

Japan Adventure Tour

2023 Detailed Tour Itinerary

*Note: Travel from the US to Japan is an overnight flight.
You will need to leave the US the day before your expected arrival in Japan.*

Naoshima Art Island Pre-Tour

More information about the Naoshima Art Island museums and other sites:
<https://benesse-artsite.jp/en/>

Wednesday, Oct. 4th - Arrive Hiroshima

ANA Crown Plaza Hotel, 7-20 Nakamachi, Naka Ward, Hiroshima, 730-0037

Today will be a full travel day. Please let your JAT representatives know of your expected ETA. Most travelers will arrive in the late afternoon or early evening. Check-in time is 2:00 pm. If you arrive earlier, you may be able to check-in early, but if not, store your luggage and explore the area.

(Refer to Travel Options for info on how to get to Hiroshima from other airports in Japan)

All meals on your own.

Thursday, October 5th - Naoshima Island

The Fruiter (international Buffet at ANA Hotel) opens the breakfast buffet at 6am and is located by the entrance to the hotel lobby. There is also the Unkai Restaurant, which is a Japanese breakfast, opens at 6:30am, on the 5th floor.

7:30 am After breakfast meet in the hotel lobby. We will travel by bus, train and ferry to Naoshima Island so be sure and read Helpful Tips about luggage and plan to travel light.

Travel time is approximately 2 1/2 hours. All transportation costs are included.

10:00 am Arrive at our hotel. We will probably be too early to check-in so we will leave our luggage at our hotel. After we have luggage sorted we will explore the Art House Project sites and the Ando Museum. We will stop for lunch along the way. Late afternoon return to hotel with rest of the day and evening on your own. Information and map will be provided for visiting other sites and art installation around the island.

Breakfast included – Lunch & Dinner on your own.

Friday, October 6th - Teshima & Naoshima Islands

8:45 am After breakfast meet-up and walk to port to catch the ferry to Teshima Island

10:00 am Arrival Teshima Island

Visit the famous Teshima Art Museum and other art sites on the island.

Traveling around the island: Teshima Island is fairly hilly and walking can be slow. There is only one taxi and one shuttle bus so the service is slow. We will need to be patient and just plan on a leisurely day.

Food & Beverage: There is a convenience store at the port and a cafe at the museum that sells drinks and pastries but restaurants are very sparse on the island. You may want to bring a light pack with snack bars and water.

4:00 pm Ferry departure, 4:40 pm arrival Naoshima Port

Optional: Evening visits on your own to art installations and other sites around Naoshima.

Breakfast included. Lunch & Dinner on your own.

Saturday, October 7th - Naoshima Island

9:30 am After breakfast meet-up

Today we will visit the Lee Ufan Museum and the Chichu Art Museum.

5:00 pm Participants who have advised JAT in advance will meet to go to the Open Sky Night Program. The program starts at sunset with a special 45-minute viewing. Note: Limited to 25 people with required advance reservation, tickets may not be available.

Breakfast included. Lunch & Dinner on your own.

Sunday, October 8th - Naoshima Island

9:00 am After breakfast meet-up

Today we will visit the Benesse House Museum and the associated art installations.

2:30 pm Meet to depart for ferry and travel back to Hiroshima. We plan to be back in Hiroshima in time for dinner but lunch may need to be a grab and go.

Breakfast included. Lunch & Dinner on your own.

The Naoshima Art Island Tour is not for the pampered traveler. What you should expect: Accommodations are designed for Japanese travelers, most restaurants will not have English menus, transportation is limited as walking is the norm in Japan.

Due to unpredictability of ferries, local transportation and museum entrance schedules, days and times are approximate and subject to change.