

Toba, Mie, Japan

Birthplace of the cultured pearl, Toba pairs a working fishing bay with one of Japan's most sacred pilgrimage routes — all within easy reach of the tender pier.

 Tender port (anchor & tender)

 Typical call: 8–10 hrs

 Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY) — carry cash

 Language: Japanese (English at main sites)

 Known for: pearls, Ama divers, seafood

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in Toba Bay; tenders land at Toba Marine Terminal (Sadahama Pier)

Walk to center: 5–10 min flat walk to Toba Station and seafood stalls

Best For: Pearl culture history, Ama diver encounters, Ise Grand Shrine day trip

Don't Miss: Mikimoto Pearl Island Ama diver demonstrations (hourly)

 Getting around:  Taxi  ¥400–¥750 base fare ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Mikimoto Pearl Island** — Walk across the pedestrian bridge to the island where Kokichi Mikimoto perfected cultured pearls in 1893.
- Toba Aquarium** — One of Japan's largest aquariums with 1,200+ species across 12 zones.
- Ise Grand Shrine (Ise Jingu) Day Trip** — Japan's most sacred Shinto shrine — dedicated to sun goddess Amaterasu — sits in 5,500 hectares of ancient cedar forest.
- Ama Hut Experience (Osatsu)** — Meet real Ama divers at a traditional Ama-goya hut where they grill fresh-caught abalone, lobster, and shellfish over...
- Meoto Iwa — The Wedded Rocks** — At Futami Okitama Shrine, two sacred rocks in the sea are bound by a thick shimenawa rope representing the creator gods...

BEST WALKS

- Waterfront Pearl & Aquarium Loop** 2.5 km · 40 min · flat · easy — From the Toba Marine Terminal, walk along the harborfront to Mikimoto Pearl Island, cross the bridge to explore, then continue along...
- Castle Hill Viewpoint** 2 km round-trip · 30 min · gentle climb · easy-moderate — Head inland from the tender pier to Shiroyama Park (Toba Castle Ruins) for panoramic views over Toba Bay and any cruise ships at anchor.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	66°	50°	2d
Jun	79°	66°	3d
Aug	89°	76°	2d
Sep	82°	71°	2d
Oct	73°	58°	2d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:21AM–6:24PM · Jun 4:39AM–7:06PM · Aug 5:13AM–6:40PM · Sep 5:35AM–5:59PM · Oct 5:58AM–5:18PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring cash in yen. The Sazae Street seafood stalls and local buses are cash-only. Foreign-card ATMs at the 7-Eleven near Toba Station.

Toba, Mie, Japan — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

Kotai Jingu (Ise Jingu Naiku, Inner Sanctuary)

Ise Grand Shrine's inner sanctuary, dedicated to sun goddess Amaterasu.
- 2

Okage Yokocho

Charming Edo-period street with shops, restaurants, and traditional crafts.
- 3

ISE Sea Paradise

Interactive aquarium and amusement park with marine animal shows.
- 4

Futami Okitama Shrine

Shrine famous for the sacred "Wedded Rocks" in the sea.
- 5

Sarutahiko Shrine

Shrine dedicated to Sarutahiko Okami, deity of guidance and good fortune.
- 6

Kaiko Raft Fishing

Enjoy fishing for sea bream from a floating raft.
- P

Cruise port / terminal