

Hitachinaka, Ibaraki, Japan

A working port that erupts in color each spring — 4.5 million blue nemophila blanket the hillsides of Hitachi Seaside Park while the fish market below serves oysters pulled from the Pacific that morning.

 Pier (industrial wharf)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Japanese Yen (JPY)  Japanese (limited English)  Best Apr–May & Oct

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Center Wharf or Nakajima Wharf; no tendering

Walk to Center: Walking outside port gates is prohibited; free shuttle to Katsuta Station or Hitachi Seaside Park

Best For: Seasonal flowers, fresh seafood, day trips to Mito or Tokyo

Don't Miss: Hitachi Seaside Park (nemophila in spring, kochia in autumn) & Nakaminato Fish Market

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ¥3,200–¥4,000 (~\$21-27 USD) ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Hitachi Seaside Park** — Over 350 hectares of gardens famous for 4.5 million blue nemophila in spring and vivid red kochia in autumn.
- **Kairakuen Garden & Mito** — One of Japan's Three Great Gardens, Kairakuen features 3,000 plum trees, bamboo groves, and the Edo-era Kobuntei...
- **Nakaminato Fish Market** — A bustling waterfront fish market where you can watch fresh Pacific catches arrive and eat rock oysters shucked on the...
- **Tokyo Day Trip** — The JR Joban Line Limited Express from Katsuta reaches Tokyo/Ueno in about 75–85 minutes.
- **Aqua World Oarai Aquarium** — One of Japan's largest aquariums, with over 50 shark species, daily dolphin and sea lion shows, and panoramic Pacific...

BEST WALKS

- **Hitachi Seaside Park Nemophila Walk** 3–4 km • Easy • 1.5–2 hrs • Shuttle or bus from Katsuta Station — From the park's west gate, follow the main path up Miharashi Hill for 360° views of the blue nemophila fields in spring or kochia in...
- **Nakaminato Waterfront Stroll** 1.5 km • Easy • 45 min • Taxi or bus from Katsuta — Walk the Nakaminato fishing harbor from the fish market stalls along the river mouth to the public viewing point overlooking the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:04AM–6:11PM · Jun 4:19AM–6:57PM · Aug 4:55AM–6:28PM · Sep 5:20AM–5:45PM · Oct 5:44AM–5:01PM	
Apr	62°	48°	11d		
Jun	74°	64°	14d		
Aug	83°	74°	14d		
Sep	77°	69°	16d		
Oct	68°	58°	13d		

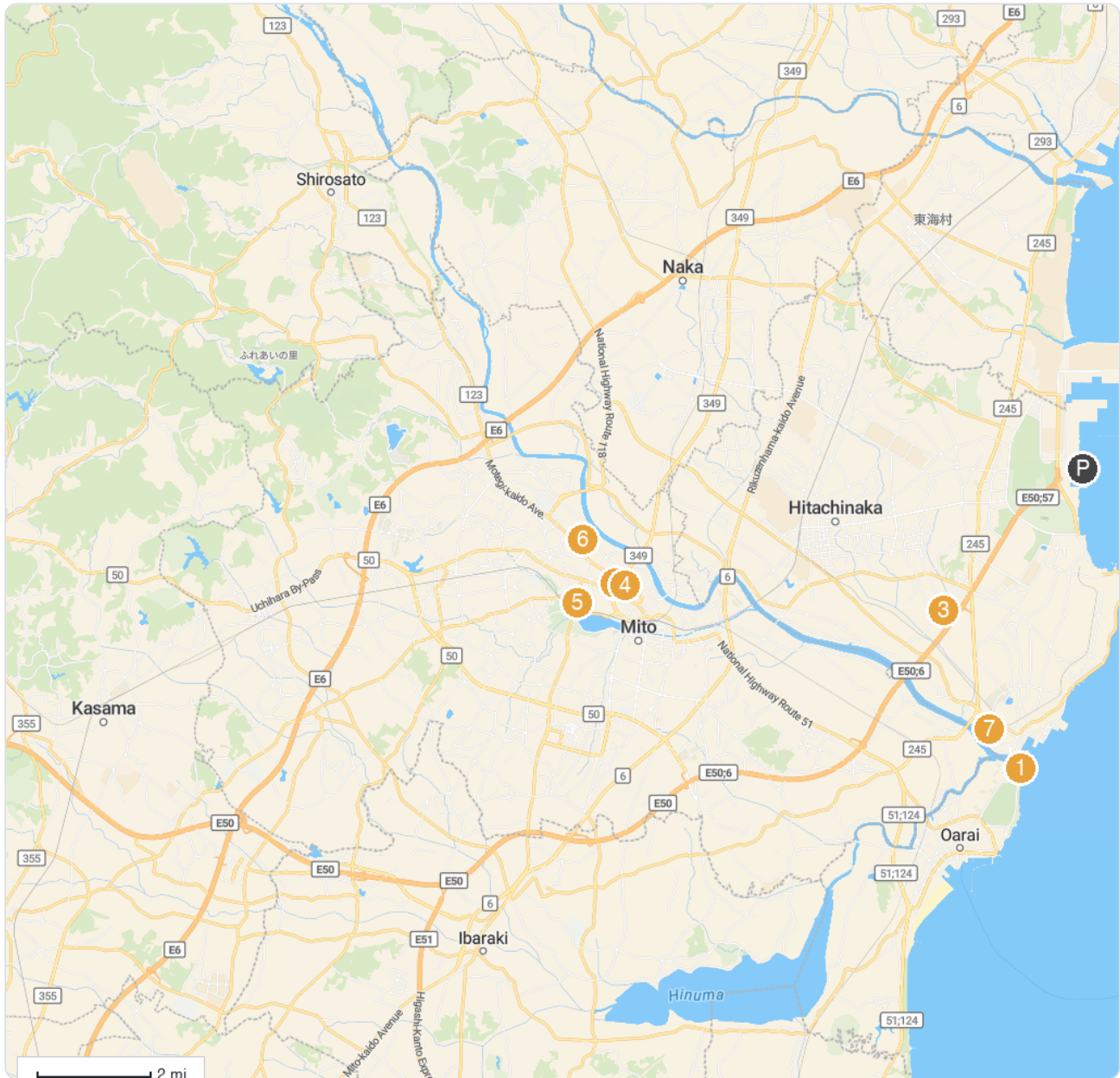
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry yen in cash. Japan remains heavily cash-based. The fish market, local buses, and smaller shrines do not accept cards. ATMs at 7-Eleven and Japan Post Bank accept foreign...
- Time your visit to the season. Hitachi Seaside Park is spectacular in late April, early May (blue nemophila) and mid-October (red kochia).

Hitachinaka, Ibaraki, 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.



1 Aqua World Ibaraki Oarai Aquarium

Aqua World is a large aquarium with diverse marine life.

3 Torazuka Mounded Tomb

Torazuka Mounded Tomb is an ancient Kofun-period burial mound.

5 Kairakuen

Kairakuen is one of Japan's three great landscape gardens.

7 Nakaminato Reverberatory Furnace Ruin

Nakaminato Reverberatory Furnace Ruin is a historic industrial furnace site.

2 Art Tower Mito

Art Tower Mito is a unique spiral art and concert complex.

4 Mito City Museum

Mito City Museum showcases local history, culture, and nature.

6 Howaen

Howaen is a beautiful garden famous for its hydrangeas.

P Cruise port / terminal