

Oarai, Ibaraki, Japan

A Pacific coast gem where an ancient torii gate rises from crashing waves, one of Japan's best aquariums awaits, and the seafood is legendary — all walkable from the pier.

 Pier (docked)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Japanese Yen (JPY)  Japanese  Anime town

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier docked — Wharf No. 4, no tender needed

Walk to center: Oarai Seaside Station ~10-15 min; Isosaki Shrine ~30 min

Best For: Seafood lovers, culture fans, aquarium visits

Don't Miss: Kamiiso-no-Torii gate at Oarai Isosaki Shrine

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ¥1,000–¥2,000 (Oarai town); ¥5,000–¥6,500 (to Mito) ·  **Rideshare**  Uber ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Oarai Isosaki Shrine & Kamiiso Torii Gate** — The ancient Shinto shrine (founded 856 AD) crowns a headland above the Pacific, but the real drama is the white torii...
- **Aqua World Oarai Aquarium** — One of Japan's largest aquariums, housing over 580 species including 60+ shark species — the most in Japan.
- **Oarai Seafood Market & Kaisen-don** — The Oarai Kaisen Ichiba seafood market near the port is the place for fresh oysters, grilled clams, and bowls piled...
- **Mentai Park Oarai** — A free theme park dedicated to mentaiko (spicy cod roe) run by Kanefuku, one of Japan's top producers.
- **Mito City Day Trip — Kairakuen Garden & Mito Castle** — A 15-minute train ride from Oarai brings you to Mito, home to Kairakuen — one of Japan's Three Great Gardens — and the...

BEST WALKS

- **Pier to Seaside Station & Mentai Park Loop** ~2 km | 30-40 min | Easy | Flat — A gentle flat walk through the port area, past the Marine Tower observation deck, into the Oarai Seaside Station open-air mall, and...
- **Isosaki Shrine & Torii Gate Walk** ~3 km one way | 30-35 min | Moderate | Stairs at shrine — Follow the coastal road north from the port to Oarai Isosaki Shrine.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	62°	48°	12d
Jun	73°	64°	14d
Aug	82°	74°	14d
Sep	77°	69°	16d
Oct	68°	58°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:04AM–6:11PM · Jun 4:19AM–6:56PM · Aug 4:55AM–6:28PM · Sep 5:20AM–5:45PM · Oct 5:44AM–5:01PM

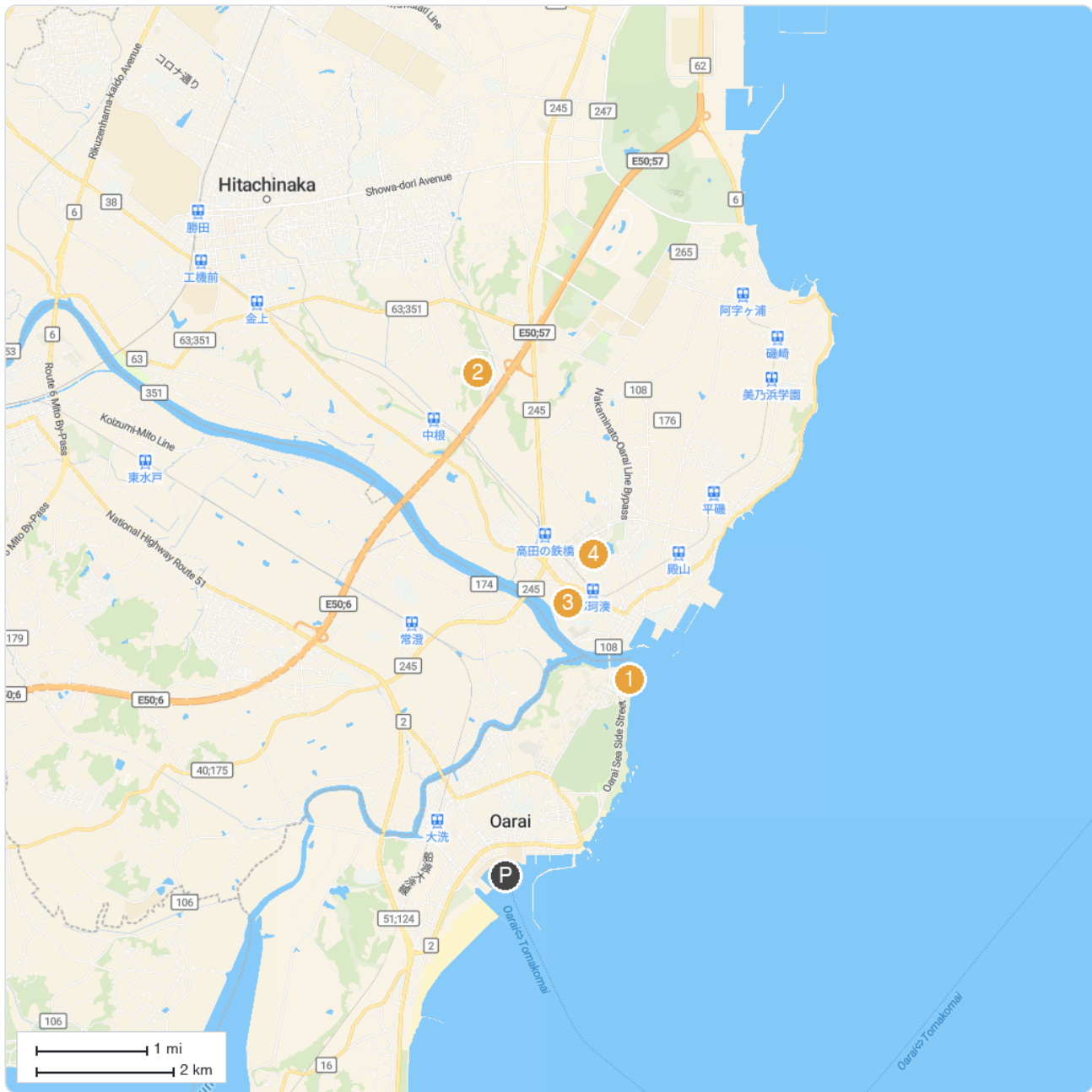
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry Japanese Yen cash. Small seafood vendors, market stalls, loop buses, and temple shops are cash-only. ATMs at 7-Eleven and FamilyMart near Oarai Station accept foreign cards.

Oarai, Ibaraki, 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 Aqua World Ibaraki Oarai Aquarium | Large aquarium showcasing marine life, including sharks and sunfish. | 2 Torazuka Mounded Tomb | Ancient burial mound from the Kofun period. |
| 3 Reverberatory Furnace Ruin | Historic ruins of a 19th-century reverberatory furnace. | 4 Jokuji | Historic Buddhist temple with beautiful grounds. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |