

# Simple Guide to Hiroshima

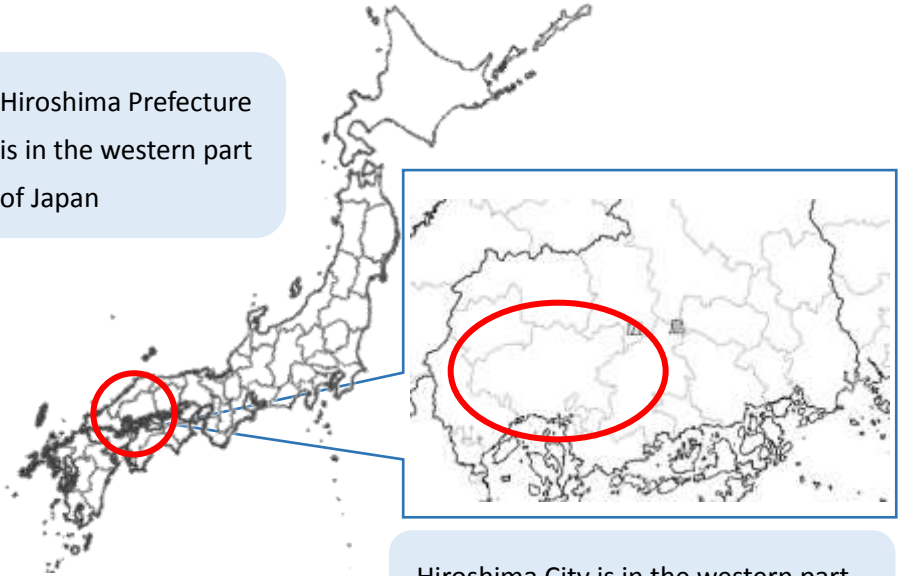


## Welcome to Hiroshima City!

The City of Hiroshima is working to make our city a safe and welcoming place for both our Japanese and international residents. Known as the City of Water for our beautiful riverscapes, Hiroshima City is also known for its variety of delicious foods. In this pamphlet, we would like to introduce you to the city that will be your new home.

## Location

Hiroshima Prefecture is in the western part of Japan



Hiroshima City is in the western part of Hiroshima Prefecture



Hiroshima City is divided into eight wards

The central business district of the city is in Naka Ward

**Population of Hiroshima City**

Approx. 1.19 Million

**Area of Hiroshima City**

906.68 km<sup>2</sup>

## Weather

February is the coldest month; temperatures sometimes fall below 0°C and it also may snow. August is the hottest month; it is very humid, and temperatures sometimes reach higher than 35°C. Spring and autumn are quite comfortable and mild.



Cherry blossoms at Hiroshima Castle in the spring

## A City of Peace

On August 6, 1945, Hiroshima became the first city to experience an atomic bomb in warfare. The city was almost completely destroyed, and countless precious lives were lost. Those who managed to survive worked to rebuild the city, overcoming great struggles and sorrows, and with support from at home and abroad, the city was able to achieve a remarkable recovery. Every year, the Peace Memorial Ceremony is held by the City of Hiroshima on August 6. The Peace Declaration is delivered there each year in the hopes of nuclear abolition and the realization of lasting world peace.



Residents ceremonially presenting water to the Cenotaph for the A-Bomb Victims at the Peace Memorial Ceremony.



## Tourist Attractions



### Hiroshima Castle

- Castle with 400 years of history; reconstructed after the atomic bombing
- Displays of ancient armor, art, and more
- Learn about the history of Hiroshima
- Nearest to the Kamiya-cho Nishi or Kamiya-cho Higashi streetcar stops
- About a five minute walk from Shukkeien Garden



### Shukkeien Garden

- Traditional Japanese garden
- Designated as a national place of scenic beauty
- Full of colorful flowers in bloom in every season
- About 10 minutes by foot from Hiroshima Station



For more information, see Explore Hiroshima!

<https://www.hiroshima-navi.or.jp/en/>



# Streetcars and Buses

Hiroshima City has a great public transportation system of streetcars and buses.

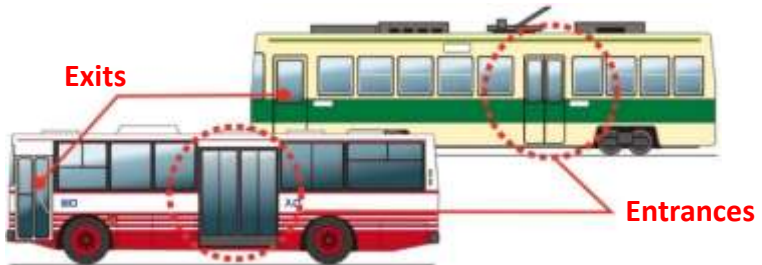
## Riding Streetcars/Buses

- 1) Before riding the streetcar/bus, be sure to check the line number and final destination.

**Line numbers and final destinations are displayed on the front of buses and streetcars.**



- 2) Get on the streetcar/bus from the back doors.



- 3) When you want to get off, press the nearest stop button. Some streetcars do not have these buttons; stand near the exit when you'd like to get off.

- 4) Pay your fare when you get off.

For more information about our public transport IC card Paspay, please see the following:

<http://www.paspay.jp/en/>

You can also use Paspay to ride the Astramline.



## Information for Everyday Life



- The official [Hiroshima City website](https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/english/190457.html) and Life in Hiroshima: A Guide for International Residents is full of valuable information to make your life in Hiroshima City easier!

For example, you can find information on garbage separation and collection [here](#).



The Life in Hiroshima: A Guide for International Residents is available online at the following:

[www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/english/190457.html](https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/english/190457.html)

Copies are also available at the Citizens Affairs Division of your local ward office.



- Studying Japanese  
You can study Japanese at Japanese language schools or local Japanese language classrooms in the community run by volunteers. See the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation website for details (<https://h-ircd.jp/en/guide/nihongo-en.html>).



You can also consult with the Hiroshima City Japanese Language Information Desk.

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Japanese language class at the Hiroshima Peace Culture Center

## What To Do When You Get Sick or Injured

If you get sick or injured, take your insurance card and some money and go to a hospital or clinic.

You can search for hospitals and clinics that provide foreign language services via the Emergency Medical Care Net Hiroshima website.

([www.qq.pref.hiroshima.jp](http://www.qq.pref.hiroshima.jp))



Call 119 in the event of a fire, sudden illness, or injury; an ambulance or fire engine will be dispatched.

Call 110 if there has been a traffic accident or to report a crime; you will be connected to a police station.



## Disaster Preparedness

Information about natural disasters is provided in a variety of languages on the Hiroshima City Disaster Prevention Portal

([www.bousai.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/](http://www.bousai.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/)). (Available in English, Chinese (simplified), Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Filipino, and Japanese)



Make sure you know where your closest evacuation sites are before a natural disaster happens. When a disaster does happen, check evacuation information (the likelihood of further disasters, when to evacuate, etc) via TV, radio, the internet, and other sources.



## Consultation Services

The Hiroshima City/Aki County Consultation Service for International Residents offers consultation services in a variety of languages.

Where: International Conference Center Hiroshima (in Peace Memorial Park)

When: Monday to Friday 9 am to 4 pm

- Filipino is only available on Fridays
- Consultations with a staff member from the Immigration Bureau are available every second Friday of the month from 1:30 to 4 pm (by appointment only)

Available in: Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, English, and Filipino

- Please contact us to inquire about help in languages other than those above.
- Services not available on national holidays, August 6, and New Year holidays (Dec. 29 to Jan. 3).

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