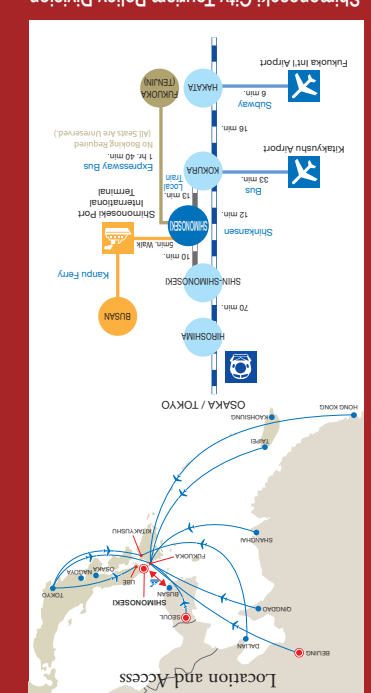


# SHIMONOSEKI SIGHTSEEING GUIDE

Welcome to Shimonoseki



Shimonoseki City Tourism Policy Division  
 TEL: 083-231-1350 FAX: 083-231-1839  
<https://shimonoseki.travel/english/index.html>



## Events & Festivals



**5 May The Shimonoseki Strait Festival**  
 This festival held every year on May 3rd and 4th is based on an actual historical event that took place in the Kannon Strait.  
 The festival re-enacts various historical events associated with Shimonoseki. These include the "Parade of court ladies of the Senrei (Former Emperor) Festival", the sea parade and the "Samurai Parade", which are all depicting important events during and after the war.



**Tour de Shimonoseki**  
 This cycling event is appealing for its scenic course which takes cyclists through the coastline and leafy roads.  
**Toyota Firefly Festival and Firefly Boats**  
 When: Late May to Early June  
 Place: Toyota-cho  
 This festival is held in early summer when the light of the fireflies is the most beautiful. You can enjoy a firefly bus tour and a variety of staged events. A spectacular dance of fireflies can be seen from Japan's first "firefly boats" while slowly traveling down the river.



**8 August The Strait fireworks**  
 A splendid fireworks display is staged by shooting around 15,000 fireworks into the night sky from both banks of the Kannon Strait on August 13th every year. The sea reflects the mesmerizing fireworks to form a unforgettable scene. (The event is still held on a rainy day but is cancelled if there is severe weather.)



**Shimonoseki Bakan Festival**  
 When: Saturday & Sunday in late August  
 Place: From Shimonoseki Station to Karato area  
 The summer's largest festival bustles with many staged events and open-air stalls. There is an air of excitement on the final day during the festival's highlight, the "Heko Dance", in which about 4,000 city residents participate.



**10 October Toyoura Cosmos Festival**  
 When: Early to Mid October  
 Place: Refresh Park Toyoura  
 This festival is held while a million cosmos flowers bloom. It offers a range of programs, including the Cosmos Maze and a horse-riding experience.



**11 November Shimonoseki Kaikyo Marathon**  
 A very popular marathon event in Japan which takes participants along the Kannon Strait.

## The food of Shimonoseki



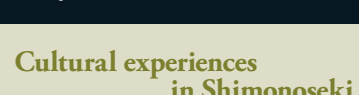
**Fugu (blowfish)**  
 Shimonoseki boasts the largest blowfish handling in Japan. Throughout the year, you can enjoy a variety of fugu dishes in the city's restaurants, including sashimi, hotpot, karage, sushi, soups, rice porridge, rice topped with fugu, and hot sake flavored with fugu fins.



**Tonchan Nabe**  
 Shimonoseki's regional dish is a hotpot of offal and vegetables cooked in a sauce made of authentic Korean spices.



**Soft-serve ice cream**  
 You can enjoy soft-serve ice cream in a variety of flavors, including pear, strawberry, wakame seaweed, tomato, and sea urchin at tourist facilities and roadside stations in the city.



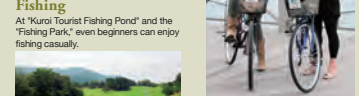
**Kawara soba**  
 This unique dish from Shimonoseki can be enjoyed mainly in the Kawatana Onsen district. Soba noodles made with matcha aromatically prepared on a searing hot roof tile are enjoyed with beef, egg ribbons and green onions dipped in steaming hot dashi.



**Fugu (blowfish) cooking experience**  
 At "Fuku Rakusha" near Japan's top fugu market "Hadamari", you can prepare fugu under the supervision of a professional chef and eat it on the spot. (Neutralized fugu is used.)



**Matcha**  
 You can have matcha at the "Chofu Mori Residences" and "Chofu Garden" in the castle town of Chofu where you can sense the ambience of Japan.



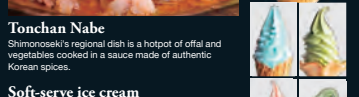
**Fishing**  
 At "Kuro Tourist Fishing Pond" and the "Fishing Park", even beginners can enjoy fishing casually.



**Bicycle rental**  
 There are bicycle rental services for tourists to enjoy.



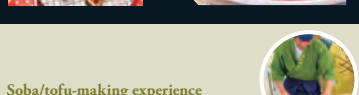
**Karato Market**  
 Located along the Kannon Strait, the fish market attracts ordinary citizens as well as those in the food service industry. It is very popular on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays when food stalls offering sushi, seafood bowls and deep fried dishes prepared with fresh seafood open for business.



**A treasure-trove of seafood**  
 Surrounded by the sea on three sides, Shimonoseki is a city of marine products blessed with an abundant fishing ground and fishing port.



**Fruit picking**  
 Places: Toyoura-cho, Toyota-cho, Hohoku-cho, etc.  
 You can pick and eat seasonal fruits such as mandarin oranges, apples, grapes, and strawberries, as well as the local specialty pears. Availability: pears & grapes (Sep.) mandarin oranges (mid Oct. to early Dec) apples (late Aug. to late Nov) strawberries (mid Apr. to early May)



**Onsen (hot springs)**  
 The city is dotted with hot spring towns which have been enjoyed since old times, hot springs with spectacular sea views, and those in the mountains.



**Fishing**  
 At "Kuro Tourist Fishing Pond" and the "Fishing Park", even beginners can enjoy fishing casually.



**Bicycle rental**  
 There are bicycle rental services for tourists to enjoy.



**Golf**  
 There are golf courses that offer ample facilities, food, and low pricing.



**Hot Spring**  
 There are hot springs with spectacular sea views, and those in the mountains.



There are golf courses that offer ample facilities, food, and low pricing.



