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→ ONOMICHI SETOUCHI SHIMATABI CRUISE



Recommendations when Touring Setouchi-Hiroshima!



# SEA SPICA

SETOUCHI SHIMATABI LINE





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### ★ A JOURNEY RICH IN THE CHARMS OF SETOUCHI YOU NEVER IMAGINED ★

#### Regular route

#### **SETOUCHI SHIMATABI CRUISE**

Standard operation on Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through December 7, 2025.

## Hirosima Port Dep. 8:45 Prince Hotel Dep. 8:53

Kure Naval Vessel Cruise Ondo-no-seto Strait

Akinada Bridge Chigirishima Island Cruise

Setoda Port Arr. 12:10

Onomichi Port Arr. 12:45

Onomichi Port Dep. 13:45

Mihara Port Arr. 14:15 Dep.14:20

Shimanami Cruise

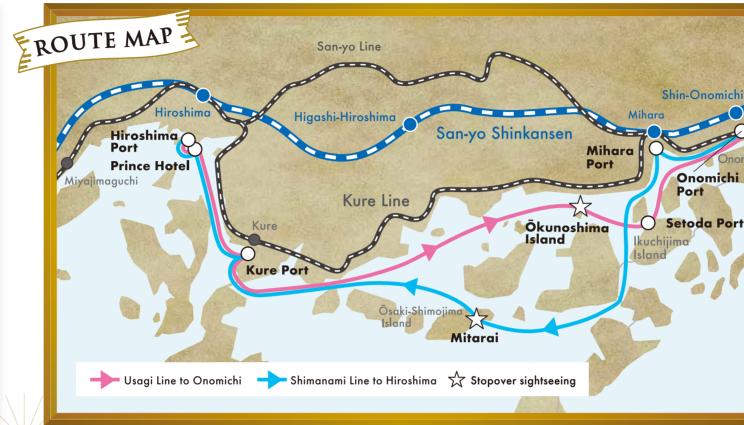
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Akinada Bridge Ondo-no-seto Strait Kure Naval Vessel Cruise

Kure Port Arr. 17:35

Prince Hotel Arr. 18:02 Hirosima Port Arr. 18:10

\*Visit the website for further details





The Kure Bay area (focused on Kure Port) was once known as the largest naval port in the Orient. It was particularly famed for building the Yamato, the world's largest warship at the time. As the current home for a base of Japan's Maritime Self-Defense Force, cruises by here provide close-up views of numerous submarines, destroyers and other Self-Defense Force vessels. Depending on the time of day, meanwhile, passengers may also witness the raising and lowering of the naval flags on these ships.



The passage is said to have been opened by Taira-no-Kiyomori (famed military leader over 1,000 years ago). Two deep-red arch bridges span this passage (Ondo Bridge and No. 2 Ondo Bridge), combining to form a source of true scenic beauty. Due to the swift currents and narrow width, these straights are renowned as a difficult stretch to navigate. Located nearby is Ondo-no-Seto Park, where spring brings the blooming of some 2,300 cherry and 8,300 azalea trees. This furnishes yet another exquisite view from the SEA SPICA deck.



Scene from Mitarai, located on Ōsaki-Shimojima Island – the fourth island along Tobishima Sea Route in the Sea of Aki. This port town retains clear vestiges of the Edo Period, when vessels waited here for favorable winds and tides. There are stores of various sizes, teahouses, shrines, a seawall and other structures dating from that era. From the Hill Overlooking History Park, a site rich in historical ambience, photos can capture an impressive range of the scenic islands of Setouchi Inland Sea below. There is also a traditional inn and boathouse later renovated as a cafe, offering leisurely passage of "island time" at its finest.



Ökunoshima Island enjoys special fame as the "Rabbit Island" of Setouchi. True to that nickname, over 900 rabbits are estimated to inhabit the isle, and can be encountered in most all areas. In the past a poison gas plant was operated here, with the government deleting the island from all published maps. Traces of those days remain, fostering a unique and thought-provoking atmosphere.

\* Stopover sightseeing (Usagi Line)



Setouchi, comprised of a tranquil inland sea with over 700 distinctive islands, is an area packed with truly lovely landscapes. From the "Spica Terrasse," the barrier-free SEA SPICA outside deck, passengers enjoy closeup views of the gorgeous island scenery, while being bathed in exhilarating ocean breezes.

## SEA SPICA SHOP

Sales of original goods, drinks, snacks and more.

#### **\* ORIGINAL GOODS**

- Handkerchiefs
- Keyholders
- · Cruise stamps, etc









#### DRINKS

- Canned beer
- Canned chuhai
- · Local juices, etc





#### **\*** SWEETS, SNACKS

Examples







Ikuchi-jima, an island famous for the port town of Setoda, offers rich appeal for its exquisite coastline and lush natural environment along the Seto Inland Sea. Numerous historical buildings and cultural asset make this an especially enchanting destination for visitors. Among the major tourist attractions are museums, art adleries and other cultural facilities, further complemented by lovely locations such as Sunset Beach ideal for basking in the natural splendor. Rental bicycles, tours of the famous lemon orchards and numerous other experiences



atmosphere and other attractions. Mt. Senkoji, location of Senkoji Temple, is a truly popular tourist spot with a sweeping view of the islands dotting the Seto Island Sea, Onomichi City below and other breathtaking sights. Located inside Senkoji Park are the Onomichi City Museum of Art and the Bungaku no Komichi (Path of Literature) course of famous haiku and other poetry. Enjoy an invigorating hike while savoring the joys of artistic expertise, then treasure the beautiful sunsets along Onomichi Channel. The slopes of Onomichi are dotted with charming old townscapes  $traditional\ buildings\ and\ other\ stimulating\ sights\ to\ be\ enjoyed\ by\ strolling\ around\ the\ town.$ 





#### REDEFINING WATER BOUND LEISURE WITH A BOLD NEW CONCEPT HIGH-SPEED CRUISER

Spica is the brightest star in the constellation Virgo. With its pale blue shine, it is one of the brightest stars that form the Spring Triangle asterism. Named after the star that shines brightly over Setouchi's blue ocean, the cruiser takes passengers on a freeing journey. This is the new high-speed sightseeing cruiser.

Data Length over all : 25.7 m / Breadth : 6.8 m / Gross tonnage : 90t / Maximum speed : 24kt (44km/h) / Main engine output: 610kw×2 / Passenger capacity: 90 persons

- Setouchi Shimatabi Line Cruise name
- Serviced areax Tobishima Kaido Expressway  $\sim$  Shimanami Kaido Expressway areas (Geiyo Islands area), connecting Hiroshima Port (Ujina) and Onomichi Port.



Each seat is equipped with a table and drink holder. To help passengers more fully cherish the views, window-side seats are angled toward the outside, with backrests slightly lowered. The service desk at the backs sells beverages, souvenirs and other items, while a concierge provides detailed knowledge of the rich history and charms of the local islands. Here, the visual joys of Setouchi are enhanced with verbal information and explanations.



A four-screen multiple display operates at the front. The system helps explain onboard services, supply positional data and other information, while ensuring passengers the same landscape panoramic view as from the pilothouse





#### **ONBOARD EQUIPMENT**

- Complimentary Wi-Fi AC power supplies
- Barrier-free men's and ladies' restroom Exclusive ladies' restroom also provided
- Easy wheelchair access



Barrier-free seating



Barrier-free restroom



Handy luggage storage



#### CHERISH GENTLE SETOUCHI OCEAN BREEZES ON THE "SPICA TERRASSE" DECK

The "SPICA TERRASSE" outside deck furnishes free seating space. with unique style sofas styled in the image of the Setouchi island chain. Global leaders attending the G7 Hiroshima Summit in May 2023 took advantage of their stay for an outing on the SEA SPICA cruiser.











