

# Miyako, Iwate, Japan

Where dramatic volcanic rock formations meet crystal-clear Pacific waters — Miyako's Sanriku Coast is one of Japan's most jaw-dropping natural shores, paired with a story of extraordinary resilience.

 Pier (Fujiwara Wharf)  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 at Fujiwara Wharf — ships berth alongside, no tender needed

**Best For:** Jodogahama Beach, sappa boat cave tour, fresh sea urchin and bin-don

**Walk to center:** ~4 km to Miyako Station — shuttle bus usually provided free

**Don't Miss:** A sappa boat ride into the glowing Aonodōkutsu (Blue Cave)

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~¥1,500 (~)

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Jodogahama Beach** — Named 'Pure Land Beach' by a Buddhist monk who likened it to Paradise, this iconic cove features white volcanic spires...
- **Sappa Boat Blue Cave Tour** — Board a traditional flat-bottomed sappa fishing boat for a guided coastal cruise around the rocky headlands and into...
- **Tsunami Resilience Tour (Taro District)** — Taro, north of Miyako, was devastated in 2011 despite massive seawalls.
- **Bin-Don Seafood Bowl** — Miyako's signature dish: fresh uni (sea urchin), ikura (salmon roe), and scallops layered in a glass milk bottle over...
- **Sanno Rocks Coastal Walk (Taro)** — Three towering sea stacks rise up to 50 m from the Pacific at Sanno-iwa.

## BEST WALKS

- **Jodogahama Coastal Trail** 1.5 km loop · Easy · Free — From the Jodogahama Rest House, a well-maintained path winds through pine-forested headlands above the white volcanic rocks, with...
- **Miyako Station Shopping Stroll** 30-45 min · Easy — Walk from Miyako Station through the covered arcade to the fish market area for fresh catches, local ramen restaurants, and souvenir...

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

|  CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS) |      |     |      |  DAYLIGHT &  MONEY |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Mon                                                                                                               | High | Low | Rain | Apr 4:55AM–6:09PM · Jun 4:04AM–7:01PM · Aug 4:44AM–6:28PM · Sep 5:13AM–5:41PM · Oct 5:42AM–4:53PM                                                                                          |  |
| Apr                                                                                                               | 57°  | 41° | 11d  |  Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)                                                                           |  |
| Jun                                                                                                               | 70°  | 59° | 13d  |                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| Aug                                                                                                               | 79°  | 70° | 17d  |                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| Sep                                                                                                               | 74°  | 63° | 13d  |                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| Oct                                                                                                               | 64°  | 51° | 12d  |                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring cash. Miyako is cash-first territory. Most small stalls, sappa boat operators, and local taxis are yen-only. The 7-Eleven near Miyako Station has a reliable international...
- Use the port shuttle. The pier is 4 km from town — walking in heat or rain is miserable. The free or low-cost shuttle to Miyako Station is the smart move.

# Miyako, Iwate, Japan — Port Map

[cruiseports.org](https://cruiseports.org)

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- |                                                    |                                                                         |                                                    |                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Hachinohe-ana (Blue Cave)                 | Explore a sea cave famous for its stunning blue light.                  | <b>2</b> Shiofuki-ana Blowhole                     | Witness a natural blowhole spouting seawater high into the air.      |
| <b>3</b> Sakiyama Shell Mound Jomon-no-mori Museum | Discover Jomon period history and artifacts at this shell mound museum. | <b>4</b> Miyakoshi Sakiyamakaizukajomonnomori Park | Wander a park showcasing ancient Jomon shell mound ruins and nature. |
| <b>5</b> Iwate Prefectural Fishery Science Museum  | Learn about Iwate's fishing industry and marine life at this museum.    | <b>6</b> Joanji                                    | Visit a serene Buddhist temple with historical significance.         |
| <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal                    |                                                                         |                                                    |                                                                      |