

Sado Island, Niigata, Japan

Japan's storied island of exile and gold — where taiko drums echo through cedar forests, rare crested ibis wade in rice paddies, and historic gold mines sprawl across misty mountains.

 Pier (Ryotsu Port)

 Typical call: 7-10 hrs

 Japanese Yen (cash essential)

 Japanese (limited English)

 Island — all-day excursion

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Ryotsu Port (east coast) — large ships dock directly

Best For: Cultural history, unique wildlife, sake tasting, coastal scenery

Walk to Center: Ryotsu town center is 5-10 min walk from the pier; major sights are 45-60 min by bus/taxi

Don't Miss: Sado Gold Mine (Sado Kinzan) and a tarai-bune tub boat ride at Ogi

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ Metered; charter rates vary · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Sado Kinzan Gold Mine** — Japan's largest pre-modern gold mine and a UNESCO World Heritage Site (inscribed 2024), mined for nearly 400 years...
- Toki Forest Park — Japanese Crested Ibis** — The toki (Nipponia nippon) was declared extinct in Japan in 2003 before a captive breeding program brought it back.
- Ogi Tarai-bune Tub Boat Ride** — At Ogi Port on the southern coast, local women paddle visitors through rocky inlets in traditional oval wooden tub...
- Noh Theater Performance** — Sado has over a third of all active Noh stages in Japan, a legacy of exiled courtiers and artists who brought the art...
- Ogi Coast Cycling Route** — Rent an e-bike at Marine Plaza Ogi and loop the dramatic volcanic coastline via Yajima and Kyojima sea stacks and...

BEST WALKS

- Ryotsu Waterfront & Hot Spring Stroll** 1-2 km · 20-30 min · Easy — From the pier, walk the Ryotsu waterfront along Kamo Lake — a lagoon connected to the sea — toward the small covered shopping street...
- Shukunegi Historic Village Walk (Ogi)** 1 km loop · 30 min · Easy — If calling at Ogi Port or on a south-Sado tour, walk the narrow lanes of Shukunegi — a beautifully preserved Edo-era village of...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	59°	44°	12d
Jun	75°	63°	12d
Aug	85°	75°	15d
Sep	77°	68°	15d
Oct	66°	57°	14d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:11AM–6:21PM · Jun 4:23AM–7:10PM · Aug 5:01AM–6:39PM · Sep 5:27AM–5:54PM · Oct 5:54AM–5:08PM

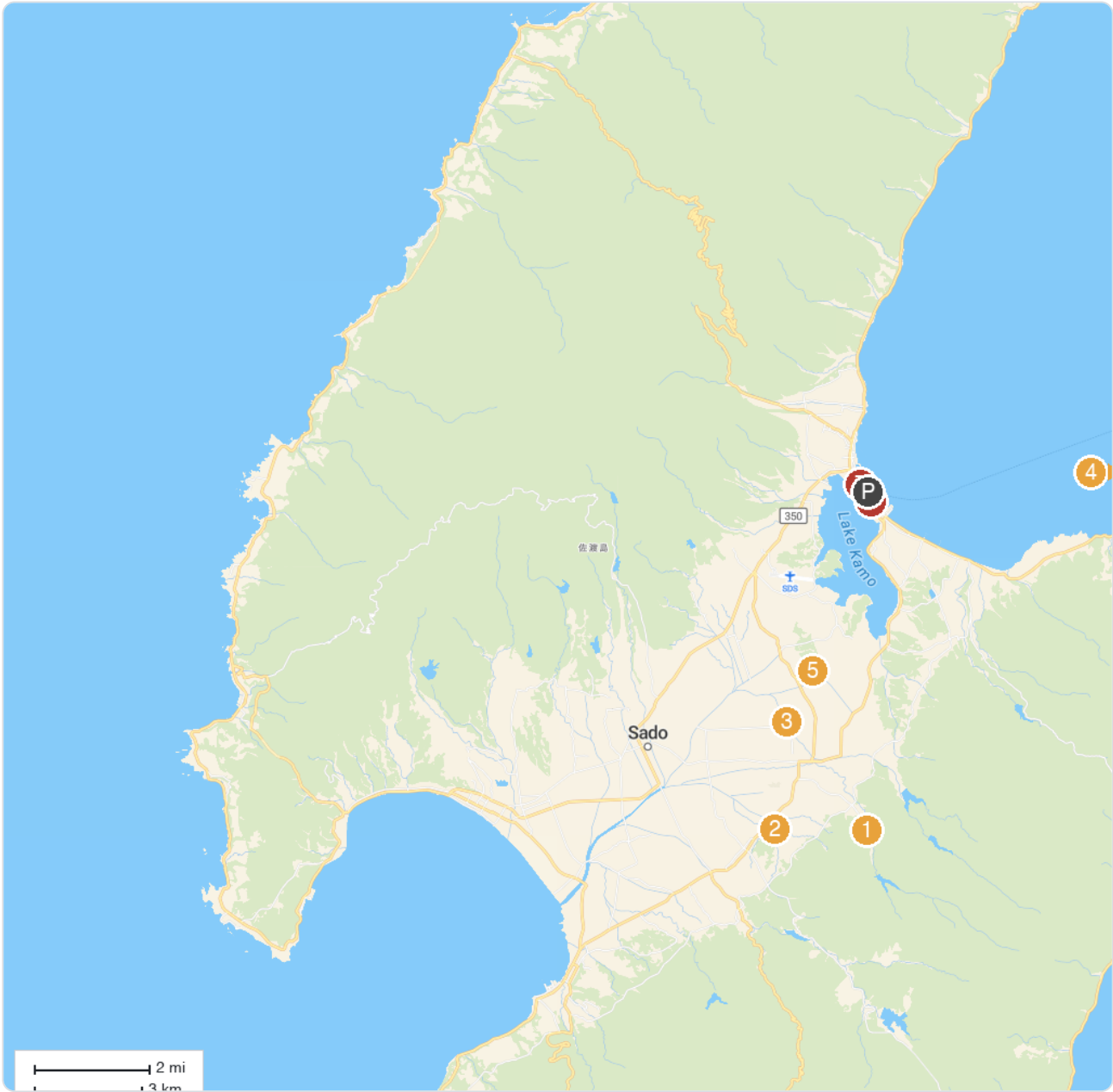
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring cash in yen. ATMs accepting foreign cards are at the Seven Bank inside Ryotsu Ferry Terminal. Many rural restaurants.

Sado Island, Niigata, 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 | Seisuiji Temple | Historic Buddhist temple with beautiful architecture. | 2 | Sendoonsen Yurinso | Relaxing hot spring resort with scenic views. |
| 3 | とらすんぼアート | Rice paddy art depicting crested ibises. | 4 | Himezaki Lighthouse | Historic white lighthouse offering panoramic sea views. |
| 5 | Tokinomori Park | Park dedicated to the conservation of crested ibises. | 6 | Minatochuo Park | Waterfront park perfect for a leisurely stroll. |
| 7 | みなとオアシス | Portside facility with local shops and dining. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |