

Hiroshima Dreamination

Every winter, Peace Boulevard is lit up by electric light displays for a festival known as Hiroshima Dreamination—a portmanteau of “dream” and “illumination.” Since its debut in 2002, Dreamination has become a major city event, providing people with both a chance to explore Hiroshima and a family-friendly night out. From mid-November to early January, the trees are decorated with colorful lights. Themed displays, including neon castles and Christmas trees, are set up around the city. Although the event is centered on Peace Boulevard, the light displays continue as far as Hiroshima Station.

There are new light displays every year with a focus on fantasy and fairy tales, so children can enjoy hunting for their favorite characters. From glittering tunnels of light to playful projections on trees, there is something new to see around every corner. Even the streetcars are decked out with lights and seasonal decorations. Hiroshima Dreamination is free to attend and runs nightly from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. between late November and early January.