

Shimonoseki, Yamaguchi, Japan

Where Honshu meets Kyushu across rushing tidal straits, Shimonoseki rewards curious cruisers with a legendary fish market, a pedestrian tunnel under the ocean floor, and the best pufferfish in Japan.

 Pier (docked)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 Japanese Yen (JPY)

 Japanese

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock at Shimonoseki Port International Terminal or Arcaport Berth; no tender required

Best For: Seafood lovers, history buffs, anyone wanting to visit two Japanese islands in one day

Walk to center: 15–20 min flat walk along the Kaikyo Yume seaside boardwalk to Karato Market

Don't Miss: Fresh fugu sashimi at Karato Market (weekends best) and the pedestrian tunnel to Kyushu

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ¥1,400–¥1,800 (~\$10–12 USD) ·  **Rideshare**  Uber (taxi dispatch), DiDi

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Karato Market & Fugu Feast** — Shimonoseki's crown jewel.
- **Kanmon Pedestrian Tunnel** — Walk 780 metres under the ocean floor between Honshu and Kyushu.
- **Mojiko Retro Day Trip (Kyushu)** — Catch the 5-minute Kanmon Kisen Ferry (¥400 each way) to Mojiko, a charming Meiji-era port district in Kitakyushu with...
- **Akama Shrine & Mimosusagawa Park** — The brilliant red-and-white Akama Shrine honours child Emperor Antoku, who drowned in the 1185 Battle of Dan-no-ura...
- **Tsunoshima Bridge & Beach** — One of Japan's most photographed spots — a 1.7 km bridge arching over crystal-clear emerald water to a white-sand beach...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Karato Market** 2.5 km · ~25 min · Flat & easy — Follow the Kaikyo Yume Road seaside boardwalk from the terminal past Kaikyo Yume Tower to Karato Market and Kaikyokan Aquarium.
- **Akama Shrine & Battle Site Loop** 1.5 km from Karato · ~20 min · Flat — From Karato Market, stroll along the waterfront to Akama Shrine and Mimosusagawa Park at the narrowest point of the straits, then loop...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		63°	51°	10d
Jun		76°	67°	14d
Aug		86°	77°	15d
Sep		79°	71°	13d
Oct		71°	61°	8d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:45AM–6:47PM · Jun 5:04AM–7:28PM · Aug 5:37AM–7:03PM · Sep 5:59AM–6:22PM · Oct 6:21AM–5:42PM

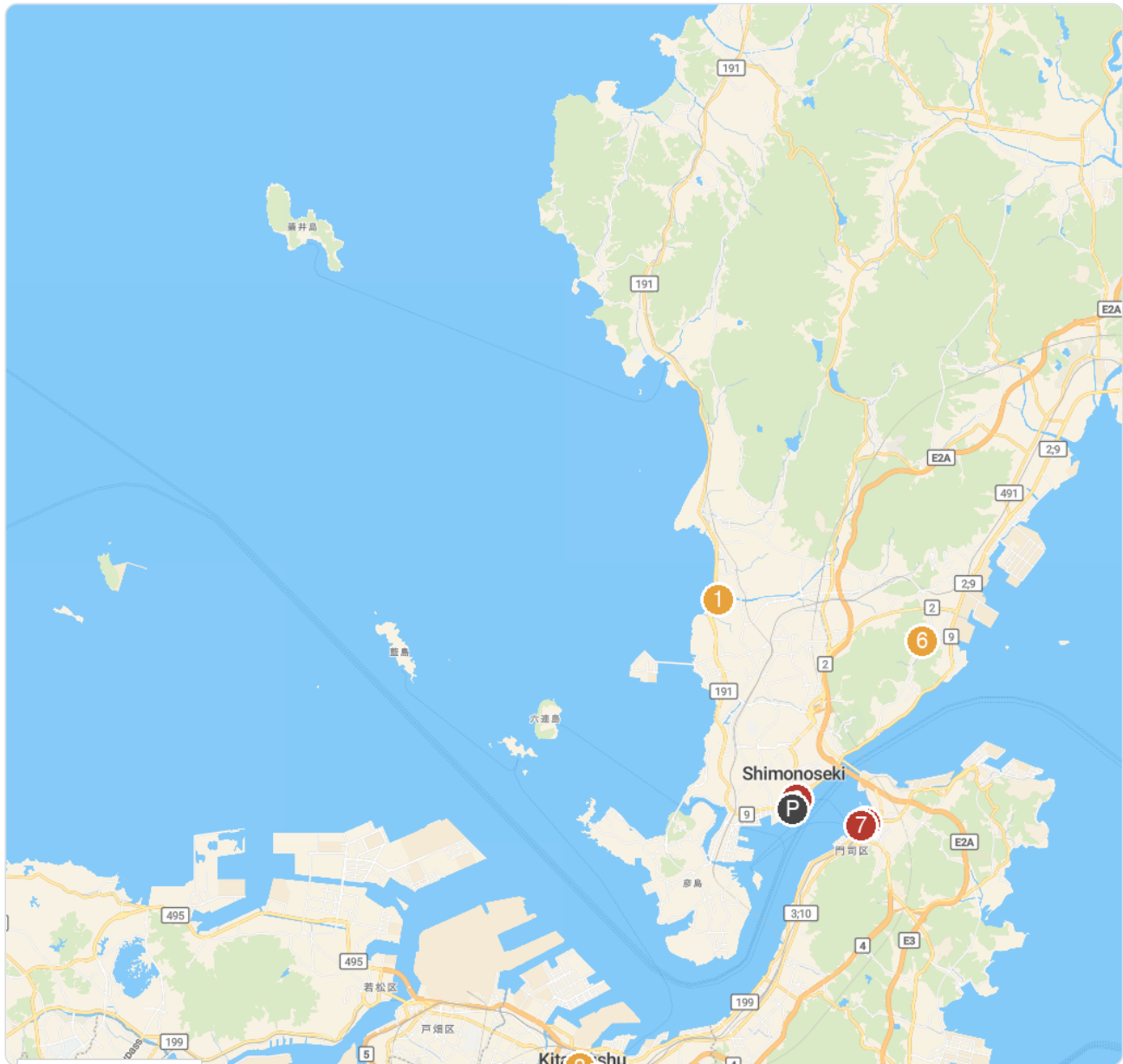
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Visit on a weekend if possible. Karato Market's famous sushi-stall event (Ikiiki Bakangai) only runs Fri, Sat, Sun, and national holidays. Weekday visits still offer the upstairs...
- Bring cash. Karato Market vendors and most local shops prefer Yen. 7-Eleven ATMs near the market accept foreign cards reliably.
- Try fugu (pufferfish). Locals call it 'fuku' (happiness). Only licensed chefs prepare it — it is safe and a once-in-a-lifetime flavour,

Shimonoseki, Yamaguchi, 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.



- 1 Nakayama Shrine** A significant Shinto shrine dedicated to Emperor Meiji's mother.
- 3 Kokura Castle** A reconstructed historic Japanese castle with a beautiful garden.
- 5 Kitakyushu Media Dome** A multi-purpose dome hosting velodrome racing and events.
- 7 Blue Wing Moji** Japan's only pedestrian drawbridge, opening six times daily.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Kaikyokan** Shimonoseki's large public aquarium, famous for finless porpoises.
- 4 Mojiko Retro Observation Gallery** An observation deck offering panoramic views of Mojiko Retro port.
- 6 Kozan-ji** A historic Buddhist temple, home to a National Treasure main hall.
- 8 Tanga Market** A lively, historic public market known as "Kitakyushu's kitchen."