

Kochi, Shikoku, Japan

The 'free spirit' of Shikoku — Kochi pairs one of Japan's last original castles with a raucous food-hall, pilgrimage temples, and the legend of samurai hero Sakamoto Ryoma.

Docked (Kochi New Port) Typical call: 8-10 hrs Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY) Language: Japanese

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Kochi New Port (~7 km south of city center); shuttle or taxi required

Walk to center: Not walkable — take ship shuttle, taxi, or Tosaden tram

Best For: Japanese castle, street food, Shikoku pilgrimage temples, coastal scenery

Don't Miss: Kochi Castle keep + Hirome Market katsuo tataki lunch

Getting around: **Taxi** ¥2,000–¥4,500 · **Rideshare** Uber, GO · **Hop-on hop-off** Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Kochi Castle & Castle Town** — One of Japan's twelve surviving original castles, Kochi Castle retains its complete original wooden keep and turrets.
- **Hirome Market & Katsuo Tataki** — Kochi's legendary covered food hall is packed with stalls serving katsuo no tataki — straw-fire seared bonito tuna, Kochi's signature dish.
- **Katsurahama Beach & Sakamoto Ryoma Museum** — A scenic pine-backed shoreline south of the city, Katsurahama is famous for its bronze statue of Sakamoto Ryoma — the 19th-century samurai who helped...
- **Chikurin-ji Temple (Shikoku Pilgrimage No. 31)** — A peaceful temple on Mount Godai, Chikurin-ji is one of 88 temples on the famous Shikoku pilgrimage circuit.
- **Niyodo River Valley** — About an hour from the port, the Niyodo River is celebrated for its impossibly clear cobalt-blue water.

BEST WALKS

- **Castle to Hirome Market Loop** ~2 km | 45–60 min | Easy — Start at Kochi Castle, walk the castle grounds, then descend into the shopping arcade (Obiyamachi) and end at Hirome Market for lunch.
- **Sunday Joichi Market Stroll** ~1 km | 30 min | Very Easy (Sundays only) — Kochi's Sunday market along Otesuji Street is one of Japan's longest-running street markets (300+ years).

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:35AM–6:36PM · Jun 4:55AM–7:17PM · Aug 5:28AM–6:52PM · Sep 5:49AM–6:12PM · Oct 6:10AM–5:32PM	
Apr	66°	49°	11d	Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)	
Jun	77°	64°	19d		
Aug	85°	74°	20d		
Sep	81°	69°	19d		
Oct	73°	58°	10d		

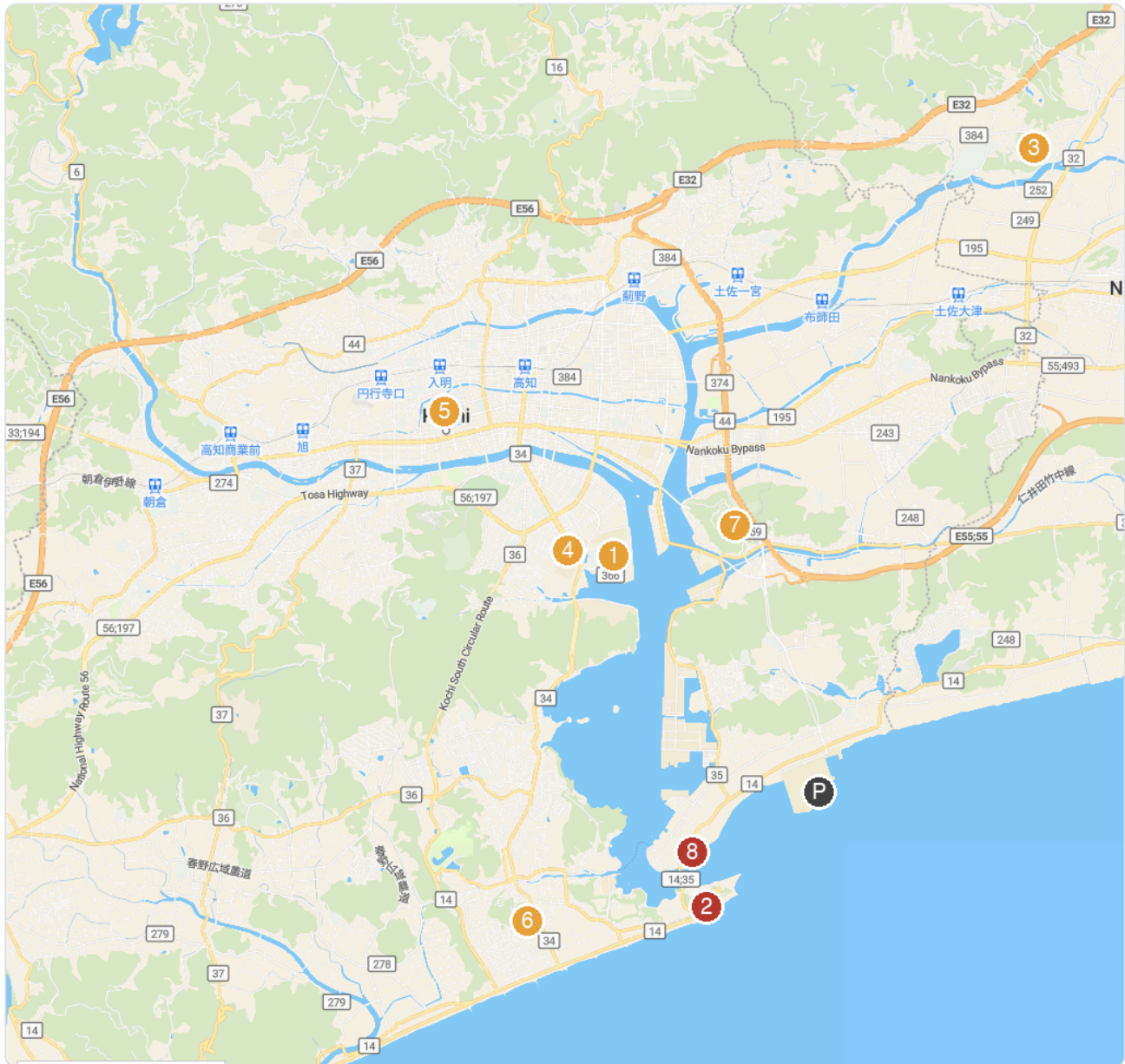
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry yen cash. Many smaller stalls at Hirome Market and local shops are cash-only. ATMs at Japan Post branches and 7-Eleven accept foreign cards.
- Confirm shuttle times early. The return shuttle schedule is fixed — missing it means a ¥2,000 taxi. Note the last shuttle time when you board.
- Eat katsuo tataki. This straw-fire seared bonito is Kochi's culinary identity. Hirome Market is the easiest place; ask for 'tataki teishoku' (set meal).
- Use the Tosaden tram downtown. The vintage street tram links JR Kochi Station, Harimayabashi, and the castle area for ¥200 flat. Exact change or IC card.
- Kochi is Japan's rainiest city. Pack a compact umbrella — afternoon showers are common even in otherwise fine weather.
- Sunday bonus: Otesuji Market. If your ship calls on a Sunday, the centuries-old street market along Otesuji is a highlight in itself — arrive before noon for the best stalls.

Kochi, Shikoku, 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 わんぱくこうちアニマルランド | Kochi's family-friendly zoo with various animals and play areas. | 2 The Sakamoto Ryoma Memorial Museum | Museum dedicated to samurai revolutionary Sakamoto Ryoma. |
| 3 Kochi Prefectural Museum of History | Explore Kochi Prefecture's rich history and culture. | 4 Kōchi People's and Liberty Museum | Museum detailing Kochi's freedom and people's rights movement. |
| 5 Kochi Park | Scenic park surrounding historic Kochi Castle. | 6 Wakamiya Hachiman-gu | Historic Shinto shrine dedicated to the god Hachiman. |
| 7 Chikurin Temple | Historic Buddhist temple, part of the Shikoku Pilgrimage. | 8 Tanesakisensho Park | Coastal park offering scenic ocean views and relaxation. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |