

# Kochi, Shikoku, Japan

The 'free spirit' of Shikoku — Kochi pairs one of Japan's last original castles with a raucous food-hall, pilgrimage temples, and the legend of samurai hero Sakamoto Ryoma.

 Docked (Kochi New Port)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)  Language: Japanese

## MY DAY IN PORT

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

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Kochi New Port (~7 km south of city center); shuttle or taxi required

**Best For:** Japanese castle, street food, Shikoku pilgrimage temples, coastal scenery

**Walk to center:** Not walkable — take ship shuttle, taxi, or Tosaden tram

**Don't Miss:** Kochi Castle keep + Hirome Market katsuo tataki lunch

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ¥2,000–¥4,500 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, GO ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Hop-on hop-off

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Kochi Castle & Castle Town** — One of Japan's twelve surviving original castles, Kochi Castle retains its complete original wooden keep and turrets.
- **Hirome Market & Katsuo Tataki** — Kochi's legendary covered food hall is packed with stalls serving katsuo no tataki — straw-fire seared bonito tuna...
- **Katsurahama Beach & Sakamoto Ryoma Museum** — A scenic pine-backed shoreline south of the city, Katsurahama is famous for its bronze statue of Sakamoto Ryoma — the...
- **Chikurin-ji Temple (Shikoku Pilgrimage No. 31)** — A peaceful temple on Mount Godai, Chikurin-ji is one of 88 temples on the famous Shikoku pilgrimage circuit.
- **Niyodo River Valley** — About an hour from the port, the Niyodo River is celebrated for its impossibly clear cobalt-blue water.

## BEST WALKS

- **Castle to Hirome Market Loop** ~2 km | 45–60 min | Easy — Start at Kochi Castle, walk the castle grounds, then descend into the shopping arcade (Obiyamachi) and end at Hirome Market for lunch.
- **Sunday Joichi Market Stroll** ~1 km | 30 min | Very Easy (Sundays only) — Kochi's Sunday market along Otesuji Street is one of Japan's longest-running street markets (300+ years).

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

|  CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS) |      |     |      |  DAYLIGHT &  MONEY |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Mon                                                                                                               | High | Low | Rain | Apr 5:35AM–6:36PM · Jun 4:55AM–7:17PM · Aug 5:28AM–6:52PM · Sep 5:49AM–6:12PM · Oct 6:10AM–5:32PM                                                                                          |  |
| Apr                                                                                                               | 66°  | 49° | 11d  |  Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)                                                                           |  |
| Jun                                                                                                               | 77°  | 64° | 19d  |                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| Aug                                                                                                               | 85°  | 74° | 20d  |                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| Sep                                                                                                               | 81°  | 69° | 19d  |                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| Oct                                                                                                               | 73°  | 58° | 10d  |                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |

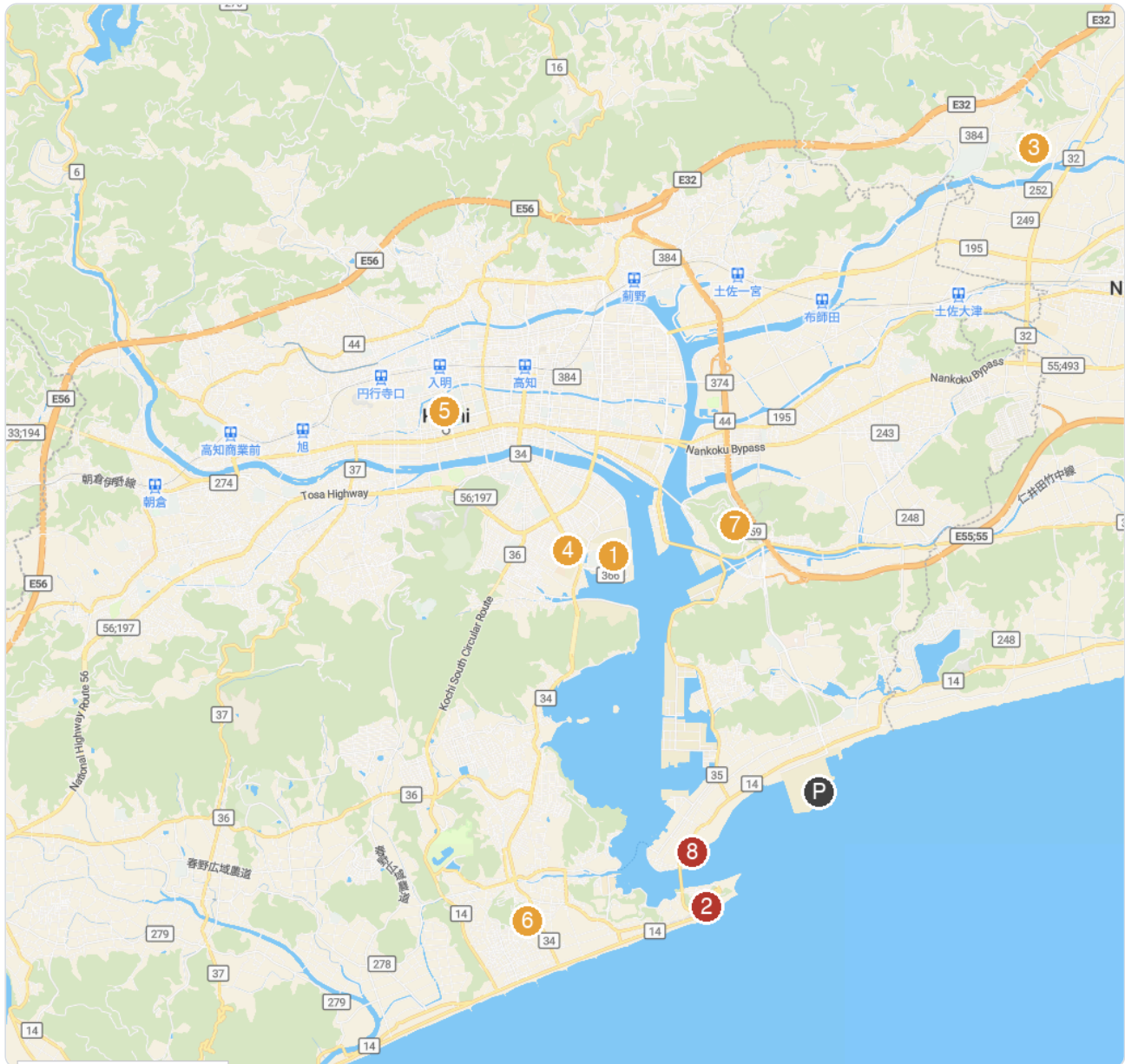
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry yen cash. Many smaller stalls at Hirome Market and local shops are cash-only. ATMs at Japan Post branches and 7-Eleven accept foreign cards.

# Kochi, Shikoku, 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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| <b>1</b> | <b>わんぱくこうちアニマルランド</b>                      | Kochi's family-friendly zoo with various animals and play areas. | <b>2</b> | <b>The Sakamoto Ryoma Memorial Museum</b> | Museum dedicated to samurai revolutionary Sakamoto Ryoma.      |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Kochi Prefectural Museum of History</b> | Explore Kochi Prefecture's rich history and culture.             | <b>4</b> | <b>Kōchi People's and Liberty Museum</b>  | Museum detailing Kochi's freedom and people's rights movement. |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Kochi Park</b>                          | Scenic park surrounding historic Kochi Castle.                   | <b>6</b> | <b>Wakamiya Hachiman-gu</b>               | Historic Shinto shrine dedicated to the god Hachiman.          |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Chikurin Temple</b>                     | Historic Buddhist temple, part of the Shikoku Pilgrimage.        | <b>8</b> | <b>Tanesakisensho Park</b>                | Coastal park offering scenic ocean views and relaxation.       |
| <b>P</b> | <b>Cruise port / terminal</b>              |                                                                  |          |                                           |                                                                |