

Tomonoura, Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan

One of Japan's most unchanged harbor towns, Tomonoura waited for favorable winds in the Edo era — and still feels like time stopped. The circular stone quay, narrow alleys, and hilltop temples inspired Hayao Miyazaki to set Ponyo here.

⚓ Tender (historic harbor, no cruise pier)

🕒 Typical call: 6–8 hrs

💰 Japanese Yen (JPY) — carry cash

🗣️ Japanese (very little English)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender into Tomonoura Ferry Terminal; larger ships dock at Fukuyama Port (~15 km away)

Best For: History, Japanese culture, quiet photography, seafood lunch

Walk to center: Steps from tender dock — entire village is walkable in 15–20 min

Don't Miss: Fukuzenji Temple view, Joyato lighthouse, Homeishu tasting at Okamoto Brewery

🚗 Getting around: 🚖 **Taxi** ✅ ¥4,400–¥5,500 (~\$27–\$34 USD) one way · 🚲 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Tomonoura Village Walking Tour** — Wander the Edo-period townscape: Joyato stone lighthouse, cobblestone alleys, the Ota Residence (preserved merchant...)
- **Fukuzenji Temple & Best View in Japan** — In 1711 a Korean royal envoy declared the view from Fukuzenji's Taichoro Hall 'the most beautiful scenic view East of...'
- **Sensuijima Island Day Trip** — A 5-minute retro ferry ride from the harbor takes you to this small island with a quiet sandy beach (clear water...)
- **Tai-meshi Seafood Lunch** — Tomonoura's signature dish is tai-meshi — whole red sea bream slow-cooked with rice in a clay pot with soy sauce and...
- **Fukuyama Castle (if docking at Fukuyama Port)** — If your shuttle drops you at Fukuyama Station, the castle is literally visible from the platform.

BEST WALKS

- **Harbor to Hilltop: Tomonoura Core Loop** 1.5 km · ~45 min · Easy · Free (except optional paid sites) — From the ferry terminal, walk past the Joyato lighthouse to Fukuzenji Temple for the famous Seto Sea view.
- **Sensuijima Coastal Trail** 1 km loop · 30 min · Easy · Ferry required (~240 JPY) — Take the short harbour ferry to Sensuijima Island and walk the Goshiki-iwa (Five-Colored Rocks) coastal trail.

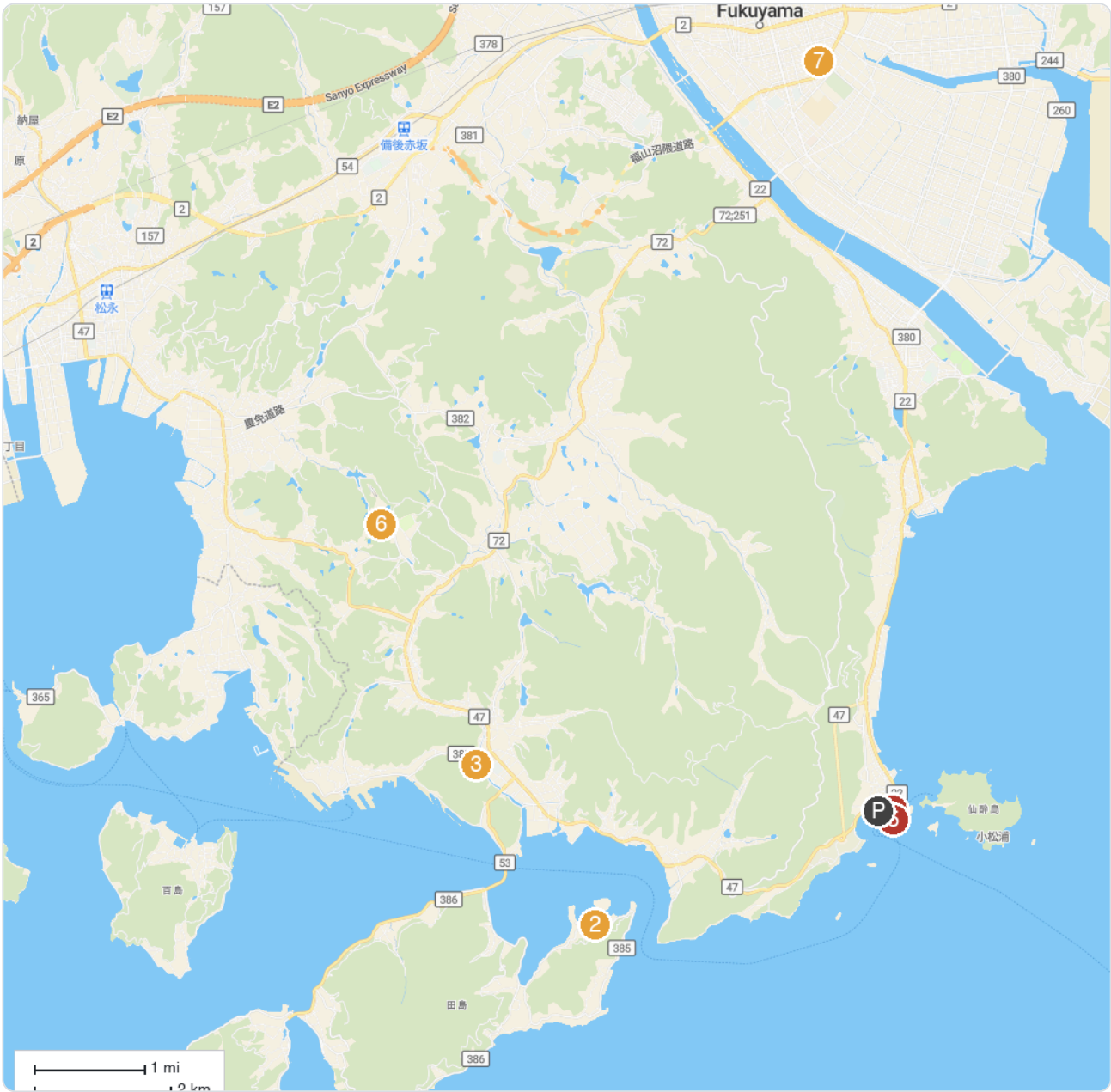
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash only in most of the village. Temples, the Sensuijima ferry, small noodle shops, and the Homeishu tasting shop only accept JPY. Carry 5,000–10,000 JPY in small bills.
- Shops open late and close early. Most attractions and cafes open 9–10 AM and shut by 4:30–5 PM. Plan your touring for the middle of the day.
- Wear slip-on shoes. Temples require removing footwear; cobblestone alleys are uneven. Comfortable walking shoes with easy removal are ideal.

Tomonoura, Hiroshima Prefecture, 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 | Fukuzenji Temple Taichoroh | Temple with a famous reception hall and scenic ocean views. | 2 | CRESCENT BEACH | A beautiful sandy beach perfect for swimming and relaxation. |
| 3 | ぬまくま | Historic residence now a cultural center showcasing local heritage. | 4 | Tomonoura | Historic port town with picturesque streets and a charming harbor. |
| 5 | Enpuku Temple | A serene Buddhist temple offering peaceful contemplation. | 6 | Miroku no Sato | Amusement park with retro town, museum, and family attractions. |
| 7 | Bara Park | A beautiful park featuring thousands of fragrant rose varieties. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |