



You haven't experienced Japan until you've sailed the biggest whirlpools in the world.

During your stay in Japan, don't miss the opportunity to visit Awaji Island, just two hours from Osaka or one hour from Kobe by car. Uzushio Cruise offers spectacular cruises on large sailing ships with capacity for 500 passengers, departing the port of Fukura on the southernmost tip of the island. The cruises explore the Naruto Strait, home to the most extensive system of whirlpools in the known world. The combination of unique ocean topography and tidal movements produces whirlpools of up to 20 meters across at high tide. Only in Japan can you see this spectacular phenomenon of nature. So come and join us for the trip of a lifetime.



**The world's three largest whirlpool systems**

<b>1 Japan</b> Naruto Strait ★★★★ Up to 20m across	<b>2 Norway</b> Saltstraumen Strait
	<b>3 France</b> Rance river mouth



**The three strongest tidal flows**

<b>Japan</b> Naruto Strait Awaji Island, Naruto	<b>Italy</b> Strait of Messina Sicily	<b>Canada</b> Seymour Narrows British Columbia
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During the spring tide, tidal currents in the Naruto Strait reach speeds of up to 10.7 knots (about 20km/h), among the fastest in the world.

**World heritage listing for Naruto Strait Uzushio!**  
A joint public-private sector initiative involving both Hyogo and Tokushima prefectures is working to get Uzushio added to the World Natural Heritage List.

Experience the famous whirlpools of the Seto Inland Sea on these two glorious sailing ships.



**Kanrinmaru**  
Built in the Netherlands in 1856, the Kanrinmaru was the first steamship to make the Pacific crossing to America under Japanese command. Today, the Kanrinmaru continues to celebrate the bravery of captain Kaishu Katsu on that epic voyage.

- Passengers : 500
- Tonnage : 384
- Length : 49.4m
- Width : 10.0m
- Cruising speed : 10.8 knots
- Main engine : 1,100 hp x 1
- Three-deck, three-masted sailing vessel

**Nipponmaru**  
This is an authentic replica of the original Nipponmaru sailing ship, which was built in 1930 in Kobe. Used mainly for training, the modern Nipponmaru is celebrated as a classic example of a Japanese sailing ship.

- Passengers : 700
- Tonnage : 383
- Length : 53.98m
- Width : 10.00m
- Cruising speed : 13.0 knots
- Main engine : 1,600 hp x 1
- Three-deck, four-masted sailing vessel



By train/bus :

From Osaka station

20 minutes on either JR or Hankyu railway lines

From Shin-Kobe station

Five minutes on the Kobe city subway

From Osaka International Airport

40 minutes by shuttle bus

From Kansai International Airport

60 minutes by shuttle bus

From Kobe Airport

20 minutes by Port Liner (train)

From Tokushima Airport

40 minutes by taxi

Sannomiya

85 minutes by Awaji Rapid Transport Bus

Fukura Bus Terminal

One minute on foot

Uzushio Cruise

By car :

From Osaka

Hanshin Expressway

Tarumi exit

60km(approx. 60 minutes)

From Shikoku

Kobe Awaji Naruto highway

Naruto exit

15km(approx. 15 minutes)

Awajishima Minami exit

Highway 25 for approx. 15 minutes

Price list

Adults 13 and over	¥2,500
Children 6 – 12	¥1,000

■Prices include consumption tax. ■Children under six travel free with an accompanying adult. ■Discounts available for groups of 15 or more. ■Inquire about extra departures on the Nipponmaru. ■Minimum of ten passengers per cruise. Uzushio Cruise reserves the right to cancel cruises during low-demand periods (marked with triangle symbol or blank) in the event of insufficient numbers. ■Boarding procedures must be completed 30 minutes prior to departure. ■Cruises may be cancelled in the event of strong wind or rain. ■Alternative may be used if scheduled vessel is unavailable due to maintenance.

Timetable

Kanrinmaru Scheduled departures	Nipponmaru Extra services
9:30	8:50
10:50	10:10
12:10	11:30
13:30	12:50
14:50	14:10
16:10	15:30

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