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Agent

HIROSHIMA

A MISSION FOR YOUNG EXPLORERS



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Hiroshima: A Mission for Young Explorers

Greetings, **Agent!**

You've been selected for a top-secret mission to uncover the hidden wonders of Hiroshima! From the historic Peace Memorial Park to the floating torii gate of Miyajima, your adventure will take you through a city full of history, nature, and delicious food. Complete these challenges to earn the title of **Hiroshima Master Explorer!**

Good luck, and remember: stay curious and adventurous!

Top Secret Mission: Hiroshima Adventure

Operation History Explorer

- **Peace Park Detective** – Walk through Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and find the Children's Peace Monument.
- **Bonus:** Can you spot a paper crane decoration?
- **Atomic Dome Watch** – Visit the A-Bomb Dome and imagine what the building looked like before the explosion.
- **Bonus:** Find a message of peace written in English or Japanese!

Operation Island Adventurer

- **Floating Torii Quest** – Take a ferry to Miyajima Island and see the famous floating torii gate of Itsukushima Shrine.
- **Bonus:** What does the torii gate look like when the tide is low?

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- **Deer Patrol** – Find a friendly deer wandering the streets of Miyajima.
- **Bonus:** Watch carefully, did the deer try to steal someone's food?

Operation Food Hunter

- **Okonomiyaki Challenge** – Try Hiroshima-style okonomiyaki, a savory pancake filled with noodles and cabbage!
- **Bonus:** What sauce was on top?
- **Momiji Manju Mystery** – Eat a Momiji Manju, a maple leaf-shaped sweet.
- **Bonus:** What was inside, red bean, custard, or chocolate?

Bonus Operations

- **Bike Around Hiroshima** – Ride a rental bike along the Motoyasu River and see how many bridges you can cross!
- **Bonus:** Can you find a spot with cherry blossoms if it's spring?
- **Castle Climb** – Visit Hiroshima Castle and find a samurai sword or old armor inside.
- **Bonus:** Imagine being a samurai protecting the castle, what's your battle strategy?
- **Story Creator** – Write or draw a story about a deer who protects Miyajima's floating torii gate!

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Luca & Nico's Secret Message – Can You Decode It?

Use your new Hiroshima dialect words (see below) to crack the code!

"Buchi sugoi na, Explorer! Walk to the Atomic Dome, say sō jan to the deer, and eat a Momiji Manju!"

Craft: Make Your Own Floating Torii Gate!

Create your own Miyajima-style torii gate!

What You'll Need:

- Red paper or crayons
- Scissors (ask an adult for help!)
- Glue or tape
- Small sticks or cardboard

Steps:

1. Draw and cut out a torii gate shape from red paper or color one in.
2. Glue or tape it onto small sticks or cardboard to make it stand.
3. Decorate the background with waves, a deer, or a sunset.
4. Show your family and explain how the tide changes the torii's appearance!

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Culture Guide: What Makes Hiroshima Special

- **A City of Peace** – Hiroshima is a symbol of peace and home to the Children's Peace Monument, where thousands of paper cranes are sent each year.
- **Miyajima's Floating Gate** – The famous torii gate appears to float on water during high tide.
- **Okonomiyaki vs. Osaka Style** – Hiroshima-style okonomiyaki is different from Osaka's, it's layered, not mixed!
- **Miyajima's Friendly Deer** – The island is full of tame deer, but be careful, they might steal your snacks!
- **Hiroshima Castle** – Once home to powerful samurai, the castle was rebuilt after the war and is now a museum.

Language Guide: Speak Like a Local in Hiroshima!

Learn some words from the Hiroshima dialect (Hiroshima-ben)!

- **Buchi sugoi!** (ぶちすごい!) – Really amazing!
- **Sō jan!** (そうじゃん!) – “That's right!” or “Exactly!”
- **Tari nuka?** (たりぬか?) – Are you full yet?
- **Jakene!** (じゃけえ!) – That's why!

(Hiroshima-ben has a strong but warm feeling, locals will love hearing you try it!)

Packing Tips for Your Hiroshima Adventure

Every great agent needs the right gear! Don't forget to pack these mission essentials:

- **Walking shoes** – You'll explore parks, castles, and Miyajima Island!
- **Notebook & pencil** – Record discoveries in your Secret Mission Log.
- **Camera or phone** – Capture the floating torii gate and friendly deer!
- **Small bag for snacks** – Keep your Momiji Manju safe from sneaky deer!
- **Umbrella or raincoat** – Hiroshima can have surprise rain showers!

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Secret Mission Log – Agent's Final Report

Congratulations, Agent! Before you leave Hiroshima, complete your final mission debrief: (Parents can print this as a fun keepsake!)

The most amazing thing I saw today:

The funniest moment of my adventure:

A secret I learned about Hiroshima:

My next mission will be to...

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Family Mission Recap – Adventure Club Discussion

Gather around, agents! Let's debrief our mission with these fun questions:
(Encourages family bonding and deeper engagement with the adventure!)

If you could make your own torii gate, what color would it be?

What did Hiroshima-style okonomiyaki taste like?

If you could talk to a Miyajima deer, what would you ask it?

What would you name your own samurai castle?

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What's one thing you learned about Hiroshima that surprised you?

MISSION COMPLETE!

Celebrate your success with a Hiroshima-style treat, like a warm Momiji Manju or a plate of fresh okonomiyaki! Share your discoveries with fellow adventurers and prepare for your next mission.

Agent, your journey through Hiroshima has just begun – until next time...

Stay curious, stay adventurous, and keep dreaming!

~ The LuNi Travels Family ~

Luca & Nico's Secret Code Answer: "Really amazing, Explorer! Walk to the Atomic Dome, say 'Oh wow!' to the deer, and eat a Momiji Manju!"