

Tokushima, Shikoku, Japan

Built on a river delta on Shikoku's eastern coast, Tokushima blends 400 years of dance tradition with one of the world's most dramatic natural spectacles — the thundering Naruto whirlpools — and a pilgrimage culture that's still very much alive.

 Pier (no tender)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 Currency: Japanese Yen (¥)

 Language: Japanese

 Cultural / Nature

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Okinosu-soto or Akaishi Wharf (Komatsushima area); no tender

Best For: Japanese culture, natural wonders, pilgrimage temples, local food

Walk to center: Not walkable — shuttle or taxi required (15-40 min by vehicle)

Don't Miss: Naruto Whirlpools and a bowl of Tokushima ramen with a raw egg

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ¥1,800 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Naruto Whirlpools** — The Naruto Strait produces some of the world's largest tidal whirlpools — up to 20 m across during spring tides.
- **Awa Odori Kaikan & Mt. Bizan** — The Awa Odori Kaikan museum celebrates Tokushima's 400-year-old dance festival with daily live performances you can join.
- **Tokushima Castle Ruins & Park** — The stone foundations of the 16th-century Tokushima Castle sit in a leafy park beside the Shinmachi River, just minutes...
- **Otsuka Museum of Art** — Japan's largest exhibition space houses over 1,000 full-size ceramic reproductions of Western masterpieces — from the...
- **Ryozenji Temple (Pilgrimage Temple 1)** — The official starting point of the 88-Temple Shikoku Pilgrimage, one of Buddhism's great walking routes.

BEST WALKS

- **Castle Park & Canal Loop** 2 km · 45 min · Easy — From Tokushima Station, cross west into Castle Park to explore the stone ruins and traditional garden, then follow the Shinmachi River...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	68°	52°	1d
Jun	81°	68°	2d
Aug	90°	77°	3d
Sep	84°	72°	3d
Oct	74°	61°	2d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:31AM–6:32PM · Jun 4:50AM–7:14PM · Aug 5:23AM–6:48PM · Sep 5:44AM–6:08PM · Oct 6:06AM–5:27PM

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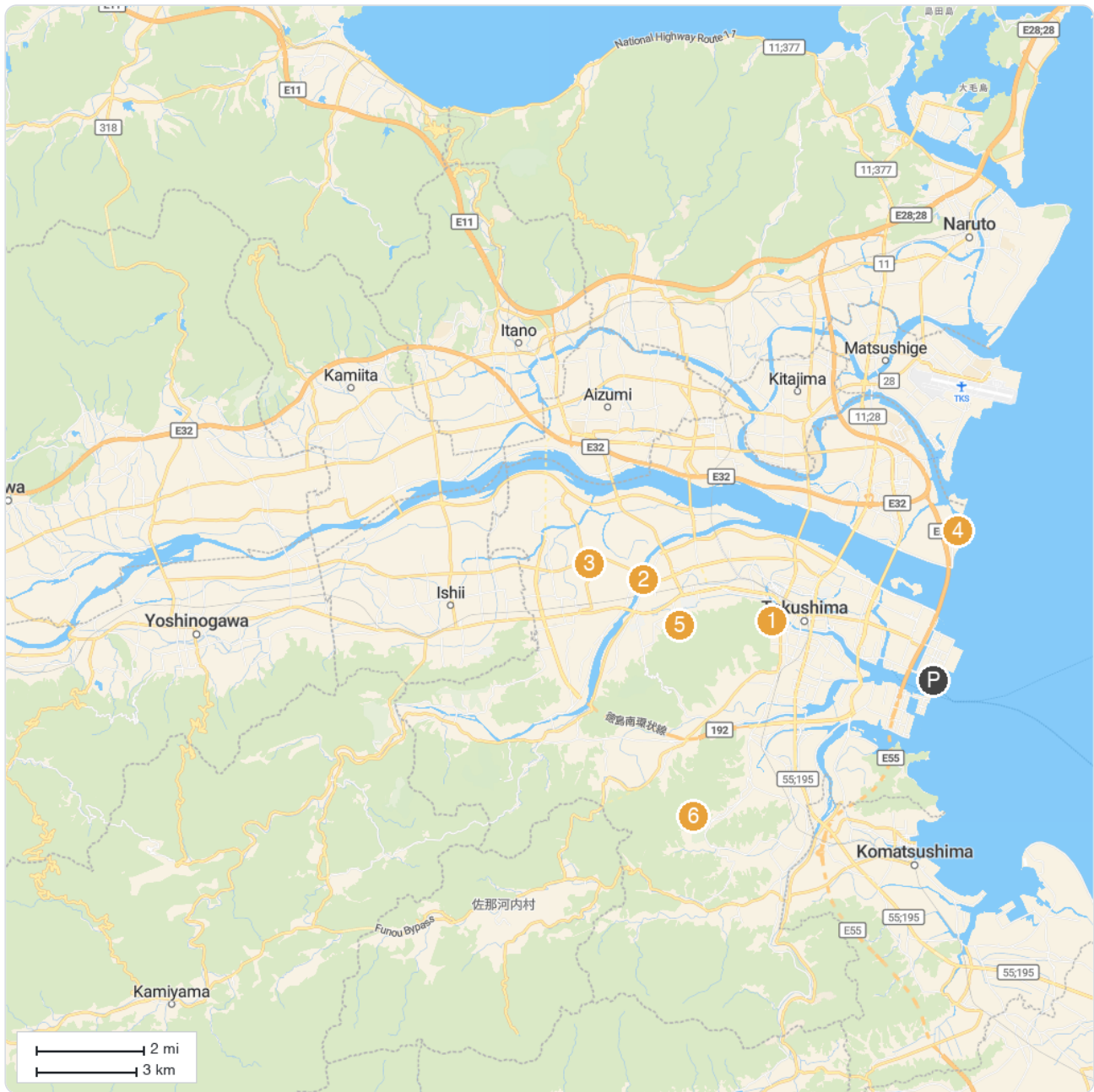
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring cash. Japan remains cash-preferred for small purchases — taxis, temple amulets, street food, souvenir markets. Use a 7-Eleven ATM in the city; they accept foreign cards.
- Time the whirlpools. The Naruto whirlpools only peak during tidal transitions — check the daily tide chart before you go. A 'low-tide' visit can be disappointing.

Tokushima, Shikoku, 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 Tenjin Shrine | A Shinto shrine dedicated to the god of scholarship. | 2 Akuigawa Kasenshiki Ryokuchi Park | Riverside park with walking paths and green spaces. |
| 3 Idoji Temple | A historic Buddhist temple, part of the Shikoku Pilgrimage. | 4 Komatsu Beach | A scenic sandy beach perfect for swimming and relaxation. |
| 5 Seibu Park | A large city park with playgrounds and walking trails. | 6 Tokushima Botanical Garden | A botanical garden showcasing diverse plant species and landscapes. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |