

Matsuyama, Ehime, Japan

Capital of Ehime Prefecture and Shikoku's largest city, Matsuyama pairs one of Japan's last original feudal castles with the ancient hot springs that inspired Studio Ghibli's Spirited Away — a rare port where history soaks right into the pavement.

-  Pier (Matsuyama Gaiko)
-  Typical call: 8-10 hrs
-  Japanese Yen (JPY) — carry cash
-  Japanese (some English at tourist sites)
-  Vintage streetcar network in city

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Matsuyama Outer Port (Gaiko), ~8 km west of city center

Best For: Culture, history, hot springs, Japanese street food, castle views

Walk to center: Not walkable; shuttle bus or taxi to Okaido (~15–20 min, ¥3,000–4,000)

Don't Miss: Dogo Onsen Honkan (fully reopened July 2024) and Matsuyama Castle ropeway

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ¥2,490–¥3,220 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Matsuyama Castle & Ropeway** — One of only 12 original castles surviving in Japan (built 1854), Matsuyama Castle crowns Mount Katsuyama with panoramic...
- Dogo Onsen Honkan** — Japan's oldest hot spring bathhouse (1894), Dogo Onsen is said to have inspired the bathhouse in Spirited Away.
- Ishite-ji Temple & Pilgrimage Cave** — Temple #51 on the famous Shikoku 88-Temple Pilgrimage, Ishite-ji features a National Treasure Niomon gate and a...
- Taimeshi & Jakoten Food Walk** — Ehime's signature dishes: taimeshi (sea bream rice, Matsuyama style cooked in a clay pot, or Uwajima style with raw sea...
- Botchan Train & Karakuri Clock** — Ride the charming diesel replica of a retro steam tram (the 'Botchan Ressha') between Matsuyama City Station and Dogo...

BEST WALKS

- Castle to Dogo Onsen by Tram** 2–3 hrs | Easy | Tram + walking — From Matsuyama City Station, walk to the castle ropeway base, ride up, explore the castle, then descend and hop the tram east to Dogo...
- Dogo Onsen to Ishite-ji Temple** 30 min walk | Easy | Free — From Dogo Onsen Station, walk east along the pilgrimage route to Ishite-ji Temple (about 15 min on foot).

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	65°	51°	10d
Jun	77°	67°	15d
Aug	87°	77°	14d
Sep	82°	71°	13d
Oct	72°	61°	9d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:38AM–6:39PM · Jun 4:57AM–7:21PM · Aug 5:30AM–6:55PM · Sep 5:52AM–6:15PM · Oct 6:13AM–5:35PM

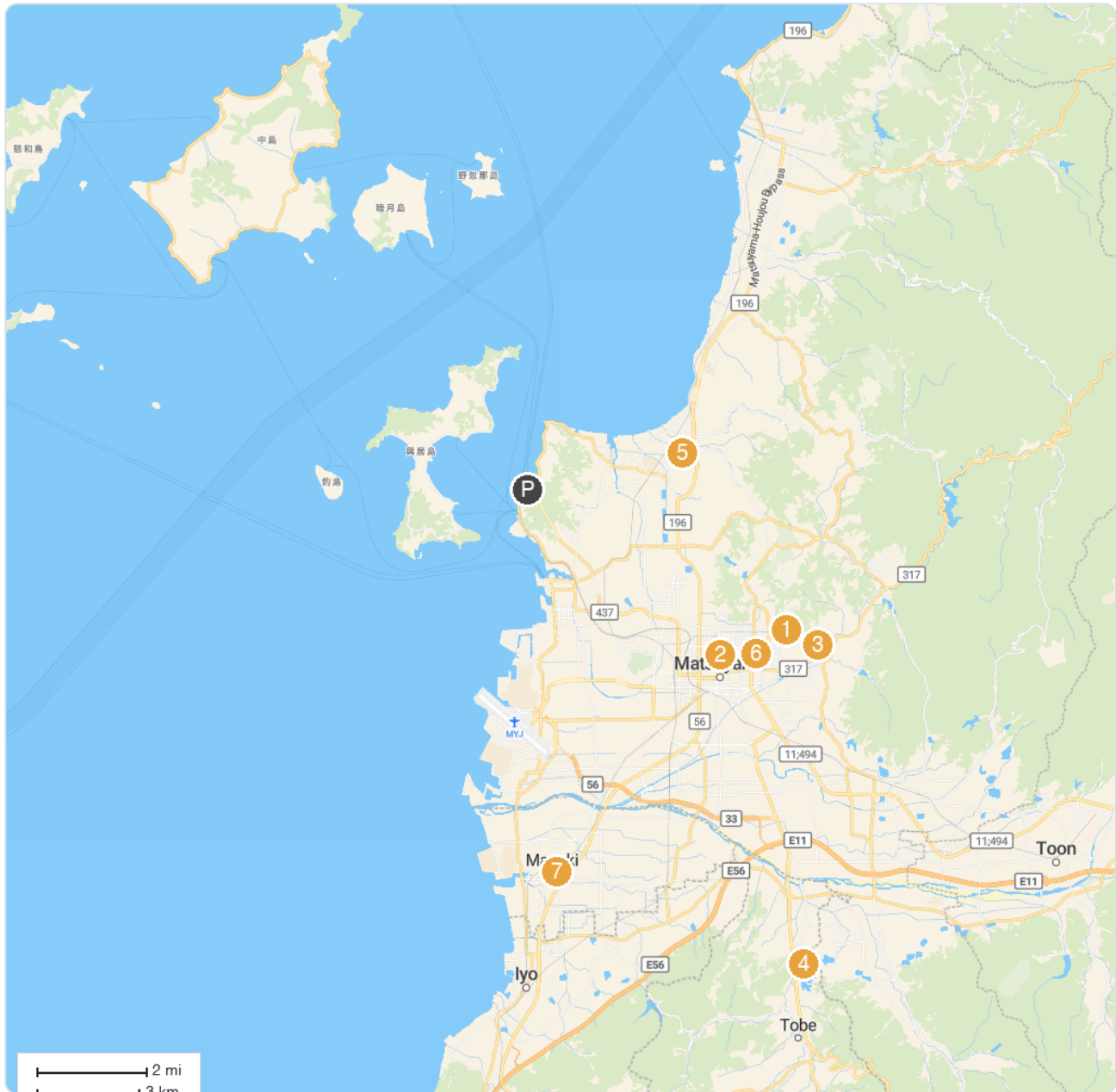
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry cash. Tram fares (¥230 cash per ride: ¥200 with an IC card), street food stalls (yakoten, dango), and temple donations

Matsuyama, Ehime, 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 Dogo Onsen Main Building | Historic public bathhouse, Japan's oldest, with beautiful architecture. | 2 Matsuyama Castle | Original Edo-period castle atop a hill, offering city views. |
| 3 Ishite Temple | Ancient Buddhist temple, part of the Shikoku 88-temple pilgrimage. | 4 Tobe Zoological Park | Large zoo featuring diverse animals, including polar bears. |
| 5 Miurart Village Art Museum | Art museum showcasing modern and contemporary Japanese art. | 6 Ehime pref. Life and Culture Center | Cultural complex with museum, library, and event spaces. |
| 7 Masaki Park | Large park with sports facilities and open green spaces. | P Cruise port / terminal | |