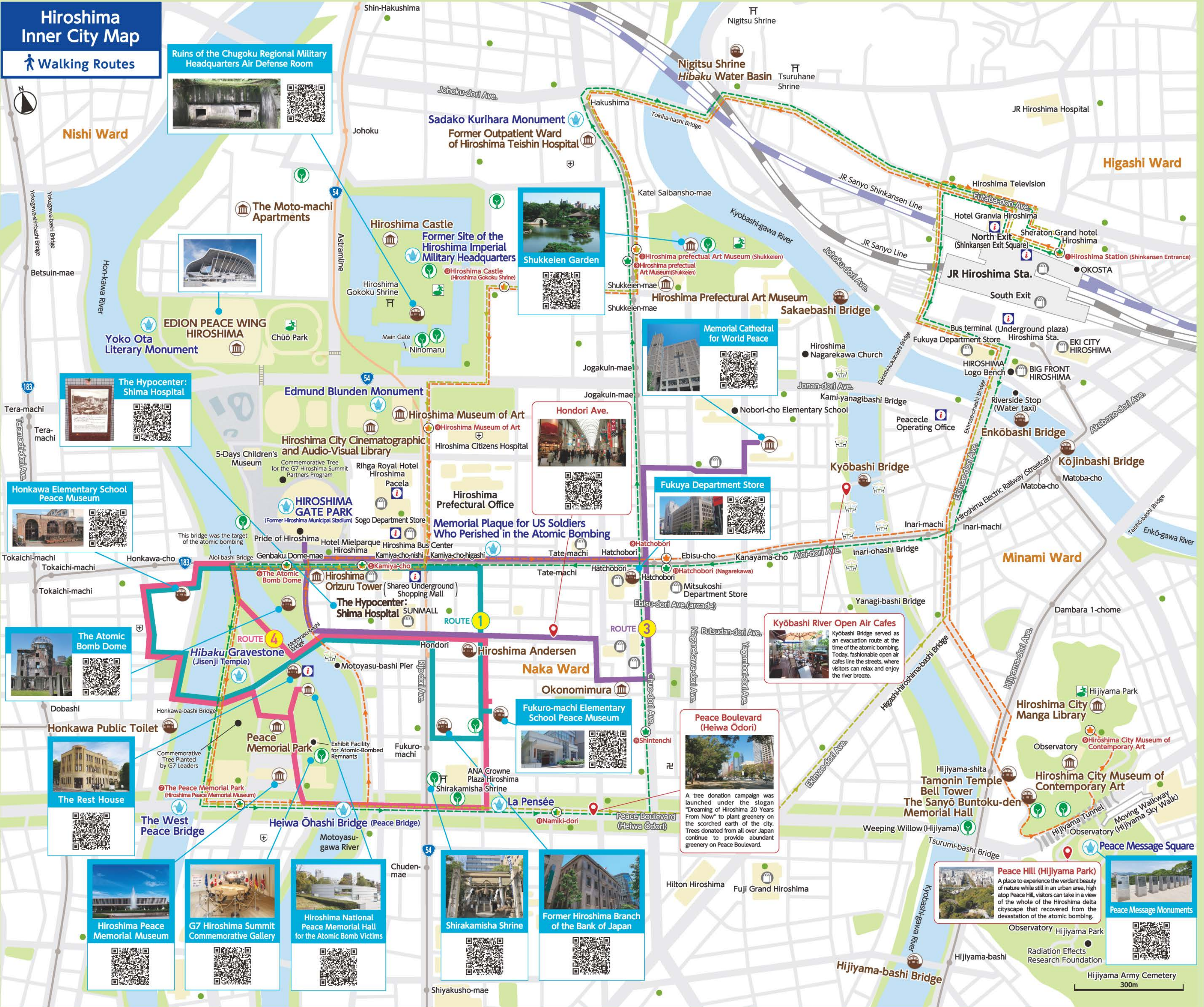
Take a tour of Peace Memorial Park and sites in the surrounding area with explanations by Hiroshima Peace Volunteer members. Sign up for the tour between 10:30 am and 2:30 pm at the reception desk on the first floor of the HPMM East Building.

Reservations and Inquiries

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum Outreach Division
Tel: 082-541-5544
http://hpmmuseum.jp/?lang=eng

Hiroshima Inner City Map

Walking Routes



Hiroshima Peace Tourism Recommended

Walking Routes

The following are walking routes recommended by Hiroshima Peace Tourism that take visitors mainly through the city center to experience atomic-bombed buildings, museums, and art and culture that appeal for peace.

ROUTE 1 Exploring Hibaku Buildings and the Legacy of Hiroshima

6 Locations About 3 Hours About 2.5 km

Through the ages, the Atomic Bomb Dome has served as a symbol that appeals to the world for the abolition of nuclear weapons and the importance of lasting peace. There are many other *hibaku* buildings in Hiroshima City that bear scars from the atomic bombing and convey to the world what happened on that day. This walking tour route introduces some of these buildings that are located in the city center.



ROUTE 2 From the Ashes: A Look at Modern Hiroshima

6 Locations About 3 Hours About 3.5 km

This walking tour takes you around modern Hiroshima City and highlights the history behind its recovery: the buildings that were repaired and used once again after being damaged in the bombing, the people who stood up to rebuild the city, and the Carp baseball team that gave courage to the citizens.



ROUTE 3 Lessons from the Past: An In-Depth Look at Peace Museums in Hiroshima

4 Locations About 4 Hours About 2 km

This short tour of atomic bombing-related museums located in the city center is perfect for those who want to learn about the reality of the atomic bombing and reflect on peace.



Key

- Meipuru-pu
- Astramline
- Streetcar
- Hospital
- Tourist Information center
- Shopping
- Open-air cafe
- National Route Number
- Evacuation site

Peace-related places

- Hibaku buildings
- Museums and facilities
- Memorials and monuments
- Hibaku trees
- Peace Message Monuments
- Peace Message Square
- Peace Hill (Hijiyama Park)
- Peace Boulevard (Heiwa Odori)
- Peace Memorial Park
- Hibaku Graveyard
- Hibaku Shrine
- Hibaku Church
- Hibaku Cemetery
- Hibaku Park
- Hibaku Plaza
- Hibaku Square
- Hibaku Garden
- Hibaku Field
- Hibaku Forest
- Hibaku Lake
- Hibaku River
- Hibaku Bay
- Hibaku Sea
- Hibaku Sky
- Hibaku Earth
- Hibaku Sun
- Hibaku Moon
- Hibaku Stars
- Hibaku Planets
- Hibaku Galaxies
- Hibaku Universe