

Ishinomaki, Miyagi, Japan

The self-proclaimed Manga Kingdom of Japan, Ishinomaki pairs the whimsical world of Kamen Rider and Cyborg 009 with one of the most moving stories of resilience in modern history — and some of the freshest seafood in the Pacific.

 Pier (Oote or Nakajima Wharf)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Japanese Yen (JPY)  Japanese (limited English)  Free shuttle to city center

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Oote Wharf or Nakajima Wharf (industrial port, 4-5 km from center)

Walk to center: Not walkable from pier — free shuttle or taxi required

Best For: Manga fans, tsunami memorial visits, fresh oysters and seafood

Don't Miss: Ishinomori Manga Museum, Manga Road, Hiyori-yama Park views

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ¥1,800–¥2,200 (~\$11–14) per taxi ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Ishinomori Manga Museum** — The spaceship-shaped museum on Kyukitakami River celebrates the work of Shotaro Ishinomori — creator of Kamen Rider, Cyborg 009, and more.
- **Tsunami Memorial Sites** — Visit Kadonowaki Elementary School — preserved largely as found after the 2011 tsunami — and the Minamihama Tsunami Memorial Park with the famous...
- **San Juan Bautista Museum** — The Sant Juan Kan museum tells the story of the 17th-century galleon built near Ishinomaki under Date Masamune, which carried Hasekura Tsunenaga's...
- **Hiyori-yama Park** — Climb the hill where Ishinomaki Castle once stood for panoramic views over the Kitakami River estuary and the rebuilt city.
- **Tashirojima (Cat Island)** — A short ferry ride from Ishinomaki brings you to this small island famous for its thriving feral cat population and the Manga Island project, with...

BEST WALKS

- **Manga Road to the Museum** ~1 km one-way · 20-30 min · Flat — Walk from Ishinomaki Station along the character-statue-lined Manga Road to the Ishinomori Manga Museum on its river island.
- **Hiyori-yama Park Viewpoint** 20 min from station · Moderate hill · Great views — From the city center, head south up the hill to Hiyori-yama Park for sweeping views over the Kitakami River estuary and the rebuilt waterfront.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	57°	43°	10d
Jun	71°	61°	12d
Aug	81°	72°	16d
Sep	75°	66°	12d
Oct	65°	54°	10d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 4:59AM–6:10PM · Jun 4:10AM–7:00PM · Aug 4:49AM–6:28PM · Sep 5:16AM–5:43PM · Oct 5:43AM–4:56PM	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use the free shuttle. The port is an active industrial zone with no pedestrian exit — the city shuttle to Ishinomaki Station is the easiest and cheapest way in. Check your daily programme for times.
- Carry cash. Many smaller restaurants, market stalls, and taxis prefer yen. ATMs at Japan Post offices and 7-Eleven are the most reliable for foreign cards.
- Eat the oysters. Ishinomaki is one of Japan's top oyster-producing areas — they're served raw, grilled, or fried at the Genki Ichiba market and restaurants near the station.
- Be respectful at memorial sites. Kadonowaki School and the tsunami parks are sacred to locals. Follow posted guidelines, keep voices low, and avoid treating them as photo backdrops.
- Download Google Translate offline. English signage outside the Manga Museum is limited — an offline Japanese pack is invaluable for menus, buses, and street signs.
- Budget your return time. Shuttle buses fill quickly at the end of port day. Head back 45-60 min before all-aboard, especially if you've ventured to Cat Island or outlying memorial sites.

Ishinomaki, Miyagi, 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 Ishii lock Historic floodgate on the Kitakami River.

3 Kashimamiko Shrine Traditional Shinto shrine offering spiritual tranquility.

5 Hagurosan Toya Shrine Ancient Shinto shrine nestled in a peaceful forest.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Takaginomori Sports Park Large park with various sports facilities and fields.

4 Miyagi Sant Juan Bautista Museum Museum dedicated to the historic San Juan Bautista galleon.

6 Nakaze Park Riverside island park with walking paths and green spaces.