

## **Excursion: Miyajima Tour (and Symposium Dinner), September 4th (Wednesday)** **(Bus Group)**

Please visit <http://visit-miyajima-japan.com/en/> for general information of Miyajima Island, an Island where people and Gods live together. The best place to visit is "Itsukushima Shrine", which was first build in 593 (in the time of Empress Suiko). The present shrine pavilion was constructed by a general Taira-no-Kiyomori in 1168, and was selected as one of World Cultural Heritages in 1996. If you are familiar with Itsukushima Shrine, you may visit "Mount Misen", a holy mountain on Miyajima Island. You can enjoy beautiful nature and view. There are many other places you can enjoy. The time table is given below.

12:00 Session ends. **Pick-up your lunch box and a ticket (of Aquarium or ropeway) at the Conference room.** Get together in front of the "Hotel Sunroute" by 12:25.

12:30 Get on the tour bus at the front of the hotel. It will take 40 minutes to reach to "Miyajima-guchi Station". (During the trip you can enjoy your lunch.)

13:25 Take a ferry to Miyajima Island (~10 minutes). **We will get on a JR-ferry (the entrance is at the right side). The LOC will buy a group ticket so that individual tickets are not required.** Enjoy a nice view of the Grand Gate. At "Miyajima Pier", a boat group will join us, and then we will split into two groups. (The LOC will prepare a sign-up sheet at the Conference rom. Please sign-up for either one by Tuesday morning.)

### **Town tour group (Itsukushima Shrine and Miyajima Aquarium tickets will be provided)**

13:40 From "Miyajima Pier", walk along the coast (the Grand Gate is at the right of us) to "Itsukushima Shrine"

14:00 We will visit "Itsukushima Shrine" as a group. Your ticket will be provided at the entrance. Then you can enjoy your own tour. Our recommendations are

1. Miyajima Aauarium (ticket will be provided at the Conference room)
2. Treasure Hall (300 yen) and Tahoto Pagoda (free)
3. Senjokaku (100 yen) and Five-storied Pagoda (free)
4. Momijidani Park (free)

### **Misen group (ropeway ticket will be provided)**

13:40 From "Miyajima Pier", walk along the coast (the Grand Gate is at the right of us). Then pass the "Itsukushima Shrine" and walk up to "Momijidani Railway Station"

14:10 Get on a ropeway to "Shishiiwa Station" (change ropeways at "Kayatani Station" at 14:30 or 14:45)

14:35 or 14:50 Enjoy hiking at the summit area. It will take ~30 minutes to directly walk up to the summit. Get together at the "Shishiiwa Station" at 16:10

16:15 or 16:30 Get on a ropeway to "Momijidani Railway Station" (change ropeways at "Kayatani Station"). You may visit "Itsukushima Shrine" (300 yen) before the dinner starts.

17:30 Meet again at "Miyajima Grand Hotel Arimoto" (#15 on the "Miyajima Guide map"). Let's enjoy Symposium dinner. (Dinner starts at 18:00)

20:00 Dinner ends. Walk down to the "Miyajima Pier".

20:42 Take a ferry to "Miyajima-guchi Station". **We will get on a JR-ferry (the entrance is at the right side). The LOC will buy a group ticket so that individual tickets are not required.**

21:10 Take on the tour bus at "Miyajima-guchi Station". We will reach to "Hotel Sunroute" at 21:50. Please prepare for Thursday session if you have a talk.