Kure City Tourism Guidebook

Kure Tourism Brand

Kure, Setouchi's City of Many Faces

Blue Land Kure



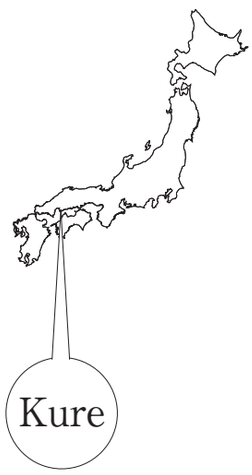
Kure, Setouchi's City of Many Faces.

Blue Land Kure

This logo captures the essence of Kure, nestled between the sea and the mountains. It features the calm sea of Kure and the gentle waves rippling across its surface, overlaid with the silhouettes of the islands of the Seto Inland Sea and Kure and the surrounding mountain peaks.

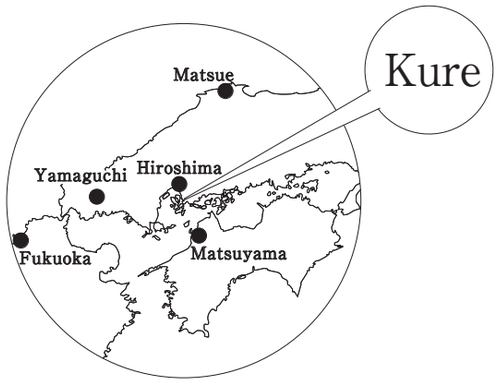
Welcome to Kure, where salt air, rich history, nostalgic streetscapes, and fresh seafood come together in a relaxed coastal and island way of life. Stroll through Kure, meet warm people, and discover the city that helped shape modern Japan. Each visit, the waves seem to whisper, "Welcome home."







呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 1 2026/10/21 9:40



Kure City Tourism and
Regional Promotion App

“MY KURE”

This app has information on tourism, restaurants, and souvenir shops in Kure City.
It has guide functions for tourist spots, restaurants, and souvenir shops, as well as a language interpretation function for communication with local people and staff.
App download and membership registration are free.
Take this opportunity to register as a member and enjoy Kure tourism.

Download the “Gotochi Navi”
using this QR Code
and enter “5000” for the store number.



呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 2 2026/10/21 9:40

Exciting location. Your Kure experience starts here.

KURE BAY AREA

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.

Kure, a city of Japan Heritage.

Naval Station Yokosuka, Kure, Sasebo and Maizuru
"The city allows you to experience the powerful modernization of Japan"

JAPAN HERITAGE

Yamato Museum (Kure Maritime Museum)

*Reopening on Thursday, April 23, 2026 (after renovation).

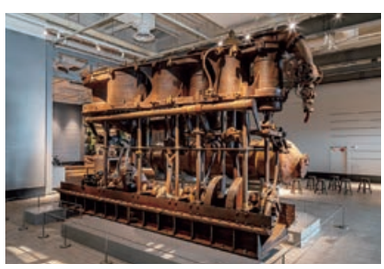
The world's largest battleship "Yamato" which was built in Kure has been re-created at 1/10 scale and is displayed at the museum, along with other large items such as a "Zero Fighter" and a human torpedo "Kaiten." The history of Kure developed along with the modernization of Japan, and the science and technology of shipbuilding and steelmaking that supported its history have been handed down to the present day. The history of Kure, which embodies the history of Japan's modernization since the Meiji era, and the various fields of science and technology-including shipbuilding and steelmaking-that formed the foundation of that modernization are introduced through the efforts of those who came before us, as well as the lifestyles and culture of the time.

■ 9:00–18:00 (Last entry 17:30)
■ Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)
Open every day during Golden Week (April 29–May 5), summer vacation (July 21–August 31), and New Year's holiday (Dec 29–Jan 3).
■ Adults (includes college students and above) ¥1,000, High school students ¥300, Elementary and junior high school students ¥200
*For Kure City residents, the admission fee for adults is JPY 500
Free of charge for high school students and younger who reside or attend school in Kure City
☎0823-25-3017

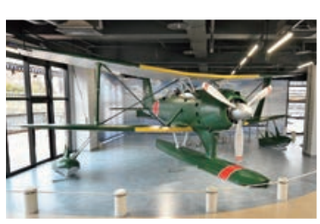
日本遺産 Japan Heritage







YAMATO MUSEUM Satellite (in VIEW PORT KURE)



*Reopening on Thursday, April 23, 2026

The museum features a full-scale model of a Mitsubishi F1M biplane, warships built at the Kure Naval Arsenal, and photo panels introducing the history of Kure.

■ 9:00–18:00 (Last entry 17:30)
■ Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)
Open every day during Golden Week (April 29–May 5), summer vacation (July 21–August 31), and New Year's holiday (Dec 29–Jan 3).
■ Adults (includes college students and above) ¥500, High school students ¥300, Elementary and junior high school students ¥200
☎0823-25-3017
*Free of charge by presenting a same-day admission ticket to the Yamato Museum

Hohaikan

This is a temporary exhibition space at the Yamato Museum, featuring exhibits such as machine guns from the battleship "Yamato" and models of its main gun turrets.

■ 10:00–17:00
■ Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)
■ Free of charge
☎0823-36-6800



呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 3 2026/10/21 9:40

JMSDF Kure Museum

The only museum in Japan that exhibits an original real-life submarine on dry land.
In addition to public access to the submarine's interior, the museum also introduces the history of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) and the operations of minesweepers.

■ 10:00–18:00 (Last entry 17:30)
■ Closed on 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 (paid parking)
☎0823-21-6111



Yushio-Type
Submarine "Akishio"

Length: 76.2m (about the size of a jumbo jet) Weight: 2,250 tons
●Launched in 1986, and decommissioned in March, 2004.

Alley Karasu Kojima

It's rare in this world to see submarines up close, but you can do that in this park. Brick buildings from the former naval arsenal can be seen in the surrounding area, giving the park an old fashioned atmosphere.

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" bus. Get off at "Sensuitai-mae" and walk for one minute.
🅿 28 normal size cars, 10 buses (Free of charge)
☎0823-23-7845 (Kure City Tourism Information Center)

日本遺産
Japan Heritage





JMSDF naval vessel open to the public

At the JMSDF Kure Base, a naval vessel is open to the public.
The vessel open to the public change regularly, so visitors gain a fresh experience no matter how many times they visit.
(*Exterior photography permitted. Please check the JMSDF Kure District official website for public opening dates and times.)

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" bus. Get off at "Showa Futo-mae" and walk for one minute.
🅿 Not Available (a 5 minutes walk from the Alley Karasu Kojima parking)
☎ 0823-22-5511 (Maritime Self-Defense Force Kure District Inspector General Department, Public Affairs Section)

呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 4 2026/10/21 9:40

Walk through the town of Kure, which still retains vestiges of the former times when it flourished as a naval port.

Maybe the naval personnel strolled around here viewing this scenery? Reflecting on its history, you can enjoy the unique atmosphere of Kure at your own pace.

KURE CITY CENTRAL AREA

8th Commanding Officer of the Kure Naval Station Tomosaburo Kato Bronze Sculpture



Tomosaburo Kato was a naval soldier and a native of Hiroshima Prefecture. From 1909 (Meiji 42) to 1913 (Taisho 2), he arrived at Kure to take up his post as the commanding officer of the Kure Naval Station. In 1922 (Taisho 11), he was the first Hiroshima native to be inaugurated as Japan's Prime Minister. At the Washington Conference, he stressed the importance of national defense through diplomacy. He actively supported disarmament and was highly praised both in and out of Japan.
In honor of his achievements, there is a bronze statue of him erected in front of the former official residence of the commanding officer of the Kure Naval Station (in the Irifuneyama Memorial Museum).

Irifuneyama Memorial Museum



The former official residence of the Commander-in-Chief of the Kure Naval District, located inside the museum, has been restored to its original appearance from 1905 and is designated as a National Important Cultural Property. The kinkarakami (Japanese gilt embossed paper) adorning the walls and the ceilings of the Western-style section is well worth seeing. The former Kure Naval Arsenal Tower Clock was installed in 1921 and kept time alongside the former Kure Naval Arsenal until the end of the war. This was Japan's first domestically produced electric master-slave impulse clock, and the melody played four times a day was composed by elementary and junior high school students in the city.

■ 9:00–17:00 (Last entry until 16:30)
■ Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday), December 29–January 3.
■ Adults (University students and older) ¥250, High school students ¥150, Elementary and junior high school students ¥100
■ Thirteen-minute walk from JR Kure Station. By bus, at Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" bus, get off at "Meganebashi" and walk for three minutes.
P Approx. 122 cars (paid parking)
☎0823-21-1037

National Important Cultural Properties
Japan Heritage



Gingko Connected to Fleet Admiral Togo

A gingko seedling was gifted from the Japanese government to the United Kingdom in the 1870s and was planted in Pembroke. Locally, over the years it has been known locally as "Fleet Admiral Togo's Gingko Tree." As part of a homecoming project by local Kure residents, a cuttage seedling of the gingko in Pembroke was planted in Irifuneyama Park (beside the former detached room of the residence of Fleet Admiral Togo) in 2020.

Former Kure Navy Petty Officers Assembly Hall (Aoyama Club)



The Aoyama Club was established in 1903 as a recreational facility "Kure Navy Petty Officers Assembly Hall (Kure Kaigun Kashisotsu Shukaijo)" which included entertainment and socializing for petty officers and sailors. It was renamed as the "Kure Navy Petty Officers Assembly Hall (Kure Kaigun Kashikanhei Shukaijo)" in 1921. In 1936, it underwent a large scale reconstruction. With a reinforced concrete structure, it took on its modern, present form. During the war it became well known as a social place for the Navy and ordinary citizens to connect.
After the war, the building was used as "Kure House" until the withdrawal of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces in 1956. The Maritime Self-Defense Force used it as a recreational facility after the BCOF's withdrawal. However all uses were ended in 2017. At present you can still see the exterior of the building.

■ Ten-minute walk from JR Kure Station. By bus, at Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" and get off at "Meganebashi."

Kure Municipal Museum of Art and Bijutsukan-Dori Street

This street lined with pine trees heals the hearts of people who walk it. Bijutsukan-Dori Street has been chosen as one of "Japan's 100 best streets." The "Kure Municipal Museum of Art" lies at the end of this gently sloping street. The museum collects and displays various masterpieces from Japan and overseas.



■ Same as Irifuneyama Memorial Museum
■ Same as Irifuneyama Memorial Museum
☎0823-25-2007 (Kure Municipal Museum of Art)

Battleship Yamato is also hidden here!

This popular secret spot is located on Bijutsukan-Dori Street and the road in front of the Former Navy Cemetery (the main gate of Nagasako Elementary School). Let's find manhole covers that depict the Battleship Yamato!



呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 5 2026/10/21 9:40

Hill Overlooking History

From here you can take an overall view from the Historical dock site where the battleship Yamato was constructed to the former Kure Naval Arsenal Shipyards which symbolize the history of Kure after the Meiji period. Also the Shiki Haiku Memorial Stone (Hototogisu Kuhi), and the Great "Ah" Battleship Yamato Monument are located on the hill.

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take "Kure Kurahashijima Line" bus. Get off at "Shikikuhi-mae" and walk for three minutes.
🅿 Not Available



日本遺産 Japan Heritage

Maritime Self-Defense Force Kure District Inspector General Department Building (Former Kure Naval Station Building)

日本遺産 Japan Heritage

A representative brick building of Kure, completed in 1907, with a beautiful color contrast created by the combination of bricks and granite. (*Please check the JMSDF Kure District official website for public opening dates and times.)
(*Advance reservation required. For more information, go to the official website of Maritime Self-Defense Force Kure District.)

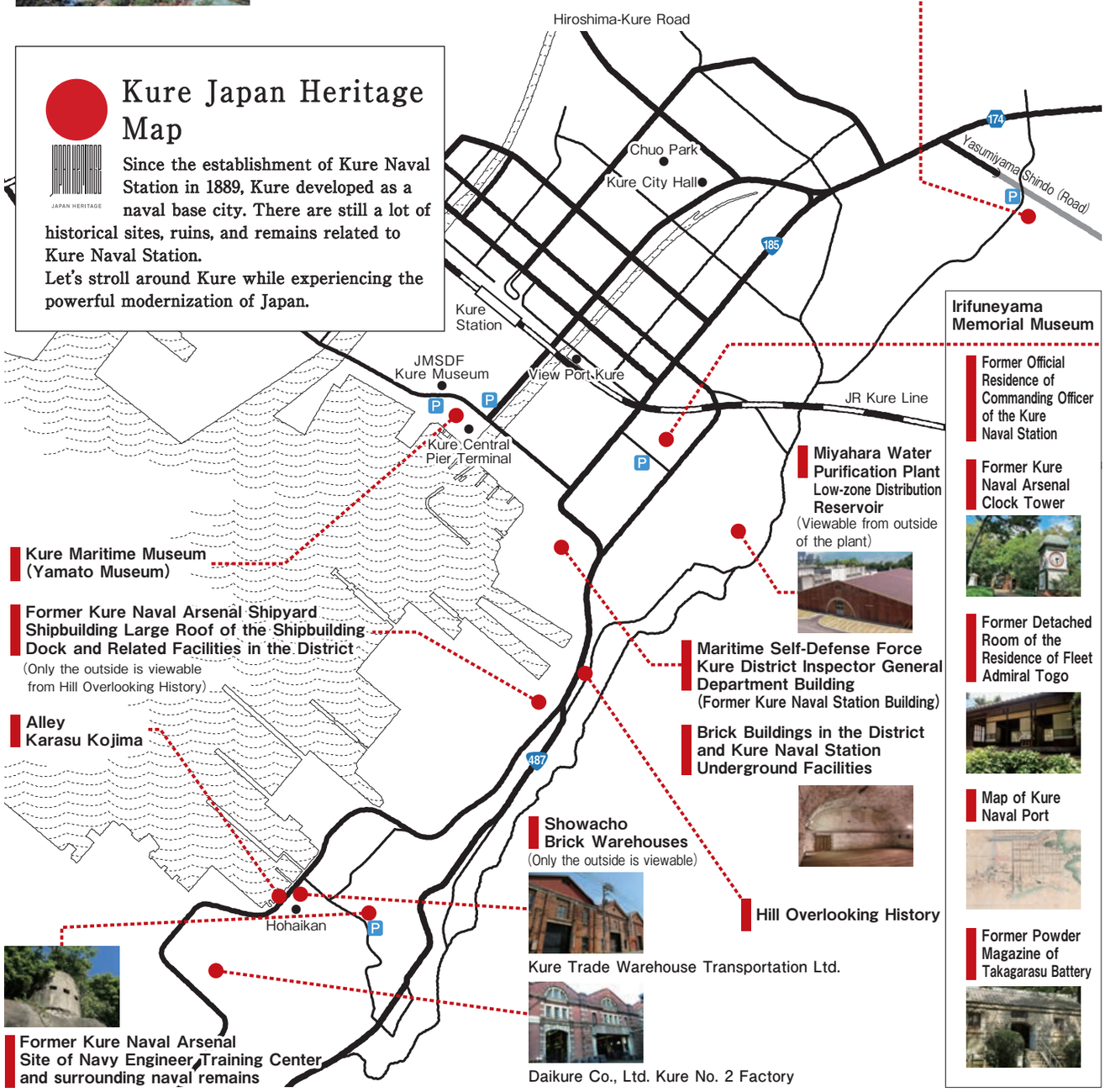
■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" bus. Get off at "Sokanbu-mae" and walk for one minute.
🅿 Not Available
☎ 0823-22-5511 (Maritime Self-Defense Force Kure District Inspector General Department, Public Affairs Section)



Photo courtesy of the JMSDF Kure District Headquarters

Kure Japan Heritage Map

Since the establishment of Kure Naval Station in 1889, Kure developed as a naval base city. There are still a lot of historical sites, ruins, and remains related to Kure Naval Station.
Let's stroll around Kure while experiencing the powerful modernization of Japan.



呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 6 2026/10/21 9:40

KURE CITY CENTRAL AREA

Food Stalls of Kuramoto Street



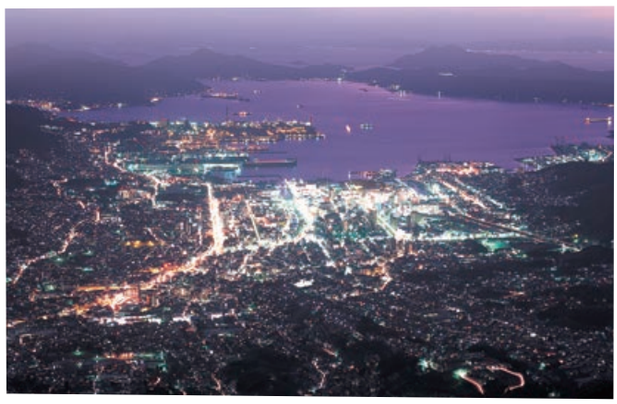
A rare in Japan yatai food stall street equipped with electricity, running water, and sewage services.
A nighttime sightseeing spot where you can enjoy traditional ramen and oden, as well as teppany dishes, Jingisukan, and other local favorites.

■ 10 minute walk from JR Kure Station.
At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Tatsukawa Line" bus and get off at "Chuo 3-chome."
■ City-run parking lots, etc., are available (paid parking).
●Car GPS search: (Kure City Library ☎0823-21-3014)
℡ ☎0823-23-7845 (Kure City Tourism Information Center)

Mt.Haigamine

At 737m above sea level, 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 get married.

■ About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center
P Approx. 6 cars (Free of charge)
℡ 0823-23-7845 (Kure City Tourism Information Center)





Nagasako Park (Former NavalCemetery)

日本遺産 Japan Heritage

Established in 1890 as a cemetery for naval personnel. There are many memorial monuments including a monument for the war dead of the battleship Yamato.

■ Free of charge
■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take "Naganoki Nagasako Line" bus and get off at "Nagasako-cho."
P Approx. 7 cars (free of charge)
℡ ☎0823-25-1362(Preservation Society for the Former Kure Navy Cemetery)

Remembering Suzu from the Manga "In This Corner of the World."



This is one of the locations for the Manga "In This Corner of the World," which depicted Kure during the Second World War. This is the place where the heroine Suzu walked in front of a storehouse.
The storehouse Mitsugura in the old Sawahara family residence was established in 1809.
It was uniquely built using both straw walls and plaster walls, and it has been designated as an Important Cultural Property.

【The old Sawahara family residence (Mitsugura)】

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Sanjo Niko Takaramachi Line" bus. Get off at "Higashi Chuo 2-chome" and walk for 3 minutes.
℡ ☎0823-25-3462 (Kure City Cultural Promotion Section)



A donation from Fumiyo Kono, manga artist of the Manga "In This Corner of the World." This place is a model of the house where the heroine Suzu lived.
The layout of the Hojo House is reproduced with off-color interlocking and concrete. An information board with a design provided by Fumiyo Kono and a stool decorated with a commissioned design are set up here.

【Suzu's House (Model)】

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Tatsukawa Line." Get off at the "Tatsukawa bus stop" and walk for 10 minutes. (There is no parking lot nearby.)

呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 7 2026/10/21 9:40

Seto Inland Sea has its own healing view where beautiful islands are located.

Mt. Noro, part of the Setonaikai National Park, is the spot in which the Kawajiri and Yasuura area takes pride in.
For the Setonaikai National Park, the mountain is 839 m high, the second highest next to Mt. Rokko in Kobe.
After taking in the beautiful view of a group of the islands, you will enjoy your stay to the fullest.



KAWAJIRI & YASUURA AREA

Noro Kogen Lodge

Visitors can enjoy Mt. Noro specialties made with seasonal ingredients, including botan nabe made with wild boar prepared right on Mt. Noro. Panoramic views of the Akinada Tobishima Kaido, where the islands are linked by the Akinada and Kamagari bridges, can also be enjoyed from viewpoints such as the Hachimaki Observatory (mid-mountain), Kabutoiwa Observatory (summit), and Hoshi Furu Observatory (summit).

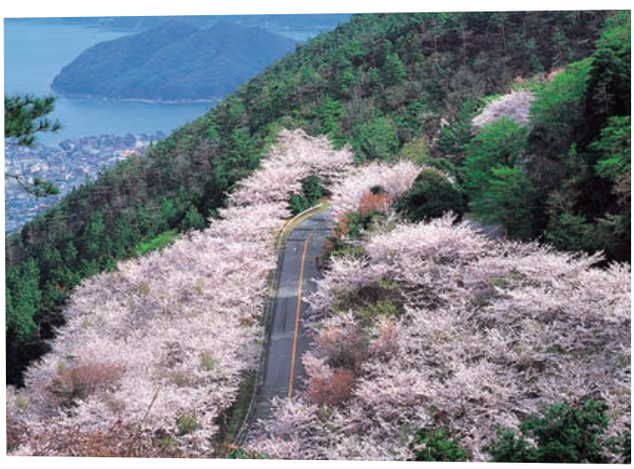
■ Refer to the website; www.norosan.or.jp/
■ About a 2 hour walk from Aki-Kawajiri Station *Free shuttle service is available from Aki-Kawajiri Station. (Reservation required)
■ About one hour by car from Kure City center (via Sazanami Skyline)
P Approx. 200 cars (Free of charge)
TEL ☎0823-87-2390



Sazanami Skyline

A main road toward Mt. Noro.
You can enjoy seasonal landscapes such as a row of cherry trees, colorful autumn leaves, as well as the scenery of beautiful islands in Seto Inland Sea.

■ About 1 hour by car from Kure City center



Yasuura Museum of History and Folklore (Kunzo Minami Memorial Hall)

The former residence and studio of Kunzo Minami, a master of modern Japanese Western-style painting, have been renovated to display his works as well as personal items he used throughout his life. The main house, believed to date from the late Edo period, is an extremely valuable building for understanding the architectural style of that time.

■ 9:00–16:30
■ Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on the next weekday if Tuesday is a national holiday.), New Year's holiday
■ Adults ¥200, High school students ¥120, Elementary and Middle school students ¥80
■ About 12 minutes walk from JR Yasuura Station
P 5 cars (Free of charge)
TEL ☎0823-84-6421



呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 8 2026/10/21 9:40

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 (Last entry 16:30)
■ Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.), New Year's holiday, etc.
■ Adults ¥800, High school students ¥480, Elementary and junior high students ¥320
P About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center
☎0823-65-2900



Let's travel to the Edo period, when Korean envoys visited Japan and received a grand welcome.

Shimokamagari

"Akinada Tobishima Kaido" Area

Have a leisurely tour of the seven islands in the Akinada Tobishima Sea Route.

You can drive from Akinada Bridge at a relaxed pace while enjoying the scenery through the windows.
Sometimes, you can go cycling while feeling the comforting sea breeze.
Please have a calm and leisurely time while crossing the seven bridges from one island to another.



A Must-see! Picture scroll registered as a UNESCO Memory of the World.

One of the documents on display is a picture scroll depicting Korean envoys dispatched from the Korean Dynasty in 1748 and their fleet sailing through the Inland Sea.
As a valuable historical record that promoted exchange among different ethnic groups, it has been registered as a UNESCO Memory of the World.

Rantokaku Art Museum and Hakusetsuro

Within a tranquil yet magnificent atmosphere created by Japanese architecture, works depicting the beauty of the Seto Inland Sea (sea, pine, etc.) are on display. You can also see works by artists who have a close connection to this island.
After enjoying these works, you can visit a Japanese-style room in Hakusetsuro which serves powdered green tea and has a mysterious feature called "dondengaeshi" – a revolving door that reveals a hidden passage.



■ 9:00–17:00 (Last entry 16:30)
■ Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.), New Year's holiday
■ ●Rantokaku Art Museum/Adults ¥500, High school students ¥300, Elementary and junior high students ¥200
●Hakusetsuro/Adults ¥400, High school students ¥240, Elementary and junior high students ¥160
P About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center
☎0823-65-3066 (Rantokaku Art Museum)

Tangible Cultural Properties Designated by Kure City

呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 9 2026/10/21 9:40



Hiroshima Prefectural Beach

This complex resort area provides natural experiences including a beautiful beach selected as one of Japan's best 100 beaches.
You can also enjoy various activities such as stargazing at the astronomical observatory with one of the largest Maksutov type telescopes in Hiroshima Prefecture without being prevented by city lights, marine sports like kayaking, or ancient seaweed salt-making. After these activities, you can relax at the natural radon hot spring facility, Yasuragi no Yakata.

The satisfying leisure & resort area with a beautiful beach selected as one of Japan's best 100 beaches.

Kamagari

■ At Hiro Station Bus Terminal, take the "Setouchi Sanko Bus." Get off at "Eino Center," and walk for about 30 minutes. Visitors staying at the "Kagayaki no Yakata" can be picked up at "Eino Center" and "Koigahama Beach," so please consult us.
■ About 45 minutes by car from Kure City center
P Approx. 100 cars (Free of charge)
☎0823-66-1177

Cottage Kamagari (dome type, log cabin)

At this self-catering cottage, you can relax while viewing the scenery of Akinada.
It is an ideal accommodation for families, groups of friends, and cyclists.
You can also stay with your pet.
Barbecues can be enjoyed on the patio.



P One car per building(Free of charge)
Hiroshima Prefectural Beach Parking (100 cars, free of charge)
☎0823-66-1177

Refresh yourself by cycling the seven islands.





The cycling course on the Akinada Tobishima Sea Route has few ups and downs and less traffic, allowing even beginners to fully enjoy cycling.
There is only one traffic light (Mitoshiro, Shimo-kamagari Island).
Refresh yourself by cycling at your own pace while viewing the beautiful islands and feeling the comforting sea breeze in Setouchi.

Deai no Yakata Kamagari

Kamagari General Tourist Information Center, where Tobishima Sea Route specialty products are also available.
From the observatory, you can view the exceptionally beautiful setting sun.



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

Megumi no Oka Kamagari

A wide range of hands-on activities are available, including strawberry picking, mandarin orange picking, and dyeing and craft workshops at the herb studio.

■ 9:00–17:00
■ Closed on Tuesdays and New Year's holiday
Strawberry picking: Around Jan. – May (Wed, Thu, Sat, Sun) / Mandarin orange picking: Around Oct. – Dec. (Wed, Sat, Sun, holidays) / Blueberry picking: Around Jul. – Sep.
(Reservations are required for all activities. Please also inquire about available dates.)
■ At Hiro Station Bus Terminal, take the "Setouchi Sanko Bus." Get off at "Eino Center," and walk for about 40 minutes.

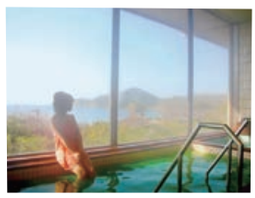


■ About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
P Approx. 50 cars (Free of charge)
☎0823-70-7111

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 is magnificent.

■ 11:00-20:00
■ Closed on Tuesdays (Open, when Tuesday is a national holiday.)
■ Adults ¥600, Children ¥500
P Hiroshima Prefectural Beach Parking (100 cars, free of charge)
☎0823-66-1126



Kamagari Ancient Salt-Making Remains Restoration Exhibition Hall

An exhibition hall that has been restored so you can see the ancient earthenware salt remains just as they were when they were excavated. From the surrounding area, salt-making earthenware from the 5th century was unearthed.



■ 9:00-17:00 (Last entry 16:00)
■ Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays (Open if these days are national holidays, and then the next day will be closed.)
P 100 cars (Use the parking lot for the Hiroshima Prefectural Beach.)
☎0823-66-1040

呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 10 2026/10/21 9:40

"AKINADA TOBISHIMA KAIDO" AREA

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

Yutaka



Kure, a city of Japan Heritage.

A distant place where men survived rough waves to achieve dreams
～The Kitamae-Bune Sea Routes and Residences of Ship Owners～

JAPAN HERITAGE

Mitarai Townscape

Japan Heritage

Important Preservation District for Group of historic Buildings

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

■ At Hiro Station Bus Terminal, take the "Setouchi Sanko Bus." Get off at "Mitarai-ko." It is right there.
■ About 1 hour and 10 minutes by car from Kure City center
P Mitarai Parking (5 cars, free of charge), Mitarai Kamono Parking (40 cars, free of charge)
☎0823-67-2278 (Mitarai Rest Station)

Hill Overlooking History Park

A park that is set on a high hill that overlooks the Mitarai District. In addition to being able to see a sweeping view of Mitarai, the Kurushima Channel Mt. Ishizuchi and other mountains in Shikoku, you can enjoy a taste of each of the four seasons by passing through the mikan orange fields.

■ At Hiro Station Bus Terminal, take the "Setouchi Sanko Bus." Get off at "Mitarai-ko," and walk for about 30 minutes.
■ About 1 hour and 20 minutes by car from Kure City center
P Approx. 10 cars (Free of charge)
☎0823-67-2278 (Mitarai Rest Station)



Mikan Museum



The museum introduces the history of mikan orange growing in Yutakamachi, and the passion and care that past growers dedicated to mikan oranges. 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.

■ 8:30–17:15 (Can be visited on Saturdays and Sundays.)
■ At Hiro Station Bus Terminal, take the "Setouchi Sanko Bus." Get off at "Danchi Center."
■ About 1 hour by car from Kure City center
■ Free of charge
P Yutaka Citizens Center Parking (53 cars)
☎0823-25-3181 (Kure Tourism Promotion Dirision)

Red-Throated Divers Exhibition Room

Fishing using red-throated divers, known as "Abi fishing (Ikari fishing)," is a traditional and exceptionally rare method in the world in which red-throated divers, fishermen, and fish are all involved together. At the Abi Exhibition Room, this unique practice is introduced through distinctive fishing tools and wooden fishing boats.

■ At Hiro Station Bus Terminal, take the "Setouchi Sanko Bus." Get off at "Toyohama Shisho." It is right there.
■ Toyohama Machizukuri Center 1F
■ 8:30～17:15 ＊Open on Saturdays and Sundays as well as weekdays
☎0823-25-3181 (Kure Tourism promotion division)
＊Closed on New Year's holiday



Alley in the Town for Fishermen

The Onoura District has been a town for fishermen since a long time ago. Carry the "Onoura Exploration Map" and walk along the alley that has a retro-inspired atmosphere.

＊"Onoura Exploration Map" can be found at Toyohama Citizens Center, etc.
P About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
☎0823-68-2211
(Toyohama Citizens Center)



Why not wander into an unspoiled fishing village?

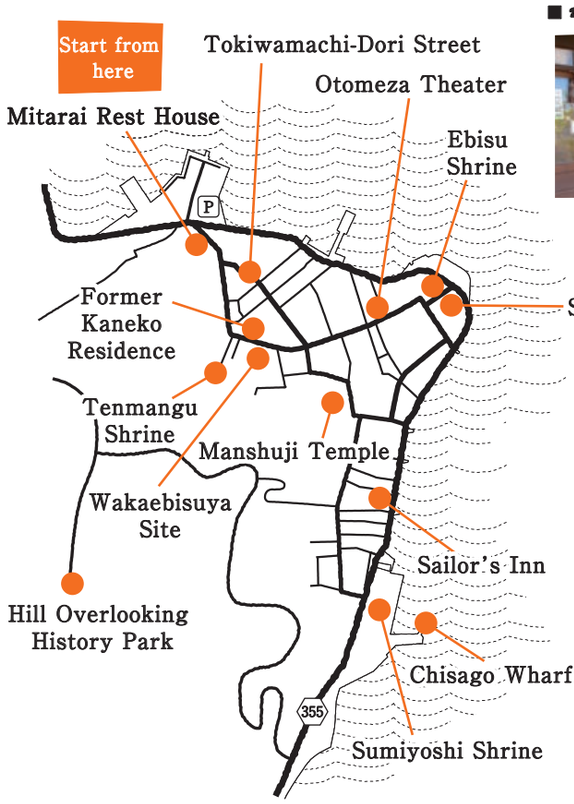
Toyohama

呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 11 2026/10/21 9:40

A port town known for
its favorable winds and rising tides

Let's explore Mitarai!

Recommended walking course
(Approx. 90 minutes)



Mitarai Rest House

FREE Wi-Fi

A rest station with a retro-inspired appearance, where you can get information on sightseeing spots in the Mitarai District.

■ Weekdays: 10:00-16:30
Weekends & Holidays: 9:00-16:30
■ Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.), New Year's holiday
■ ☎0823-67-2278



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. There is also a monument of Harukichi Nakamura, who achieved "a round-the-world trip with a bicycle" for the first time as a Japanese person in the Meiji period.

Former Kaneko Residence



A document states that a military agreement (Mitarai Treaty) was concluded here between Choshu Domain and Hiroshima Domain to overthrow the Shogunate.
This building is quite important for us to learn about the connection between Mitarai and Hiroshima Domain.
It is said that Ryoma Sakamoto and Shintaro Nakaoka also visited this residence.
(Admission fee required)

Tangible Cultural Properties Designated by Kure City

※Advance application is required for weekday visits.

Wakaebisuya Site

日本遺産 Japan Heritage

Historic Sites Designated by Hiroshima Prefecture

This is the only surviving building among the ochaya officially authorized by the Hiroshima Domain during the Edo period. In the inner room of the detached wing, Yakusugi cedar and other luxurious materials are used for the ceiling and storm shutters.
*Currently closed for restoration.

Manshuji Temple

Tangible Cultural Properties Designated by Kure City

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.

Chisago Wharf

日本遺産 Japan Heritage



A breakwater constructed in 1828. 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.

Sumiyoshi Shrine

日本遺産 Japan Heritage

Important Cultural Properties Designated by Hiroshima Prefecture

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.

Sailor's Inn

Tangible Cultural Properties Designated by Kure City

This house partitioned in three units constructed in the Edo period is a former sailors' inn, which offered accommodations for travelers at that time.

Mitarai Shichikyoochi Ruins

Historic Sites Designated by Hiroshima Prefecture

This is the building where Sanetomi Sanjo, known for his role during the Meiji Restoration, is said to have stopped on his way to Choshu.
*Only the exterior can be viewed due to deterioration.

Ebisu Shrine

日本遺産 Japan Heritage

Important Cultural Properties Designated by Hiroshima Prefecture



A shrine dedicated to Ebisu, the god of prosperity in business.
Only the torii is standing facing the sea. The approach to the main hall from the torii is separated by a prefectural road.

Otomeza Theater



This theater was used as a drama or movie theater until around the 1960s, and later turned into a plant for sorting Ocho mikan oranges. It has been restored as a theater and is used for showing popular dramas and movies.
(Admission fee required)

Tokiwamachi-Dori Street

呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 12 2026/10/21 9:40

ONDO AREA

Legend has it that Kiyomori Taira, as the sun was about to set, waved his fan, forcing it to rise again long enough for excavation to be completed.

Three red arched Ondo bridges are the most attractive features of this small port town.
This area is filled with attractive spots such as a beautiful contrast among seasonal flowers, bridges, the sea, as well as historical sites concerning Kiyomori Taira.



Ondo no Seto waterway

Legend has it that Kiyomori Taira opened up this waterway in one day.
In the vicinity of the waterway, there are many interesting and beautiful spots such as Kiyomorizuka (a memorial for Kiyomori Taira), Ondo no Seto Park, the Eiji Yoshikawa literary monument, Takagarasudai, and the Himaneki Statue.
From a pedestrian bridge, No.3 Ondo Bridge, which was built along with the opening of the No.2 Ondo Bridge, you can enjoy the spectacular views of the Ondo no Seto waterway and Kure Bay.

■ About 25 minutes by car from Kure City center
🅿 Approx. 190 cars (Free parking inside the Ondo no Seto Park), 26 cars (No.3 Ondo Bridge)



No.3 Ondo Bridge

From the "No.3 Ondo Bridge," which has the same crimson arch bridge form as the "Ondo Bridge" and the "No.2 Ondo Bridge," you can get a sweeping view of the Seto area in Ondo.
There are a parking lot, restrooms, and wheelchair ramp set up here, so please enjoy a stroll when you come to the Seto area in Ondo.





Ondo Townscape

Entering a street from the National Route, you can find townscape that still retains vestiges of the Showa period.

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line." Get off at "Kiyomorizuka."

Ondo Tourism & Culture Center "Uzushio"

FREE Wi-Fi

You can experience the unique culture of Ondo with its Ondo Kiyomori Festival, held once every five years, as well as the Ondo Boating Song, one of Japan's Three Great Boating Songs. From the café and deck within the Center, you can see up close the small and large ships that come and go through the Ondo Strait. This spot provides visitors with an excellent view of the Ondo Strait.

■ 9:30–17:00 (Free admission)
Restaurant
Weekdays: 11:00–15:00 / 17:00–21:00
Weekends & Holidays: 11:00-21:00
1F Café 9:30-17:00
■ Closed on 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 "Kiyomorizuka" and walk one minute.
About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center
🅿 "Ondo Ohashi Shita" parking lot (Free of charge)
☎0823-50-0321



呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 13 2026/10/21 9:40

KURAHASHI AREA

This is a scenic place featuring beautiful beaches and romantic shipbuilding traditions as depicted in Japanese Manyoshu poetry.

Walk a little further from Ondo Area to Kurahashi Area.
There you will find people living with the sea from ancient times, a history of shipbuilding, and a valuable natural beauty that is never changed by time.



Mt. Hiyama

From Ooiwa (big rock) at the summit of Mt. Hiyama, you can take in a breathtaking 360-degree view over the inland sea as far as the Shikoku mountain range. On a clear day, you can see both Shikoku Mountains and Yamaguchi in the same view.

■ 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
P Approx. 10 cars (Free of charge)

Katsuragahama Beach

Kurahashi was formerly called Nagato Island. From old times it was an important point for sea transport in the Seto Inland Sea. Kurahashi prospered due to ship manufacturing and the navy. From ancient times through the Nara Era, there are records of boats being made here for overseas missions. It has white sand, blue seas and green pine forests. This beach was chosen as one of the 100 best beaches and shores in Japan. It has expansive scenery that is as beautiful now as it was in the past.

■ 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
P 150 cars (Use the parking lot for the Katsuragahama Spa.)
☎0823-53-2575

史跡
Historic Sites Designated by Hiroshima Prefecture





Kurahashi Katsuragahama Hot Springs Facility

This high-quality chloride hot spring containing sodium located opposite Katsurahama Beach is said to be effective for 24 different ailments. It is also beneficial for sunburned skin after swimming in the sea. Enjoy a meal at the restaurant, which serves dishes made with local ingredients.

■ Bathing hours: 10:00-21:00
Restaurant hours:
Weekdays: 11:00-15:00
(Closed Mondays and Thursdays)
Weekends & Holidays: 11:00-15:00
17:00-20:00
■ Closed on Mondays (Closed on the next day, if Monday is a national holiday.)
■ Junior high school students and older ¥720, Elementary school students ¥360, Pre-schoolers ¥240
■ About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
P 150 cars(free of charge)
☎0823-53-2575

Nagato Shipbuilding History Museum

Located in a corner of the scenic area of Katsuragahama, this museum offers an in-depth look at Kurahashi's history related to shipbuilding and Japan's representative wooden ships through numerous reconstructed models and historical materials, showcasing shipwrighting techniques from ancient times to the present.

■ 9:00–16:30
■ Closed on Mondays (Closed on the next day if Monday is a national holiday.), New Year's holiday
■ Adults ¥200, High school students ¥120, Elementary and junior high school students ¥80
■ About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
P 150 cars (Use the parking lot for the Katsuragahama Onsen)
☎0823-53-0016



呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 14 2026/10/21 9:40

If you come to Kure, please try Kure gourmet specialties!

Experiencing local food can be the best part of a trip.
Traditional food makes you reflect on its casual taste and history. There are mountain food grown in a warm climate and seafood grown in a calm sea.
Please try a variety of delicious meals and make great memories.

GOURMET

【Hoso Udon (thin udon noodles)】



Hoso Udon has soft, thin noodles that require a short boiling time. It was loved by busy workers at a former naval arsenal as a quick meal.

【Kure Reimen (cold noodles)】



Kure Reimen has flat noodles and is served in a sweet, sour and spicy soup. It has been a favorite with the locals as a soul food.

【Kure Maritime Self-Defense Force Curry】



About 20 restaurants in the city recreate and serve curry dishes inspired by those served on naval vessels and in units of the JMSDF Kure Base.

【Chirimen (Baby Sardines)】



These dried and seasoned baby sardines are caught in the surrounding sea. Chirimen are all-natural without bleaching and are famous nationwide.



【Oysters】

Kure is one of Japan's leading oyster-producing areas!
Their rich seaside aroma is sure to whet your appetite.

【Ocho Mikan (Mandarin Orange)】



The "Ocho Mikan" in Yutaka and Toyohama is a nationally recognized variety.
It's known for its refreshing, sweet, and rich taste.

【Otakara (Treasure) Tomato】

Another name for tomatoes harvested in winter and spring.
The "Otakara Tomato" in Kurahashi is characterized by its deep taste, rich red color, and firm texture.



【Lemon】

Kure City boasts the largest volume of lemons shipped in Japan. Among areas in Kure, Yutaka is the birthplace of Hiroshima-made lemons. They are cultivated with safety in mind, so you can eat them with the skin on.



KAIGUN GOURMET



Ramune
(lemon soda)

Healthy dishes for long voyages.

The search for healthy dishes was the start of Navy gourmet.
Many studies were made in search for healthy dishes for crewmembers, such as adopting western cuisine, to prevent diseases during long voyages, as well as preparing delicious meals for them, as eating was one of the 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 the cookbooks from the Meiji Navy and the recipes from the Showa navy ships.
Try a few of these dishes, and experience the atmosphere from those days.



Rice omelet



Curry and rice



Coffee



Nikujaga
(simmered meat and potatoes)

呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 15 2026/10/21 9:40





Let's ride a cutter, sea kayak and canoe.

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

■ Hiroshima Prefectural Beach
☎ Confirmation required ☎0823-66-1166
(Kamagari B&G Marine Center)

Himehijiki (hijiki seaweed bud) Salt-Making Experience

You can easily make delicious salt in about 40 minutes.

■ Kajigahama Shimokamagari-cho
■ 10:00–16:00 (Reservations required)
■ ¥4,200 for up to 5 people(plus ¥600 for each additional person)
☎ ☎0823-25-3317 (Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Division)

Ancient Seaweed Salt "Moshio" Making Experience

This is an ancient salt-making method described in a line in the Man'yoshu (Japan's oldest poetry anthology) "Yunagi ni moshio yakitsutsu" ("in the evening calm, burning seaweed to make salt"). Be sure to try it for yourself.

■ Kamagari Ancient Earthenware Salt-Making Experience Facility
■ 10:00–15:00 (Consultation required/Reservations required)
■ ¥6,000 up to 5 persons (¥1,200 for each additional person)
☎ ☎080-6304-0197 (Moshio no Kai office: Matsuura)

Astronomical Observation

Through one of the largest telescopes in Japan, let's observe stars above the clear night sky of Seto Inland Sea.

■ Hiroshima Prefectural Beach
■ Confirmation required
■ Adults ¥200 Children ¥100
☎ ☎0823-66-0925 (Kureshi Kamagari Astronomical Observatory)

EXPERIENCE

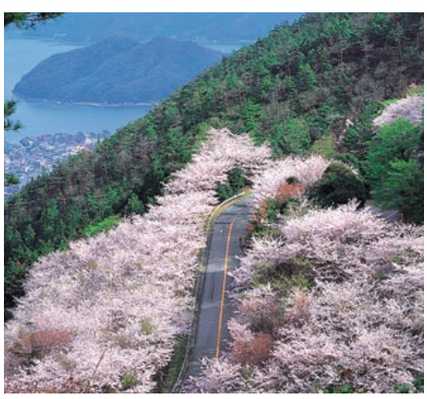
Fully experience Kure with your five senses.

Enjoy a great deal of hands-on experiences related to food and nature in Kure, as it is surrounded by the sea. Share happy moments with your family and friends.





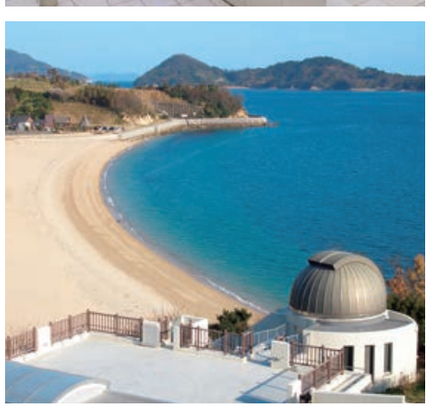














呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 16 2026/10/21 9:40

Let's stroll around and fully enjoy Kure.

From the excitement of the city center to the leisurely atmosphere of islands. Kure, with all its charms, will welcome you.
Please check the recommended sightseeing spots on each page, and with the help of the map, explore the areas you are interested in.



Get discount on your drive!

Purchase ¥1,000 or more in designated facilities in the Akinada Tobishima Sea Route area, and you will get a free one-way ticket for Akinada Bridge. Show your receipt to get the free ticket.

***This service is only for those who paid the Akinada Bridge toll in cash**
***You cannot get the ticket at Akinada Bridge toll booth**

For details! "KureTrip" search for

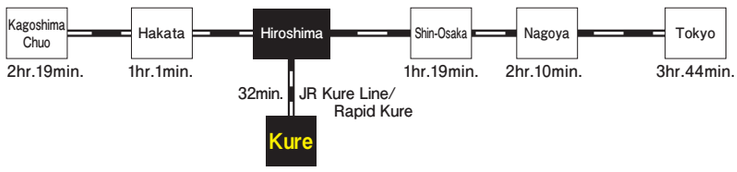
呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 17 2026/10/21 9:40



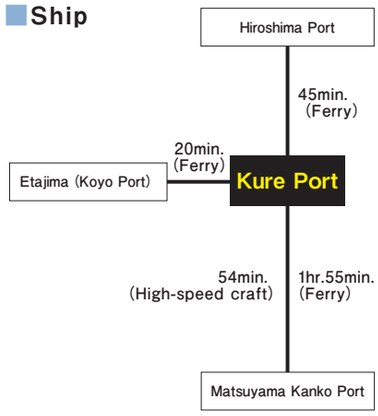
呉市観光ガイドブック英語版_202609.indd 18 2026/10/21 9:40

Access to Kure

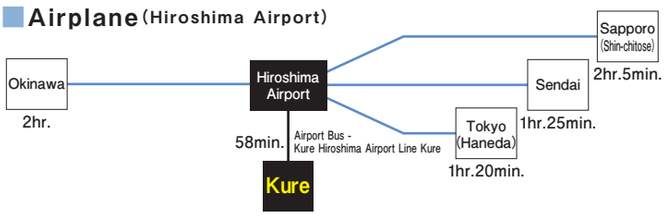
Shinkansen (required time by the fastest train)



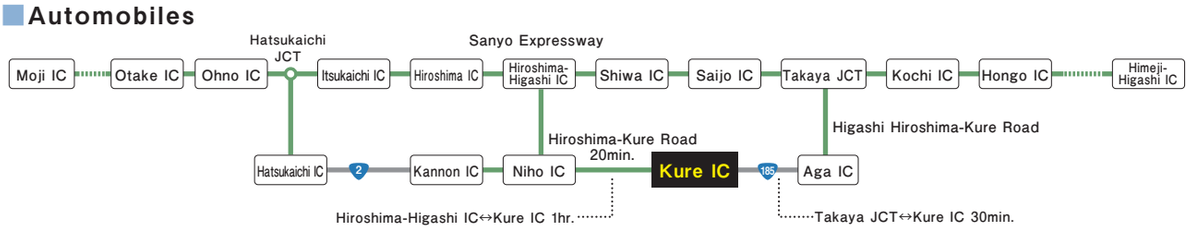
Ship



Airplane (Hiroshima Airport)



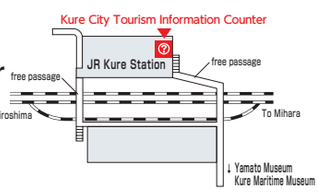
Automobiles



See below for Kure tourism information:

Kure City Tourism Information Counter

1-16 Takaramachi,
Kure City 737-0029
(JR Kure Station Building 2F)
TEL (0823) 23-7845
FAX (0823) 23-7850



Kure City Official Tourism Website "KureTrip"
https://kure-trip.jp

Tour Guides and Volunteers

Make reservations at least one week in advance.

Kure Tour Guide Volunteer Association

Guided tour of the entire Kure City (Advance reservation and fee required)
Inquiries and applications: Kure Tour Guide Volunteer Association Office
(Inside the Kure City Tourism Information Center)
TEL 0823-23-7845 FAX 0823-23-7850

Shimokamagari Tour Guide Association

For Shimokamagari area in Kure City and Tobishima Kaido area
(Advance reservation and fee required)
Inquiries and applications: Shimokamagari Tour Guide Association office.
(Inside the Kure City Tourism Information Center)
TEL 0823-23-7845 FAX 0823-23-7850

Kurahashi Tourist Volunteer Guide Association

Guided tour of facilities near Katsuragahama - one of Japan's 100 best beaches
(Advance reservation and materials fee required)
Inquiries and applications: Nagato Shipbuilding History Museum TEL 0823-53-0016

Mitarai Tour Guide Association

Mitarai Preservation Area guided tour (Advance reservation and fee required)
Inquiries and Applications: Mitarai Rest Station TEL 0823-67-2278

Handy and Convenient "Travel Taxi"

The "Travel Taxi" is recommended for touring Kure.
Taxies will take you around the unique sightseeing spots of Kure.
Inquiries and applications: Kure City Tourism Information Counter (Tel. 0823-23-7845)

Kure City Tourism and Regional Promotion App "MY KURE"

Download the "Gotochi Navi" to start your registration.

Event Information

April 29
Kure Port Festival

A big event that celebrates the 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.


Kure Port Festival

October
Korean Envoys Procession

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


Korean Envoys Procession

October or November
Kure Maritime Self-Defense Force Curry and Kure Gourmet Festival

Visitors can taste all kinds of Kure gourmet cuisine, including Kure Maritime Self-Defense Force Curry and Kure Navy Gourmet.


Kure Maritime Self- Defense Force Curry and Kure Gourmet Festival

November
Kure Food Festival

This classic autumn event offers Kure gourmet, delicious specialties from across Hiroshima Prefecture, and a wide variety of international cuisine all in one place.

February
Kure Fisheries Festival

A seasonal winter food event where you can savor seafood from the Seto Inland Sea.


Kure Fisheries Festival

2026.9