

Amami Oshima, Kagoshima, Japan

A subtropical island between Kyushu and Okinawa, Amami Oshima packs UNESCO-listed jungle, Japan's second-largest mangrove forest, and pristine coral-fringed beaches into one unhurried cruise call.

Docked at Naze Port (Nagahama berth)

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

Japanese Yen (JPY) — carry cash outside city

Japanese (English limited outside port)

UNESCO World Natural Heritage

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Berthed at Naze Port (Nagahama berth, up to 80,000 GT); occasional tender for larger ships

Best For: Mangrove kayaking, tropical beaches, Oshima Tsumugi silk, subtropical hiking

Walk to center: 15–20 min walk to downtown Naze; shuttle buses often provided

Don't Miss: Keihan chicken rice — Amami's beloved local soul food

Getting around: **Taxi** ¥500–¥800 to city center; ~¥6,500–¥7,500 to Mangrove Park (one-way)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Kuroshio no Mori Mangrove Kayak** — Paddle through Japan's second-largest mangrove forest at Kuroshio no Mori Mangrove Park, about 30 minutes from Naze.
- Oshima Tsumugi Silk Weaving Workshop** — Oshima Tsumugi is one of Japan's finest silks, hand-woven on Amami Oshima for over 1,300 years using a traditional mud-dyeing technique.
- Kinsakubaru Virgin Forest Walk** — Hike through one of Japan's last surviving subtropical evergreen forests, home to Amami rabbits, Lidth's jays, and giant ferns found nowhere else on...
- Tomori Beach & Snorkeling** — Often ranked Amami's finest beach, Tomori Beach offers white sand, calm turquoise water, and healthy coral reefs in the island's north near Amami...
- Tanaka Isson Memorial Museum of Art** — Set within Amami Park, this museum celebrates the painter Tanaka Isson, who moved to Amami Oshima in 1958 and spent 20 years documenting the island's...

BEST WALKS

- Naze Port to Downtown & Nazemachi Shopping Street** 1.5 km · 20 min · Flat — An easy stroll from the Nagahama berth along the waterfront brings you to downtown Naze and Nazemachi Shopping Street, where you'll find izakayas, cafés, souvenir shops...
- Ogamiyama Park Hilltop Viewpoint** 1 km uphill · 20 min · Easy–Moderate — A short climb from downtown Naze leads to Ogamiyama Park, which crowns a forested knoll with sweeping views over Naze Port and the surrounding bay — a perfect photo stop...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	70°	62°	14d
Jun	80°	73°	22d
Aug	85°	78°	20d
Sep	83°	76°	21d
Oct	77°	71°	15d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:57AM–6:47PM · Jun 5:24AM–7:20PM · Aug 5:51AM–7:00PM · Sep 6:07AM–6:27PM · Oct 6:22AM–5:52PM

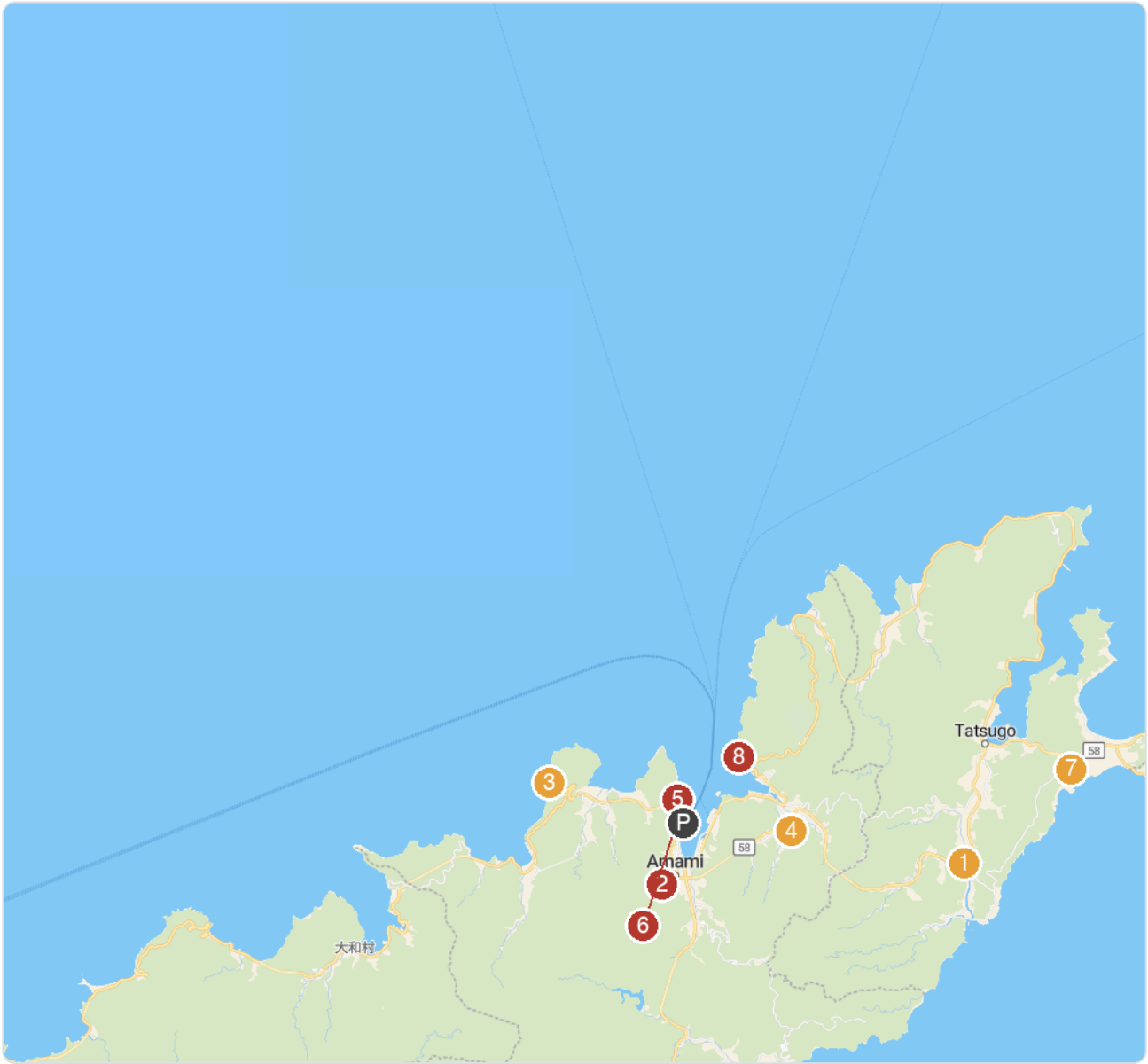
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry yen cash. International ATMs are at Japan Post and 7-Eleven in Naze, but rural beaches and villages are mostly cash-only — withdraw before heading out.
- Try keihan — Amami's signature dish of rice topped with shredded chicken, egg strips, and pickled papaya, finished with hot chicken broth poured tableside. Look for it in any local restaurant near Nazemachi.
- Rent a car for beaches and jungle. Tomori Beach, Kinsakubaru Forest, and the mangroves are all 30–60 minutes from Naze; public buses are infrequent. Car rental shops operate near the port.
- UNESCO wildlife is endemic and protected. The Amami rabbit and Lidth's jay exist nowhere else — stick to marked trails in the jungle and follow guide instructions.
- Kokuto shochu is the local spirit — distilled from island-grown brown sugar, it's smoother and sweeter than mainland barley shochu. Pick up a bottle at Nazemachi for a genuine Amami souvenir.
- Subtropical sun is intense year-round.

Amami Oshima, Kagoshima, 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 | Full Fula Garden | Tropical botanical garden showcasing Amami's diverse plant life. | 2 | Takachiho Shrine | Historic Shinto shrine offering spiritual tranquility and local culture. |
| 3 | Amami Marine Aquarium & Museum | Aquarium and museum displaying Amami's vibrant marine ecosystem. | 4 | Tanaka Isson former residence | Former home of renowned Japanese painter Tanaka Isson. |
| 5 | Amami City Amami Museum | Museum showcasing Amami's history, culture, and natural environment. | 6 | Amami Tourism Habu Center. | Educational center about the venomous Habu snake and local wildlife. |
| 7 | Amami Oshima Tsumugi Village | Village demonstrating traditional Amami Oshima Tsumugi silk weaving. | 8 | Daikuma Observatory Point. | Scenic observatory point offering panoramic views of Amami's coast. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |