

Yakushima Island, Kagoshima, Japan

A UNESCO World Natural Heritage island of ancient cedar giants and moss-draped forest. Yakushima inspired Studio Ghibli's Princess Mononoke — and stepping ashore, you'll understand why.

-  Pier (Miyanoura or Anbo Port)
-  Typical call: 8-10 hrs
-  Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)
-  Language: Japanese
-  Rainy year-round — pack waterproofs

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Miyanoura Port (main) or Anbo Port

Walk to center: Miyanoura town is steps from the pier; forest trailheads need a bus or taxi (30–60 min)

Best For: Hikers, nature lovers, wildlife spotting, ancient forests

Don't Miss: Shiratani Unsuiyko Ravine (moss forest) or Yakusugi Land for shorter hikes

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ¥2,500–¥5,000 ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Shiratani Unsuiyko Ravine** — The moss-carpeted ravine that inspired Princess Mononoke.
- Yakusugi Land** — A dedicated natural park showcasing cedars over 1,000 years old (yakusugi).
- Jomon Sugi Full-Day Hike** — Japan's oldest living cedar — estimated at 2,000–7,200 years old.
- Wildlife Spotting Drive** — Yakushima's roads are roamed by native Yakushima deer and Japanese macaque monkeys.
- Hirauchi Kaichu Onsen (Tidal Hot Spring)** — A wild hot spring on the southern coast that appears only at low tide — the rocks form natural pools filled by...

BEST WALKS

- Miyanoura Waterfront & Town** 30–45 min | Flat | From pier — A short walk through Miyanoura town from the port: browse the market and visit the Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Center...
- Shiratani Unsuiyko — Yayoisugi Cedar Trail** 1 hr | Easy | ¥500 entry — The shortest loop inside Shiratani Unsuiyko Ravine, passing the ancient Yayoisugi cedar and through the famous moss forest.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		69°	60°	16d
Jun		80°	73°	22d
Aug		86°	80°	21d
Sep		83°	76°	23d
Oct		75°	69°	18d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:50AM–6:45PM · Jun 5:15AM–7:21PM · Aug 5:44AM–6:59PM · Sep 6:02AM–6:23PM · Oct 6:19AM–5:46PM

 Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)

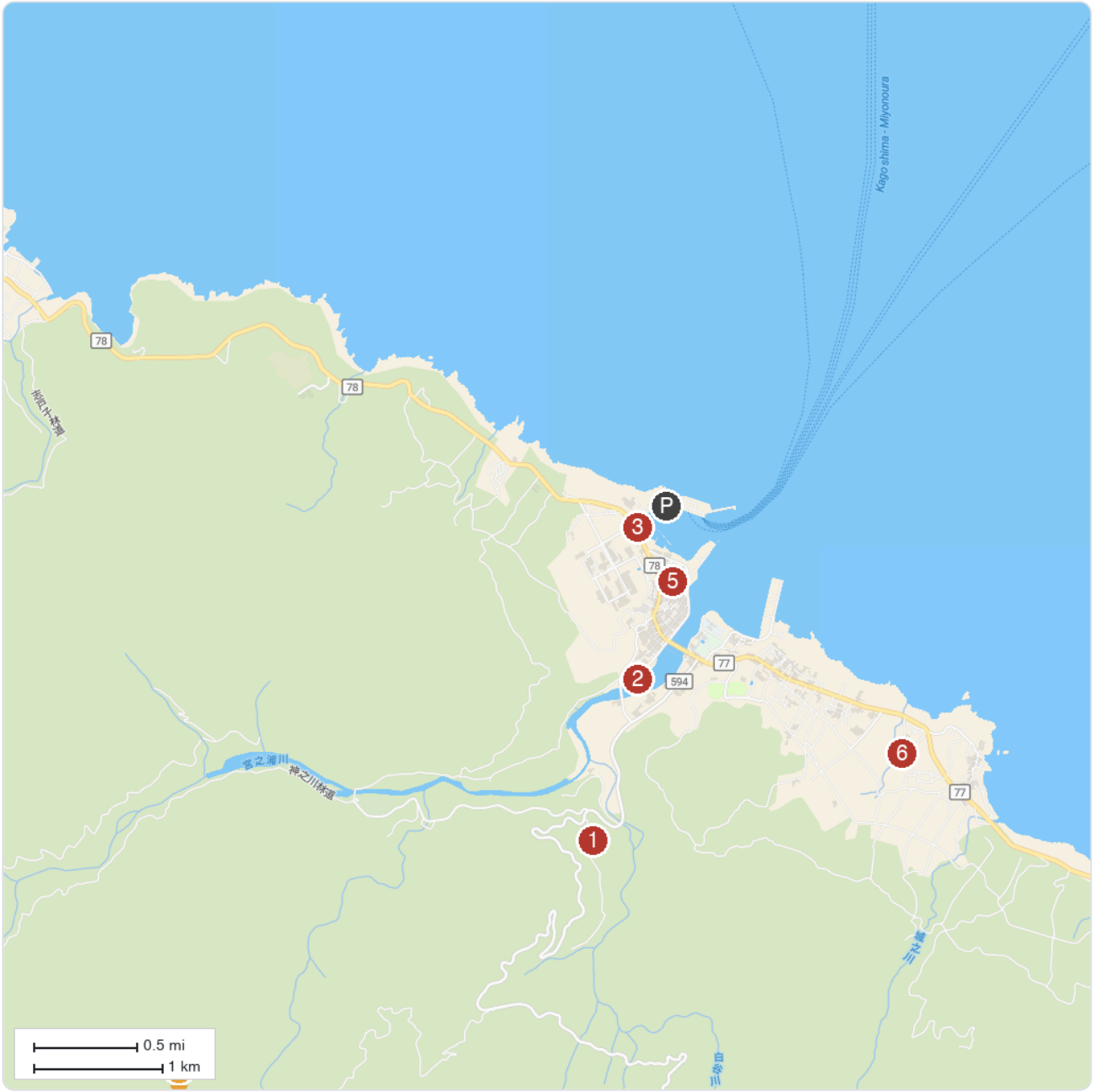
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring waterproofs always. Yakushima locals joke it rains 35 days a month. Even on clear mornings, the mountain forests are wet. Waterproof jacket and sturdy shoes are...
- Plan your transport before stepping off. Buses to Shiratani Unsuiyko and Yakusugi Land are infrequent (1–2 per day). Book a taxi

Yakushima Island, Kagoshima, 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 Ushidokomoisho | A scenic viewpoint offering stunning ocean and sunset views. | 2 Yakushima Museum of History and Folklore | Museum detailing Yakushima's history, culture, and folklore. |
| 3 Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Center | Center for learning about Yakushima's environment and culture. | 4 Jōmon Sugi | Yakushima's largest and oldest ancient cedar tree. |
| 5 Yaku-jinja | A traditional Shinto shrine on Yakushima Island. | 6 Yakushima Shrine | The main Shinto shrine of Yakushima Island. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |