



# Naoshima Guide



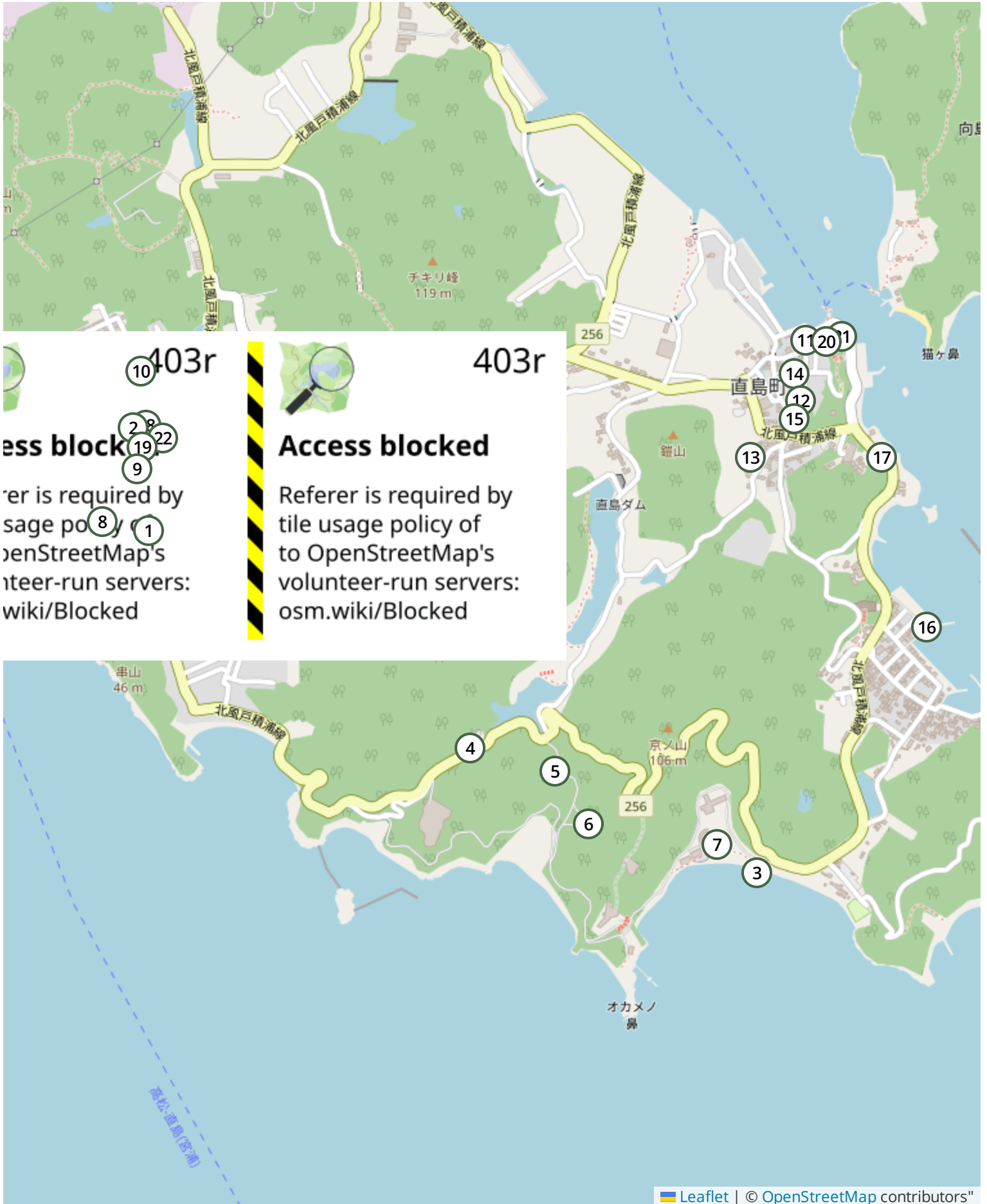
## Details


The art island of Japan.

The only way to explore Naoshima is by ebike. It may be tiny, but it is hilly, so the electric motor is a good choice.

Dotted around the island you will find sculptures, galleries and architecture from the greats, including; James Turrell, Tadao Ando and Lee Ufan. There is no top list for Naoshima, you must see it all, it is just too good.

And after a day of peddle power, there are tiny coffee shops and cafes for your caffeine and Japanese curry fix.




  
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# 1 Naoshima Pavillion

Although in plain sight, you may not notice this translucent structure balanced on the water's edge.



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## 2 Mikazukishoten

Satisfy your caffeine craving at Mikazukishoten, Naoshima's top espresso spot, and savor the island's vibrant creativity and energy.



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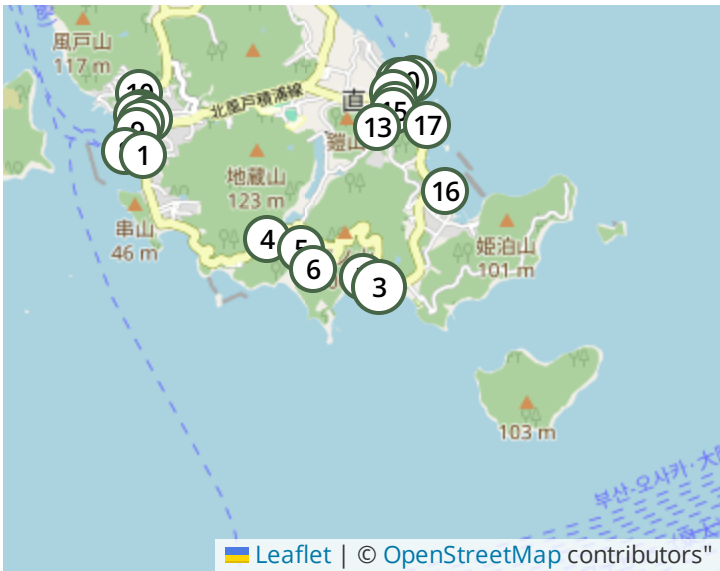
### 3 Yellow Pumpkin

Naoshima's most recognisable sculpture is Yayoi Kusama's Yellow Pumpkin.



Situated at the southern end of the island, this colossal pumpkin painted in a vivid shade of yellow stands tall against the blue waters.

Yellow Pumpkin can be visited by ebike or a leisurely stroll from other attractions on the island. Visiting in the early morning and late afternoon can ensure fewer crowds, giving visitors the chance to have a more intimate experience with the artwork.



## 4 Chichu Art Museum



Immerse yourself in nature, light, and space at Chichu Art Museum featuring works by Monet, Turrell, and Walter De Maria. Serene and unforgettable.



Chichu Art Museum is the pinnacle of art on Naoshima Island. This immersive and unparalleled art experience is a must-visit destination for art lovers from all over the world. The museum holds an extensive collection of works by the greats, such as Monet, Turrell, and Walter De Maria, in a rarefied environment that integrates nature with the exhibits.

To achieve this, the museum utilises incredible feats of architecture that allow natural daylight to highlight and accompany the artwork in a breathtaking manner. The subterranean structure blends beautifully into the natural landscape and incorporates daylight into the exhibits in a way that creates an experience like no other.

To ensure a serene viewing experience, visitors need to book their tickets in advance to avoid the crowds.



## 5 Lee Ufan Museum



Indulge in Tadao Ando's architectural masterpiece at Lee Ufan Museum, and admire the interplay of space, nature, and art.



The Lee Ufan Museum on Naoshima Island showcases the minimalistic style of renowned Japanese artist Lee Ufan and features Tadao Ando's trademark concrete walls and natural light. Visitors can contemplate Ufan's paintings and sculptures while appreciating the surrounding landscape. The highlight is the "Relatum" series, creating a dialog between natural and man-made. The meditative experience is a jewel in Naoshima's cultural offerings.



## 6 Valley Gallery

Enter the modern and minimalist Valley Gallery to immerse oneself in the works of Lee Ufan and other prominent artists while surrounded by expansive views of Naoshima's lush landscape.



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## 7 Benesse House Museum

Contemporary art and design-infused luxury hotel, featuring works by Hiroshi Sugimoto and Richard Long, overlooking the Seto Inland Sea.



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## 8 Red Pumpkin

Yayoi Kusama's iconic Red Pumpkin showcases the vibrant colours and whimsical themes of her art.



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## 9 Bike Hire Shops

Select from one of the bike hire shops that line the harbour.



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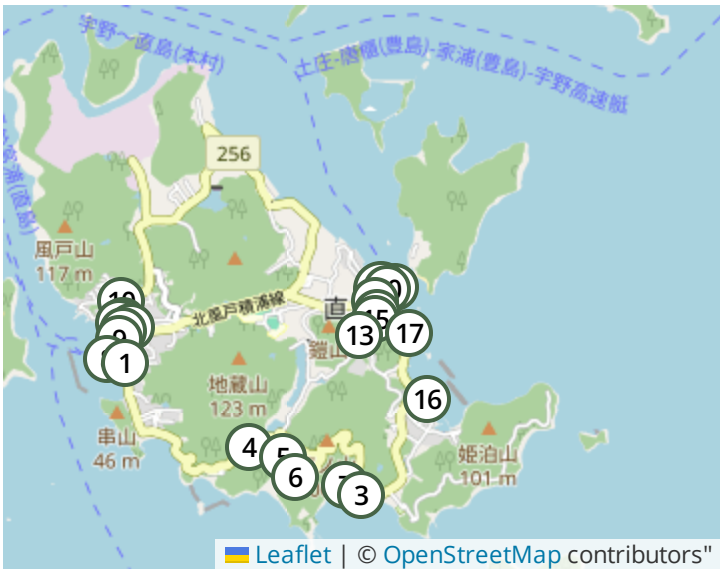
# 11 Art House Project (Ticket office)



A series of art installations around the town.



Visit the ticket office here first to get your ticket passport and map.



## 12 Ando Museum

Discover visionary architecture at Ando Museum. Celebrate Tadao Ando's signature minimalist style and deep reverence for nature, craft, and light.



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## 13 Cafe Salon Nakaoku

Warming meals in an old hilltop farmhouse - a cozy and quintessentially Japanese experience.



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## 14 Apron Cafe

A welcoming spot to rest and recharge. Located close to the Art House Project locations.



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15 **Hifumiyo Coffee**



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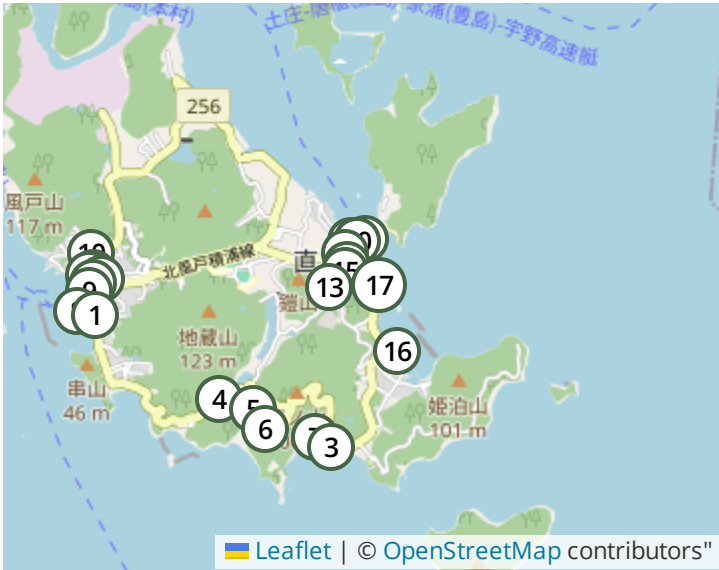
# 16 Ride around fishing docks



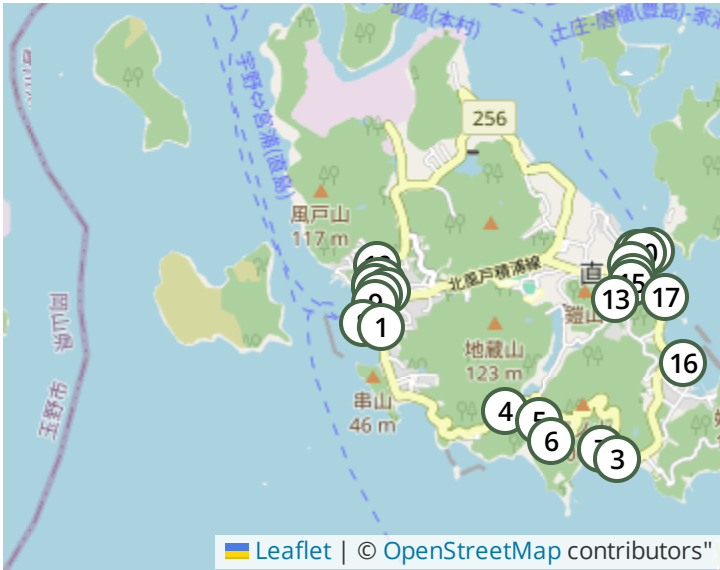
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# 17 Pan Tocori

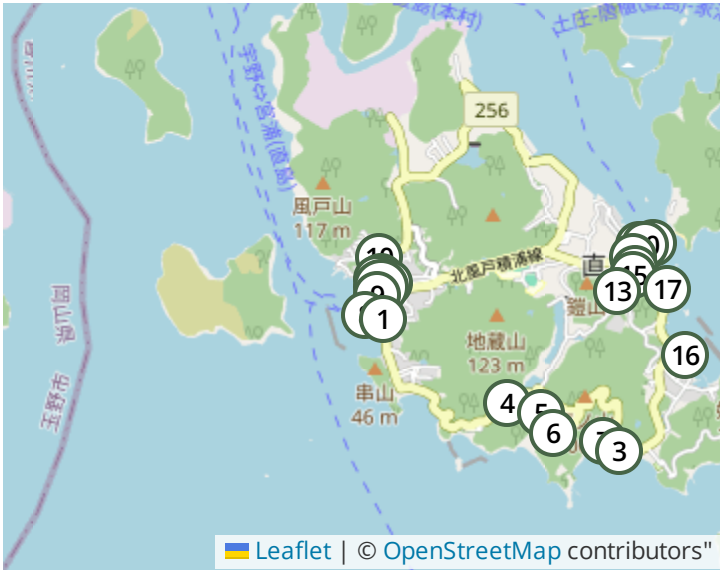
Stop by this tiny bakery located in an old house.



# 18 Akaito Coffee



# 19 I Love You Bathhouse



# 20 Ishii Shouten (Udon)



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21 Luke's Pizza



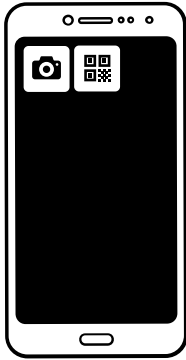
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# 22 Quaint House Naoshima



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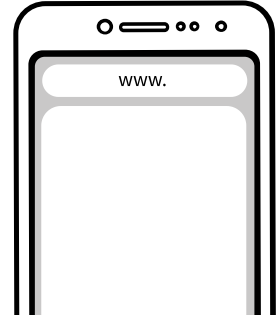
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