



# MICHIGAN CRUISE

Look for the red paddle wheel! The entertainment cruise ship that symbolizes Lake Biwa.

Promotion Video

The Michigan had her maiden voyage on April 29, 1982, and is the most famous large cruise ship on Lake Biwa. She is named after the American state of Michigan, which has a sister state relationship with Shiga Prefecture, as a wish for friendly relations between the two countries. Since her first voyage, she has been beloved by millions of passengers as the only stern-wheeler in Japan.

## Restaurant Reservations required



## Michigan Buffet Michigan 90

Buffet charges  
● Adults (13 or older) : 4,200yen  
● Children: 2,100yen  
● Infants (2 or older): 800yen

For parties with reservations for 14 or fewer, we may provide your meal on a table-order basis instead.

## Dinner Course Michigan Night

Full-course dinner charges  
8,000yen, 10,000yen

Children's Plate  
2,500yen

Guaranteed window seat (Limited number of seats)  
15,000yen (Welcome drink included) \*This service is available to adults (junior high school age and older)

## Michigan 60 limited menu

★Morning Tea Set (9:40 sailing only) 2,000yen



★Afternoon Tea Set (15:00 sailing only) 3,500yen



\*The image shows a serving size for two people.

## Light meal Drinks

These can be purchased without reservations at the Michigan Bar on Deck 3.

\*Menus are examples. \*Please note that contents and prices are subject to change based on the season.

Fried fish dog(Limited numbers) : 900yen

Michigan French Fries : 500yen

Soft drinks : 400yen...And more

Lunch Box (Michigan 90 only) 2,500Yen Reservations required

With one complimentary drink

The following passengers must make advance reservations.  
①Those wishing to dine. ②Those wishing to hire the entire ship or a private cabin.  
③Groups of 15 or more.

Dining charges do not include cruise fares, which must be paid separately.

No outside food or drink is allowed on board. \*Please note that dining menus are subject to change without notice depending on the season or available produce. \*All images are for illustrative purposes.

## Sightseeing spots around Otsu port

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**Biwako Terrace /Biwako Valley**  
● 70 mins. by car from Otsu Port



Enjoy an aerial stroll on the ropeway, and then once you reach the summit, you are faced with panoramic views of the stunning scale of Lake Biwa from north to south.

**Ishiyama-dera Temple**  
● 20 mins. by car from Otsu Port



● 1 min. walk from Yanagasaki Port

**Enryaku-ji Temple, Mt. Hiei**  
● 30 mins. by car from Otsu Port



The cable car and driveway are two ways to get to Mt. Hiei, and you can easily enjoy strolling amidst nature or exploring historical sites in addition to visiting the various temples.



Enryaku-ji Temple Mt. Hiei

Yanagasaki Port (Biwako Otsukan)

Mii-dera Temple

Otsu Port (Biwako Hotel)

Ishiyama-dera Temple

Nionohama Port (Lake Biwa Otsu Prince Hotel)

## Michigan Cruise

Michigan 60

Michigan 90

Michigan Night



The Michigan pursers and the Michigan crew will make your cruise or sightseeing tour of Lake Biwa a time to remember. Enjoy one of the free live music shows on board.

## Otsu Port

- 5 mins. by bus from JR Otsu Station. Get off at Hamaotsu bus stop (Keihan Bus, Kojak Bus, Ohmi Railway Bus)
- 3 mins. walk from Biwako-hamaotsu Station on the Keihan Line (A good way to get here from Osaka or Kyoto is to change to the Keihan Railway at JR Yamashina Station and get off at Biwako-hamaotsu.)
- 10 mins. by car from Otsu Interchange on the Meishin Expressway \*Biwako Kisen does not offer passenger parking. Please use local parking sites (charges apply).
- Biwako Kisen passengers spending 500 yen or more at the Lake Station Hamaotsu (inside Hamaotsu A-qus) can use the Hamaotsu A-qus parking lot at no charge.

Please check access to Nionohama Port and Yanagasaki Port on our official website.



The top deck offers sweeping 360-degree panoramas of Lake Biwa. Enjoy the beautiful scenery of the lake.



The Michigan is unusual in that it is a stern-wheeler, powered by a single rear paddle wheel. Passengers can get a view of the wheel from directly above in the Paddle Watching Zone.

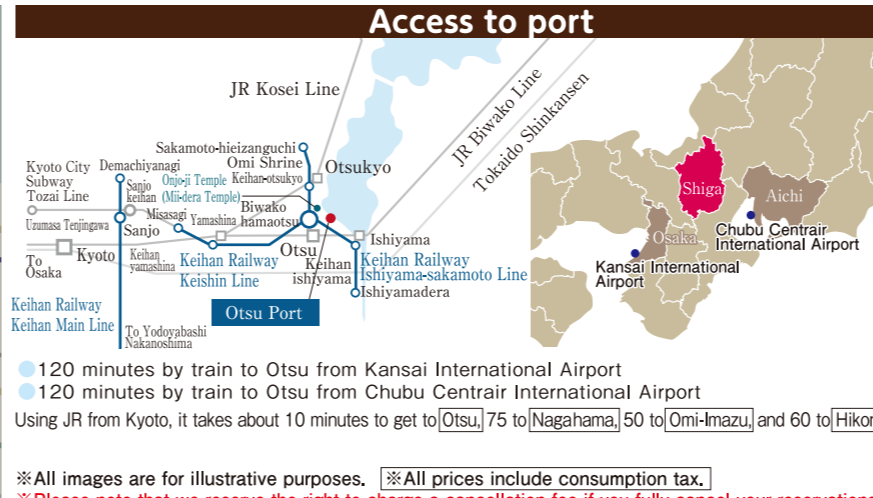
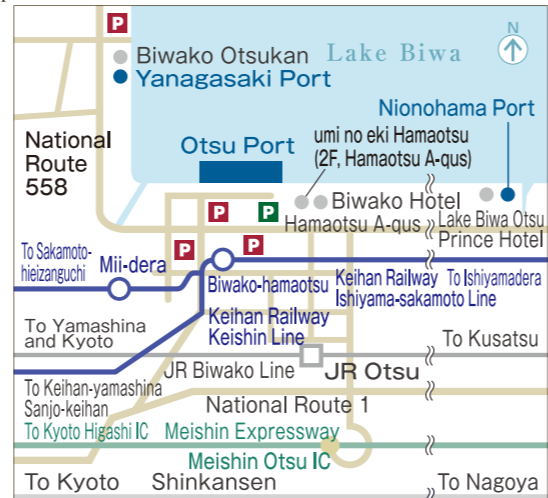


There are night cruises at certain times during the year, offering the chance to enjoy views of the illuminated Lake Biwa Fountain and the night lights around the lake.

## South Lake Cruise (Winter Cruise) Cruise Availability: Weekdays, December 7 to 25, 2026 and January 4 to March 5, 2027

	Departs Otsu Port	Departs Yanagasaki Port	Departs Nionohama Port	Arrives Otsu Port	Fares #1
South Lake Sightseeing Boat	11:00	—	—	12:00	Adults (13 or older) 2,400 yen Children 1,200 yen*2
	14:00	—	—	15:00	

\*A different boat than shown in the photograph may be used.  
\*Stops will only be made at Nionohama Port and Yanagasaki Port when there are reservations by groups of 15 or more persons.  
\*All prices include tax.



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\*Please note that we reserve the right to charge a cancellation fee if you fully cancel your reservations.

Check out the details of the Michigan Cruise here!

Lake Biwa Cruise English

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Japan's Largest Lake

2026  
2027



\*This information is based on cruises departing from Otsu Port.

Cruise Courses	Departs Otsu Port (Biwako Hotel)	Departs Yanagasaki Port (Biwako Otsukan)	Departs Nionohama Port (Lake Biwa Otsu Prince Hotel)	Arrives Otsu Port	Fares #1	Cruise Availability
Michigan 60	60 minute course 9:40	—	(10:20)	10:40	Adults (13 or older) 2,800 yen Children 1,400 yen #2	Daily from April 1 to December 6, 2026, December 26, 2026 to January 3, 2027, and March 7 to March 31, 2027*5
Michigan 90	90 minute course 11:00	—	(12:10)	12:30	Adults (13 or older) 3,400 yen Children 1,700 yen #2	Daily from April 1 to December 6, 2026, December 26, 2026 to January 3, 2027, and March 7 to March 31, 2027*5 Weekends and public holidays from December 7 to December 25, 2026, and January 4 to February 28, 2027
		13:00	(13:20)	14:30		
Michigan 60	60 minute course 15:00	—	(15:20)	16:00	Adults (13 or older) 2,800 yen Children 1,400 yen #2	
Michigan Night	90 minute course 18:30	—	—	20:00	Adults (13 or older) 3,600 yen Children 1,800 yen #2	Weekends and public holidays from April 25 to May 6 and July 18 to September 27, 2026 Note: Daily from August 8 to August 16 *Excluding the Lake Biwa Fireworks Festival

\*1. Groups of 15 or more receive a 10% group discount (rounded up to the nearest 10 yen). \*2. For children 5 years old or under, one free fare is included with each adult fare (if accompanying two children 5 years old or under, one child fare is required). However, this discount does not apply for groups of 15 or more. \*3. Night cruises on the date of the Lake Biwa Fireworks Festival have their own timetable and fares. \*4. Guests with meal reservations are able to board from 18:00 and enjoy their meal (while moored). \*5. Due to a special tourism event on March 6, cruises for that day will use a special timetable and fare. \*Michigan cruises may be operated by the Bianca or other craft. \*Cruises may be unavailable due to private reservations or use in events. Please check our website or call us in advance to check sailing status. \*Please inquire for pricing for school groups. \*Please note that cruise schedules (timetables) or ports of arrival/departure may be changed or cancelled due to large numbers of passengers, strong winds, or poor weather. \*All prices include tax.

## 区間運賃

A Otsu Port	Nionohama Port	Adults (13 or older) 2,400 yen*1 / Children 1,200 yen*2
B Nionohama Port	Otsu Port	Adults (13 or older) 1,200 yen*1 / Children 600 yen*2
C Otsu Port	Yanagasaki Port	Adults (13 or older) 900 yen*1 / Children 500 yen*2
D Yanagasaki Port	Otsu Port	Adults (13 or older) 2,600 yen*1 / Children 1,300 yen*2

\*Stops will only be made at Nionohama Port and Yanagasaki Port when there are reservations.

Inquiries / Reservations

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Web Site Reservation



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# CHIKUBUSHIMA CRUISE

## To the mystical island of Chikubushima, a "power spot" in the northern reaches of Lake Biwa.

About six kilometers off the shore of Lake Biwa is a granite island about two kilometers in circumference. The island is known for "Sinking Shadow of Chikubushima" in the famous Eight Views of Lake Biwa. A popular "power spot," the entire island is steeped in a mystical atmosphere, and people come from all over the country to visit. The Benten Daruma Dolls of Happiness at the Hōgon-ji Temple and the "kawarake-nage" clay dish-throwing at the Tsukubusuma Shrine are both popular ways to help make prayers come true.



**Main Hall, Hōgon-ji (Benzaiten Hall)**  
 This hall houses the Benzaiten image. Don't miss the paintings of the Heavenly Deities and the Flying Angels.

**Boat Corridor, Hōgon-ji (Important Cultural Property)**  
 Said to have been built using the hull from Toyotomi Hideyoshi's pleasure craft, Nipponmaru. (Approx. 1.8 m wide, 30 m long)

**Main Hall, Tsukubusuma Shrine (National Treasure)**  
 The building is believed to have originally been part of Fushimi Castle. The shutters in the front of the Main Hall interior are beautifully carved with chrysanthemums, peonies, and phoenixes.



**Karamon Gate (National Treasure) Kannon-do Hall, Hōgon-ji**  
 Part of the sixteenth-century "Paradise Bridge" in Toyotomi Hideyoshi's Osaka Castle, this is the only remaining part of the castle. The arched gate is a classic example of Momoyama-period design. The Kannon-do Hall houses a statue of the Thousand-Armed Kannon.

### Sightseeing spots around Imazu&Nagahama port

**Kurokabe Square**  
 ● 15 mins. walk from Nagahama Port

**Metasequoia Avenue**  
 ● 15 mins. by car from Imazu Port

**Hikone Castle (National Treasure)**  
 ● 10 mins. walk from Hikone Station

**Shirahige Shrine**  
 ● 20 mins. by car from Imazu Port

**Nagahama Castle Historical Museum**  
 ● 12 mins. walk from Nagahama Port

**Kurokabe Square**  
 Kurokabe Square is the name given to the area of traditional streetscapes along the old Hokkoku Highway. Many fascinating shops can be found in this area, including the old bank building that had been known by its nickname of the "Kurokabe (Black Wall) Bank" from the Meiji period, and has now been renovated as the Kurokabe Glass Shop.

**Shirahige Shrine**  
 Believed to have been relocated from Otsu Castle, it not only offers external beauty for political symbolism, but the sophisticated military functions that a castle should have. It was designated a National Treasure in 1952.

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**Imazu Port**  
 5 minutes walk from JR Omi-Imazu Station

**Nagahama Port**  
 10 minutes walk from JR Nagahama Station  
 15 minutes by car from Nagahama Interchange on the Hokuriku Expressway

**Access to port**

● 120 minutes by train to Otsu from Kansai International Airport  
 ● 120 minutes by train to Otsu from Chubu Centrair International Airport  
 Using JR from Kyoto, it takes about 10 minutes to get to [Otsu], 75 to [Nagahama], 50 to [Omi-Imazu], and 60 to [Hikone]

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 ※Please note that we reserve the right to charge a cancellation fee if you fully cancel your reservations.

※Visiting the temple and shrine on Chikubushima costs 600 yen for adults or 300 yen for children (13 and older are charged adult prices). Pay on site.

Check out the details of the Chikubushima Cruise here!

# CHIKUBUSHIMA CRUISE

## A Power Spot and an Island of Mystery



**Imazu Route**  
 (Imazu Port ↔ Chikubushima return)

Fares **Return** ※1  
 Adults (13 or older) 3,400 yen, Children 1,700 yen ※2  
 ■Inquiries / Imazu Port (9:00~16:30)  
 TEL.0740-22-1747

**Normal Timetable**  
 Daily from April 1 to December 6, 2026, December 26, 2026 to January 3, 2027, and March 7 to March 31, 2027 ※3  
 ※⑤ Daily from April 25 and December 6, and December 26, 2026 to January 3, 2027

Cruise	Dep. Imazu Port	Arr. Chikubushima	Sightseeing stop	Dep. Chikubushima	Arr. Imazu Port
①	9:30	9:55	80mins	11:15	11:45
②	10:45	11:10	80mins	12:30	13:00
③	12:00	12:25	75mins	13:40	14:10
④	13:10	13:35	75mins	14:50	15:20
⑤※	14:20	14:45	70mins	15:55	16:25

**Winter Timetable**  
 Weekends and public holidays from December 7 to December 25, 2026, and January 4 to February 28, 2027

Cruise	Dep. Imazu Port	Arr. Chikubushima	Sightseeing stop	Dep. Chikubushima	Arr. Imazu Port
①	10:45	11:10	80mins	12:30	13:00
②	13:10	13:35	75mins	14:50	15:20

Timetables may change if outside (net) fishing is being carried out.

**Common to all three routes**  
 ※No afternoon cruises from either Imazu or Nagahama on the day of the Lake Biwa Great Fireworks Festival.  
 ※Please note that cruise schedules (timetables) or ports of arrival or departure may be changed or cancelled due to large numbers of passengers, strong winds, or poor weather.  
 ※Visiting the temple and shrine on Chikubushima costs 600 yen for adults or 300 yen for children (13 and older are charged adult prices). Pay on site.  
 ※1 Groups of 15 or more receive a 10% group discount (rounded up to the nearest 10 yen)  
 ※2 For children 5 years old or under, one free fare is included with each adult fare (if accompanying two children 5 years old or under, one child fare is required). However, this discount does not apply for groups of 15 or more.  
 ※3 Due to a special tourism event on March 6, cruises for that day will use a special timetable or have their content changed. (The Nagahama Route will operate with the normal timetable.)  
 ※All prices include tax

**Nagahama Route**  
 (Nagahama Port ↔ Chikubushima return)

Fares **Return** ※1  
 Adults (13 or older) 3,800 yen, Children 1,900 yen ※2  
 ■Inquiries / Nagahama Port (8:30~16:30)  
 TEL.0749-62-3390

**Normal Timetable**  
 Daily from April 1 to April 24, 2026, and weekdays from April 27 to August 7, 2026, and August 17 to December 4, and Daily from December 26 to January 3, 2027, and March 7 to March 31, 2027 ※3  
 ※⑤ Excluding November 24 to December 6, 2026 and December 26 to January 3, 2027

Cruise	Dep. Nagahama Port	Arr. Chikubushima	Sightseeing stop	Dep. Chikubushima	Arr. Nagahama Port
①	8:50	9:25	90mins	10:55	11:30
②	10:15	10:50	90mins	12:20	12:55
③	11:40	12:15	90mins	13:45	14:20
④	13:05	13:40	90mins	15:10	15:45
⑤※	14:30	15:05	85mins	16:30	17:05

**High Season Timetable**  
 Weekends and public holidays from April 25 to December 6, 2026  
 Note: Daily from August 8 to August 16, 2026  
 ※⑧ Excluding November 28 to 29 and December 5 to 6, 2026

Cruise	Dep. Nagahama Port	Arr. Chikubushima	Sightseeing stop	Dep. Chikubushima	Arr. Nagahama Port
①	8:50	9:25	90mins	10:55	11:30
②	9:30	10:05	90mins	11:35	12:10
③	10:15	10:50	90mins	12:20	12:55
④	10:55	11:30	90mins	13:00	13:35
⑤	11:40	12:15	90mins	13:45	14:20
⑥	12:20	12:55	90mins	14:25	15:00
⑦	13:05	13:40	90mins	15:10	15:45
⑧※	14:30	15:05	85mins	16:30	17:05

**Winter Timetable**  
 Daily from December 7 to December 25, 2026, and January 4 to March 5, 2027

Cruise	Dep. Nagahama Port	Arr. Chikubushima	Sightseeing stop	Dep. Chikubushima	Arr. Nagahama Port
①	10:15	10:50	90mins	12:20	12:55
②	13:05	13:40	90mins	15:10	15:45

**Biwako Traverse Route**  
 (from either Imazu Port or Nagahama Port)

Fares ※1  
 Adults (13 or older) 3,600 yen, Children 1,800 yen ※2  
 ■Inquiries / Please contact either Imazu or Nagahama port.

**1. Imazu Port → Chikubushima sightseeing → Nagahama Port**  
 Daily from April 1 to December 6, 2026 December 26, 2026 to January 3, 2027 and March 7 to March 31, 2027 ※3  
 ※⑤ Daily from April 25 to November 23, 2026

Cruise	Dep. Imazu Port	Arr. Chikubushima	Sightseeing stop	Dep. Chikubushima	Arr. Nagahama Port
①	9:30	9:55	60mins	10:55	11:30
②	10:45	11:10	70mins	12:20	12:55
③	12:00	12:25	80mins	13:45	14:20
④	13:10	13:35	95mins	15:10	15:45
⑤※	14:20	14:45	105mins	16:30	17:05

**2. Nagahama Port → Chikubushima sightseeing → Imazu Port**  
 Daily from April 1 to December 6, 2026 December 26, 2026 to January 3, 2027 and March 7 to March 31, 2027 ※3  
 ※⑤ Daily from April 25 to November 23, 2026

Cruise	Dep. Nagahama Port	Arr. Chikubushima	Sightseeing stop	Dep. Chikubushima	Arr. Imazu Port
①	8:50	9:25	110mins	11:15	11:45
②	10:15	10:50	100mins	12:30	13:00
③	11:40	12:15	85mins	13:40	14:10
④	13:05	13:40	70mins	14:50	15:20
⑤※	14:30	15:05	50mins	15:55	16:25

※Please complete boarding procedures by 20 minutes before departure from port.  
 ※Tickets are available on the day on site on a first-come, first-served basis. (If your desired cruise is full, we may ask you to take a later one.)

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