

Miyajima

The small island of Miyajima is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is famous for its giant torii gate, seemingly floating in the sea during high tide. The sight is ranked as one of the three most beautiful views in Japan (with Matsushima and Amano Hashidate). While officially named Itsukushima, the island is more commonly referred to as Miyajima, Japanese for "shrine-island". This is because the island is so closely related to its shrine "Itsukushima Shrine" in the public's mind. Besides the main shrine, there are some good hikes on Mt Misen and about 500 cheeky deer that wander the streets hitting up tourists for something.

