

Beppu, Oita, Japan

Japan's undisputed hot spring capital pours more geothermal water than anywhere else in the country. From cobalt-blue 'Sea Hell' to blood-red mud pools, a day in Beppu is unlike anywhere else on Earth.

Docked (Ishigaki Wharf)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Japanese Yen (JPY)

Japanese

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ishigaki Wharf #3, Beppu International Tourist Port — large ships up to 140,000 GT dock here

Best For: The Jigoku Meguri 'Hell Tour', sand baths, and traditional onsen culture

Walk to center: Port is ~4 km from Beppu Station; shuttle buses or taxis recommended (~10-15 min)

Don't Miss: Umi Jigoku (Sea Hell) in the Kannawa district and Chinoike Jigoku (Blood Pond Hell) in the Shibaseki district

Getting around: Taxi ¥1,250-¥2,800 (~-) · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Jigoku Meguri — The Seven Hells Tour** — Visit seven spectacular geothermal hot springs, each with a distinct color and character.
 - Beppu Sand Bath at Shoningahama** — Lie buried in naturally heated volcanic sand at Beppu Beach Sand Bath (Shoningahama).
 - Kannawa Onsen Village & Jigoku-Mushi Steam Cooking** — Wander the atmospheric Kannawa district where steam rises from gutters and street-side foot baths invite you to soak.
- Mount Tsurumi Ropeway** — Ride the ropeway to the 1,375 m summit of Mount Tsurumi for panoramic views across Beppu Bay, the city, and the Kyushu mountains.
 - Takasakiyama Natural Zoological Garden** — Observe over 1,500 wild Japanese macaques at the foot of Mount Takasaki — a 10-minute bus ride from the city.

BEST WALKS

- Kannawa Onsen Street Walk** 1.5 km loop · Easy · 45 min — Stroll the atmospheric backstreets of Kannawa where steam vents from drainage grates and small public foot baths dot every corner.
- Beppu Station to Takegawara Onsen** 1 km · Easy · 20 min — A flat walk from JR Beppu Station through the old shopping arcade (Ekimae Ichibankan) to the historic Takegawara Onsen bathhouse.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		66°	51°	10d
Jun		78°	68°	16d
Aug		87°	77°	18d
Sep		81°	71°	17d
Oct		72°	61°	9d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:44AM-6:44PM · Jun 5:04AM-7:24PM · Aug 5:36AM-6:59PM · Sep 5:57AM-6:20PM · Oct 6:18AM-5:40PM

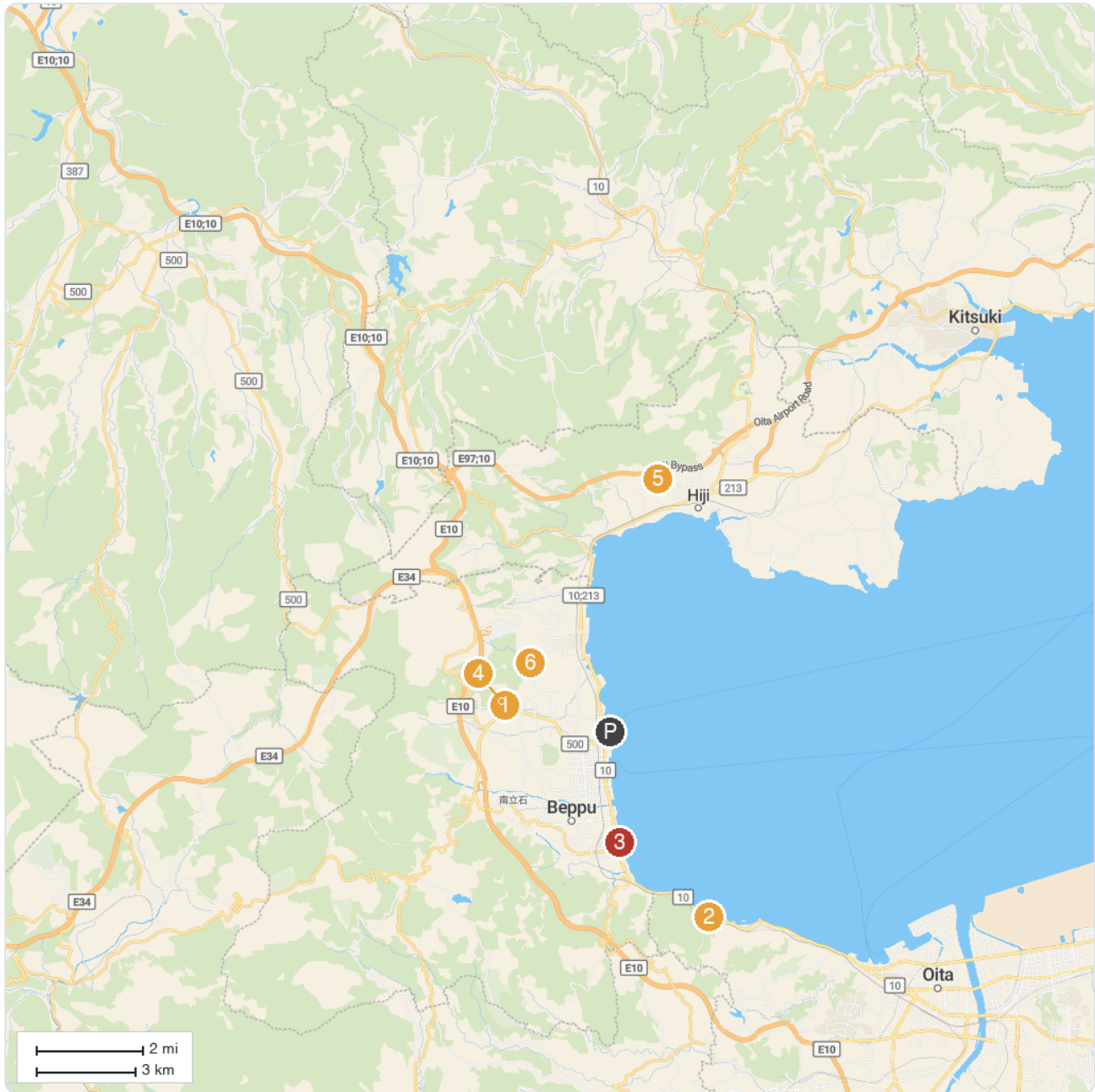
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Get the day bus pass. At ~¥1,000 from the bus center near Beppu Station, it covers both the Kannawa and Shibaseki Hells districts — far cheaper than individual fares.
- Bring a small towel. Most onsen and foot baths require or sell one (¥200-¥400), but having your own saves time. Tattoos are prohibited at most traditional bathhouses — check ahead.
- Cash is king in Beppu. Most small onsen, stalls, and local restaurants are cash-only. Currency exchange is available at the pier terminal or at Beppu Station post office.
- Budget your time carefully. Getting to the Kannawa Hells takes 30+ minutes from the pier. If your ship has an 8-hour call, you have just enough for the full Hell Tour plus one other activity — plan ahead.
- Beppu is hot and humid in summer. Bring water, light clothing, and sunscreen. The steam from the hells makes it feel even hotter — most hell viewpoints are outdoors.
- Try onsen tamago and jigoku-mushi. Hot spring-cooked eggs (onsen tamago) are sold at Umi Jigoku for a few hundred yen. In Kannawa, you can steam your own meal at the communal volcanic kitchen — a memorable lunch.

Beppu, Oita, 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.



1 Beppu Jigoku (Hells of Beppu)

A collection of unique, colorful geothermal hot springs for viewing.

3 Kitahama Park

A waterfront park offering scenic views and relaxation near the port.

5 Kuroiwa Park

A local park with playgrounds and green space for relaxation.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Oita Marine Palace Aquarium "Umitamago"

A large, modern aquarium featuring diverse marine life and shows.

4 Umi Jigoku

The 'Sea Hell,' a beautiful cobalt-blue hot spring pond.

6 Chinoike Jigoku

The 'Blood Pond Hell,' a striking red hot spring.