

Minami Ward Walking Guide

# Going around Minami Ward

## Overall Map of Minami Ward

Minami Ward is interesting

**Guide**

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- Overall Minami Ward
- Hiroshima Station area
- Hijiyama area
- Mt. Ogonzan area
- Ujina and Motoujina
- Aosaki, Horikoshi, and Mukainada
- Ninoshima Island and Kanawajima Island

# Minami Ward, a place to interact with the land, sea, and people

Look at the shape of Minami Ward closely. It looks like the head of the Naumann's elephant salvaged from the sea around Ninoshima Island. It appears to have big ears and a long nose. Through repeated reclamation and filling, the shape of Minami Ward has become like this.

Let's look at this map!  
 Hiroshima Station and Hiroshima Port are the gateway to Hiroshima, where many people, goods, and information come and go.

Hijiyama Park is a relaxation place for history, culture, and art.

The area around Mt. Ogonzan is home to numerous shrines. There are also temples and a retro townscape that survived the bombing.

In Mukainada, you can see the traces of people's lives alongside the sea.

Ujina and Ninoshima Island have helped to develop Hiroshima since the Meiji era.

By exploring Minami Ward, you will become more familiar with this town.



Cherry blossoms at the Enko Riverside green space and Mt. Ogonzan



Cherry blossoms in Hijiyama



Hiroshima Camellia at Motoujina Kannon-ji Temple  
 Camellias were loved by Nagaakira Asano's wife, Princess Furi-hime (the third daughter of Ieyasu Tokugawa). Different colored flowers on a single tree.



Hanbe Garden  
 You can enjoy the beautiful garden each season. This is a famous spot of azaleas in full bloom in May.

| Season                          | Annual Events   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Winter (December to February):  | Kanda-jinja Shrine Setsubun Festival  |
| Spring (March to May):          | Enko River Kappa Festival<br>Hiroshima Minato Festival<br>Senda Festival  |
| Summer (June to August):        | Hiroshima Minato Dream Fireworks Festival<br>Inari-jinja Shrine Summer Festival<br>Oko Bon Festival at Hinokuchi Square   |
| Autumn (September to November): | Autumn Festival at Ana-jinja Shrine<br>Hijiyama-jinja Shrine Autumn Festival<br>Nihohime-jinja Shrine Autumn Festival<br>Hiroshima City International House Festival<br>Shinonome Lotus Root Festival |



Kanda-jinja Shrine Setsubun Festival  
 The crowd gets excited as people try to get sweets thrown from the tower. There are many daruma dolls.



Enko River Kappa Festival  
 This event featuring "kappa" is organized by local people.



Hiroshima Minato Festival  
 This is the ward's largest event, packed with unique activities such as boat cruises.



Hiroshima Minato Dream Fireworks Festival  
 Approximately 10,000 fireworks light up the summer night sky from "10,000-ton Berth" offshore.



Oko Bon Festival at Hinokuchi Square  
 The yagura tower appears at Hinokuchi Square. The Oko bon dance and songs are treasures of this region.



Autumn Festival (Boiling water ritual) at Ana-jinja Shrine  
 By splitting into East and West groups, the participants compete to perform a ritual in which boiling water is produced.



Hijiyama-jinja Shrine Autumn Festival  
 At night, spirited men carry portable shrines.



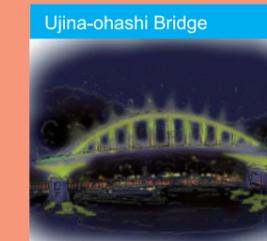
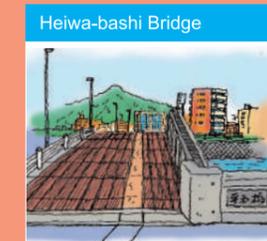
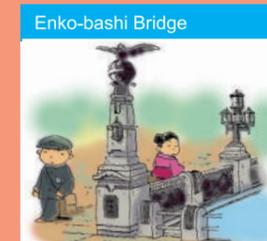
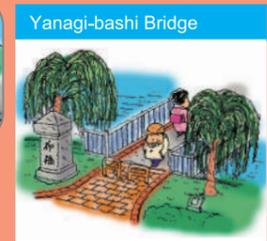
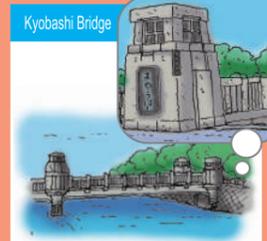
Nihohime-jinja Shrine Autumn Festival  
 A boat-shaped portable shrine is paraded around.



Shinonome Lotus Root Festival  
 In the past, lotus fields were spread over Shinonome. The crowd gets excited at the "Lotus Root" summer festival.

## Various bridges

There are many bridges over Kyobashi River, Enko River, expressways, etc. Along the riverside, you can feel nostalgic while seeing the names of bridges written in the old kana syllabary and old-fashioned bridge designs. You can also find modern art spaces including illuminations.



# Seven Great Legends of Minami Ward



### Yokai (Monster) Legend (Inari-machi)

"Ino mononoke roku" is a heroic tale of Budayu Ino who repelled monsters in Miyoshi during the Edo period. Budayu, who later served the Hiroshima domain, is enshrined at the Inari-jinja Shrine as a god who wards off evil and brings good fortune. Famous people such as Shigeru Mizuki and many athletes have also visited the shrine.

### Beethoven's Ninth Symphony Legend (Enkobashi-cho)

On a snowy New Year's Eve in 1946, when the scars of the atomic bomb were still visible, a record concert was held at a small coffee shop, which was packed with people. People were overflowing outside. Beethoven's Ninth Symphony healed people suffering from the horrors of war.

### Kappa Enko Legend (Enko River)

Before Hiroshima Castle was constructed, the mouth of the Enko River was located to the north of Hijiyama, and an abundance of seafood was caught there. Kappa was worshipped as a god who brought bountiful catches and prevented aquatic disasters. With the addition of folklore elements, this legend was passed down through the generations. Now Kappa has become a mascot of this area.

### Legend of Princess Tennyo-hime (Horikoshi)

Princess Tennyo-hime, the daughter of Taira no Kiyomori and his concubine Tokiwa Gozen, died of hoso (smallpox). By divine decree, Tennyo-hime was buried in Mukainada, where she is enshrined at Hoso-jinja Shrine. There are remains of a moat to protect the princess's body from being ravaged by animals, as well as the Honkawa well for providing drinking water to people who made the moat.

### Golden Legend (Mt. Ogonzan)

Mt. Ogonzan (Golden mountain) offers a panoramic view of Hiroshima Bay. There are various theories about the origin of the name: The name of Kannon-ji Temple was "Golden Mountain"; the wheat fields in this area looked golden when bathed in the sunset. It is also known that if you dig around the root of a white nandina tree, you will find gold.

### Railway Legend (Hiroshima Station to Ujina)

During the Sino-Japanese War, Ujina Port served as a base for transporting troops and supplies, and the railway from Hiroshima Station to Ujina Station was constructed in 17 days. The Ujina Station platform was 560 meters long, allowing for rapid loading and unloading, and was said to be the longest platform in Japan at that time. The line was discontinued in 1986, but you can still find traces of the site.

### Sweets Legend (Ninoshima Island)

During World War I, many Germans were brought as prisoners of war to Ninoshima Island. Among them was the confectioner Karl Juchheim, who was the first person to bake Baumkuchen in Japan. The cake was the most popular food item at the exhibition at the Hiroshima Prefectural Commercial Exhibition Hall.

# Ujina

Ujina, a town where you can see the development of the port since the Meiji era and the history of Hiroshima.

## 17 Monument to the founder of the first private nursery school in Hiroshima



(Ujina Nursery School)  
In 1929, the first private nursery school was established in Hiroshima City by Ms. Ito Tanaka. She contributed to the enrichment of education.

## 15 Sengyo-ji Temple



This temple was built by Sadaaki Senda as the Ujina preaching hall for those who worked hard to construct the Ujina Port. After the bombing, the injured were treated and memorial services for the dead were held here.

## 14 Hiroshima Port International Container Terminal



A container terminal has been established in Dejima, making it possible to quickly and safely deliver large volumes of cargo.

## 18 Kanda-jinja Shrine



This shrine was moved from Ushita, Higashi Ward to Ujina Shinkaichi. After being damaged by a typhoon, this shrine was moved to the current location in 1931.

## 16 Japanese antique Kawara roof tiles



This building was built in 1931. The first floor roof is covered with tiles made in Iyo featuring the lucky motifs of crane, turtle, and sea bream.

## 13 Hiroshima Port Ujina Passenger Terminal



This is a gateway to the sea. This hub for marine transportation connects the Shikoku region and the islands of the Seto Inland Sea.

## 19 Former South Substation of Chugoku Haiden



The day after the atomic bomb was dropped, electricity transmission began immediately, bringing the recovery light (electricity) to people. The steel utility poles are still in use.

## 20 Hiroshima City Museum of History and Traditional Crafts



Former Ujina Army Provisions Depot (canned food plant). The scars of the bomb remain in the steel beams of the ceiling. This is now a museum themed around the life and history of Hiroshima.

## 21 Chimney of Former Ujina Army Provisions Depot



The lower part of the large chimney (37 m) of the plant remains within Ujina Nishi Park.

## Hiroshima Minato Festival



The largest event in the ward. This 2-day event is held every March at Hiroshima Minato Park, with the theme "Connecting the Sea, Islands, and People at the Port."

## Former Hiroshima Electric Railway Ujina Line

Having opened as a single track in April 1915, the former Hiroshima Electric Railway Ujina Line became double track in December 1935, when it was moved to the location of the current Ujina Line. You can still see the stones used for the track bed.



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## 1 Sendabyo Park



Ujina Shinkaichi Monument and other monuments have been established to commemorate Sadaaki Senda's achievements.

## Statue of Sadaaki Senda



He contributed to the construction of Ujina Port. He holds a blueprint in his right hand. Senda Festival is held every year on April 23, the anniversary of his death.

## Stone monument with poems by Shiki Masaoka



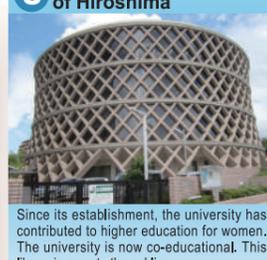
"行かばわれ筆の花散るところまで" (I am ready to go to the battlefield and die.) He wrote this poem when departing from Ujina as a war correspondent.

## 2 Sculpture at Hiroshima Prefectural Hospital



This sculpture represents a cell in a human body. Inside the hospital, local artists' works are displayed like in an art museum.

## 3 Prefectural University of Hiroshima



Since its establishment, the university has contributed to higher education for women. The university is now co-educational. This library is open to the public.

## 4 Ujina Park Golf



This park golf course was established on the former Japanese National Railways (JNR) Ujina Line. There is also a pétanque court that is managed and operated by this park golf course.

## 5 Former Ujina Army Provisions Depot



A warehouse for supplying food for soldiers and feed for military horses. This was built alongside the former JNR Ujina Station.

## 6 Ujina Chuo Park

This park was established in conjunction with Hiroshima Port Government Building. There are many monuments related to the port and the former army.

## Gaisenkan Building Monument



The Gaisenkan building was built on the grounds of the Army Transport Department to welcome and farewell soldiers going off to war and those wounded or sick due to the war.

## Monument engraved with the song "Minato"



A monument for the song of Ujina Port. The shape is a ship chimney with the lyrics engraved on it.

## Monument to the former Army Transport Department



When the Russo-Japanese War began, the Army Transport Department was established here. During World War II, the Army Shipping Transportation Headquarters was established to increase military strength.

## Monument to the cornerstone of peace



This monument was built by those who were forcibly detained in the Soviet Union at the end of the war, with the hope that Hiroshima would achieve development as an international peace port.

## Hiroshima Minato Dream Fireworks Festival



A seasonal feature of summer in Hiroshima. Approximately 10,000 fireworks light up the summer night sky from "10,000-ton Berth" offshore.

## 12 Many ships moored



This is the scenery in the song "Minato." Although the ships have changed, the original landscape remains.

## 11 Miyukimatsu Monument



The matsu (pine tree) planted to commemorate Emperor Meiji's visit to Hiroshima was called Miyukimatsu.

## 10 Former Hiroshima Maritime Police Station



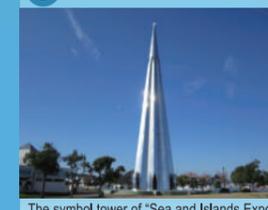
This wooden symmetrical western-style building was built in 1909. Currently, entry is not permitted.

## 9 Former Army Pier



During the war, while many soldiers were sent off, many remains were also received here.

## 8 Tower of Paradise



The symbol tower of "Sea and Islands Expo, Hiroshima 1989." 1989 marked the 100th anniversary of the construction of Hiroshima Port, and the tower was relocated to commemorate it.

## 7 Ujina Foreign Trade Wharf (10,000-ton Berth)



Cargo ships, large passenger ships, and sailing ships stop by from other parts of Japan and abroad. In March 2024, the Hiroshima Port Cruise Terminal opened, becoming a new entrance to Hiroshima.



Hiroshima Port International Container Terminal

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# Motoujina

Earth Museum Motoujina is located in a designated area of the Setonaikai National Park, where there is a treasure trove of nature with vestiges of primeval forests and natural coastlines.

### 1 Akatsuki-bashi Bridge

After the reclamation, the island became connected to the mainland, but at the behest of local residents, the land was opened up again and a bridge (the former Megane-bashi Bridge) was built to allow ships to pass through. This bridge was named after Sadaaki Senda, a man who contributed to the reclamation of Ujina.

### 2 Sumiyoshi-jinja Shrine

To pray for peace at sea and safe voyages, this shrine was built in 1717 by transferring the gods of Sumiyoshi. There is also a night light. This is a branch shrine of Nihonime-jinja Shrine.

### 4 Remains of anti-aircraft battery

During the Pacific War, an independent anti-aircraft battery position was stationed here, along with army barracks and anti-aircraft batteries. Currently, only part of the battery pedestal and foundations of the barracks remain.

### 3 Kannon-ji Temple

It was re-founded in 1604 by Sōmi Sakamoto, the guardian of Ujina Island. Within the grounds, there are the Kegon Monument, the grave of Yokozuna Aki no Umi, and camellia with red variegation on a white background, which is in full bloom around March. This camellia is said to be "Hiroshima Camellia."

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### 5 Ujina Lighthouse and camphor tree

Ujina Lighthouse was first lit in January 1950 and was rebuilt in 1971. The height is 20.05 m. A large camphor tree spreads its branches next to the lighthouse.

### 6 Camphor trees grown from basal shoots

Saplings from a stump have grown into four large trees. The stump is surprisingly big!

### 7 Motoujina Floating Pier

(Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima)  
 A high-speed ferry to Miyajima Island departs from the pier in front of the hotel. Entering the land from sea, you can start to explore the city!

There are also cute jizo statues.

The grave of Yokozuna Aki no Umi

He was a great Yokozuna born in Ujina. It is well-known that he stopped Futabayama's 70-bout winning streak.

Observation deck

### Motoujina Park

You can refresh with the sunlight through the evergreen broad-leaved forest and the sea breeze from the coast. Visitors can enjoy walking here in all four seasons.

### Geological Observation Area

Coastal cliffs

Normal fault

On the coastal promenade to the south of Motoujina, you can see unique landforms such as granite, dikes, joints, normal faults, and coastal cliffs.

### Large camphor tree

A large camphor tree stands nearby the Ujina Lighthouse.

### Tatsue Jizo Bosatsu and Kegon Monument

This jizo statue was built in the Edo period to pray for safety at sea. Originally, this statue stood in the sea near Motoujina alongside the Kegon Monument at Kannon-ji Temple.

\*This image is for illustrative purposes only.

### Earth Museum Motoujina Nature Observation Guide Association

To create an opportunity for people to see the wonderful nature of Motoujina, the nature observation event "Earth Sanpo" is held, with different themes every month, where visitors can enjoy observing beautiful greenery each season. \*Check the 2D code for more details!

Website of the guide association

### G7 Hiroshima Summit

The G7 Hiroshima Summit, a three-day event, was held from Friday, May 19 to Sunday, May 21, 2023. The participants were G7 leaders from France, the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, Italy, and Canada, as well as the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission. They discussed important issues of the international community, including the global economy, regional affairs, and other global challenges. As the venue and accommodation for the event, the Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima in Motoujina attracted worldwide attention.

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