



Kure City Tourism Guidebook

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A Passageway of
Seaside History

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Kure City Tourism website "Kure Navi" <http://www.kurenavi.jp/>

Kure City website <http://www.city.kure.lg.jp/>

Kure Tourism Association website <http://www.urban.ne.jp/home/kurecci/>

Kure City Tourism website "Kure Navi"



Hiroshima Prefecture tourist
information site for cell phones



A city joining hands where the sea,
science and technology, and people shine

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Each small effort can keep our city clean.



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Kure Bay Area

A tour of the port city of Kure, Kure, starts here. Take a leisurely stroll around Kure Port where you can see large tankers under construction, cranes, and ships that come and go with the breeze leaving a scent of history.



A submarine out of water is indeed impressive! JMSDF Kure Museum

The only museum in Japan that displays a real submarine out of water. In addition to the submarine that is open to the public, the history of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) and minesweeper activities are introduced.

- 2** **JMSDF Kure Museum (Sudmarine Museum)**
- Address: 5-32 Takaramachi, Kure City
- 🕒 9:00-17:00 (Last entry 16:30)
- 📅 Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.), December 29-January 3
- 🆓 Free of charge
- 🅐 Parking lot available next to Yamato Museum (pay parking) ☎0823-21-6111



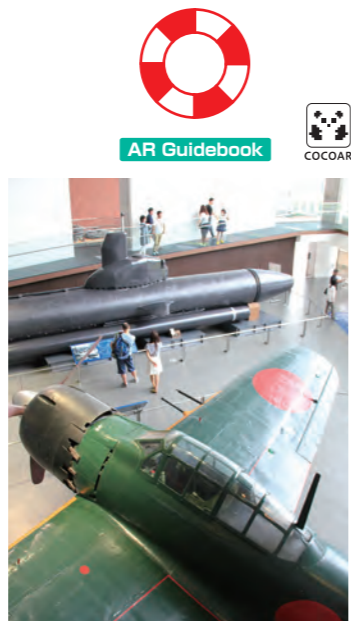
The importance of peace and the wonders of science and technology have been handed down to the present day

Yamato Museum

The world's largest battleship "Yamato" which was built in Kure has been re-created at 1/10 scale and displayed at the museum, along with other large items such as a "Zero Fighter" and a human torpedo "Kaiten." Through "Yamato," the history of Kure, the importance of peace, and wonders of science and technology have been handed down to the present day.

1 Yamato Museum (Kure Maritime Museum)

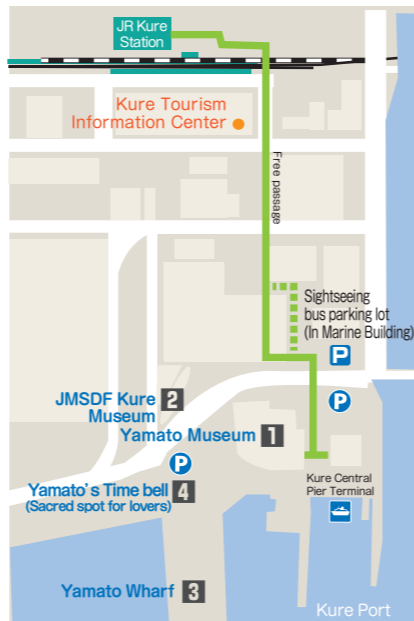
- Address: 5-20 Takaramachi, Kure City
- 🕒 9:00-18:00 (Last entry 17:30)
- 📅 Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)
- 📅 Open every day during Golden Week (April 20-May 5), summer vacation, and New Year's holiday.
- 👤 Adults (includes college students) ¥500 (¥400), High school students ¥300 (¥200), and Elementary and junior high school students ¥200 (¥100)
- ⚠ (*) indicates admission fee for groups of 20 persons or more.
- 🅐 Approx. 285 cars (pay parking) ☎0823-25-3017



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3 Yamato Wharf

This park replicates the forward deck of the Yamato. From this park, you can see the shipbuilding yard where the Yamato was constructed and the ships of today that come and go.



● Yushio-Type Submarine "Akishio"

Length: 76.2m (about the size of a jumbo jet) Height: 16.3m (equivalent to a five-story building) Weight: 2,250 tons
★ This Yushio-type submarine was launched in 1985, and after carrying out various missions, it was decommissioned in March, 2004.



It is said that if a couple in love rings this bell together, their love will last forever.

4 Yamato's Time Bell



Located on the sea side (west side) of Yamato Museum.

Kure City Central Area

When walking through the town of Kure, you may feel like you'll have to walk perfectly upright. It's possible naval personnel walked along the same route.



5 Alley Karasu Kojima
The only park in Japan where you can see submarines up close. It has a retro-inspired atmosphere with former navy arsenal brick buildings and an old torpedo crane.
At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" or "Aga Ondo no Seto Line" bus or take the "Kuretan" loop bus. Get off at "Sensuitai-mae" and walk for one minute.
41 normal size cars, 10 buses (Free of charge) ☎0823-23-7845 (Kure Tourism Information Plaza)



6 Irifuneyama Memorial Museum (Former Official Residence of Kure Naval Base Fleet Admiral)
The former official residence of the Kure Naval Base Fleet Admiral inside the museum has been reproduced as it was at the time of construction in 1905 (Meiji 38), with documents from those days showing the original conditions. This building is designated as a national important cultural property. The walls and ceilings of the western-style building decorated with "kinkarakami" (Japanese gilded embossed paper) are worth the look.
9:00~17:00
Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday), December 29/January 3
Adults (University students and older) ¥250 (¥200), High school students ¥150 (¥120), Elementary and junior high school students ¥100 (¥80)
* () indicates admission fee for groups of 20 persons or more.
Same as Bijutsukan-Dori Street (Art Museum Street), 10.
Approx. 122 cars (pay parking) ☎0823-21-1037



7 Hill Overlooking History
The hill commands a view of the dock remains where the battleship Yamato was constructed and shipyard (former Kure Naval arsenal) that represent the history of Kure after the Meiji period. Monuments such as the Cuckoo Haiku Memorial Stone (Hototogisuue kuhl), and the 'Aa' Battleship Yamato monument are located on the hill.
At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" or "Aga Ondo no Seto Line" bus or take the "Kuretan" loop bus. Get off at "Shikikui-mae" and walk for three minutes.
Not available



8 Maritime Self Defense Force Kure District Inspector General Department Building (Former Kure Naval Base Building)
A representative brick building of Kure, with one basement floor and two floors above ground, completed in 1907 (Meiji 40). The combination of bricks and granite strikes a beautiful color contrast. Open to the public every Sunday (reservations required).
Every Sunday 10:30~11:30 13:00~14:00
At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" or "Aga Ondo no Seto Line" bus or take the "Kuretan" loop bus. Get off at "Sokanbu-mae" and walk for one minute.
Prior confirmation required.
☎0823-22-5511 (Maritime Self Defense Force Kure District Inspector General Department, Public Affairs Section)



9 JMSDF naval vessel open to the public
At JMSDF Kure Naval Base, one naval vessel is open to the public every Sunday. You can take photographs inside the base and outside the naval vessel. Since a different naval vessel is open to the public every Sunday, you can enjoy visiting each time (reservations required).
Every Sunday 10:00~13:00 15:00~
*Reception starts 20 minutes prior to the opening time. Please go to the Keisenbori Main Gate.
Parking is available inside the base. *Reservations are required for large cars with a carrying capacity of 10 persons or more.
☎0823-22-5511 (Maritime Self Defense Force Kure District Inspector General Department, Public Affairs Section)

10 Oshokan on Bijutsukan-Dori
Bijutsukan-Dori (Art Museum Street) has been selected as one of Japan's best 100 streets. "Oshokan," a building that stands on this street, is used by JMSDF Kure music band. On the day when the band practices, piano and trumpet sounds resonate up and down the street. *Oshokan is not open to the public.
Thirteen minute walk from JR Kure Station
At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" or "Aga Ondo no Seto Line" bus, get off at "Meganebashi" and walk for three minute, or take the "Kuretan" loop bus, and get off at "Irifuneyama Koen."
122 cars (pay parking)



11 200 Steps of Ryojo
This was the location used to shoot the training scene for submarine crew members in the movie "Sea Monkeys." At the top of the stone steps, you can look over the magnificent view of Kure Port.
Ten minute walk from JR Kure Station
At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Sanjo Niko Nagasaki Junkan Line" or "Tenno Kawajiri Line (bound for Tenno)" bus. Get off at "Sanjo 3-chome" and walk for 10 minutes.
Not available.



12 Food Stalls of Kuramoto Street
This is a unique street in Japan where electricity as well as water and sewer services are provided for food stalls. You can visit the street at night and enjoy food at both fashionable stalls that offer creative cuisine and old-style stalls.
Ten minute walk from JR Kure Station
At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Shiyakusho Takaramachi Junkansen Line" bus and get off at "Chuo 3-chome."
City-run parking lots, etc., are available (pay parking).
Car navigation search (Kure City Library Tel. 0823-21-3014)
☎0823-23-7845 (Kure Tourism Information Plaza)



13 Nagasaki Park (Former Navy Cemetery)
Established in 1890 (Meiji 23) as a cemetery for naval personnel. Memorial monuments including individual graves for British sailors and a monument to war dead of the battleship Yamato.
Free of charge
At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take "Naganoki Nagasaki Line" bus and get off at "Nagasaki-cho."
Approx. 7 cars (free of charge)
☎0823-25-1362 (Preservation Society for the Former Kure Navy Cemetery)

14 Yamato Gallery Zero
Experience the humanity, creativity, and popularity of comic artist Leiji Matsumoto. A collection related to the origin of his works are on display along with models of the battleship Yamato.
10:00~17:00
Every Tuesday (except during summer vacation), December 31/January 3
Adults (University students and older) ¥300, Elementary, junior high, and senior high school students ¥200
Ten minute walk from JR Kure Station
At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kuretan" loop bus and get off at "Nakadori 3-chome."
☎0823-36-3902

15 Haigamine
On Haigamine summit, 737m above sea level, there is an observatory in which former navy anti-aircraft artillery was positioned. You can enjoy a 360 degree grand panoramic view from the observatory. The beautiful night view of the port town is known as one of the best three views in the Chugoku-Shikoku region. This is a romantic spot where it is said that couples who can find the lines of lights that look like the letters "Kure" will marry.
At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Yakeyama Kumano Naeshiro Line (via Hirabara)" bus and get off at "Jinyama Toge," and walk for about one hour and 30 minutes.
About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center
Approx. 6 cars (free of charge)

Recommended Sightseeing Routes

Walking adventure course Day trip/Approx. 5 hours

Kure Station (Approx. 5 minutes) → Walk → Yamato Museum/JMSDF Kure Museum (Approx. 15 minutes) → Walk → Hill Overlooking History (Approx. 10 minutes) → Walk → Irifuneyama Memorial Museum (A short distance) → Bijutsukan-Dori Street (Approx. 15 minutes) → Walk → Kure Station

Escort Vessel Observation Course Only Sunday/Approx. 3 hours

Kure Station (Approx. 8 minutes) → Bus → "Sokanbu-mae" Maritime Self Defense Force Kure District Inspector General Department Building open to the public (Approx. 4 minutes) → Bus → "Sensuitai-mae" Alley Karasu Kojima (A short distance) → JMSDF Naval Vessel open to the public (Approx. 15 minutes) → Bus → Kure Station

Kure tour loop bus Kuretan
Bus stop
Travel route

Leisurely Tour of the Seven Islands in the Akinada Tobishima Sea Route



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Time that goes by slowly on the islands will soothe your heart and mind. The beautiful scenery of the shining sea and comforting sea breeze will be a pleasant memory. Each time you cross a bridge, your excitement grows. Let's go to the islands.



This resort area that includes a beautiful beach selected as one of Japan's best 100 beaches, hotels, hot springs, restaurants, and sports facilities. You can also enjoy various hands-on experience such as seaweed salt-making.



Kamagari Area



20 ★ Hiroshima Prefectural Beach
This beach is a part of the string of beaches, "Roman Beach, Hiroshima Prefectural Beach, and Koigahama Beach" that have been selected as one of Japan's best 100 beaches. The resort complex on this beach includes a tennis court, a large lawn area, a gymnasium, an event hall, and other facilities. You can also enjoy activities such as observation of a beautiful starry sky at the astronomical observatory through one of the largest Maksutov type telescopes in Hiroshima Prefecture, as well as ancient seaweed salt-making.

In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the "Tobishima Liner" bus bound for "Kamagari/Toyohama/Yutaka." Get off at "Eino Center" and walk for 25 minutes. (Pick up service at "Eino Center," "Koigahama," "Oura" and "Tado" is available. If you are staying at "Kagayaki no Yakata," please consult us.)
About 45 minutes by car from Kure City center
Approx. 100 cars (Free of charge)



21 ★ Deai no Yakata Kamagari
Kamagari General Tourist Information Center, where specialty product stores, tea corner, resting place, and other amenities, are also available. From the observatory, you can view the Shikoku region.

9:30~17:00 (open throughout the year)
About 35 minutes by car from Kure City center
Approx. 30 cars (Free of charge)
0823-68-0120

22 ★ Megumi no Oka Kamagari
A hands-on experience facility where you can experience strawberry picking, mikan orange picking and different kinds of farming.

9:00~17:00
Tuesdays and New Year's holiday
Details: Strawberry picking Around January to May
Mikan orange picking Around November to December (reservations required)
In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the "Tobishima Liner" bus bound for "Kamagari/Toyohama/Yutaka." Get off at "Eino Center" and walk for 30 minutes.
About 45 minutes by car from Kure City center
Approx. 100 cars (Free of charge)
0823-70-7111

23 ★ Kamagari Hot Springs Yasuragi no Yakata
This natural radon hot spring facility offers different kinds of interesting baths including a sauna, herbal medicine bath, jacuzzi, and a whole-body bath using low-frequency electric current. The view of the Akinada Sea in front of you is magnificent.

11:00~20:00
Tuesdays (Open, even if Tuesday is a national holiday.)
Adults ¥500 (¥400), Children ¥400 (¥250)
(*) indicates admission fee after 17:00.
0823-66-1126

24 ★ Shiosai no Yakata
Fresh marine products from the Seto Inland Sea are available as souvenirs.

8:00~17:00 (Closed on Tuesday)
About 40 minutes by car from Kure City center
Approx. 50 cars (Free of charge)
0823-66-1137

Shimokamagari Area

During the Edo period, when Korean envoys visited Shimokamagari Island, they received a grand welcome. The artifacts and materials representing those days have been reproduced and are on display.



18 Shotoen Museum
Shotoen's buildings include Gochiso Ichibankan, where materials related to Korean envoys are displayed, Akarino Yakata, where lighting equipment from all over the world is displayed, and Tojikikan, where domestic and foreign ceramic works are displayed.

9:00~17:00
Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)
Adults ¥800 (¥640), High school students ¥480 (¥380), Elementary and junior high students ¥320 (¥250)
(*) indicates admission fee for groups of 20 persons or more. Extra charge for special exhibition
About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center
0823-65-2900



19 Hakusetsuro
The Japanese-style room in this building serves powdered green tea and a mysterious feature called "dondengaeshi" - a revolving door that reveals a hidden passage.

9:00~17:00
Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)
Adults ¥400 (¥320), High school students ¥240 (¥190), Elementary and junior high students ¥160 (¥120)
(*) indicates admission fee for groups of 20 persons or more. Extra charge for special exhibition
About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center
0823-65-3066

17 Rantokaku Art Museum
In a tranquil yet magnificent atmosphere of Japanese architecture, works depicting the beauty of the Seto Inland Sea such as the sea and pine trees, as well as works of artists who have a connection to this island are on display.

9:00~17:00
Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)
Adults ¥500 (¥400), High school students ¥300 (¥240), Elementary and junior high students ¥200 (¥160)
(*) indicates admission fee for groups of 20 persons or more. Extra charge for special exhibition
About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center
0823-65-3066



Toyohama Area

A popular morning market where you can buy fresh fish from the Seto Inland Sea



25 Kure Toyoshima Morning Market
The pool is full of just caught live fish. Try catching them yourself with a net.

Every Saturday 8:00 until sold out
About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
Approx. 50 cars
0823-68-2183 (Youth Section, Kure Toyohama Fishermen's Cooperative Association)



26 Kakyo Memorial Park
An athletic park built in commemoration of the completion of the Toyohama Bridge. To harmonize the park with the surrounding natural scenery, the park was built in the image of waves of the Seto Inland Sea. It covers an area of approximately 30,000m² and has a jungle gym 13.2m in height and 15.5m in width.

In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the "Tobishima Liner" bus bound for "Kamagari/Toyohama/Yutaka." Get off at "Tachibana Ko" and walk for about 15 minutes.
About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
Approx. 20 cars (Free of charge)
0823-68-2211 (Toyohama Citizens Center)



Yutaka Area



A port that still retains vestiges of the Edo period while you wait for a favorable wind and a rising tide

Townscape of Mitarai An Important Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings



Tokiwamachi-Dori Street

28 Townscape of Mitarai<An Important Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings>

In Mitarai, which flourished as a town known for its favorable winds and rising tides, many buildings and historic sites that still retain vestiges of the mid to end of the Edo period still stand, such as small and large merchant houses, tea houses, sailors' inns, shrines and temples, creating a unique atmosphere. In 1994, the Mitarai District was designated an Important Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings.

🚌 In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the "Tobishima Liner" bus bound for "Kamagari/Toyohama/Yutaka" and get off at "Mitarai-ko."
 🕒 About one hour and 10 minutes by car from Kure City center
 🅇 Available ☎0823-67-2278 (Mitarai Rest Station)

29 Mikan Museum

The sun, greenery, and prevailing sea breeze

The history of mikan orange growing in Yutakamachi, and the passion and care that past growers dedicated to mikan oranges are introduced. You can see exhibits such as life-sized replicas of the eight main citrus fruits grown in Yutakamachi, and a model diorama representing Ocho District in around 1965.

🚌 In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the "Tobishima Liner" bus bound for "Yutaka/Toyohama" and get off at "Dancho Center."
 🕒 About one hour by car from Kure City center
 🅇 Free of charge 🅇 Available ☎0823-25-3181 (Tourism Promotion Section)



Osakishimojima Mitarai District

Kawajiri and Yasuura Areas



Seto Inland Sea National Park Mt. Noro

In the Seto Inland Sea National Park, Mt. Noro, at an elevation of 839m, is the second highest mountain after Mt. Rokko. The best location to view beautiful islands and the setting sun.

27 Hill Overlooking History Park
 The park is located on top of a hill overlooking Mitarai District. Command a full view of Mitarai, Kurushima Straits, and the Shikoku mountain range from the park. You can also enjoy different scenery from each season while walking the lane that winds through the mikan orange orchard.

🚌 In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the "Tobishima Liner" bus bound for "Kamagari/Toyohama/Yutaka." Get off at "Mitarai-ko" and walk for about 30 minutes.
 🕒 About one hour and 20 minutes by car from Kure City center
 🅇 Approx. 10 cars (Free of charge) ☎0823-67-2278 (Mitarai Rest Station)

★This is the starting point!★

30 Mitarai Rest House
 (Yutakamachi Tourist Association)
 A rest station with a retro-inspired appearance, where you can get information on sightseeing spots in the Mitarai District.
 🕒 9:00-17:00
 🅇 Tuesdays
 🅇 (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)
 ☎0823-67-2278

31 Tenmangu Shrine
 On the grounds of the shrine, there is a well from which the name Mitarai (literal meaning: washing hands) originated, as Michizane Sugawara (a court scholar, poet, and prominent political figure) is said to have washed his hands with the water from the well. It is also said that practicing calligraphy at the beginning of the year using water from this well will make you intelligent.

★This is the starting point!★

32 Kaneko Residence
 It is said that Ryoma Sakamoto and Shintaro Nakaoka also visited this residence.

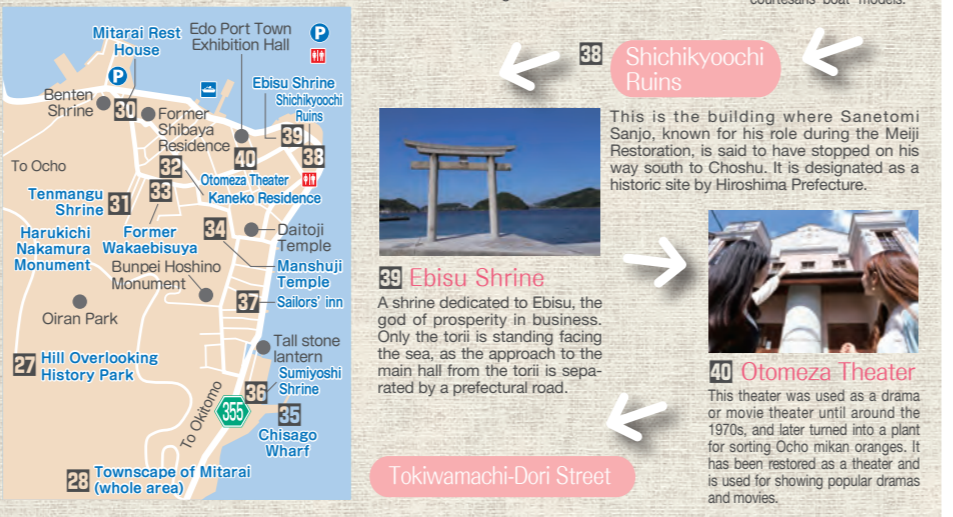
33 Former Wakaebisuya
 The largest tea house in Mitarai where courtesans provided services during the Edo period when Mitarai Port flourished.

34 Manshujii Temple
 This temple is dedicated to the Buddhist deity of Mercy who is said to have saved the life of Kiyomori Taira. On the grounds of the temple, there is also a Jizo statue for health, which is said to have the power to answer prayers.

35 Chisago Wharf
 A breakwater constructed in 1628. A turtle and a crane are carved at the base of the breakwater in the hope that the port would prosper for tens of thousands of years. It is said that if you rub the turtle and crane, your wishes for eternal youth and immortality will come true.

36 Sumiyoshi Shrine
 If you cross the stone arched bridge beside the tall stone lantern, you will come to Sumiyoshi Shrine, which is dedicated to the god of maritime transport business. The main hall of the shrine is constructed in Sumiyoshi-zukuri style, which is rare in Japan nowadays. Visitors can enjoy cherry blossoms which bloom in spring on the grounds of the shrine.

37 Sailor's Inn
 This house partitioned in three units constructed in the Edo period is a former sailors' inn, which offered accommodations for travelers at that time. The last ship carpenter in Mitarai is making "courtesans' boat" models.



Tokiwamachi-Dori Street



41 Noro Kogen Lodge
 This is an ideal place to enjoy food from the mountains in Kure. Specialty dishes including wild boar hotpot and dishes that use a seasonal ingredients are served.

📄 Refer to the website, etc.
 🚌 About 20 minutes by JR from Kure Station (arriving at Akiyawajiri Station), and about 2 hour walk from Akiyawajiri Station
 🅇 Free shuttle service is available from Akiyawajiri Station.
 🚗 About one hour by car from Kure City center (via Sazanami Skyline)
 🅇 About 45 minutes by car from Kure City center (via Furusato Forest Road)
 🅇 Approx. 200 cars (Free of charge) ☎0823-87-2390



Fun activities for all! A leisure island with accommodation facilities

44 Green Pia Setouchi Resort
 A resort facility blessed with a rich natural environment and a mild climate. Everyone, from children to senior citizens, can enjoy sports and various activities at the resort facility where swimming pools, beach, tennis court, family park, wide grass area, and much more are available. Command a full view of the Seto Inland Sea from the guest room. Spend a great time at this spacious resort facility in the Seto Inland Sea surrounded by nature.

🚌 About one hour by car from Kure City center
 🅇 1,800 passenger cars/400 buses
 🅇 (Parking fees: Light and standard-sized vehicles ¥510, Medium-sized vehicles ¥1,020, Large-sized vehicles ¥1,540)
 ☎0823-84-6622



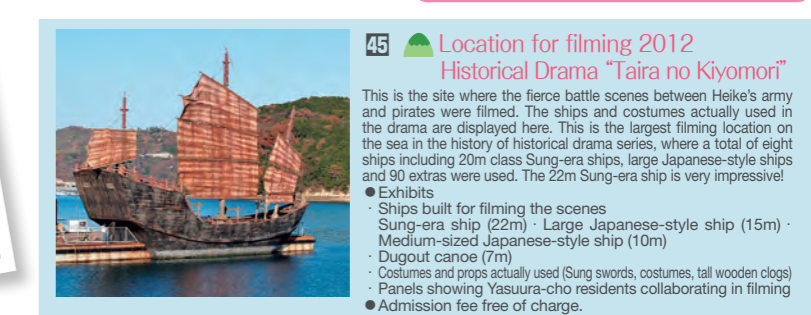
42 Sazanami Skyline



43 Kabuto Rock Viewing Platform

45 Location for filming 2012 Historical Drama "Taira no Kiyomori"
 This is the site where the fierce battle scenes between Heike's army and pirates were filmed. The ships and costumes actually used in the drama are displayed here. This is the largest filming location on the sea in the history of historical drama series, where a total of eight ships including 20m class Sung-era ships, large Japanese-style ships and 90 extras were used. The 22m Sung-era ship is very impressive!

- Exhibits
- Ships built for filming the scenes
- Sung-era ship (22m) • Large Japanese-style ship (15m) • Medium-sized Japanese-style ship (10m)
- Dugout canoe (7m)
- Costumes and props actually used (Sung swords, costumes, tall wooden clogs)
- Panels showing Yasuura-cho residents collaborating in filming
- Admission fee free of charge.





46 🌸 **Ondo no Seto Park**
Legend has it that Kiyomori Taira opened up this waterway in one day. In the vicinity of the waterway, there are interesting spots such as Kiyomorzuka (a memorial mound for Kiyomori Taira), Ondo no Seto Park, Eiji Yoshikawa literary monument, Takagarasudai, and Himaneki Statue, etc.
🚗 About 25 minutes by car from Kure City center
🅇 Approx. 110 cars (Free parking inside the Ondo no Seto Park)

47 🌸 **Statue of Kiyomori Taira (Takagarasudai)**
The Takagarasudai is the highest point inside the Ondo no Seto Park, where a 2.7m statue of Kiyomori Taira, who stands with his hand holding a fan up high, is located. From the observatory, you can enjoy a view of the shining Akinada Sea and beautiful surrounding islands.
🚗 About 25 minutes by car from Kure City center
🅇 Approx. 110 cars (Free parking inside the Ondo no Seto Park)

Kurahashi Area



A scenic spot with white sandy beaches, green pine tree groves, and an ancient shipbuilding tradition – a romantic and nostalgic area as if depicted in Manyoshu (Japan's oldest anthology of poems).

Ondo Area

Legend has it that Kiyomori Taira opened up the waterway in this scenic area, by waving at the setting sun to force it to rise again.



51 🍅 **Mt. Hiyama**
From the large rock at the summit of Mt. Hiyama, command a 360-degree view, looking out as far as the Shikoku mountain range.
🚌 At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" bus. Get off at "Hiyama Tozanguchi" and walk one hour and 40 minutes.
🚗 About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center 🅇 Approx. 10 cars (Free of charge)



52 🍅 **Katsuragahama**
The white sandy beach, with green pine tree groves and blue sea, has been selected as one of Japan's 100 best beaches. Beautiful scenery that has not changed since olden times unfolds on the beach. "Kurahashijima Island," once called "Island of Nagato," prospered with shipbuilding and marine transportation. A history museum, exhibition facilities, and other items, related to shipbuilding are located near the beach.
🚌 At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" bus and get off at "Katsuragahama Onsenkan."
🚗 About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
🅇 135 cars (Free parking in the Hot Springs Facility parking lot)
☎0823-53-2575

53 🍅 **Nagato Shipbuilding History Museum**
Many items related to shipbuilding and marine transportation including models of ancient and modern wooden ships are displayed. At the center of the museum, a reconstructed Kentoshi Ship (ship used to take Japanese envoys to Tang China more than 1,200 years ago) is displayed. You can enter the ship to observe the interior.
🕒 9:00~16:00
📅 Mondays (Closed on the next day, if Monday is a national holiday.)
💰 Adults ¥400 (¥320), High school students ¥240 (¥190), Elementary and junior high school students ¥160 (¥120)
(*) indicates admission fee for groups of 20 persons or more.
🚗 About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
🅇 135 cars (Free parking in the Hot Springs Facility parking lot)
☎0823-53-0016



54 🍅 **Natural Hot Springs Katsuragahama Hot Springs Facility**
This facility provides baths with hot spring water rich in sodium chloride, and effective for 24 symptoms. It is located across from Katsuragahama. There are also a restaurant, a shop, and other amenities, in the facility.
🕒 10:00~21:00 (Weekdays and Saturdays) 9:00~21:00 (Sundays and holidays)
📅 Mondays (Closed on the next day, if Monday is a national holiday.)
💰 Junior high school students and older ¥600, Elementary school students ¥300 (Pre-schoolers Free of Charge)
🚗 About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
🅇 135 cars
☎0823-53-2575



48 🌸 **No.3 Ondo Bridge (Common name)**
A pedestrian bridge, having the same deep red arch bridge shape as the "Ondo Bridge" and the "No.2 Ondo Bridge." The No. 3 Ondo Bridge commands a view of "Ondo no Seto."
🚗 About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center
🅇 26 cars

49 🌸 **Ondo Tourism & Culture Center "Uzushio"**
This facility introduces the "Kiyomori Festival" held once every five years, a local folk song "Ondo's Boat Song," etc. An event hall, a restaurant, and other facilities, are also attached to the center.
🕒 9:30~17:00 (Free admission) Only restaurant 11:00~21:00
📅 Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)
🚌 At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" bus. Get off at "Kiyomorzuka" and walk one minute.
🚗 About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center
🅇 "Ondo Ohashi Shita" parking lot ☎0823-50-0321



50 🌸 **Shortest Sea Route in Japan "Ondo Ferry"**
This is the shortest sea route for regular ferry service in Japan. The ride lasts only about three minutes, although it varies according to tides. This is a popular sightseeing spot with a retro-inspired atmosphere, where ferry service is still used by local people even today.
💰 Adults ¥70 Children ¥40

There is nothing like local gourmet food!

If you come to Kure, try Kure gourmet specialities!

Period: November 1, 2014 – October 31, 2015

"The Yamato's Hometown-Kure" Gourmet Campaign

During the campaign period, please present your Yamato Museum admission ticket stub, "Kuretan" one day bus pass, rental bicycle key, or Yamato Galley Zero admission receipt at designated stores. Then, get ready for some special benefits!

*Coupons for group tours or package tours issued by travel agents are not applicable.



Hosou Udon (thin udon noodles)



Kure Reimen (cold noodles)



Chicken Skin Stewed in Miso



Navy Gourmet

What is Navy gourmet?

The search for healthy dishes was the start of Navy gourmet. Many studies were made in search for healthy dishes for crewmembers, by adopting western cuisine, etc., to prevent diseases during long voyages, as well as to prepare delicious meals for them, as eating was one of a few enjoyments inside a battleship. As a result of those efforts, Navy gourmet dishes were born. In Kure City, which is closely connected to the former Japanese Navy, we are working to revive those dishes based on cook-books from the Meiji Navy and recipes from Showa navy ships. Try a few of these dishes, tasting the atmosphere from those days.



Rice omelet



Nikujaga (simmered meat and potatoes)



Curry and rice



Coffee



Winner of the OC-1 Championship!
In 2014, "Navy Gourmet in Kure" won the OC-1 Championship sponsored by Hiroshima Prefecture.

Ramune (lemon soda)



Specialties of Kure



Oysters

(Ondo-cho, Kurahashi-cho, Yasuura-cho, etc.) Kure produces the largest amount of oyster meat in Japan! Oyster Festivals are held in various parts of the city in winter. Large oysters with a fresh seawater smell will stimulate your appetite.



Chirimen (Baby Sardines)

(Ondo-cho, etc.) Dried and seasoned baby sardines caught in the surrounding sea. These are not bleached and known for their natural flavor nationwide.



Cutlassfish

(Toyohama-cho etc.) Cutlassfish caught in Toyohama are known as "Celebrated Cutlass of Seto." Since they are pole-and-line fished, their bodies are flawless and shine with a silver color.



Ocho Mikan (Mandarin Orange)
(Yutakamachi)
The "Ocho Mikan" in Yutaka and Toyohama is a nationally recognized brand. Its refreshing, sweet, and rich taste is attractive.



Otakara (Treasure) Tomato
[Variety: House Momotaro] (Kurahashi-cho)
Another name for tomatoes harvested in winter and spring. The "Otakara Tomato" in Kurahashi is characterized by its deep taste, deep red color, and firm texture.



Ocho Lemon (Yutakamachi)
Yutaka is the birth place of "Ocho Lemon." It is characterized by mild sourness, fresh flavor, and plenty of juice.



Hiro Cabbage
Traditional vegetable originated in Kure, characterized by soft leaves and sweetness.

Sightseeing and Hands-On Experiences

Enjoy a great deal of hands-on experiences related to food and nature in Kure, as it is surrounded by the sea and mountains.



Hiroshima Prefectural Beach in Kamagari-cho

Let's enjoy the scenery of the Seto Inland Sea and sports!

Cutter boat experience Let's ride a canoe (Sea kayak lessons)

¥350 (Cutter boat experience)
¥ Adults ¥3,000 Children ¥2,000 (Sea kayak lessons) ¥ Adults ¥1,000 (Sea kayak experience)
General information
9:00~17:30 Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)
0823-66-1166 (Kamagari B & G Marine Center)



Kamagari Ancient Earthenware Salt-Making Experience Facility

Ancient seaweed salt "moshio" making experience

Making mineral salt, using ancient earthenware. You can taste salt from the island at home.
10:00~15:00 (Consultation required/Reservations required)
¥5,000 up to 5 persons
(¥1,000 for each additional person)
080-6304-0197 (Moshio no Kai office: Matsura)



Kajigahama Shimokamagari-cho

Himehijiki (hijiki seaweed bud) Salt-Making Experience

You can easily make delicious salt in about 40 minutes.
10:00~16:00 (Reservations required)
¥3,000 up to 5 persons
(¥500 for each additional person)
0823-70-8282 (Sannoeki Sea Station)



Hiroshima Prefectural Beach in Kamagari-cho

Astronomical Observation

Observation of the stars through one of the largest telescopes in Japan
Confirmation required
Adults ¥200 Children ¥100
0823-66-1166 (Kamagari B & G Marine Center)

Event Information

Enthusiasm and excitement characteristic of a port town is waiting for you.

April 29 Kure Port Festival

A big event to celebrate spring in Kure. Full of attractions such as stage performance, a bazaar which is very international in character, and a big parade on Kuramoto-Dori Street.

Saturday in late July or early August

Kure Fireworks on the Sea

Large fireworks rocketing high into the sky with escort vessels in the background are magnificent.

October Korean Envoys Procession

In Shimokamagari, where Korean envoys stopped at a port during the Edo period, people march in a procession wearing period costumes just like in a historical picture scroll.

November Kure Food Festival

The festival is held mainly on Kuramoto-Dori Street, where a great amount of delicious food is offered. In various open spaces, you can enjoy a variety of dishes such as "Nikujaga" (simmered meat and potatoes) and "Kure Hosou Udon" (thin udon noodles) originating from Kure.

December/January Illumination Road Kure

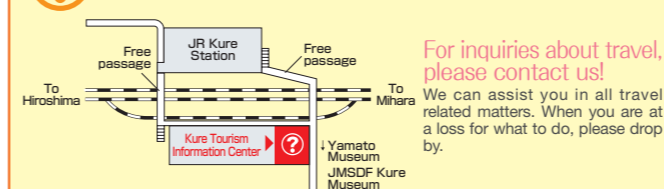
Kuramoto-Dori Street wrapped in illumination of objects representative of Kure, such as the battleship "Yamato." Enjoy illuminations while taking a walk on the street.

February Kure Fisheries Festival

A food festival that offers fresh oysters, which are popular in winter, and other seafood from the Seto Inland Sea.



Kure Tourism Information Center



For inquiries about travel, please contact us!
We can assist you in all travel related matters. When you are at a loss for what to do, please drop by.



Business hours: 9:00~19:00
Closed: December 29/January 3
Place: RECRE (Apartment building south of Kure Station)
(Linked to the second floor of JR Kure Station with free passage)

TEL 0823-23-7845

Tourist information, referrals to hotels, transportation guide, arrangement of Travel Taxis, reservation of tour volunteers, etc.

Inquiries about Sightseeing Tour Guides and Volunteers

Tour guides full of hospitality and spirit will guide you around sights, giving explanations mixed with anecdotes. Make reservations at least one week in advance.

○Kure Tour Guide Volunteer Association

Guided tour of the entire Kure City
Inquiries and applications:
Kure Tour Guide Volunteer Association office
(Inside the Kure Tourism Information Plaza)
TEL 0823-23-7845



○Kurahashi Tourist Volunteer Guide Association

Guided tour of facilities near Katsuragahama - one of Japan's 100 best beaches (Free of charge)

Inquiries and applications:
Nagato Shipbuilding History Museum TEL 0823-53-0016

○Yutakamachi Tour Guide

Guided tour of Yutakamachi "Mitarai Preservation Area" (Fee-based)

Inquiries and applications:
Yutakamachi Sightseeing Organization (Mitarai Rest Station) TEL 0823-67-2278

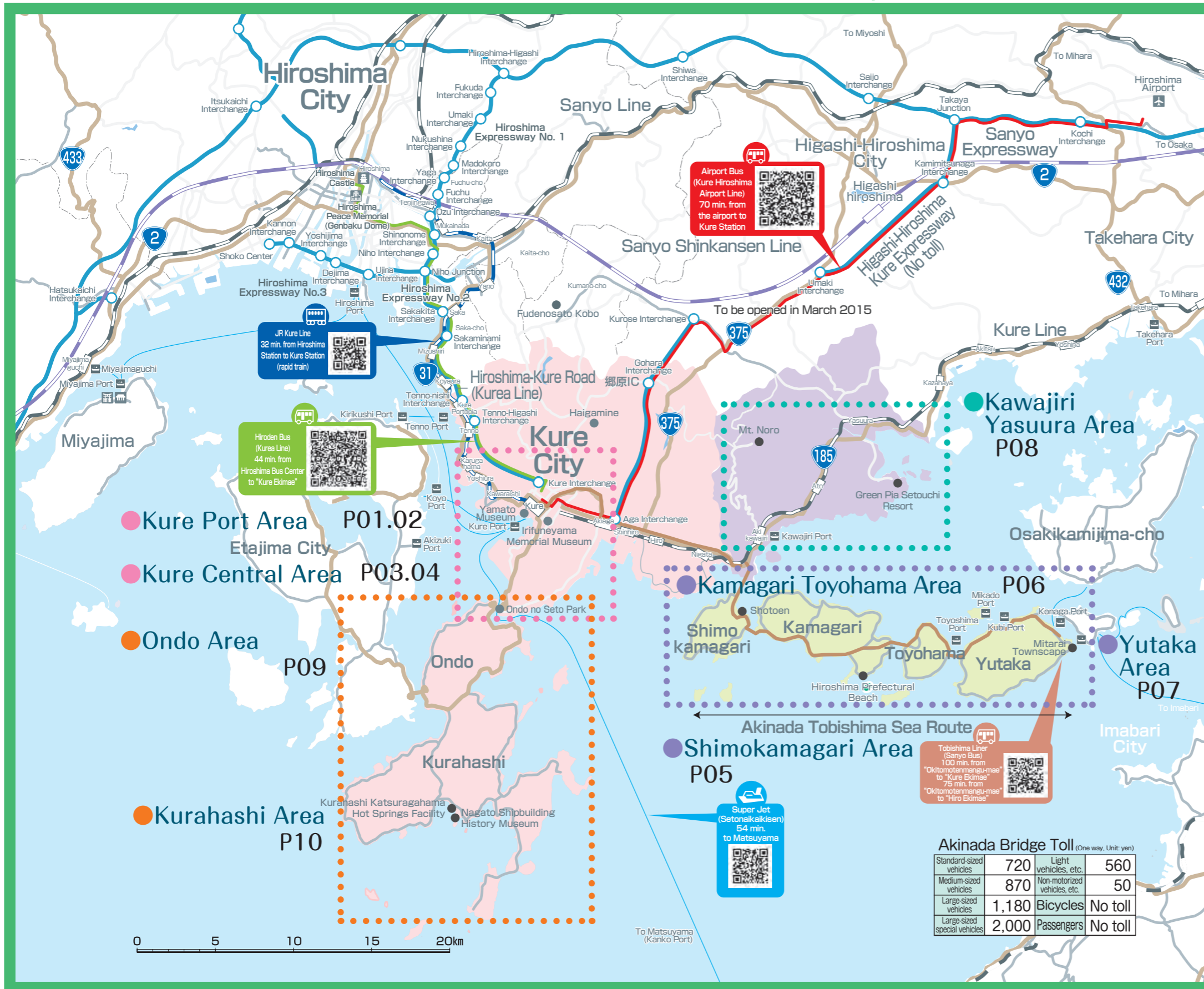
Handy and Convenient "Travel Taxi"



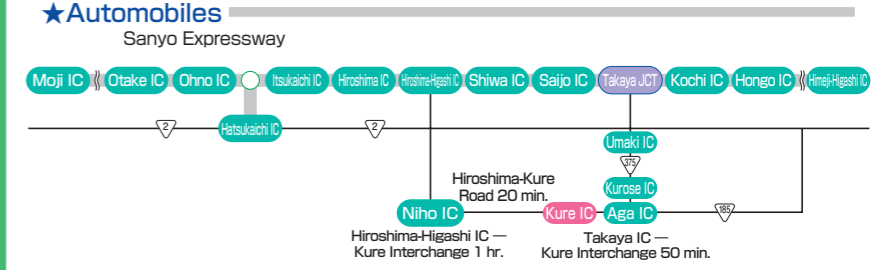
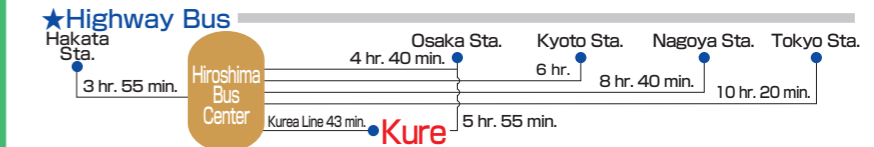
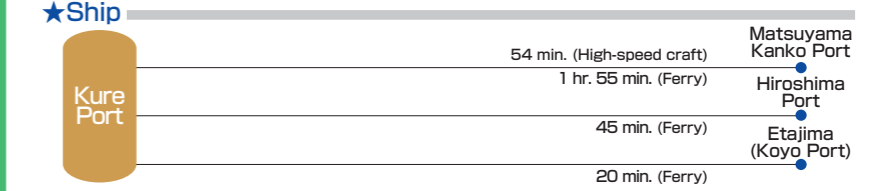
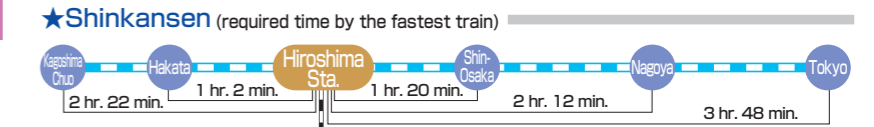
The "Travel Taxi" is recommended for touring Kure. Taxis will take you around sightseeing spots characteristic of Kure. Inquiries and applications:
Kure Tourism Information Plaza (Tel. 0823-23-7845)

Kure Area Map

Kure area, full of charm and historical sites and beautiful scenery of the Setouchi area



Access to Kure



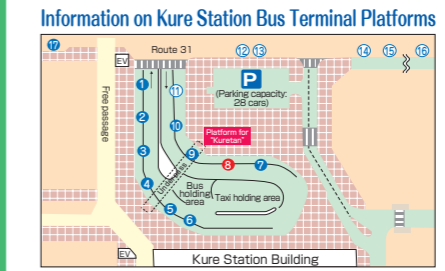
Access to Sightseeing Spots

Hiro Station Bus Terminal (Departing from "Chugoku Rosai Byoin")

Bus Destination Sign	Nearest Bus Stop	Required Time
Kansyoen		
Okimotomemangu (Toyoshima), etc.	Mitoshiro	Approx. 16 min.
18 Shotoen, 17 Rantokaku Art Museum, Rantokaku Art Museum Annex, Sannose Gohonjin Art and Culture House	Sannose	Approx. 23 min.
Okimotomemangu (Toyoshima), etc.	Tado	Approx. 34 min.
Okimotomemangu (Toyoshima), etc.	Toyohama Sanbashi	Approx. 55 min.
Okimotomemangu (Toyoshima)	Tachibana-ko	Approx. 70 min.
Okimotomemangu (Toyoshima)	Mitarai-ko	Approx. 90 min.

Kure Station Bus Terminal

Platform No.	Bus Destination Sign	Nearest Bus Stop	Required Time
01	Yamato Museum, 02 Iron Whale Museum		7 minute walk from JR Kure Station (Use the passageway on the right side of the ticket gate as you face the gate.)
05	Alley Karasu Kojima	Sensui-cho	Approx. 10 min.
07	Hill Overlooking History Park	Shikui-cho	Approx. 6 min.
08	Maritime Self Defense Force Kure District Inspector General Department	Sokanbu-cho	Approx. 5 min.
13	Naganaki Nagasaki Line	Nagasako-cho	Approx. 13 min.
06	Irifuneyama Memorial Museum 10 Bijutsukan-Dori Street	Meganebashi	Approx. 4 min.
11	200 steps of Ryoko	Irifuneyama-koen	Approx. 28 min.
16	Japan Coast Guard Museum	Kajichoan Daigaku Iriguchi	Approx. 10 min.
15	Haigamine	Kamiyamato	Approx. 25 min.
03	Kansyoen		
04	Okimotomemangu (Toyoshima)	Mitoshiro	Approx. 38 min.
09	Okimotomemangu (Toyoshima), etc.	Mitarai-ko	Approx. 11 min.
10	Jumonjyama Park	Toyohama Sanbashi	Approx. 70 min.
26	Kakyo Memorial Park	Mitarai-ko	Approx. 8 min.
27	Hill Overlooking History Park	Tachibana-ko	Approx. 8 min.
28	Mitarai District - Important Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings	Mitarai-ko	Approx. 18 min.
46	Ondo no Seto	Ondo Watsubuneguchi	Approx. 25 min.
49	Ondo Tourism & Culture Center "Uzushio"		
50	Muroo, Katsuragahama/Onsenkan, Honura, Fujinowaki	Kiyomizurizuka	Approx. 30 min.
52	Katsuragahama 53 Nagato Shipbuilding History Museum	Katsuragahama/Onsenkan	Approx. 60 min.
53	Muroo, Katsuragahama/Onsenkan	Hiyama Tozanguchi	Approx. 55 min.



- *Kure tour loop bus "Kuretan" departs from Platform 8.
- (Via Kaminiko) Yakeyama, Kumano, Naeshiro, Jinyama, Gohara
 - (Via Hirabara) Naeshiro, Jinyama
 - Agar, Ondo, kurahashi
 - Nabesanbashi, Ondo no Seto
 - Hondori, Saijo
 - Hatchobori, Hiroshima Bus Center
 - Hondori, Higashihata, Hiro, Nigata, Kawajiri, Nagahama, Ishiuchi, Gohara, Kurose, Hiroshima Airport, "Kuretan"
 - Naganaki Nagasaki Line, Sanjo Niko Takaramachi Line, Tatsukawa Line
 - Yoshiura, Tenno
 - Yoshiura, Tenno, Kamagari, Toyohama, Yutaka
 - ⑪, ⑫, ⑬, ⑭, ⑮ and ⑯ are for arriving passengers only.

Akinada Bridge Toll (One way, Unit: yen)

Vehicle Type	Toll	Vehicle Type	Toll
Standard-sized vehicles	720	Light vehicles, etc.	560
Medium-sized vehicles	870	Non-motorized vehicles, etc.	50
Large-sized vehicles	1,180	Bicycles	No toll
Large-sized special vehicles	2,000	Passengers	No toll