

Sakaiminato, Tottori / Matsue, Shimane, Japan

Birthplace of yokai manga and gateway to Japan's only original 'Black Castle', Sakaiminato pairs quirky street art with genuine samurai history — all within easy reach of the pier.

 Pier (docked)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)  Language: Japanese

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Showa Kita Berth (smaller ships, walkable) or Takenouchi Minami Berth (large ships, free shuttle)

Best For: Manga fans, history lovers, Japanese garden seekers, seafood

Walk to center: 10-20 min from Showa Berth; shuttle from Takenouchi to Sakaiminato Station

Don't Miss: Mizuki Shigeru Road and Matsue Castle moat boat ride

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ¥1,000–¥2,500 (~\$6–15 USD)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Mizuki Shigeru Road** — An 800-meter pedestrian street lined with 177 bronze yokai statues, themed eyeball streetlights, and monster-themed...
- **Matsue Castle & Moat Boat** — One of only 12 surviving original medieval castles in Japan, nicknamed the 'Black Castle' for its dark timber exterior.
- **Adachi Museum of Art & Gardens** — Consistently ranked the #1 Japanese garden for 20+ consecutive years.
- **Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine** — One of Japan's oldest and most sacred Shinto shrines, dedicated to the god of marriage.
- **Sakaiminato Fish Market** — Sakaiminato is Japan's top port for red snow crab (matsuba gani).

BEST WALKS

- **Mizuki Shigeru Road Walk** 1.5 km · 20 min walk · Flat — Walk from the pier (or shuttle to Sakaiminato Station) and stroll the full 800 m of Mizuki Shigeru Road, spotting all 177 yokai bronze...
- **Matsue Castle Quarter** ~1 km loop · 45 min walk · Flat — From Matsue Station, walk up to Matsue Castle, circle the moat, peek into the Lafcadio Hearn Memorial Museum, and stroll the preserved...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	61°	50°	11d
Jun	74°	66°	13d
Aug	84°	77°	15d
Sep	77°	71°	16d
Oct	69°	61°	12d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:35AM–6:39PM · Jun 4:51AM–7:23PM · Aug 5:26AM–6:56PM · Sep 5:49AM–6:14PM · Oct 6:13AM–5:31PM

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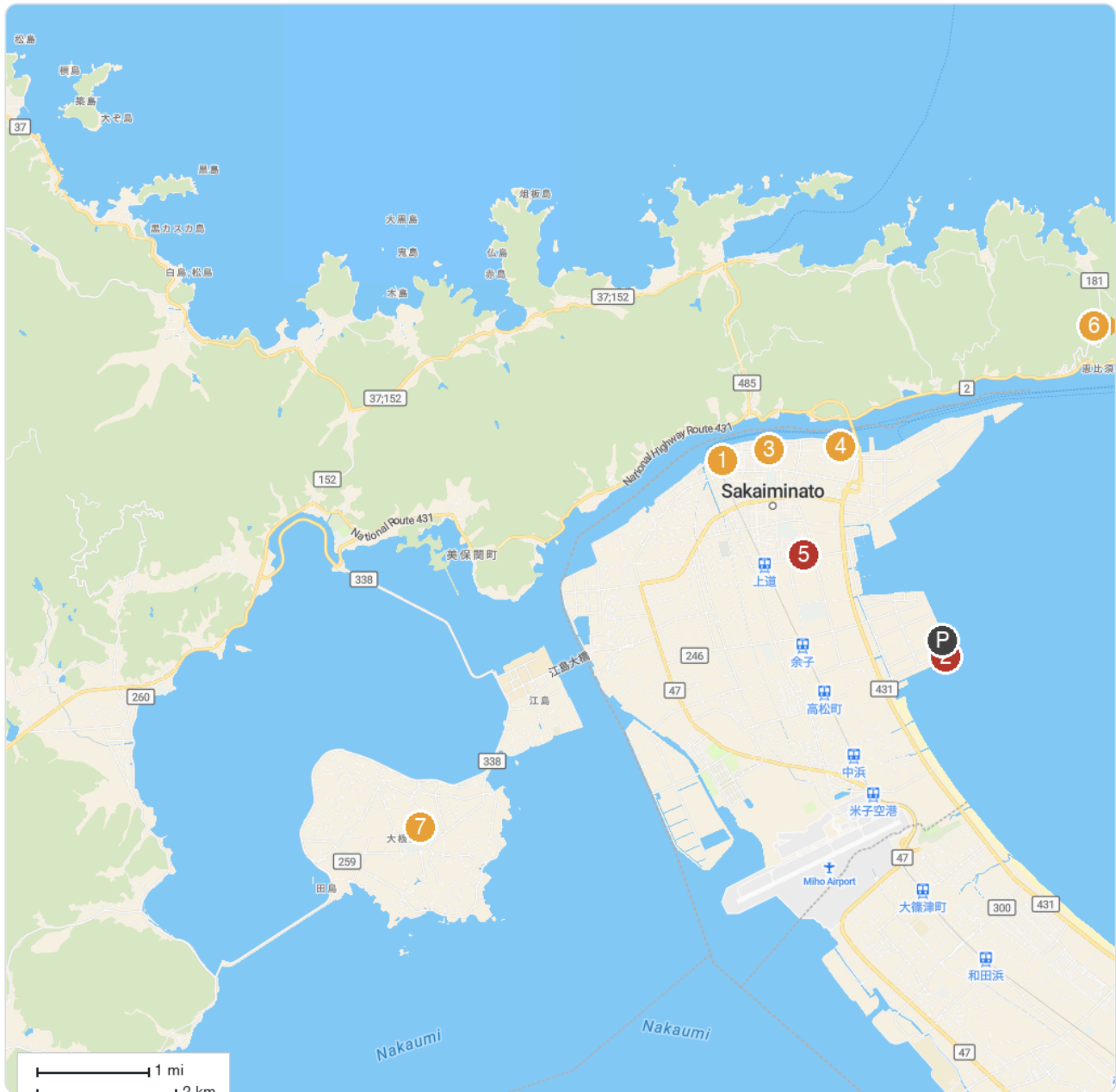
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry cash in JPY. This rural region has limited card acceptance — food stalls, temples, and smaller shops are cash-only. ATMs at Japan Post offices accept foreign cards.
- Free shuttle from Takenouchi Berth to Sakaiminato Station is almost always provided on cruise days. Confirm at the gangway before walking. It's a long 6 km haul in the heat.

Sakaiminato, Tottori / Matsue, Shimane, 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 Mizuki Shigeru Road | Street lined with bronze statues of yokai characters. | 2 Yumeminato Tower | Observation tower offering panoramic views of the sea and city. |
| 3 Mizuki Shigeru Museum | Museum dedicated to manga artist Mizuki Shigeru and his yokai. | 4 Sakai Daiba Park | Park on a former Edo-period fort with cannons and views. |
| 5 Shofukuji | Historic Buddhist temple with beautiful gardens and architecture. | 6 Miho Shrine | Ancient Shinto shrine dedicated to fishing and maritime safety. |
| 7 Ryukeido Lava Tunnel | Natural lava tunnel offering a unique underground exploration. | P Cruise port / terminal | |