

Kushiro City, Hokkaido, Japan

The 'City of Mist' sits where subarctic Hokkaido meets its largest wetland — home to rare red-crowned cranes, legendary seafood markets, and a harbor sunset that stops ships in their tracks.

-  Pier (West Wharf No. 4 or downtown Mizube)
-  Typical call: 8–10 hrs
-  Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY) — carry cash
-  Language: Japanese (limited English)
-  Best for: Wildlife, seafood, nature

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — West Wharf No. 4 (large ships) or Mizube/central dock (small ships)

Best For: Red-crowned cranes, Kushiro wetland, Washo Market katte-don, Nusamai Bridge sunset

Walk to center: ~4.5 km from West Wharf; free shuttle to Fisherman's Wharf MOO (~15 min)

Don't Miss: Build your own seafood bowl (katte-don) at Washo Market

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ¥2,500–¥3,000 (~\$16–19 USD)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Kushiro Shitsugen Wetland & Crane Reserve** — Japan's largest wetland hosts the iconic red-crowned tancho crane year-round.
- Lake Akan & Ainu Culture** — A stunning caldera lake famous for rare marimo algae balls and the lakeside Ainu Kotan village, where you can watch...
- Washo Market Katte-Don & Robatayaki** — Kushiro's must-do food experience.
- Nusamai Bridge & City Walk** — Kushiro's most photographed landmark, adorned with four bronze statues representing the seasons.
- Kushiro City Museum & Art Museum** — The City Museum covers the region's natural history and indigenous Ainu heritage.

BEST WALKS

- Fisherman's Wharf to Nusamai Bridge & Washo Market** 2.5 km loop · ~45 min · Flat — From Fisherman's Wharf MOO, stroll east along the Kushiro River waterfront to the iconic Nusamai Bridge (seasonal bronze statues...
- Kushiro Shitsugen Observatory Boardwalk** ~1 km boardwalk · 30 min · Easy · Requires taxi/bus to reach — Take a taxi (~25 min from city) to Kushiro Marsh Observatory (Kushiro Shitsugen Tenbodai).

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 4:41AM–6:04PM · Jun 3:43AM–7:02PM · Aug 4:28AM–6:24PM · Sep 5:02AM–5:32PM · Oct 5:35AM–4:40PM	
Apr	46°	33°	9d	 Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY) — carry cash	
Jun	59°	51°	12d		
Aug	70°	63°	14d		
Sep	67°	57°	11d		
Oct	58°	47°	10d		

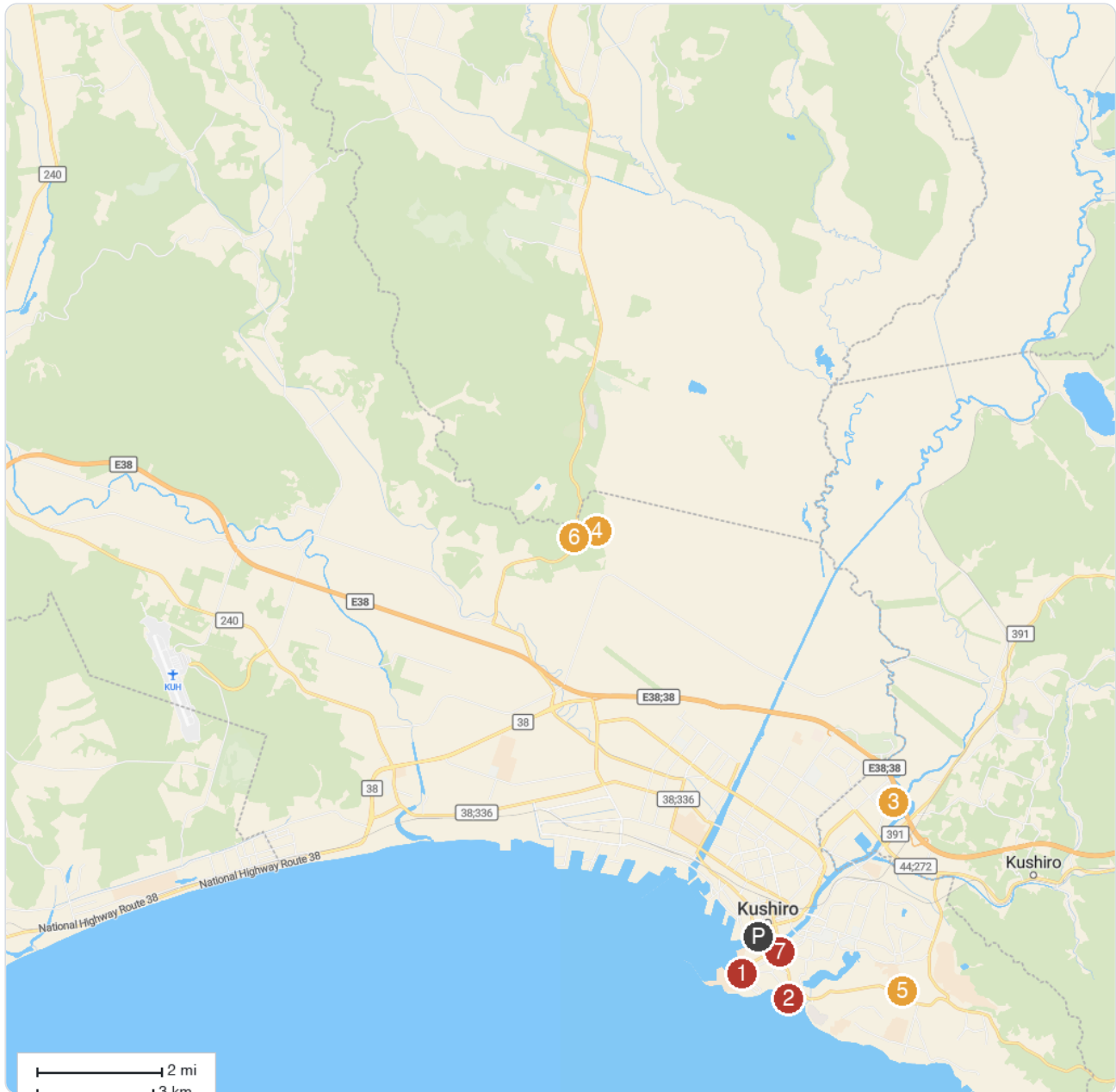
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash is king. Carry Japanese Yen — Washo Market vendors, small ramen shops, and local izakayas rarely take cards. A 7-Eleven

Kushiro City, Hokkaido, 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 Yonemachi Park | Park with city and harbor views. | 2 Chiyonoura Marine Park | Marine park with coastal views and walking paths. |
| 3 Kushirocho Sports Park | Large sports complex with various recreational facilities. | 4 Satellite view point | Panoramic viewpoint offering city and harbor vistas. |
| 5 Pacific Ocean Coal Mine Exhibition Hall | Museum showcasing Kushiro's coal mining history. | 6 Kushiro Marsh Observatory | Observatory for panoramic views of Kushiro Shitsugen National Park. |
| 7 Kushiro City Museum of Art (Kushiro-shiritsu Bijutsukan) | Art museum featuring local and modern Japanese works. | P Cruise port / terminal | |