

Miyakojima Island, Okinawa Prefecture, Japan

Flat coral-reef island in Japan's far southwest with some of Asia's whitest beaches, three landmark bridges to outer islands, and water so clear it glows neon turquoise — locals call it Miyako Blue.

 Docked — Hirara Port

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 Japanese Yen (JPY)

 Japanese (minimal English outside terminal)

 Car rental recommended

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Hirara Port (Harimizu Wharf cruise berth) — no tender required

Walk to center: ~2.5 km / 30 min to downtown Hirara; shuttle buses usually available

Best for: World-class beaches, snorkeling, scenic island bridges

Don't miss: Yonaha Maehama Beach and a drive across the 3.5 km Irabu Bridge

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~¥500 flag fall; ¥3,000–¥4,000 to Yonaha Maehama Beach

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Yonaha Maehama Beach Day** — Seven kilometres of powdery white sand backed by Kurima Island views — regularly voted the best beach in Japan.
- **Island Bridge Drive** — Cross all three iconic bridges in a single loop: the 3.54 km Irabu Bridge (Japan's longest toll-free span), the scenic...
- **Snorkeling at Aragusuku Beach** — Shallow coral-rich waters teeming with clownfish and sea turtles just metres from the shore.
- **Cape Higashi-Hennazaki** — A narrow 2 km peninsula of grass and wind-bent trees jutting into the ocean — a designated Place of Scenic Beauty.
- **Shigira Golden Hot Springs** — Jungle-themed open-air onsen on the southern coast.

BEST WALKS

- **Hirara Town Stroll** 2 km · 25-30 min · Easy — Walk from the cruise terminal along the port road into downtown Hirara for local noodle shops, convenience stores, and the covered...
- **Sunayama Beach** Short walk from car park · Moderate (steep sandy hill) — From the Sunayama car park, a short climb over a sandy ridge leads to a photogenic beach with a natural rock arch carved by the waves...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	75°	70°	15d
Jun	84°	80°	22d
Aug	86°	81°	22d
Sep	84°	80°	21d
Oct	81°	77°	14d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:17AM–7:00PM · Jun 5:49AM–7:29PM · Aug 6:13AM–7:13PM · Sep 6:25AM–6:42PM · Oct 6:36AM–6:11PM

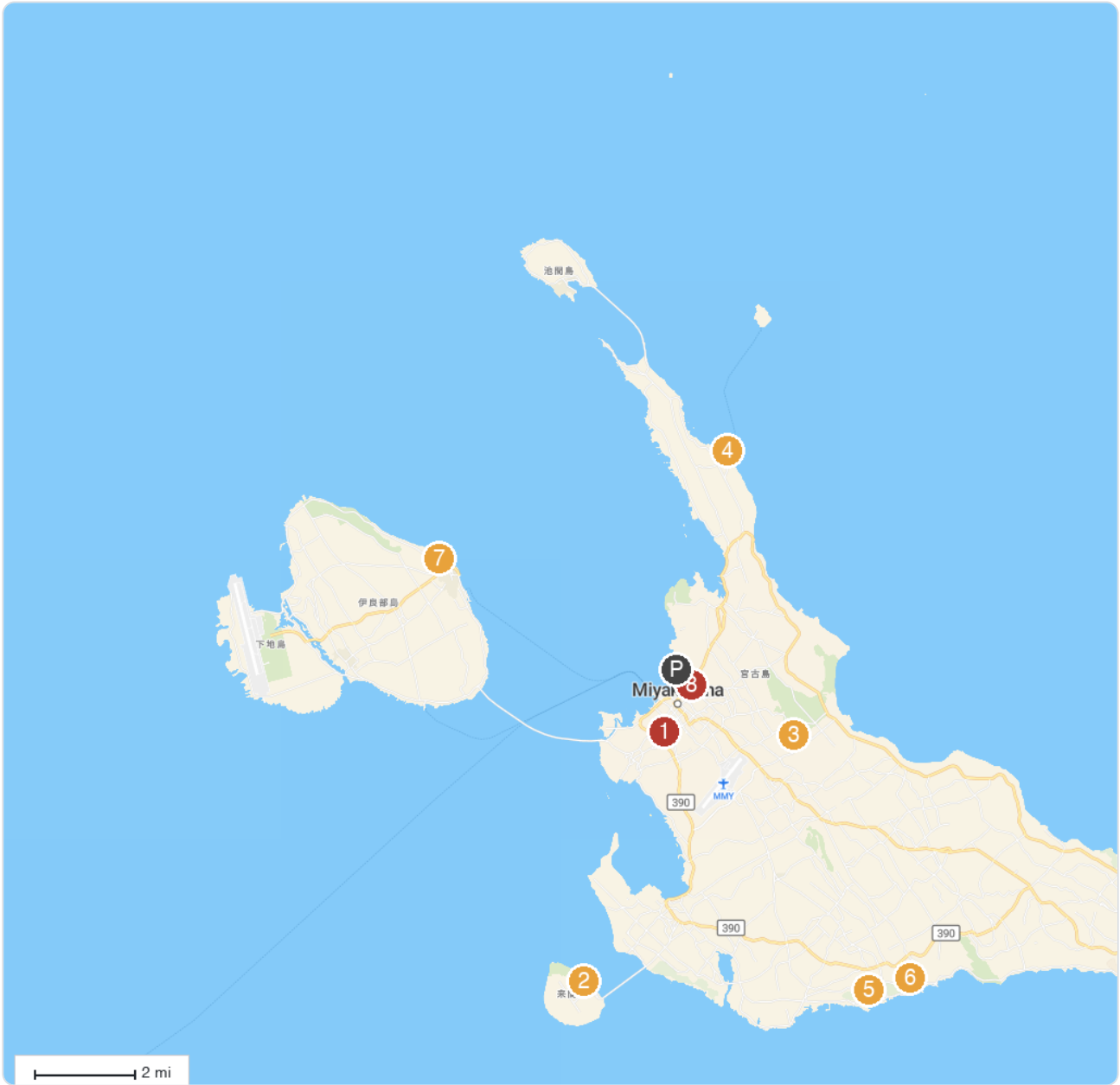
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring yen cash. Credit cards are accepted at large resorts and the terminal, but taxis, beach vendors, noodle shops, and small

Miyakojima Island, Okinawa Prefecture, Japan — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

Kamamamine Park

Central park with playground and event space.
- 2

Ryūgu Castle Observation Deck

Observation deck with panoramic views of Maehama Beach.
- 3

Miyakojima City Museum

Museum showcasing Miyakojima's history, culture, and nature.
- 4

Shimajiri Fisherman's Wharf

Active fishing port with fresh seafood market.
- 5

The Shigira Ocean Sky Lift

Scenic gondola lift offering ocean views.
- 6

Amaga

Historic well, a vital ancient water source.
- 7

サバウツガー

Ancient well with unique stone structure.
- 8

Sacred underground well with unique architecture.
- P

Cruise port / terminal