

HIROSHIMA 2008, from 7th to 11th August

Make early bookings for your travel tickets and hotels. Experience HIROSHIMA on the eve of the festival, August 6, the 63rd anniversary of the atomic bombing.

Various events to console the victims and to pray for perpetual world peace are planned, to remember the world's first atomic bombing at 8:15a.m. August 6, 1945.

Peace Memorial Ceremony (from 8:00am. Aug. 6 at Peace Memorial Park)

Largest event with around 40,000 participants. The Mayor will read the Peace Declaration. Before daybreak, a solemn atmosphere fills the park, where the memorial cenotaph is visited by the families and relatives of the atomic bomb victims.



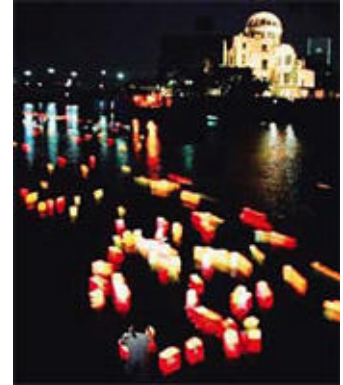
Peace Memorial Ceremony, in front of the Peace Memorial Museum

Floating Lanterns (from 6:00p.m. Aug. 6 in front of the A-bomb Dome including Motoyasu River)

Remembering the victims and praying for world peace, about 10,000 colorful paper lanterns are released to float into the branches of the Ota River.

An Evening of Peace Concert 2008 (from 6:30p.m., tentative, Aug. 5 at Hiroshima International Conference Center)

Praying and playing for peace by the Hiroshima Symphony Orchestra at the concert hall located in the Peace Memorial Park.



Atomic Bomb Dome (World Heritage) and Lantern Floating

Animation Exhibition (from 7th to 26th of August)

Exhibition of Japanese animation organized by the Hiroshima Association of Corporate Executives Animation Biennale Fund. Other animation related events will also be held in August.

More to see near Hiroshima City...

Including: Miyajima, a World Heritage site, with beautiful shrines floating on the sea, and Kintai-kyo in Iwakuni City, a bridge famous for its five gracefully arched spans, and one of the three unique bridges in Japan.



"Miyajima", World Heritage



"Kintai-kyo", One of the Three Unique Bridges in Japan

Early Bookings for Hotel and Travel Tickets

It is predicted that hotel bookings, especially for August 5th, and travel tickets returning from Hiroshima after the Festival will fill up quickly.

From August 4th to 6th many people will come and stay in Hiroshima to participate in various kinds of meetings related to world peace. For Hiroshima hotel information, please refer to: <http://www.hiroshima-navi.or.jp>

The Festival's official web site will also provide information in future: <http://www.urban.ne.jp/home/hiroanim/>

Flights from Japan in the middle of August (from around August 7th until the 18th) will be full of travelers as most Japanese companies usually take holidays during this period. Early travel planning and bookings are recommended.