

Noshiro, Akita, Japan

A rare, unhurried stop on Japan's Sea of Japan coast — Noshiro trades tourist crowds for vast pine forests, a UNESCO beech wilderness just an hour away, and deeply local Akita culture that most cruise passengers never encounter.

-  Pier (Nakajima Wharf)
-  Typical call: 8-10 hrs
-  Japanese Yen (JPY)
-  Japanese (minimal English)
-  UNESCO Shirakami-Sanchi nearby

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Nakajima Wharf, 13m deep, 260m berth. No tendering.

Best For: Nature lovers, authentic Japan seekers, photography, UNESCO day trips

Walk to center: ~4.5 km (3 miles) to Noshiro Station; free shuttle usually provided by cruise line.

Don't Miss: Kaze no Matsubara pine forest walk; Aoike Blue Pond at Shirakami-Sanchi (day trip)

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ¥1,500–¥3,000

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Shirakami-Sanchi & Aoike Blue Pond** — Japan's first UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site protects vast virgin beech forests.
- Kaze no Matsubara Pine Forest Walk** — One of Japan's five great pine forests — 14 km of planted Edo-era black pines along the coast, protecting the city from...
- Noshiro City & Basketball Heritage** — Noshiro is famous across Japan for its high-school basketball dynasty — Noshiro Technical High School, whose powerhouse...
- Oga Peninsula & Namahage Culture** — About two hours south, the Oga Peninsula is home to the Namahage — fearsome ogre-like deities who visit homes at New...
- Resort Shirakami Scenic Train** — One of Japan's most celebrated train journeys hugs the rocky Sea of Japan coastline between Noshiro/Higashi-Noshiro and...

BEST WALKS

- Pine Forest & City Stroll** 3-4 km · Easy · 1-1.5 hrs — From Noshiro Station, walk west toward the coast to enter Kaze no Matsubara pine forest.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:02AM–6:18PM · Jun 4:10AM–7:10PM · Aug 4:51AM–6:37PM · Sep 5:20AM–5:48PM · Oct 5:50AM–5:00PM	
Apr	54°	41°	14d		
Jun	71°	59°	14d		
Aug	81°	71°	16d		
Sep	74°	63°	14d		
Oct	62°	52°	15d		

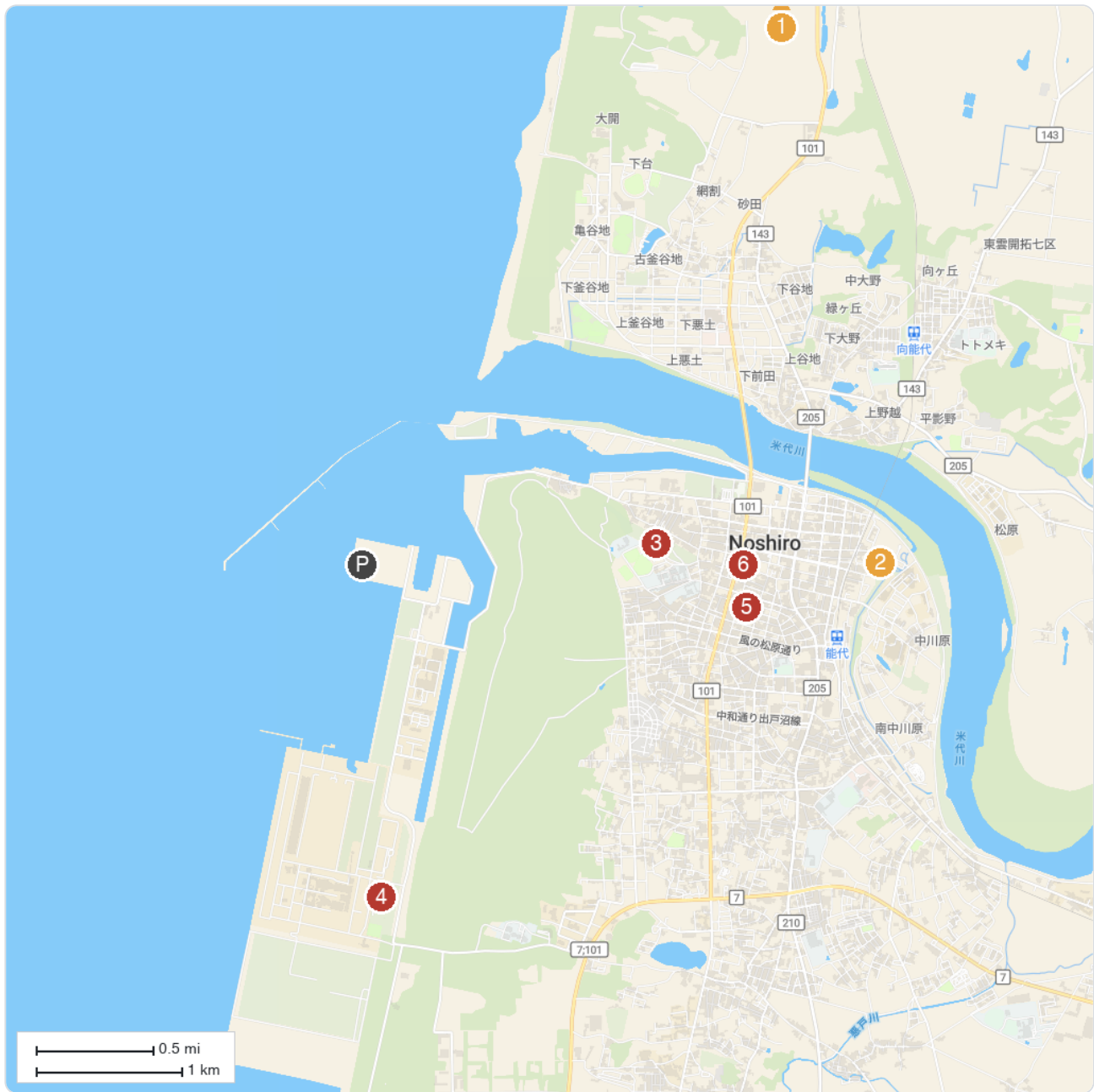
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash only: Noshiro is rural Japan — small restaurants, taxis, temples, and street vendors rarely accept cards. Get yen from the 7-Eleven ATM as soon as you reach town.
- Minimal English: Download Google Translate with the offline Japanese pack and use the camera feature to read menus. Cruise

Noshiro, Akita, 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 Roadside Station Minehama | Shop for local produce, souvenirs, and enjoy regional food. | 2 Hiyoshi Shrine | Visit a traditional Japanese Shinto shrine. |
| 3 Noshiro Park | Relax in a spacious city park with playgrounds. | 4 Noshiro Energy Museum | Explore energy exhibits and a planetarium at this science park. |
| 5 Kaneyu | Experience a historic Japanese inn with a beautiful traditional garden. | 6 Keyaki Park | Stroll among beautiful zelkova trees in this peaceful park. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |