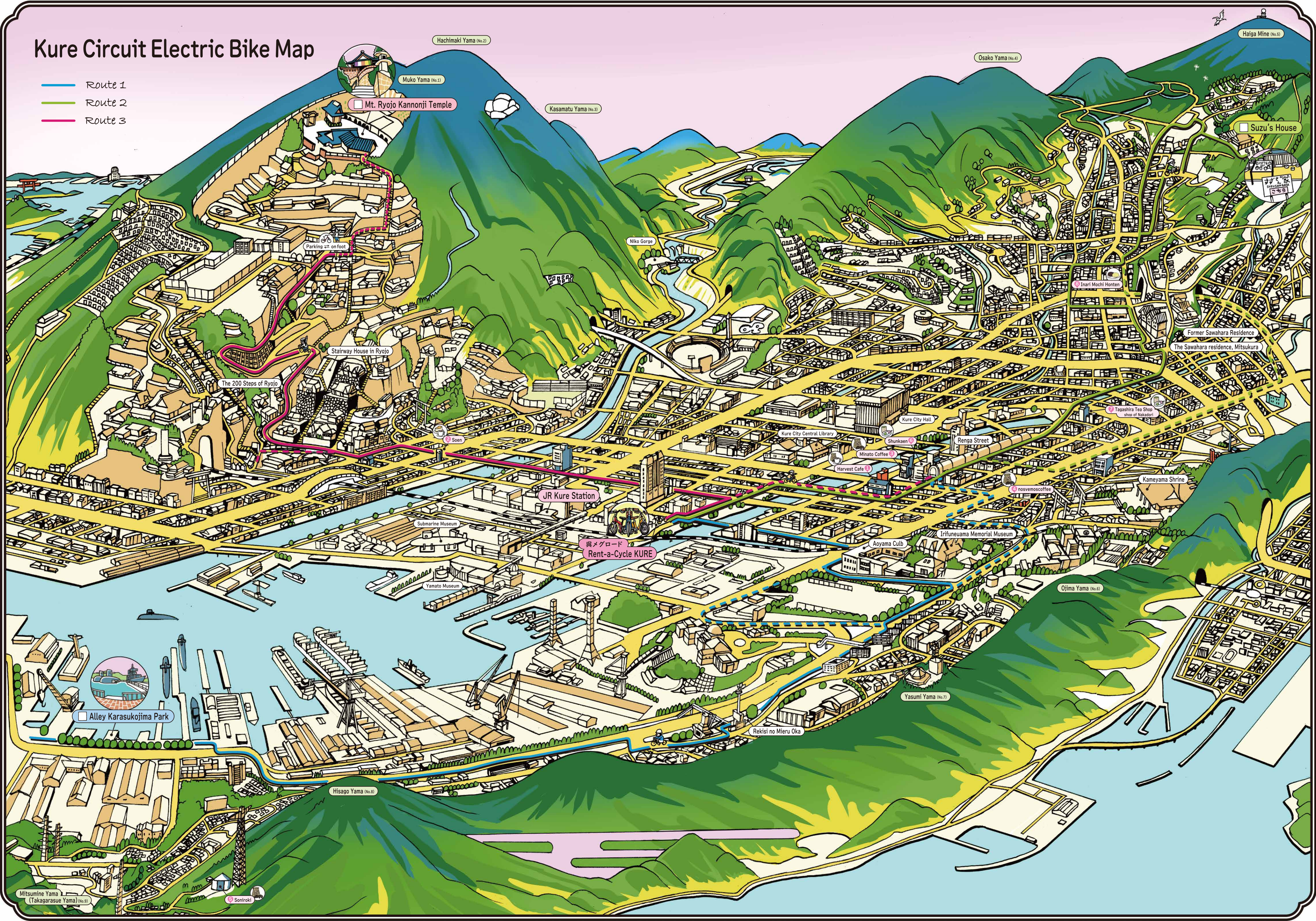


Kure Circuit Electric Bike Map

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No need to worry about hills anymore!
 You can ride Kure's slopes
 Effortlessly on an electric bike!

Kure City in Hiroshima Prefecture is known for its hilly terrain, making electric bikes (e-bikes) an indispensable means of transportation!

Whether navigating through places with differing altitudes or narrow paths, e-bikes make the journey comfortable and effortless!

To allow you to experience Kure's many slopes and understand how present-day Kure was shaped, we have prepared a bird's-eye view map and three cycling courses.

The charm of cycling lies in the ability to change your route as you please, opening up possibilities for new discoveries. To facilitate this, we have also introduced rest spots along the way.

Following the route is a good option, but it's also enjoyable to take detours and discover unique and special places by yourself.

This map offers suggestions tailored to your preferences and interests, encouraging you to explore and enjoy Kure in your own way.

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Route 1

Kure Bay cycling: see the vestiges of history and culture that remain in the city and discover how Kure City developed.

You can go see a real submarine up close

This route along the coastline offers views of shipyards and cranes that are synonymous with Kure. You may smell and hear the scraping of metal from factories, and depending on the time of day, hear the sound of trumpets and steam whistles from ships anchored in the bay. Take in the sight of the Seto Inland Sea and historic spots on your right, and catch a glimpse of the daily lives of the locals on your left. Follow the route while feeling the sea breeze.

Aoyama Club
 (The Former Naval Assembly Hall)

One of the modern architectural wonders of its time, this facility was a cutting-edge modern building where the disembarked sailors spent their time. It is a popular spot featured in 'In This Corner of the World'. Panels of the characters are currently displayed on the walls and This is the place where Suzu and Shusaku met up. A little further on is the naval hospital (now the National Hospital Organization Kure Medical Center), and the hospital's staircase that Suzu and Harumi went up is still there.

Kure City Museum Street to Irifuneyama Memorial Musium
 (The Former Official Residence of the Commander-in-Chief of the Kure Naval Station)

The Kure City's Museum Street, which has been selected as one of the 100 Best Roads in Japan, is lined with red brick pavement. The length of the street matches the total length of the battleship Yamato (approximately 263m), and it features 18 scattered sculptures. If you look down, you can also enjoy the sight of manhole covers designed to depict the life of the battleship Yamato, adding delight to the passerby's experience.

Headquarters Kure District Building No.1
 (The Kure Naval District Headquarters Building)

As the name suggests, from here visitors can look out over Kure Bay and immerse themselves in the history of Kure. From the pedestrian bridge that spans the hill, visitors can still see the original large roof of the dock where the battleship Yamato was constructed. At the dock next to it, you can get an up-close look at newly built ships and vessels under repair, creating a breathtaking view.

Rekishi no Mieru Oka
 (Hill Overlooking History)

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Sites that can be seen from the road

As you pedal away, you will see a row of prewar buildings that have survived the air raids. After you pass these buildings and round a curve, you will suddenly see vessels anchored in front of you. You have reached the entrance to the Kure Maritime Self-Defense Force area.

Alley Karasukojima Park

Turnaround Point: This is the only park in Japan where you can see submarines (vessels) right in front of you. Have an up-close look at the magnificent stone revetment from the days of the Kure Naval Arsenal and a crane that was used to load torpedoes. The brick warehouses nearby are from the Meiji era (1868-1912) and are still used by private companies as red brick warehouses. If you have time, ride your bike further down the factory area, which is lined with buildings from the JIN period.

Route 2

Get a glimpse of the landscape from In This Corner of the World:

Take a ride on Suzu-san Road

An e-bike makes it easy to ride up steep slopes, which are hard to climb even on foot. Any fan of In This Corner of the World should bike this route at least once to experience the world in this story.

Koharu Bridge

This bridge appeared in Suzu and Shusaku's date scene. The present one is a newly replaced bridge. The Sakai Bridge on the ocean side is from the time period when the story takes place. It is an invaluable bridge that retains the look from a bygone era.

-How about a detour?: On the way from the Aoyama Club to Koharu Bridge, you will pass by the former site of the black market. The market appears in the scene where the characters ate porridge with leftover rice.

Retro shopping streets

Hon-dori Avenue and Naka-dori Avenue were where the following facilities that appear in the film were located: the Fukuya department store, the Kirakukan movie theater, and the Chikyukan movie theater. They were burnt down in the Kure air raid, and no traces of them remain. Nevertheless, the streets make up the central commercial district of Kure, both now and in the past.

The Sawahara residence, Mitsukura

This is a popular location that frequently appears in the work. The three buildings of Mitsukura, which appears haphazardly in a residential neighborhood, were built simultaneously in the Edo period (1603-1867) by the Sawahara family, a major merchant family. It is one of the places where you can feel as though you are Suzu in the story.

Senpuku chimneys

There are a number of places in this neighbourhood that hold fond memories for Suzu. The brothel district where Suzu meets Rin, the post office that serves as a landmark in the scene where Suzu gets lost, and the black market where she buys sugar. No trace of those days remains, but they are one of the most important places for Suzu.

Suzu's house

This place served as the model for the Hojo family home where Suzu lived in Kure. It is now a park. The layout of the house is reproduced with interlocking blocks and concrete in different colors. There is an information panel illustrated by Fumiyo Kouno, the manga artist who created the original manga.

☞ Nine Peaks is listed on the three-dimensional map (bird's eye view) on the opposite.

Overlooking Kure Port

Halfway up Mt. Haigamine, you can see views of the urban area and Kure Port, the landscape seen by Suzu. A series of numerous similar paths intersects like a labyrinth. You may not be able to follow from the same path. The descent is steep. The downhill slope on the way back is steep, please be careful when riding an e-bike.

☞ If you would like to explore this route further, pick up "KURE where Suzu lived", the Kure City tour guidebook.

Route 3

How about trying meditation and sutra copying experience? Enjoy a route that takes you through Kure town, with each step offering panoramic views.

Immerse yourself in the breathtaking scenery of Kure

Pass through the flat urban area and proceed up the hill. You will see houses built on sloping ground from the Taisho era (1912-1926) to the early Showa era (mid-1920s to early 1940s), which were spared from the destruction during the Second World War. As the prewar population of Kure surged, people moved from flat ground to the slopes in search of land. The view of houses built on tiered land is unique to Kure. At the top of the slope is the Kannonji Temple known for having a spot where wishes are said to come true. The temple offers various activities such as sutra copying and waterfall meditation.

The 200 Steps of Ryojo

Known as a famous filming location, it still attracts many fans. A very narrow stone staircase on a steep hill. If you climb the 200 steps, you can enjoy a beautiful panoramic view of Kure. Going up the stairs with an electric bicycle is not possible and you can look up at the steep stairs from the entrance.

Stairway Houses in Ryojo

The "100 Steps" are a stone staircase on a steep slope, flanked on both sides by stylish houses combining Japanese and Western designs. The houses were built above stacked stone foundations during the era of the Imperial Japanese Navy. The 100 Steps in Ryojo actually has more than 100 steps. Try climbing up the steps one by one to count how many there really are!

Ryojo Nanamagari

Nanamagari is a winding and sloping road about 150 meters long. The road is said to have been used by ox carts and horses until around the end of the Taisho era (mid-1920s). Nanamagari offers views of the beautifully shaped 100 Steps and is a photo spot unique to Kure.

Mt. Ryojo and Kannonji Temple Parking Lot (free)

The temple parking lot is located behind the Ryojo Junior High School tennis court. Park your e-bike here and go to Kannonji Temple on foot. Climbing the steep stairs to the temple is hard work, but at the hilltop awaits a spectacular view overlooking the city of Kure.

Spectacular view spot of Mt.Ryojo

You can overlook the 'Nine Peaks' (Kyurei) from which the name 'Kure' is derived. Take a moment to pause here and enjoy the current landscape of Kure, reflecting on its history and changes.

Mt. Ryojo and Kannonji Temple

Visitors can partake in activities such as waterfall meditation at Kannonji Temple. We can trace its origin to a temple dedicated to Buddhist priest Kukai, known posthumously as Kobo Daishi. Other activities offered are homa stick burning, Waterfall meditation, and sutra copying. You can choose a course of your choice, ranging from "Introduction to Purification" which lasts under an hour, to a full-day sacred experience.

Same-day reservations are accepted for sutra copying. Other activities require advanced reservations. Reservation: kannnji@gmail.jp

Navigation

If you want to navigate without getting lost, Try using Google Maps

- Scan the QR code on the right.
- All spots will be displayed on Google Maps online.
- Even spots like public baths that couldn't be marked on the map are included. After cycling, it's recommended that you relax and unwind at a public bath. You might even make some local connections.

For those who want to learn more about Kure, You can ride with a local cycling guide and explore further

Explore Kure by hearing stories about places not listed on the guide map and insights known only to locals. Even if you're not confident about the route.

Scan here to reserve your e-bike!

Go!

Share your favorite shots of Kure while riding your e-bike!

Post them on social media with the hashtags

Let's share our experiences!

#KureMeGroove
 #KureEbike
 #SuzusanRoad

Rest Spot

Places to take a short break in the middle of your journey!

Break Spots

Their signs may be modest and small, but Kure has many hidden gems when it comes to cafes. The charm lies in their discreetness, making them a bit challenging to find and access until you visit. By deviating from the usual route and taking a small detour, you might just come across your favorite shop.

<p>1 Harvest Cafe</p> <p>Add. 2-3-24 Nakadori, Kure City, Hiroshima Hours 10:00~18:00 Closed Tuesdays Phone Not available</p>	<p>2 Soen</p> <p>Enjoy MANZO (cake shop) Cheese cake inside the store.</p> <p>Add. 3-2-10 Kusunoki Building 3F, Sanjo, Kure City, Hiroshima Hours/Close Check with QR code Phone Not available</p>
<p>3 Minato Coffee</p> <p>Add. 31-130 Nakadori, Kure City, Hiroshima Hours 9:00~19:00 Closed Sundays Phone 0823-21-4222</p>	<p>4 nosvemoscoffee</p> <p>Add. 2-6-16 Hondori, Kure City, Hiroshima Hours 10:00~19:00 Closed Wednesdays Phone Not available</p>
<p>5 Soniroki</p> <p>The purchase of coffee beans may be required advance reservation.</p> <p>Add. 13-23-3 Miyahara, Kure City, Hiroshima Hours 9:30~18:30 OPEN Fri., Sat., and Sun. Phone 090-8623-3476</p>	<p>6 Shunkaen</p> <p>☞ you can bring in sweets from well-known stores, such as Kure's classic fried cake and bikkuri manju.</p> <p>Add. 31-18 Nakadori, Kure-shi, Hiroshima Hours 9:30~18:30 Closed New Year holidays Phone 0823-21-5578 *Sweets may be brought in only from the designated stores.</p>
<p>7 Tagashira Tea Shop (Kure Nakadori)</p> <p>Add. 4-6-6 Nakadori, Kure City, Hiroshima Hours 10:00~17:30 Closed during New Year's Phone 0823-25-4424</p>	<p>8 Inari Mochi Honten</p> <p>Add. 3-3-4 Higashichuo, Kure, Hiroshima Hours 8:30~18:00 Closed Sundays and holidays Phone 0823-21-7081</p>

Outdoor coffee brewing and drinking

Purchase coffee beans at the above-mentioned shop (Coffee Beans or Cafe Home-roasted coffee bean specialty shop), and why not enjoy a coffee break in your favorite spot along the cycling route while enjoying the fresh air?

Notes *Store operating hours may change unexpectedly. Please check the latest information via each store's QR code (Instagram or website) or by phone before visiting.

How to Reservation

Key Points for Riding an e-bike

left brake lever
 The left brake lever controls the rear wheel.

right brake lever
 The right brake lever controls the front wheels.

gear change lever
 Switch gears wisely and utilize them efficiently.

Instrument display
 The screen displays assistance level and battery power.

Saddle
 adjust saddle height and position

When applying the breaks, grip the right and left grips evenly!

How to Rent an e-bike

Booking

Advance Advance reservations are available online. Scan the QR code to book your E-bike!

same-day Same-day rentals are available directly at "Rent-a-Cycle Kure". Note that your preferred model may not be available.

Rental Type

Half-day (4 hours) rental fee includes helmet

VOTANI Q3	is easy to ride with a U-shaped frame.
Daytona De01	is a double-folding design and can be easily carry around.
BESV PSA1	is a powerful motor and stylish design

☞ Extension available (per hour).
 ☞ Extended rental for consecutive days possible (limited to certain models).

Rental Shop

Rent-a-cycle KURE

Address 1-9-17 Chuo, Kure City, Hiroshima, Japan
 Hours 9:00 - 17:00
 Closed Tuesdays and New Year's holidays