

Uwajima, Ehime, Japan

A quietly compelling Shikoku port where a 400-year-old castle watches over pearl farms, ancient shrines, and one of Japan's last surviving bullfighting traditions.

 Pier (Sakashizu Wharf)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Japanese Yen (JPY)  Japanese

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Sakashizu No.2 Wharf, ~2 km from city center

Walk to center: 20-25 min on foot or 5 min by taxi

Best For: Castle history, pearl shopping, cultural surprises

Don't Miss: Uwajima Castle (one of only 12 originals in Japan)

 Getting around:  Taxi  ¥800–¥1,200

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Uwajima Castle** — One of only 12 original (unrestored) castles remaining in Japan, built in 1596 by Todo Takatora.
- **Traditional Bullfighting (Togyu)** — Uwajima is one of a handful of places in Japan where bull sumo (bull-vs-bull, no matador) has been practiced for 400...
- **Pearl Farms & Shopping** — The nutrient-rich Uwa Sea makes Uwajima one of Japan's premier pearl-cultivation regions.
- **Date Museum & Tensha-en Garden** — The Date Museum, near the castle, displays 13 generations of samurai swords, armor, and clan relics from the ruling...
- **Warei Shrine** — Uwajima's principal Shinto shrine sits at the mouth of the Seki River, guarded by dramatic Otafuku and Hanadaka masks...

BEST WALKS

- **Castle & Shrine Loop** 2.5 km · ~1.5 hrs · Mostly flat with one hill climb — From the pier, walk or taxi to Uwajima Castle park entrance, climb to the keep, then descend and follow the riverfront south to Warei...
- **Pearl & Date Culture Walk** 1.5 km · ~1 hr · Flat — A shorter cultural loop from city center: browse pearl shops on the main shopping arcade, visit the Date Museum, then walk through...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:40AM–6:39PM · Jun 5:00AM–7:20PM · Aug 5:32AM–6:55PM · Sep 5:53AM–6:16PM · Oct 6:14AM–5:36PM	
Apr	70°	53°	1d		
Jun	80°	69°	3d		
Aug	90°	77°	2d		
Sep	85°	73°	2d		
Oct	76°	60°	1d		

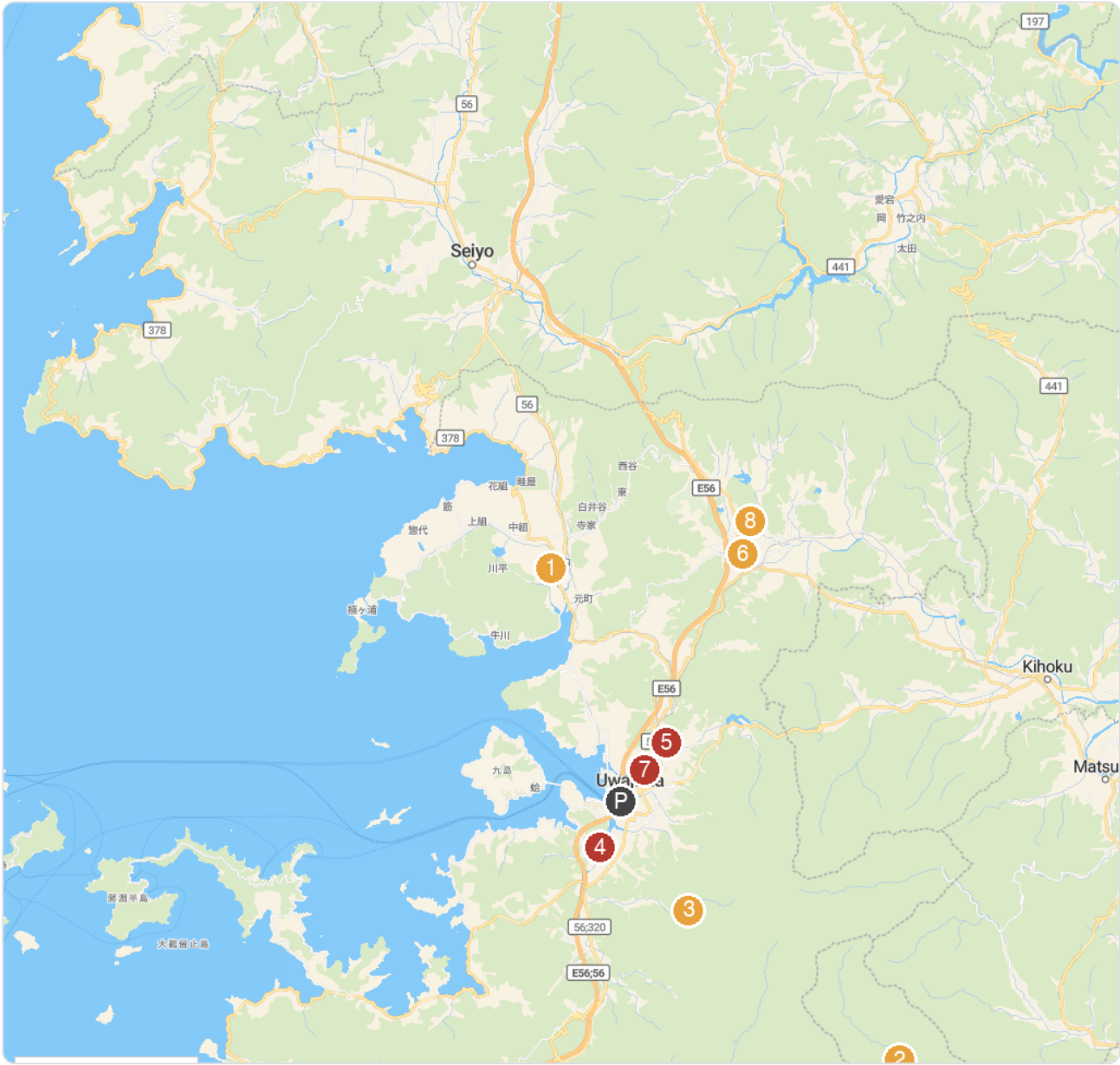
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring yen cash. Most small shops and pearl vendors in Uwajima are cash-only. ATMs at convenience stores (7-Eleven, Lawson) accept foreign cards.
- Try jakoten. Uwajima's signature fried fish cake (jakoten) is sold at street stalls and Roadside Station Kisaiya Hiroba — cheap, local, and delicious.
- Pearls are a genuine deal here. Akoya pearls sold directly by Uwajima producers are often 30-50% less than comparable quality at

Uwajima, Ehime, 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 Yoshida Park | Historic park with castle ruins and beautiful cherry blossoms. | 2 Kuroson Gorge | Scenic gorge known for its clear waters and autumn foliage. |
| 3 Yakushidani Ravine | Picturesque ravine featuring waterfalls and lush, natural scenery. | 4 Mishima Shrine | A historic Shinto shrine dedicated to the god of mountains. |
| 5 Ibukihachiman Shrine | Ancient Shinto shrine with a rich history and traditional architecture. | 6 Azechi Umetaro Memorial Museum | Museum dedicated to the works of painter Azechi Umetaro. |
| 7 Warei Shrine | Shinto shrine famous for its unique Ushioni (ox-demon) festival. | 8 Ryuukouji Temple | Historic Buddhist temple, part of the Shikoku Pilgrimage. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |