

Akita City, Tohoku, Japan

Gateway to Tohoku's samurai heartland — where weeping cherry trees line preserved feudal streets and Japan's deepest lake shimmers azure inland. Akita rewards those who venture beyond the pier.

Docked (Nakashima Wharf) Typical call: 8-10 hrs Japanese Yen (JPY) Japanese (some English at terminal)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Nakashima Wharf, ~7 km west of city center; shuttle buses to Akita Station

Walk to center: Not walkable — use cruise shuttle or taxi (~15 min)

Best For: History lovers, day-trippers to Kakunodate samurai district & Lake Tazawa

Don't Miss: Kakunodate's samurai residences, Akita Port Tower Selion, Kanto Festival Museum

Getting around: Taxi ¥3,900–¥5,500 one way · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Kakunodate Samurai District** — Often called the 'Little Kyoto of Tohoku,' Kakunodate preserves original samurai manors (buke-yashiki) lining a boulevard shaded by weeping cherry...
- **Lake Tazawa Day Trip** — Japan's deepest lake (~423 m) is famous for its deep azure color and the golden Tatsuko statue on the shore.
- **Kanto Festival Museum (Neburi Nagashi Kan)** — Akita's famous Kanto Festival (early August) involves balancing enormous bamboo poles hung with paper lanterns.
- **Akita Museum of Art** — Designed by Tadao Ando, this landmark museum houses an impressive permanent collection including large-scale works by Akita-born artist Tsuguharu...
- **Oga Peninsula & Namahage Experience** — The rugged Oga Peninsula (~60 min drive from the port) is home to the Namahage tradition — fearsome demon-deity figures that inspired one of Japan's...

BEST WALKS

- **Senshu Park & City Center Loop** 2-3 km · 45-60 min · Easy — From Akita Station, walk west to Senshu Park — the tranquil grounds of the former Kubota Castle, with moats, stone walls, and beautiful lotus ponds in summer.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:02AM–6:17PM · Jun 4:11AM–7:08PM · Aug 4:51AM–6:35PM · Sep 5:20AM–5:48PM · Oct 5:49AM–5:00PM	
Apr	56°	42°	14d		
Jun	72°	60°	15d		
Aug	82°	72°	16d		
Sep	76°	64°	15d		
Oct	64°	52°	15d		

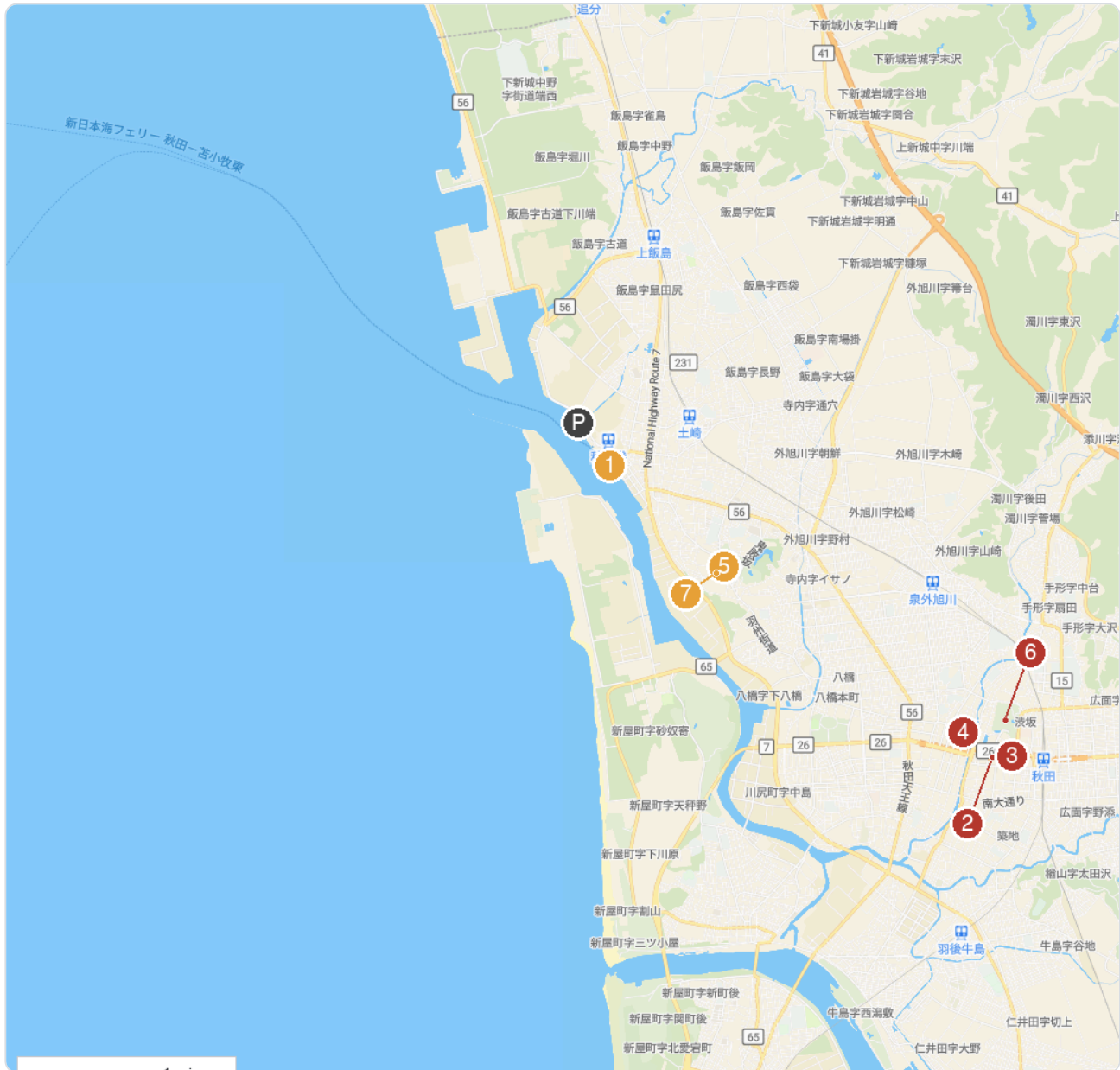
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use the cruise shuttle: The port is 7 km from the city — do not attempt to walk. Take the cruise line shuttle or taxi to Akita Station and plan your day from there.
- Book shinkansen seats ahead: Reserved seats on the Akita Shinkansen (Komachi) to Kakunodate sell out on cruise days. Book online or at the station's ticket office as soon as you arrive.
- Carry yen in cash: Many smaller restaurants, temples, and rural spots in Tohoku are cash-only. ATMs at the cruise terminal and Japan Post offices accept foreign cards.
- Try the local food: Don't miss Inaniwa udon (delicate hand-pulled noodles) and kiritanpo (grilled rice cakes in hot pot) — Akita specialties you won't find like this elsewhere in Japan.
- Pack for variable weather: Late June to mid-July is rainy season in Tohoku — bring a compact umbrella. Summer (Aug) is warm and humid; spring and autumn are ideal for sightseeing.
- Give yourself a buffer: Return to Akita Station at least 90 minutes before all-aboard to allow for the shuttle back to the pier. The Kakunodate day trip is tight on short port calls.

Akita City, Tohoku, Japan — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Roadside Station Akitakō | A portside complex with shops, restaurants, and an observation tower. | 2 Akita Museum of Art | A modern art museum designed by Tadao Ando. |
| 3 Akita City Senshū Museum of Art | Features local Akita art and historical exhibits. | 4 Akita City Folk Arts Center (Neburinagashi-Kan) | Experience Akita's traditional folk arts and Neburi Nagashi festival. |
| 5 Akita Castle Ruins(Government house) | Remains of an ancient government house and castle. | 6 Kubota Castle Ruins | Site of Kubota Castle, a feudal lord's residence. |
| 7 秋田市立秋田城跡 歴史資料館 | Museum showcasing history and artifacts from Akita Castle Ruins. | P Cruise port / terminal | |