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Sakai's kaisen-don (fresh seafood rice bowl)

The Sakai Port is one of the best fishing ports in Japan. Sakai has large volume of fresh bluefin tuna and crab catch in Japan. In addition, there are also various fresh seafood caught more fresh on a daily depending on the season such as shiroika (white squid), aji (horse mackerel), snow crab, Silver Salmon and other seafood. Sakai's kaisen-don (fresh seafood rice bowl) is as good as one would expect for a port town with such fresh seafood.

Location/View	Sakaiminato City
Access	Approx. 5 min. via car from port (2km)
Season	Year-round
Related links	Sakaiminato Tourist Association https://www.sakaiminato.net/

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Izumo Soba (Buckwheat Noodles)

Izumo soba is made from unhusked buckwheat soba grains which are freshly ground into a powder. The husks are used in the process, making the color darker and the aroma stronger compared to other types of soba found in Japan. Some of the ways you can enjoy it include the "warigo" style which involves three round bowls stacked on each other where you add your toppings individually to each bowl and the "kama-age" style where noodles come served in the water that the noodles were boiled in. Both are unique ways to enjoy soba in Shimane.

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Location/View	Matsue City and Izumo City
Access	To Matsue City:Individual travel: About 50 min. via car from the port(about 24km) or group tour To Izumo City:Individual travel: About 120 min. via car from the port(about 75km) or group tour
Season	Year-round
Related links	Sightseeing Navigation in Shimane <u>https://www.kankou-shimane.com/en/?p=4302</u> VISIT MATSUE <u>https://www.visit-matsue.com/</u>
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Wagashi (Japanese Sweets)

Matsue, along with Kanazawa and Kyoto, is one of the three locations in Japan known for the quality of their wagashi. This love wagashi dates back to the late 18th century during the reign of the 7th lord of the Matsue domain, Matsudaira Harusato, who did much to popularize tea ceremony (of which wagashi are an essential part). Many of the city's traditional wagashi makers have operated since his time.

Location/View	Matsue City		
Access	Individual travel: About 50 min. via car from the port (about 24km) or group tour		
Season	Year-round		
Related links	SHIMANE <u>https://www.kankou-shimane.com/en/?p=1795</u> VISIT MATSUE <u>https://www.visit-matsue.com/</u>		
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Mizuki Shigeru Road

The Sakai Port is the hometown of the manga artist Shigeru Mizuki. There are a total of 177 bronze statues of "Yokai" monsters, the main characters in Mizuki's popular cartoon GeGeGe no Kitaro on Mizuki Shigeru Road. Visitors can purchase "Yokai" goods and souvenirs, traditional San'in confectioneries as well as daily essential items in the nearby supermarkets and drug stores.

Location/View	Taisho-machi,Sakaiminato-City,Tottori		
Access	Approx. 15 min. via car from port (6km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	10 buses
Related links	Sakaiminato Tourist Association https://www.sakaiminato.net/		

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Yuushien

A traditional Japanese garden, Yuushien is most famous for its large, beautiful peonies and spectacular scenery. The numerous restaurants within the garden offer magnificent views and cuisine made from Korean ginseng and other local, seasonal ingredients.

Location/View	1260-2 Yatsukacho Hanyu Matsue, Shimane 690-1492
Access	Individual travel: About 25 min. via car from the port (about 11km) or group tour Free shuttles may run from the port.
Season	Year-round
Related links	Yuushien official website https://www.yuushien.com/language/en.html

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The old earthen white-walled storehouses and merchant houses that were constructed in the Edo and Meiji Periods are strongly reminiscent of a bygone age. Many of the storehouses and its structure have red-tiled roofs and white plastered walls accented by black burnt cedar wood beams- one of the most striking features of Kurayoshi City. In Akagawara, there are 14 structures with perfectly preserved exteriors, whereas the inside has often been renovated and fitted out as gift stores, doll workshops, bamboo ware galleries, sake stores, local speciality shops, etc.

Location/View	Uomachi, Kurayoshi-City, Tottori (2000)		
Access	Travel by tour:80 min. via car from berth(75km)		
Season	Year-round Parking for tour buses		
Related links	Kurayoshi Tourist Information (Kurayoshi Tourism Mice Association) <u>https://www.kurayoshi-kankou.jp/</u>		
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Izumo Taisha, also known as the Grand Shrine, is dedicated to the matchmaking deity Ōkuninushi. People from all over the world visit the shrine to pay their respects. The shrine's current main hall (built in 1744) stands 24 meters tall, and it is Japan's oldest shrine as well a major symbol of Shintō architecture. It is designated as one of the country's National Treasures, and is surrounded by several auxiliary shrines which are listed as Important Cultural Properties of Japan. Shinmon Doori, the road leading to the shrine, is a lively area lined with souvenir shops and restaurants.

Location/View	195, Kizuki-higashi, Taisha-cho, Izumo-City, Shimane ,699- 0701 (MARP)		
Access	Travel by tour: About 120 min. via car from berth(About 75km) Individual travel: About 100 min. via car from port(About 75km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	13 buses
Related links	Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine; http://www.izumooyashiro.or.jp/ Izumo Guide: https://www.izumo-kankou.gr.ip/special/676		

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National Treasure Matsue Castle

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Matsue Castle is one of only 12 remaining original castles in Japan and is identical today to its time of construction. For this and other reasons, it is a designated National Treasure. The contrast between the black panels and white walls makes for a silent, yet strong structure that houses what some say is the only authentic castle keep in Japan. Visitors can climb the keep and get a great view of the entire city. The sightseeing boat that circles the moat surrounding the castle is also a popular attraction.

Location/View	1-5, Tono-machi, Matsue-City, Shimane ,690-0887 (2007)		
Access	Individual travel: About 50 min. via car from the port (about 24km) or group tour		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	28 buses
Related links	VISIT MASUE https://www.visit-matsue.com/		
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Tottori Hanakairo - Flower Park

Tottori Hanakairo is the largest flower park in Japan, measuring about 50 ha with a covered observation platform measuring 1 km in length, an exhibition hall, and flowers and plants in bloom whatever the weather or climate. The main flower of Tottori Hanakairo is the yuri, a Japanese lily, which is in bloom all year round. This is the only facility in the whole of Japan that has 15 varieties of wild lily on show.

Location/View	110 Tsuruta, Nanbu-cho, Saihaku-gun, Tottori ,683-0217		
Access	Travel by tour:45 min. via car from berth(32.6km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	27 buses
Related links	DAISEN GUIDE http://www.houki-town.jp/p/15/2/1/56/		

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Daisen Home of Milk

In Daisen Home of Milk, visitors can enjoy the beautiful natural setting and incredible scenery of the place, and the experience of milking cows and making ice cream. The fresh milk is sweet and has a rich flavor, and is featured in the dishes served by the restaurant. Milk and dairy products as well as confectioneries made with the milk make great souvenirs, and there are plenty of options available at the gift shop. Among all the products they have, their special soft serve ice cream is the bestseller.

Location/View	2-11,Kobayashi Mizunasihara,Houki-cyo,Saihaku- gun,Tottori ,689-4101		
Access	Travel by tour:50 min. via car from berth(35km)		
Season	Spring, Summer, Autumn	Parking for tour buses	11 buses
Related links	Milk no Sato https://dainyu.or.jp/daisenmakiba/		

Contact Us [Milk no Sato (Closed from early December to mid-March)] Website: https://dainyu.or.jp/daisenmakiba/

Adachi Museum of Art

This museum holds approx.2,000 contemporary works of art including pieces by Taikan Yokoyama, a colossus of the modern Japanese art world, as well as ceramics, art for children, and more. This is one of the most visited art museums in Japan, with over 600,000 visitors a year. Moreover, the garden, which benefits from the shakkei (borrowed scenery principle) of the mountains, have been ranked by an American magazine that focuses on Japanese gardens as the best in Japan continuously since 2003.

The museum gardens are the only place in the Sanin area to be given the highest rating of three-stars by Michelin Green Guide Japan.

Location/View	320, Furukawa-cho, Yasugi-city, Shimane ,692-0064		
Access	Travel by tour:60 min. via car from berth(37km) Individual travel:20 min. from JR San'in Main Line Yasugi Station (11km from port)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	30 buses
Related links	Website, Adachi Museum of Art https://www.adachi-museum.or.jp/en		
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Miho Shrine

Dedicated to Ebisu, the god of fisherman and luck, Miho Shrine is twin to the Grand Shrine of Izumo (Izumo Taisha) with both considered to be protectors of the former nation of Izumo. The surrounding fishing village was once a major port, and much of it looks the same as it did when it was a flourishing port town.

Location/View	608 Mihonoseki, Mihonoseki-cho Matsue, Shimane 690-1501	
Access	Individual travel: About 20 min. via car from the port (about 10km) or group tour	
Season	Year-round	
Related links	VISIT MATSUE https://www.visit- matsue.com/discover/outer_matsue/mihonoseki	
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The Kaike Onsen faces the Sea of Japan, and lies on the highest point of the Chugoku Region's coastline in the Daisen National Park surrounded by white sand and green pines. The waters here are said to help people suffering from neuralgia, rheumatism, chronic skin conditions, chronic gynecological conditions, to name but a few, and to make the bather's skin beautiful. Kaike Onsen is especially popular with female bathers. It lives up to its billing as the onsen with "hot water that leaves your skin feeling smooth and looking beautiful."

Location/View	Kaike Onsen, Yonago-City, Tottori
Access	Travel by tour:30 min. via car from berth(18km)
Season	Year-round
Related links	Kaike Onsen Ryokan Kumiai http://www.kaike-onsen.com/english/hot.html

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