



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 30 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

1 **Japan**
Naruto Strait
Up to 30m across

2 **Norway**
Saltstraumen Strait

3 **France**
Rance river mouth



The three strongest tidal flows **Japan** Naruto Strait Awaji Island, Naruto **Italy** Strait of Messina Sicily **Canada** Seymour Narrows British Columbia

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.