

Aomori City, Aomori Prefecture, Japan

Northern Japan's festival city packs UNESCO prehistory, giant illuminated parade floats, and the world's best apple cider into a single shore day — most of it within easy walking distance of the pier.

 Docked (Shin-Chuo or Okidate Wharf)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)

 Language: Japanese

 Famous for: Nebuta Festival & apples

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Shin-Chuo Wharf (central, walkable) or Okidate Wharf (~3 km, taxi needed)

Walk to center: 5-10 min from Shin-Chuo; 15 min to Aomori Station

Best For: Culture, history, local food, scenic day trips

Don't Miss: Nebuta Museum Wa Rasse and a Nokkedon seafood bowl at Furukawa Market

 Getting around:  **Taxi** ✓ ¥800–¥2,400 ·  **Rideshare** ✓ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Nebuta Museum Wa Rasse** — Five enormous illuminated parade floats — the kind that roll through August's Nebuta Festival — are on permanent display inside this striking red...
- **Nokkedon at Furukawa Fish Market** — Buy a strip of tickets at Aomori Gyosai Center (Furukawa Market), then spend them at individual stalls piling tuna, sea urchin, scallops, and salmon...
- **Sannai-Maruyama Jomon Site** — A UNESCO World Heritage archaeological site preserving a 5,500-year-old village from Japan's Jomon period.
- **Hirosaki Castle & Park** — About an hour southwest of Aomori, Hirosaki Castle is one of Japan's original surviving castle keeps, set in a 120-acre (49-hectare) park with 2,600...
- **Hakkoda Mountains & Ropeway** — Ride the Hakkoda Ropeway to 1,324 m for sweeping views over the Tsugaru Strait toward Hokkaido.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront Highlights Walk** 1.5 km · ~30 min · flat · no hills — Start at Shin-Chuo Wharf and walk east along the bay promenade.
- **City Center & Market Loop** 2.5 km · ~45 min · flat — From the pier, head south along the bay to Aomori Station, then inland to Furukawa Fish Market (Aomori Gyosai Center) for a Nokkedon seafood bowl.

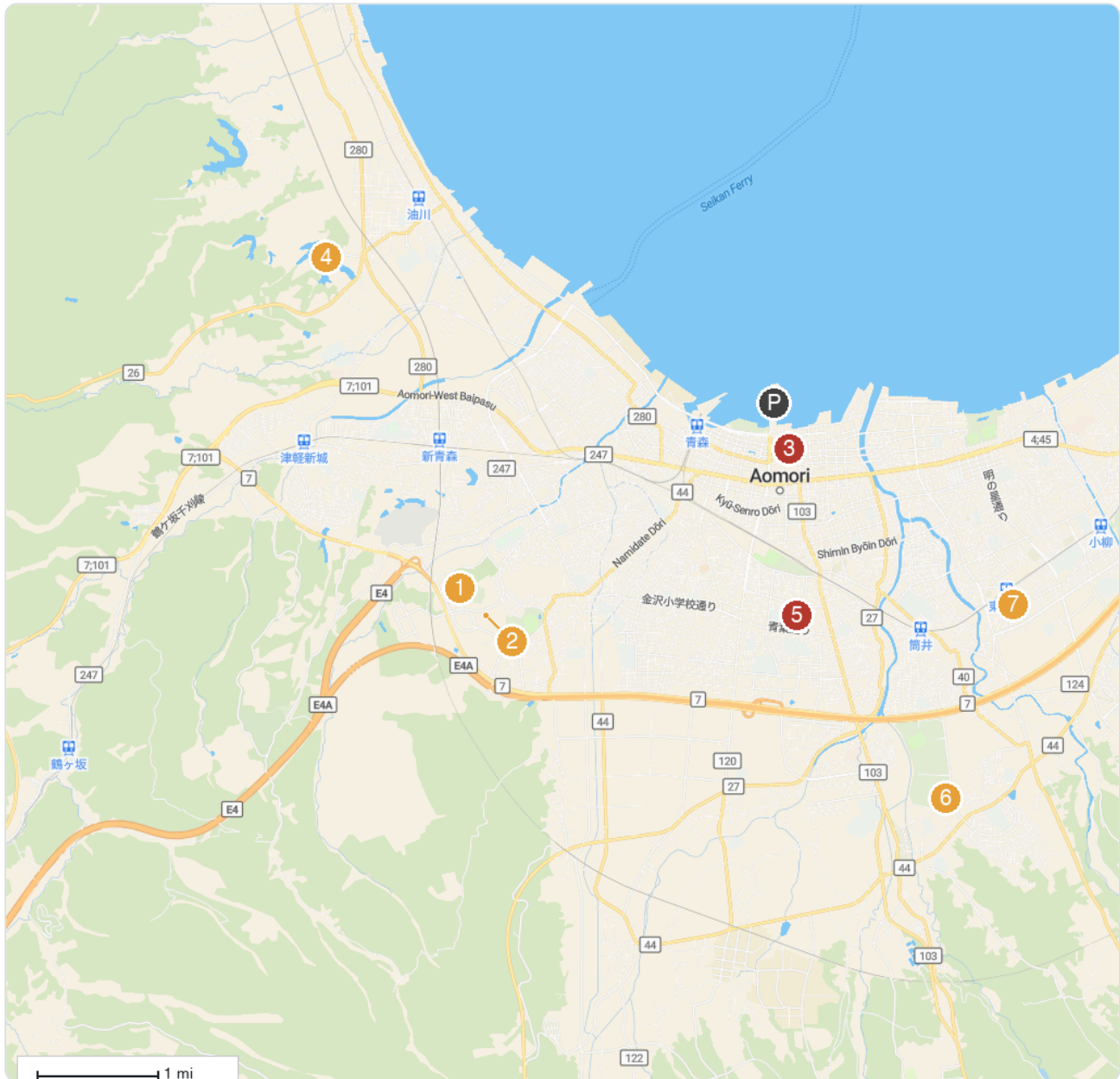
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry cash yen. Card acceptance is improving but fish markets, small restaurants, and temple entrances often require cash. 7-Eleven ATMs reliably accept foreign cards.
- Try the apple cider at A-Factory. Aomori produces 60% of Japan's apples — the fresh-pressed cider and cider soft-serve here are worth the walk.
- If docked at Okidate Wharf, budget ¥1,000–¥1,500 each way for a taxi to the city center. Don't count on frequent bus service.
- August visitors get the full Nebuta Festival (first week of August) — enormous illuminated floats, drumming, and dancing in the streets. Other months, the museum is still excellent.
- Winters are harsh and snowy (Aomori is Japan's snowiest city). Summer and autumn calls offer the best weather; spring brings cherry blossoms at Hirosaki.
- Hirosaki Castle is worth the hour each way if you have a full day in port — but go straight there and back; don't try to combine it with Hakkoda in one day.

Aomori City, Aomori Prefecture, 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 Sannai Maruyama Site | Ancient Jomon village ruins, a UNESCO World Heritage site. | 2 Aomori Museum of Art | Modern art museum featuring local and international artists. |
| 3 Aomori kenritsu kyōdo-kan Prefectural Museum | Museum showcasing Aomori Prefecture's history, folklore, and nature. | 4 Nogiwa Park | Scenic park with cherry blossoms, a pond, and walking paths. |
| 5 Okuno Central Park | City park with playgrounds, open spaces, and seasonal flowers. | 6 Aomori City Sports Park Waku Waku Square | Sports park with playgrounds, athletic fields, and family fun. |
| 7 Hamadate Park | Seaside park offering ocean views and recreational facilities. | P Cruise port / terminal | |