

Kagoshima, Kyushu, Japan

Kagoshima sits at the feet of Sakurajima, one of Japan's most active volcanoes — a constant, smoke-puffing presence across the bay. Between a UNESCO garden, samurai streets, and a ferry to the caldera's edge, this southern Kyushu city punches well above its port-call weight.

Pier (Marine Port Kagoshima) Typical call: 8–10 hrs Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY) Language: Japanese

🗓️ MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Marine Port Kagoshima, modern 340m quay south of city center

Best For: Volcano day trip, traditional gardens, samurai history, Japanese street food

Walk to center: ~5 km — shuttle bus or tram recommended; City View tourist bus available

Don't Miss: Sakurajima ferry + lava trail footbath, Sengan-en garden, shirokuma shaved ice

Getting around: **Taxi** ¥2,800–¥3,400 (~22 USD) one-way · **Rideshare** Uber · **Hop-on hop-off** Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Sakurajima Volcano Ferry & Lava Trail** — A 15-minute ferry across Kinko Bay lands you on one of Japan's most active volcanoes.
- **Sengan-en Garden & Shoko Shuseikan Museum** — A UNESCO World Heritage landscape garden built by the Shimazu clan in 1658, designed with Sakurajima as its 'borrowed...'
- **Shiroyama Observatory & Castle Ruins** — The wooded hilltop above central Kagoshima offers the best panoramic view of the city and Sakurajima.
- **Tenmonkan Food & Shopping District** — Kagoshima's downtown covered arcade is the place to eat kurobuta (black Berkshire pork) tonkatsu, try shirokuma shaved...
- **Chiran Samurai District & Peace Museum** — A beautifully preserved samurai residential street with zen garden-fronted stone walls, about 1 hour south by bus or...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Tenmonkan Walk** 2 km · 25 min · flat · free — From the Dolphin Port waterfront area, walk north along the bayside promenade past Kagoshima Aquarium to the covered Tenmonkan...
- **Sengan-en Garden Self-Guided Loop** 1 km · 60–90 min · uneven gravel · admission required — Inside Sengan-en, the garden path winds past bamboo groves, stone bridges, shrines, and ponds — all framed by the living backdrop of...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	68°	54°	12d
Jun	79°	68°	20d
Aug	87°	77°	18d
Sep	83°	72°	17d
Oct	75°	63°	9d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:49AM–6:46PM · Jun 5:12AM–7:24PM · Aug 5:43AM–7:01PM · Sep 6:01AM–6:23PM · Oct 6:20AM–5:45PM

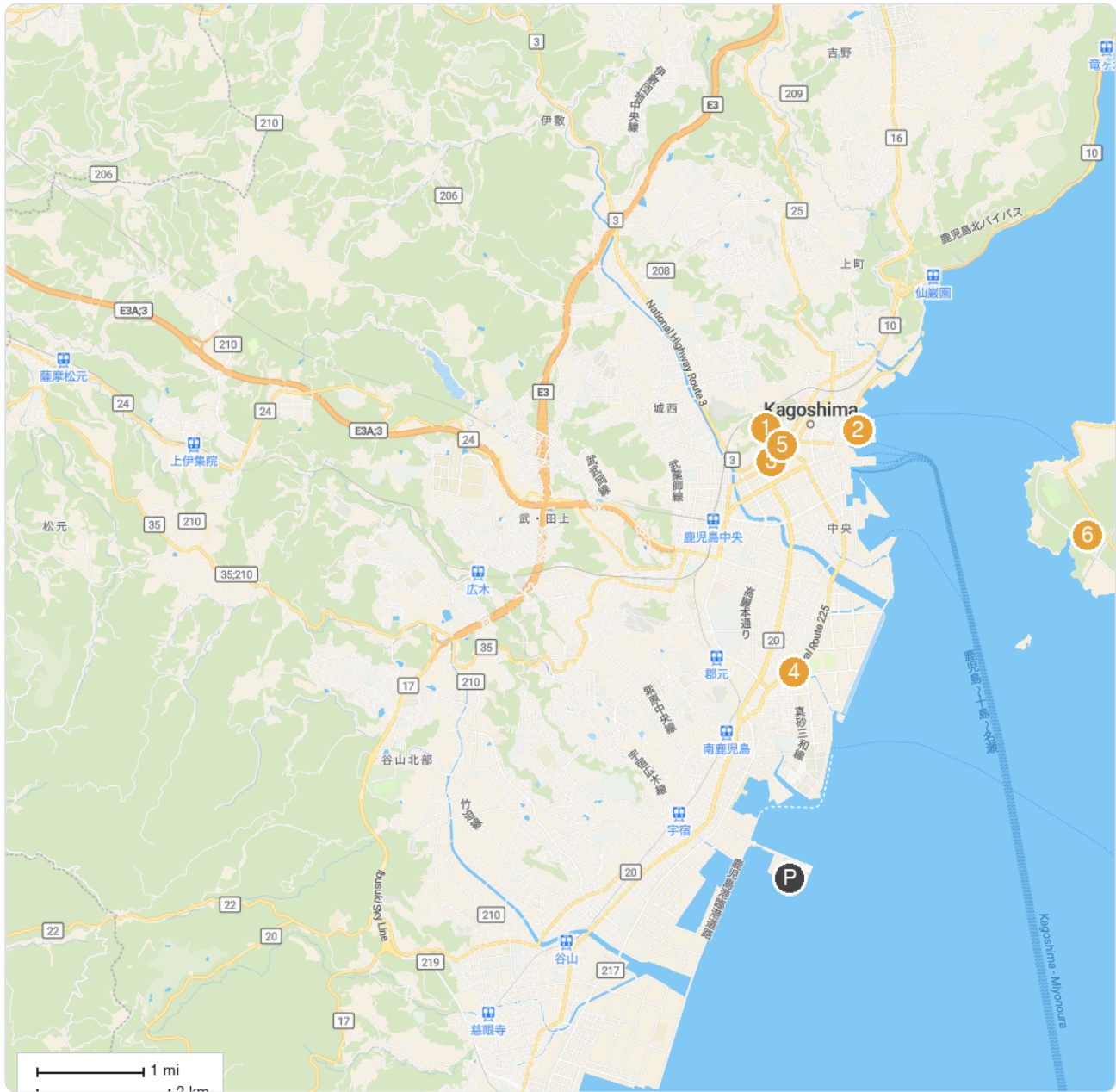
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Kagoshima, Kyushu, 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 Shiroshima Park Observation Deck | Panoramic views of Kagoshima city, Sakurajima, and Kinko Bay. | 2 Kagoshima City Aquarium | Large aquarium showcasing marine life from Kagoshima Bay. |
| 3 St Francis Xavier Cathedral | Historic Catholic cathedral dedicated to St. Francis Xavier. | 4 Kagoshima Municipal Science Hall | Interactive science museum with a planetarium for all ages. |
| 5 Kagoshima Prefectural Museum | Museum displaying Kagoshima's natural history and cultural heritage. | 6 Karasujima Observation deck | Observation deck near a former island, close to Sakurajima. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |