

Ube, Yamaguchi, Japan

Japan's underrated 'Sculpture City' on the Seto Inland Sea coast, where 200+ outdoor artworks dot an industrial port town that also hides one of the country's finest zen gardens and a proud pufferfish tradition.

-  Pier (Shibanaka Wharf)
-  Typical call: 9–12 hrs
-  Currency: Japanese Yen (cash strongly recommended)
-  Language: Japanese (little English outside tourist desks)
-  Sculpture Biennale city

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Shibanaka West No.1 Wharf (270 m berth, 13 m depth)

Best For: Outdoor sculpture, zen gardens, off-the-beaten-path Japan, local cuisine

Walk to center: ~20–30 min on foot or 10 min by taxi to Tokiwa Park area

Don't Miss: Tokiwa Park's 200+ Biennale sculptures and Ryushin Garden at Sourinji Temple

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ¥500–¥1,500 ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Tokiwa Park & Ube Biennale Sculptures** — Ube's crown jewel: a vast lakeside park scattered with 200+ monumental sculptures from the city's international...
- Sourinji Temple & Ryushin Garden** — Founded in 777 AD, this Zen temple is home to Ryushin Garden — designated a National Scenic Spot and the oldest...
- Ube Coal Mining Museum (Sekitan Kinenkan)** — Ube built its modern identity on coal mining.
- Fugu (Pufferfish) Lunch** — Yamaguchi Prefecture is one of Japan's top fugu regions.
- Ono Tea Plantation (Fujigochi)** — Western Japan's largest tea plantation spreads across the hills above Ube, producing the bulk of Yamaguchi Prefecture's...

BEST WALKS

- Tokiwa Park Sculpture Walk** 3 km loop | Easy | 1–2 hrs — Meander the lakeside paths of Tokiwa Park, stopping at Biennale sculptures along the way.
- Sourinji Temple & Ryushin Garden** Short walk on temple grounds | Easy | 45 min — A short taxi ride from the park brings you to Sourinji Temple.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

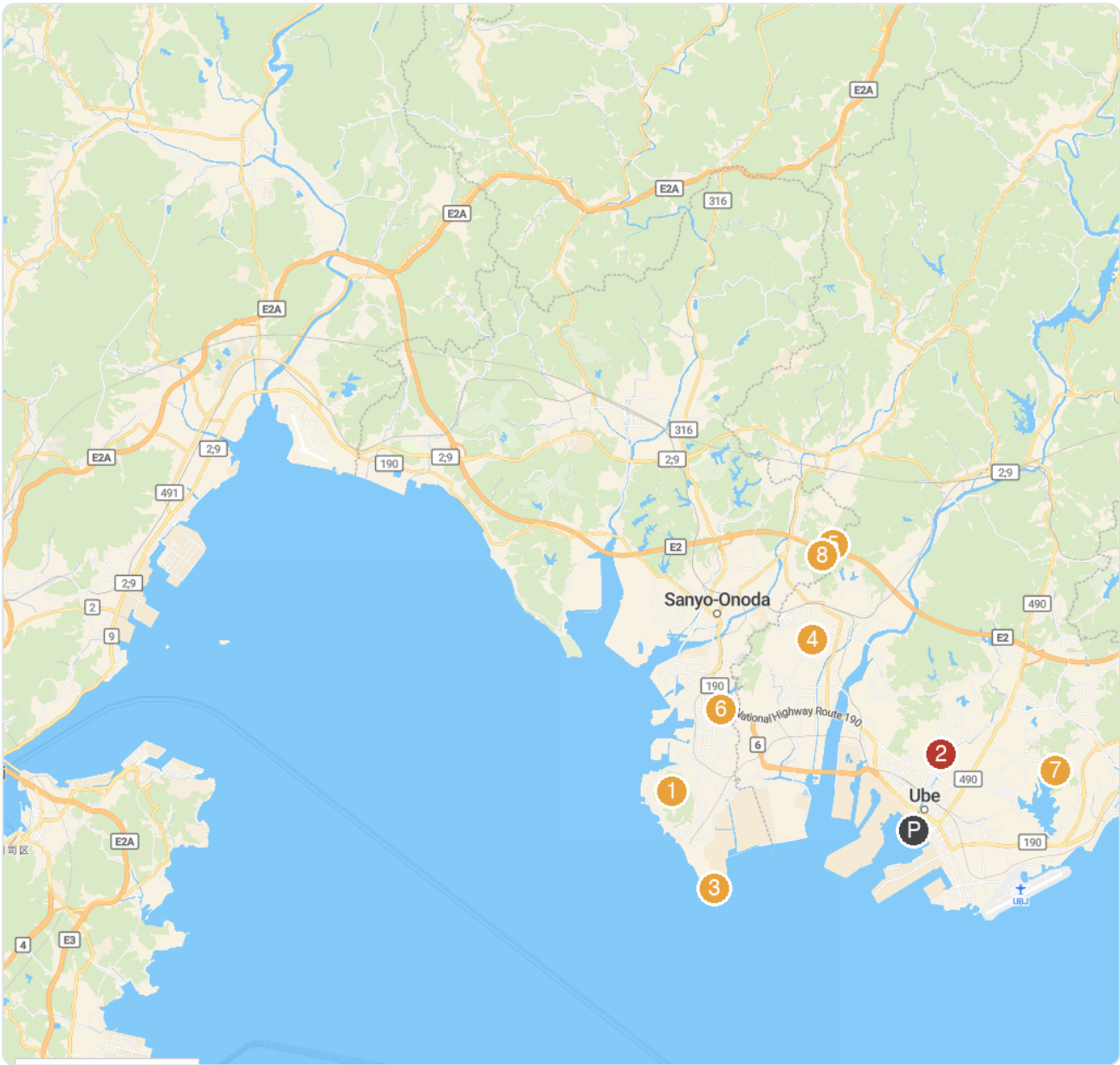
 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:44AM–6:45PM · Jun 5:03AM–7:27PM · Aug 5:36AM–7:01PM · Sep 5:58AM–6:21PM · Oct 6:20AM–5:41PM	
Apr	65°	51°	2d	 Currency: Japanese Yen (cash strongly recommended)	
Jun	78°	67°	2d		
Aug	88°	77°	3d		
Sep	81°	70°	2d		
Oct	73°	59°	1d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry cash (Yen). Most small restaurants, buses, temples, and local shops are cash-only. 7-Eleven and Japan Post ATMs accept foreign cards reliably.

Ube, Yamaguchi, Japan — Port Map

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



- 1 Ryuoizan Park** Ryuoizan Park offers panoramic views of Ube city and the sea.
- 3 Motoyamamisaki Park** Motoyamamisaki Park features dramatic coastal cliffs and ocean views.
- 5 Kumano Shrine** Kumano Shrine is a traditional Shinto shrine with ancient trees.
- 7 ときわ スポー ツ** Tokiwa Park Sports Plaza is an outdoor athletic field complex.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Sorinji Temple Garden** Sorinji Temple Garden is a serene traditional Japanese garden.
- 4 Renkoji** Renkoji is a historic Buddhist temple with beautiful grounds.
- 6 Wakayama Park** Wakayama Park is a pleasant urban park with walking paths.
- 8 Ariho Ryokuchi Park** Ariho Ryokuchi Park is a spacious green park for recreation.