

Shingu, Wakayama, Japan

A portal to Japan's spiritual heartland, Shingu sits where the sacred Kumano River meets the Pacific — an off-the-beaten-path port of ancient shrines, pilgrim trails, and dramatic waterfalls.

 Pier (docked)

 Typical call: 7-10 hrs

 Cash yen essential

 Japanese (little English)

 UNESCO World Heritage

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock at Miwasaki or Hyakken Wharf; no tendering

Best For: Shinto pilgrimage, nature, history, fresh bluefin tuna

Walk to center: Not walkable — 4–5 km industrial zone; free shuttle to JR Shingu Station (~10 min)

Don't Miss: Kumano Hayatama Taisha Shrine & the 800-year-old sacred Nagi tree

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ¥1,300–¥2,500

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Kumano Hayatama Taisha Grand Shrine** — One of the three Grand Shrines of Kumano and a UNESCO World Heritage site, this vermilion-painted shrine is home to the...
 - Kamikura-jinja Shrine & Gotobiki Rock** — Climb 538 steep, hand-carved stone steps to a colossal sacred boulder worshipped as a natural deity.
 - Nachi Falls & Seiganto-ji Temple** — Japan's tallest waterfall (133 m) framed by the three-story pagoda of Seiganto-ji
- Temple — one of Japan's most...

 - Kumano River Traditional Boat Tour** — Drift down the pristine Kumano River on a flat-bottomed wooden boat, recreating the pilgrimage journey of ancient...
 - Shingu City & Local Food Walk** — Explore the streets near JR Shingu Station for local specialties: Mehari-zushi (giant rice balls in pickled mustard...

BEST WALKS

- Shrine & River Walk** 2–3 km · 1–1.5 hrs · Easy — From JR Shingu Station, walk to Kumano Hayatama Taisha for the sacred Nagi tree and bright vermilion halls, then continue along the...
- Kamikura Shrine Climb** 1 km · 1 hr · Strenuous — A short walk from JR Shingu Station leads to the base of Kamikura-jinja Shrine.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	66°	51°	12d
Jun	77°	66°	17d
Aug	86°	76°	18d
Sep	81°	71°	19d
Oct	73°	61°	14d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:26AM–6:26PM · Jun 4:45AM–7:07PM · Aug 5:18AM–6:42PM · Sep 5:39AM–6:02PM · Oct 6:00AM–5:22PM

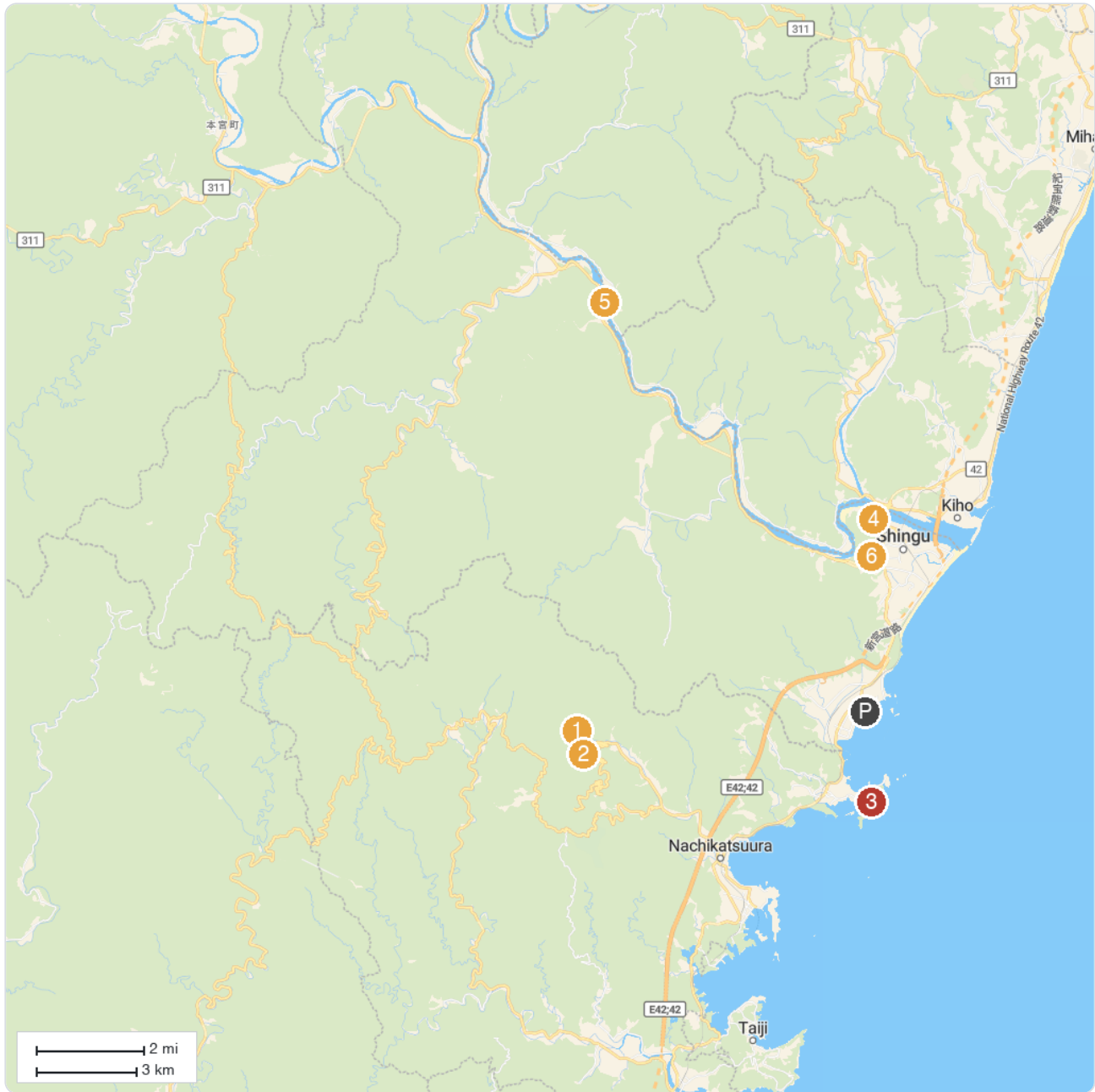
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry cash yen. Many shrines, local buses, and traditional restaurants in Shingu do not accept credit cards. ATMs at Japan Post near JR Shingu Station are the most reliable for...

Shingu, Wakayama, 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 Nachi Waterfall | Japan's tallest single-drop waterfall, sacred and majestic. | 2 Seiganto-ji | Historic Buddhist temple offering stunning views of Nachi Falls. |
| 3 Ugui Visitor Center | Information center for exploring Ugui's natural beauty and coast. | 4 Kumano Hayatama Taisha | Ancient Shinto shrine, part of the Kumano Kodo pilgrimage route. |
| 5 Kumano Boat River Cruise | Scenic boat trip along the sacred Kumano River. | 6 Kamikura-jinja Shrine | Ancient Shinto shrine atop a sacred rock, offering city views. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |