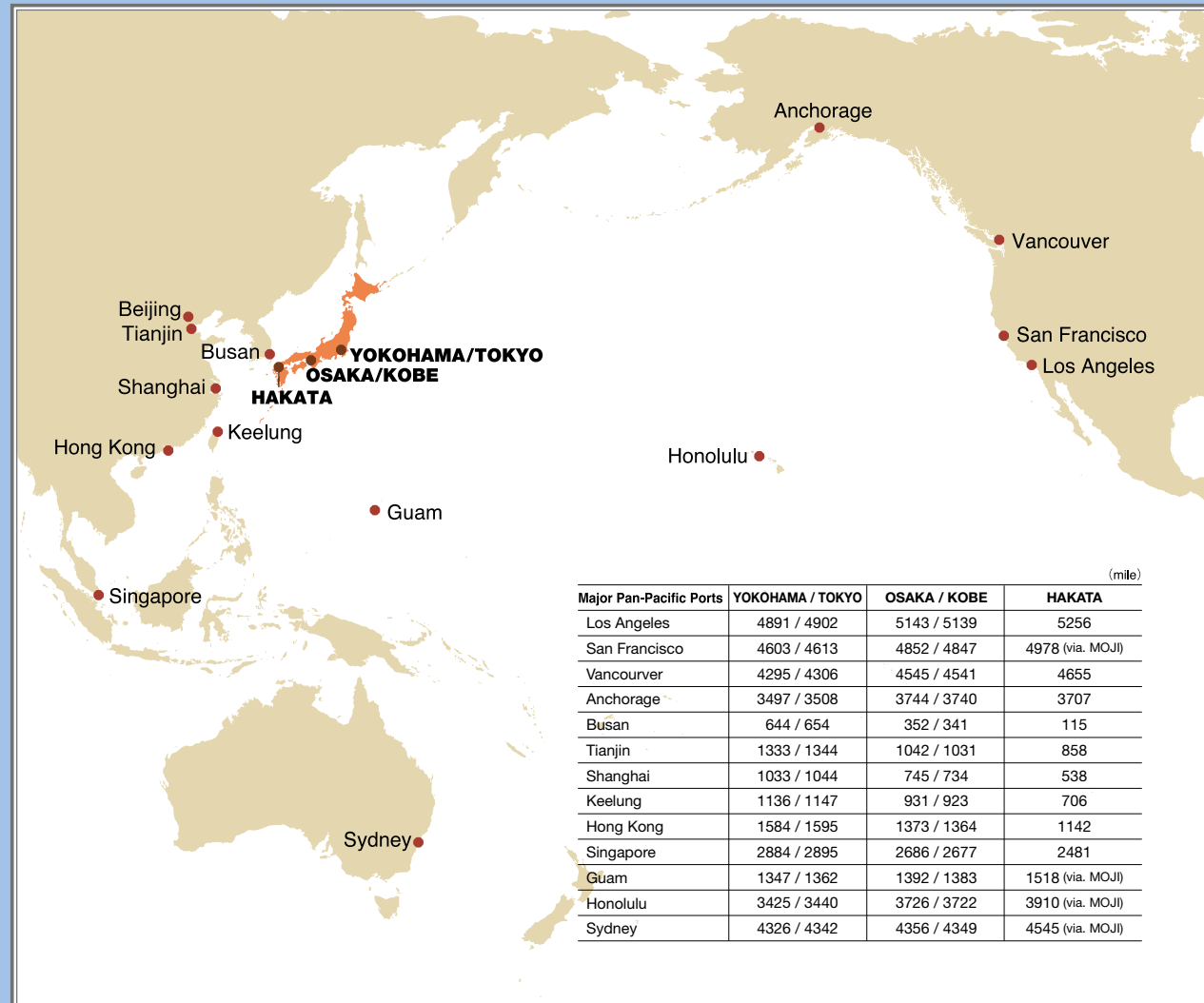


Table of Distance

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Japan Cruise Tour

A Taste of What Awaits



Himeji Castle

Plenty of Timeless Heritage & Scenery

World heritage, old castles, ruins, traditional streets... Within walking distance of ports, you can find numerous historical sites that have long played a central role in the lifestyles and faith of the Japanese people. And when you look beyond the mere visual beauty to the skill and culture that created these attractions, you'll have a better idea of how our ancestors once lived.



Mt. Fuji

Lovely Landscapes from Sea

Viewing a landscape from a cruise ship offer a unique perspective, entirely different from what you get on land. From the ocean, you can savor the sight of famous spots in a new light: Mt. Fuji glittering on the water with even greater magnificence and beauty, or the bright neon lights reflecting off the sea near a port at night.



Kiyomizu-dera Temple

Appreciate Japan's Distinctive Scenery

There are various cruise courses where passengers can tour spots that represent the best of Japan in each season. Some offer the opportunity to take in beautiful scenery, such as cherry blossoms in spring or the vivid leaves of autumn. In summer, other courses provide tours of Japanese festivals to beat the heat.



Kabira Bay

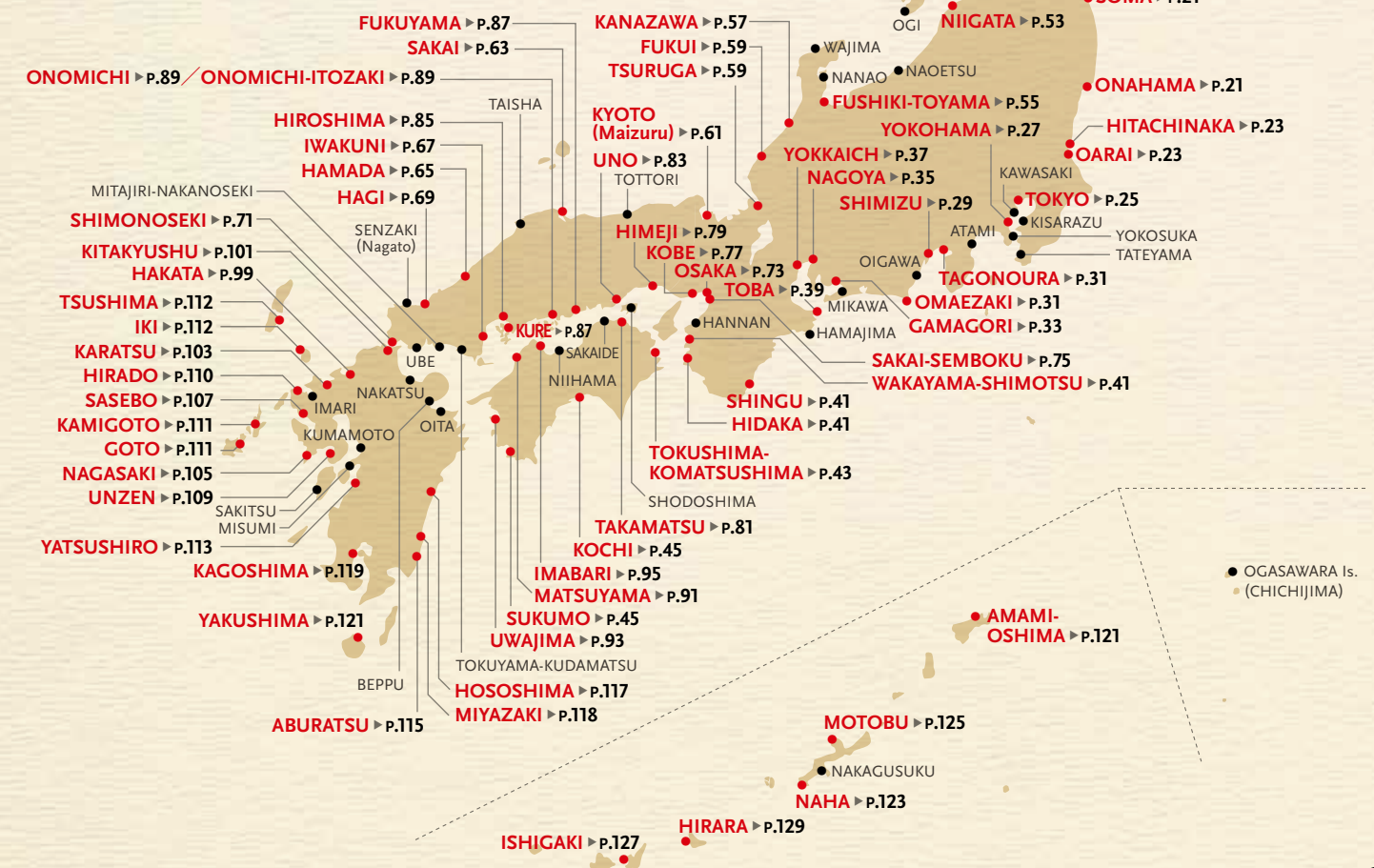
Easy Access to Remote Islands

Japan is an archipelago of islands, surrounded by the ocean, so one wonderful thing about touring the country on a cruise ship is the easy access to remote islands that other means of travel can't provide. Travelers can enjoy diverse nature and cultures, each influenced by its latitude, from Japan's northernmost prefecture of Hokkaido to Okinawa in the farthest south.

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Wakkanai City is the northernmost city in Japan, Borders the Sea of Okhotsk to the east and the Sea of Japan to the west, and is surrounded by abundant nature, including the Rishiri-Rebun-Sarobetsu National Park. It's also only 43km to Sakhalin on the opposite shore. Wakkanai City has a long history as a port town and a key transportation hub in the northernmost region of Japan.



Northern Breakwater Dome

Port Facilities

Name	
Suehiro Wharf	
Location	
Sin Suehiro,Wakkanai City,Hokkaido	
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	
JR South Wakkanai Station (5 min. by car)	
Access	
Station	(1)JR Wakkanai Station (10 min. by car) (2)JR South Wakkanai Station (5 min. by car)
Airport	Wakkanai Airport (20 min. by car)
Capacity	
Length	240 m
Water Depth	12 m
Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	0.5 m

Services	
Services	Content
Welcome Ceremony	The ship will be greeted by local mascots and Wakkanai residents adorning the city's original happi coats. The welcome ceremony consists of speeches as well as a brass band performance by local students.
Introducing Japanese Culture	On the day of arrival, there will be stalls selling souvenirs and restaurants serving food made with locally sourced ingredients, including the Wakkanai classic "Souya salt Scallop Ramen". Before departure we will bid you farewell with a Japanese drum performance as well as the traditional Wakkanai folk dance "Nanchu Soran".
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Tourist Information Center : Open only on the day of arrival Currency Exchange : None available
Shuttle Bus Services	Please inquire
City Sightseeing for Crews	Please inquire
Wi-Fi	Available in the Shed

Sightseeing Spots

■ Cape Soya

Cape Soya, the top of Japan. Stand in front of the "Northernmost Point of Japan Monument" and feel like you're at the top of Japan. On a clear day you may even be able to see the silhouette of Sakhalin Island in the distance.



Northernmost Point in Japan Monument

■ Cape Noshappu

With great views of Rishiri and Rebun Island to your front, and Japan's second tallest lighthouse just a quick walk away, Cape Noshappu is known as a great spot to catch the sunset over the Sea of Japan. A definite must-see for photography enthusiasts.



Sunset at Cape Noshappu

■ Soya Hills

The Soya Hills, with their gently rolling green undulations, were formed 10,000 years ago as a result of repeated freezing and thawing during the Ice Age. There, many windmills have been built that make use of the strong winds of Wakkanai, and make for a spectacular sight as they pepper the horizon.



Soya Hills

■ Rishiri Island・Rebun Island

From Wakkanai City, Rishiri and Rebun Island are only a ferry ride away. Rishiri Island is home to Mount Rishiri, which stands 1,721 meters above sea level, and on neighboring Rebun Island you can view approximately 300 different kinds of alpine plants without having to climb a mountain.



Rishiri Island



Rebun Island





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Otaru Port is situated on the central west coast of Hokkaido. Surrounded by mountains on three sides, this beautiful natural harbor has a long history. In the latter half of the 1800s, the port was improved to facilitate coal shipping. In 1899, it was designated as a port for foreign trade. Since then, accompanying the dynamic development of Otaru City in the commerce, industry and finance sectors, Otaru Port has played an important role as a distribution base for central Hokkaido. The canal once used for loading ships in the old days has now become a famous attraction, and many tourists visit it from all over the world. Otaru Port has also become a very popular destination for cruise ships recently.



Port Facilities

Name	
(1) Wharf No. 3	(2) Katsunai Wharf
Location	
(1) 3 Minatomachi Otaru	(2) 6 Chikkou Otaru
Access	
Station	(1) JR Otaru Station (15 min. walk) (2) JR Otaru Chikkou Station (20 min. walk)
Airport	New Chitose Airport, Sapporo (70 min. by JR rapid train or car)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	(1) Otaru Port Cruise Terminal (customs, immigration, and quarantine facilities, Free Wi-Fi available) (2) None available
Total Floor Space	(1) 1 story, approx. 1,800 m ² (2) None available
Capacity	
Length	(1) 400 m (168 m + 232 m) (2) 370 m (185 m × 2)
Water Depth	(1) 10 m (2) 10 m

Apron Width	(1) 15 m (2) 20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	0.5 m
Services	
Services	Content
Welcome Ceremonies	Presentation of flower bouquet and commemorative gifts. Speech of welcome.
Introducing Japanese Culture	Japanese drum band performance for departures, arranging local shows
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	(1) Available at Cruise Terminal (2) Negotiable
Shuttle Bus Services	(1) Wharf No. 3 is very close to sightseeing areas, so shuttle bus is not necessary. (2) Paid bus from Katsunai Wharf to Otaru Station (large cruise ships only)
City Sightseeing for Crews	Negotiable

Sightseeing Spots

■ Otaru Canal

The face of Otaru has to be its famous canal, a peaceful waterway, as well as the cluster of historic warehouses along its bank. In the light of the gas lamps by night, or reflecting the sunlight by day, the Otaru Canal provides a romantic backdrop all year around.



Otaru Canal

■ Historical Architecture

There is a lot of historical stone architecture in the downtown area of Otaru, which remains from the old days of its prosperity. The street on which these stone buildings stand was once known as “Wall Street of the North,” because many banks used to have branch offices here and the area was considered the center of finance in Hokkaido. In the suburbs, there are the wooden palaces and mansions of Amimotos (owners of fishing nets and vessels) built by herring fortunes. These evoke the golden age of herring fishing.

■ Sake, Wine, Whiskey

Located around Otaru are sake, wine, whisky breweries. Among them Sake brewery tours, Where you can get a glimpse of the traditional sake brewing process are becoming increasingly popular.



TANAKA SAKE BREWING Co.,LTD

■ Sushi

Otaru is famous for sushi. Sea urchin, abalone, mantis shrimp, and other fresh seafood are all caught in the waters near Otaru. There are over 100 sushi restaurants in the city, making Otaru the foremost city for sushi in Japan. There is a famous street called Sushiya-dori (Sushi Restaurant Street) where you can enjoy sushi made with the freshest seafood. Try some hand-formed sushi as well.



Sushi

■ Sakaimachi Street

Sakaimachi Street is famous for shopping and sightseeing. There are many glass shops, music box shops, sweet shops, and coffee shops. There are always tourists enjoying souvenir shopping here, giving it a lively, fun atmosphere.

■ Niseko-Shakotan-OtaruKaigan Quasi-National Park

The Niseko and Shakotan coastal area comprise a quasi-national park. The Niseko area is a large ski resort famous for top-quality snow and onsen (hot springs). The Shakotan coastal area is the coast line from the Shakotan peninsula to Otaru. Visitors can enjoy dramatic views of clear sea waters and steep cliffs, in addition to enjoying fresh seafood.



Cape Kamui (Shakotan Peninsula)

■ Sapporo

Sapporo is the largest city in Hokkaido, with a population of about 2 million people. Points of interest in Sapporo include the Former Hokkaido Government Office Building, the Clock Tower, Odori Park, and the Sapporo TV Tower. These all are situated near the station, with many department stores and major retailers also nearby, which is very handy for sightseeing. The Yosakoi Soran Festival and Snow Festival are very famous Sapporo events.



The Former Hokkaido Government Office Building





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Cape chikyū

Muroran developed as a manufacturing town, centered on the steel industry. The town is surrounded by some of Japan's leading tourist destinations, such as Lake Toya, where the G8 Summit was held, and Noboribetsu Onsen. In 2020, Upopoy, a national museum presenting the culture of the indigenous people of Hokkaido, the Ainu, was completed. You can also enjoy a variety of tours from Muroran, such as visiting Sapporo within 2 hours or so.



Port Facilities

Name		
(1) Shukuzu Wharf (2) Central Wharf		
Location		
(1) Shukuzu, Muroran City, Hokkaido (2) Kaigan, Muroran City, Hokkaido		
Nearest Station (Time Req.)		
(1) JR Muroran Station (10 min. by car) (2) JR Muroran Station (15 min. walk)		
Access		
Station	JR Muroran Station JR Higashi Muroran Station	
Airport	New Chitose Airport (80 min. by car)	
Capacity	(1)	(2)
Length	410 m	241 m
Water Depth	11 m	9 m
Apron Width	20 m	20 m
Boarding Bridges	N / A	N / A
Tidal Range	1.78 m	1.78 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	Local Muroran residents welcome ships with waving flags. Visitors are also welcomed into the port with Yosakoi, a traditional Hokkaido folk dance, and a brass band performance by local students.
Introducing Japanese Culture	Many unique foods can only be enjoyed in Muroran, such as Muroran yakitori (Japanese-style skewered pork), curry ramen, and quail egg soft-serve ice cream.
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	There is a tourist information office at the front of the ship. Currency exchange between JPY and USD can be performed at banks or using cash exchange services upon arrival.
Shuttle Bus Services	Shuttle buses available at Shukuzu Wharf for a fee.
City Sightseeing for Crews	From Shukuzu Wharf, you can walk to the Michi no Eki (roadside station), where you can enjoy shopping and hot spring bathing. At Central Wharf, you can walk to convenience stores and drugstores.

Sightseeing Spots

■ Noboribetsu Onsen

Noboribetsu Onsen is home to a wide variety of hot springs (onsen) all in one place — an extremely rare phenomenon. This resort town has hot springs everywhere. Many of these come from Jigokudani (Hell Valley), which was created by volcanic activity about 10,000 years ago. This place combines the heartbeat of the earth from ancient times together with onsen hot springs, a blessing from nature. This is Noboribetsu Onsen.



Noboribetsu Onsen

■ Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park

The Ainu are a people indigenous to the northern region of the Japanese archipelago, particularly Hokkaido. Upopoy was opened in 2020 as a national center for the revival and development of Ainu culture, a precious culture in Japan that is at risk of vanishing. Experience the richness of Ainu culture while surrounded by the plentiful nature on the shores of Lake Poroto.



Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park

■ Toya-Usu UNESCO Global Geopark

At the Toya-Usu Geopark, you can experience the changes in the earth from volcanic activity, such as Lake Toya, which was created by a huge eruption about 110,000 years ago, and Mt. Usu, which was created by volcanic activity about 20,000 years ago. This volcanic activity created a rugged, beautiful landscape and brought many benefits to humanity, such as hot springs and abundant food. Enjoy the heartbeat and blessings of the earth at Lake Toya.



Toya-Usu UNESCO Global Geopark

■ Sapporo

Sapporo is a great city for shopping. There are many shopping malls and department stores around the Sapporo Station and Odori areas, making it a popular tourist destination. In Sapporo, freshly picked vegetables, fruits, and fresh fish are brought from all over Hokkaido, and you can enjoy a diversity of cuisine including ramen, Mongolian barbecue, sushi, and soup curries.



Sapporo



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Michelin 3 star night view from Mt. Hakodate

Located at the southern tip of Hokkaido, Hakodate is one of Japan's most popular tourist destinations. Having opened as Japan's first port for international trade in 1859 along with Yokohama and Nagasaki, Hakodate has been influenced by various foreign cultures and grown into an important transportation hub between Hokkaido and Honshu. With historical buildings and a view from the top of Mt. Hakodate as well as fresh seafood and hot spring bathing, Hakodate offers the chance to enjoy both urban living and the great outdoors.



Port Facilities

Name	
(1) Wakamatsu Wharf (2) Minato-cho Wharf	
Location	
(1) 12-19 Wakamatsu-cho, Hakodate-shi, Hokkaido (2) 31, 2-chome, Minato-cho, Hakodate-shi, Hokkaido	
Access	
Station	Japan Railway Hakodate Station (1) Approx. 3 min. walk (2) Approx. 20 min. by taxi
Airport	Hakodate Airport (1) Approx. 20 min. by taxi (2) Approx. 30 min. by taxi
Shinkansen	Japan Railway Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Station (1) Approx. 20 min. by train (2) Approx. 30 min. by taxi
Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	•Welcome speech from Hakodate City. •Presentation of a commemorative plaque for the first port call to Hakodate, bouquets, local gifts. •Local high school students as volunteer tour guides. •Send-off performances of the local 'Squid Dance,' and more.
Introducing Japanese Culture	By request
Tourist Information Center Free Wi-Fi	(1) Available at Hakodate Cruise Terminal * Onboard tourism guidance is also available at your request. (2) Available at berth
Currency Exchange	Temporary services are available at the cruise terminal or berth if needed.
Shuttle Bus Services	(1) Not necessary (situated near transport hub) (2) Negotiable
City Sightseeing for Crews	Crews can also use shuttle buses if provided.

Facilities		
Facility Overview	(1) Hakodate Cruise Terminal : CIQ facilities, a tourist information booth, parking for buses, and a taxi pool. (2) No passenger terminal, but plenty of parking space for buses and taxis.	
	Length	(1) 55 m (2) —
	Width	(1) 22 m (2) —
	Height	(1) 1 story building (2) —
	Total Floor Space	(1) 1,234 m ² (2) —
Capacity		
Length	(1) 360 m (2) Quay A : 280 m, Quay B : 240 m	
Water Depth	(1) 10 m (2) Quay A : 14 m, Quay B : 12 m	
Apron Width	(1) 20 m (2) 85 m	
Boarding Bridges	(1) N / A (2) N / A	
Tidal Range	(1) 1.1 m (2) 1.1 m	

Sightseeing Spots

■ The view from Mt. Hakodate

The brilliant night view is quite popular among Japanese tourists, but the daytime view is also worth seeing. Not to be missed when sightseeing in Hakodate, it was awarded with three stars by the Michelin Green Guide Japan in 2011.



Daytime view from Mt. Hakodate

■ Hakodate Morning Market

Popular among tourists, this food market located near JR Hakodate Station has approximately 250 stores offering take-home souvenirs. You can also experience the thrill of squid fishing and try a mouth-watering seafood rice bowl for breakfast or lunch.



Hakodate Morning Market

■ Motomachi and Bay Area

A perfect place for a stroll. Enjoy a unique cityscape with historical buildings influenced by both Western and Japanese cultures and sweeping views of Hakodate Port from the slopes, as well as churches, temples, and renovated red-brick warehouses.



Hachiman-Zaka Slope



Kanemori Red Brick Warehouses

■ Special Historic Site: Goryokaku

Japanese first western-style fort, completed almost 150 years ago, and a site of battle during the last civil war in Japan. Especially beautiful with cherry blossoms (from late April to early May). Enjoy sweeping panoramic views of the entire star-shaped park and the surrounding moat from Goryokaku Tower.



Special Historic Site: Goryokaku

■ Hakodate Jomon Culture Center and Kakinoshima Site

Registered on the World Cultural Heritage list in July 2021. You can see a large number of pottery, stone tools and Chuku Dogu (hollow clay figures, a National Treasure) at the center. Get a sense of the atmosphere of the Jomon period (approx. 2000–7000 years ago) from the ruined settlements here.



Jomon Culture Center

■ Onuma Quasi-National Park

Located 20 km north of Hakodate, Onuma is known for its active volcano, Mt. Komagatake, and the swamps, both large and small, created by its eruptions. Take part in bird watching and many other seasonal outdoor activities.



Onuma Quasi-National Park





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Kushiro Port is located on the eastern side of Hokkaido, adjacent to the Kushiro Marsh, the largest wetland in Japan and a city with abundant natural attractions. Owning two national parks is rare in the world, and the vast nature left untouched can be enjoyed in a variety of ways. The marshlands and surrounding area are home to approximately 2,000 species of flora and fauna, including the red-crowned crane and marimo, both of which are designated for protection by the national government. And experiencing the culture and history of the Ainu people, an indigenous people who have carved their history in this region, will help visitors think about nature conservation and modern diversity. Kushiro has developed as a base for the east side of Hokkaido, and its charms cannot be introduced here, so please get information from the tourism URL.



Kushiro sunset

Port Facilities

Name	
(1) East area, Earthquake-resistant Cruise Ship Terminal (2) West area, No. 4 Wharf (No. 21 and 22 quays)	
Location	
(1) 4-1, Saiwaicho, Kushiro City, Hokkaido (2) 4tyoume, Nishiko, Kushiro City, Hokkaido	
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	
To / From Japan Railway Kushiro Station (1) 15 min. on foot (2) 10 min. by taxi	
Access	
Station	To / From Japan Railway Kushiro Station (1) 15 min. on foot (2) 10 min. by taxi
Airport	To / From Kushiro Airport (1) 30 min. by taxi (2) 20 min. by taxi
Capacity	
Length	(1) 310 m (2) 410 m (No. 21 : 170, No. 22 : 240)
Water Depth	(1) 9.0 m (2) 10.0 m
Apron Width	(1) 20.0 m (2) 49.20 m (No. 21) ※ No. 22 is None
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	1.52 m

Services	
Services	Content
Welcome Ceremony	Welcome speech from Kushiro City. Presentation of a commemorative Plaque for the first port call to Kushiro, bouquet, local gifts Welcome and farewell events by local artists
Introducing Japanese Culture	International exchange groups host Japanese cultural experience events at MOO and EGG.
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Information and currency exchange are available on the quay.
Shuttle Bus Services	None available
City Sightseeing for Crews	There is a complex near Kushiro Station where you can buy souvenirs and eat (MOO, WASHO Market), and there is also an art museum and a model store. A taxi will take you to a large shopping mall where you can buy daily necessities.
Wi-Fi	Available

Sightseeing Spots

Japan's largest marshland

In Kushiro Marshland, visitors can experience the vast nature in a variety of ways. The view from the observatory changes with the seasons and time of day, offering something new to discover on repeated visits. Canoeing and hiking are good ways to see rare plants and animals up close, and you can choose a route according to your own fitness and time. You can also fully enjoy nature by horseback riding or cycling.



Kushiro Marsh

Lake Akan Ainu Kotan

Here you can experience their unique culture by making Ainu crafts and watching the "Ainu ancient dance" designated as a UNESCO World Intangible Cultural Heritage in an indoor theater. To learn more about their religious beliefs, visitors can take a special guided tour of the restricted areas. There are also a wide variety of other places where you can buy souvenirs of their crafts and enjoy Ainu cuisine.



Ainu Kotan

Wide variety of flora and fauna

Kushiro Marshland has some endangered species, so please observe them with good manners. The "tancho," a federally protected species, can be observed year-round. Visitors can also learn about ecosystems and natural symbiosis in depth at museums and wildlife protection facilities.



Red-Crowned Crane

Kushiro's Food Culture

Kushiro is famous for its fishing industry, boasting the largest catch in Japan. Visitors can enjoy eating fresh seafood. Kushiro is famous for "katte-don," a seafood dish where you choose your own ingredients and eat them, and "robatayaki," grilled over a charcoal fire. There are also a wide variety of other dishes using fresh Hokkaido ingredients.



Washo Ichiba Market



West area, No. 4 Wharf



East Area, Earthquake-Resistant Cruise Ship Terminal



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Aomori is the northernmost prefecture on the main island of Japan. The region is blessed with both diverse culture and magnificent natural beauty, including the UNESCO World Heritage Site Shirakami Sanchi and the Sannai Maruyama Site, part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site Jomon Prehistoric Sites in Northern Japan. Other natural beauty includes the famous cherry blossom viewing spot Hirosaki Park, Lake Towada, and the Hakkoda Mountains. The Ou Mountains in the center of the region divide the prefecture in two, with each half differing significantly in climate and culture. The most dramatic difference is the heavy snowfall of the Tsugaru region versus the summer breezes of the Pacific Ocean on the other side. The prefecture has four highly distinctive seasons, enabling tourists to enjoy unique festivals, historical sites, and natural beauty, as well as many other sightseeing spots and leisure activities — whenever and wherever they may decide to visit.



Aomori Nebuta

Port Facilities

Name			
(1)Shin-Chuo Wharf (2)Okidate Wharf ① (3)Okidate Wharf ②			
Location			
(1)Yasukata, Aomori City, Aomori (2)(3)Okidate, Aomori City, Aomori			
Access			
Local Train	(1)JR Aomori Station (15 min. walk) (2)(3) JR Aomori Station (6 min. by car)		
Air	Aomori Airport (30 min. by car)		
Bullet Train	Tohoku Shinkansen, JR Shin-Aomori Station (16 min. by car, 6 min. by train)		
Facilities			
Facility Overview	Cruise Terminal (Shin-Chuo Wharf)		
Length	Approx. 100 m		
Height	Approx. 4 m		
Width	Approx. 14 m		
Total Floor Space	1,350 m ²		
Capacity	(1)	(2)	(3)
Length	360 m	270 m	185 m
*(3)Okidate Wharf ② is connected to the (2)Okidate Wharf ①			
Water Depth	10 m	13 m	10 m
Apron Width	20 m	20 m	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available		
Tidal Range	0.80 m		



Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	Welcome ceremonies are sometimes held at the wharfs, featuring the traditional music and performing arts of Aomori. Interactive events to promote interaction between cruise passengers and Aomori residents are scheduled often. The Aomori Nebuta Festival is world-famous. This fire festival has traveled to places as far as London and Los Angeles. There are three main components of this soul-stirring festival: the magnificent Nebuta floats, which are centerpieces of the festival; the lively bands; and the boisterous Haneto dancers who accompany the bands. All three work together to envelop the city with an enthusiasm that burns through the summer nights. Aomori Prefecture is also the home of the Tsugaru shamisen, a traditional three-stringed, banjo-like instrument. Of all Japan's traditional shamisen music, this is the most passionate and has the fastest tempo.
Introducing Japanese Culture	
Tourist Information Center	There are Tourist Information Centers located in front of Aomori Station and at ASPAM.
Shuttle Bus Services	Not necessary (Situating near transport hub) A ten-minute walk from Shin-Chuo Wharf, the city center has various restaurants and a department store where you can purchase a light snack or enjoy some shopping. There are some sightseeing spots near the wharf, such as Nebuta Museum WA-RASSE, ASPAM, and the Aomori Prefectural Museum. Some facilities offer discounts or prizes to passengers who present their crew card. Aomori is also famous for apples. At A-FACTORY near Nebuta Museum WA-RASSE, you can sample local apple cider and purchase various apple-related souvenirs. The Sannai Maruyama Site, the Aomori Prefectural Museum of Art, which exhibits the works of unique artists, and the Showa Daibutsu Buddha statue, which is larger than the famous statues of Nara and Kamakura, are all accessible via public transport.
City Sightseeing for Crews	

Sightseeing Spots

■ Hirosaki Cherry Blossom Festival

This is Japan's largest cherry blossom festival, boasting 2,600 Yoshino cherry blossom trees, weeping cherries, double cherry blossoms, and more, blooming all over Hirosaki Park. At Nishibori, the cherry blossom trees form a tunnel over your head. Reflections of the blossoms in full bloom on the waters of the moat running around the castle and the illumination at night create a fantastic scene. Enjoy the sights of spring in full swing, as the white walls of Hirosaki Castle contrast beautifully with the interwoven pinks of the cherry blossoms.



Hirosaki Cherry Blossom Festival

■ Sannai Maruyama Site

This site comprises the remains of one of Japan's largest settlements from the Jomon period, approximately 4,000 to 5,000 years ago. A number of ruins, including the remains of large pit dwellings and buildings with columns embedded into the ground, have been discovered here. Located adjacent to the archeological site is the Jomon Jiyukan museum, where around 1,700 artifacts, including 500 important cultural objects, are on display. The highlight of the Jomon Jiyukan is the Jomon Big Wall. Spanning 6 meters wide and 18 meters tall, it has 5,120 pieces of pottery affixed to it.



Sannai Maruyama Site

■ Aomori Nebuta Festival

The Aomori Nebuta Festival is one of Japan's major festivals. Held in summer each year from August 2 to August 7, it features energetic festival music, dancers, and Nebuta floats. The Nebuta Museum WA-RASSE exhibits four of the paper floats from the most recent festival, and also screens video footage of the festival. Visitors can experience aspects of the festival for themselves all year round.



Aomori Nebuta Festival

■ Towada Hachimantai National Park

At Hakkoda, you can enjoy a ten-minute ropeway trip to the peak and a lush variety of alpine plants. The deep indigo-colored Lake Towada is recommended as a spot to enjoy the spring and fall scenery while leisure boating or cycling. Oirase River, with dynamic scenes born of its ever-changing flow, really grabs you. Enjoy taking it in with all five senses while exploring the currents of the Ashura Rapids, and fourteen waterfalls of all sizes.



Towada Hachimantai National Park



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Jodogahama Beach

The Port of Miyako is located in the center of the coastal area of Iwate Prefecture facing the North Pacific Ocean. The port, blessed with the rich offshore fisheries of Sanriku and sheltered from the open sea by the Omoe Peninsula, the easternmost point of Japan's mainland, has prospered as a central natural harbor for the fishing and shipping industries since 1615. Miyako, located in the center of Sanriku Geopark and Sanriku Fukko National Park, attracts many tourists with its distinctive, spectacular landscape, including Jodogahama Beach and the Shiofuki-ana blowhole. Roads to inland cities such as Morioka and the Sanriku Expressway cover the entire Sanriku coastal area, providing visitors with good access from Miyako to other cities.



Port Facilities

Name	
Fujiwara Wharf	
Location	
3-chome, Fujiwara, Miyako City, Iwate Prefecture	
Access	
Station	JR Miyako Station (10 min. by car) Miyako Station, Sanriku Railway (10 min. by car)
Airport	Iwate Hanamaki Airport (105 min. by car or by train and bus)
Shinkansen	JR Morioka Station (80 min. by train or by bus)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	None available

Capacity	
Length	370 m (185 m × 2)
Water Depth	10 m
Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	1.50 m
Services	
Welcome Ceremony	Presentation of bouquet and commemorative gifts, and welcome speech by mayor.
Introduction of Japanese Culture	Local performing arts such as dancing and drumming, performances by local elementary and junior high school brass bands, etc.
Tourist Information Counter	A tourist information counter is available at the wharf.
Currency Exchange	Currency exchange services can be set up at the wharf depending on the situation.
Shuttle Bus Services	Negotiable

Sightseeing Spots

Jodogahama Beach

Located just outside the city center, this beautiful beach is one of the most famous sightseeing spots along the Sanriku Coast and is a part of Sanriku Fukko National Park. It was designated as a place of scenic beauty in 2012. The phrase Jodo (meaning "Pure Land," a Buddhist concept of paradise) in its name derives from its memorable landscape with beautiful white pebbles, green pine trees, and blue ocean.

Miyako Umineko Maru Sightseeing Boat

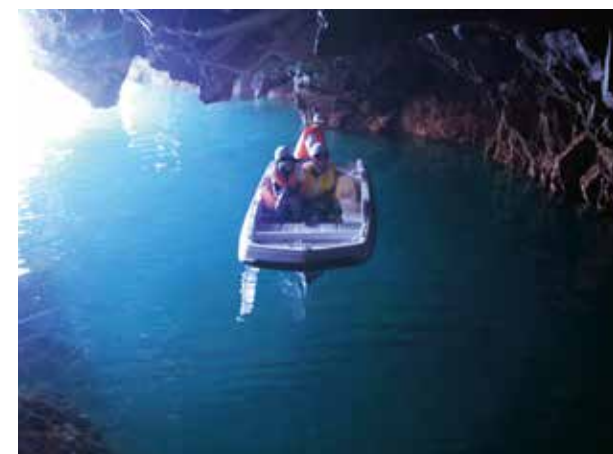
This cruise takes you to the Sanriku Coast, passing by jagged rocky islands and interesting rock formations on the way back to the beach. Feed the black-tailed gulls that flutter around the boat.



Miyako Umineko Maru Sightseeing Boat

Blue Cave Cruise (Sappa Boat Cruise)

Lasting about 20 minutes, this cruise shows visitors the scenery beyond Jodogahama Beach, including the impressive cobalt-blue water in a small cave called Blue Cave (Ao-no-Dokutsu), accessible only from the sea by small boats.



Blue Cave

Sanno-iwa Rocks

These sea stacks rise above the waves in Taro. They consist of three rocks called Otoko-iwa (Male Rock, in the center), Onna-iwa (Female Rock, on the left), and Taiko-iwa (Drum Rock, on the right). The horizontal stripes on the surface are layers of sandstone and conglomerate from the Cretaceous era.

Disaster Prevention Tour Guide

This tour not only serves to enhance participants' awareness of disaster risk management, but also as a lesson for future generations. Watch a video of the massive tsunami recorded from the 6th floor of the Taro Kanko Hotel on March 11, 2011 (booking required to take part in the tour).



Post-tsunami remains of the Taro Kanko Hotel

Ryusendo Cave

One of the three largest limestone caves of Japan, this cave (and the bats living here) are designated as a national natural treasure. Visitors are sure to be impressed by the beauty of the stalactites and extremely clear, blue water of the underground lakes.



Ryusendo Cave

Sushi

The best part of sushi in Miyako is its freshness. The fish are caught mainly around the Sanriku Coast, one of the richest fisheries in the world.



Miyako Sushi





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Ofunato Port is located in the south of Iwate Prefecture, facing the Pacific Ocean, and is part of the Sanriku ria coastline. Breathtaking scenery surrounds the port, including lush green mountains and the Goishi Coast, which features intertwining coastal cliffs and pine forests. The aquaculture industry within the bay is also flourishing, producing high-quality oysters and scallops. A variety of ships come into port, including cement industry ships, container ships, and cruise ships. While Ofunato City suffered severe damage from the 2011 tsunami, the downtown area has now recovered, and the city is moving forward with new developments.



Goishi Coast, Anatoshi-iso Rock (Sanriku Fukko National Park)

Port Facilities

Name	
Nonoda Wharf	
Location	
Aza, Nonoda, Ofunato-cho, Ofunato City, Iwate	
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	
Ofunato Station (BRT bus) (10 min. walk)	
Access	
Station	Ofunato Station (BRT) (10 min. walk)
Airport	Iwate Hanamaki Airport (HNA) (90 min. by car)
Shinkansen	JR Mizusawa-Esashi Station (Oshu City) (70 min. by car)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	Not Available
Capacity	
Length	1) Nonoda #1 270 m 2) Nonoda #2 260 m
Water Depth	1) Nonoda #1 13 m 2) Nonoda #2 7.5 m
Apron Width	22 m
Boarding Bridges	Not Available
Tidal Range	—

Services	
Welcome Ceremony	Attractions are held at the port to welcome and see off passengers: - Traditional dances and music performances by locals. - Vendor stalls featuring souvenirs, as well as food and alcohol samples.
Introducing Japanese Culture	Traditional deer dance and taiko drum performance by local residents and children
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Information desk on the wharf, currency exchange available at the nearest bank (1 km)
Shuttle Bus Services	Please inquire
City Sightseeing for Crews	Please inquire



Goiwai (Local Celebratory Fishermen Folk Song and Dance)

Sightseeing Spots

■ Goishi Coast (Sanriku Fukko National Park)

The Goishi Coast is a 6-km long spectacular ria coastline, a geological wonder shaped over millennia. One of the main attractions here is the Anatoshi-iso, a natural boulder located near the coastline with three tunnels running through it. You can see the boulder from the observatory point.



Anatoshi-iso

■ UNESCO World Heritage Site-Hiraizumi

Chuson-ji Temple and the Motsu-ji Temple garden in Hiraizumi are beautiful artifacts of Pure Land Buddhism. They came to Japan around the 8th century. After a long period of conflict, the victorious Fujiwara clan built the temples and gardens as representations of the world of the Buddha, praying for all the lives lost in the war. In alignment with Japan's indigenous worship of nature, they designed the temples and gardens in harmony with the surrounding landscape.



World Heritage Hiraizumi "Konjikido"

■ Kaisendon

"Kaisendon" is the Japanese word for a fresh sashimi rice bowl. Ofunato port is located right by one of the top three fishing grounds in the world. As such, the quality and freshness of the seafood are superb. Additionally, Ofunato also boasts a wide Variety of seafood thanks to the local aquaculture of oysters, scallops, seaweed, abalone, and salmon.



Kaisendon

■ The Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Memorial Museum

On March 11th, 2011, Japan was hit by the largest earthquake ever recorded in the country. The massive earthquake caused a tsunami that devastated many coastal parts of Eastern Japan. This memorial museum opened in 2019 to convey the victims' experiences and share the lessons learned with future generations. The museum's exhibits, available in several languages, allow visitors to learn about the threat of tsunamis, safety protocols, and how lives can be saved in the future.



The Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Memorial Museum

■ Kyassen Ofunato

Approximately 600 m from the wharf is a shopping center, built in hopes of achieving a new start following the tsunami disaster. Kyassen Ofunato ("Kyassen" means "come on over!" in the local Kesen dialect) is one of the best places to go to buy local souvenirs and enjoy the city center.



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Godaido Temple

Ishinomaki City is an old port. It flourished as a rice-shipping port after Kawamura Magobei excavated channels by the order of lord Date Masamune in the 1620s. The construction of a new port in the Kama district at the western mouth of the river began in 1960. In 1964, Ishinomaki was designated as a new industrial city of the Sendai bay area, as well as a major port. At the same time, it was improved as a port hub for the northern Miyagi area. The fertilizer, steel, and shipbuilding industries were also established here, and the port mainly handled shipping of wood chips and fertilizer. In 1981, offshore development of the Hibarino region was approved to serve as a new port area to handle increasing loads of cargo. Through merger with the Sendai Shiogama Port in 2012, Ishinomaki Port transformed into the international hub port of Sendai Shiogama Ishinomaki. More and more progress is anticipated.



Port Facilities

Name			
(1) Oote #1, 2 (2) Nakajima #2, 3 (3) Hibarino Central #1, 2			
Location			
(1) Nakajimacho, Ishinomaki City, Miyagi (2) Nakajimacho, Ishinomaki City, Miyagi (3) Shiomicho, Ishinomaki City, Miyagi			
Nearest Station (Time Req.)			
JR Ishinomaki Station (15 min. by bus)			
Access			
Station	JR Ishinomaki Station (15 min. by bus)		
Airport	Sendai Airport (70 min. by bus)		
Shinkansen	JR Sendai Station (80 min. by bus)		
Facilities			
Facility Overview	None available		
Capacity	(1)	(2)	(3)
Length	260 m	372 m	520 m
Water Depth	7.5 m	11 m	13 m
Apron Width	20 m	20 m	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available		
Tidal Range	K.P 3 m	K.P 3 m	K.P 3 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	Welcoming ceremonies (formal greetings, presentation of flowers, presentation of plaque to commemorate a first call, etc.) Traditional performing arts demonstrations (Japanese drumming, dance, etc.) by the wharf. Setup of souvenir booths, etc. can be arranged by consultation. Please make an inquiry.
Introducing Japanese Culture	Please make an inquiry
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Please make an inquiry
Shuttle Bus Services	Please make an inquiry
City Sightseeing for Crews	Please make an inquiry

Sightseeing Spots

Kinkadon Sashimi Rice Bowl

Of the many fishing grounds found throughout the world, three are most notable for providing remarkable catches with excellent quantities and varieties of fish: the North-East Atlantic off the coast of Norway, the Grand Banks by Canada and Newfoundland, and the Sanriku-Kinkasan Bay. Savor the very freshest local seasonal seafood caught in the Sanriku-Kinkasan Bay with a Kinkadon sashimi rice bowl.



Kinkadon Sashimi Rice Bowl

Kinkasan Island

Kinkasan Island, situated in the waters off the coast of the Oshika Peninsula, is one of the most spiritual sites in the entire Tohoku region. Deer and monkey, venerated as messengers of the gods, roam freely here. Legend has it that pilgrims who visit every year for three consecutive years will be financially secure for life. As part of the pilgrimage, visitors can also stay at the shrine's lodgings in the Sanshuden and participate in morning prayers the following day. Casting away worldly desires and misfortune, visitors will feel spiritually purified after participating in solemn prayer.



Kinkasan Koganeyama Shrine

Road Station Onagawa

Onagawa is a small port town located in eastern Miyagi prefecture, well known for its fresh seafood. The town center was completely renewed after the tsunami in 2011. Surrounding the brick-paved main street, there are many shops and restaurants offering a great atmosphere. The seaside park nearby is also a nice spot for a walk.



Road Station Onagawa

Otakamori

Miyato Island is the largest island in Matsushima Bay. At its center is Otakamori, a small mountain 105.8 meters (344 feet) tall. It takes about 20 minutes from the trailhead to the top. From the viewing deck, many of the 260 islands of Matsushima Bay are visible. Otakamori (Gorgeous View) is one of the Shitai-kan — the name for 4 panoramic views of Matsushima Bay. The others are Tomiyama (Beautiful View) in Matsushima, Tamon-zan (Dynamic View) in Shichigahama, and Ogitan (Mysterious View) in Matsushima. Otakamori is especially popular among visitors, because viewed from the summit, the bay and islands of Matsushima resemble a miniature garden.



Otakamori

Entsuin Temple

Entsuin Temple contains a mausoleum for Lord Date Masamune's grandson, who died at the tender age of 19. Due to its plentiful Western imagery, this site was closed during the two-hundred-year period of Japan's national isolation. In modern days, visitors can enjoy the Zen rock garden as well as craft their own Buddhist prayer bead bracelets. During fall, the maple trees are illuminated at night.



Autumn Leaves Illumination





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Iwaki Marine Tower

Soma Port is located in the northern part of Fukushima Prefecture and is used as the hub port for the surrounding areas. In olden days, it flourished as a distribution port for rice and salt, in addition to being a fishing port neighboring the rich fishing grounds of the Pacific Ocean. It was damaged in the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011, but its port functions have since been greatly improved, including the provision of a wharf that is able to withstand disasters. Onahama Port is roughly halfway between Tokyo and Sendai, located in the southeast of Fukushima Prefecture, and is blessed with a warm climate and abundant seas. After the 18th century, it became a base for regional distribution as a port for rice and coal shipments. It was also damaged in the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011, but has made a powerful recovery.



Port of SOMA

Port Facilities

SMALL

Name	
No. 3 Wharf (3-1)	
Location	
Shinchi Town, Fukushima	
Access	
Station	Station JR Komagamine Station (10 min. by car)
Airport	Airport Sendai Airport (45 min. by car)
Shinkansen	Shinkansen Tokyo Station ⇄ (Shinkansen) ⇄ Sendai Station ⇄ (JR Jōban Line) ⇄ Komagamine Station
Capacity	
Length	240 m
Water Depth	12 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremony	Please inquire
Introducing Japanese Culture	Please inquire
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Please inquire
Shuttle Bus Services	Please inquire
City Sightseeing for Crews	Please inquire



Sightseeing Spots

■ Soma Nakamura Shrine

Erected in 1643 by the Soma Family, who ruled over the Soma Nakamura domain for 260 years, from 1611, with Soma as their base. The shrine hall, built at the top of stone steps and surrounded by trees, is a nationally designated Important Cultural Property. You will encounter horse statues at the purification trough and stone steps. It is the starting point of the traditional event known as the “Soma Nomaai Festival,” in which armored warriors on horseback vie for the flag of the gods.



Soma Nakamura Shrine

■ Aquamarine Fukushima

A rip current is formed off Fukushima where the Japan and Okhotsk currents meet. This aquarium features displays with that rip current as their theme. Popular exhibits include the “Sea of the Rip Current,” with triangular tunnels representing the Japan and Okhotsk currents on the left and right, and the “Coral Reef Sea” where you can encounter coral living in the Japan current source area, along with colorful fish. The “Goldfish House,” swimming with around 30 different species, is also fun to watch.



Aquamarine Fukushima

■ Hamanoeki Matsukawaura

Opened in 2020 in the Obama district of Soma City, this establishment was heavily damaged by the tsunami. A treasure trove of local agricultural and marine produce, the marine product corner is particularly large, with rows of seasonal seafood delivered directly from the nearby Matsukawaura Fishing Port. Of course, these products can be delivered nationwide, too. There are also restaurants for savoring the seafood here.



Hamanoeki Matsukawaura

■ Iwaki Coal and Fossil Museum Horuru

Iwaki was home to the largest coalfield on the island of Honshu. At this museum, you can enjoy displays about coal mining and fossils excavated in the city. The simulation mineshaft, which recreates an actual coal mine, gives visitors an idea of the difficulty of the labor. The “Futabasaurus suzukii” dinosaur bones, which were discovered in the city and comprise 70% of the specimen’s skeleton, and other fossils of huge dinosaurs are also striking.



Iwaki Coal and Fossil Museum Horuru

Port of ONAHAMA

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Port Facilities

Name	
No. 3 Warf (3-3, 3-4)	
Location	
Onahama, Iwaki City, Fukushima	
Access	
Station	Station JR Izumi Station (15 min. by car)
Airport	Airport Fukushima Airport (60 min. by car)
Shinkansen	Shinkansen Tokyo Station ⇄ (Limited Express Hitachi) ⇄ Izumi Station
Capacity	
Length	350 m
Water Depth	10 m





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Ibaraki Flower Park

Ibaraki Port is located 100 km northeast of Tokyo. By ship, it is about 320 km away, or 12 to 16 hours (overnight voyage) from Tokyo Bay. The port has 2 districts for cruise ships, Oarai and Hitachinaka. Oarai District is located in a marine resort town featuring a beautiful seashore with sandy beaches and pine trees. Any ships too large for the Oarai port can berth at Hitachinaka, which has gained attention as a cruise port in recent years. Both districts have easy access to expressways, allowing for visits to numerous scenic and historical destinations. Nearby tourist destinations include flower garden “paradises” such as Hitachi Seaside Park and Kairakuen Garden, waterfalls such as Fukuroda Falls, and also the World Heritage site of Nikko. Amazing scenery, abundant local foods, and authentic experiences await you in Ibaraki!



OARAI District

Port Facilities

SMALL

Name			
Wharf No. 4			
Location			
Minato-chuo, Oarai-machi, Higashiibaraki-gun, Ibaraki			
Access			
Station	JR Mito Station (30 min. by bus)		
	Oarai Station (20 min. walk)		
Airport	Narita Airport (90 min. by bus or taxi)		
	Ibaraki Airport (50 min. by taxi)		
Ferry	2 services daily (except Sunday) to Tomakomai in Hokkaido		
Facilities			
Facility Overview	None		
Capacity			
Length	240 m	Boarding Bridges	None available
Water Depth	8 m	Tidal Range	1.64 m
Apron Width	20 m		

Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	Marching band performance with presentation of flower bouquet and souvenirs
Introducing Japanese Culture	Iso-bushi performance (Japanese traditional folksong with drums)
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Temporary booths set up for tourist information and currency exchange
Shuttle Bus Services	Negotiable
City Sightseeing for Crews	Oarai Seaside Station Shopping Center (5 min. walk) Fish market (5 min. by taxi)



Sightseeing Spots

■ Hitachi Seaside Park

Hitachi Seaside Park was chosen as one of Japan's 36 most beautiful places by CNN. More than four million nemophila flowers bloom from late April to early May. During the transition into Autumn, fluffy kochia bushes turn from vibrant green to fiery red.



Hitachi Seaside Park

■ Kairakuen Garden

Kairakuen is known as one of the three great gardens of Japan. The garden is home to 3,000 plum trees from 100 different species, and is particularly beautiful during the plum blossom festival in early spring.



Kairakuen Garden

■ Ushiku Daibutsu Buddha Statue

The Ushiku Daibutsu Buddha Statue holds the Guinness World Record as the tallest standing bronze statue in the world. Visitors can go inside the Buddha and take the lift to an observation platform that offers stunning views over the Kanto Plains. During spring, the grounds around the statue are filled with stunning pink cherry blossom trees and moss phlox (a type of blossom covering the ground), making for a breathtaking spectacle.



Ushiku Daibutsu Buddha Statue

■ AQUA WORLD Ibaraki Prefectural Oarai Aquarium

AQUA WORLD Oarai is home to the largest number of shark species in Japan. The aquarium has 60 tanks showcasing 68,000 creatures from around 580 different species.



AQUA WORLD,
Ibaraki Prefectural Oarai Aquarium

■ Nikko (Tochigi Prefecture)

The World Heritage shrines and temples in Nikko attract visitors from around the world. In particular, Nikko Toshogu Shrine is known as a sacred site where Tokugawa Ieyasu, the first shogun of the Edo Shogunate, is enshrined.

Nikko Toshogu Shrine (World Heritage Site)



HITACHINAKA District

Port Facilities

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Name			
(1) Central Wharf, C Berth		(2) Central Wharf, D Berth	
Location			
Nagasuna, Hitachinaka City, Ibaraki			
Access			
Station	JR Katsuta Station (30 min. by taxi)		
Airport	Narita Airport (100 min. by bus or taxi) Ibaraki Airport (60 min. by taxi)		
Facilities			
Facility Overview	None		
Capacity			
Length	(1) 300 m (2) 300 m		
Water Depth	12 m	Boarding Bridges	None available
Apron Width	(1) 50 m (2) 50 m	Tidal Range	1.46 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	Same as Oarai District
Introducing Japanese Culture	Japanese cultural experience
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Same as Oarai District
Shuttle Bus Services	Negotiable
City Sightseeing for Crews	Hitachi Seaside Park (15 min. by taxi) Shopping center (10 min. by taxi)





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Rainbow Bridge & Tokyo Tower

Tokyo is the economic, political, and cultural center of Japan. The metropolis blends high-tech industries, many exciting tourist attractions, and cultural heritage sites that have been preserved in a variety of forms including beautiful temples, nature reserves, and parks. Experience a fascinating combination of both the old and the new in Tokyo! The Port of Tokyo is one of Japan's most convenient terminals, with ideal access to any of the scenic sites of Japan. Because Tokyo is located at the very center of the Japanese archipelago, tourists enjoy easy access not only to Tokyo's sightseeing spots but also all other popular destinations scattered from east to west throughout Japan, whether by Shinkansen (bullet train), by highway, or by air.



Port Facilities

New cruise terminal opened in September 2020



Name	
Tokyo International Cruise Terminal	
Location	
Aomi 2-chome, Koto-ku, Tokyo	
Access	
Station	Tokyo Station (Shinkansen available) (25 min. by car)
	Shinagawa Station (Shinkansen available) (20 min. by car)
	Rinkai Line (easy access to Shibuya and Shinjuku) (10 min. by car)
	Yurikamome Line (monorail transportation) (8 min. on foot)
Airport	Haneda Airport (25 min. by car)
	Narita Airport (60 min. by car)
Capacity	
Length	430 m / 1,410 ft (1 berth)
Water Depth	11.5 m / 37.7 ft
Apron Width	30 m / 98.4 ft
Bollards	1,000 kN × 10, 1,500 kN × 9
Fenders	V-type (vertical)
Tidal Range	2.4 m / 7.8 ft
Clearance	No limit
Facility Overview	
Total Floor Space	19,000 m ² / 17,940 sq. yd. 4 stories
Layout	1st Floor: Entrance, baggage drop-off, bus / taxi pools
	2nd Floor: Arrival lobby, CIQ area, baggage pick-up
	3rd Floor: CIQ area, check-in counters
	4th Floor: Multi-purpose rooms, VIP room, observation deck
Boarding Bridges	Rail-style bridges × 2
Notices	
- Can accommodate large cruise ships up to approx. 220,000 GT class vessels	
- Floor plans are changeable on 2nd and 3rd floors	

Common Information

Services
- Welcome ceremonies (Japanese drums, brass band performance, etc.)
- Tourist information center, currency exchange
- Shuttle bus services



Another terminal will reopen in June 2025

Name	
Harumi Cruise Terminal	
Location	
5-7-1 Harumi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo	
Access	
Station	Tokyo Station (Shinkansen available) (15 min. by car)
	Subway Ginza Station (10 min. by car)
	Subway Kachidoki Station (6 min. by car)
Airport	Haneda Airport (20 min. by car)
	Narita Airport (60 min. by car)
Capacity	
Length	456 m / 1,496 ft
Water Depth	10 m / 32.8 ft
Apron Width	Under-design
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	2.4 m / 7.8 ft
Clearance	50 – 52 m / 164 – 170 ft
Facility Overview	
1st Floor: Entrance, lobby, lounges, CIQ area, parking area	
Notices	
Vessels must pass under the Rainbow Bridge. The maximum permissible draft depends on the tide (50 m / 164 ft at high tide and 52 m / 170 ft at low tide). The bridge can accommodate cruise ships up to approx. 60,000 GT class.	

Notices	
Bay Pilot / Harbor Pilot	The Pilotage Law requires compulsory bay pilot and harbor pilot for vessels of 10,000 GT or more.
Tugboat	Pilot has the authority to determine how many tugboats are necessary.

Sightseeing Spots

■ Marunouchi & Tokyo Station

This is the center of Tokyo. The Imperial Palace, known as the Kokyo, is located on the site of Edo Castle. Moats, bridges, and gates remain as vestiges of the feudal castle. Tokyo Station is in a historic building built in 1914 and restored in 2012. From here, you can travel everywhere in Japan by train and or Shinkansen. Modern office buildings and commercial facilities stand alongside the station building.



Imperial Palace



Tokyo station

■ Ginza & Tsukiji

Ginza, a world-renowned shopping district, has the latest commercial facilities as well as prestigious shops and high fashion brands. There is also the Kabukiza Theatre, where you can enjoy Japanese traditional Kabuki theater. Tsukiji, the food district known as “Tokyo's kitchen,” is only a few minutes' walk away. The market sells fresh seafood too, such as sushi and sashimi.



Sushi

■ Akihabara & Ueno

Akihabara, known affectionately as Akiba, is Japan's biggest electronics district and is a renowned mecca for “otaku” fans of anime, games, idols, etc. Experience the power of Cool Japan here. Ueno is home to many sightseeing spots such as museums, a zoo, shopping districts, and more. The National Museum of Western Art was listed as a world cultural heritage in 2016 as an architectural work by Le Corbusier.



Ueno

■ Shibuya & Harajuku

This area is the heart of Tokyo's youth culture. Shibuya is famous for the crowds at the “scramble” crossing. Harajuku is the vanguard of Japanese fashion, broadcasting the adorable “Kawaii” Japanese style to the world.



Shibuya

■ Asakusa



Senso-ji Temple

Near Asakusa stands TOKYO SKYTREE®, the world's tallest freestanding broadcasting tower, which is 634 m (2,080 ft) high. The top floor observation deck has 360-degree glass walls.



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■ Izu-Ogasawara Islands

Tokyo isn't just about bustling streets — there are also relaxing beach resorts further south well worth visiting. The Izu Islands, a chain of beautiful volcanic islands, lie about 100 km south of central Tokyo, while the Ogasawara Islands are located approximately 1,000 km south of central Tokyo. Here, you can enjoy whale watching, swimming with dolphins, scuba diving, and more. In 2011, the Ogasawara Islands were designated as a world natural heritage site.

■ Around Tokyo

You can visit numerous sightseeing spots within one or two hours from Tokyo, including Hakone, Kamakura, and more. If you have a few more hours, you can even go to Mt. Fuji or Nikko. You can also reach Tokyo Disney Resort in around 20 minutes from Tokyo Station.



Port of YOKOHAMA

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Yamashita park and Hikawa-maru

The Port of Yokohama was opened in 1859 as Japan's first modern international trade port and has now become the leading cruise port in the nation. The port, conveniently located within Tokyo Bay and surrounded by a rich assortment of tourist attractions, plays a vital role as the gateway port for metropolitan Tokyo as well as eastern and northern Japan. There are three passenger terminals in Yokohama. The Osanbashi Passenger Terminal and the Shinko Pier Cruise Terminal are located in the downtown, with shopping, dining and tourist destinations all within walking distance. The Daikoku Pier Cruise Terminal opened in 2019 to call for mega cruise ships. The Port of Yokohama provides for all your needs, whether these be short port calls of around 2 hours, longer stays, or accommodation either before or after a cruise.



Port Facilities

Name	
(1) Osanbashi Passenger Terminal (Yokohama International Passenger Terminal)	
(2) Daikoku Pier Cruise Terminal	
(3) Shinko Pier Cruise Terminal	
Location	
(1) 1-1-4 Kaigandori, Naka-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa	
(2) 13 Daikoku-Futo, Tsurumi-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa	
(3) 2-11-4 Shinko, Naka-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa	
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	
(1) Nihon-oudouri Station, Minatomirai Line (Subway) (approx. 5 min. walk)	
(2) Motomachi-Chukagai Station, Minatomirai Line (Subway) (approx. 15 min. by taxi)	
Tsurumi station, JR Keihin-Tohoku Line (approx. 20min. by taxi)	
(3) Bashamichi Station, Minatomirai Line (Subway) (approx. 10 min. walk)	
Minatomirai Station, Minatomirai Line (Subway) (approx. 12 min. walk)	
Sakuragicho Station, JR Keihin-Tohoku Line (approx. 15 min. walk)	
Access	
Station	(1) Tokyo Station (approx. 40 min. by bus or train)
	(2) Tokyo Station (approx. 50 min. by train and taxi)
	(3) Tokyo Station (approx. 40 min. by bus or train)
Airport	(1) Haneda Airport (approx. 30 min. by bus), Narita Airport (approx. 90 min. by bus)
	(2) Haneda Airport (approx. 20 min. by taxi), Narita Airport (approx. 90 min. by taxi)
	(3) Haneda Airport (approx. 30 min. by bus), Narita Airport (approx. 90 min. by bus)
Shinkansen	(1) JR Shin-Yokohama Station (approx. 25 min. by bus)
	(2) JR Shin-Yokohama Station (approx. 30 min. by bus)
	(3) JR Shin-Yokohama Station (approx. 25 min. by bus)



Facilities	
Facility Overview	
(1) * Basement: Machine room	
* 1st Floor: Parking (400 standard-sized cars or 28 buses)	
* 2nd Floor: Passenger terminal, traffic plaza, lobby (information desk, ticketing counters, waiting lounges, cafe, shops)	
--- Approx. 6,500 m ²	
CIQ Plaza (Customs, Immigrations, Quarantine facilities)	
--- Approx. 2,000 m ²	
Cruise Decks Osanbashi Hall (hall, restaurant)	
--- Approx. 2,000 m ² (hall)	
* Rooftop : Rooftop plaza, visitors' decks, outdoor event plaza	
(2) 1st Floor: Cruise terminal	
(3) 1st Floor: Cruise terminal, shops, restaurants	
2nd Floor: Shops, restaurants, hotel lobby	
3rd – 5th Floors: Hotel rooms	
Length	(1) Approx. 430 m
	(2) Approx. 80 m
	(3) —
Height	(1) Approx. 15 m at highest point
	(2) Approx. 9.5 m at highest point
	(3) —
Width	(1) Approx. 70 m
	(2) Approx. 70 m
	(3) —
Total Floor Space	(1) Approx. 44,000 m ²
	(2) Approx. 5,600 m ²
	(3) Approx. 4,200 m ²
Capacity	
Length	(1) Berths A & B: 450 m, Berths C & D: 450 m
	(2) Berths P3 – 4: 290 m, T3 – 6: 740 m
	(3) Berth S9: 340 m
Water Depth	(1) Berths A & B: 12 m, Berths C & D: 10 – 11m
	(2) Berths P3 – 4: 12 m, T3 – 6: 11 m
	(3) Berth S9: 9.5 m
Apron Width	(1) Berths A & B: 20 m, Berths C & D: 20 m
	(2) Berths P3 – 4: 20 m, T3 – 6: 20 m
	(3) Berth S9: 20 m
Boarding Bridge (1) 4 (mobile) (2) None (3) None	
Tidal Range (1) 2 m (2) 2 m (3) 2 m	
Services	
Welcome Ceremonies (1) (2) (3) Depends on occasion	
Introducing Japanese Culture (1) (2) (3) Depends on occasion	
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange (1) (2) (3) Available	

Sightseeing Spots

■ Sankeien Garden

This Japanese garden, designed by the industrialist Sankei Hara in 1906, contains historical architecture and buildings. <https://www.sankeien.or.jp/en/>



■ Yokohama Air Cabin (Ropeway)

A new, advanced mode of transportation, allowing visitors to travel while enjoying views of the city from the Minatomirai area. <https://yokohama-air-cabin.jp/en/>



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■ Cupnoodles Museum Yokohama

An interactive food education museum with diverse exhibits and hands-on workshops to learn about instant noodles. <https://www.cup-noodles-museum.jp/en/yokohama/>



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■ Creative Illumination

The limited-time sound and light performance with hotels, commercial facilities, office buildings in the waterfront light up all at once is a special must-see event.



■ GREEN × EXPO 2027

International Horticultural Expo 2027 will be held in Yokohama. Visitors can experience a variety of extraordinary worlds, viewing gardens decorated with beautiful flowers and greenery from every season while using all five senses to enjoy food, culture, and people from all over the world.



Japan Association for the International Horticultural Expo 2027, Yokohama

■ Around Yokohama

You can visit many sightseeing spots around 30-60 minutes from Yokohama, including Hakone, Kamakura, Odawara, Shibuya, Ginza, and more. Enjoy both historical remnants and modern cityscapes of Japan.



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Mt. Fuji

Shizuoka Prefecture is located almost in the center of Japan. There are many unique ports along the long coastline. The most attractive element of our ports is Mt. Fuji, a World Heritage Site and the symbol of Japan. You can see it from various angles from all over the prefecture. It is also a famous green tea producing region, and there are plenty of facilities and spots where you can enjoy tea. The climate is relatively warm even in winter, so we welcome you to visit our port any time of the year.



Port of SHIMIZU (Shizuoka City)

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Port Facilities

Name	
Shimizu Hinode Wharf	
Location	
10-80 Hinode-cho, Shimizu-ku, Shizuoka City, Shizuoka	
Access	
Station	Shimizu Station, JR (approx. 10 min. by bus)
	Shin-Shimizu Station, Shizuoka Railway (approx. 5 min. by bus)
Airport	Narita Airport (approx. 120 min by Shinkansen and train)
	Centrair Airport (approx. 120 min by Shinkansen and train)
Shinkansen	Mt. Fuji Shizuoka Airport (approx. 50 min. by bus)
	Shizuoka Station, JR (approx. 25 min. by bus and train)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	1st Floor: Marine Terminal (1) Lobby (2) CIQ Terminal
	2nd Floor: Marine Terminal (1) Lobby (2) Multipurpose hall (3) Observation deck
	Rooftop: Observation deck
Length	Approx. 100 m
Height	Approx. 20 m at highest point
Width	Approx. 30 m
Total Floor Space	Approx. 3,000 m ²

Capacity	
Length	820 m
Water Depth	12 m
Apron Width	35 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	1.6 m
Notices	
Maximum Aircraft	No limit
Bay Pilot	Not necessary
Harbor Pilot	Not required, but local agents recommend the use of a harbor pilot when entering Shimizu.
Tugboat	Not required. Pilot has the authority to determine how many tugboats are necessary.



Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	(1) Welcome ceremonies for the first call featuring presentation of bouquets from members of Shimizu Geigi geisha troupe, and commemorative gifts from the Shimizu Port Passenger Ships Promotion Committee. (2) Farewell fireworks
Tourist Information, Currency Exchange	Tourist information and currency exchange are available pierside.
Shuttle Bus Services	Negotiable
City Sightseeing for Crews	Negotiable

Sightseeing Spots

■ Miho no Matsubara

The coastal pine grove of Miho no Matsubara was listed as part of the UNESCO Mt. Fuji World Cultural Heritage Site for its profound historical and cultural connections to the mountain. Home to two sacred shrines linked by a pine-lined boardwalk called "The path of the gods," it is the source of the famous "feather robe" legend that has inspired numerous works of art. Miho no Matsubara Culture&Creativity Centre uses multilingual displays to introduce visitors to this sacred seaside locale.



Miho no Matsubara

■ Nihondaira-Kunozan Toshogu

A scenic hilltop just a short trip from Shimizu Port, Nihondaira is home to Kunozan Toshogu (pictured), a 400-year-old shrine and designated National Treasure. Visitors can arrive either by a 1,159-step stone staircase or a leisurely 5-minute gondola ride. Nihondaira is also home to Shizuoka Prefecture's largest zoo and, since November 2018, Nihondaira Yume Terrace (pictured), a timber-decked observation platform offering panoramic views of Mt. Fuji, Shizuoka's cityscape, and Suruga Bay, listed as one of the world's most beautiful bays.



Kunozan Toshogu



Nihondaira Yume Terrace



Nihondaira Yume Terrace

■ Sumpu Castle Park

Tokugawa Ieyasu was a shogun who brought peace to Japan and spent the last decade of his life in Shizuoka at Sumpu Castle. Now, the former site of the castle is the city's biggest urban park, still surrounded by beautiful stonewall moats just like the castle was four centuries ago. The exhibits in the East Gate and Tatsumi Turret were renewed in April 2021.



Sumpu Castle Park

Port of OMAEZAKI

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Port Facilities

Name	Port of OMAEZAKI West Wharfs No. 1 & No. 2
Location	6620 Minato, Omaezaki City, Shizuoka
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	JR Kikugawa Station (40 min. by car)
Access	
Station	JR Kakegawa Station (50 min. by car)
Airport	Mt. Fuji Shizuoka Airport (35 min. by car)
Shinkansen	JR Kakegawa Station (50 min. by car)



Capacity	
Length	510 m
Water Depth	12 m
Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	1.72 m



Sightseeing Spots

■ Grinpia Makinohara

Enjoy a tea picking experience in a huge tea field (late April to early October), a tour of a tea factory, and tea tastings. You can also buy tea and tea-based sweets, or try the rich matcha and hojicha-flavored ice creams.



Grinpia Makinohara

■ Omaezaki Lighthouse

The chalk-white Western-style lighthouse is the symbol of Omaezaki City. It was constructed in 1874 under the supervision of a British engineer, and continues to maintain its beautiful appearance while ensuring the safety of the seas.



Omaezaki Lighthouse

Port of TAGONOURA

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Port Facilities

Name	Port of TAGONOURA Fuji Wharf
Location	2-1 Suzukawa-cho, Fuji-City, Shizuoka
Access	
Station	JR Yoshiwara Station (5 min. by car)
Airport	Mt. Fuji Shizuoka Airport (75 min. by car)
Shinkansen	JR Shin-Fuji Station (10 min. by car)



Capacity	
Length	240 m
Water Depth	12 m
Apron Width	15 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	1.6 m



■ Mt. Fuji World Heritage Centre

A uniquely devised museum in the neighboring city of Fujinomiya. Inside, visitors walk up a dark, helical slope, much like a night climb up Mt. Fuji. As you walk past gorgeous time-lapse videos taken from the slopes, the sounds of wind, birds, and hiking boots on gravel fill your ears.



Mt. Fuji World Heritage Centre

■ Ohbuchi Sasaba Tea Fields

A tea plantation located in the Obuchi district of Fuji City, at the foot of Mt. Fuji. It is one of the few places where you can take photos of Mt. Fuji and tea fields without any man-made structures. The view of the large Mt. Fuji beyond the terraced tea fields is truly spectacular.



Ohbuchi Sasaba Tea Fields



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Takeshima Island

The Port of Gamagori can be found at around the mid-point of the Japanese Pacific Coast. Located between Tokyo and Osaka, fairly close to the city of Nagoya, the port itself is housed in the scenic Mikawa Bay Quasi-National Park. It is known as a seaside town, thanks to the ocean-themed resort facility Laguna Ten Bosch. It is also known as a spot for hot spring bathing, boasting four elegant hot spring districts. Gamagori is also famous for shellfish gathering. Many tourists will come together in several designated areas in Gamagori this year to gather these delicacies, as the ban on this practice will be lifted this spring. Gamagori Udon is a dish of udon noodles in dashi (soup stock), cooked with locally harvested clams, that has won the Grand Prix at the National Udon Summit three times. Numerous tourist spots can be reached from Gamagori within an hour by bus.



Port Facilities

Name	
Gamagori No.11 Wharf	
Location	
Hama-cho Gamagori City, Aichi	
Access	
Station	JR Gamagori Station (10 min. by car)
Airport	Chubu Centrair International Airport (90 min. by car) (70 min. by train)
Shinkansen	JR Nagoya Station (60 min. by car) (36 min. by train)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	None available
Capacity	
Length	380 m
Water Depth	11 m
Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	2.33 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremony	Hand-held fireworks, local traditional arts, etc.
Introducing Japanese Culture	Kimono wearing experience, matcha green tea experience, braiding experience (friendship bracelets), furoshiki wrapping experience, etc.
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Temporary booths supplying tourist information and currency exchange (USD) can be set up on the wharf.
Shuttle Bus Services	Available upon request
City Sightseeing for Crews	Available upon request

Hand-held fireworks



Sightseeing Spots

■ Takeshima Island

Connected to land by a 387-meter bridge, this small island is both a symbol of Gamagori and a designated Natural Treasure of Japan. The scenery has a wonderful spiritual aesthetic, and it is believed that visiting the five shrines on the island will bring future prosperity.



Takeshima Island

■ Gamagori Orange Park

A fruit based theme park where visitors can enjoy fruit picking throughout the year. This venue also features a restaurant and souvenir shop.



Gamagori Orange Park

* Gamagori Mikan (Tangerines)

Gamagori tangerines, high in sugar content with a mild tartness, are a specialty of the town. The Hakoiri Musume (which translates roughly to 'Daughter in a Box') is a type of tangerine grown by local farmers with such care that one might think the fruit really was one of their own relatives! It truly has the perfect sweetness and appearance, although you can enjoy a variety of mikan tangerines of differing tastes and textures throughout the year. Products and sweets made from tangerines grown in Gamagori are sold in many stores throughout the town, highly recommended as either souvenirs or as a personal treat.

■ Day Trips to Hot Springs

Enjoy mental as well as physical rest and relaxation while soaking in an outdoor hot spring bath overlooking the sea. There is no need to bring any personal effects, as towels are available on site. Gamagori onsens (hot springs) are known for making the skin smooth and silky.



One-day Hot Spring

■ Gamagori Classic Hotel

Fabulous and historic, the first international tourist hotel in Japan

Originally named the Gamagori Hotel, it was built in 1934 and was designated the first international tourist hotel in Japan. In addition to the exterior with its elegant façade of splendid castle-style architecture, the interior decoration and furnishings of the Gamagori Classic Hotel are in a warm, discerning Art Deco style.



Gamagori Classic Hotel

The location overlooks Takeshima, which is the symbol of Gamagori City, and attracts a member of tourists. The Emperor and Empress, members of the royal family, and Babe Ruth, the American professional baseball player, all stayed in this hotel. With superb views and a magnificent interior, this hotel is also famous as a filming location for TV dramas. It is a must see if you come to Gamagori.

■ Aji no Yamasui & Gamagori Seafood Markets

Many kinds of fresh fish are caught in Gamagori, a city located on Mikawa Bay. Mehikari, a deep-sea fish related to the greeneye, is particularly famous. Mehikari meat is soft and rich, with exceptional flavor.



Aji no Yamasui & Gamagori Seafood Markets

■ Okazaki Castle

Okazaki Castle is a 50-minute drive from Gamagori. It is the birthplace of Tokugawa Ieyasu, the famous shogun and warlord who unified Japan under his rule. What's more, some believe that visiting this castle can improve your career prospects!



Okazaki Castle



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The Port of Nagoya is located near the center of Japan, with a number of places of cultural and industrial interest within a short distance that make for excellent day trips. The metropolitan city of Nagoya enjoys prosperity as a center for diverse industries. Factory tours at some of Japan's leading manufacturers are available to visitors in this region, and can serve to differentiate your trip from the ordinary. At the same time, Nagoya has maintained many traditional aspects including Nagoya Castle, a symbolic castle town developed in the feudal era of the Tokugawa Shogunate. Cruise ships are accommodated at Garden Pier, which has leisure facilities to suit every taste: Port of Nagoya Public Aquarium, Fuji Antarctic Museum, Maritime Museum, and JETTY shopping area.



Port Facilities

Name		
(1) Berths No. 2 & 3, Garden Pier (2) Berths No. 80 & 81, Kinjo Pier		
Location		
(1) 108 Minato-machi, Minato-ku, Nagoya City, Aichi (2) 2-7 Kinjo-futo, Minato-ku, Nagoya City, Aichi		
Access		
Station	(1) Nagoyako Station, Meiko Line (Subway) (approx. 5 min. walk) (2) Kinjo Futo Station, Aonami Line (approx. 10 min. walk)	
Airport	(1) Chubu Centrair International Airport (approx. 1 hour by subway and train) (2) Chubu Centrair International Airport (approx. 1 hour by train)	
Shinkansen	(1) JR Nagoya Station (approx. 30 min. by subway) (2) JR Nagoya Station (approx. 30 min. by train)	
Facilities		
Facility Overview	(1) (2) None available	
Capacity	(1)	(2)
Length	Berth No. 2: 185 m Berth No. 3: 290 m	Berth No. 80: 200 m Berth No. 81: 200 m
Water Depth	Berth No. 2: 10 m Berth No. 3: 10 m	Berth No. 80: 10 m Berth No. 81: 10 m
Apron Width	Berth No. 2: 20 m Berth No. 3: 20 m	Berth No. 80: 20 m Berth No. 81: 20 m
Boarding Bridges	N / A	N / A
Tidal Range	2.61 m	2.61 m

Notices	
Maximum air draft at Meiko Central Bridge	To berth at Garden Pier, vessel's air draft must be less than 52.5 m.
Bay Pilot	Please contact Ise-Mikawawan Licensed Pilots Association for details. *Private rates
Harbor Pilot	Please contact Ise-Mikawawan Licensed Pilots Association for details. *Private rates
Tugboat	Pilots have the authority to determine how many tugboats are necessary. Please contact NAGOYA TUG OPERATION CENTER for details. *Private rates
Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	Welcome greetings, presentation of commemorative gifts, presentation of bouquets of flowers, etc.
Introducing Japanese Culture	Depends on occasion
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Tourist information booth will be located on the wharf and at nearby facilities. Currency exchange will be located on the wharf, but can also be done at the nearest bank (10 min. walk)
Shuttle Bus Services	Depends on occasion
City Sightseeing for Crews	Depends on occasion

Sightseeing Spots

■ Nagoya Castle

Nagoya castle was built by the order of Tokugawa Ieyasu in 1612. The reconstruction of the Hommaru Palace was completed on June 8th, 2018. Ornamented with golden screen paintings and 3D carvings, guests can experience how beautiful the palace once was over 400 years ago. Guests can also interact with roaming samurai and ninja on weekdays, and can even enjoy thrilling dance performances filled with acrobatic choreography on the weekends.



Hommaru Palace

■ SCMAGLEV and Railway Park

Focusing mainly on the Tokaido Shinkansen (a bullet train with rolling stock), the exhibits range from conventional trains through to next-generation superconducting SCMAGLEV trains. The museum shows the progress of rapid transit railway technology, and visitors can experience both actual trains and model trains. Rail simulators provide an interesting way of getting to grips with rail transport history and traffic control.



SCMAGLEV and Railway Park

■ LEGOLAND® Japan Resort

LEGOLAND® Japan Resort is a large family resort and outdoor theme park inspired by LEGO® bricks and is designed primarily for families with children from 2 to 12 years old. It features more than 40 different attractions, shows, theaters, restaurants and shops, allowing visitors to let their imaginations run wild. In addition, the LEGOLAND® Japan Hotel, surrounded by LEGO® bricks, is a favorite among LEGO® fans, with themed rooms and restaurants where children can let their pirates, brave knights and noble pharaohs. SEA LIFE Nagoya is one of the largest aquarium brands, with more than 50 locations in 18 countries. Visitors can enjoy the interaction of LEGO® models and 3,500 marine animals of about 150 species.



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■ Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology

Preserving and utilizing the old factory and industrial heritage at the birthplace of Toyota, this facility was established by the 13 Toyota Group companies. With a focus on textiles and automobiles, the Museum introduces industrial and technological revolutions through real machines and moving exhibits.



Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology

■ Port of Nagoya Public Aquarium

The aquarium's North Building is home to large sea mammals like dolphins and white whales (beluga) that adapted to sea life over a long course of evolution. Various kinds of water creatures that live in 5 aquatic zones from Japan to the Antarctic are featured in the South Building.



Port of Nagoya Public Aquarium

■ Atsuta Shrine

The Atsuta Shrine is home to the Kusanagi-no-Tsurugi, a sword that is one of the Three Sacred Imperial Treasures of Japan. This is Japan's second-largest shrine after Ise Shrine in Mie Prefecture, and about 6.5 million people visit here annually.



Atsuta Shrine

■ National Treasure: Inuyama Castle

Inuyama Castle was built about 490 years ago by Oda Nobuyasu, uncle of Oda Nobunaga. It is the oldest remaining donjon in Japan and has been designated as a National Treasure. The castle rises up above the southern bank of the Kiso River, offering superb views from the castle tower.



National Treasure: Inuyama Castle

Nagoya Castle

Garden Pier



Kinjo Pier





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Yokoyama Observatory (Shima City)

Yokkaichi Port is located in the northern part of Mie Prefecture, almost right in the center of Japan. Many sightseeing spots in Mie are accessible from the port. Mie Prefecture has 5 main areas. The Hokusei area has the Gozaisho Ropeway, the Yunoyama Onsen spa resort where you can enjoy wild natural beauty, and the Suzuka Circuit where Formula 1 racing is held. The Chunansei area has the Sakakibara Onsen spa resort and many restaurants that serve world-famous Matsuzaka beef. The Iga area was once home to the Iga-ryu school of ninjas, and at Iga-ryu Ninja Museum, visitors can enjoy the ninja show. The Ise-Shima area has Ise Jingu, the most prestigious shrine in Japan and the spiritual homeland of the Japanese, as well as local Ama huts where you can enjoy fresh seafood. Finally, the Higashi-Kishu area has the World Heritage-listed Kumano Kodo pilgrims' walk.



Port Facilities

Name				
(1) Wharf No. 15 Yokkaichi area (2) Wharf No. 23, 24, 25 Kasumigaura South Pier				
Location				
(1) 36 Chitose-cho, Yokkaichi City, Mie (2) 2 Kasumi, Yokkaichi City, Mie				
Access				
Station	(1) Kintetsu Yokkaichi Station (10 min. by car) (2) Kintetsu Yokkaichi Station (20 min. by car)			
Airport	(1) Chubu Centrair International Airport (60 min. by car) (2) Chubu Centrair International Airport (45 min. by car)			
Shinkansen	(1) Nagoya Station (60 min. by car) (2) Nagoya Station (45 min. by car)			
Facilities				
Facility Overview	None available			
Capacity	(1) Wharf No. 15	(2) Wharf No. 23	Wharf No. 24	Wharf No. 25
Length	245 m	720 m (240 m × 3)		
Water Depth	10 m	12 m	12 m	12 m
Apron Width	20 m	20 m	20 m	20 m
Boarding Bridges	N / A	N / A	N / A	N / A
Tidal Range	2.36 m	2.36 m	2.36 m	2.36 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremony	Welcome greetings, presentation of commemorative gifts, flower bouquet, etc.
Introducing Japanese Culture	Japanese drum band performance for departures, etc.
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Tourist information, currency exchange, and souvenir shops open at pierside.
Shuttle Bus Services	Negotiable
City Sightseeing for Crews	Negotiable



Yokkaichi area



Kasumi area



Sightseeing Spots

Ise Jingu



Officially known as Jingu, Ise Jingu is the collective name for 125 local Shin-to shrines, rather than being a single shrine. Besides the two main sanctuaries of Geku and Naiku, the shrine complex includes another 14 auxiliary shrines within the central sanctuaries, and 109 other peripheral shrines classified as sessha, massha, or shokansha. Ise Jingu covers about 5,500 hectares. Its magnificent precincts occupy as much as one-fifth of all the land in Ise City.



Ise Jingu

Oharai-machi

Oharai-machi extends to the entrance to the Naiku sanctuary. It has retained a number of historic structures, including buildings with features such as kirizuma and tsumairi (side and front gables). Enjoy varied local cuisine at restaurants here, and buy some souvenirs from Ise Shima and the rest of Mie Prefecture.

Oharai-machi



Ama Hut Experience

A wonderful opportunity to hear the tales told by the Ama (women divers). To warm up for diving, Ama traditionally built huts on the shore. Now, visitors to these huts can sample the freshest seafood, sit around the hearth with working divers, and listen to their tales of the sea. This may be your only chance to hear rare stories handed down through the generations from older to younger Ama divers.



Ama Hut Experience

Iga-ryu Ninja

During the feudal period of Japan's history, civil war was rife. In this time, the ninja were principally agents of espionage and stealth hired by warring factions to gain intelligence about the activities of their enemies. Of the various schools of ninjutsu developed throughout history, only two were ever considered to be leaders in their field: Iga-ryu and Koka-ryu. Koka-ryu (or Koka style) ninjutsu was developed in the city of Koka in Shiga Prefecture, while Iga-ryu (or Iga style) was developed right here in the Iga region of Mie Prefecture.



Iga-ryu Ninja





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LARGE

MIDDLE

SMALL

Toba Port is located in the central part of Mie Prefecture, facing the Pacific Ocean. Ise-Shima, where Toba Port is located, straddles the three municipalities of Ise, Toba, and Shima, and is situated on the Shima Peninsula at the eastern end of Mie Prefecture, facing Ise Bay and the Pacific Ocean, and consisting of inhabited outlying islands such as Kamishima, Toshijima, and Sugashima and peninsulas. Most of the flat land is along the coastline, and much of it is steep mountainous terrain, which is colored pastel pink with cherry blossoms in the spring. This is followed by a wonderful world of fresh greenery and beautiful autumn foliage. The coastline also has a scenic rias coastline, as the mountains extend into the coastal area, and the entire area was designated as Ise-Shima National Park in 1946.



Toba Port Festival

Port Facilities

Name	
TOBA Marine Terminal (Toba Bay offshore stay)	
Location	
Tobacho, Toba city, Mie	
Access	
Station	Toba Station (2 min. by car) (7 min. by walk)
Airport	Chubu Centrair International Airport (130 min. by car)
Shinkansen	Nagoya Station (120 min. by car) (100 min. by train)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	TOBA Marine Terminal (Toba Bay offshore stay)
Length	64.5 m
Height	9.6 m
Width	1F Communication Hall (235 m ²) 2F Interaction Lounge (210 m ²)
Total Floor Space	1,345 m ²
Capacity	
Length	290 m (Toba Bay offshore stay) Small ship Car terminal (20 m)
Water Depth	Small ship Car terminal (3 m)
Apron Width	None available
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	Approx. 7 m

Services	
Service	Content
Welcome Ceremony	(1) First-time arrivals: Presentation of bouquets, souvenirs, and a commemorative plaque. (2) Performance by Kuki Suigun Taiko. (3) Red handkerchief ceremony.
Introducing Japanese Culture	Kuki Suigun Taiko Experience
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	A temporary tourist information center has been set up at the terminal. There is also a tourist information center at Kintetsu Toba Station. Currency exchange is not available. Cash advance function available at nearby ATMs.
Shuttle Bus Services	Please make an inquiry for more information.
City Sightseeing for Crews	Travel maps and guidebooks provided.
Wi-Fi	Free wi-fi service available.



Sightseeing Spots

Ise City



Ise Jingu

Ise is home to the Ise Jingu Shrine, which is said to be "the spiritual home of the Japanese people" and has remained unchanged for approximately 2,000 years. Ise is a place of longing where visitors can experience the food, history, and culture that have been nurtured along with its history.



Oharai machi

Shima City

Shima City is blessed with beautiful nature and rich culture, with the entire city designated as Ise-Shima National Park. Ago Bay's intricate ria coastline offers breathtaking scenery, and the abundance of fresh seafood makes Shima particularly appealing. Shima also offers activities that showcase its natural environment. There are various attractions such as the Yokoyama Observatory overlooking Ago Bay, and Ama huts where you can experience the unique Ama diver culture.

Ago Bay



Yokoyama Observatory



Toba City

There are four inhabited islands off the coast of Toba Bay. Each island is served by a city-operated regular boat service. The islands include "Toshijima," with Japan's only remaining Neyako system, and "Sugashima," with Japan's oldest brick Western-style lighthouse, offering a uniquely Japanese nostalgic atmosphere.



Toba Aquarium



Sugashima Lighthouse

Ama

Toba is the hometown of ama. Divers are fishermen who dive for shellfish and seaweed. Ama fishing has been practiced for more than 3,000 years. Toba is home to the largest number of ama divers in Japan. Toba has the largest number of ama divers in Japan, and the lifestyle of people living with the sea is still alive and well in Toba. Toba has the largest number of ama divers in Japan.

Shirongo Festival



Ama Hut Experience (Shima City)



Mikimoto Pearl Island





Kumano Nachi Taisha

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Wakayama Prefecture is located in the southeast of the Kii Peninsula, the largest peninsula in Japan, and its 650-kilometer coastline faces onto the Pacific Ocean. The land is full of greenery with beautiful mountains, and therefore came to be called Kinokuni, or “Land of Trees.” Endowed with both natural and historical assets, Wakayama also has three large ports: the Port of Wakayama-Shimotsu, the Port of Shingu, and the Port of Hidaka. The Port of Wakayama-Shimotsu is the major international port in the area. It is also the closest port to Koyasan, the main site of “Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range,” which attracts many visitors from overseas with its 1200-year history.



Port of WAKAYAMA-SHIMOTSU

MIDDLE

SMALL

Port Facilities

Name
(1) Central Wharf No.1 & No.2 (2) Central Wharf No.3 & No.4 (3) Nishihama Wharf No.3 (4) Nishihama Wharf No.5
Location
(1) Minato, Wakayama City, Wakayama (2)(3)(4) Nishihama, Wakayama City, Wakayama
Access
(1) (2) Nankai Electric Railway, Wakayamako Station (10 min. walk) (3) (4) Nankai Electric Railway, Wakayamako Station (15 min. walk)
Rail Station

Airport
From Kansai International Airport (45 min. by car)
Shinkansen
From Shin-Osaka Station (60 min. by JR limited express train)
Capacity
(1) (2) 185 m (3) 240 m (4) 260 m
Length
* (3) & (4) can operate together
Water Depth
(1) (2) 10 m (3) 12 m (4) 13 m

Apron Width
20 m
Tidal Range
1.9 m
Boarding Bridges
None available

Port of SHINGU

MIDDLE

SMALL

Port Facilities

Name
(1) Sano Wharf No.3 (2) Miwasaki Wharf No.4
Location
(1) Sano, Shingu City, Wakayama (2) Miwasaki, Shingu City, Wakayama
Access
JR Kii-sano Station (5 min. by car)
Rail Station
Nanki Shirahama Airport (2 hours by car)
Airport

Shinkansen
From Nagoya Station (3 hours by JR limited express train)
Capacity
(1) 348 m (2) 185 m
Length
(1) 12.5 m to -10 m (2) 10 m
Water Depth
20 m
Apron Width
1.8 m
Tidal Range
None available
Boarding Bridges

Port of HIDAKA

MIDDLE

SMALL

Port Facilities

Name
Shioya Wharf No.1
Location
Shioya, Gobo City, Wakayama
Access
JR Gobo Station (10 min. by car)
Rail Station
Nanki Shirahama Airport (50 min. by car)
Airport

Shinkansen
From Shin-Osaka Station (2 hours by JR limited express train)
Capacity
240 m
Length
12 m
Water Depth
20 m
Apron Width
None available
Boarding Bridges
1.9 m
Tidal Range

Sightseeing Spots

Koyasan (UNESCO World Heritage site)

The monk Kobo Daishi founded the Koyasan spiritual center 1,200 years ago. It has over 117 Buddhist temples and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. On the mountain, you can stay overnight at a temple, try Buddhist vegetarian food, and practice the method of meditation introduced by Kobo Daishi. Also, be sure to visit Kongobuji Temple, Okunoin Cemetery, and Danjo Garan. (90 min. from Port of Wakayama-Shimotsu)



Koyasan

Kumano-Kodo (UNESCO World Heritage site)

During the Heian period (794–1185), members of the Imperial Court made the 30-to 40-day journey to Kumano along the Kumano Kodo pilgrimage route, sometimes multiple times a year, worshipping at the many shrines and temples along the way. These included the three main shrines referred to as the “Kumano Sanzan”: Kumano Hongu Taisha, Kumano Hayatama Taisha, and Kumano Nachi Taisha. Respect for nature is central to the Kumano Shinto faith, and there is no better way to honor the environment than a pilgrimage through the sacred forests that run along the Kumano Kodo pilgrimage routes. This region is crisscrossed with walking and hiking paths, ranging from easy to arduous. Choose your own path and experience thrilling journeys in Kumano. (30 min. from Port of Shingu)



Kumano-Kodo

Wakayama Castle

This castle was originally built in 1585. Armor worn by samurai warriors is on display here. There is a tea room in the garden where you can experience the traditional tea ceremony. The view from the castle tower is spectacular; enjoy cherry blossoms in spring and brilliant autumnal leaves in fall. (15 min. from Port of Wakayama-Shimotsu)



Wakayama Castle

Wakayama Marina City

There are many leisure facilities here, including the Kuroshio Ichiba local market, which offers various local products, tuna cutting demonstrations, a hot spring facility, and a huge seaside barbecue restaurant. (30 min. from Port of Wakayama-Shimotsu)



Wakayama Marina City

Shirahama

Shirahama, one of the oldest hot spring regions in Japan, attracts 3.3 million visitors each year. There are many sights to visit, including Engetsuto Island, Shirarahama Beach, and a major amusement park (1 hour from Port of Hidaka)



Engetsuto Island



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Awa Odori Festival in August

Tokushima Prefecture, formerly known as "Awa Province," is located in the eastern part of Shikoku Island. The Port of Tokushima-Komatsushima lies along the east coast, and has played an important role as a gateway for trade and exchange between Shikoku and Kansai. There are many must-see places in Tokushima, including the Naruto Whirlpools, the Udatu Townscape, and the Iya Valley Vine Bridges. The Awa Odori Dance Festival, one of the most famous festivals in Japan, is held here every year from August 12 to 15, when the entire city gets swept up in the passion of the dancers. Every year during this period, many visitors come to see the Awa Odori, arriving on cruise ships from Japan and abroad, and the port gladly hosts ceremonies to welcome these passengers. So head out, enjoy the historical sights and culture of Tokushima, and join in the excitement of the Awa Odori dance.



Port Facilities

Name	
(1) Akaishi Wharf	(3) Honko Wharf
(2) Kanaiso Wharf	(4) Okinosu-soto Wharf
Location	
(1) Wadatsubiraki-cho, Komatsushima City, Tokushima	
(2) Kanaiso-cho, Komatsushima City, Tokushima	
(3) Komatsushima-cho, Komatsushima City, Tokushima	
(4) Higashiokinusu, Tokushima City, Tokushima	
Access	
Station	(1) JR Minamikomatsushima Station (15 min. by car)
	(2) JR Minamikomatsushima Station (10 min. by car)
	(3) JR Minamikomatsushima Station (5 min. by car)
	(4) JR Tokushima Station (15 min. by car)
Airport	(1) Tokushima Awa Odori Airport (60 min. by car)
	(2) Tokushima Awa Odori Airport (50 min. by car)
	(3) Tokushima Awa Odori Airport (40 min. by car)
	(4) Tokushima Awa Odori Airport (30 min. by car)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	None available

Capacity	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Length	381 m	210 m, 170 m	150 m	210 m
Water Depth	13 m	11 m, 9 m	9 m	7.5 m
Apron Width	20 m	40 m	17 m	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available			
Tidal Range	1.8 m			
Services				
Welcome Ceremonies	Presentation of flower bouquet and commemorative gifts, welcome speech			
Introducing Japanese Culture	Awa Odori dance performance (during arrival or departure) Temporary traditional souvenir shops			
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Negotiable			
Shuttle Bus Services	Negotiable			
City Sightseeing for Crews	Negotiable			

Sightseeing Spots

■ Awa Jurobe Yashiki (Awa Puppet Theater and Museum)

At Awa Jurobe Yashiki, you can see daily performances of Awa Ningyo Joruri, Tokushima's traditional style of puppet theater. This museum is the former residence of Jurobe Bando, the model for a character in one of the Awa Ningyo Joruri plays. His belongings and wooden figures are on display at the museum.



The Awa Puppet Theater

■ Udatu no Machinami (Udatu Townscape)

Walking the historical streets of Wakimachi, you'll see high-winged walls that break up the continuous roofline. These structures, called Udatu, were designed to prevent the spread of fires. The national government has designated this district as an important preservation district for groups of historic buildings.



The Udatu townscape

■ Ryozen-ji Temple

Ryozen-ji Temple is the starting point of the Shikoku pilgrimage, a pilgrimage comprising of 88 temples associated with the Buddhist monk Kobo Daishi. The main hall is famous for its array of beautiful hanging lanterns. At the store located in front of the temple's gate, lectures on the Shikoku pilgrimage and costume rentals are available. Why not take part in walking this historic pilgrimage route?



Ryozen-ji Temple

■ Otsuka Kokusai Bijutsukan (Otsuka Museum of Art)

This museum houses, full-size reproductions of Western art masterpieces on ceramic boards. The collection of more than 1,000 works was selected from 190 museums in 26 countries to show the development of Western art.



Otsuka Museum of Art (The photo was taken from an exhibit at Otsuka Museum of Art.)

■ Naruto no Uzushio (Naruto Whirlpools)

This is one of the world's great attractions. Witness giant whirlpools created by the ebb and flow of currents. During spring and fall in particular, the vortexes can reach up to 20 meters in diameter. These magnificent whirlpools can be enjoyed from the Naruto Bridge Observatory or from sightseeing boats.



The Naruto Whirlpools

■ Awa Odori Kaikan (Awa Odori Hall)

At this hall, the world-famous Awa Odori folk dance can be viewed and visitors can enjoy dancing all year round. It includes an Awa Odori museum, an exhibition hall, a tourist information desk, a souvenir shop, and a ropeway station to the top of Mt. Bizan.



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Kochi Prefecture covers the southern half of the island of Shikoku, facing onto the vast Pacific Ocean. Often considered tropical, Kochi is blessed with a rich, beautiful natural environment as well as a warm climate year-round. About 84% of its land is covered in lush green forests, and the Shimanto River is renowned as Japan's only remaining untouched waterway. The Port of Kochi is located in the prefecture's center, near famous sightseeing spots such as Kochi Castle and Katsurahama Beach. Facing onto the open ocean, it offers easy access to all sizes of vessels. The Port of Sukumo is located at the west end of Kochi Prefecture. It is conveniently located, giving access to the famous sightseeing spots of Kochi, such as the Shimanto River and Cape Ashizuri.



Yosakoi Festival

Port of KOCHI

Port Facilities

Name	
(1) Misato No. 7-3 Wharf	(2) Misato No. 7-4 Wharf
Location	
4705 Shinkou, Niida, Kochi City, Kochi	
Access	
Station	JR Kochi Station (25 min by car)
Airport	Kochi Ryoma Airport (20 min by car)
Shinkansen	None
Facility Overview (New Cruise Terminal)	
Total Floor Space	1,401 m ² (over 1 story)
Layout	CIQarea, multi-purpose area, etc
Capacity	
(1)	(2)
Length	280 m 190 m
Water Depth	12 m 11 m
Apron Width	20 m 20 m
Boarding Bridges	None None
Tidal Range	1.8 m 1.8 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	1) Welcome greeting, presentation of bouquet and commemorative gift (first call) 2) Farewell performance of Yosakoi folk dance, etc. 3) Greetings by local mascot
Introducing Japanese Culture	Collage with Japanese traditional paper, kimono dressing experience, etc.
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Available on day of call
Shuttle Bus Services	Temporary shuttle bus services run between Misato Wharf and Kochi City center.
City Sightseeing for Crews	Temporary shuttle bus service available. Taxi service also available.



Port of SUKUMO

Port Facilities

Name	
(1) Ikeshima (-10 m) Wharf	(2) Ikeshima (-7.5 m) Wharf
Location	
1915-1 Shinkou, Sukumo, Kochi	
Access	
Station	Sukumo Station (5 min. by car)
Airport	Kochi Ryoma Airport (3 hours by car)
Shinkansen	None
Facility Overview	
Total Floor Space	1,320 m ²
Layout	Multi-purpose area
Capacity	
(1) 260 m	(2) 160 m
Length	
Water Depth	(1) 10 m (2) 7.5 m

Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None
Tidal Range	2 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	1) Welcome greeting. Presentation of local specialties and bouquet 2) Brass band performance 3) Free tasting of seared bonito dish 4) Farewell performance of Yosakoi folk dance
Introducing Japanese Culture	Negotiable
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Negotiable
Shuttle Bus Services	Negotiable
City Sightseeing for Crews	Negotiable



Sightseeing Spots

Kochi Castle

Kochi Castle has a 400-year history and has been designated as a national cultural asset. The resource center and castle keep (Tenshukaku) are open to the public.



Kochi Castle

Ryugado Caves

These caves were formed 175 million years ago and are protected as both a Natural Monument and Historical Landmark. Tourist access is limited to 1 km of the total 4 km length. Hard-hatted adventurers can push on into the dark interior of the cave with a flashlight on the guided adventure course! (Booking required)



Ryugado Caves

Shikoku Pilgrimage

The full pilgrimage visits 88 temples around the island of Shikoku. In Kochi, you can experience part of it by visiting temples near the port. Feel the spirit of the Buddhist priest Kukai, who initiated this pilgrimage about 1,200 years ago.



Shikoku Pilgrimage

Shimanto River

Said to be "the last clear-running stream in Japan", Shimanto River is the longest river in Shikoku at a length of 196 km. The unique landscape by the Shimanto River has been designated as culturally significant. Houseboats also allow people to enjoy sightseeing along the river.



Shimanto River

Katsurahama Beach

Katsurahama Beach is a wonderful example of the beautiful scenic spots typical of Kochi. See the statue of Ryoma Sakamoto, a folk hero of the late Edo era, overlooking the Pacific Ocean.



Katsurahama Beach

Cape Muroto

At the southeast tip of Kochi Prefecture, at the edge of the Pacific Ocean, nestles the town of Muroto. Since ancient times, it has been blessed with rich, diverse natural wonders. Muroto Geopark, formed by the Earth's dynamic activity, is just one of the many places in Muroto where you can enjoy the gifts of Mother Nature.



Cape Muroto

Soul Food of Kochi : Seared Bonito

One food you must eat in Kochi is fresh bonito sashimi, seared on the surface. The flavor is exceptional. Enjoy the original local way of eating it, and try your hand at making seared bonito yourself.



Seared Bonito



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Akita is located in the northern part of Japan and has many longstanding traditions, including seasonal lively festivals and numerous Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. It has not only fascinating traditions, but also beautiful varying seasons and abundant natural beauty. Akita Port, Funagawa Port, and Noshiro Port in Akita Prefecture have prospered by trading rice, wood, coal, and more. These are now modern ports that contribute to Akita's tourism industry, and can accommodate all kinds of cruise ships from around the world.



Port of AKITA (Akita City)

LARGE MIDDLE SMALL

Port Facilities

Name	
Nakajima No.2 & No.3 Wharfs	
Location	
1 Nishi, Tsuchizakiminato, Akita City, Akita	
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	
JR Tsuchizaki Station (20 min. walk) Akita Port Station (8 min. walk) Cruise Ship Train	
Access	
Station	JR Akita Station (30 min. by car)
Airport	Akita Airport (50 min. by car)
Shinkansen	JR Akita Station (30 min. by car) (15 min. by Cruise Ship Train)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	Cruise terminal
Length	Approx. 30 m
Height	Approx. 10 m
Width	Approx. 22 m
Total Floor Space	660 m ²

Capacity	
Length	370 m
Water Depth	10 m
Apron Width	17 m – 22 m
Boarding Bridges	Not available
Tidal Range	Approx. 0.5 m
Services	
Welcome Ceremony	Namahage drumming performance Meeting with Akita beauties
Introducing Japanese Culture	Demonstration of Kanto Festival
Tourist Information Center	Cruise terminal
Currency Exchange	Akita Bank (15 min. on foot) Currency exchange at the Cruise Terminal can be negotiated
City Sightseeing for Crews	Travel map and guidebooks provided



Sightseeing Spots

■ Nyuto Onsenkyo

Nyuto Onsenkyo is one of Japan's most famous hot spring resorts, consisting of 7 hot spring inns. Nyuto Onsenkyo has a history of over 350 years, and many enthusiasts visit from all over Japan. With more than 10 types of hot springs available, visitors can enjoy a variety of hot spring waters.



Nyuto Onsenkyo (Tsurunoyu Onsen)

■ Kakunodate Samurai District

Experience history first-hand in this old samurai district. Traditional town scenes still linger in Kakunodate. Visitors can enjoy riding a rickshaw or wearing a kimono while exploring the streets of the old samurai district.



Kakunodate Samurai District

■ Akita Kanto Festival

One of the three major festivals in the Tohoku region. Countless glowing lanterns strung on bamboo poles waver and shimmy like the ears of rice plants. Visitors will be stunned by the indescribable beauty. Held on Sanno Street in Akita City from August 3 – 6.



Akita Kanto Festival

■ Akita Dogs

Hachiko, the most famously loyal dog in Japan, was featured as the main character of a movie. Akita dogs are loved for their tightly curled tails and perky upright ears. Visitors can encounter these dogs all over Akita prefecture.



Akita dog

■ Sake at Local Breweries

Known as an abundant rice-producing region, Akita is also famous for its variety of locally brewed sake. Visitors can discover their favorite sake made with clean air and fresh water. Daiginjo, a top-class sake, and traditional Junmaishu sake are popular styles brewed simply with rice, yeast, and water. You can try them in local restaurants or take a tour available in some of the breweries.



Japanese sake

■ Hinai-Jidori Chicken

Hinai-Jidori chicken is one of the three best breeds of chicken in Japan. The taste and flavor stand out more and more as you chew the chicken.



Hinai-Jidori

Port of FUNAGAWA (Oga City)

SMALL

Port Facilities

Name	
15,000 Ton Wharf	
Location	
Ashizawa, Funagawa, Funagawaminato, Oga City, Akita	
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	
JR Oga Station (5 min. by car)	
Access	
Airport	Akita Airport (90 min. by car)
Shinkansen	JR Akita Station (60 min. by car)



Capacity		
Length	(1) 185 m	(2) 145 m
Water Depth	(1) 10 m	(2) 8 m
Apron Width	(1) (2) 20 m	
Boarding Bridges	Not available	
Tidal Range	Approx. 0.7 m	



Port of NOSHIRO (Noshiro City)

SMALL

Port Facilities

Name	
Omori -13 m Wharf	
Location	
Omoriyama, Noshiro City, Akita	
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	
JR Noshiro Station (15 min. by car)	
Access	
Airport	Akita Airport (70 min. by highway)
Shinkansen	JR Akita Station (60 min. by highway)



Capacity		
Length	260 m	
Water Depth	13 m	
Apron Width	25 m	
Boarding Bridges	Not available	
Tidal Range	Approx. 0.5 m	



Sightseeing Spots

■ Namahage Museum

Legendary deities of the Oga region, the Namahage were registered as a UNESCO intangible cultural heritage in 2018. At the museum, visitors can learn about the unique custom and culture of these Namahage spirits.



Namahage Museum

■ Shirakami Mountain Range

The Shirakami mountain range was registered as the first World Natural Heritage Site in Japan in 1993. This mountain range is home to an abundant virgin forest of beech trees with Japanese black bears and Japanese serows, as well as rare birds such as black woodpeckers and golden eagles.



Shirakami mountains

■ Kiritanpo

Kiritanpo is a local Akita dish. Locals take mashed rice, put it on a cedar stick, grill it over a flame, slice it, and put it in a hot pot stew. Kiritanpo is often served grilled with miso or soy sauce.



Kiritanpo

■ Inaniwa Udon

Inaniwa udon is said to be one of Japan's 3 top ways to enjoy udon noodles. The texture is smooth, yet with a firm bite and a refined flavor.



Inaniwa Udon

■ Tenku no Fuyajo

Tenku no Fuyajo means "Sky-castle that never sleeps." This festival of gigantic lanterns was held from the end of Edo period to Meiji era, and then revived one century later. The highlight of the festival is the parade of giant lanterns that reach up to the skies. A lively hayashi performance also adds to the atmosphere of the festival.



Tenku no Fuyajo

■ Kumiko

Kumiko is a traditional Japanese latticework. Kumiko patterns are created by craftsmen who combine the pieces of wood by hand without using glue or screws. The techniques are utilized in fittings and decorative items. You can make them yourself in workshops.



Kumiko



Kumiko latticework



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Yamagata Hanagasa Dance

Yamagata Prefecture is roughly divided into an inland region and a coastal region. Sakata Port is located in the coastal region, known as Shonai. Lying at the mouth of the Mogami River, it has flourished as a place of safe harbor since ancient times. Inland of the port is an abundance of sightseeing spots. There are many places and things to see and experience, including majestic nature, historical townscapes, folk art, and culture. Delicious local foods, including seasonal fruits and fresh fish and seafood add to the appeal. We're looking forward to seeing you in Sakata!



Port Facilities

Name	
(1) Kominato Wharf No. 1	(2) Kominato Wharf No. 2
Location	
Miyauimi, Sakata City, Yamagata	
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	
JR Sakata Station (10 min. by car)	
Access	
Station	JR Sakata Station (10 min. by car)
Airport	Shonai Airport (30 min. by car)
Shinkansen	JR Shinjo Station (70 min. by car) *Yamagata Shinkansen
Services	
Welcome Ceremony	(1) Welcome ceremony for first-time arrivals Presentation of bouquets, souvenirs, and commemorative plaque
	(2) Welcome events from the wharf We will welcome you with typical Yamagata hospitality, such as Hanagasa Dance, and can also cater to various needs and requests
Introducing Local Culture	•Conch shell performance by priests from the Dewa Mountains, a sacred place of spiritual culture in Yamagata •Historical dance by Sakata maiko performers representing Sakata's Kitamaebune trading history •Experience the port town's culture at a time when trading flourished
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Booths offering tourist information, exchange currency (USD), and volunteer interpreters
Shuttle Bus Services	Available upon request
City Sightseeing for Crews	Available upon request



Sightseeing Spots

■ The Three Mountains of Dewa

The Three Mountains of Dewa, a must-see sightseeing spot for anyone coming to Sakata Port, is a sacred place for mountain worship. On one of the three mountains of Dewa, Mt. Haguro, the sacred cedar trees over 300 years old are a captivating sight. The avenue of cedar trees on Mt. Haguro was nominated as a 3-star destination by the Michelin Green Guide Japan in March 2009. There are plenty of other highlights such as the National Treasure five-storied pagoda and the majestic shrine of Sanjin-gosaiden. It is about 60 minutes by car from Sakata Port, but is well worth the visit.



The Three Mountains of Dewa

■ The Sankyo Rice Warehouse

This century-old agricultural storehouse symbolizes the nature of Sakata as a rice-producing region and was used until September 2022. It is notable for its twelve individual warehouses and the surrounding zelkova trees. The adjacent tourist center offers various souvenirs from the region. Conveniently situated around 10 minutes by car from the port.



The Sankyo Rice Warehouse

■ Sakata no Ramen (Sakata's Ramen)

Sakata no ramen, made with fish and shellfish soup stock and flavored with soy sauce, is the soul food of Sakata's citizens. It is famous for its thin-skinned wontons that melt like clouds, and many restaurants use homemade noodles. Sakata no ramen won first place in the NIPPON Local Ramen General Election, held in October 2023. Flags showing "Sakata no Ramen" are displayed all over the city, so you can easily find a ramen restaurant and try this prize-winning ramen.



Sakata no Ramen

■ Somaro (Sakata-Maiko Teahouse and Hina Doll Gallery)

Somaro is a maiko tea house and Hina doll gallery in the heart of Sakata City. Here, you can enjoy maiko dance performances and local cuisine. You can also visit Yumeji Takeshita Art Museum, which houses works by one of Japan's leading artists, and see precious traditional Hina dolls. About 10 minutes by car from the port.



Somaro

■ Kamo Aquarium

Often known by its other name, the Kurage Dream Museum, Kamo Aquarium is popular for spectacular exhibitions of jellyfish. It had the world's largest exhibition of jellyfish varieties, as certified by the Guinness World Records. The spectacle of jellyfish floating around everywhere is fantastic, and fascinates visitors. A popular jellyfish umbrella can be purchased here. About 40 minutes by car from the port.



Kamo Aquarium

■ Mogami River Boat Ride

A slow boat ride that showcases the magnificent valley view along the Mogami River. The cherry blossoms in spring and colored autumn foliage in fall are amazing. The boat song, "Mogami-gawa Funauta," also has an English version. Enjoy cruising for about 1 hour. About 50 minutes by car from the port.



Mogami River Boat Ride



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Port City of NIIGATA

The Port of Niigata, located in the center of the Japanese mainland, is an international port on the Sea of Japan coastline. The Port of Niigata is divided into two districts: the West Port district and the East Port district. The West Port is a 15-minute drive from Niigata Airport and JR Niigata Station, and JR Niigata Station is only 89 minutes away from Tokyo via the fastest shinkansen bullet train. Within the city center, visitors can enjoy shopping and cultural activities such as dance performances by geisha and traditional dining at Japanese restaurants. Niigata City's suburbs are defined by bountiful rice fields, natural scenery, and therapeutic hot springs. Additionally, the sake made from Niigata's premium quality rice is highly valued in Japan.



Port Facilities

Name	
(1) West Port District Central Wharf End Berth (2) West Port District Yamanoshita Wharf North Berth (3) East Port District Central Wharf East Berth Docks 1 & 2	
Location	
(1) Ryugashima 1, Chuo-ku, Niigata-City, Niigata (2) Shinmeicho, Higashi-ku, Niigata-City, Niigata (3) Higashi-ko 2, Seiro-town, Kitakanbara-county, Niigata	
Access	
Station	(1) (2) JR Niigata Station (15 min. by taxi) (3) JR Kuroyama Station (15 min. by taxi)
Airport	Niigata Airport (1) (2) 10 min. by taxi (3) 30 min. by taxi
Shinkansen	JR Niigata Station (1) (2) 15 min. by taxi (3) 40 min. by taxi
Facilities	
Facility Overview	(1) Port of Niigata International Passenger Terminal, 1st Floor Immigration Counter & Lobby
Capacity	
Length	(1) 137 m (2) 330 m (3) 520 m
Water Depth	(1) 7.5 m (2) 9 m (3) 13 m
Apron Width	(1) 19 m (2) 12 m (3) 20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	(1) 0.5 m (2) 0.5 m (3) 0.5 m

Notes	
Target Ships	(1) Intended for small-sized ships (2) Ships up to about 50,000 GT (3) Please contact us
Special Notice	(1) Port of Niigata International Passenger Terminal
Services	
Welcoming Ceremonies	Welcoming ceremonies (formal greetings, presentation of flowers, presentation of plaque commemorating a first-time call, etc.) Traditional performing arts demonstrations (Japanese drumming, dancing, etc.) by the wharf. Set-up of souvenir booths, etc. requires consultation. Please make an inquiry.
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	There is a tourist information center located in the JR Niigata Station. For information regarding setting up a different tourist information desk, please make an inquiry. Travel brochures are available in Chinese, Korean, Russian, and English. Foreign exchange can be converted into Japanese yen at the banks located in downtown Niigata.
Shuttle Bus Services	Please make an inquiry for more information.
Sightseeing for Crew Members	Travel maps and guidebooks provided. For information about using the shuttle bus, please make an inquiry.
Other	(3) Free Wi-Fi available for cruise ship passengers

Sightseeing Spots

■ Downtown — Niigata City Center

Niigata City is the largest city on the Sea of Japan side of Honshu (the Japanese mainland). The city center, located immediately adjacent to the West Port, is divided into two districts by the Bandai Bridge — the



Furumachi geisha

symbol of Niigata City. The Furumachi district, which represents the western side of downtown Niigata, is a cultural area containing historical buildings such as traditional Japanese restaurants and wealthy merchant estates. In the Furumachi district, visitors can enjoy dance performances by geisha and indulge in Niigata's outstanding gourmet food. Furumachi also contains facilities presenting aspects of pop culture such as manga (Japanese comics) and anime. Meanwhile, the Bandai district constitutes the eastern part of the city center. Bandai is located near JR Niigata Station and is home to a lot of shopping malls.

■ Wealthy Landholder's Estate (Northern Culture Museum)

The Northern Culture Museum is the former estate of the Ito family, wealthy landholders who once owned 1,327 hectares of rice fields and other crops. The family's estate contains a traditional Japanese residence with 65 rooms and beautiful gardens spread over approximately 3 hectares. This estate now serves to introduce modern-day visitors to traditional Japanese culture and the history of rice farming.

Northern Culture Museum: Reception Room



■ Yahiko & Iwamuro Hot Springs and Yahiko Shrine

The Yahiko and Iwamuro Hot Springs are located at the foot of Mt. Yahiko and Mt. Kaku-da in the west of Niigata City. Visitors to the Iwamuro Hot Springs can tour a nearby brewery, and both hot springs are located near Yahiko Shrine. Nestled in a forest of 500-year-old trees, Yahiko Shrine (13 ha) is known for its pure and noble atmosphere.



Yahiko Shrine (Picture courtesy of the Yahiko Tourist Association)

■ Tsukioka Hot Spring and Shibata Castle

Tsukioka is one of the largest hot spring towns in Niigata Prefecture. The hot springs there are rumored to be a source of perpetual youth and longevity. In addition to the ruins of Shibata Castle, guests can tour sites such as the Ichishima Residence (famous for its large garden) and a sake brewery with 200 years of history.



Tsukioka Hot Spring (Picture courtesy of the Shibata City Tourism Association)

■ Fukushimaagata Lagoon Water Park

The Fukushimaagata Lagoon Water Park is a group of natural lakes and marshes situated to the east of Niigata's city center. The park is home to more than 220 species of wild birds and 450 species of plants. Visitors can observe the park's wildlife either from the central observation building or using the telescopes installed in the observation huts. Rape flowers are in full bloom from early April to early May. Private boat tours can be arranged to discover the wonders of the lagoon.



Fukushimaagata Lagoon Water Park



Niigata West Port District



Niigata East Port District

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Fushiki Toyama Port, located in the center of the Japanese mainland, has thrived as a major port on the Sea of Japan coast for a long time. After being recognized as a Special Important Port, it became an International Base Port and has also been designated a Comprehensive Hub Port. This port town has many tourist attractions, and receives many Japanese and overseas visitors all year round. The Tateyama Kurobe Alpine Route and the historic villages of Gokayama are just a few of the many attractions Toyama has to offer. In 2014, Toyama Bay became a member of the Most Beautiful Bays in the World for its breathtaking scenery. With fish and seafood harvested from the fresh waters by the Northern Japan Alps, Toyama is a treasure trove of fresh, delicious food.



Toyama Bay (A Member of the "Most Beautiful Bays in the World" Club)

Port Facilities

Name	
Fushiki area	Man'yo Quay No. 2 & 3
Shinminato area	Kaiwo Quay
Toyama area	Quay No. 1
Location	
Fushiki area	Fushiki Man'yo-futo, Takaoka City, Toyama
Shinminato area	Kaiwo-machi, Imizu City, Toyama
Toyama area	Higashi Iwase-machi Kaigandori, Toyama City, Toyama
Access	
Station	JR Takaoka Station Fushiki area (20 min. by taxi) Shinminato area (30 min. by taxi)
Airport	Toyama Airport Fushiki area (approx. 60 min. by taxi) Shinminato area (approx. 60 min. by taxi)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	N / A

Capacity		
Length	Fushiki area	460 m,
	Shinminato area	220 m,
	Toyama area	185 m
Water Depth	Fushiki area	12 m,
	Shinminato area	7.5 m,
	Toyama area	10 m
Apron Width	Fushiki area	20 m,
	Shinminato area	20 m,
	Toyama area	15 m
Boarding Bridges	N / A	
Tidal Range	0.5 m	
Services		
Welcome Ceremonies (examples)	• Band performances	
	• Fire works	
	• Traditional folk dances	
Shuttle Buses	Negotiable	
Wi-Fi	• Free Wi-Fi provided	
Other (upon request)	• Tourist information booths	
	• Foreign currency exchange	
	• Souvenir and food booths	
Sightseeing for Crew	Negotiable	

Sightseeing Spots

■ The Historic Villages of Gokayama , a World Heritage Site

This UNESCO-designated site in the heart of rural Toyama Prefecture continues to preserve Japan's distant past, thanks to its isolation resulting from geographical and climate conditions deep within the mountains.



■ Kurobe Gorge Railway on the Trolley Train

Visit Japan's largest gorge by trolley train. Enjoy un-touched natural beauty along the 20-kilometer railroad line, and relax at local hot springs.



Kurobe Gorge Railway on the Trolley Train

■ Inami Woodcarvings

Produced in the city of Nanto, the exceptional abilities of Inami woodcarvers are on full display in three-dimensional works filled with life and movement.



Inami Wood carvings

■ Takaoka Metal Casting

Observe the process of metal casting in Takaoka, where the art has continued to develop for over 400 years. This local industry emerged after the early seventeenth century feudal Lord Maeda invited seven metal casters to set up shop in Takaoka, which subsequently earned the city a reputation as one of Japan's leading copper-working regions.



Takaoka Metal Casting : Sake Pitchers

■ Uchikawa River

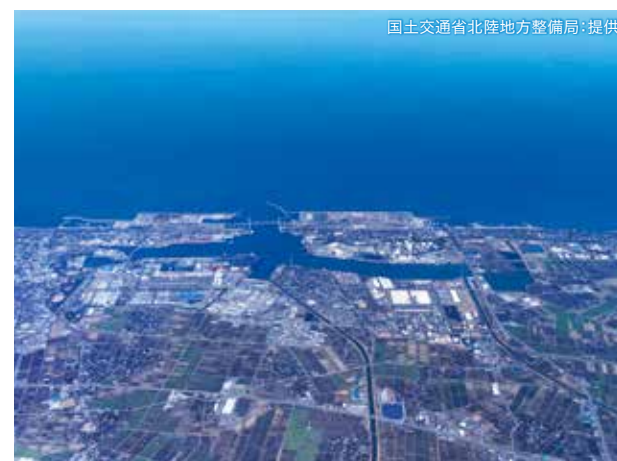
Uchikawa, sometimes referred to as "the Venice of Japan," is an old port town. Spend relaxing moments on a sightseeing boat and enjoy nostalgic views of traditional Japan.



Uchikawa River



Fushiki area



Shinminato area



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Kenrokuen Garden

Kanazawa Port is strategically located in the heart of the beautiful Hokuriku region, in the center of the country's main island along the coast of the Sea of Japan. One of its advantages as a port of call is its proximity (only 20 minutes!) to the historical castle town of Kanazawa, abundant with various attractions. In addition, Noto Peninsula, Kaga Hot Springs, and World Heritage Sites such as Shirakawa-go village are close enough for day trips. The port area is also renowned in Japan as the established home of several traditional arts & crafts, such as gold leaf, Kaga Yuzen, and lacquerware – in fact, Kanazawa was designated as Japan's first UNESCO Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art in 2009 in recognition of its thriving arts & crafts. Moreover, Kanazawa has been handpicked by National Geographic in its Best of the World 2025, a list of the 25 must-see destinations in the world in 2025, for travelers who want to “get a taste of authentic Japan”. Seize the chance to experience this enchanting city and find the real Japan.



Port Facilities

Name	
(1) Muryoji Wharf (2) Tomizu Wharf (3) Ohama Wharf	
Location	
(1) Muryoji-machi, Kanazawa City, Ishikawa (2) Tomizu-machi, Kanazawa City, Ishikawa (3) Onomachi-Shinmachi, Kanazawa City, Ishikawa	
Access	
Station	JR Kanazawa Station (20 min. by shuttle bus service, 15 min. by taxi)
Airport	Komatsu Airport (40 min. by taxi)
Shinkansen	JR Kanazawa Station (20 min. by bus, 15 min. by taxi)
Facility Overview	
Total floor space : 10,600 m ² over 3 stories	
Kanazawa Port Cruise Terminal	1st floor : CIQ area (20 immigration booths, etc.), baggage handling, waiting area, tourist information, currency exchange, vending machines
	2nd floor : Multipurpose rooms, restaurant, observatory deck
	3rd floor : Offices

Capacity			
Length	(1) 320 m	(2) 370 m	(3) 400 m
Water Depth	(1) 10 m	(2) 10 m	(3) 13 m
Apron Width	(1) 20 m	(2) 20 m	(3) 20 m
Boarding Bridges	(1) (2) (3) Not available		
Tidal Range	(1) 0.5 m	(2) 0.5 m	(3) 0.5 m
Services			
Welcome Ceremonies	- Commemorative plaque for maiden calls, flower bouquets, and local gifts. - Welcome committee of ladies in Kaga Yuzen kimono. - Farewell performances by Yosakoi dance teams, jazz bands, etc. - Kanazawa Port Cruise Welcome Club members gather at the port for heart-warming send-offs.		
Introducing Japanese culture	- Geisha performance - Shamisen performance - Kaga Yuzen kimono silk-dyeing - Souvenir booths selling local arts and crafts (on port call days only)		
Tourist Information Center	A temporary tourist information booth is available on day of call. It can be set up on board upon request.		
Currency Exchange	Available daily 9:00 am ~ 9:00 pm		
Shuttle Bus Services	Negotiable		
Wi-fi service	Free (available only upon registration)		

Sightseeing Spots

■ Kenrokuen Garden

Considered one of Japan's three most beautiful gardens, the elegance and visual harmony of Kenrokuen's 11.4 hectare landscape maintains a three-star rating in the Michelin Green Guide. It is located in the heart of Kanazawa, on a hill next to Kanazawa Castle where generations of feudal lords of the ruling Maeda clan resided and developed the garden for years. Visit Kenrokuen Garden any season and delight in the historical heritage that reflects Kaga culture.



Kenrokuen Garden

■ Nagamachi Samurai Houses

The Nagamachi area was once home to two of the eight chief associates of the Maeda clan, as well as many other samurai subordinates within the Kaga domain. The narrow, winding alleys, earthen walls, and traditional gates bring to mind the streetscape of the samurai days.



Nagamachi Samurai
District

■ Kanazawa Castle Park

Its first feudal lord, Maeda Toshiie, entered Kanazawa Castle in 1583. Subsequently, the castle became the political headquarters of the Maeda clan, who governed the Kaga domain for over 280 years. The latest reconstruction project started in 1996, and the largest wooden castle complex, which includes the Hishiyagura watchtower, the Gojukken Nagaya storehouse and the Hashizume-mon Tsuzuki-yagura watchtower, was completed and opened to the public in 2001.

Kanazawa Castle



Higashi Chaya Teahouse District



Dance and music
performance by geishas



■ 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

The 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art has attracted a great deal of attention for its innovative style – a true departure from the conventional. The number of visitors to the museum since its opening in October 2004 now exceeds 34 million. Many of the permanent exhibits are contemporary art objects that can be touched, ridden, worn, or entered. Adults and children alike are sure to have a thrilling experience here.



Leandro Erlich
《The Swimming Pool》2004

■ Kanazawa Gold Leaf

Kanazawa is Japan's number one producer of gold, silver, and platinum leaf – in fact, Kanazawa gold leaf has been designated as a National Traditional Product. Formed by pounding gold to make it as thin as possible (0.1 microns), gold leaf is traditionally used for decoration and preservation of cultural properties. Observe the manufacturing process or apply gold leaf in a crafts workshop during your visit to Kanazawa.



Kanazawa Gold Leaf Crafts

■ Higashi Chaya Teahouse District

In the Edo Period, teahouses (known as chaya) were places for drinking and eating while enjoying geisha performances and these numerous establishments once dotted the center of Kanazawa. However, all teahouses were gathered into three districts in 1820 and Higashi Chaya is the largest of these historic entertainment areas.





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Tsuruga Festival

Fukui Prefecture is located near the center of the Japan Sea coast, not far from Kyoto. Blessed with the bounty of the sea, mountains, and plains, it is known as one of Japan's foremost treasure troves of food. Tsuruga Port is located south of Fukui Prefecture, close to Japan's largest lake, Lake Biwa. It is the most convenient and closely located port on the Sea of Japan for accessing the economically central areas surrounding Osaka and Nagoya, Japan.

Located in the northwestern part of Fukui Prefecture, Fukui Port has good accessibility to Tojinbo Cliffs, one of the most popular tourist spots in Fukui, as well as Eihei Temple, the head temple of the Soto Buddhist sect. In spring 2024, Tsuruga and Fukui were connected to Tokyo by a new Shinkansen bullet train route.



Port of TSURUGA

Port Facilities

Name	Location		
(1) Mariyama South A & B Wharfs (2) Mariyama North B & C Wharfs (3) Kanegasaki C & D Wharfs	Kanegasaki, Tsuruga City, Fukui		
Nearest Station (Time Req.)			
JR Tsuruga Staion (10 min. by car)			
Access			
Station	JR Tsuruga Station (10 min. by car)		
Airport	Komatsu Airport (100 min. by car)		
Shinkansen	JR Tsuruga Station (10 min. by car)		
Facilities			
Facility Overview	Kirameki Minato hall		
Capacity	(1)	(2)	(3)
Length	410 m	480 m	300 m
Water Depth	14 m	12 m	7.5 m
Apron Width	20 m	20 m	20 m
Boarding Bridges	N / A	N / A	N / A
Tidal Range	0.45 m	0.45 m	0.45 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	Welcome ceremony (presentation of commemorative gifts, flower bouquets, etc.), brass band performance, etc.
Introducing Japanese Culture	Wakasa lacquered chopstick polishing, Echizen washi paper making, etc.
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	A temporary tourist information booth will be set up.
Shuttle Bus Services	Available



Port of FUKUI

Port Facilities

Name	Location
North No. 1, 2, 3 Wharfs	Mikunicho Kurome, Sakai City, Fukui
Access	
Station	JR Awara-Onsen Station (20 min. by car)
Airport	Komatsu Airport (50 min. by car)
Shinkansen	JR Awara-Onsen Station (20 min. by car)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	None available
Capacity	
Length	555 m
Water Depth	10 m
Apron Width	20 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	Welcome ceremony (presentation of commemorative gifts, flower bouquets, etc.), brass band performance, etc.
Introducing Japanese Culture	Echizen lacquerware painting, pottery, etc.
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	A temporary tourist information booth will be set up.
Shuttle Bus Services	Available



Sightseeing Spots

■ Kehi Jingu Shrine

For roughly 1,300 years, it has been famous for Chomeisui, or “water of long life.” When the shrine was rebuilt in the year 702, a water spring was discovered here.



Kehi Jingu Shrine

■ Tsuruga Festival

Held from September 2 through 4 every year in accordance with the regular festival of Kehi Jingu Shrine. Many locals participate in this festival, and there is a parade featuring a portable shrine and six parade floats that move travel around the city.

■ Nihonkai Sakana Machi

The top fish market on the Sea of Japan coast. Over 50 fishery companies sell plenty of seafood such as fresh fish, crab, and so on, shipped directly from Tsuruga Port or other nearby ports at reasonable prices.



Nihonkai Sakana Machi

■ Mikatagoko

Consisting of Lake Mikata, Lake Suigetsu, Lake Suga, Lake Kugushi, and Lake Hiruga, the waters and depths of each of the Five Mikata Lakes vary, making each a different shade of blue. The Rainbow Line to the mountaintop park offers fantastic views of the dynamic scenery.



Mikatagoko

■ Port of Humanity Tsuruga Museum

This museum shows Polish orphans rescued from Siberia, the history of Jewish refugees to Tsuruga Port who had “visas for life” issued by Sugihara Chiune, and their interactions with residents. You can watch heartwarming episodes at the theater.



Port of Humanity Tsuruga Museum

■ Traditional Handicrafts

Echizen City and Sabae City, located in central Fukui Prefecture, have a concentration of traditional crafts such as lacquerware, Japanese paper, cutlery, and pottery, as well as local industries such as eyeglasses and textiles, within a 10 km radius. Artisans continue to make products that meet the needs of the times while passing on traditional techniques. You are sure to see artisans at work, and can buy from their stores.



Traditional Handicrafts

■ Eihei Temple

(It was featured in The Washington Post as one of Japan's most spiritual places.)

Established in 1244 by Dogen Zenji as the headquarters of the Soto sect of Buddhism. Inside Eihei Temple, you'll find over 70 large and small structures that still remain around the temple's seven main buildings, where even today Buddhist monks practice severe religious austerities, starting early each morning, at Japan's largest Zen Buddhist training site.

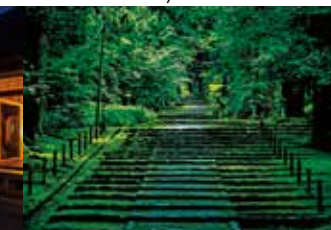


Eihei Temple

Yokokan Garden



Hakusan Heisenji Shrine



Echizen Lacquerware



Echizen Gani Crab





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The Port of Kyoto, also known as Kyoto Maizuru Port, is the northern marine gateway to the Kansai region, with its abundance of natural beauty, including Amanohashidate, one of the three most beautiful landscapes in Japan. The port also offers access to the historical city of Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan. It takes just about 90 minutes by car to drive from the Port of Kyoto (Maizuru) to Kyoto City, where are located 17 World Cultural Heritage sites: the Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto. A variety of unique shore excursions can be enjoyed from picturesque coastal areas to the ancient capital of high repute, Kyoto.



Port Facilities

Name	
(1) Pier No.2 (2) Maizuru International Wharf	
Location	
(1) Matsukage, Maizuru City, Kyoto (2) Shimoagu, Maizuru City, Kyoto	
Access	
Railway Station	JR Nishi-Maizuru Station (1) 5 min. by taxi (2) 10 min. by taxi
Airport	Kansai International Airport (KIX) (1) 140 min. by car (2) 145 min. by car
Facilities	
Facility Overview	(1) One-story passenger terminal (2) None
Total Floor Space	(1) 1,837 m ² (439 m ² + 1,398 m ²) (2) None
Capacity	
Length	(1) 330 m (2) 350 m
Water Depth	(1) 9.5 m (2) 14 m
Apron Width	(1) 20 m (2) 40 m
Boarding Bridges	Not available
Tidal Range	0.4 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremony	- Welcome ceremony on the ship (for first call) Presentation of commemorative plaque and local gifts. - Sail-away performance
Introducing Japanese Culture	Kimono experience, green tea experience
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	A temporary tourist information booth is set up in the passenger terminal on day of call. Upon request, it can also be set up on board. Temporary currency exchange service is available at the passenger terminal.
Shuttle Bus Services	Please inquire
City Sightseeing for Crews	Please inquire
Wi-Fi service	Free Wi-Fi service available

Sightseeing Spots

■ Sightseeing Spots Kyoto City

Kyoto was Japan's capital from 794 to 1868 and was the centre of Japanese culture for over a thousand years. It's home to many important cultural properties, including over 2,000 shrines and temples, and 17 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Kyoto has many seasonal highlights, including cherry blossoms in the spring, the Gion Festival in the summer, autumn foliage, and plum blossoms in the winter.

■ Gion Festival : UNESCO Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity

The Gion Festival is a religious ceremony at Kyoto's famous Yasaka Shrine that can trace its roots back to the year 869, and is said to have originated as a purification ritual to save the citizens of Kyoto from a plague in ancient times. 33 Yamaboko floats, called "moving museums" and designated important cultural properties because of their elaborate decorations, promenade slowly throughout central Kyoto. The procession is held on July 17 and 24. Over the three days prior to the processions, old merchant homes and businesses in the area open their doors to allow the public a close-up look at their valuable treasures.



Gion Festival

■ Amanohashidate (Bridge to the Heavens): One of the most famous scenic spots in Japan

Amanohashidate, along with Matsushima and Miyajima, ranks as one of the three most scenic views in Japan, and has been designated a place of special scenic beauty by the national government. The sandbar stretching about 3.6 km, along which grow some 8,000 pine trees, is often compared to a bridge connecting Heaven and Earth.



Amanohashidate

■ Maizuru Repatriation Memorial Museum

This museum's exhibition is dedicated to peace. Between 1945 and 1958, residents of Maizuru warmly welcomed 664,531 repatriates, the majority of whom had been detainees interned in forced-labor camps in Siberia and other areas of the former USSR. Because Maizuru was the only repatriation point operating after 1950, it embodied the final hope for those longing to see their loved ones again. A total of 570 items from the museum are inscribed in the UNESCO Memory of the World Register.

■ The boathouses of Ine : Picturesque scenery with numerous boathouses lining the shore

A "funaya" is a quirky style of Japanese residential boathouse, where the ground floor acts as a sort of garage for a small fishing boat, with the living quarters built on the floor above. Around 230 of these uniquely-designed homes straddle the threshold between land and sea on the edge of the serene waters of Ine Bay, allowing their inhabitants to live in traditional homes, and in harmony with the sea.



The boathouses of Ine

■ Uji City

Aside from the tea culture, Uji is also home to Byodo-in Temple. The temple is famous for featuring on the Japanese 10-yen coin and is registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

■ Tango Barazushi

This is a unique local sushi-dish made in Tango that simply must be tried. It's made by sprinkling a variety of ingredients such as crumbled mackerel over sushi rice. The mackerel brings out the umami of the whole dish, which people of all ages love.



Tango Barazushi



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Sakai Port, better known as Sakaiminato, is located between Tottori and Shimane Prefectures in western Japan. The port is now equipped with a new cruise berth and passenger terminal, and stands ready to welcome cruise ships from all over the world. This region is considered the “Land of Gods,” and many stories from Japanese mythology relate to the area. For example, Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine is where all the deities from shrines throughout Japan are said to gather each year. Many archeological discoveries show the power this region once had over Japan, truly giving the sense that this is where Japan's origins lie. It is one of Japan's most secluded regions, and Japan's historical architecture, traditions, and natural beauty are well preserved here for the world to explore. A visit to various tourist attractions around Sakaiminato offers a truly authentic experience. There's definitely something to satisfy any curious seasoned travelers off the cruise ships who call in at the Port of Sakaiminato!



Port Facilities

Name	
(1) Takenouchi-minami Wharf (Yume-minato Terminal) (2) Showa-minami Wharf Nakano Wharf (3) Gaiko Wharf	
Location	
(1) Takenouchidanchi, Sakaiminato City, Tottori (2) (3) Showa-machi, Sakaiminato City, Tottori	
Access	
Station	JR Sakaiminato Station (15 min. by car)
Airport	Yonago Kitaro Airport (7 min. by car or train)
Shinkansen	None
Facilities	
Facility Overview	New passenger terminal Total floor space 3,300 m² One-story building with rooftop observation deck CIQ Plaza (20 immigration booths, etc.), waiting lobby, information desk, conference rooms, parking, observation deck, mobile covered walkway
Capacity	
Length	(1) 428 m (with dolphins) (2) Showa-minami Wharf 585 m Nakano Wharf 355 m (with dolphins) (3) 630 m
Water Depth	(1) 10 m (2) Showa-minami Wharf 7.5 m – 13 m Nakano Wharf 12 m (3) 7.5 m – 9.1 m
Apron Width	(1) (2) (3) 20 m
Boarding Bridges	(1) (2) (3) None
Tidal Range	(1) (2) (3) 0.48 m



Yume-minato Terminal

Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	- Presentation of commemorative plaque, flowers, local gifts for inaugural calls - Traditional local performances: drumming, folk songs, etc. - Performances by local children: dancing and singing by preschoolers, local high school brass band, etc.
Introducing Japanese Culture	Famous Dojo-sukui performance (local traditional dance and songs), tea ceremony, sake tasting, etc.
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Available
Shuttle Bus Services	Negotiable
City Sightseeing for Crews	Guide maps of the area are provided, and the pier has an information desk. There are 3 large fish markets in the town, which has the lively atmosphere of a working port. Downtown Sakaiminato is also about a 20-minute walk from the port. The city is known for Yokai, various spiritual monsters, as well as renowned manga artist Shigeru Mizuki. The main street, Mizuki Shigeru Road, is dedicated to Mizuki and is filled with bronze statues of Yokai. A major supermarket is located near the port, and daily necessities are available for crew. Fresh seafood for lunch or snacks is available at restaurants close to the port.



Sightseeing Spots

■ Matsue Castle and Samurai Residence



Matsue Castle

Built in 1611, this is one of only 12 original Japanese castles still in existence, and has been registered as a National Treasure since 2015. Its unique gabled roof resembles an open-winged plover. From the sightseeing boat that goes around the moat, you can really enjoy the old ambience of this town with pleasant breezes in any season.

■ Adachi Museum of Art

Major items in the collection include modern Japanese art, ceramics and lacquerware. The museum is also known for its magnificent Japanese garden, nominated as No. 1 in Japan since 2003 by an American Japanese garden magazine.



The Dry Landscape Garden

■ Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine

Iwami Ginzan Mine is the 14th World Heritage Site in Japan. The mine was the largest in Japan's history, and was active for almost 400 years since its discovery in 1526. It flourished in the 16–17th centuries, producing almost a third of the world's silver. What remains from the mine's most prominent years is well preserved to this day.



Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine

■ Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine

Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine is where Okuninushi, the deity of marriage, is enshrined. It is one of the most ancient and important shrines in Japan. People come from all over the world to visit the shrine and pay their respects. The main hall is designated as a National Treasure.



Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine

■ Gourmet

Sakaiminato has a flourishing fishing industry, blessed by proximity to the Sea of Japan. Many restaurants open their doors to visitors, serving diverse, fresh seafood all year around.



Sashimi and seafood special

■ Mt. Daisen

Worshiped as a sacred mountain since at least the 8th century, Mt. Daisen is home to a great number of shrines, temples, and Buddha statues. Part of the mountain is designated as a National Park, and its natural beauty is well protected.



Mt. Daisen

■ Yuushien

A 40,000 m² Japanese-style garden. Visitors can walk through the garden and view many seasonal flowers in bloom. It is known for its peonies, which can be viewed in bloom throughout the year, and its homegrown Korean ginseng served at its three restaurants with views that overlook the garden.



Yuushien Japanese Garden

■ Miho Shrine

Dedicated to the god Ebisu, the god of fisherman and luck, this shrine is said to protect the entire Shimane Peninsula, together with Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine. The surrounding small fishing village of Mihonoseki evokes the time when it flourished with merchants and traders.



Miho Shrine



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Hamada Port is located in west Japan along the Japan Sea coastline and is a halfway stop between Hakata and Sakai Ports. It also offers easy access to Busan, Korea. Hamada Port is in the Iwami Region of Shimane Prefecture where the scenery is comprised of primarily traditional Japanese town landscapes. Here, you can experience the atmosphere of old Japan. Recommended tourist attractions that can only be seen here include the local traditional performing art Iwami Kagura, the UNESCO World Heritage Site Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine, the designated Japan Heritage Town of Tsuwano, and more. Hamada Port is conveniently connected to the expressway, giving tourists easy access to the nearby sightseeing spots.



Port Facilities

Name		
Fukui Wharf No. 3 & No. 4		
Location		
2135-2 Atsuta-cho, Hamada City, Shimane		
Access		
Station	JR Hamada Station (15 min. by car)	
Airport	Iwami Airport (50 min. by car)	
Shinkansen	JR Hiroshima Station (100 min. by car)	
Facilities		
Facility Overview	None	
Capacity	Fukui Wharf No. 3	Fukui Wharf No. 4
Length	240 m	170 m
Water Depth	12 m	8.5 m
Apron Width	20 m	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None	None
Tidal Range	0.59 m	0.59 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	The inaugural call to port is followed by a welcome ceremony, presentation of flowers, and a commemorative plaque, in addition to traditional performances and demonstrations.
	Upon departure, there will be a concert band performance by local students, a marching band performance by kindergarten students, and a send-off by Hamada residents.
Introducing Japanese Culture	Iwami Kagura, Sekishu washi, wadaiko (Japanese drums), etc.
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Temporary booths supplying tourist information and currency exchange (USD) are available for setup on the wharf.
Shuttle Bus Services	Available upon request.
City Sightseeing for Crews	Available upon request.

Sightseeing Spots

Iwami Kagura (Japan Heritage / Intangible Folk Cultural Property)

Iwami Kagura is a traditional performing art passed down through generations in the Iwami Region. Luxurious costumes, hand-stitched with gold and silver threads, are worn with fierce masks depicting gods and demons, complementing the dynamic performance and making it popular with people of all ages. The Orochi (serpent) breathes fire and smoke in the classic story of good triumphing over evil. The performance invites first-time viewers into the world of Japanese mythology as it unfolds before their eyes.



Iwami Kagura "Orochi"

Tsuwano Town

Tsuwano is a small town nestled in a valley known as the "little Kyoto" of the San'in region. It has the atmosphere of a castle town. Throughout Tsuwano are many places where you can explore the town's history. White plaster walls and canals filled with carp line the pathway of the main street, vermillion-colored torii gates cover the path leading up to Taikodani Inari Shrine, and the Tsuwano castle ruins located on the hill overlooking Tsuwano have splendid views of the once castle town.



Taikodani Inari Shrine



Sekishu Washi (UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage)

Sekishu washi is Japanese paper made using the local traditional paper-making technique that uses Japanese mulberry, sourced locally in the Iwami Region, to give the paper its characteristic strength and durability. This Japanese paper is known for its beauty, strength, and durability which is why it is used to make the masks, costumes, and orochi (serpent) bodies used in Iwami Kagura. Visitors can partake in tours of the studios and workshops that use Sekishu washi to make masks and costumes for Iwami Kagura.



Sekishu washi workshop

Iwami Ginzan (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

The remains of the Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine are acknowledged for the conscientious attempts of the workers to take care of the natural environment while mining for silver. Iwami Ginzan was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site (Cultural Heritage) in 2007. Scattered throughout the countryside are the old silver mines, the mining town, the roads to and from the mines, the port, and the port town. The distribution facilities, defense structures, and equipment can be found in hidden pockets reclaimed by nature.



Omori Townscape

Iwami Tatamigaura Seaside (Nationally Designated Natural Monument)

At Iwami Tatamigaura Seaside, catch a glimpse of the world as it was 16 million years ago through the innumerable fossils of shells, whales, and other sea creatures that cover the shore, which was once the sea floor. Chair-like nodules formed by wave erosion are scattered amongst the many faults and sea caves, ripe for exploration, earning this place its reputation as a "natural museum."



Iwami Tatamigaura Seaside



Iwami Kagura Mask



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Motonosumi-Jinja Shrine

Yamaguchi Prefecture, located on the western tip of Japan's Honshu Island, is surrounded by the ocean on three sides. Its long coasts are lined with ports both large and small, and heading inland, you can find a trove of historical and natural treasures. With its temperate climate and few earthquakes, Yamaguchi is a very pleasant place to live. It was also the setting for some massive shifts in Japan's history. Shimonoseki witnessed the turning point in Japan's transition from aristocracy to samurai society when the Genji and Heike clans fought in the Battle of Dan-no-ura, and Hagi played a leading role in the Meiji Restoration nearly 150 years ago. You can still see romantic, historic scenery traveling through Yamaguchi today.

**Please refer to pages 61–62 for information on Shimonoseki Port*



Port of IWAKUNI

Port Facilities

Name			
Shin-minato Minami Wharf			
Location			
3-4001-1 Shinminato-machi, Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi			
Access			
Station	JR Iwakuni Station (10 min. by car)		
Airport	Iwakuni-Kintaikyo Airport (15 min. by car)		
Shinkansen	JR Shin-Iwakuni Station (20 min. by car)		
Capacity			
Length	370 m	Boarding Bridges	N / A
Water Depth	10 m	Tidal Range	3.6 m
Apron Width	20 m		

Services	
Welcome Ceremony	Mayor's welcome greeting, presentation of flower bouquet by Miss Iwakuni, souvenir presentation, wind instrument performance
Tourist Information Center	Tourist information and souvenir shops are open at the pier side.
Notices	
Port calls by 140,000-ton-class cruise ships are possible. (e.g. Voyager of the Seas, Diamond Princess)	



Sightseeing Spots

■ Kintaikyo Bridge

This bridge was built in 1673 by the lord of the Iwakuni Domain. The five beautiful linked wooden arches are very impressive, and Kintaikyo Bridge is one of the three most famous bridges of Japan. As the local name Nishiki (silk brocade) suggests, the bridge's splendid changing scenery can be enjoyed differently in each of the seasons, with cherry blossoms in spring, cormorant fishing and nighttime views highlighted by fireworks in summer, the autumnal colors of the natural forest on Mt. Shiroyama in fall, and blankets of snow in winter. It was even awarded two stars by the Michelin Green Guide Japan.

*20 min. by car from Iwakuni Port



Kintaikyo Bridge

■ Nishikigawa-Seiryu Line (Sightseeing Train)

This local line runs approximately 30 km along the Nishiki River. From the train windows, riders can enjoy the sight of the clear-flowing Nishiki River, as well as natural seasonal sights including new leaves and cherry blossoms in spring and the changing colors of the maple leaves in fall.

*Nishikigawa Seiryu Line 10 min. by car from Iwakuni Port to nearest station



Nishikigawa-Seiryu Line

■ Kashiwabara Art Museum

Only a ten-minute walk from Kintaikyo Bridge, Kashiwabara Art Museum exhibits a collection of ancient armor and weapons that is among the best in Japan. The collection of approximately 6,000 items includes porcelain ware, glass crafts, calligraphy, armor, swords, battle coats, and harnesses dating from the Nara Period to the Edo Period. Approximately 200 items are on permanent display, including items relating to the Battle of Kawanakashi and the Battle Array of the Takeda Army 8-part folding screens. The Museum earned a star in the Michelin Green Guide Japan in 2020.



Japanese swords



Armor and helmet

■ Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

Considered the peak of palatial architecture of the Heian era, Itsukushima Shrine is widely regarded as one of the Three Famous Views of Japan. It was registered as a World Heritage Site in 1996. It even earned three stars in the Michelin Green Guide Japan in 2020.

*30 min. by car from Iwakuni Port to Miyajimaguchi Pier



Itsukushima Shrine

■ The Street of White-Walled Houses

This street is the most famous sightseeing areas in Yanai City. The Street of White-Walled Houses, constructed during the Muromachi Period, is around 200 meters long. It was designated as an Important Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings in 1984.

*1 hr. by car from Iwakuni Port



The Street of White-Walled Houses

Port of HAGI

Port Facilities

Name	
Gatakou (A) Wharf	
Location	
6080-6 Chinto, Hagi City, Yamaguchi	
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	
JR Koshigahama Station (10 min. walk)	
Access	
Station	JR Koshigahama Station (10 min. on foot)
Airport	Yamaguchi-Ube Airport (70 min. by car) Hagi-Iwami Airport (70 min. by car)
Shinkansen	JR Shin-Yamaguchi Station (60 min. by car)



Capacity			
Length	140 m	Boarding Bridges	N / A
Water Depth	5.5 m	Tidal Range	1.1 m
Apron Width	8 m		
Services			
Welcome Ceremony	Welcome speech by the mayor, presentation of Natsumikan citrus desserts, a local Hagi delicacy		
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	When a cruise ship calls, a temporary tourist information center can be arranged on request.		
Notices			
Port calls by 6,800 - ton - class cruise ships are possible. (e.g. Bremen)			



Sightseeing Spots

■ Hagi Castle Town (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

Hagi Castle was built in 1604 by Mori Terumoto. Although over 400 years have passed, much of the old castle town remains, so much that visitors can still use old maps from the Edo period. It even earned a star in the Michelin Green Guide Japan in 2020.

*90 min. by car from Shimonoseki Port, 10 min. by car from Hagi Port



Hagi Castle Town



Hagi Castle Town

■ Hagi Uragami Museum

Hagi Uragami Museum was founded in 1996 to preserve and exhibit the splendid collection of oriental art works donated by Hagi-born entrepreneur Toshiro Uragami. His outstanding collection includes ukiyo-e prints by leading artists such as Utagawa Hiroshige, Katsushika Hokusai, and Utagawa Kuniyoshi, as well as oriental ceramics from Japan, China and Korea and modern potteries. The building was expanded in 2010 with the addition of the Pottery Annex to accommodate additional ceramic art, including local pottery representing Hagi's history. Michelin Green Guide Japan rated the Museum as a two-star tourist attraction in 2020.

*90 min. by car from Shimonoseki Port, 10 min. by car from Hagi Port



Katsushika Hokusai I
The Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji: The Great Wave off the Coast of Kanagawa



Katsushika Hokusai I
The Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji: Mount Fuji at Dawn

■ Akiyoshidai Plateau

Akiyoshidai is one of the largest karst plateaus in Japan, formed over 350 million years. Here you will see the marvels of geology and find new excitement in every season.

*1 hr. by car from Shimonoseki Port, 45 min. by car from Hagi Port



Akiyoshidai Plateau

■ Motonosumi-Jinja Shrine

Enjoy an impressive view of 123 red torii shrine gates winding down a mountain towards a cliff overlooking the Sea of Japan. The offertory box, located on the ground at most shrines, is instead placed at the top of the five-meter tall torii gate. It is said that your wish will come true if your offering lands in the offertory box. US broadcaster CNN chose this shrine as one of the 31 most beautiful places in Japan in March 2015, and again as one of the 36 most stunning places in Japan in January 2019.

*90 min. by car from Shimonoseki Port, 1 hr. by car from Hagi Port



Motonosumi-Jinja Shrine

■ Rurikoji Temple Five-Storeyed Pagoda

Rurikoji Temple Five-Storeyed Pagoda is the 10th oldest pagoda in Japan and is known as one of the "three most beautiful pagodas of Japan." Surrounded by cherry blossoms in spring and maple trees in autumn, the five-storeyed pagoda is not only beautiful at daytime, but also exudes a mystical atmosphere when illuminated as evening falls.

*1 hr. by car from Shimonoseki Port, 50 min. by car from Hagi Port



Rurikoji Temple Five-Storeyed Pagoda

■ Akiyoshido Cave

Akiyoshido Cave is one of the largest limestone caves in Japan, located 100 meters underground in Akiyoshidai Quasi-National Park. The temperature inside the cave remains constant at 17°C throughout the year, making it a comfortable place to visit all year round.

*1 hr. by car from Shimonoseki Port, 45 min. by car from Hagi Port



Akiyoshido Cave

■ Omijima Island

Omijima Island boasts picturesque scenery with approximately 40 kilometers of breathtaking coastline including sheer cliffs, caves, and multitudes of oddly shaped rocks like monoliths created by the wild waves. The island offers an excursion boat ride all the way around the island, as well as walking trails, a beach, and a campsite.

*90 min. by car from Shimonoseki Port, 30 min. by car from Hagi Port



Omijima Island

■ Uiro(traditional steamed cake)

Uiro is a specialty Yamaguchi confectionery made by mixing rice flour or wheat flour with sugar and water, then steaming it, and is characterized by its chewy texture and gentle sweetness. Each store has its own unique flavor, and recently, some stores have started offering "Uiro Drink".



Uiro(traditional steamed cake)



Port of SHIMONOSEKI

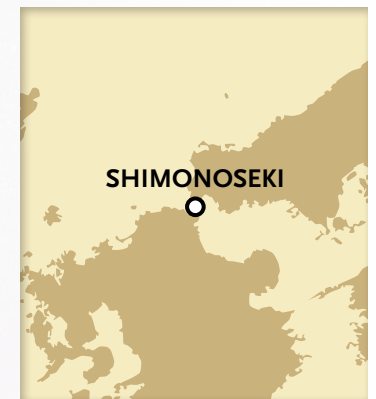
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Blowfish (©Kaikyokan)

Shimonoseki is known globally as a stunning spot you must see in your lifetime. Located in westernmost Honshu, it serves as the entrance to the Seto Inland Sea. The city is blessed with a wealth of tourism resources such as beautiful views, valuable historical heritage, quality hot springs, and great natural beauty. Boasting attractive views along the strait, the city has frequently appeared at important stages of Japanese history. Many historical sites can be found in the city, such as ancient tombs, samurai residences, earthen walls, and the site of the Dan-no-ura battle, a catalyst for the emergence of samurai society. The city is one of Japan's major fisheries, and you can enjoy the authentic fugu (blowfish) here, the first place in Japan to lift the ban on eating it. The fresh sushi at Karato Market is popular among visitors all the world over. And Tsunoshima was ranked third in the world on Facebook's "Stunning landscapes of the world to see during your lifetime !" in 2013.



Port Facilities

Name		
(1) Arcaport Berth (2) Choshu Dejima Berth		
Location		
(1) Arcaport, Shimonoseki City, Yamaguchi (2) ChoshuDejima, Shimonoseki City, Yamaguchi		
Nearest Station (Time Req.)		
(1) JR Shimonoseki Station (5 min. by car) (2) JR Hatabu Station (10 min. by car)		
Access		
Station	(1) JR Shimonoseki Station (5 min. by car) (2) JR Hatabu Station (10 min. by car)	
Airport	(1) Kitakyushu Airport (40 min. by car) (2) Kitakyushu Airport (45 min. by car)	
Shinkansen	(1) JR Shin-Shimonoseki Station (15 min. by car) (2) JR Shin-Shimonoseki Station (15 min. by car)	
Capacity		
Length	(1) 300 m	(2) 385 m
Water Depth	(1) 12 m	(2) 12 m
Apron Width	(1) 20 m	(2) 20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available	
Tidal Range	(1) 2.35 m	(2) 1.49 m



(1) Arcaport Berth

Services	
Welcome Ceremony	First port of call : Mayor's speech, bouquet presentation, souvenirs Arrival and Departure : Traditional performing arts performances (Heike Drumming, Heike Dance), Kids dance, Brass band, Greeting and seeing off by children, Farewell with penlights Wharf: Local product sales, serving of local sake and pufferfish hot pot.
Introducing Japanese Culture	Japanese drums, dance performance, and more
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	(1) The tourist information center can be used temporarily, and currency exchange is negotiable. (2) Both are temporarily available on the day of port call.
Shuttle Bus Services	(1) (2) Depends on occasion
City Sightseeing for Crew	(1) (2) Depends on occasion
Notices	
(1) (2) Pilot required (2) Usable by up to 220,000 GT class ships	



(2) Choshu Dejima Berth

Sightseeing Spots

■ Karato Market

Freshly caught seafood of the day welcomes passengers and crew. On the weekends, a sushi buffet is held. You can choose your favorite sushi and enjoy it while overlooking the strait.



Karato Market

■ Castle Town Chofu

The Chofu area, with its samurai residences and mud walls, evokes the atmosphere of a castle town. It is a place filled with points of interest such as Kozan-ji Temple, which possesses a National Treasure Buddha Hall, and the Mouri residence where even Emperor Meiji stayed.



Kozan-ji Temple

■ Introduction of Japanese Experience

In Shimonoseki, you can have unique experiences not found elsewhere, such as blending Japanese sake and eating soba noodles cooked on a tile.



Sake



Kawarasoba

■ Akama Shrine

830 years ago, Emperor Antoku, who died at the young age of 8 in the Kanmon Strait after losing a decisive naval battle, is enshrined here. The shrine is famous for its bright red Suitengumon gate.



Akama Shrine

■ Tsunoshima and Tsunoshima Ohashi

Characterized by white sandy beaches and emerald green sea, it ranked third in Facebook's "World's Most Stunning Views to See in Your Lifetime" in 2013. From the lighthouse on the island, you can enjoy a panoramic view of the Sea of Japan.



Tsunoshima Ohashi

■ Mount Hinoyama

We're extensively renewing Hinoyama Park, which faces the Kanmon Strait. You can go to the mountaintop by pulse gondola and enjoy the stunning views of the Kanmon Strait and the Sea of Japan from the observatory.



Hinoyama park

■ Authentic Blowfish

Shimonoseki, the home of pufferfish, is famous for its culinary masters who have perfected traditional skills to offer artistic pufferfish dishes. Also, it boasts high safety and trustworthiness as the only place in Japan that exports to the United States. So, please relish the authentic taste.



Blowfish



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Osaka Castle Park

Situated at the heart of the Kansai region, Osaka is conveniently connected with Japan's most popular historical cities of Kyoto and Nara, as well as other parts of the region, through a comprehensive highway and other transport networks. Together with the direct link via the expressway to Kansai International Airport, the location makes an ideal "fly & cruise" homeport. With no air draft limits, the port can accommodate large-sized cruise ships. The World Expo 2025 will take place in Osaka under the theme "Designing Future Society for Our Lives from April 13 to October 13, 2025. So, please don't miss this opportunity to visit the limited time event.



Port of OSAKA

Port Facilities

Name	
Tempozan Wharf	
Location	
3-11-8, Chikkou, Minato-ku, Osaka City, Osaka	
Access	
Station	Osakako Station (subway) (approx. 5 min. walk)
Airport	Kansai International Airport (approx. 35 min. by car, 60 min. by train or airport limousine bus) Osaka International Airport (approx. 45 min. by car or train)
Shinkansen	JR Shin-Osaka Station (approx. 30 min. by car or train)
Facilities	
Tempozan Passenger Terminal	Total floor space 5,780 m ² over 3 stories Entrance hall (tourist information and currency exchange desks can be set up as required), CIQ area, baggage handling space, waiting area, conference room, etc. <small>*The new passenger terminal opened in May 2024.</small> <small>*Supporting buildings (total space 800 m²) are also available.</small>
Other Facilities	Tempozan Market Place (restaurants, souvenir shops, send-off deck), aquarium, Ferris wheel, hotels, parking

Capacity	
Length	430 m
Water Depth	11 m
Apron Width	21 m (partly 13.3 m)
Boarding Bridges	1 (mobile)
Tidal Range	1.61 m (5-year average)
Notices	
Maximum Airdraft	No air draft limits
Services	
Welcome Ceremony	• Fireboat spraying water (by local fire department marine fire station) • Brass band playing upon berthing or departing • Commemorative plaque (at first call) • Commemorative gift • Japanese traditional shows, such as taiko drumming
Introducing Japanese Culture	• Japanese harp, kimono, Japanese tea ceremony, etc.
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	• Sightseeing information • Currency exchange • Free Wi-Fi
Shuttle Bus Services	Not available (however, subway station to downtown Osaka within walking distance)
City Sightseeing for Crews	Tempozan Harbor Village, which includes the Kaiyukan (one of the world's largest aquariums), giant Ferris wheel, and Tempozan Market Place, is located just next to the wharf. Universal Studios Japan is located on the opposite side of the pier.

Sightseeing Spots

Historic Sites of Osaka



Osaka Castle Park

The symbol of Osaka, and the castle from which Toyotomi Hideyoshi schemed to unify Japan as a nation. The park offers splendid views of plum blossoms, cherry blossoms, and autumn leaves.



Shitennoji Temple

The first officially administered Buddhist temple in Japan, built in 593.



Sumiyoshi-Taisha Shrine

The most popular shrine in Osaka with over 1,800 years of history, serving as the main shrine of all the 2,300 Sumiyoshi shrines across the nation of Japan. Here, deities of the sea and sailing are venerated.



Tenjin Festival

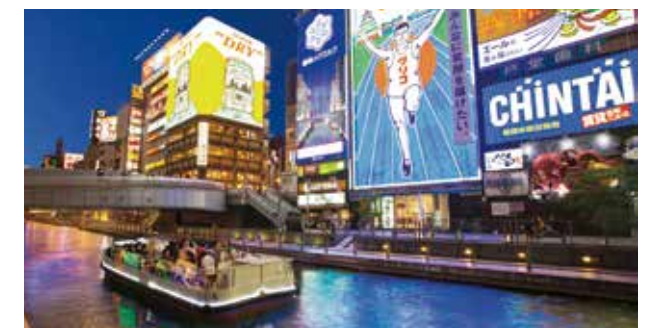
One of the most popular summer festivals in Japan, held at Osaka Tenmangu Shrine and throughout the city. View spectacular fireworks on the water with more than 100 floats passing by.

Umeda Sky Building



One of the world's top 20 buildings, alongside the Taj Mahal, Sydney Opera House, and Sagrada Familia. It offers superb views of Osaka from its observatory.

Dotonbori & Shinsaibashi District



A bustling shopping and eatery district with a 580-meter shopping arcade, hundreds of restaurants, and distinctive billboards.

Kyoto & Nara (UNESCO World Heritage Sites)

The ancient capitals of Japan, with many temples and shrines registered as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. (60 min. to Kyoto and 45 min. to Nara by car from the port)

Koyasan (in Wakayama Pref.) (UNESCO World Heritage Sites)

A historical temple complex built atop Mt. Koya, where visitors can stay in temple lodgings and experience the traditional monastic lifestyle. (120 min. by car and train from the port)



Port Facilities

Name	
Central Pier North Wharf	
Location	
1-5-38 Kaigan-dori, Minato-ku, Osaka City, Osaka	
Access	
Station	Osakako Station (subway) (approx. 5 min. walk)
Airport	Kansai International Airport (approx. 30 min. by car, 60 min. by train or airport limousine bus) Osaka International Airport (approx. 45 min. by car or train)
Shinkansen	JR Shin-Osaka Station (approx. 30 min. by car or train)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	None
Capacity	
Length	210 m
Water Depth	11 m
Apron Width	25 m (parking for about 30 buses)
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	1.61 m (5-year average)
Notices	
Maximum Airdraft	No air draft limitation

Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	• Fireboat spraying water (by local fire department marine fire station) • Brass band playing when berthing or departing • Commemorative plaque (at first call) • Commemorative gift • Japanese traditional shows, such as taiko drumming
Introducing Japanese Culture	• Japanese harp, kimono, Japanese tea ceremony, etc.
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	• Sightseeing information • Currency exchange • Free Wi-Fi
Shuttle Bus Services	Not available (however, subway station to downtown Osaka within walking distance)



Port of SAKAI-SEMBOKU

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Port Facilities

Name	
Ohama No.5 Wharf	
Location	
Chikkou Minami, Sakai-ku, Sakai City, Osaka	
Access	
Station	Sakai Station, Nankai Line (approx. 6 min. by car)
Airport	Kansai International Airport (approx. 30 min. by car)
Shinkansen	JR Shin-Osaka Station (approx. 35 min. by car)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	None
Capacity	
Length	370 m
Water Depth	10 m
Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	1.67 m (5-year average)
Notices	
Maximum Airdraft	No air draft limitation

Services	
Welcome Ceremony	• Fireboat spraying water (by local fire department marine fire stations) • Brass band playing when berthing or departing • Commemorative plaque (for first call) • Commemorative gift • Japanese traditional shows, such as taiko drumming
Introducing Japanese Culture	Japanese tea ceremony etc.
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	None (maps are available)
Shuttle Bus Services	Discuss with port authority
City Sightseeing for Crews	AEONMALL Sakai-Teppochō shopping mall (approx. 10 min by car)



Sightseeing Spots

World Heritage Site “Mozu-Furuichi Tumulus (Ancient Emperor Tomb) Clusters”

The Mozu-Furuichi Tumulus Clusters have been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2019. The Nintoku Tenno-ryo Tumulus is one of the world’s three largest tombs, along with the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt and the Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor in China. Experience magnificent views of the Mozu Tumulus Clusters in a 360-degree panorama from the sky through VR.



Mozu-Furuichi Tumulus Clusters

The oldest winery in western Japan: Katashimo Winery

The eastern part of Osaka has over 100 years of history of wine-making and Katashimo Winery is known to be the oldest winery in western Japan. The wine is gaining fans not only in Japan but also around the world and has won numerous awards in London, Paris, Hong Kong, San Francisco, and other cities. They offer the winery tour with wine tasting and lunch box included. You can enjoy comparing the taste of rare grape varieties in the vineyard in autumn.



Katashimo Winery

History and Culture of Sakai

Sakai City is home to a traditional crafts museum, Sakai Risho no Mori (Sakai Plaza of Rikyu and Akiko). This museum is designed to convey the appeal of Sakai’s history and culture through the lives and portraits of Sakai-born tea master Sen no Rikyu, and famous poet Akiko Yosano. Experience tea ceremonies at your leisure in the authentic tearoom, or be seated at a table with Japanese “omotenashi” hospitality.

* Sen no Rikyu (1522 – 1591) was the founder of the Senke school of sado (tea ceremony) and is known as the originator of the wabi-sabi aesthetic (the notion of accepting and celebrating imperfection and transience) in the tea ceremony.



Tea ceremony experience

Katsuo-ji Temple

Katsuo-ji Temple has been worshiped as a temple of victory for 1300 years, and today it is known as a temple that will help you win in every aspect of life, including entrance exams, warding off bad luck, illness, sports, business, elections, and entertainment. The “daruma fortune tellers” placed all over the temple grounds and the “katsu daruma” dedicated to each other are sights unique to Katsuo-ji Temple. The precincts are famous for the abundance of seasonal flowers such as cherry blossoms, hydrangeas, and autumn leaves.



Katsuo-ji Temple

Kishiwada Castle

Kishiwada Castle, chosen as one of “Another 100 Fine Castles of Japan” in 2017, is home to the Hachijin-no-Niwa Japanese rock garden by Mirei Shigemori, known as one of Japan’s most innovative garden designers. Take a walk in a Japanese garden, have lunch at Gofuso, and enjoy the authentic atmosphere.



Kishiwada Castle

Experience Traditional Crafts

Sakai knives are famous for their sharpness and high quality, and are highly acclaimed by chefs all over the world. Learn and experience how to make a knife under the guide of a blacksmith, and create your own original fine knife. At this museum you can buy Sakai cutlery — which has a 600-year tradition — while advised by Sakai-trained French blacksmith Eric.



Experience traditional crafts



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Located between the mountains and the sea, the Port of Kobe has flourished as a hub for international sea transportation since the Middle Ages.

Known as one of the most beautiful ports in the world, the Port of Kobe opened in 1868 and became the first port in Japan to start an international ocean liner service in 1893.

Today, Kobe is a cosmopolitan and diverse city that combines the richness of nature and urban life.

The Port of Kobe is also the gateway to the world-famous Seto Inland Sea cruises, making it an ideal turnaround port. Please enjoy a fascinating trip from the Port of Kobe.



Kobe Harborland

Port Facilities

Name	Location
Kobe Port Terminal	4-5 Shinko-cho, Chuo-ku, Kobe City, Hyogo

Access	
Station	Port Terminal Station, Port Liner (Adjacent to the terminal) Sannomiya Station (JR, Hankyu, Hanshin, subway) (5 min. by Port Liner)
Airport	Kansai International Airport (KIX) (60 min. by Port Liner & high-speed boat, 60 min. by car) Itami Airport (35 min. by car) Kobe Airport (13 min. by Port Liner)

Shinkansen JR Shin-Kobe Station (10 min. by car)

Facility Overview

Fixed immigration counters (embarkation: 5, disembarkation: 16), customs booth, plant protection station, animal quarantine station, X-ray inspection devices (large luggage: 2, hand luggage: 3), metal detectors (gate type: 3), check-in counters (temporary), tourist information, currency exchange, parking area (buses: 70, personal vehicles: 119), escalators (4), elevators (passenger: 2, luggage: 4), lobby (300 chairs, temporary seating available)

Capacity

Length	Berths Q1, Q2 & R (East Side): 649 m Berths O1, O2 (West Side): 491 m
Water Depth	Q1, Q2: 12 m, O1: 11 m, O2: 10 m
Apron Width	15 m
Boarding Bridges	2 (mobile, barrier-free)
Tidal Range	1 m (average)

Services

Welcome Ceremonies	Fire boat spraying colored water, release of colorful balloons, performance of brass band, jazz, or Japanese drumming, and courtesy visit with special gifts.
Introducing Japanese Culture	Barrel-opening ceremony, calligraphy experience, kimono experience, Japanese sake tasting, Kobe sweets tasting
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Available

Name	Location
Naka Pier Cruise Terminal	5-6 Hatoba-cho, Chuo-ku, Kobe City, Hyogo

Access	
Station	Motomachi Station (JR, Hanshin lines) (5 min. by car, 15 min. walk)
Bus stop	Nakatottei (City Loop) (3 min. walk) Port Tower Mae (Port Loop) (4 min. walk)
Airport	Kansai International Airport (KIX) (60 min. by car & high-speed boat, 70 min. by car) Itami Airport (40 min. by car) Kobe Airport (20 min. by car)

Shinkansen JR Shin-Kobe Station (12 min. by car)

Facility Overview

Fixed immigration counters (6), customs booth, plant protection station, animal quarantine station, X-ray inspection devices (large luggage: 1, hand luggage: 2), metal detectors (gate type: 2, handheld type: 2), check-in counters, tourist information, currency exchange (temporary), parking area (buses: 20, personal vehicles: 133), escalators (3), elevators (passenger: 1, luggage: 1), hotel and conference center (Kobe Meriken Park Oriental Hotel), lobby (100 chairs, temporary seating available)

Capacity

Length	Berths B & C: 305 m
Water Depth	9.0 m
Boarding Bridges	1 (mobile, barrier-free)
Apron Width	20 m
Tidal Range	1 m (average)

Shuttle Bus Services	Available
KOBE Free Wi-Fi	Available
Security check facility	Available (X-ray inspection devices, metal detectors)
Kobe Porter Service	A special luggage transportation service for guests traveling to and from the Port of Kobe (Service not always available. Please contact us one month in advance.)

Kobe Port Terminal



Naka Pier Cruise Terminal



Sightseeing Spots



Kobe

■ Kobe Beef

Kobe Beef is renowned for its superior flavor, tenderness, and its marbled texture. Don't miss the opportunity to try genuine, melt-in-your-mouth Kobe Beef while staying in Kobe.



■ Sake Breweries

Nadagogo is an area in Kobe and Nishinomiya with many sake breweries. Together, these breweries produce around one-quarter of all the sake made in Japan. Sake tasting experiences provided by the sake breweries are a great way to enjoy Kobe's sake.



■ Mt. Rokko and Mt. Maya

Topping out at 931 meters, these mountains provide a variety of leisure options and fantastic views of Kobe. Night views from the mountaintop are said to be "worth 10 million dollars."



■ Arima Hot Springs

One of the oldest hot springs in Japan, Arima Hot Spring is only around 30 minutes from the cruise terminal by taxi. Visit the hot springs to get a taste of the traditional townscape and geiko culture.



■ Himeji Castle

The National Treasure of Himeji Castle was the first World Cultural Heritage listed in Japan. The eye-catching daitenshu (main donjon) of the castle was built in 1609, and its beautiful form has been maintained for over 400 years.



■ Kyoto and Nara

From Kobe: Approx. 1 hour by car



Kyoto: Kinkaku-ji Temple



Nara: Todai-ji Temple



View from Mt. Rokko



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The Port of Himeji is a Central International Port located in the coastal area of Himeji City. The Port of Himeji offers very convenient access to popular tourist attractions for international tourists. Himeji Port is the closest port to Himeji Castle, a World Cultural Heritage Site and National Treasure, and one of the most beautiful castles in Japan, about 20 minutes away by car. Engyo-ji Temple on Mt.Shosha, you can experience zazen meditation and also taste vegetarian cuisine. In addition, you can enjoy a variety of historical and cultural attractions such as the Ikuno Silver Mine, Takeda Castle Ruins, and the Ieshima Islands. Many cruise ships cruising on the Seto Inland Sea have called at our port, because it is located to the east of the Seto Inland Sea.



Himeji Castle

Port Facilities

Name			
Shikama No. 4 & No. 5 Berths			
Location			
Shikama No. 4 & No. 5 Berths Hosoe, Shikama-ku, Himeji City, Hyogo			
Nearest Station (Time Req.)			
JR Himeji Station (20 min. by bus)			
Access			
Station	JR Himeji Station (20 min. by bus)		
Airport	Kansai Airport (120 min. by bus)		
Shinkansen	JR Himeji Station (20 min. by bus)		
Facilities			
Facility Overview	None available		
Capacity			
Length	340 m	Boarding Bridges	N / A
Water Depth	10 m	Tidal Range	1.63 m
Apron Width	20 m		

Services	
Welcome Ceremony	Welcome ceremony (presentation of bouquets and commemorative gifts for first-time arrivals) Farewell performance by Japanese drum groups, brass bands, and more
Introducing Japanese Culture	Japanese drum band performance, tea ceremony, shuriken (Japanese throwing knife) throwing session
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Temporary booths will be provided on the quay to supply tourist information and currency exchange (USD)
Shuttle Bus Services	None available
City Sightseeing for Crews	Maps and guidebooks are provided. City center is 20 minutes by bus.
Other	Free Wi-Fi available for cruise ship passengers and crews.

Sightseeing Spots

Himeji Castle

Himeji Castle has 400 years of history and was registered as Japan's first UNESCO Cultural World Heritage Site in 1993. Also called the White Heron Castle, a variety of events are held in each of the four seasons. Passengers of cruise ships calling at Himeji Port can take a special tour to enter Himeji Castle early in the morning.



Himeji Castle

Takeda Castle Ruins

The ruins of Takeda Castle, also known as "Castle in the Sky" or "Machu Picchu of Japan" because it appears to float in a sea of clouds. In recent years, it has gained significant popularity, attracting tourists from both Japan and abroad to see its fantastic appearance.



Takeda Castle Ruins

Ikuno Silver Mine

Ikuno Silver Mine, one of the three major silver mines in Japan, produced abundant ores from the 17th to the 20th century. It is a valuable historical site that offers insight into both ancient and modern mining.



Ikuno Silver Mine

Mikobata Senkoujyo (Former Mikobata Mine)

Mikobata Senkoujyo was the largest in the East at its peak, as the ore dressing plant of the Akenobe Mine. The "Ginno-Bashamichi and Koseki-no-Michi", which connects Himeji Port, Ikuno Silver Mine, and Mikobata, is designated as a Japan Heritage site.



Mikobata Senkoujyo

Ieshima Islands (Fishing Tour and Island Walk)

Ieshima, located in the Harimanada Sea in the Seto Inland Sea, is known for having some of the highest fish catches in Japan. Visitors can observe fishing activities up close from a tour boat and taste seasonal seafood on board. A guided walk through the port town is also available.



Ieshima Islands



Japanese traditional garden Koko-en

Koko-en is a circuit-style garden with ponds, consisting of nine various-sized gardens, built on the site of the former residence of the Himeji Domain's feudal lord. The garden, designed to preserve the land divisions from over 150 years ago, offers beautiful seasonal scenery.



koko-en

Engyo-ji Temple on Mt.Shosha

After enjoying a 4-minute ropeway ride to the top of the mountain, visitors find this Tendai sect temple, with its proud history of about 1,000 years. There are many buildings designated as National Important Cultural Properties, and it is famous as a filming location for the Hollywood movie "The Last Samurai", starring Tom Cruise, and various movies.



Engyo-ji Temple



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"Liminal Air -core-" Shinji Ohmaki Photo: Kimito Takahashi

The port of Takamatsu is a place of genuine scenic beauty. It is located in the Seto Inland Sea, designated as Japan's first National Park in 1934. The port is equipped with a wharf exclusively for mid-sized cruise ships and links smoothly to tourist spots. The tourist spots around Takamatsu Port give the area a unique atmosphere, blending traditional culture and modern art amid the picturesque scenery of the Seto Inland Sea. In particular, the island of Naoshima is a place where visitors can experience the extraordinary. There are also historical places of interest near the port, such as Ritsurin Garden. The most famous food in Takamatsu is sanuki udon noodles. Visit the Port of Takamatsu for a premium travel experience.



Port Facilities

Name	
Tamamo Chiku -10m Wharf	
Location	
8-40 Sunport, Takamatsu City, Kagawa	
Access	
Station	JR Takamatsu Station (5 min. walk)
Airport	Takamatsu Airport (approx. 40 min. by bus)



Facilities			
Facility Overview		Not available	
Capacity			
Length	310 m	Water Depth	10 m
Apron Width	20 m	Boarding Bridges	Not available
Tidal Range	2.3 m		
Services			
Welcome Ceremonies	Experience calligraphy demonstrations and demonstrations by the Matchlock Gun Corps of Takamatsu Castle complimentary udon noodles, presentation of gift and flower bouquet to ship's captain		
Introducing Japanese Culture	Japanese cultural workshop: Udon noodle making, uchiwa hand fan making, calligraphy lessons		
Tourist Information Center	Temporarily available on a cruise ship call day		
Currency Exchange	Available on request		
Shuttle Bus Services	Not available (Only 5 minutes on foot to downtown area)		
City Sightseeing for Crews	Tamamo Park, which contains one of Japan's three best castles surrounded by moats, and Ritsurin Garden are located close to the port. The city center has a shopping mall and is a 10-minute walk from the port.		



Sightseeing Spots

■ Naoshima

Naoshima is an island of art located in the Seto Inland Sea National Park. The island contains many structures designed by world-renowned architect Tadao Ando. These include Benesse House, which is both an art museum and a hotel, and Chichu Art Museum, which was built almost entirely underground to preserve unhindered views of the beautiful Seto Inland Sea. Visitors can also see the Art House Project in the Honmura district of the island, where old houses have been restored and made into works of modern art. People from all over the world visit Naoshima, where art and nature exist in harmony.



YAYOI KUSAMA "Red Pumpkin" 2006 Naoshima Miyanoura Port Square
Photo/Daisuke Aochi ©YAYOI KUSAMA

■ Kankakei Gorge

The island of Shodoshima in the Seto Inland Sea is a world-class scenic spot. The view from the ropeway is the only one in Japan that includes scenery of sky, sea, and a gorge at the same time.

Kankakei Gorge



■ The Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum Japan

This art museum is located in the grounds of the studio where leading 20th century sculptor Isamu Noguchi worked. The studio is preserved exactly as it was during Noguchi's life. The space itself is a piece of art. This gift from the great sculptor must be experienced to be understood.

■ Ritsurin Garden

Ritsurin Garden was built in 1745. It is the largest daimyo garden of Japan, which means that it once belonged to a feudal lord. The bonsai pines in the garden are extremely beautiful. The garden has been awarded a three-star rating (the highest possible) by the Michelin Green Guide Japan.



Ritsurin Garden

■ Kotohira-gu Shrine

Kotohira-gu is a shrine with a history of 1000 years. It is believed to house a god that protects seafarers. Millions of people visit the shrine every year. It is said that visitors' wishes will come true if they can climb up the 785 stone steps to the main shrine.

■ Central Takamatsu Shopping Arcade

The longest shopping arcade in Japan with a combined length of 2.7 km. A 10-minute walk from Takamatsu Port.





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Photo: Osamu Nakamura
Uno Chinu - The Black Seabream of Uno/Yodogawa Technique | Japan

On the Seto Inland Sea, among countless beautiful islands, Uno Port is situated in an excellent natural location between Kobe and Hiroshima. Many of Japan's traditions and cultural arts can be discovered here. These include Okayama Korakuen Garden (one of Japan's three most beautiful gardens), Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarters with its townscape reminiscent of the Edo period, Bizen Osafune Japanese Sword Museum, and Bizenyaki pottery. Naoshima Island, famous for contemporary art, is located 20 minutes away by ferry.



Port Facilities

Name	
Berth No.1 for large passenger ships	
Location	
Chikko, Tamano City, Okayama	
Access	
Station	JR Uno Station (3 min. walk)
Airport	Okayama Momotaro Airport (80 min. by bus)
Shinkansen	JR Okayama Station (50 min. by train or bus)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	Not available
Capacity	
Length	280 m
Water Depth	10 m
Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	Not available
Tidal Range	Approx 4.0 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifts and welcome parade for first-time calls • Send-offs (local school performances and balloons) • Small gifts (fans, small souvenirs) • Marche event • Night illumination (candlelight)
Introducing Japanese Culture	Japanese drum band performance, Shishimai (a dance in which the performer wears a lion mask)
Tourist Information Center	Uno Port Symbol Building & JR Uno Station
Currency Exchange	Not available
Shuttle Bus Services	Not available
City Sightseeing for Crews	Facilities around Uno Port • Hot springs & Japanese-style hot stone sauna • Bike rental *There is a futsal court in the circumference.

Sightseeing Spots

■ Okayama Korakuen Garden & Okayama Castle

Okayama Korakuen Garden is one of Japan's most famous gardens, with a wealth of history over 300 years. Visitors can enjoy the various flowers located around the streams of water that meander throughout the garden's greenery, all blooming at different times of the year. The garden was awarded 3 Michelin stars in 2015.



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■ Bizen Osafune Japanese Sword Museum

The Bizen Osafune Japanese Sword Museum is located in Osafune, once a major sword-producing region, and is one of very few museums inside Japan that specialize in Japanese swords. Here, visitors can witness firsthand the production and art of these fine swords.



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■ Kojima Jeans Street

Kojima Jeans Street is attracting attention in Kojima, the sacred place for domestic jeans. Local jeans manufacturers are lined up along the approximately 400m street. Recently, many tourists from overseas have been visiting here, as they can purchase the original jeans made by the world-famous Japan Denim brand.



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■ Mt.Ojigatake

The summit of Mt. Ojigatake is a spectacular spot from which to enjoy panoramic views of the Seto Ohashi Bridge and the many beautiful islands of the Seto Inland Sea. There is also a flight point for paragliding, and sky sports are popular here as well. Mt. Ojigatake is known as the origin point and sacred ground for the sport of bouldering in Japan, and many climbers visit during the peak season for numerous activities.



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■ Uno Port Art Site: Uno Chinu — The Black Seabream of Uno / Yodogawa Technique | Japan

The Setouchi International Art Festival is held once every three years around Naoshima Island – the Holy Land of Contemporary Art. Uno Port has many works of art on exhibit and acts as a gateway to the other islands' venues.

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Itsukushima Shrine

Situated almost midway between the Kansai and Kyushu regions, Hiroshima Port is recognized as an excellent harbor thanks to its natural setting. It continues to develop as an international trading port, and plays a leading role in the Chugoku and Shikoku regions. Various projects are also underway in order to meet the growing needs of internationalization, revitalizing the local economy, and ensuring the port's efficient functioning.



Port of HIROSHIMA

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Port Facilities

Wharf 1

Name	Ujina Foreign Trade Wharf
Location	3 Ujinakaigan, Minami-ku, Hiroshima City, Hiroshima
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	“Kaigan Dori” streetcar stop (15-minute walk)
Access	
Station	JR Hiroshima Station (approx. 40 min. by streetcar)
Airport	Hiroshima Airport (approx. 60 min. by taxi)
Shinkansen	JR Hiroshima Station (approx. 40 min. by streetcar)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	Hiroshima Port Cruise Terminal
Total Floor Space	1,349 m ²
Capacity	
Length	390 m
Water Depth	10.0 m
Apron Width	18.0 m
Boarding Bridges	Not available
Tidal Range	Approx. 4.0 m

Services	Content
Welcome Ceremony	Arranged by request (Examples include traditional kagura, music, etc.)
Introducing Japanese Culture	Origami
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Available on day of call only (Information Center House)
Shuttle Bus Services	Negotiable. Usually runs to Hiroshima Port Ujina Passenger Terminal.
City Sightseeing for Crews	Shuttle bus available for crews as well.



Wharf 2

Name	Itsukaichi Wharf
Location	3 Itsukaichiko, Saeki-ku, Hiroshima City, Hiroshima
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	JR Itsukaichi Station (10 min. by taxi) “Itsukaichi” streetcar stop (10 min. by taxi)
Access	
Station	Itsukaichi Station (approx. 10 min. by taxi)
Airport	Hiroshima Airport (approx. 90 min. by airport limousine bus and JR via Hiroshima Station)
Shinkansen	Approx. 15 min. by JR from Itsukaichi Station
Facilities	
Shed 1:	Shed 2:
Facility Overview	CIQ Information, currency exchange, sale of goods and food (gift shop, local foods)
Total Floor Space	1,392.0 m ² 1,776.0 m ²
Capacity	
Length	430 m
Water Depth	11 m & 12 m
Apron Width	20.0 m
Boarding Bridges	Not available
Tidal Range	Approx. 4.0 m

Services	Content
Welcome Ceremony	Arranged by request. (Examples include traditional kagura, music, etc.)
Introducing Japanese Culture	Kimono, origami, kendama (cup and ball) toys (Shed 2)
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Available on day of call only (Shed 2)
Shuttle Bus Services	Negotiable. Usually runs to JR Itsukaichi Station.
City Sightseeing for Crews	Shuttle bus available for crews as well.



Sightseeing Spots

■ Miyajima / Itsukushima Shrine (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

Miyajima Island boasts a unique history and culture, as well as a naturally preserved primeval forest. The island has the distinct honor of being named one of the three most beautiful scenic views in Japan. The vermilion lacquer of the World Heritage site of Itsukushima Shrine and its iconic Torii gate bring out the elegance of the Japan that existed almost 1,000 years ago.



Miyajima / Itsukushima Shrine

■ Atomic Bomb Dome / Peace Memorial Park (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

Known as the international city of peace, Hiroshima is a symbol of reconstruction. Peace Memorial Park was created in remembrance of precious lives lost in the atomic bombing, and to convey the history of tragedy in hope that it will never be repeated. In addition to many monuments, the park is home to the Peace Memorial Museum. The Atomic Bomb Dome stands as it was following the bombing, reminding all who see it of the importance of peace.



Atomic Bomb Dome

■ Kagura

Kagura is a form of traditional theatrical dance. Actors wearing expressive masks and gorgeously decorated kimonos dance and sing to ritual music played on drums and flutes. Traditionally, Japanese people performed Kagura for the Shinto gods as a ritual to wish for a rich harvest, abundant fishing, or good health. There are more than 100 kagura groups active in the Geihoku area. A total of more than 70 performances have been handed down, and Kagura events are held monthly throughout the year.



Kagura

■ Saijo Sake Breweries

A visit to Saijo is like a trip back in time. In a very small area, you will encounter some of the world's most prestigious and oldest traditional black-and-white sake breweries with tall brick chimneys. Sake is made from rice and water. But to brew the best sake, both must be pure. Saijo is blessed with an abundance of perfect sake brewing water from local wells that have been renowned for generations.



Saijo Sake Breweries

■ Okonomiyaki

Hiroshima-style okonomiyaki is a mixture of flour and water spread out on a griddle and loaded with cabbage, bean sprouts, soba noodles, meat, and egg, which is then cooked to perfection and topped with a special sauce.



Okonomiyaki

Port of **FUKUYAMA** (Fukuyama City) SMALL

Port Facilities

Name	
(1) Minooki Wharf (2) Minoshima Wharf	
Location	
Minooki-cho, Fukuyama City, Hiroshima	
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	
JR Fukuyama Station (30 min. by taxi)	
Access	
Station	JR Fukuyama Station (approx. 30 min. by taxi)
Airport	Hiroshima Airport (approx. 90 min. by airport limousine bus and taxi via Fukuyama Station)
Shinkansen	JR Fukuyama Station (approx. 30 min. by taxi)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	Not available
Capacity	
Length	(1) 170 m, 250 m (2) 520 m
Water Depth	(1) 10.0 m (2) 7.5 m
Apron Width	(1) 50.0 m (2) 30.0 m
Boarding Bridges	(1)(2) Not available
Tidal Range	(1)(2) Approx. 4.0 m



Sightseeing Spots

■ Tomonoura

This beautiful green island floats in the calm Seto Inland Sea, often referred to as the Aegean Sea of Japan. Tomonoura once bustled with people waiting for the tide to turn. There are many famous landmarks and historical sites in this port town. With its old streets and other remnants, such as the night-lights that are the symbol of the Tomo region, it has the atmosphere of by-gone days.



■ Shinshoji

Shinshoji Zen Museum and Gardens in Japan offers a serene escape with its beautifully landscaped gardens and traditional Zen architecture. Visitors can experience Zen meditation, tea ceremonies, and various art exhibitions. It's a perfect blend of nature, culture, and tranquility, providing a deep insight into Japanese Zen Buddhism.



off-site scene



Port of **KURE** (Kure City) MIDDLE

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Kure City, with a population of approximately 200,000, is located in the southwestern part of Hiroshima Prefecture, almost in the center of the Seto Inland Sea, and is blessed with a mild climate and natural environment. The Seto Inland Sea National Park accounts for more than 40% of the total land area of Hiroshima Prefecture, and the coastline, including the islands, stretches about 300 km, with one of the most beautiful and scenic landscapes in western Japan.

Port Facilities

Name	
Kawaraishi West Wharf	
Location	
18 - 1 Hikarimachi, Kure City, Hiroshima	
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	
JR Kawaraishi Station (10 min walk)	
Access	
Station	JR Kure Station (10 min.by taxi)
Airport	Hiroshima Airport (60 min.by car)
Shinkansen	JR Hiroshima Station (40 min.by car)

Capacity	
Length	260 m
Water Depth	7.5 m
Apron Width	20.0 m
Boarding Bridges	none available
Tidal Range	4 m
Service	
Welcome Ceremony	Arranged by request
Wi-Fi	Negotiable

■ Yamato Museum (Kure Maritime Museum)

The world's largest battleship "Yamato" which was built in Kure has been re-created at 1/10 scale and is displayed at the museum, along with other large items such as a "Zero Fighter" and a human torpedo "Kaiten". The history of Kure developed along with the modernization of Japan, and the science and technology of shipbuilding and steelmaking that supported its history have been handed down to the present day.



Yamato Museum

■ JMSDF Kure Museum

The only museum in Japan that displays a real submarine out of water. In addition to the submarine that is open to the public, the history of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) and minesweeper activities are also on display.



JMSDF Kure Museum

■ Mitarai Townscape (Japan Heritage)

Mitarai flourished as a town known for its favorable winds and rising tides in which Kitamae-Bune Stopped at. In the town, many buildings and historic sites still retain vestiges of the mid to end of the Edo period, such as small and large merchant houses, tea houses, sailors' inns, shrines and temples, which create a unique atmosphere. In 1994, the Mitarai District was designated as an Important Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings.



Mitarai Townscape

■ Shotoen Museum

Shotoen's buildings include Gochiso Ichibankan, where materials related to Korean envoys are displayed, Akarino Yakata, where lighting equipment from all over the world is displayed, and Tojikikan, where domestic and foreign ceramic works are displayed.



Shotoen Museum

Port of **ONOMICHI** (Onomichi City) SMALL

Port Facilities

Name	
Onomichi Wharf	
Location	
Nishigoshō-cho, Onomichi City, Hiroshima	
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	
JR Onomichi Station (5 min. walk)	
Access	
Station	JR Onomichi Station (5 min. walk)
Airport	Hiroshima Airport (40 min. by car)
Shinkansen	JR Shin-Onomichi Station (15 min. by car)
Capacity	
Length	300 m
Water Depth	6.0 m
Apron Width	8 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	4 m



■ Senkoji Park

The ropeway leading to Senkoji Park rises to the summit, taking 3 minutes one way. From the summit's observation deck, you can see the city streets of Onomichi and the islands of the Seto Inland Sea. Home to about 1,500 cherry trees, the park comes into brilliant color during spring with cherry blossoms in full bloom.



■ Jodoji Temple

Staff will guide you around the garden and the main temple of Jodoji Temple, a National Treasure. Try your hand at making amulets, and enjoy green tea.



Port of **ONOMICHI-ITOUZAKI** (Mihara City) SMALL

Port Facilities

Name	
(1) Itozaki No. 1 Wharf (2) Itozaki No. 2 Wharf	
Location	
2 Itozaki-minami, Mihara City, Hiroshima	
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	
JR Itozaki Station (15 min. walk)	
Access	
Station	JR Mihara Station (10 min. by car) JR Itozaki Station (15 min. walk)
Airport	Hiroshima Airport (40 min. by car)
Shinkansen	JR Mihara Station (10 min. by car)
Capacity	
Length	(1) 135 m (2) 185 m
Water Depth	(1) 8.5 m (2) 10.0 m
Apron Width	(1) 14 m (2) 20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	4 m



■ Special Setouchi wine and traditional Hiroshima sake

At the SETOUCHI JOZOJO Winery, you can taste wines carefully crafted with fruit from the Setouchi region and tour the facilities while enjoying the beauty of the Seto Inland Sea from the special space and listening to the story of the wines by the owner. At the SUISHIN YAMANE HONTEN Sake Brewery, you can taste the traditional Hiroshima Sake "SUISHIN," which has a dry and sweet taste that never wearies the drinker, and tour the facilities.



■ Zen dojo temple with rich nature

Buttsuji Temple is a Zen dojo temple where you can experience "Wabi-Sabi". You can take a walk or experience Zen meditation on the grounds, which are blessed with nature: fresh greenery, autumn leaves, a murmuring river, and rock walls.



■ Mihara Daruma face painting

At the Mihara Daruma Workshop, you can experience painting the face of the Mihara Daruma, which originated in the Edo period. It is a folk art of good fortune that always rises up even if it falls down.





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LARGE

MIDDLE

SMALL

Dōgo Onsen Annex Asuka-no-Yu

Matsuyama Port is located in northwestern Shikoku, in the central part of Ehime Prefecture. As the gateway to the sea for Matsuyama City, capital of Shikoku's most populous prefecture, it has occupied a key point on the Seto Inland Sea route since ancient times. In addition to linking Kyushu and Honshu, it has grown to become an important port for transportation and industry on the Seto Inland Sea. Matsuyama Port has a port area of 2,200 hectares and a port zone of 404 hectares. The oldest districts, the Naikō and Takahama districts, have ferries that connect Matsuyama to Honshu, Kyushu, and various remote islands. In the Gaikō district, a container terminal is being constructed at the new Gaikō Wharf, and a seaside industrial zone is being developed with the aim of creating a trade hub for Shikoku and the Setouchi Economic Zone. Each district is being used for various purposes.



Port Facilities

Name	
Outer Harbor No. 1 Wharf No. 2	
Location	
Kaigandori, Matsuyama City, Ehime	
Access	
Station	Mitsu Station (10 min. by car)
Airport	Matsuyama Airport (10 min. by car)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	None available
Capacity	
Length	370 m
Water Depth	10 m
Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	Approx. 3.5 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremony	Despends on occasion
Introducing Japanese Culture	Despends on occasion
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Negotiable
Shuttle Bus Services	Negotiable
City Sightseeing for Crews	Negotiable
Wi-Fi	Negotiable

Sightseeing Spots

■ Dogo Onsen

The Dogo Onsen are the oldest hot springs in Japan. Many people from all over the country have visited since the main building was reconstructed in 1894. In 1994, it was the first public bathhouse to be designated as an important cultural property. In order to pass on the value of cultural assets to the next generation, one or two hundred years from now, preservation and restoration work has been underway since January 2019. Available only during the construction period, the limited-time event “Dogo Onsen Revitalization Project: A Project for All” is currently ongoing. You can also enjoy bathing.



Dogo Onsen

■ Matsuyama Castle

Matsuyama Castle is a famous castle built by Kato Yoshiaki, the first castle lord, who spent one quarter of a century on its construction, beginning in 1602. The keep stands atop the 132-meter-tall Mt. Katsu. There are several important cultural properties at the castle, including the gate and turret. It is home to one of only twelve remaining keeps and has been named one of the 100 Fine Castles of Japan.



Matsuyama Castle

■ Mitsu no Watashi

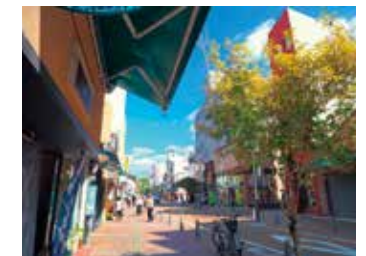
Mitsu no Watashi is a ferry that connects Mitsu and Minatoyama in the Matsuyama port district. It crosses an 80-meter stretch of water and is part of the Takahama municipal highway Route 2 (about three minutes one way). It was first used 500 years ago in the Muromachi period (1337-1573) to transport supplies and food and has been essential to the lives of residents ever since. It provides year-round service, free of charge, to around 40,000 people annually.



Mitsu no Watashi

■ Matsuyama Ropeway Shopping Street

The Matsuyama Ropeway Shopping Street is located at the foot of Matsuyama Castle in central Matsuyama City. Restaurants and shops offering Ehime and Matsuyama specialties line a 500-meter stretch on a street that connects to the ropeway boarding area at the Shinonome starting point at Matsuyama Castle.



Matsuyama Ropeway Shopping Street

■ Mitsuhamayaki

This familiar everyday fare from the Mitsu area of Matsuyama City traces its roots back to “issen-yoshoku” (a dish similar to okonomiyaki) from before the war. It features soba or udon noodles, plenty of cabbage, and other ingredients on top of a crepe and covered in a fragrant sauce that stimulates the appetite. Beef fat and pink fish sausage are other popular toppings in Mitsuhamayaki. The locals also order soba or udon as a base for the crepe.



Mitsuhamayaki



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SMALL

Ushioni of Uwajima

Uwajima Port is located in the southwestern part of Shikoku. More than 10 km of Kushima Island extends into the center of the bay mouth, forming a natural breakwater. When a typhoon strikes, the bay provides a natural harbor where boats and large ships at the coastal ports can be evacuated for safety. Uwajima Port was designated as an important port in June 1960, and businesses associated with Uwajima City's main industries, such as food and feed production, are located directly behind the port. The Nanyo area, centered on Uwajima City, has a specialized primary industry, so cargo handled by the port is primarily marine products and plant- and animal-based manure.



Port Facilities

Name	
Sakashizu No. 2 Wharf	
Location	
Sakashitazu, Uwajima City, Ehime	
Access	
Station	JR Uwajima Station (10 min. by car)
Airport	Matsuyama Airport (120 min. by car)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	None available
Capacity	
Length	130 m
Water Depth	7.5 m
Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	Approx. 2.2 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremony	Despends on occasion
Introducing Japanese Culture	Despends on occasion
Tourist Information Center	Negotiable
Currency Exchange	Not available
Shuttle Bus Services	Negotiable
City Sightseeing for Crews	Negotiable
Wi-Fi	Negotiable

Sightseeing Spots

Uwajima Castle

This castle was built in 1601 and served nine successive lords of the Date clan. The Tenshu (castle tower) was rebuilt by the second Date clan in 1666. It has become the symbol of Uwajima and one of only twelve remaining castles in Japan. The mossy stone walls invite you into its mysterious world.



Uwajima Castle

Yusumizugaura Terraced Fields

Yusumizugaura Terraced Fields is registered as an important cultural landscape in Japan. Seen from the foot of the fields, it looks like a huge pyramid, while on top of the hill, the beautiful blue skies and sea make the scenery really stand out.



Yusumizugaura Terraced Fields

Japanese Garden Nanrakuen

Spread across 155,322 square meters of land, this is one of the largest Japanese gardens in Shikoku. The best modern landscaping techniques were utilized to create a beautiful garden centered around the upper and lower lakes. In 1989 it was chosen as one of the top one-hundred city parks in Japan. The park features plums, cherry blossoms, and irises, allowing visitors to enjoy various breathtaking views as the seasons change.



Japanese Garden Nanrakuen

Roadside Station "Kisaiya Hiroba"

Kisaiya Hiroba is not only a place to enjoy the local cuisine, but also provides an opportunity to shop special products of the area. Pearl and ushioni galleries welcome guests to enjoy the cultural events and exhibitions offered at the Kisaiya Hiroba.



Kisaiya Hiroba

Tensha-en Garden

Date Munetada, the 7th lord of the Uwajima domain, built this garden. Various types of bamboo trees, wisteria and other seasonal flowers, and irises fill the park at all times of the year, creating a calming atmosphere.



Tensha-en Garden





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MIDDLE

SMALL

Imabari Port is located almost in the center of the Seto Inland Sea, facing the Kurushima Strait Route, which is known for the three major Japan tides and the Murakami Kaizoku. In 1922, it was designated as the first port in Shikoku to be opened, and it has long occupied an important position as a key point for maritime transportation. The port provides access to a variety of tourist destinations, such as the Setouchi Shimanami Kaido, which is a sacred place for cyclists, and the Oyamazumi Shrine, where 40% of the armor, which is a national treasure and an important cultural property of the country, is preserved and exhibited. Local products include Imabari towels, which are representative products of Japan quality.



Kirosan Observatory Park

Port Facilities

Name			
(1) Large Ferry Pier, Imabari area, Port of Imabari (2) No. 1 and No. 2 Wharf of Tomita Pier, Tomita Area, Port of Imabari			
Location			
(1) Katahara 2, 5, Imabari City, Ehime (2) Tomitashinkou1-5, Imabari-city, Ehime			
Nearest Station (Time Req.)			
(1) JR Imabari Station (5 min. by taxi) (2) JR Imabari Station (12 min. by taxi)			
Access			
Station	(1) JR Imabari Station (approx. 15 min. walk) (2) JR Imabari Station (approx. 12 min. by taxi)		
Airport	(1) (2) Matsuyama Airport (approx. 60 min. by airport limousine bus and train via Imabari Station)		
Shinkansen	(1) (2) JR Fukuyama Station (approx. 95 min by bus)		
Capacity	(1)	(2) No. 1	No. 2
Length	130 m	240 m	185 m
Water Depth	6.1 m	12 m	10 m
Apron Width	10 m	20 m	20 m
Boarding Bridges	Not available	Not available	

Services	
Welcome Ceremony	By request (examples include traditional tsugishishi, music, calligraphy demonstration, etc.)
Introducing Japanese Culture	By request
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	A temporary tourist information booth is available on day of call
Shuttle Bus Services	Not available
City Sightseeing for Crews	Sightseeing brochures
Wi-Fi	Negotiable



Sightseeing Spots

■ Shimanami Kaido Cycling Road

The Shimanami Kaido Cycling Road is a 70-km cycling route between Onomichi and Imabari. It is the first bicycle road in Japan that lets you cross a sea strait, which attracts cyclists from all over the world and allows them to enjoy beautiful scenery from the cycling road, with views of the many islands dotting the Seto Inland Sea.



Shimanami Kaido Cycling Road

■ Imabari Castle

Built by famed daimyo Todo Takatora in the early Edo period, Imabari Castle features moat waters that rise and fall with the tides, a rare sight among Japanese castles. From the top of the castle tower, you can gaze out at the islands in the Seto Inland Sea and the Ishizuchi Mountains, the highest mountain range in western Japan.



Imabari Castle

■ Oyamazumi shrine

The oldest shrine in Ehime Prefecture, which is said to be the general headquarters of more than 10,000 Yamagi and Mishima shrines nationwide. There is a treasure museum that exhibits weapons donated by many warlords, and many of the weapons are designated as national treasures and important cultural properties.



Oyamazumi shrine

■ Murakami Kaizoku Museum

Learn about the history and legacy of the largest band of pirates during the Warring States period of Japanese history, the Murakami Kaizoku. Get a view of the former site of Noshima Castle or simply admire the beauty of the Geiyo Islands from the observation deck.



Murakami Kaizoku Museum

■ Imabari Towels

Imabari boasts Japan's largest towel production. In particular, the "Fuwari" series of towels, with its "Nature of Imabari" theme, has earned the reputation: "the more you use it, the more comfortable it feels." The logo for the Imabari Towel brand, sewn into the towel, is mark of high quality and a sign of its origin.



Imabari Towels



Hokkaido

Pacific Ocean

Japan Sea

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Characteristics

1 Beautiful island vistas

Many small and large islands are interwoven with the quiet sea to form constantly changing scenery that bestows an extraordinary sense of healing, as one forgets the everyday strife of city life.

2 Port town history and culture

Setouchi has well-developed port towns all along its shores, and serves as a thriving maritime route for transmitting continental Japanese culture. The port towns evoke memories of earlier times, and are sites of tremendous historical and cultural value. All visitors also enjoy the abundant culinary culture of this region.

3 Main sightseeing locations

Alongside the plentiful bounty of nature, Setouchi is home to the Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima, Itsukushima Shrine, Himeji Castle, the government-managed Yawata Steel Works, and many other places of historical and cultural importance. In addition, EXPO 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan, to be held from April to October 2025, is certain to attract worldwide attention.

4 Fulfilling tourism activities

Setouchi allows visitors to appreciate a range of Japanese cultural experiences, with some of Japan's best hot springs, sake breweries, and dining establishments offering fresh local food. Setouchi is connected by a network of numerous cruise ships, and tourists can enjoy outdoor activities such as sea kayaking, cycling, and other pursuits in the glorious natural surroundings of these islands.



Major ports in Setouchi

The Seto Inland Sea extends 450 kilometers from east to west, nestled between the islands of Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu in central western Japan. Approximately 700 islands, both large and small, are woven together by the quiet sea to create an area of singular beauty that has prospered through maritime traffic since time immemorial. Setouchi offers bountiful resources for tourism, and the Setouchi islands were featured in "The World's Greatest Places Of 2022: 50 extraordinary destinations to explore" by TIME magazine.



Beautiful Island Scenery



Seto Ohashi Bridge



Small and large islands
Noshima, Imabari City

Port Town History and Culture



Karato Market



Tomonoura



Kobe Harborland
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Main Sites (World Heritage Sites)



Atomic Bomb Dome
Photo courtesy of Hiroshima Prefecture



Itsukushima Shrine
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Himeji Castle
Photo courtesy of Himeji City



Yawata Works
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Koyasan
Photo courtesy of Wakayama Tourism Federation

Fulfilling Tourism Activities



Shimanami island-hopping & cycling
Photo courtesy of Hiroshima Prefecture



Kankakei Gorge Ropeway
Shodoshima



Awa-odori Dance Festival
Tokushima Prefecture



Beppu hot springs



Ohkunoshima (Rabbit Island)

Recent topics of interest: Setouchi cruises

In recent years, global demand for cruises has increased, and cruises in Setouchi are no exception. At ports of call, guests are welcomed with the warm hospitality of the locals. Experience the Setouchi Expedition, comprising 700 large and small islands.

Find more information

Setouchi Cruise Guide 2024
https://www.uminet.jp/img/content/content_20241205_121302.pdf

Setouchi PV
<https://youtu.be/iW0S8tUzjvU>

Setouchi Cruise Promotion Council

This group was formed in June 2018 in conjunction with coastal municipalities to create unique cruises leveraging all the appealing charm of Setouchi, with the aim of making the region a global cruise and tourist destination. Japan's national government (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport Chugoku Regional Development Bureau) serves as the secretariat for the Promotion Council.



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LARGE

MIDDLE

SMALL

Located 900 km from Shanghai and 200 km from Busan, Hakata Port in Fukuoka City is often said to be the ideal port for short cruises in East Asia. Its ease of access, owing to the proximity of its downtown area and airport, also makes it one of Japan's best fly cruise ports. Known as a thriving trade port since ancient times, Fukuoka is one of the most vibrant cities on the island of Kyushu. As it is close to the popular tourist sites of Dazaifu and Yufuin, many people visit the city en route to those destinations as well. Its welcoming attitude towards cruise ships resulted in Hakata being ranked Japan's No.1 port by number of calls from 2015 to 2018.



Port Facilities

Name	
Chuo Wharf Cruise Center	
Location	
24-25 Okihama-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City	
Access	
Station	JR Hakata Station (15 min. by car or 20 min. by bus)
Airport	Fukuoka Airport (25 min. by car)
Shinkansen	JR Hakata Station
Facilities	
Facility Overview	The Cruise Center consists of two blocks: CIQ and a waiting area. Up to 20 booths are available at CIQ, enabling intake of 4,000 – 5,000 pax class vessels. Pillar-free spaces enable flexible layout adjustments.
Total Floor Space	One-story building, 2,800 m ²
Capacity	
Length	(Berth #5) 270 m (Berth #6) 330 m
Water Depth	(Berth #5) 10 m (Berth #6) 10.5 m
Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	(HHW) 2.84 m (LLW) -0.5 m

Hakata Bay



Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	Welcome or seeing-off ceremony and / or brass band or taiko drum performances, etc. mainly for homeporting cruises
Introducing Japanese Culture	None available
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange and Free Wi-Fi	Available
Shuttle Bus Services	None available
City Sightseeing for Crews	None available

Chuo Wharf



Sightseeing Spots

Food

Fukuoka was named in Lonely Planet's Best in Travel List for 2023 for its awesome food culture, followed by the New York Times selecting Fukuoka in its list of "52 Places to Go in 2023." Fukuoka boasts amazing cuisine and is recognized throughout Japan for its culinary prowess. With produce grown nearby and seafood caught fresh daily, the quality of ingredients is also outstanding. Enjoying world-famous Hakata ramen at a local yatai food stall is a wonderful experience unique to the city. Fukuoka is also said to be the birthplace of udon noodles in Japan. Visitors are sure to be satisfied with the delicious food offered in this renowned gourmet city!



Hakata Ramen

Festivals

Festivals and events are held on the streets of Fukuoka throughout the year. The locals love their festivals, including the Hakata Gion Yamakasa Festival in July, which has a history of approximately 800 years, and the Hakata Dontaku festival, which enjoys the greatest number of attendees of any festival held in Japan during Golden Week in early May. Music events are also popular. Visitors are sure to enjoy the open feeling and friendly atmosphere of the city.



Hakata Gion Yamakasa Festival

Natural Beauty

Fukuoka is one of the world's model compact cities. After shopping downtown, you can enjoy nature-based activities just one hour away. For example, Nokonoshima Island and Shikanoshima Island are popular destinations with rich natural landscapes brimming with water and greenery. When in Fukuoka, be sure to enjoy the unique combination of diverse natural environments and compact city design.



Shikanoshima Island



Nokonoshima Island

History

During Japan's Middle Ages, Hakata was the country's largest port of trade. Hakata Old Town, which flourished then as the center of the city, retains much of its history, culture, and traditions from that era. Stroll tranquil streets lined with historic temples and shrines, explore at traditional shopping arcades, and enjoy a first-hand experience of Hakata's traditional crafts and performing arts – this visit is sure to deepen your experiences of Japan.



Hakata Old Town



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Located in East Asia, the Port of Kitakyushu is close to other Asian countries and has maintained close relations with them throughout its history. It is only 230 km from Busan in South Korea and is within a 1000 km radius of the principal Chinese trade ports of Shanghai, Qingdao, and Dalian — the same distance away as Tokyo. The Port of Kitakyushu offers great potential as a sightseeing spot, with various destinations and travel experiences for visitors to the city.



Mojiko Retro

Port of MOJI Port Facilities

MIDDLE

SMALL

Name			
(1) Moji No. 1 Berth		(2) Moji No. 2 Berth	
Location			
Nishikaigan, Moji-ku, Kitakyushu City			
Access			
Station	JR Mojiko Station (7 min. walk)		
Airport	Kitakyushu Airport (40 min. by taxi)		
Shinkansen	Kokura Station (15 min. by train from JR Mojiko Station)		
Facilities			
Facility Overview	None available		
Notice			
Designated as a special piloting zone.			
Capacity			
Length	(1) 210 m	(2) 210 m	
Water Depth	11 m	Boarding Bridges	N / A
Apron Width	20 m	Tidal Range	2.37 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	Welcoming water spray Welcome ceremony First call only (speech, presentation of bouquet and gift)
Tourist Information Center	At pier, available on day of call only
Currency Exchange	Available at nearby banks (10 min. walk)
Shuttle Bus Services	None available
City Sightseeing for Crews	Available on request



Sightseeing Spots

■ Around Moji Port

A sightseeing destination featuring historic buildings constructed during the Meiji era, when Moji Port prospered as a key port for foreign trade. The district was chosen as one of the 100 Best Urban Landscapes by the Japanese government.



Mojiko Station



Kanmon Bridge

■ Kokura Castle

An iconic landmark of Kitakyushu. Built in a unique architectural style called kara-zukuri, it lacks gables between the 4th and 5th floors. In the Japanese garden next to the castle, you can experience a tea ceremony and even wear a kimono.



Kimono and green tea ceremony



Kokura castle

■ TOTO Museum

The TOTO Museum was founded to commemorate TOTO's 100th anniversary. It showcases the history of the company's efforts to create comfortable lifestyles. Enjoy tracing the development of Japanese lifestyle, featuring abundant plumbing-related exhibition including toilets.



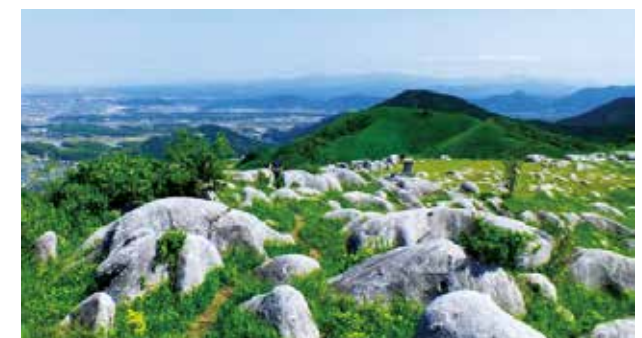
TOTO Museum



Spray seat "WASHLET"

■ Hiraodai

One of Japan's three major karst formations, Hiraodai is designated as a National Natural Monument. Here you can enjoy trekking, cave exploration, and glamping, as well as beautiful seasonal landscapes.



Hiraodai (Limestone Plateau)

Port of HIBIKI Port Facilities

LARGE

MIDDLE

SMALL

Name			
Hibikinada-nishi No. 6			
Location			
Hibikimachi, Wakamatsu-ku, Kitakyushu City			
Access			
Station	Wakamatsu Station (15 min. by taxi)		
Airport	Kitakyushu Airport (60 min. by taxi)		
Shinkansen	Kokura Station (40 min. by taxi)		
Facilities			
Facility Overview	None available		
Capacity			
Length	350 m (No. 6)		
Water Depth	15 m	Boarding Bridges	N / A
Apron Width	61 m	Tidal Range	1.51 m





Karatsu Kunchi Festival

Port of KARATSU

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SMALL

Karatsu Port, known long ago as “Kara-no-Tsu” (the port leading to China), is a quiet port facing the Genkai Sea that flourished as a trading hub with the continent. It was developed as a shipping port for coal during the Meiji period, and was active in foreign trade during the Taisho period. In the eastern section of the port, which forms part of the Genkai Quasi-National Park, you can find Niji-no-Matsubara Pine Forest and Karatsu Castle, as well as many beachgoers enjoying the sands covering Higashi-no-Hama and Nishi-no-Hama. The green space around the Iki Ferry Pier, which has been in service since April 2007, was developed together with the port. To create a pleasant port space with high-quality amenities, the immediate area is now under development to serve as a hub for logistics, production, and recreation.



Port Facilities

Name	
(1) Myoken Wharf (2) East Wharf	
Location	
(1) 10 Nakanosedor, Karatsu City, Saga (2) Higashi Oshima-cho, Karatsu City, Saga	
Access	
Station	JR Nishi Karatsu Station (5 min. by car)
Airport	Fukuoka International Airport (70 min. by car)
Shinkansen	Hakata Station (60 min. by car)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	None available
Capacity	
Length	(1) 240 m (2) 230 m
Water Depth	(1) 12 m (2) 7.4 m
Apron Width	(1) 20 m (2) 20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	3.38 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	Available. Musical instruments and Japanese drum performance
Introducing Japanese Culture	Available. Japanese green tea ceremony
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Available
Shuttle Bus Services	Available. The bus goes to JR Karatsu Station (10 minutes from the port)
City Sightseeing for Crews	Shuttle bus can be used free of charge.

Karatsu Castle

Starting in 1602, it took 7 years for Terasawa Shimanokami Hirotaka, retainer to Toyotomi Hideyoshi, to complete Karatsu Castle. If you imagine the castle as the head of a crane and the pine forest extending to the east and west as its wings, the area resembles a crane spreading its wings; for this reason, it is also known as Maizuru, or the Dancing Crane Castle. It is a popular place for viewing cherry blossoms and wisteria in the spring.



Karatsu Castle in Spring

Niji-no-Matsubara

Niji-no-Matsubara is a pine forest that extends along the Karatsu Gulf in Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture. One of Japan's three great pine forests, it is designated as a special scenic spot and was selected as one of the top 100 white sand beaches and green pine forests of Japan. It was also selected as one of Japan's Top 100 Roads. A part of Genkai Quasi-National Park, this forest of black pine trees forms an arc covering a length of 5 km (3 miles). Within the forested area are some rest stops, so visitors can enjoy walking the path with sunlight filtering through the pine branches and leaves.

Karatsu Kunchi Festival

Karatsu Kunchi Festival is an autumn festival held at Karatsu Shrine, said to have a 400-year history. The use of festival floats started in the year 1819, and now a total of 14 gorgeous floats, all made from Japanese lacquered papier-mache, are paraded through the old castle town as the procession cheers them on, accompanied by music played on flutes, taiko drums, and gongs. In 2016, this festival was registered as one of the 33 Japanese festivals on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list. The festival floats are displayed in a special museum so they can be seen and enjoyed throughout the year.

Saga Beef

Saga Beef is produced from premium domestic



Saga Beef

cattle (Japanese Black cattle) and is recognized as one of the top beef varieties in Japan. Subject to the strict standards of the Japan Meat Grading Association, Saga Beef must have a grade of 4 or 5, placing it among the top class of the many beef brands across the country. It must also have a BMS (Beef Marbling Standard) of 7 or higher. Its fine, beautiful texture is called “tsuya-sashi” (glossy marble), and it has won high acclaim from diners at fine dining and gourmet restaurants all over Japan.

The Yoshinogari Ruins

During the Yayoi Period of Japanese history (3rd C. BC to 3rd C. CE), two important cultural developments occurred: the start of red-grain rice cultivation and the shift from nomadism to permanent settlements. The largest of all Yayoi ruins excavated in Japan, Yoshinogari spreads throughout the Kanzaki area of Saga Prefecture (Kanzaki Town, Mitagawa Town, and Higashisefuri Village). The Yoshinogari ruins, which were the center of an ancient nation-state, have proved invaluable in understanding the approximately 600 years of the Yayoi Period. The country of Yamatai, modern day Japan, was first mentioned in the Chinese Gishi Wajinden chronicles. Corresponding in both period and location, the Yoshinogari ruins are believed to represent this ancient country, making it a national site of special historic importance. Furthermore, relics found at the site, including copper and bronze knives and decorative glass beads, demonstrate the importance of Yoshinogari from an academic perspective.



Recreations of Yayoi Period buildings

Arita Ware / Imari Ware

Arita ware is Japanese porcelain made in the city of Arita, Saga Prefecture. It is also known as Imari ware because the port in Imari City plays a key role in its shipping. This porcelain is made from materials such as kaolin stone from Izumiyama and Amakusa, with these raw ingredients used differently depending on the type of porcelain produced.



Examples of Arita ware





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Peace Statue (Peace Park)

Port of NAGASAKI

Port Facilities

Name	
(1) Matsugae Wharf (2) Dejima Wharf	
Location	
(1) Matsugae-machi, Nagasaki City, Nagasaki (2) Dejima-machi, Nagasaki City, Nagasaki	
Access	
Station	JR Nagasaki Station (10 min. by taxi)
Airport	Nagasaki Airport (35 min. by bus)
Shinkansen	JR Nagasaki Station (10 min. by taxi)
Facilities	
Matsugae International Cruise Ship Terminal	
[Terminal 1] Total Floor Space Lobby	1,996 m ² Approx. 1,000 m ² (Tourist information, currency exchange, tram ticket sales) *Free Wi-Fi available in the lobby
[Terminal 2] Total Floor Space CIQ	1,971 m ² 860 m ² (Customs: 8 booths, Immigration: 20 booths, Quarantine: 1 booth)
Capacity	
Length	(1) 410 m (2) 340 m
Water Depth	(1) 12 m (2) 10 m
Apron Width	(1) (2) 20 m

Boarding Bridges	(1) (2) None available
Tidal Range	(1) (2) 3.3 m *(2): Up to 70,000 GT
Notices	
Max. Air Draft	64.0 m for Venus Wing harbor bridge
Harbor Pilot /Tugboat	Available
Parking	171 buses
Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	•Welcome speech, presentation of bouquets and gifts, show performance •Farewell performance on quayside
Introducing Japanese Culture	Taiko (Japanese drumming) Japanese dance
Tourist Information Center	Information desk in terminal (Guide maps, stamps, one-day tram passes, etc.)
Currency Exchange	USD, EUR, CNY, KRW, HKD, TWD, SGD, THB, GBP, and AUD to Japanese yen
Shuttle Bus Services	None available * Tram stop is 3 min. walk from the terminal (140 yen/trip)
City Sightseeing for Crew	Within a 10-minute walk from Nagasaki Port, there are tourist facilities such as the World Heritage Site of Oura Cathedral and Glover Gardens. A shopping center is also located 20 minutes by tram from Nagasaki Port.

Sightseeing Spots

■ Oura Cathedral

Built in 1864, this gothic-style church is Japan's oldest existing wooden church and is designated as a National Treasure. It also made UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2018 as one site in the "Hidden Christian Sites in the Nagasaki Region" listing.



Oura Cathedral

■ The World's Top Three Night Views

Nagasaki has been recognized as one of three cities with the most spectacular night views in the world. Mountains surround Nagasaki Port, and its hillside areas, which rise up sharply from the coastline, create an amazing environment for viewing dynamic nightscapes.



The Night View of Nagasaki City from Mt. Inasa

■ Glover Garden

Known as the origin of Puccini's opera "Madam Butterfly" and located on a hill overlooking Nagasaki Port, this historical garden is home to the former Glover Residence as well as eight other Western-style mansions. Enjoy the exotic elegance of the past in this garden filled with seasonal flowers.

■ Peace Park and Atomic Bomb Museum

The Peace Statue in the Peace Park is famous worldwide as a symbol of Nagasaki, the city of peace. Inside the museum, a visual representation recreates the state of the city right after the atomic bomb blast, and various materials such as a history of nuclear weapons development are also on exhibit.

■ Hashima (Gunkanjima)

This island flourished as the site of a coal mine from around 1890, but was completely deserted when the mine was closed in 1974. It was listed on UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2015, and tours from Nagasaki Port are available every day to visit this abandoned island.



Hashima



Port of SASEBO

Port Facilities

Name	
(1) Sasebo Port International Terminal (Miura) (2) Sasebo Cruise Center (Uragashira)	
Location	
(1) Hizukushi, Sasebo City, Nagasaki (2) Hario North, Sasebo City, Nagasaki	
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	
(1) JR Sasebo Station (5 min. walk) (2) JR Huis Ten Bosch Station (10 min. by car)	
Access	
Station	(1) JR Sasebo Station (2) JR Huis Ten Bosch Station
Airport	Nagasaki Airport (1) (55 min. by airport taxi) (2) (60 min. by bus)
Shinkansen	Takeo Onsen Station (30 min. by limited express)
Facilities	
(1) Sasebo Port International Terminal (Miura)	
Total Floor Space	4,949 m ² 900 m ² (tourist information) *Free Wi-Fi available in the lobby 930 m ² (Customs 8 booths, Immigration 14 booths, Quarantine 1 booth)
(2) Sasebo Cruise Center (Uragashira)	
Total Floor Space	6,496 m ² 1,305 m ² (Customs 8 booths, Immigration 18 booths, Quarantine 1 booth)



(1) Sasebo Port International Terminal (Miura)



	LARGE	MIDDLE	SMALL
Capacity	(1)	(2)	
Length	370 m	370 m	
Water Depth	10.0 m	10.0 m	
Apron Width	20 m	20 m	
Boarding Bridges	Not available	Not available	
Tidal Range	3.30 m	3.30 m	
Services			
Welcome Ceremonies	(1) • Welcome speech Presentation of bouquets and gifts Show performance • Farewell performance on the wharf (Japanese drumming, jazz band, etc.) (2) • Welcome speech Presentation of bouquets and gifts Show performance		
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	(1) Available (2) Available		
Shuttle Bus Services	(1) Negotiable * JR Sasebo Station is a 5-minute walk from the Terminal. * The commercial complex is a 6-minute walk from the Terminal. (2) Negotiable		



(2) Sasebo Cruise Center (Uragashira)



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Sightseeing Spots

■ National Park Kujukushima / Kujukushima Pearl Sea Resort

Designated as Japan's eighteenth National Park, Kujukushima is officially listed as one of "The Most Beautiful Bays in the World." There are 208 large and small islands scattered for about 25 kilometers north from the port of Sasebo, which makes for extraordinarily beautiful, must-see scenery. Kujukushima Pearl Sea Resort provides a variety of marine services allowing visitors to both see and experience the islands up close, such as yacht sailing, kayaking, and mini cruises. The resort has an aquarium, a zoo, gift shops and restaurants.



Kujukushima

■ Huis Ten Bosch

Huis Ten Bosch is Japan's (and Kyushu's) leading theme park, especially famous for its flowers and light-ups. In the spring, millions of tulips bloom in its gardens and its festival is the largest in Japan. In May, its numerous varieties of roses are incredibly popular not only in Japan, but across Asia. The night-time illuminations here are gorgeous — a universal must-see attraction. With 13 million lights, this is a world-class sight.



Huis Ten Bosch

■ Sasebo's Sake Breweries

Two traditional breweries in Sasebo — Umegae Brewery in the south and Senryu Brewery in the north — are much loved by both travelers and local residents. Each of these traditional breweries provides original sake tastings, facility tours, and shopping. The facilities at both breweries have been designated as a National Cultural Properties. Of course, their flavors are amazing too, having won many awards.



Sasebo's Sake Breweries

■ Thousand Lanterns / Yosakoi

In Emukae, further north of Sasebo, a local summer event features a thousand lanterns. Following 500 years of history, the event is held on Aug. 23 – 24 every year. The greatest highlights of this event are the towers 25 meters in height, decked with 3,500 lanterns. The Yosakoi Sasebo Dance Festival is another massive event, held over one weekend in mid-October. Amazed by the dancers' powerful performances, visitors come away with wide, happy smiles.



Thousand Lanterns



Yosakoi

■ Wagyu Beef

Wagyu refers to beef of Japanese origin. A competition is held every five years to determine the best-tasting brand of wagyu. In the 10th competition, Nagasaki Wagyu topped all other brands. Try Nagasaki Wagyu, the most delicious wagyu beef in Japan, which cannot be savored anywhere else.



Wagyu Beef

Port of UNZEN

SMALL

Port Facilities

Name	
Obama Port	
Location	
Kitahon-machi, Obama-cho, Unzen City, Nagasaki	
Access	
Rail Station	None
Airport	None
Facilities	
Facility Overview	None

Capacity	
Length	150 m
Water Depth	6 m
Apron Width	15 m
Boarding Bridge	None available
Tidal Range	3.5 m
Notice	
60 – 90 minutes from Nagasaki Port to various spots around Unzen	

Sightseeing Spots

■ Unzen Nita Pass

These mountains are famous for their azaleas in the spring, green colors in the summer, autumn leaves in the fall, and frosty fog in the winter. A brand new trekking path allows hikers to enjoy mountain wildflowers and wild birds, as well as stunning close-up views of Heisei Shinzan, the peak newly-formed by the 1990s Fugendake eruption.



Unzen Nita Pass

■ Obama Hot Spring & Hot Foot 105 (foot bath)

From this open-air hot spring, watch the sun setting in the west. The red sun sinks into the crystal blue sea — truly romantic! At 105 meters in length, this is the longest foot bath in Japan. Enjoy local sea-food and vegetables cooked over natural steam from the hot springs, sit at foot spas, or just stroll along. Entirely open to the public, free of charge.



Obama Hot Spring & Hot Foot 105

Obama Hot Spring

Port of HIRADO

SMALL

Port Facilities

Name	
Kawachi Port	
Location	
Kawachi, Hirado City, Nagasaki	
Access	
Rail Station	MR Tabirahiradoguchi Station (15 min. by taxi)
Airport	None

Capacity	
Length	60 m
Water Depth	4.5 m
Apron Width	15 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	3 m

Sightseeing Spots

■ Tabira Church

After long years of persecution, Christianity lives on in Hirado today. This church was constructed over a 3-year period by worshippers just after the ban on Christianity was removed in 1915. The imposing Romanesque structure is made of red brick. It is recognized as a National Important Cultural Asset.



Tabira Church

■ Scenery of Temples with Church

The roof of the St. Francis Xavier commemorative church, a cross, and the roofs of nearby temples can all be seen together — a scene that symbolizes the fusion of Japanese and Western traditions in Hirado.



Scenery of Temples with Church

■ Kawachi Pass

This beautiful grassland, designated as Saikai National Park, stretches for about 30 hectares at an elevation of over 200 meters. The panoramic views from the pass are spectacular, with the islands of Iki and Tsushima visible in the distance. Look out over Furue Bay and the islands of Kofuji, Ikitsuki, and Oshima.



Kawachi Pass

■ Hirado Castle

The 29th lord of this domain, Shigenobu Matsura, planned the reconstruction of the old Hirado castle, which was completed in 1718. The views from the castle tower can be wonderful, overlooking the Sea of Genkai.



Hirado Castle



Port of GOTO

SMALL

Port Facilities

Name	Fukue Port
Location	Higashihama-machi, Goto City, Nagasaki
Access	
Rail Station	None
Airport	Goto Fukue Airport (15 min. by taxi)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	Lobby 1,108 m ²
Total Floor Space	2,330 m ²
Capacity	
Length	240 m
Water Depth	7.5 m
Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	2.83 m

Sightseeing Spots

■ Dozaki Church

In 1873, two French missionary priests came to the Goto Islands to spread the religion. They worked very hard to win over Christian followers and they built this church. With its outstanding works, this church occupies an important position in the history of Christianity.



Dozaki Church



Osezaki Lighthouse

■ Cape Osezaki

Cape Osezaki is located on the westernmost extremity of the Japanese mainland, facing onto the East China Sea.

■ Takahama Beach

Takahama Beach is one of the most beautiful beaches in Japan. Enjoy the fascinating emerald green waters and white sandy beach.



Takahama Beach

Port of TSUSHIMA

SMALL

Port Facilities

Name	Izuhara Port
Location	Izuhara-cho, Tsushima City, Nagasaki
Access	
Rail Station	None
Airport	Tsushima Airport (30 min. by taxi)
Facilities	
CIQ	Place for regular ferry
Capacity	
Length	330 m (including attached shore protection)
Water Depth	7.5 m
Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	1.93 m
Notices	

*Miura Bay and Aso Bay are also available as alternative anchorage areas. (Sailing time is approximately 10 minutes.)

Sightseeing Spots

■ Banshojin Temple

This Buddhist temple was built in 1615 by the Soh family, rulers of Tsushima Island during the Edo period. Since then, it has been their family temple. It is designated as a National Historic Site.



Banshojin Temple

■ Mt. Eboshi Viewpoint

Mt. Eboshi is located in the center of Tsushima. Witness the beautiful coastline formed of coastal inlets of Aso Bay.



Scenery from Eboshi Observation Deck



Watazumi Shrine

■ Watazumi Shrine

Watazumi Shrine invites you to explore Japanese mythology. Behind the main shrine is a mystical large boulder once used in ancient religious ceremonies.

Port of KAMIGOTO

SMALL

Port Facilities

Name	Aokata Port
Location	Aiko-go, Shinkamigoto-cho, Nagasaki
Access	
Rail Station	None
Airport	None
Facilities	
Facility Overview	None
Capacity	
Length	200 m
Water Depth	7.3 m
Apron Width	15 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	2.83 m

Sightseeing Spots

■ Kashiragashima Catholic Church

This sandstone church, a rarity in Japan, was built by Christians returning to this island after a period of persecution. The villages on Kashiragashima Island (where Kashiragashima Catholic Church is located) are now designated as one of the "Hidden Christian Sites in the Nagasaki Region".



Kashiragashima Catholic Church



Wakamatsu-seto Passage

■ Wakamatsu-seto Passage

A group of beautiful islands on the clear blue ocean water in Saikai National Park.

■ Christian Cave

It is said that during the repression of Christianity in the Meiji era, believers lived in hiding in this cave. A 4-meter cross and 3.6-meter statue of Jesus were built here in 1967. Even now, the cave is only accessible by boat.



Christian Cave

Port of IKI

SMALL

Port Facilities

Name	Gonoura Port
Location	Gonoura, Gonoura-cho, Iki City, Nagasaki
Access	
Rail Station	None
Airport	Iki Airport (20 min. by taxi, 40 min. by bus)
Facilities	
Facility Overview	None
Capacity	
Length	220 m
Water Depth	7.5 m
Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	2.31 m

Sightseeing Spots

■ Excursion Boat Tour

This tour will take you to the scenic uninhabited island of Tatsunoshima, located in northern Iki. Be amazed by the crystal clear waters and lofty cliffs created by massive wave erosion.



Tatsunoshima (Sea Palace)

■ Harunotsuji Ruins

Harunotsuji Ruins was one of Japan's oldest village communities during the Yayoi period. It has been designated as a National Historic Site, equivalent to National Treasure status for ruins.



Ikikoku Museum

■ Ikikoku Museum

This museum showcases a part of Harunotsuji Ruins, said to represent the last stop on the Ocean Silk Road. The building is also famous for its beautiful green roof designed by Kisho Kurokawa. Come and experience ancient Japan.



Harunotsuji Ruins



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LARGE

MIDDLE

SMALL

Kumamoto Castle

Kumamoto Prefecture, situated in the center of Kyushu, is easily accessible not only from nearby prefectures but also from neighboring countries in East and Southeast Asia. For example, it is only about 900 km from Shanghai, China. Kumamoto abounds in rich nature, history, and culture, and it offers a wide variety of tourism destinations and experiences for travelers. In addition, Kumamoto, with its abundant natural beauty, is a treasure trove of food. So we stand ready to offer a variety of shore excursions and a plethora of delicious food choices for tourists!

Yatsushiro Port is the marine gateway of Kumamoto, and has been accommodating cruise ships since 2002. Furthermore, a cruise-exclusive wharf, passenger terminal, and the Omotenashi Zone (a multi-purpose hospitality and recreation area) were completed in March 2020.



Port Facilities

Name	
Kumamon Port Yatsushiro	
Location	
Shinminato-machi, Yatsushiro City, Kumamoto	
Nearest Station (Time Req.)	
JR Shin-Yatsushiro Station (20 min. by car)	
Access	
Station	(1)JR Shin-Yatsushiro Station (20 min. by car) (2)JR Yatsushiro Station (20 min. by car)
Airport	Aso Kumamoto Airport (60 min. by car)
Shinkansen	JR Shin-Yatsushiro Station (20 min. by car)
Facilities	
Passenger terminal (3,500 m ²) and customer service zone (6.8 ha)*	
Facility Overview	*Customer service zone includes Kumamon Park, a Japanese garden, commercial facilities, and much more. (Kumamon is the official mascot character of Kumamoto Prefecture.)
Capacity	
Length	410 m
Water Depth	10 m
Apron Width	50 m
Shore gangway	Available
Tidal Range	4.3 m (maximum)
Max Size	220,000 t

Cruise-exclusive wharf, passenger terminal, and customer service zone were completed in March 2020!



Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	Presentation of bouquets, commemorative gifts, and welcome address to visitors.
Introducing Japanese Culture	Japanese drum performances by local high school students, Japanese traditional dance performances, etc.
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Available on port call day.
Shuttle Bus Services	Please inquire
City Sightseeing for Crews	Please inquire
Wi-Fi	Free Wi-Fi available.
Shops	Food and Beverage, souvenirs



Big Kumamon



Japanese Garden



Kumamon Choir

Sightseeing Spots

History

■ Kumamoto Castle

Kumamoto Castle is regarded as one of the three best castles in Japan. A famous feudal lord, Kato Kiyomasa, began constructing the castle in 1601 and completed it seven years later. This magnificent citadel covers 980,000 square meters (approximately 9 kilometers in circumference at the time of completion) with a main tower, 49 turrets, 18 yagura (turreted gates), and 29 entry gates. The Josaien shopping & restaurant complex is nearby.

■ Suizenji Jojuen (Japanese Garden)

Suizenji Jojuen is a traditional Japanese garden with a tea house and natural spring water. The garden was created in 1632 by a feudal lord who belonged to the Hosokawa Family.



Suizenji Jojuen

Nature

■ Aso

Aso is a prominent tourist destination visited by more than 10 million people each year. One of the world's largest volcanic calderas can be found here, as well as countless ways to have fun, ranging from relaxing hot spring bathing to experiencing outdoor sports such as paragliding or hot-air ballooning. At the center of the caldera, nestled among the Aso Gogaku (the five mountains of Aso), is Mt. Nakadake, an active volcano, which is pictured here emitting fumes.



Aso

Activity

■ Amakusa

Amakusa is a coastal region located on the opposite side of the Shiranui Sea. This area consists of more than 120 islands and islets of various sizes, and is very picturesque. In this area, visitors can enjoy an abundance of fresh seafood as well as hot springs, fishing, marine sports, and much more. About 200 wild dolphins live in the waters surrounding Tsushishima Island in Amakusa. These fantastic creatures are present year-round, so a boat ride is sure to offer a glimpse of them.



Dolphin watching

■ Kumagawa River Rapids

Ride the Kumagawa River rapids, one of Japan's three great rapids, on a traditional wooden boat steered by skilled boatmen. During the ride, you will discover a beautiful natural landscape and get to watch wild birds only visible from the river. After the ride, you will be able to enjoy lunch and shop at the nearby Has-senba, a newly opened shopping center.



Kumagawa river rapids



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Aoshima

Miyazaki Prefecture is located in the southeastern corner of the island of Kyushu. The western area of the Prefecture is mountainous, consisting of the Kyushu mountain range and the Kirishima volcanic zone, while its eastern border is the Pacific Ocean coastline. Miyazaki has a total area of approximately 7,736 km², and a population of 1.05 million. In addition to its year-round warm climate, Miyazaki's weather is among the best in Japan based on the amount of fine sunny days, due to the influence of warm currents off the coast. Miyazaki plays a prominent part in Japanese mythology, as it is believed to be the home of the gods who created Japan.



Port of ABURATSU (Nichinan City)

Port Facilities

Name	
East Area No. 9 & No. 10 Berths	
Location	
4-12-16 Aburatsu, Nichinan City, Miyazaki	
Access	
Rail Station	JR Aburatsu Station (5 min. by car)
Airport	Miyazaki Airport (60 min. by car)
Capacity	
Length	425 m (#9: 185 m, #10: 240 m)
Water Depth	#9 10 m #10 12 m
Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	2.00 m
Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	Welcome & farewell performance (brass band, etc.)
Introducing Japanese Culture	Traditional performing art of Taihei dance
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Available
Shuttle Bus Services	Available
Wi-Fi	Available

LARGE MIDDLE SMALL



Parking for tour buses	100 (MAX)
Cruise Ship Record (MAX)	Quantum of the Seas (167,800 t)
Notices	
Fender & bollard upgrades for Oasis-class vessels. Can function as a first port of call for cruise ships.	



Sightseeing Spots

Udo Shrine

Located in a cave on a cliff pounded by waves that lies at the tip of a cape jutting into the Pacific Ocean, this unique shrine is home to a brightly-colored vermillion shrine pavilion. The cape itself is a spectacular wonder to behold.



Udo Shrine

Castle Town of Obi

Once a renowned castle town, Obi was home to the stronghold of the Ito domain, a feudal holding with a stipend of 51,000 koku, for about 280 years from the late 16th century until the late 19th century. Even today, the town evokes a sentimental feeling of the past as formidable old samurai residences and stone walls still remain, offering a sense of history and earning the town its nickname "Little Kyoto."



Obi (Otemon)

Sakamoto Terraced Rice Field

Sakamoto Terraced Rice Field is located at the foot of Mt. Komatsu. It has been selected as "One of Japan's Top 100 Terraced Rice Fields" for its excellent condition.



Sakamoto Terraced Rice Field

Oni-no-Sentakuita

The Nichinan coast is partly covered with corrugated rocks known as Oni-no-Sentakuita (Ogre's Washboard), created by the erosion of waves. A washboard is a board with a rough, uneven surface used to wash clothing in the era before washing machines.



Oni-no-Sentakuita

Inohae Valley (Forest Therapy)

Alongside the Inohae Valley's waterfalls, evergreen oaks and other trees provide stunning woodland scenery, which is best enjoyed on the stunning hiking course from the promenade to the waterfalls.



Inohae Valley (Iwatsubo Waterfall)

Port of HOSOSHIMA (Hyuga City)

Port Facilities

Name	
Industrial Ports #1 & #2	
Location	
17371-2 Aza-Shinkai, Oaza-Hichiya, Hyuga City, Miyazaki	
Access	
Station	JR Hyuga-shi Station (5 min. by car)
Airport	Miyazaki Airport (60 min. by car)
Capacity	
Length	360 m (#1: 140 m, #2: 220 m)
Water Depth	#1 10 m #2 10 m
Apron Width	15 m
Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	1.92 m
Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	Welcome & farewell performances (brass band, etc.)
Introducing Japanese Culture	Traditional performing art of Hyottoko danc
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Available
Shuttle Bus Services	Available



Wi-Fi	Available
Parking for tour buses	60
Cruise Ship Record (MAX)	Sun Princess (77,441 t)

Sightseeing Spots

Mimitsu (Hyuga City)
Mimitsu Important Legendary Buildings Preservation Area

Once a prosperous trade center, Mimitsu has an ancient legend that Emperor Jimmu chose it as a port to sail out from. It still preserves a look of bygone days very well as a porttown.



Mimitsu

Takachiho Gorge (Takachiho Town)
From the Port of Hososhima 60min

Overflowing with vegetation, this mysterious valley was formed by magma that erupted from the Aso Mountain Range. Symbolized by the Manai Waterfall that crashes down from the high cliffs of this

canyon.Takachiho Gorge is the perfect place to take in the new greenery of spring and the changing colors of leaves in fall.



Takachiho Gorge

Aoshima

Surrounded by a unique rock formation carved by the waves (a natural treasure known as the Devil's Washboard) on its 1.5 - kilometer circumference, Aoshima is an island where subtropical plants grow. The island is also home to the Aoshima Shrine, linked to Kojiki (The Ancient Chronicle), Japan's first history book, which is believed to bring good luck in marriage and safe childbirth.

From Port of Miyazaki 25 min
From Port of Hososhima 60 min
From Port of Aburatsu 60min



Aoshima Shrine

Port of MIYAZAKI (Miyazaki City)

Port Facilities

Name	
West Area # 11 The International Cruise Ships Wharf	
Location	
1-18 Minato, Miyazaki City	
Access	
Rail Station	JR Miyazaki Station (10 min by car)
Airport	Miyazaki Airport (20 min by car)
Capacity	
Length	300 m
Water Depth	-9 m
Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	None
Tidal Range	2.05 m
Services	
Services	Content
Welcome Ceremonies	Welcome & Farewell performance (Brass band etc.)
Introducing Japanese Culture	Taiko Drums
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Available

Shuttle Bus Services	Available
Wi-Fi	Not Available
Parking for tour buses	50
Cruise Ship Record (MAX)	Asuka (29,008 t)





Ports in KAGOSHIMA Prefecture

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Chiran Samurai Residences

Kagoshima Prefecture is situated an ideal distance from major cruise ports such as Shanghai, Taipei, Fukuoka, Nagasaki, and Naha (Okinawa). Kagoshima Port is well-liked by cruise passengers because its location affords magnificent views of Mt. Sakurajima, an active volcano. Cruise passengers can also enjoy the various islands of Kagoshima Prefecture. This includes the World Natural Heritage sites of Yakushima Island, Amami Oshima Island and Tokunoshima Island.



Port of KAGOSHIMA

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Port Facilities

Name	
(1) Marine Port Kagoshima (2) Kagoshima Honko Port (Kita-futo Wharf)	
Location	
(1) Chuoko-shinmachi, Kagoshima City, Kagoshima (2) Honko-shinmachi, Kagoshima City, Kagoshima	
Access	
Station	(1) JR Usuki Station (10 min. by taxi)
	(2) JR Kagoshima-Chuo Station (10 min. by taxi)
Airport	Kagoshima Airport
	(1) Approx. 70 min. by taxi (2) 60 min. from downtown by limousine bus
Shinkansen	JR Kagoshima-Chuo Station
	(1) 20 min. by taxi (2) 10 min. by taxi
Facilities	
(1) Marine Port Kagoshima	
① Kagoshima Cruise Terminal	
Total Floor Space	2,303 m ²
CIQ	1,423 m ² (Customs 8 booths, immigration 20 booths, quarantine 1 booth)
Lobby	880 m ² (tourist information, currency exchange) * Free Wi-Fi available in the lobby
* Waiting Area	
Total Floor Space	300 m ²
② New Cruise Terminal (under design)	

Capacity			
Length	(1) ① 340 m	② 410 m	(2) 360 m
Water Depth	(1) ① 9 m	② 10.5 m	(2) 9 m
Apron Width	(1) ① 20 m	② 20 m	(2) 20 m
Tidal Range	(1) ① 2.8 m	② 2.8 m	(2) 2.8 m
Maximum Gross Tonnage	(1) ① 168,000 t	② 220,000 t	(2) 63,000 t
Services			
Welcome Ceremonies	Welcome speech		
	Presentation of bouquets		
Introducing Japanese Culture	Picture postcards		
	Flag-waving welcome etc.		
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Introduction to folk entertainment		
	Sightseeing brochures Interpreter (free of charge), Currency exchange machine		
Shuttle Bus Services		None available	
City Sightseeing for the Crews		None available	



(2) Honko Port (Kita-futo Wharf)



(1) Marine Port Kagoshima
(2) Honko Port (Kita-futo Wharf)



KAGOSHIMA CRUISE TERMINAL

Sakurajima active volcano

① No.1 Berth (160,000t)

② No.2 Berth (220,000t)

(1) Marine Port Kagoshima

Sightseeing Spots

Kagoshima (Kagoshima City, Mt. Sakurajima)

With a population of about 600,000, Kagoshima is now the largest city in southern Kyushu. There is an abundance of hot springs in the city, and visitors can also catch a glimpse of the world-renowned Mt. Sakurajima, an active volcano and the symbol of Kagoshima. Only 4 km away from the city, Mt. Sakurajima towers over Kagoshima Bay (also called Kinko Bay), shooting billowing smoke high into the sky in a rare example



Mt.Sakurajima & Sengan-en

of coexistence between a metropolitan area and an active volcano. It takes 15 minutes by ferry to get to Sakurajima from Kagoshima City (the ferry operates round the clock).

Sengan-en

Constructed in 1658, Sengan-en was used as a villa by Lord Shimadzu Mitsuhide, the 19th patriarch of the Shimadzu family. It has one of the most famous gardens in Japan, known for its "borrowed scenery," satisfyingly incorporating the backdrop of Mt. Sakurajima and Kinko Bay into the garden's landscape. The Shuseikan Reverberatory Furnace in Sengan-en is one of the components of the "Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution: Iron and Steel, Shipbuilding and Coal Mining," listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site in early July 2015.

Chiran Samurai Residences

These samurai houses were built about 270 years ago. Their gardens are beautifully designed, with Mt. Hahaga-dake serving as their backdrop. Other natural elements are also incorporated, making the whole area resemble a series of miniature Japanese gardens housed in boxes. Seven of the gardens are designated as natural scenic spots.

Kirishima

A hot spring resort amidst natural grandeur, Kirishima was the first national park designated in Japan in 1934. The sacred Takachiho Peak is famous for the myth related to the founding of Japan. With 23 volca-



Takachiho Peak

nic peaks studded with craters, lakes, hot springs and plateaus, this national park is celebrated as one of the most magnificent in Japan. The scenery in Kirishima is attractive all year round, with azalea blossoms in springs, fresh green foliage in summer, blazing crimson leaves in autumn, and frosted trees in winter. Visitors can enjoy trekking and hiking in the mountains.

Ibusuki (Ibusuki City, Natural steam sand bath)

Ibusuki is one of the most popular hot spring resorts in Japan, where a mild climate prevails even in winter. Hibiscus, bougainvillea, and many other sub-tropical plants grow here, with bright colors of exquisite beauty. Ibusuki is home to the world's one and only natural steam sand bath, the health and beauty benefits of which attract many visitors.



Natural steam sand bath

Gourmet

Kagoshima Black Cattle Beef and Berkshire Pork

Kagoshima is one of the most prominent livestock farming areas in Japan. Kagoshima Kuroushi (black cattle) beef and Kagoshima Kurobuta (Berkshire) pork are well-known for fantastic flavor.



Kurobuta shabu-shabu

Seafood

Facing onto the Pacific Ocean with Kinko Bay at the heart of the mainland, Kagoshima is blessed with bountiful marine resources. The prefecture offers a rich variety of authentic seafood cuisine including sashimi, fried fish, and boiled fish of outstanding freshness and excellent flavor.

Port of **AMAMI-OSHIMA** (NAZE)

Port Facilities

Name			
Naze Port (Nagahama Wharf)			
Location			
32-14 Naze Nagahamacho, Amami City, Kagoshima			
Access			
Station	None		
Airport	Amami Airport (approx. 60 min. by car)		
Shinkansen	None		
Facilities			
Facility Overview	None		
Capacity			
Length	280 m	Water Depth	10 m
Apron Width	20 m	Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	2.0 m		
Services			
Welcome Ceremonies	Welcome speech, presentation of bouquets, etc.		
Introducing Japanese Culture	Traditional dance performance, etc.		
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Sightseeing brochures		



LARGE

MIDDLE

SMALL

Sightseeing Spots

■ Amami Oshima Island

Amami Oshima Island is located between Okinawa and mainland Kagoshima. It is known for its unique culture such as island folk songs, and special products such as Oshima Tsumugi woven silk. The island offers a rich subtropical wilderness and clear blue seas suitable for various marine sports. Amami Oshima Island is now listed as a World Natural Heritage site.

■ Kuroshio Forest Mangrove Park

The Kuroshio Virgin Mangrove Forest is located on the northernmost part of Amami Oshima Island, amidst a mangrove ecosystem. Be sure to try exploring this forest on a canoe!



Kuroshio Forest Mangrove Park

■ Amami Park / Tanaka Isson Memorial Museum of Art

A theme park that introduces the history, nature, and cultures of Amami. Works of art depicting Amami by the artist Isson Tanaka are exhibited.



Tanaka Isson Memorial Museum of Art

■ Coral Reefs and Diving

Oshima Strait is located to the south of Amami Oshima Island. The sea waters here boast exceptional clarity and are thus perfect for diving. Divers get to swim through coral reefs surrounded by tropical fish.



Oshima Strait

■ Kinsakubaru Virgin Forest

Many natural subtropical broadleaf trees can be found in this virgin forest. The forest trails are remarkably beautiful during the season of fresh greenery (from spring to early summer).



Kinsakubaru Virgin Forest

Port of **YAKUSHIMA** (MIYANOURA)

Port Facilities

Name			
Miyanoura Port (Hinokamiyama Wharf)			
Location			
Miyanoura, Yakushima Town, Kagoshima			
Access			
Station	None		
Airport	Yakushima Airport (15 min. by car)		
Shinkansen	None		
Jetfoil	Miyanoura Port (5 min. by car) Anbo Port (40 min. by car)		
Facilities			
Facility Overview	None		
Capacity			
Length	250 m	Water Depth	7.5 m
Apron Width	20 m	Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	2.5 m		
Services			
Welcome Ceremonies	Available on request		
Introducing Japanese Culture	Traditional dance performance, etc.		



SMALL

Sightseeing Spots

■ Yakushima Island

Miyanoura Port is located on the northeast shore of Yakushima Island. It is connected to mainland Kagoshima and Tanegashima Island by regular ferries and high speed jetfoils. The island is covered with Yaku Sugi cedar trees. The discovery of the Jomon Sugi cedar, said to be of 7,200 years of age, as well as other giant cedar trees, together with the successful listing of Yakushima Island as Japan's first World Natural Heritage site in 1993, has greatly increased its international profile and brought many tourists to its shores.

■ Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine

This ravine was featured in Miyazaki Hayao's animated film Princess Mononoke. Through a mysterious ravine filled with dense moss-covered rocks and crystal-clear streams, the trails lead through virgin forest dotted with odd looking trees. Visitors trekking along the trail feel as if they have entered a different, magical world.



Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine

■ Ohko-no-taki Waterfalls

The tallest waterfall in South Kyushu with an 88-meter drop.



Ohko-no-taki Waterfalls

■ Yakusugi Cedar Land

The Yakusugi Cedar Land nature park is home to several ancient cedar trees, linked by a network of well-maintained trails. There are four trekking courses to choose from depending on your time and stamina.



Yakusugi Cedar Land

■ Tanegashima Space Center (Tanegashima Island)

The largest space development center and satellite launching base in Japan, the Tanegashima Space Center also has a Space Exhibition Hall that exhibits life-size replicas of items related to space development, as well as a variety of educational games for visitors. (Getting here: Take the jetfoil from Miyanoura Port to Tanegashima Island, then transfer to bus or car.)



Tanegashima Space Center



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Consisting of 160 islands, Okinawa is Japan's southernmost island region and is located between Taiwan and mainland Japan. Located at the same latitude as popular resort destinations around the world such as Hawaii, Miami, and Cancun, it is Japan's most beloved island for beach resorts. Right in the heart of Asia, Okinawa is geographically close to major Asian ports such as Taiwan, Shanghai, Jeju, Busan, Fukuoka, and Tokyo. Okinawa has five major ports where cruise ships of 20 tons or more can call. There are also spots on neighboring islands where smaller vessels such as Zodiacs can call at ports. As befits the southern gateway to Japan, a variety of vessels can call at these local ports.



Port of NAHA

Port Facilities

Name		
(1)Tomari Wharf No. 8 Quay (2)Second Cruise Berth		
Location		
(1)Wakasa, Naha, Okinawa		
(2)4-choume, Minatomachi, Naha, Okinawa		
Nearest Station (Time Req.)		
Monorail Kencho-mae Station (15 min. walk)		
Access		
Station	Kencho-mae	
Airport	Naha Airport	
Facilities		
Facility Overview	(1) Land Size	13,982 m ²
	Occupancy	4,200 PAX in the main hall
	Capacity	on the second floor
	Building Size	2,351 m ²
(2) None available		
Height	(1) 14.8 m	
Width	(1) 21 m	
Total Floor Space	(1) 4,468 m ²	

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LARGE MIDDLE SMALL

Capacity			
Length		(1) 372.5 m (including dolphins) (2) 430 m (including dolphins)	
Water Depth		(1) 9 m (2) 12 m	
Apron Width		(1) 20 m (2) 29.8 m	
Boarding Bridges		(1) Available (restricted by ship's type) (2) Not available	
Tidal Range		(1) HWL +2.12 m / LWL +0.04 m (2) HWL +2.21 m / LWL +0.12 m	
Services			
Welcome Ceremonies		First time commemorative plaque, flower bouquet presentation, souvenir presentation, traditional Okinawan dance performances, such as Eisa dance	
Introducing Japanese Culture		Negotiable	
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange		(1) Available (temporary) (2) N / A	
Shuttle Bus Services		Negotiable	
City Sightseeing for Crews		Negotiable	
Restroom	(1) Available	Smoking area	(1) Available
Wi-Fi	(1) Available	Slope	(1) Available

The Shikinaen Royal Garden

The Shikinaen Royal Garden, also known as "Nan-en," was built in 1799 as the second royal residence, and is the largest of its kind in the Ryukyu Kingdom. It was also used as a retreat to entertain royal families as well as "sapposhi" envoys from the Chinese emperor. The residence has a circuit-style garden, which allows visitors to enjoy diverse scenery while walking around the pond. The garden is designated both as a National Place of Scenic Beauty, and a part of "Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu," a World Heritage Site.



The Shikinaen Royal Garden

Yachimun Street

Yachimun means "pottery" in the Okinawan language. Professional production of ceramics in Okinawa began at the Wakuta kiln, where Korean potters were invited from Satsuma. The royal government of Ryukyu combined the kilns of Chibana, Takaraguchi, and Wakuta to form Tsuboya Yachimun-dori (Tsuboya Pottery Street). The street is the birthplace of Tsuboya-yaki, one of the traditional crafts of Okinawa. Traditional ceramics depicting shisa (traditional Ryukyuan decorations), as well as vases and plates for daily use, are crafted on this street.



Yachimun street

Zuisen Awamori Brewery

In the past, the Kingdom of Ryukyu permitted the distilling of Awamori liquor in three castle towns only — Sakiyama, Akada, and Toribori — in order to maintain quality. These three towns were called the Sangka. The Sangka strictly controlled Awamori production and preserved its traditional flavor. Zuisen distills Awamori in the Sakiyama area, still carrying on time-honored traditions to create their product. During a factory tour, visitors can learn about the 600-year history of Awamori and its production process.



Zuisen Awamori Brewery

Sightseeing Spots

Shuri Castle

Shuri was the residential castle for the king of the Ryukyu Kingdom and the center of politics here for roughly 450 years from 1429, when the Kingdom was established, to 1879, when Okinawa became a prefecture of Japan. The castle experience demonstrates the prosperity of the Ryukyu region and conveys the adventurous spirit of the Ryukyu Dynasty to people today. In 2000, the castle was designated as a World Heritage Site as a part of the "Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu."



Shuri Castle

Port of MOTOBU

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Port Facilities

Name
Motobu Port
Location
5235, Aza-Sakimotobu, Motobu Town, Kunigami-gun, Okinawa
Access
Airport Naha Airport (120 min. by car or bus)
Facilities
Facility Overview None available

	LARGE	MIDDLE	SMALL
Capacity			
Length	420 m	Water Depth	10.5 m
Apron Width	32.5 m	Boarding Bridges	None available
Tidal Range	H.W.L +2.10 m / L.W.L +0.00 m		
Services			
Welcome Ceremonies	Traditional dance and folk song performances available upon request.		
Introducing Japanese Culture	Negotiable		
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Not available		
Shuttle Bus Services	Negotiable		

Sightseeing Spots

■ Churaumi Aquarium

At Ocean Expo Park, you can enjoy Okinawa island's rich natural environment and experience its historical and cultural aspects. You can also encounter dolphins. Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium is a popular tourist attraction located inside Ocean Expo Park. Inside the aquarium, there is a magnificent world full of mystery, revealing the creatures that dwell in the undersea of Okinawa.



©Churaumi Aquarium



Bise Fukugi Tree Street

■ Bise Fukugi Tree Street

Bise Fukugi (Garcinia subelliptica) Tree Street is said to have been laid out over 250 years ago as a windbreak to protect local homes from typhoons. These trees survived the Battle of Okinawa. The traditional, nostalgic scenery of Okinawa has been preserved in the Bise area, making it a popular destination for tourists to spend a few tranquil moments.

■ Yambaru Forests

The northern part of the Okinawa islands, known as Yambaru, has a diverse ecosystem, and along with Iriomote, Amami-Oshima Island, and Tokunoshima Island in Kagoshima prefecture, was registered as a World Natural Heritage site in 2021. In the forests of Yambaru, both endemic and rare species such as Okinawa rails, Yambaru long-armed scarab beetles, and Okinawa woodpeckers make up a diverse ecosystem.



Yambaru Forests

■ Nakijin Castle Ruins

Nakijin Castle was built around the 13th century. About the same size in area as Shuri Castle, it is surrounded by beautiful curved walls created with the "nozurazumi" technique in which rocks are piled on top of one another. It is known as one of Okinawa's best and most famous castles. In 2000, it was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site as part of the "Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu," which also includes Shuri Castle.



Nakijin Castle Ruins

Port of ISHIGAKI

Port Facilities

Name	
Shinkou International District -10.5m Berth	
Location	
Painuhama, Ishigaki City, Okinawa	
Access	
Airport	Ishigaki Airport (Nannushima Ishigaki Airport)
Capacity	
Length	420 m
Water Depth	10.5 m
Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	Not available
Tidal Range	H.W.L: 1.89 m / M.S.L: 1.07 m / L.W.L: 0.10 m

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LARGE MIDDLE SMALL

Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	Available upon request. Traditional dance and folk song performances.
Introducing Japanese Culture	Angama (traditional collective performing arts), Eisa (traditional dance)
Tourist Information Center, Currency Exchange	Not available
Shuttle Bus Services	Available upon request
City Sightseeing for Crews	Available upon request

Sightseeing Spots

Kabira Bay

One of the most scenic spots in Ishigaki Island, which has been awarded the highest rank of three stars in world-famous guidebooks. The clear blue sea shines on the white sand, and you can enjoy beautiful, breathtaking scenery.



Kabira Bay

Taketomi Island

Taketomi Island, just 10 minutes by ferry from Ishigaki Island, is a remote island with white coral sand and a classic Okinawan red tile townscape. Water buffalo carriages, spectacular beaches, and popular cafes that use island produce are popular for creating peaceful moments that you simply can't experience in everyday life.



Taketomi Island

Iriomote Island

Iriomote Island is located about 37 km west of Ishigaki Island, is characterized by a natural landscape unique to the subtropical region, with rich natural beauty that includes a subtropical evergreen broad-leaved forest and coral reefs.



Iriomote Island

Ishigaki Beef

Ishigaki beef was served as the main dish at the 2000 Okinawa Summit dinner. This premium Japanese black beef has been highly acclaimed by the prime ministers and presidents of many countries.



Ishigaki Beef

Euglena Mall

This shopping street has over 100 stores, selling great Ishigaki souvenirs. You can also snack and walk about, trying delicious local specialties like sata andagi Okinawan doughnuts and kamaboko fish cakes.



Euglena Mall

Minsah Kogei Kan (Craft Center)

The woven Minsah textile of the Yaeyama Islands is durable and elegant. This hall has an exhibition room as well as a studio where you can watch the Minsah weaving process. They hold hand weaving workshops and you can purchase products made of the cloth, too. A Minsah bag is a great choice to use on board or when walking around a port of call.



Minsah Kogei Kan

Port of HIRARA

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Port Facilities

Name	
Hirara Port Cruise Berth	
Location	
108-11, Hilarashimosato, Miyakojima City, Okinawa	
Access	
Airport	Miyako Airport
Facilities	
Facility Overview	Cruise Terminal (Hirara Port Cruise Berth)
Length	32 m
Height	5.8 m
Width	45 m
Total Floor Space	1,440 m ²
Capacity	
Length	420 m
Water Depth	10.5 m
Apron Width	20 m
Boarding Bridges	Not available
Tidal Range	H.W.L: 1.88 m / M.S.L: 1.075 m / L.W.L: 0.11 m

Services	
Welcome Ceremonies	(1) Bouquet presentation by Miss Miyakojima
	(2) Sanshin show (dance performance, if dancers are available)
	(3) Commemorative gifts such as tsunujara (sacred treasures used when drinking alcohol during Shinto rituals)
Introducing Japanese Culture	(1) Awamori liquor, etc. / Children's Eisa dancing, local school marching bands, etc.
	(2) Pantu (traditional event) / Miyako Jofu (traditional craft)
Tourist Information Center	Available
Currency Exchange	Not available
Shuttle Bus Services	Available upon request
City Sightseeing for Crews	Available upon request

LARGE MIDDLE SMALL

■ Irabu Ohashi

About 5 minutes by car from Hirara Port, this bridge joins the islands of Miyakojima and Irabu. First started in March 2006, it opened in January 2015. At 3,540 meters in overall length, this is the longest bridge in Japan that is free of charge to cross.



Irabu Ohashi

■ Miyakojima City Taiken Kougei Mura

The Miyakojima City Taiken Kougei Mura (Hands-on Craft Village) was built in a tropical botanical garden for the purpose of broadening the knowledge of the nature, culture, and history of Miyakojima: traditional crafts, culinary culture, and the natural blessings of the sea and greenery. Each experience program offers a sense of deeper and closer connection to Miyakojima.



Miyakojima City Taiken Kougei Mura

■ Mango

The sweetness and flavor of these fully ripened tropical mangos, full of the Sun's bounty, are sure to delight your palate.

Mango



■ Sunayama Beach

A huge arch-like rock formation carved by the erosion of the waves and the white sandy beach creates a singular scenic beauty. The beach's fine sand makes it perfect for a stroll. Spend a healing moment amidst the wonders of nature, with the blue sky, the cobalt sea, the white sand, and the arch.



Sunayama Beach

■ Shigira Hot spring

This hot spring is the southernmost and westernmost natural hot spring in Japan, with an open-air bath, a bath with a view, and a large jungle pool. From the observation bath, you can enjoy a panoramic view of the blue ocean and listen to the sound of the waves as you soak in the hot spring.



Shigira hot spring

Sightseeing Spots

■ Maehama Beach

The snow-white sand and clear emerald green waters of this beach allow you to enjoy various marine sports. A great location ensures visitors can enjoy swimming and beautiful sunsets at the same time. This is also the location for the swim start of the All-Japan Triathlon Miyako Island.

Maehama Beach



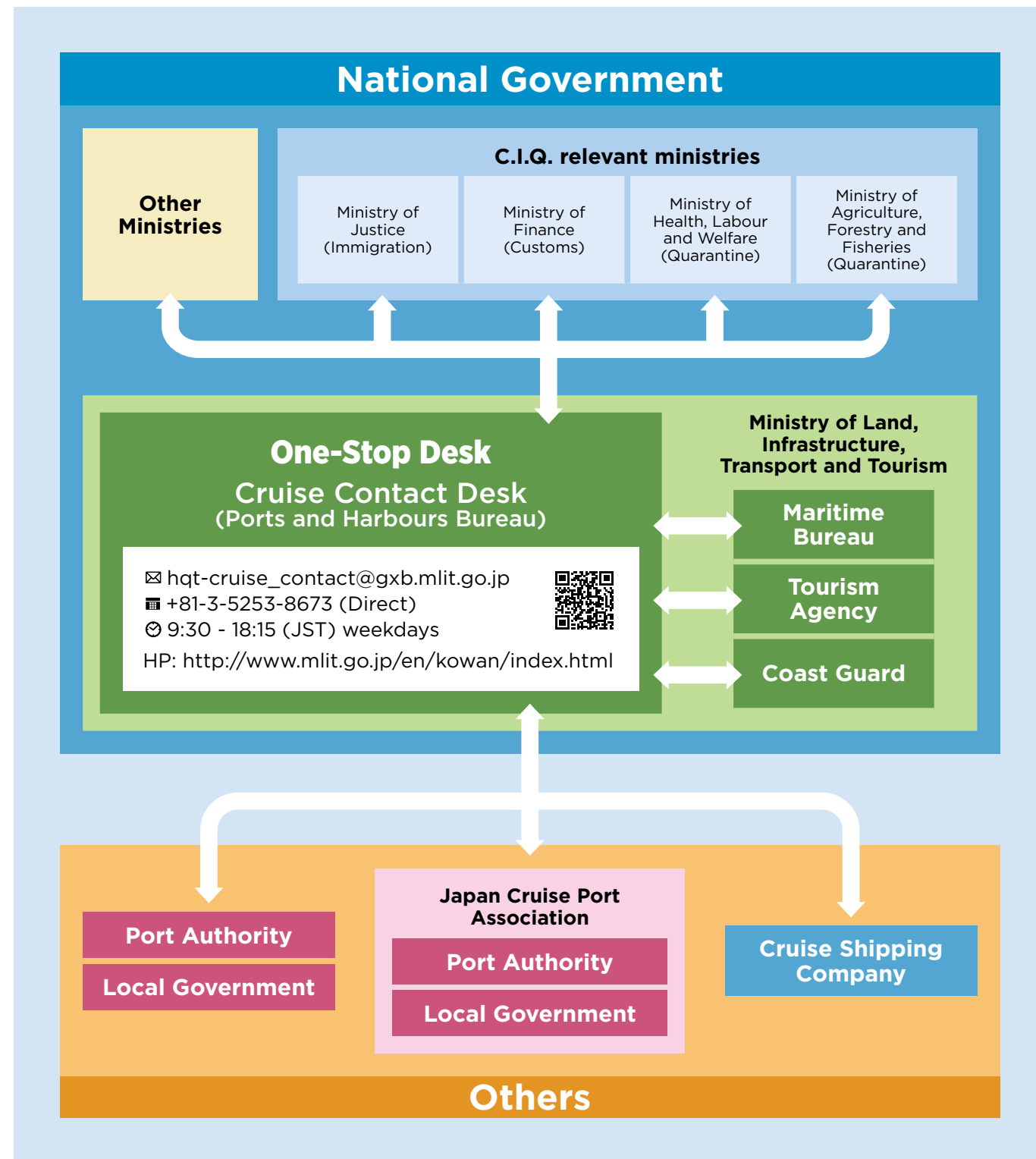
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