

Kitakyushu, Fukuoka, Japan

Where early-20th-century brick warehouses face the Kanmon Straits and you can walk from Kyushu to Honshu through an underwater tunnel — Kitakyushu rewards the curious shore-day explorer.

Docked (pier) Typical call: 8-10 hrs Japanese Yen (JPY) Japanese (limited English)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Nishikaigan Pier at Moji Port (walkable) or Hibiki Terminal (shuttle required)

Best For: History, retro architecture, local food, day-trip to Shimonoseki

Walk to center: 10-15 min from Moji Pier to Mojiko Retro; 15 min from Kokura Port to Kokura Station

Don't Miss: Yaki Curry in Mojiko, Kokura Castle, and the Kanmon Pedestrian Tunnel

Getting around: **Taxi** ¥4,000–¥6,000 · **Rideshare** Uber, GO · **Hop-on hop-off** Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Mojiko Retro Waterfront Walk** — Stroll the preserved early-20th-century port district — ornate customs buildings, the Old Moji Mitsui Club where Einstein stayed, the famous Blue...
- **Kokura Castle & Tanga Market** — Kokura Castle's rare design (5th floor wider than 4th) and the adjacent Edo-period garden make for a great morning.
- **Kanmon Pedestrian Tunnel** — Walk 780 meters under the sea from Kyushu to Honshu — the only place in Japan you can cross islands on foot.
- **Karato Market Fugu & Shimonoseki Day** — Hop the 5-minute Kanmon Kisen ferry to Shimonoseki and visit Karato Market — the world capital of fugu (pufferfish).
- **Mount Sarakura Night Views** — Take the Sarakura cable car and slope car to a summit officially ranked among Japan's New Three Major Night Views.

BEST WALKS

- **Mojiko Retro Heritage Walk** 1.5 km · 45–60 min · Easy · From the pier — From the cruise pier, walk north along the waterfront past the Blue Wing Moji drawbridge, take in the Former Moji Customs House and Former Moji Mitsui Club, then loop...
- **Kanmon Tunnel Crossing** 2 km round trip · 1 hr · Easy · Free — Walk south from Mojiko along the waterfront to the tunnel entrance, descend the elevator, cross the 780-meter tunnel beneath the Kanmon Straits to Honshu, take a photo...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	64°	50°	11d
Jun	77°	66°	15d
Aug	87°	76°	15d
Sep	79°	69°	15d
Oct	71°	59°	9d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Apr 5:46AM–6:47PM · Jun 5:05AM–7:28PM · Aug 5:38AM–7:03PM · Sep 5:59AM–6:23PM · Oct 6:21AM–5:42PM	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring yen cash. Tanga Market stalls, small Yaki Curry restaurants, the Kanmon Tunnel, and local buses are often cash-only. 7-Eleven ATMs near Kokura Station accept foreign cards.
- Eat Yaki Curry in Mojiko. This is the port's signature dish — Japanese curry baked with egg and cheese until bubbling. Bear Fruits near Mojiko Station is the most famous spot.
- Cross to Shimonoseki on the ferry. Kanmon Kisen ferries leave Mojiko every 20 minutes (5 min, ¥400). Karato Market is worth it, especially on weekends for cheap fugu sashimi.
- Hibiki shuttle passengers: your ship will arrange buses to Mojiko Retro or Kokura Station. You cannot walk out of Hibiki Terminal — it's an active industrial zone.
- Download offline maps. English signage is limited outside the main tourist areas. Google Maps with offline Japanese maps and Google Translate with Japanese offline pack are essential.
- Shinkansen day-trippers: Kokura Station is on the Sanyo Shinkansen. Fukuoka (Hakata) is 15 min away, Hiroshima just 50 min — viable day trips for longer port calls.

Kitakyushu, Fukuoka, 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

Kokura Castle
Kokura Castle is a reconstructed Japanese castle with a museum.
- 2

Kitakyushu Media Dome
The Media Dome is a velodrome and multi-purpose arena.
- 3

Kaikyokan
Kaikyokan is a large aquarium showcasing marine life.
- 4

Tanga Market
Tanga Market is a lively historic covered food market.
- P

Cruise port / terminal