



Would you like to visit beautiful spots around Hiroshima/Setouchi by staying at Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima? You will see the beautiful fresh greenery on the archipelago against the blue water of Seto Inland Sea and a great viewing spots for cherry blossoms.

Map of the scenic spots in the surrounding areas



1 Miyajima

About 26 minutes on a high-speed ferry from the pier in front of the hotel

4 Ogonzan

About 10 minutes by car from the hotel

2 Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

About 25 minutes by bus from the bus stop in front of the hotel + about a 7-minute walk

5 Etajima

About 19 minutes on a high-speed ferry from the pier in front of the hotel + 6 minutes on bus.

3 Shukkei-en/Hiroshima Castle

About 30 minutes by bus from the bus stop in front of the hotel + about a 10-minute walk

6 Kure

About 30 minutes by car from the hotel

1 Miyajima

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■ Mount Misen



Mount Misen, a 535 m tall mountain located at the center of Miyajima, combines nature and historically significant cultural asset, and is known as "a mountain where the gods live." The observation deck was remodeled in 2013. The view from the peak is almost surreal. You can reach the peak via the ropeway or on foot, and enjoy historical spots, large rocks, and historically significant cultural assets along the way.

* Cherry blossoms: End of March ~ early April

Enjoy a stroll around Miyajima while admiring Itsukushima Shinto Shrine, which has celebrated 20 years on the UNESCO World Heritage Site list, and approximately 1,900 cherry blossom trees in its surrounding area.



2 Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

About 25 minutes by bus from the bus stop in front of the hotel + about a 7-minute walk



■ Genbaku Dome/Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

Get off at "Chudenmae" stop, walk for about 7 minutes



Genbaku Dome, which marked 20 years of designation as a world heritage site, and the beautiful park, surrounded by a river and greenery and known as a holy place for people wishing for world peace, make up the symbolic scenery of the central part of Hiroshima. You can enjoy cherry blossom viewing and a river cruise on the Gangi taxi or a river sightseeing boat.

* Cherry blossoms: End of March ~ early April

About 300 Someiyoshino cherry blossom trees bloom in the area, making it a great cherry blossom viewing area in central Hiroshima for the locals to gather.



■ Orizuru Tower



It is a 14-story tower that opened on the east side of Genbaku Domu in September, 2016.

From the observation deck, you can see central Hiroshima including Genbaku Domu and Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, and as far away as Miyajima. This is a new popular spot housing a souvenir shop selling regional specialty items of Hiroshima and a café.

3 Shukkei-en/Hiroshima Castle

About 30 minutes by bus from the bus stop in front of the hotel + about a 10-minute walk



■ **Shukkei-en** Get off at "Hacchobori" bus stop, then walk for 10 minutes. Alternatively, after getting off at the "Hacchobori" bus stop, take Hiroshima Dentetsu "Hakushima Line" and get off at "Shukkei-en Mae," then walk for 2 minutes.



A garden designed for taking walks, with a beautiful character in each season, it was created for a second home of a feudal lord of Hiroshima. In addition to cherry blossoms, you can enjoy different seasonal flowers including plum trees, azalea, and blue flagan irises.

- * Peach: Early March ~ late April
- * Cherry blossoms: Late March ~ early April
- * Azalea: Early April ~ mid May

■ Hiroshima Castle

Get off at "Kamiyacho" bus stop, then walk for about 10 minutes.



Hiroshima Castle was built by Terumoto Mori, a Daimyo who ruled a large portion of the Chugoku region. The original building was destroyed by the atomic bomb attack, however, the exterior appearance of the castle tower was reconstructed in 1958. The reconstructed castle tower houses a historical museum featuring exhibits on Samurai culture. You can enjoy nearly 1,900 cherry blossom trees bloom in the spring, and the adjacent Chuo Koen is a popular cherry blossom viewing spot.

- * Cherry blossoms: End of March ~ early April

4 Ogonzan

About 10 minutes by car from the hotel



■ Ogonzan



Due to its similarity to the shape of Mount Fuji, it is also called "Ogon Fuji." It is also known as the location of Niho Castle and other historically significant events. About 480 cherry blossom trees line the hiking path to the summit, making it a beautiful site in the spring. Additionally, Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima, surrounded by the archipelago of Seto Inland Sea, is also visible from here. It is one of the famous spots in the prefecture for a beautiful view at night.

* Cherry blossoms: End of March ~ early April

5 Etajima

About 19 minutes on a high-speed ferry from the pier in front of the hotel + 6 minutes on bus.



■ Former Naval Academy



The former Naval Academy is currently used as a school for candidates for executive positions or 1st service school for the Maritime Self Defense Forces. A part of the facility is open to public, and has information on the former Imperial Navy. You can enjoy rows of cherry blossom trees at Shindoyama, which used to be a gathering place for the military students.

* Cherry blossoms: End of March ~ early April

6 Kure

About 30 minutes by car from the hotel



■ Ondo no Seto Park



A historically significant spot known to have been created by Taira no Kiyomori in 1 day by inviting the sunset back. You can enjoy a beautiful pairing of cherry blossoms and azalea with "Shinku no Ondo Ohashi."

- * Cherry blossoms: End of March ~ early April
- * Azalea: Late April ~ early May