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AUG 2011 to JAN 2012
CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR:
Toshihiko Nakamura
Laura Hoak-Kagey

START DATE	START TIME	END TIME	DESCRIPTION
8/1/2011	10:30AM	11:30AM	Mr. Nakamura and Laura took Ms. Umeda, the Kobe Festival Ambassador, to Sea-Tac Airport for her return flight to Japan.
8/11/2011	2:00PM	2:45PM	Mr. Nakamura met with Terry Nakano, chair of the Japanese Community Queen Scholarship Program, who introduced the new 2011 Queen, Frederica Mackert in the KTIO conference room.
8/22/2011	10:50AM	11:55AM	Yuko Kobayashi (Kobe Jazz Queen Winner) met with Mr. Nakamura, in the KTIO conference room.
8/22/2011	7:00PM	9:30PM	Mr. Nakamura and Laura attend the 2011 Kobe Jazz Vocal Queen performance at Jazz Alley, in Seattle.
8/26/2011	5:30PM	8:00PM	Mr. Nakamura attended the Seattle-Hyogo Seminar at the Renaissance Hotel in Seattle.
9/2/2011	6:00PM	8:30PM	Mr. Nakamura gave a presentation about Washington State industry to the Kobe Mechanics and Ironworkers' Association at the Morton Steakhouse in Seattle.
9/30/2011	11:00AM	11:45AM	Mr. Nakamura and Laura go to meet the Kobe Ambassador High School Exchange Students at Sea-Tac Airport.
10/5/2011	9:00AM	11:00AM	Mr. Nakamura goes to Sea-Tac Airport to see off the Kobe Ambassador High School Exchange Students.
11/4/2011	1:00PM	1:40PM	Mr. Nakamura and Laura have a meeting with Karin Zaugg-Black in Seattle to discuss the upcoming Kobe Deputy Mayor's visit and plans for next year's Seattle-Kobe 55th Sister-City Anniversary.
11/13/2011	6:00AM	3:50PM	Mr. Nakmura departs on American flight 370 to Philadelphia via Chicago.
11/14/2011	3:00PM	4:00PM	Mr. Nakamura attended a courtesy call to the Philadelphia mayor's office.
11/15/2011	10:00AM	11:00AM	Mr. Nakamura visited Bodine High School of International Affairs in Philadelphia.
11/15/2011	12:00PM	3:00PM	Mr. Nakamura visited Penn State University.
11/15/2011	6:00PM	8:00PM	Mr. Nakamura attended a reception held by the Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia in Philadelphia, PA.
11/16/2011	7:30AM	10:31AM	Mr. Nakamura departs Philadelphia for Seattle on United Flight 2966.
11/16/2011	3:15PM	3:30PM	Mr. Nakamura accompanies Kobe Deputy Mayor Saburo Nakamura, Mr. Matsuda (Kobe International Division), Mr. Ikeda (Kobe City Assembly Vice Chairperson), Mr. Wakamatsu (Kobe Medical Development Project Promtion Office), and Ms. Yamagami (Kobe City Council Office Director) to meet with Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn.
11/16/2011	6:00PM	7:30PM	Mr. Nakamura accompanies Kobe Deputy Mayor Saburo Nakamura to a dinner meeting in Seattle with Karin Zaugg-Black, the President of the Seattle-Kobe Sister Cities Association.

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START DATE	START TIME	END TIME	DESCRIPTION
11/17/2011	5:30AM	6:00AM	Mr. Nakamura takes Kobe Deputy Mayor Saburo Nakamura to the airport.
11/17/2011	6:30PM	8:30PM	Mr. Nakamura attends the Japan Young Professionals Group Business Event, Sustainable Sushi, at the Nagomi Tea House in Seattle.
12/5/2011	3:00PM	4:15PM	Laura and Mr. Nakamura met with Karin Zaugg-Black, President of the Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association, to discuss the upcoming 55th Anniversary events in 2012.
12/8/2011	12:00PM	2:00PM	Mr. Nakamura attends a celebration for the Japanese Emperor's birthday at the Japanese Consulate in Seattle.
12/8/2011	2:00PM	3:30PM	Mr. Nakamura attends the Memorial Service for former Seattle Mayor Gordon Clinton at the Bayview Retirement Center in Seattle.
12/13/2011	5:30PM	6:00PM	Mr. Nakamura attends the Teacher Homecoming Reception at Sammamish High School in Bellevue.
1/11/2012	9:15AM	10:00AM	Mr. Masayuki Morio from Nippon Express comes to KTIO to discuss shipping options.
1/11/2012	6:00PM	8:00PM	Mr. Nakamura attends the New Year's celebration for the Japan-America Society/Japan Young Professionals Group at the O'Asian Kitchen and Restaurant in Seattle.
1/24/2012	7:15AM	10:21AM	Mr. Nakamura departs on flight Delta 2050 to Salt Lake City, Utah.
1/24/2012	8:30AM	1:10PM	Laura flies to Salt Lake City, UT on flights Alaska Airlines 2473 and Delta 2189.
1/25/2012	9:00AM	1:30PM	Laura and Mr. Nakamura attend the Japan Showcare at the Salt Lake City Marriott Hotel.
1/25/2012	4:59PM	8:10PM	Laura returns to Seattle via flights Delta 1760 and Alaska Airlines 2239.
1/25/2012	7:58PM	9:15PM	Mr. Nakamura returns to Seattle on flight Delta 1957.
1/28/2012	5:00PM	8:00PM	Mr. Nakamura attends the Seattle-Kobe Sister City Assocation New Year Party in Edmonds, WA.
1/29/2012	12:00PM	2:45PM	Mr. Nakamura attends Hatsugama New Year's Tea Ceremony at the Nogomi Tea House in Seattle.

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Summary Report
8/1/2011 through 1/31/2012

Expense Categories		Totals	Category Totals
Office Expenses			
Rent		$18,249.71	
Operating (consumables)		$2,151.92	
Office Equipment/Software		$1,210.00	
Communication		$2,023.41	
	Total Office Expenses		$23,635.04
Personnel			
Tax		$4,992.75	
Housing		$7,551.36	
Insurance		$2,274.49	
Retirement		$1,633.31	
Salary		$22,540.48	
Regional Transport Pass		$909.00	
	Total Personnel		$39,901.39
Project			
Travel		$6,073.90	
Memberships/Subscriptions		$1,335.60	
Company Car Maintenance & Misc.		$8,578.92	
Business Meetings/Conferences		$0.00	
Advertising		$72.00	
	Total Project		$16,060.42
Grand Total			$79,596.85

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Disbursement of Monies

Date	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
8/1/2011	NOP-1001 4th LLC	Aug 2011 Rent	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-2,605.87
8/1/2011	NOP-1001 4th LLC	Aug 2011 Parking	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-333.67
8/2/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	August 2011 Train Pass	Personnel:Train Pass	-153
8/2/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Mileage Reimbursement (Seafair)	Personnel:Mileage	-52.73
		Parking near Seattle Center	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-18.31
		Creamer	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-1.89
		Sponges	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-3.27
8/2/2011	American Honda Finance Corp	#102714956 - August 2011	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-450
8/3/2011	Global Career Partners, Inc	Temp to Hire Fee Inv #2011031	Personnel:Salary	-3,864.00
8/3/2011	Global Career Partners, Inc	Inv #82073111 / Due 8/15/11	Personnel:Salary	-1,856.25
8/9/2011	Regence Blueshield	#110147217 / Aug 2011	Personnel:Insurance	-187
8/9/2011	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Co 0030	0030 / 88051272075 - Aug 2011	Personnel:Retirement	-233.33
8/16/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Aug 1-15 2011	Personnel:Salary	-1,186.90
8/16/2011	Business Card	Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-28.79
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-26.49
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-50.24
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-50.3
		Parking	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-6
		Car Wash	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-31.21
		Parking	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-1
		Parking	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-3
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-44.5
8/16/2011	Verizon Wireless	#464222662-00007 / July 7 - Aug 6	Office Expenses (Business):Communication	-79.35
8/17/2011	EFTPS	Aug 2011 Federal Taxes	Personnel:Tax	-640.4
8/17/2011	FARA Filing Fee	Justice Report	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-305
8/24/2011	Northwest Employers Trust	Laura - Aug 2011	Personnel:Insurance	-47.33
		Laura - Sept 2011	Personnel:Insurance	-47.33
		Nakamura - Sept 2011	Personnel:Insurance	-47.33
8/24/2011	Regence Blueshield	#110147217 / Sept 2011	Personnel:Insurance	-187
8/24/2011	KTIO (Deposit)	Marie Menard SS overpmt refund		46.02
8/29/2011	The Shelby	September Rent	Personnel:Housing	-1,258.56
8/29/2011	Toshihiko Nakamura	Hotel Reimbursement (4 nights)	Business Trips:BIO Conference	-668.11
8/29/2011	Seattle Times Company	Newspaper ST Subscription 9/12-12/11/11	Office Expenses (Business):Memberships - Subscriptions	-72.8
8/29/2011	CenturyLink	Acct. 206-Z22-0101 607B	Office Expenses (Business):Communication	-110.82
8/31/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Aug 16-31 2011	Personnel:Salary	-1,186.90
8/31/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Tea	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-10.87
		Creamer	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-1.89
		Postage (Receipt Copies to Japan)	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-18.55
		Creamer	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-1.89
		Highlighters, USB Hub	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-16.07
8/31/2011	Marie Menard	Rec'd SS Refund due to overpmt (April)	Personnel:Tax Refund	-46
8/31/2011	Check Enclosure Charge	BoA Fee	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-5
Total Month Ending 8/31/2011				**-15,938.95**

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9/1/2011	NOP-1001 4th LLC	Sept 2011 Rent	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-2,605.87
9/1/2011	NOP-1001 4th LLC	Sept 2011 Parking	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-333.67
9/1/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Sept 2011 Pass	Personnel:Train Pass	-126
9/1/2011	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Co 0030	0030 / 88051272075 - Sept 2011	Personnel:Retirement	-233.33
9/1/2011	American Honda Finance Corp	#102714956 - Sept 2011	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-450
9/15/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Sept 1-15 2011	Personnel:Salary	-1,186.90
9/15/2011	EFTPS	Sept 2011 Fed Taxes	Personnel:Tax	-640.4
9/15/2011	Verizon Wireless	Sept 7- Oct 6 #06464222662-0001	Office Expenses (Business):Communication	-85.91
9/15/2011	Department Of Licensing	Plate #087ZQY 2012 Tabs	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-135.75
9/15/2011	Business Card	External Hard drive	Office Expenses (Business):Office Equipment - Software	-120.44
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-52.68
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-21.12
		New Dell Laptop	Office Expenses (Business):Office Equipment - Software	-656.98
		New Software for Laptop	Office Expenses (Business):Office Equipment - Software	-269.36
		Office Depot Paper	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-57.58
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-35.91
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-34.60
9/15/2011	Transfter From Bus Imax	5310260293		15,000.00
9/23/2011	CenturyLink	Acct. 206-682-6227 829B	Office Expenses (Business):Communication	-240.03
9/23/2011	Regence Blueshield	ID#110147217 Oct 2011	Personnel:Insurance	-240
9/23/2011	Northwest Employers Trust	Laura - Oct 2011	Personnel:Insurance	-47.33
		Nakamura - Oct 2011	Personnel:Insurance	-47.33
9/23/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Postage (Japan)	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-2.17
		Ink Cartridges (2 Blue/2 Yellow)	Office Expenses (Business):Office Equipment - Software	-56.9
		Creamer	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-1.89
		Dish Soap	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-1.96
		Tea (Green, Hoji-cha)	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-11.18
9/29/2011	The Shelby	October Rent	Personnel:Housing	-1,258.56
9/30/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Sept 16-30 2011	Personnel:Salary	-1,186.90
9/30/2011	Check Enclosure Charge	BoA Fee	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-5
Total Month Ending 9/30/2011				**-10,145.75**

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10/1/2011	NOP-1001 4th LLC	October 2011 Rent	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-2,605.87
10/1/2011	NOP-1001 4th LLC	October 2011 Parking	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-333.67
10/1/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	October 2011 Train Pass	Personnel:Train Pass	-126.00
10/1/2011	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Co 0030	0030 / 88051272075 - Oct 2011	Personnel:Retirement	-233.33
10/3/2011	American Honda Finance Corp	#102714956 - Oct 2011	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-450.00
10/6/2011	Employment Security Department	Qrtly Rpt ES254272000/910741102	Personnel:Tax	-29.12
10/6/2011	Department Of Labor & Industries	Qrtly Report Hrs 601-141-466	Personnel:Tax	-3.68
10/6/2011	KTIO Deposit	Shuttle Reimbursement		180.00
10/14/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Oct 1-15 2011	Personnel:Salary	-1,186.90
10/14/2011	Business Card	Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-34.94
		Phone Car Charger	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-23.90
		Flat Tire Replacement	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-216.44
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-50.65
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-32.70
		High School Student Shuttle	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-180.00
		Parking (Greet Kobe Students)	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-3.00
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-50.18
		Parking (Send off Kobe Students)	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-6.00
10/14/2011	Verizon Wireless	Oct 7- Nov 6 #06464222662-0001	Office Expenses (Business):Communication	-86.23
10/14/2011	EFTPS	Social Security	Personnel:Tax	-291.20
		Medicare	Personnel:Tax	-81.20
		Federal Tax Withholdings	Personnel:Tax	-268.00
10/18/2011	Northwest Employers Trust	Laura - Nov 2011	Personnel:Insurance	-47.33
		Nakamura - Nov 2011	Personnel:Insurance	-47.33
10/18/2011	Regence Blueshield	ID#110147217 Nov 2011	Personnel:Insurance	-240.00
10/18/2011	North American Post	New Year's Greeting 2012	Advertising (Business)	-72.00
10/26/2011	KTIO Deposit	CenturyLink Refund		110.37
10/27/2011	Online Transfer From Savings		[BUS IMAX 0293]	15,000.00
10/31/2011	OCS America, Inc	3 month Nikkei renewal	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-315.00
10/31/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Creamer, Cleaning Wipes	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-6.26
		Stamps, Cert. mail (taxes)	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-12.09
		Creamer, Tea	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-6.68
		Green Tea, Hoji-cha	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-10.04
		Creamer	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-1.89
10/31/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Oct 16-31 2011	Personnel:Salary	-1,186.90
10/31/2011	The Shelby	November Rent	Personnel:Housing	-1,258.56
10/31/2011	CenturyLink	Acct. 206-Z22-0101 607B	Office Expenses (Business):Communication	-312.64
10/31/2011		Bank of America Checking Acct. Fee	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-5.00
Total Month Ending 10/31/2011				**-9,814.73**

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11/1/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	November 2011 Train Pass	Personnel:Train Pass	-126
11/1/2011	NOP-1001 4th LLC	November 2011 Rent	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-2,605.87
11/1/2011	NOP-1001 4th LLC	November 2011 Parking	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-333.67
11/1/2011	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Co 0030	0030 / 88051272075 - Nov 2011	Personnel:Retirement	-233.33
11/1/2011	American Honda Finance Corp	#102714956 - Nov 2011	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-450
11/10/2011	The Hartford	Acct #5210889933 Bus. Insurance	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-518
11/15/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Nov 1-15 2011	Personnel:Salary	-1,186.90
11/16/2011	EFTPS	Social Security/Medicare/Tax	Personnel:Tax	-640.4
11/17/2011	Business Card	Flight to Philadelphia	Business Trips:Air Travel	-462.4
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-37.54
		Office Chair	Office Expenses (Business):Office Equipment - Software	-128.1
		Computer Glare Screen	Office Expenses (Business):Office Equipment - Software	-35.12
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-41.52
		InMotion Webhosting (1yr)	Office Expenses (Business):Communication	-83.4
		Oil Change	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-73.59
11/17/2011	Verizon Wireless	Nov 7- Dec 6 #06464222662-0001	Office Expenses (Business):Communication	-289.85
11/17/2011	Northwest Employers Trust	Laura - Dec 2011	Personnel:Insurance	-47.33
		Nakamura - Dec 2011	Personnel:Insurance	-47.33
11/22/2011	Regence Blueshield	ID#110147217 Dec 2011	Personnel:Insurance	-240
11/22/2011	Liberty Northwest	Acct #029-6685-633-02	Car Expenses & Maintenance:Car Insurance	-2,542.00
11/23/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Creamer	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-1.89
		Creamer	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-1.89
		2012 Weekly Planner, Filing Folders	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-33.18
		Stamps	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-8.8
11/30/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Nov 16-30 2011	Personnel:Salary	-1,186.90
11/30/2011	The Shelby	December Rent	Personnel:Housing	-1,258.56
11/30/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	December 2011 Train Pass	Personnel:Train Pass	-126
Total Month Ending 11/30/2011				**-12,739.57**

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12/1/2011	NOP-1001 4th LLC	December 2011 Parking	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-333.67
12/1/2011	NOP-1001 4th LLC	December 2011 Rent	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-2,605.87
12/1/2011	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Co 0030	0030 / 88051272075 - Dec 2011	Personnel:Retirement	-233.33
12/1/2011	CenturyLink	Acct. 206-Z22-0101 607B	Office Expenses (Business):Communication	-192.25
12/1/2011	Jen, Inc.	Inv #22080 Website Domain renewal	Office Expenses (Business):Communication	-15
12/1/2011	Online Transfer From Savings		[BUS IMAX 0293]	15,000.00
12/1/2011	American Honda Finance Corp	#102714956 - Dec 2011	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-450
12/6/2011	PIP Printing	Christmas Cards Inv #20883	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-402.88
12/6/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Creamer	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-1.89
		Washington Christmas Cards (Box)	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-6.56
		Sympathy Card and Folder	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-3.04
		Hand Towels	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-6.56
		High Quality Paper	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-14.77
		Flowers for Gordon Clinton Service	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-121
12/14/2011	Seattle Times Company	Newspaper ST Subscription 12/25/11-3/24/12	Office Expenses (Business):Memberships - Subscriptions	-72.8
12/14/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Stamps (Christmas Cards)	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-44
		Creamer	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-1.89
12/14/2011	SKSCA	2012 Membership	Office Expenses (Business):Memberships - Subscriptions	-125
12/15/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Dec 1-15 2011	Personnel:Salary	-1,186.90
12/15/2011	EFTPS	Dec 2011 Fed Taxes	Personnel:Tax	-640.4
12/15/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	2011 Bonus	Personnel:Salary	-2,621.43
12/15/2011	EFTPS	Bonus 2011 Fed Taxes	Personnel:Tax	-1,447.74
12/16/2011	Verizon Wireless	Dec 7- Jan 6 #06464222662-0001	Office Expenses (Business):Communication	-70.97
12/16/2011	Business Card	Car Wash	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-37.22
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-49.79
		Travelodge Philadelphia	Business Trips:Hotel	-171.65
		Flight to Philadelphia	Business Trips:Air Travel	-437.4
		Sea-Tac parking	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-105
		Flight to Seattle	Business Trips:Air Travel	-840.7
		Baggage Fee	Business Trips:Air Travel	-30
		Mariott Philadelphia	Business Trips:Hotel	-497.67
		Sea-Tac parking	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-4
		Sea-Tac parking	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-4
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-30.26
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-49.62
12/20/2011	Northwest Employers Trust	Laura Jan 2012	Personnel:Insurance	-68.63
		Nakamura Jan 2012	Personnel:Insurance	-68.63
12/20/2011	The Shelby	January 2012 Rent	Personnel:Housing	-1,258.56
12/20/2011	NOP-1001 4th LLC	January 2012 Parking	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-333.67
12/20/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Dec 16-31	Personnel:Salary	-1,186.90
12/20/2011	Laura Hoak-Kagey	January 2012 Train Pass	Personnel:Train Pass	-126
12/20/2011	Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Co 0030	0030 / 88051272075 - Jan 2012	Personnel:Retirement	-233.33
12/20/2011	Toshihiko Nakamura	BIO Daily Allowance (5 days)	Business Trips:BIO Conference	-446.4
		Philadelphia Allowance (3 days)	*Business Trips*	-241.47
12/20/2011	Toshihiko Nakamura	METRO Fares	Business Trips:BIO Conference	-27.95
		SEPTA Fares	Business Trips	-14
12/20/2011	NOP-1001 4th LLC	Jaunary 2012 Rent	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-2,610.18
12/21/2011	Regence Blueshield	ID#110147217 Jan 2012	Personnel:Insurance	-240
12/21/2011	Online Transfer From Savings			15,000.00
Total Month Ending 12/31/2011				**-19,710.98**

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1/5/2012	American Honda Finance Corp	#102714956 - Jan 2012	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-450
1/5/2012	CenturyLink	Acct. 206-Z22-0101 607B	Office Expenses (Business):Communication	-193.02
1/5/2012	Nippon Travel Agency	Jan 25 Salt Lake City	Business Trips:Registration Fees	-250
		Salt Lake Addt'l Participant	Business Trips:Registration Fees	-50
		Feb 22 Dallas	Business Trips:Registration Fees	-250
		Dallas Addt'l Participant	Business Trips:Registration Fees	-50
		Feb 23 Phoenix	Business Trips:Registration Fees	-250
		Phoenix Addt'l Participant	Business Trips:Registration Fees	-50
1/6/2012	Employment Security Department	Qrtly Rpt ES254272000/910741102	Personnel:Tax	-63.33
1/6/2012	Department Of Labor & Industries	Qrtly Report Hrs 601-141-466	Personnel:Tax	-58.88
1/6/2012	US Treasury	EIN: 91-0741102 / Form 940 2011	Personnel:Tax	-98
1/13/2012	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Stamps	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-13.7
		International Stamp (Japan)	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-0.98
		Creamer	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-1.89
		Tea (Hoji-cha, Green Tea)	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-6.76
		Glue, Red Pens	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-17.17
		IRS Certified Mail (Taxes)	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-6.58
		Paper (for JNTO Presentation)	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-32.85
		Matte Picture Paper (JNTO Presentation)	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-13.68
		Creamer	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-1.89
1/13/2012	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Jan 1-15 2012	Personnel:Salary	-1,164.90
1/13/2012	WBBA	WBBA 2012 Annual Membership	Office Expenses (Business):Memberships - Subscriptions	-750
1/13/2012	EFTPS	Jan 2012 Fed Taxes/SS/Medicare		-684.4
1/17/2012	Verizon Wireless	Jan 7- Feb 6 #06464222662-0001	Office Expenses (Business):Communication	-71.59
1/17/2012	Business Card	Uwajimaya	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-22.36
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-47.07
		Gas	Car Expenses & Maintenance	-44.79
		Posterboards (JNTO)	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-37.16
		Radioshack	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-8.75
1/23/2012	Regence Blueshield	ID#110147217 Feb 2012	Personnel:Insurance	-240
1/23/2012	Northwest Employers Trust	Laura Feb 2012	Personnel:Insurance	-68.63
		Nakamura Feb 2012	Personnel:Insurance	-68.63
1/26/2012	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Salt Lake Hotel Allowance	Business Trips:Japan Showcase	-173.06
		Salt Lake Daily Allowance (x2)	Business Trips:Japan Showcase	-113.66
		Bus from SLC Airport	Business Trips:Japan Showcase	-2.25
		Seatac Parking (2 days)	Business Trips:Japan Showcase	-29.17
		Sake (Salt Lake Door Prize)	Business Trips:Japan Showcase	-32.07
		Creamer	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-1.89
		Creamer	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-1.89
		Alaska Baggage Fee	Business Trips:Japan Showcase	-20
		Delta Baggage Fee	Business Trips:Japan Showcase	-25
1/26/2012	Toshihiko Nakamura	Salt Lake Daily Allowance (2)	Business Trips:Japan Showcase	-160.08
		Bus from Salt Lake Aiport	Business Trips:Japan Showcase	-2.25
		Lightrail to Seatac	Business Trips:Japan Showcase	-2.75
		Lightrail to Seatac	Business Trips:Japan Showcase	-2.75
1/30/2012	CenturyLink	206-Z22-0101 / Feb 2012	Office Expenses (Business):Communication	-192.35
1/31/2012	Laura Hoak-Kagey	Jan 16-31	Personnel:Salary	-1,164.90
1/31/2012	Laura Hoak-Kagey	February 2012 Train Pass	Personnel:Train Pass	-126
1/31/2012	NOP-1001 4th LLC	February 2012 Rent	Office Expenses (Business):Operating	-2,610.18
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Kitano Foreigners' Residences

北野異人館

Many early foreign settlers to Kobe took up residences in Kitano, an area overlooking the ocean. Some of their old western-style houses still exist and are open to the public. The Weathercock House, with its symbol, the weathercock, over its delta roof, and the Moegi House, which was built as a residence for the US Consulate General in 1903, are two of the most famous foreigners' residences in Kitano.



Welcome to the sophisticated city of Kobe.

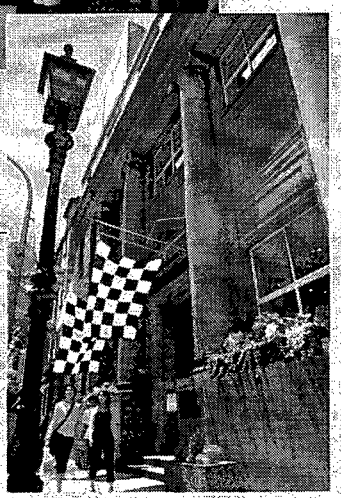
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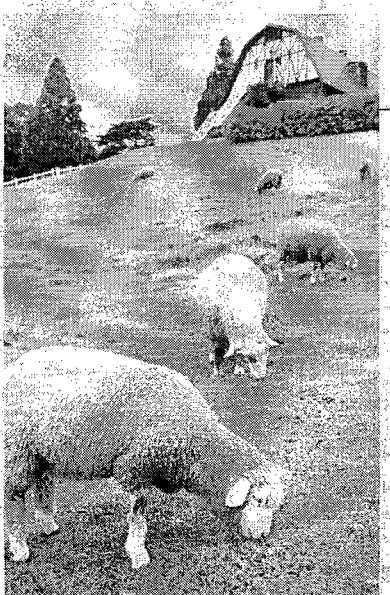


Old Foreign Settlement

旧居留地

The Old Foreign Settlement was developed as a business district for foreigners when the Port of Kobe opened in 1868. Old western-style buildings made of brick and stones that are now used as restaurants and other shopping and office buildings in the area give its streets a European look.





Mt. Rokko

六甲山

Only half an hour from the city center and offering beautiful nature throughout the year is Mt. Rokko, standing 931 meters high. In addition to the panoramic view of Kobe and Osaka from the mountain top, there are many attractions in the area such as the Rokkosan Pasture and the Rokko Garden Terrace, offering a day of excitement for all ages.



Nada Sake Breweries

灘の酒蔵

Nada, on the ocean side of the area in and between Kobe and Osaka, is the most famous district for sake brewing in Japan. The area is dotted with sake [illegible] museums depicting the art of

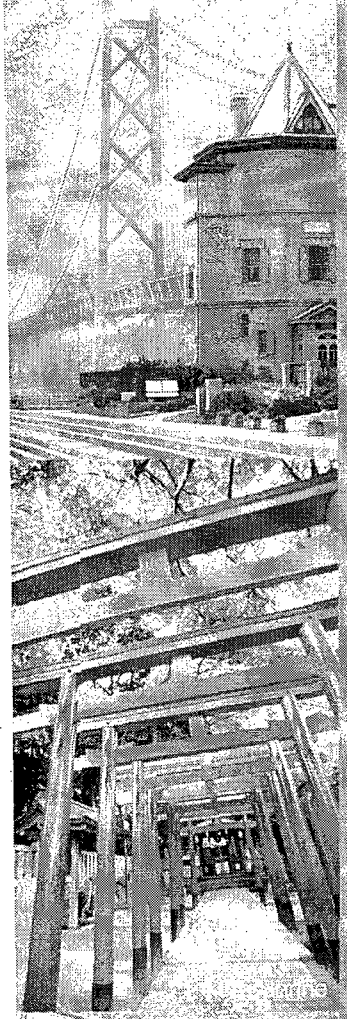
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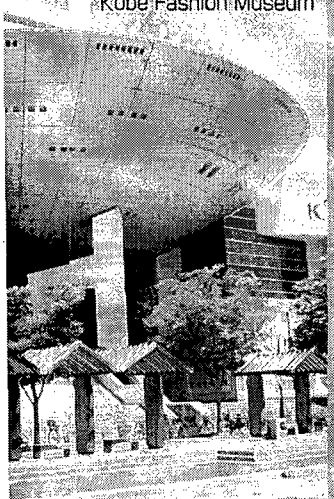
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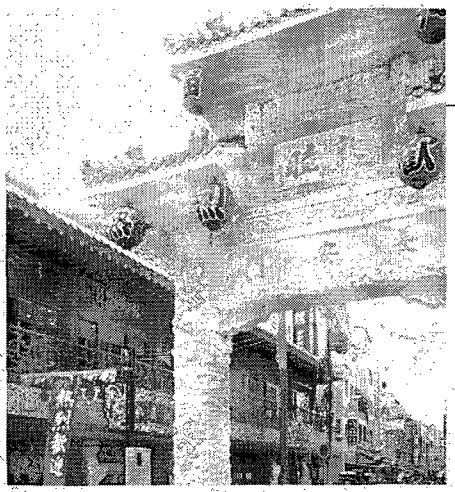
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Kobe Fashion Museum



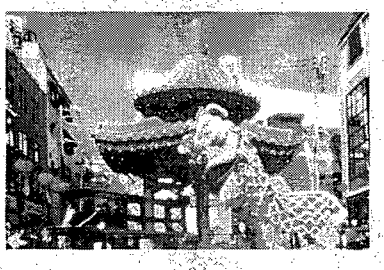
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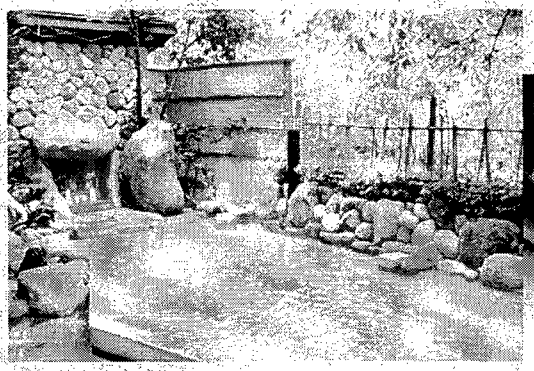


Nankin Machi

南京町

Nankin Machi is a small Chinatown overflowing with a rich oriental atmosphere. The area runs about 200 m east-west and about 100 m north-south, and is demarcated by the symbolic gates of Choan-mon to the east, Seian-mon to the west and Minamiro-mon to the south. The area is packed with Chinese restaurants, grocers and sundries shops, and is always alive with activity.

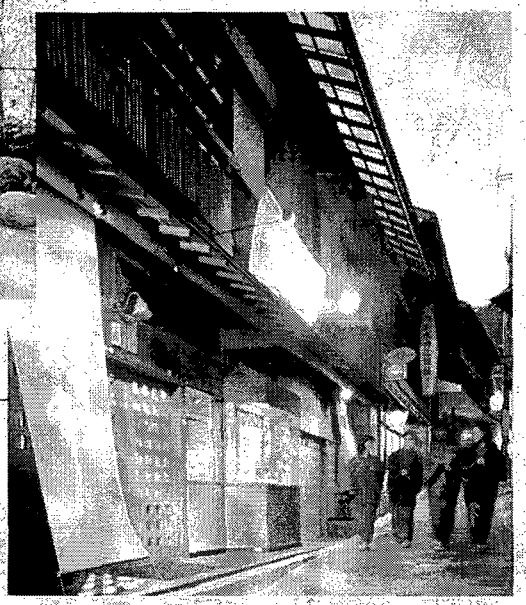




Arima Hot Springs

有馬温泉

Arima Hot Springs, with over 1000 years of history, is the oldest hot spring resort in Japan. Arima is renowned for the excellence and variety of its hot spring waters, such as the 'Gold' (or Red) springs with high iron and salt content, and 'Silver' springs with transparent waters containing radium or carbonic acid. There are many hotels and Japanese inns with such hot springs, as well as convenient bathhouses for tourists to stop by and take baths without staying at hotels or inns.









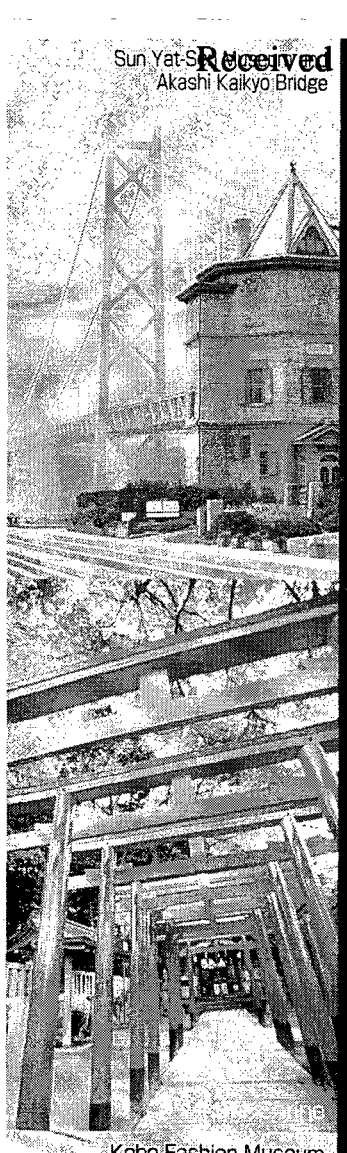
Kobe Gourmet

神戸のグルメ

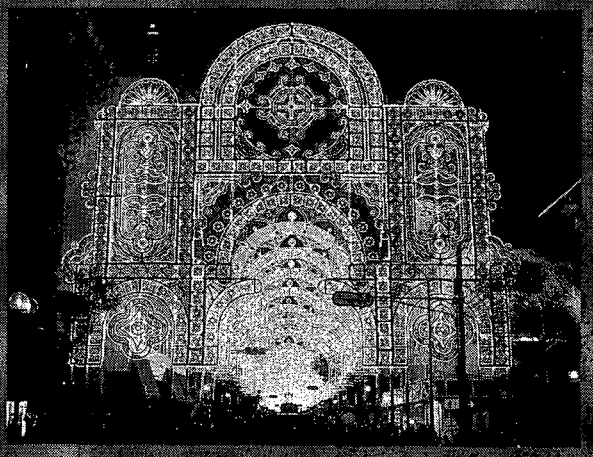
Kobe is world-famous for Kobe Beef, the finest beef in Japan. Many visitors also come from across the country to enjoy delicious bread and confectionery made in Kobe. Sake from Nada

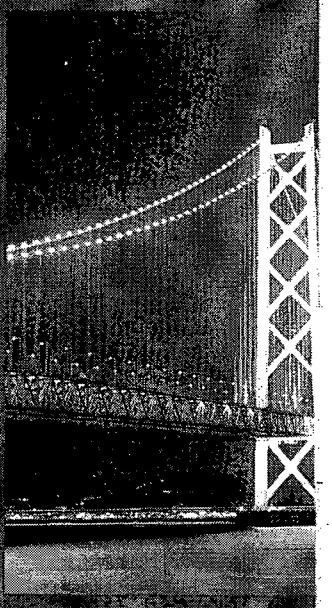
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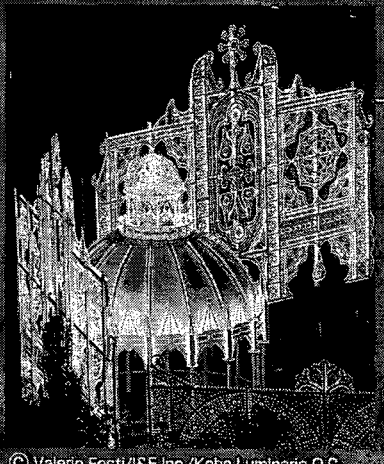
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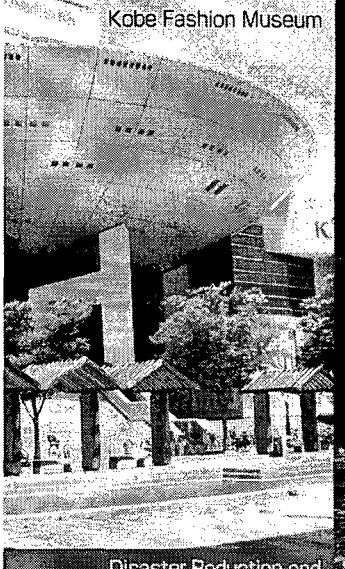


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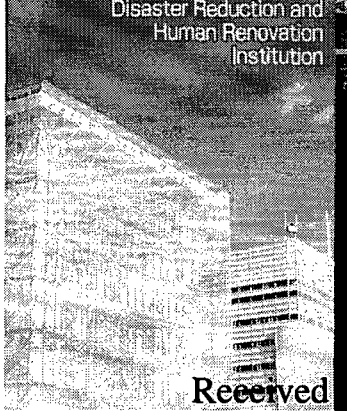
Kobe Luminarie

ルミナリエ

On January 17, 1995, Kobe was struck by a strong, epicentral earthquake, known as the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. Kobe Luminarie lights up the city every mid December in a "sculpture of light" as a requiem to those who perished in the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake and a symbol of dreams and hopes of rebuilding the city from that disaster.
Glowing like sculptures of light, the illuminated arches light up the streets and warm the hearts of those who come.



Kobe Fashion Museum



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Akashi Kaikyo Bridge

明石海峡大橋

Akashi Kaikyo Bridge, spanning 3911 meters long and 297 meters high from the sea surface to the top of its main tower, is the world's longest suspension bridge. When lit up at night, the bridge looks like a strong of pearls that changes color depending on the time and season.

Meriken Park

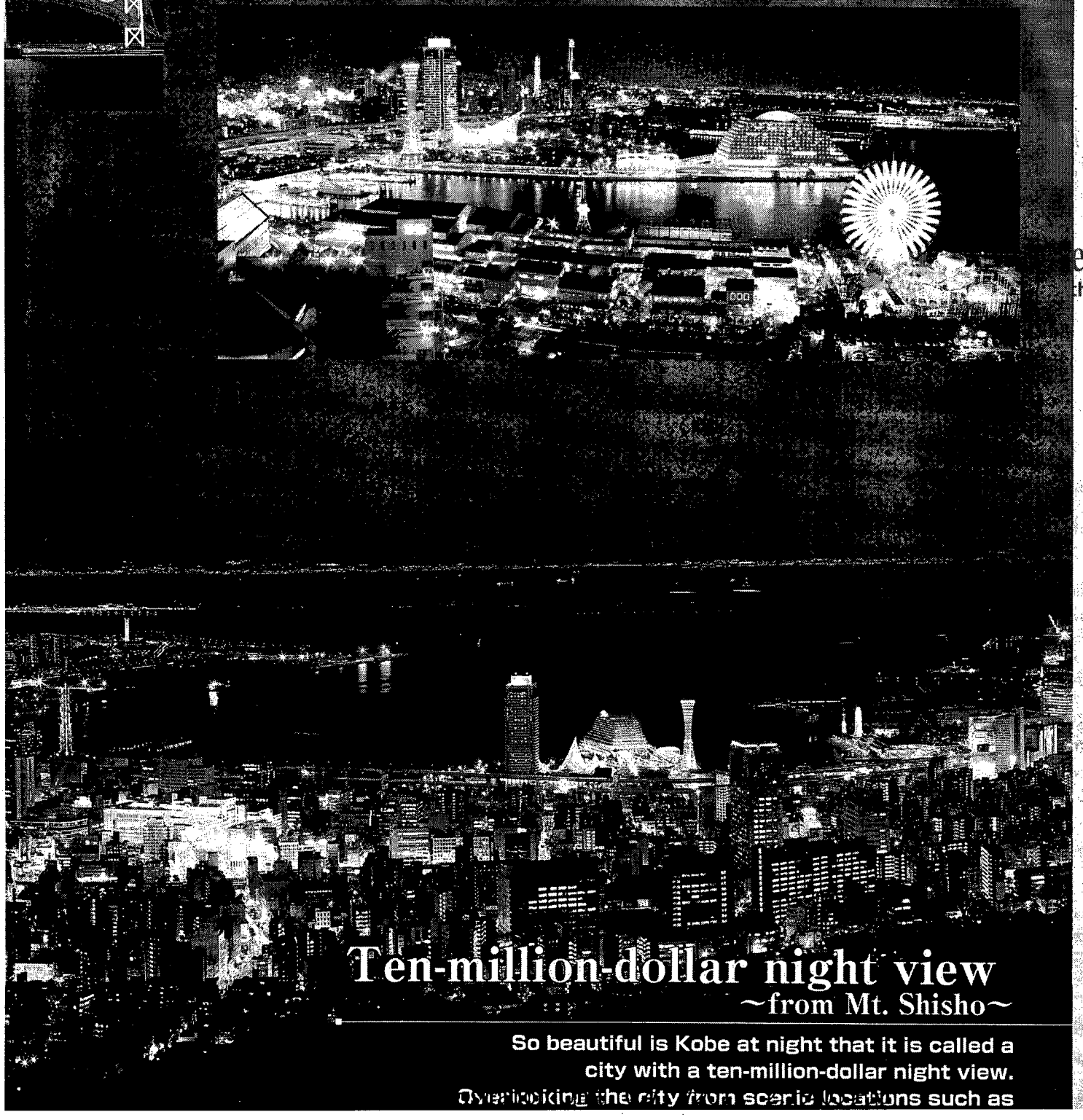
メリケンパーク

Meriken Park, facing the ocean, is a spacious park with abundant greenery. In the evening, the park becomes an ideal spot to see the beautifully illuminated landmarks of Kobe, the Port Tower and the Kobe Maritime Museum.

Harborland

ハーバーランド

Harborland is a popular waterfront area in Kobe, with everything from shops and restaurants to a cinema complex and an amusement park. Harbor cruises also offer a beautiful night view of the city.



Ten-million-dollar night view

~from Mt. Shisho~

So beautiful is Kobe at night that it is called a city with a ten-million-dollar night view. Overlooking the city from scenic locations such as

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Access Map

From Fukuoka
Shinkansen Approx. 2 hr 20 min

From Tokyo
Shinkansen Approx. 2 hr 50 min
Air / 1 hour

From Himeji
JR Approx. 40 min
Shinkansen Approx. 20 min

From Kyoto
JR Approx. 50 min
Shinkansen Approx. 30 min

From Osaka
JR Approx. 20 min

Kyoto
Osaka
Osaka Airport
Kobe
Kobe Airport
Rokko Island
Universal Studios Japan
From Universal Studios Japan
JR Approx. 30 min
Awaji Island
Kansai International Airport
Hankyu Hanshin Route
Local train Approx. 1 hr
Express Approx. 1 hr 5 min

Legend

- Highway / Tollway
- General Road
- Private Railway / Other Line
- City Subway, Kobe Shinkotsu, etc.
- JR Railway
- Kobe - Kanku Bay Shuttle

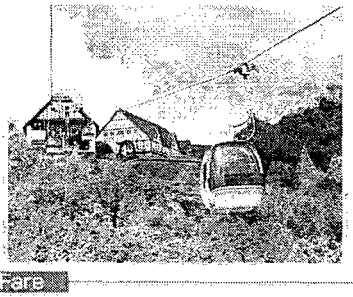
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Hanshin Expressway Kita-Kobe Route 7
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Ura Rokko Driveway
Kobe Electric Railway Arima Onsen Sta.
Arima Hot Springs
Mt. Maya
Mt. Rokko
Shin-Kobe Tunnel
Sanroku Bypass
Shin-Kobe Sta.
Shinkoko Subway Sta.
Kitano
Omote Rokko Driveway
Hankyu Railway Kobe Line
JR Takarazuka Line
Route 2
Sumiyoshi Sta.
Hanshin Main Line
Hankyu Oji Koen Sta.
JR Rokkomichi Sta.
Uozaki Sta.
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Port Island
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Maiko
Oshi Shinsen Expressway
Sanyo Tarumi Sta.
Sanyo Suma Sta.
JR Maiko Sta.
JR Tarumi Sta.
JR Suma Sta.
Kobe Harborland
Kobe Airport

Hydrofoil Connecting Kobe and Kansai International Airport
Kobe - Kanku Bay Shuttle

- Required time / 29 min
- Tickets / Adults ¥1,500 Children ¥750
- Operating hours / 6:30 (Departure from Kobe Airport) ~ 22:59 (Arrival at Kobe Airport)

Shin-Kobe Ropeway (Kobe Yume Fusen)

Float in midair with a magnanimous view of the city and harbor below all the way to the fragrances of the Nunobiki Herb Park. Just 15 minutes from the center of the city is this wonderful herb garden where you can enjoy the seasons anytime of the year.



Fare

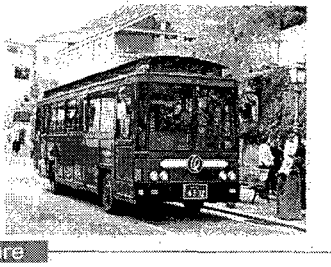
- Return/ Adults ¥1000, Children ¥500
- One-way/ Adults ¥550, Children ¥280

Service hours

- Weekdays and winter season/ From 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM
- Weekends, holidays and summer season/ From 9:30 AM to 9:00 PM

City Loop Bus

City Loop Bus is a bus that circulates around the city of Kobe for about one hour stopping at sightseeing spots including Kitano Foreigner Residence, Shin-Kobe, Sannomiya, Motomachi, Nankinmachi, and Harborland. Inside the bus, a tour guide gives explanations about sightseeing spots.



Fare

- 1 Ride Ticket/ Adults ¥250, Children ¥130
- 1 Day Pass (may be used repeatedly)/ Adults ¥650, Children ¥330

*1 Day Pass comes with discount tickets for tourist facilities.

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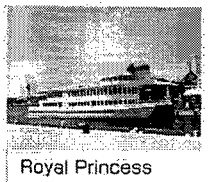
- Weekdays/ From 9:30 AM (Last bus leaves from Naka Pier at 5:14 PM)
- Weekends and holidays/ From 9:30 AM to (Last bus leaves from Naka Pier at 5:39 PM)

Harbor Cruises

The tour of the harbor is an amenity special to Kobe. Unique cruise ships with various routes are in service at the Port of Kobe. A nighttime cruise for enjoying the cityscape under the stars and lights is a popular evening activity.



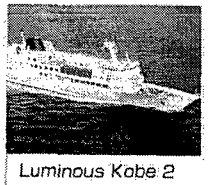
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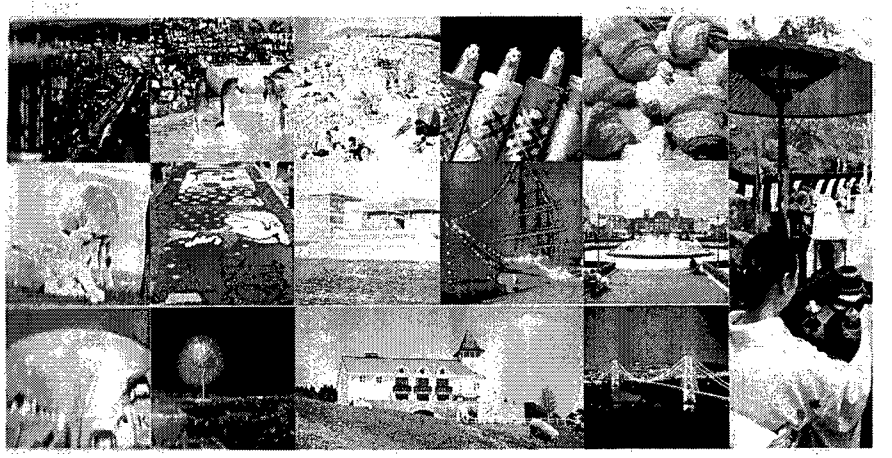
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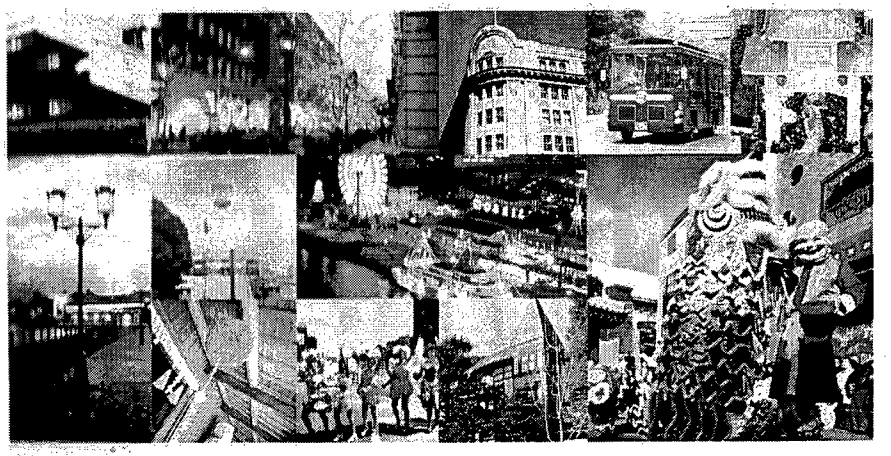
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History of KOBE

Ancient Times ~ Edo Period

Kobe is a port city with centuries of history. Its port came to be developed due to several factors: its position on the Seto Inland Sea, Kobe's location in the center of Japan, its deep waters, and its good climate.

During the Nara period (710-784 C.E.), the port, known then as "Owada no Tomari," was already a major port of trade with China and other foreign countries. In addition, the beautiful coastline of Suma and Maiko, located in western Kobe, served as the backdrop for many waka and haiku poems, and other famous literary works as *The Tale of Genji* (approximately late 9th-early 10th century) and the *Taiheiki* (14th century).

For a short time, the capital of Japan was moved from Kyoto to Kobe's Fukuhara. At the same time, Kobe became a center of military activity. Many famous battles between the Heike and Genji clans occurred here, including the Battle of Ichi no Tani in 1184.

In later years, Kobe's port played an important role as a sea traffic center for the Seto Inland Sea and the Japan Sea. It was also a rest station along the Sanyo-ku Highway, a major highway from Kyoto to western Japan. Toyotomi Hideyoshi, the great general and unifier of Japan, loved Arima Onsen in the north of Kobe, and often came to visit.

Kobe also flourished in the Edo period (1603-1867). Using its ideal natural environment, it became a sake-making center; Nada no Ki Ippon Sake became famous throughout the country. Even today, Kobe is proud to be the number one sake producing area in the country.

Meiji Period ~ (1868-1912)

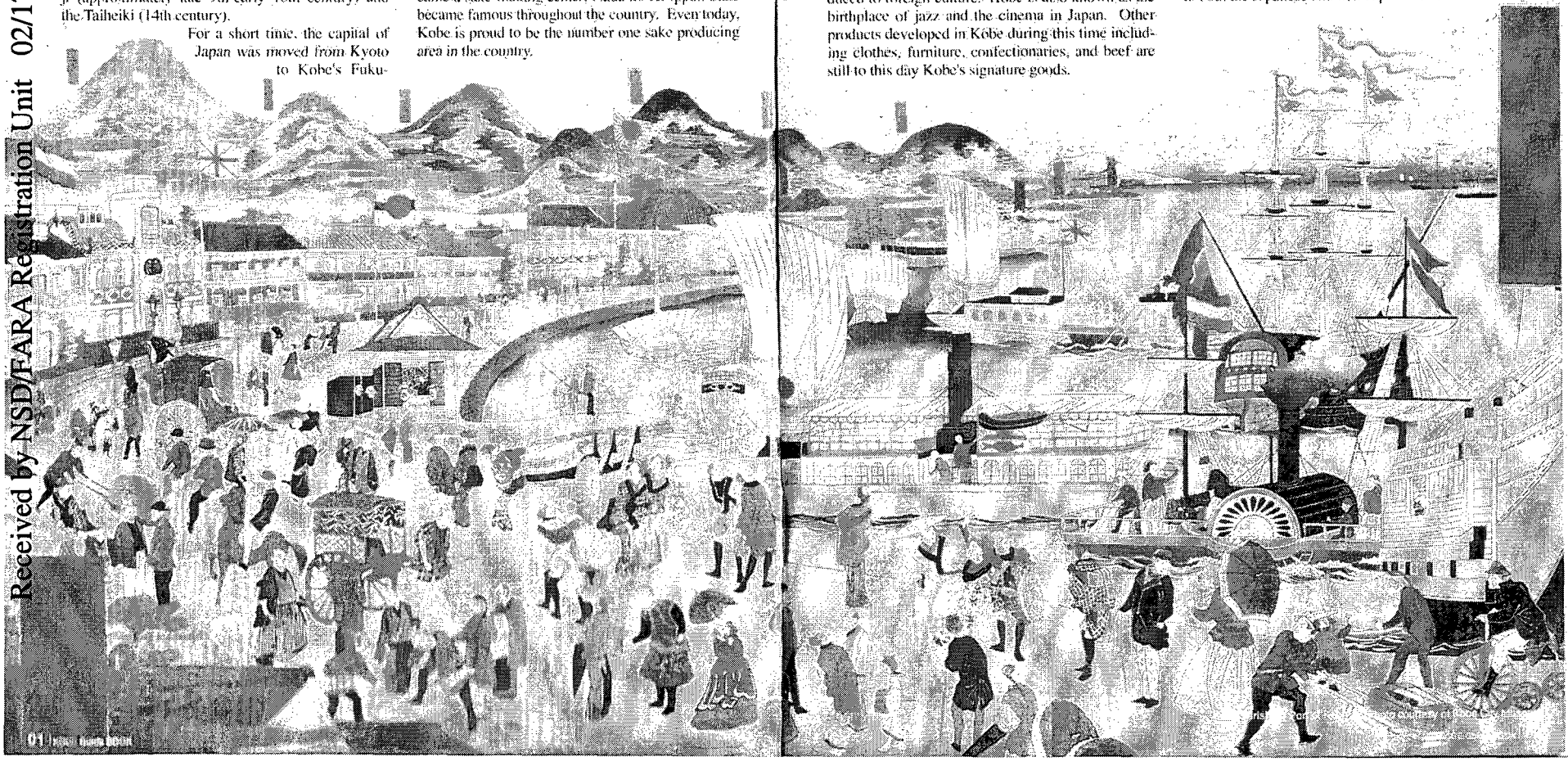
After a long period of national isolation, Japan opened its doors to the world following the arrival of Commodore Matthew Perry and Townsend Harris. The opening of the Port of Kobe on January 1, 1868 allowed Kobe to develop into an international port city and during the Meiji period, Kobe established itself as one of Japan's major ports.

After the opening of the port, many Americans and Europeans came to Kobe, establishing a Foreigners' Settlement. Through them, Western food, clothes, and entertainment found their way into Japan, making Kobe one of the first cities in Japan to be introduced to foreign culture. Kobe is also known as the birthplace of jazz and the cinema in Japan. Other products developed in Kobe during this time including clothes, furniture, confectionaries, and beef are still to this day Kobe's signature goods.

Hanshin Earthquake ~ Present

On January 17, 1995 at 5:46 a.m., an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 hit the Kobe area, taking thousands of lives in only a few seconds. Through the cooperation of Kobe's citizens, businesses, and administration, the city recovered quickly. Many monuments have been erected and commemoration activities commenced to prevent the memories of the earthquake from fading, and to pass on the lessons learned during the disaster to future generations.

The city's efforts are now currently focused on making Kobe a beautiful city, with charms to appeal to both the Japanese and non-Japanese visitor.

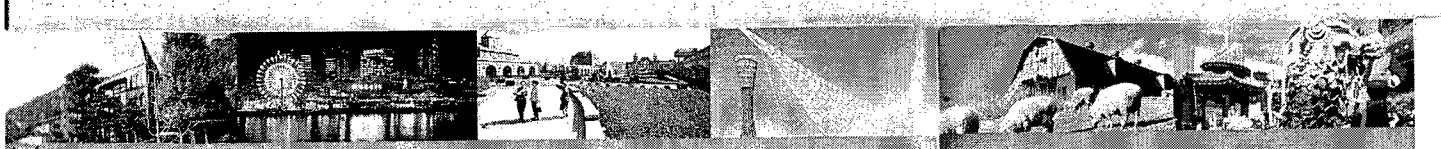


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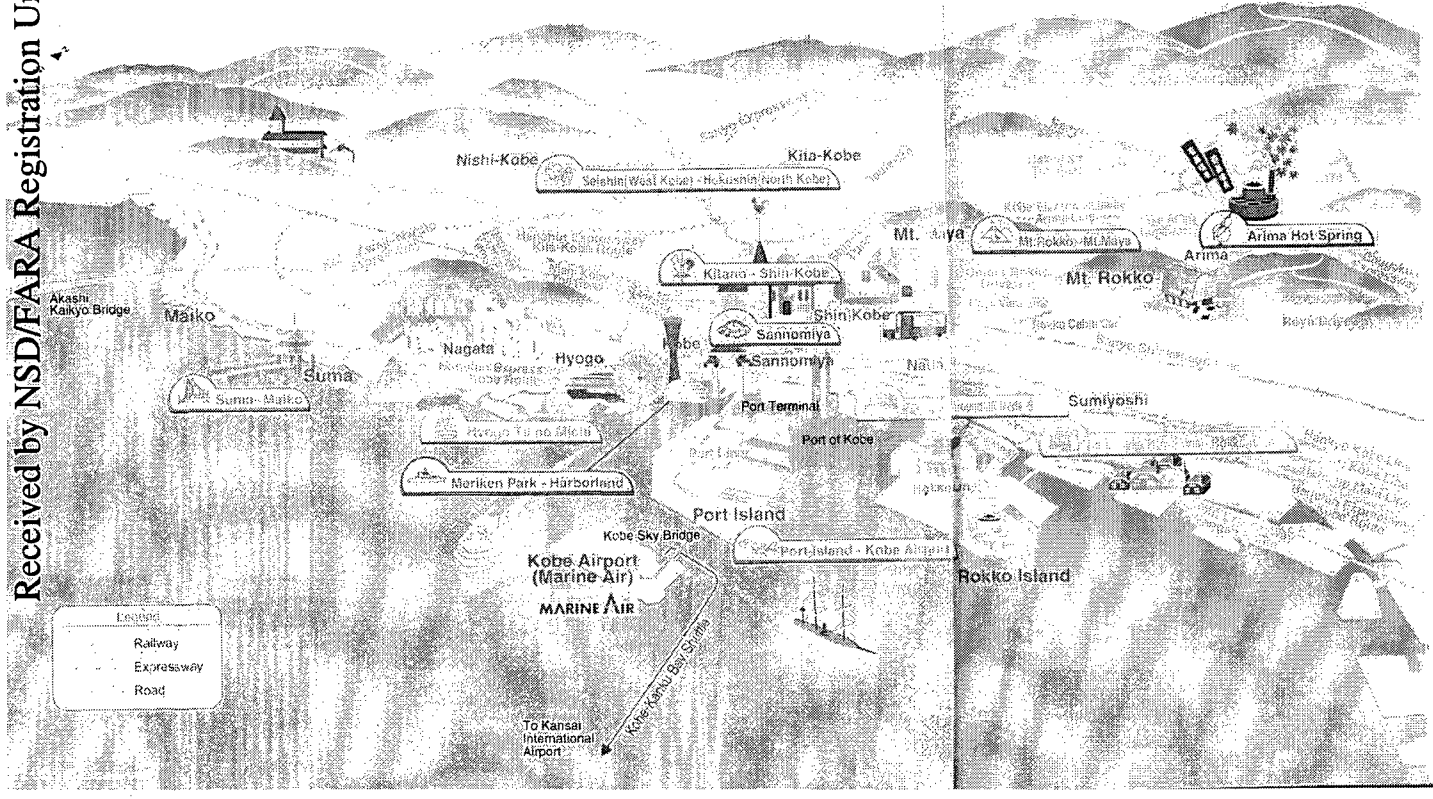
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The green Rokko mountains, the International Port of Kobe,
the city streets filled with a nostalgic air and Japan's oldest hot springs...
To really appreciate the varied charms of Kobe,
choose from a variety of courses and visit Kobe's many unique areas.



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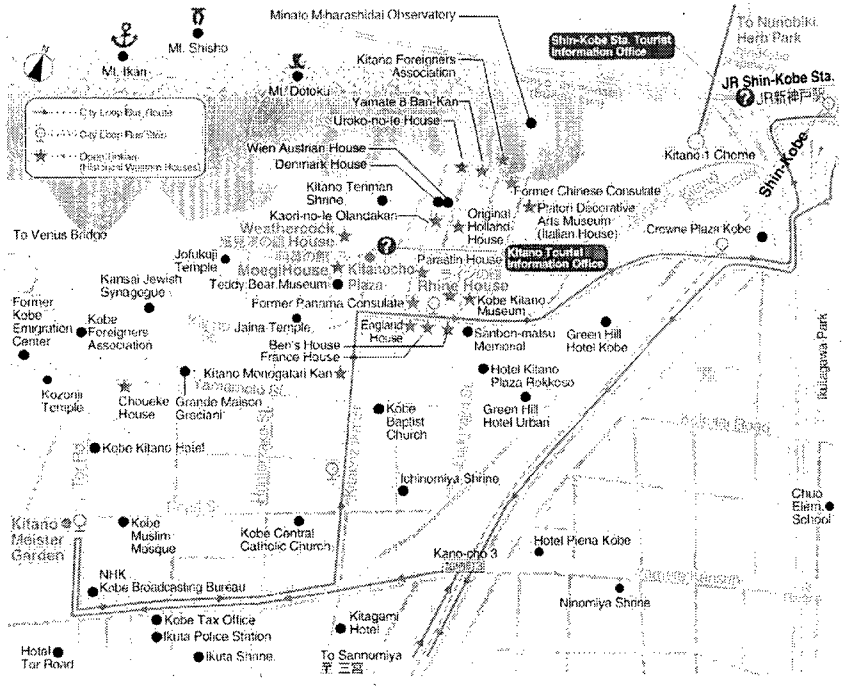
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Kitano - Shin-Kobe



After the opening of the Port of Kobe, many Americans and Europeans settled down in the Kitano district. Even today, the area possesses a very non-Japanese atmosphere.

A 10~15-minute walk north straight up Kitanozaka St. from Sannomiya will bring you to the Ijinkan area, where there are many Western-style houses. If you start from Shin Kobe Station, the best approach to the area is the Kitano Promenade.

As you enter Kitano Street, you will notice elegant Western houses standing out on both sides. The latest information about the old houses can be obtained at the Kitano Tourist Information Center facing Kitano-cho Plaza. The Weathercock House, Moegi House and Rhine House are all nearby.

An international atmosphere permeates the Kitano district with many restaurants and cafes serving food from all over the world. Here, you can take a break from wandering along Kitanozaka St.and Pearl St.

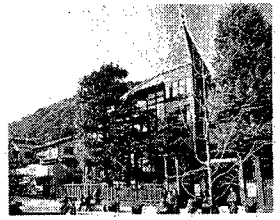
West of the Ijinkan area is Tor Road which links the former residential district with the port. Many foreigners often used this road and it is thought to be the place of origin of Kobe's trendy fashion sense. At the Kitano Meister Garden you can see, buy and even experience making Kobe signature items. It is the ideal spot to end your stroll around this area.

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Kitano-cho Plaza

The Plaza is located at the top of the steep Kitanozaka St. There is a wonderful view of the city from the park and it is also an ideal spot for a snapshot with the Weathercock House in the background. The jazz-themed sculptures by Akihiko Kurokawa are also very popular.



Weathercock House

The weathercock perched on top of the steeple is the symbol of Kitano. This is a dignified house built in the traditional German style and a National Important Cultural Property.

¥300 (Free for high school age or under) Weathercock House and Moegi House dual ticket ¥500)
<Apr.~Nov.> 9:00~18:00
<Dec.~Mar.> 9:00~17:00
(Closed on the 1st Tuesday of March, June, September, December. Open on holidays, Closed the following day.)
(078)242-3223

Rhine House

The creamy color of the house is very calming. The house is said to have gotten its name from the overlapping wooden panels creating beautiful horizontal lines. The coffee shop on the 1st floor is a prefect place for a rest.

Free (Fee charged during events)
9:00~18:00
(Winter season 9:30~17:00)
(Closed on 3rd Thursday in June and February. If holiday, closed the following day.)
(078)222-3403

Moegi House

Moegi means "Light Green" in Japanese. As the house's name suggests, its walls are a graceful light green. There is a gorgeous view from the balcony. It is designated as a National Important Cultural Property.

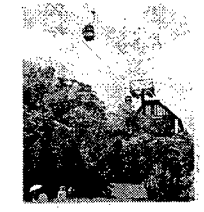
¥300 (Free for high school age or under) Moegi House and Weathercock House dual ticket ¥500)
<Apr~ Nov.> 9:00~18:00
<Dec~Mar.> 9:00~17:00
(Open all year. Shorter opening hours during the year-end and new year holidays)
(078)222-3310



Kobe Nunobiki Herb Park & Shin-kobe Ropeway

The Park, fragrant with 200 kinds of herbs, lies at the top of a hill, 10-minutes on Shin-Kobe Ropeway from Kitano1 Chome Station. There is a glasshouse with seasonal flowers in bloom and a restaurant where you can enjoy herb dishes.

¥200 (¥100 for junior high school age or under)
Ropeway fares(Adults)
One-way ¥550, Return ¥1,000
Weekdays 9:30~17:30
Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays (Jul.20~Aug.31) 9:30~21:00
During winter 9:30~17:30. Operation may be temporarily suspended during winter.
(078)271-1160
(Ropeway out of service for maintenance at the end of January. Herb Park also closed during this period.)



Kitano Meister Garden

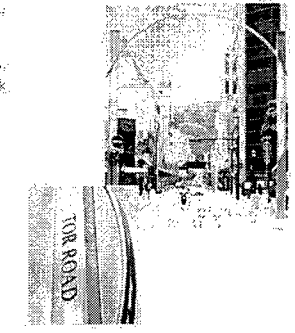
There are 21 workshops and other activities related to Kobe signature items such as bread, craftwork, shoes, and Japanese washi paper here in this old building that was once an elementary school.
Here you can see the skill of the craftsmen, taste a variety of foods and even try your hand at making some of the items.

10:00~18:00
<Open everyday between October and December.>
(Closed on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, year-end and New-year)
(078)200-3607 Tenants' Office



Tor Road

Tor Road connects the Old Foreign Settlement with the Kitano area. In the past, stores which were popular among foreigners used to line the street. It is not unusual to find western food shops, milliners or delicatessens that have been in business for 3 or 4 generations and have long-time, regular customers.

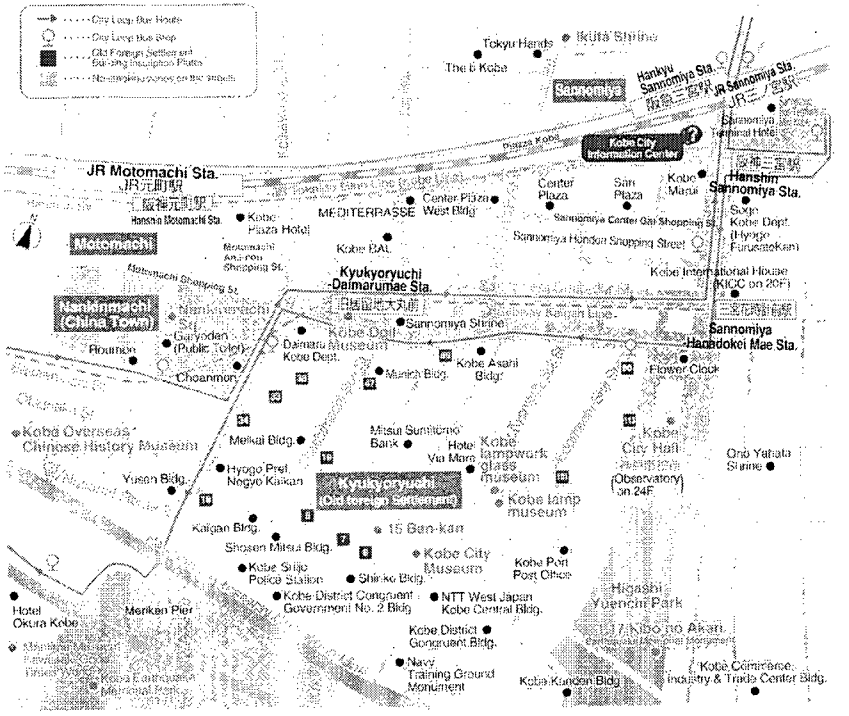


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Sannomiya - Kyukyoryuchi (Old Foreign Settlement) - Nankinmachi - Motomachi



No-smoking zones on the streets

"Regulations for the prevention of smoking on the streets and littering of cigarette butts (the ban on smoking while walking)" will be in place from April 1, 2008. Offenders who smoke inside the no-smoking zones on the streets will be fined 1,000 yen.



Between Sannomiya and Motomachi, in Kobe's city center, are the Sannomiya Center Gai Shopping Street and Motomachi Shopping Street as well as many other shopping facilities where you can eat and shop to your heart's content.

West side of Flower Road stretching south from Sannomiya St. is the Kyukyoryuchi (Old Foreign Settlement) which was established at the time of the opening of the Port of Kobe in 1868. Higashi-Yuenchi Park, where foreign residents used to play sports, and the stone buildings in the area are reminders of the early days of the Old Foreign Settlement. Plaques displaying addresses can be found on main buildings. You can imagine what the town looked like long ago as you stroll around the neighborhood. Nankin-Machi is Kobe's lively Chinatown where 100 colorful restaurants and shops line the streets.

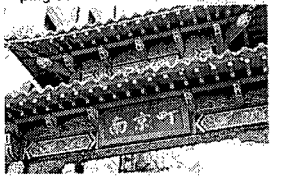


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Nankinmachi (Chinatown)

Nankinmachi is Kobe's Chinatown stretching about 300m east-west and 100m north-south. Here you can have fun going from one store to the next tasting everything from gourmet Chinese food in restaurants to take-away food at stalls.

(078)332-2896 (Nankin-Machi Shopping Street Promotion Association)



Higashi-Yuenchi Park

Rich in greenery, the park is a city-center haven for relaxing. It is also the location of Luminarie in winter. The park was where the early foreign settlers introduced the sports of rugby, soccer and tennis to Japan. There are many monuments in the park including The Birthplace of Modern Fashion Monument, The Birthplace of Bowling Monument and The "AC Sim" Monument.

Hanshin Awaji Earthquake Memorial Monument - 1.17 Kibo no Akari

1.17 Kibo no Akari is a gas light erected in Higashi Yuenchi Park on the 5th anniversary of the earthquake on January 17, 2000 at 5:46 am to pass on the memory of the earthquake and the reconstruction process to future generations. Below the monument, the names of the victims of the earthquake have been engraved on plaques.

15 Ban-kan

The Colonial style two-story wooden building was the residence of the American Consul General during the old settlement days. The original building was destroyed in the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake but was rebuilt in 1998. It is now a restaurant where you can stop for a short rest. It is a Designated Important National Cultural Property.

(078)334-0015

Kobe City Museum

The museum was established with the theme of "International Cultural Exchange - The Fusion and Transfiguration of Eastern and Western Culture" and is located in the Old Foreign Settlement area in a former bank built in 1935. The impressive structure is of Dorian style with semicircular pillars in a Grecian manner.

Regular entrance fee for Adults ¥200 (High School & College Students ¥150 Junior High and Elementary School Students ¥100) (An additional fee is charged for special exhibitions.)

10:00~17:00 (Closed on Mondays (open on holidays, closed the following day) Also closed during exhibition replacement, year-end and New-year.)

(078)391-0035

Kobe Overseas Chinese History Museum

The museum introduces the history of the Chinese community in Kobe. Collected here are old photographs of Kobe, documents, art objects, and other items related to the Chinese community in Kobe.

Adults ¥300, Students ¥200

10:00~16:00 (Closed Wednesdays)

078-331-3855

Sorakuen Garden



Sorakuen Garden, completed at the end of the Meiji era, is a fine Japanese-style, 20,000-square meter garden built around a pond. There are huge camphor trees and many azaleas in the garden. It is well known for the beauty of its azaleas in spring and chrysanthemum shows in autumn.

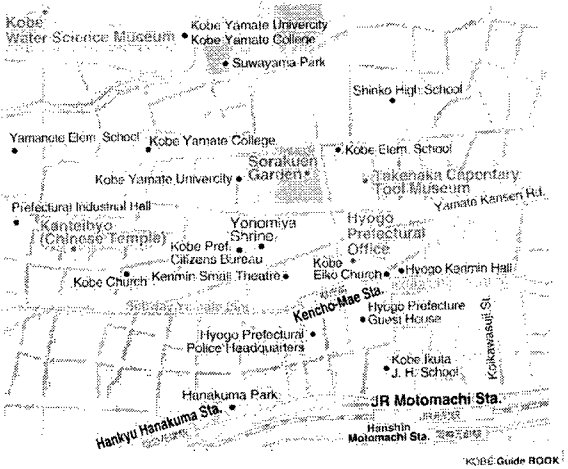
Adults ¥300, Children ¥150

9:00~17:00 (Admission before 16:30) (Closed Thursdays, open on holiday, closed the following day)

(078)351-5155

Kanteibyo (Chinese Temple)

Kanteibyo is a temple of worship for the Chinese community in Kobe, where Kan-u (Guan Yu, or Kwan Yiu), who is the hero of Classic Three Kingdom Saga in China, is enshrined. Set in a residential district, the vermilion painted pillars and the yellow roof tiles create a Chinese atmosphere.

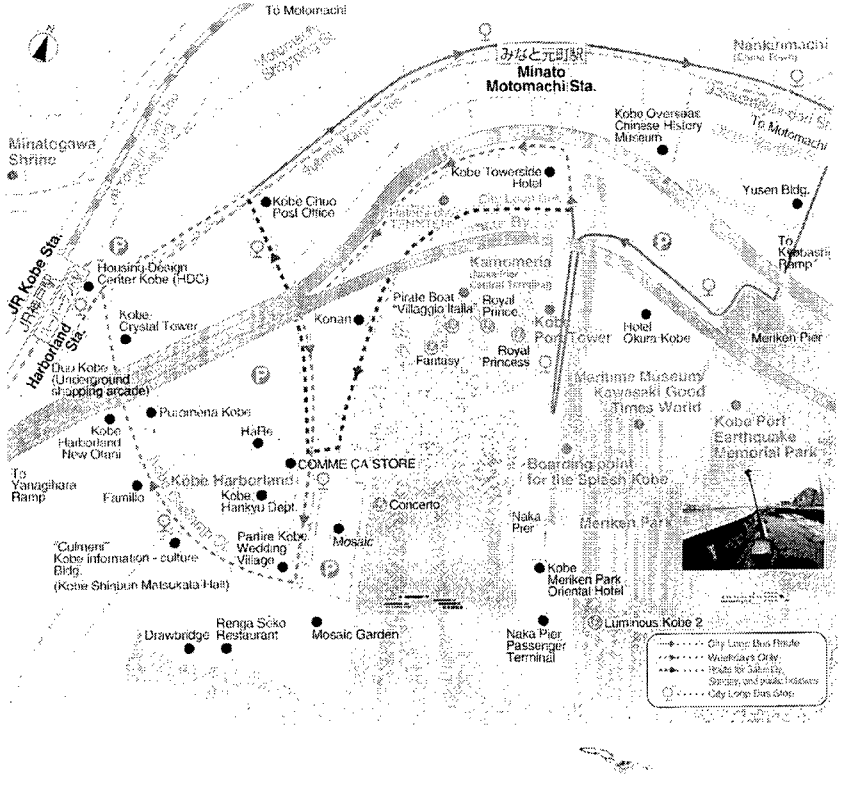


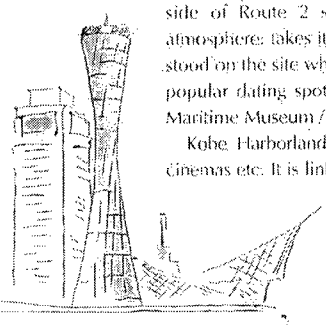
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Meriken Park - Harborland





The waterfront is a leisurely 10-minute stroll from JR Motomachi Station. On the far side of Route 2 stretches the sparkling sea. Meriken Pier with its nostalgic atmosphere takes its name from the American Consulate-General's residence which stood on the site when the pier was built. Today, Meriken Park is one of Kobe's most popular dating spots. In the park are the Port of Kobe Earthquake Memorial Park, Maritime Museum / Kawasaki Good Times World, and Kobe Port Tower.

Kobe Harborland is an entertainment area where you can go shopping, eating, cinemas etc. It is linked with Meriken Park by a waterfront path. From Naka Pier Chuo Terminal and the piers nearby you can take cruises of the port and Akashi Kaikyo Bridge. The view of Kobe from the sea is breathtaking.

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Meriken Park

This green park sits on the waterfront of the port. In the park, you can visit monuments such as the Meriken Theater, commemorates the introduction of the cinema to Japan, and see a replica of Columbus' ship, the Santa Maria. Seeing Kobe's landmarks, Kobe Port Tower and the Kobe Maritime Museum lit up at night is also recommended.

Port of Kobe Earthquake Memorial Park

In order to tell later generations of the great destruction the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake caused in Kobe, a section of the damaged waterfront is preserved as it was immediately after the disaster. The degree of damage caused by the earthquake and the port's progress in reconstruction are shown in this memorial park.

Splash Kobe

Daily sightseeing tours onboard an amphibious boat.

(078)371-3700

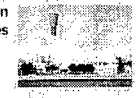
Kobe Port Tower

The crimson red tower is a symbol of the Port of Kobe. You can enjoy a 360 degree panoramic view from the 100 meter high observation floor.

¥600 (Elementary & Junior High School Students ¥300)

9:00~20:30(Changes due to season, please contact us:) (Entrance open until 30 minutes before close)

(078)391-6751



Kobe Maritime Museum / Kawasaki Good Times World

This comprehensive museum displays the sea, sea vessels, and port with a focus on the history of the Kobe Port. The Kawasaki Good Times World exhibits the real products such as Shinkansen bullet train and helicopter.

¥500 (Children ¥250)

Combined ticket with the Port Tower ¥800 (Children ¥400)

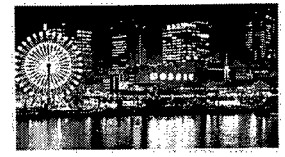
10:00~17:00 (Closed on Monday)

(078)327-8983

Kobe Harborland

This is an entertainment area with many facilities. There is the open mall Mosaic facing the ocean and beside it, the small fairground Mosaic Garden. Also in the area are the Renga Soko Restaurants, Kobe Hankyu Department store and Promena Kobe shopping malls.

(078)360-3639 (Harborland Information Center)



Hatoba-cho TENXTEN

A workshop inside a warehouse at Kobe port where a variety of craftsmen are actively engaged in glasswork, pottery and calligraphy arts and crafts.

11:00~19:00(Closed on Wednesday)

078-351-1335

Enjoy the Port of Kobe! Port of Kobe Cruises

To really get the best out of your visit to the Port of Kobe and see another side of the port city, take one of the many cruises available.

Luminous Kobe 2

Enjoy gourmet French food on this cruise. There are 3 cruises per day. The 1st and 3rd cruises go as far as Akashi Kaikyo Bridge taking about 2 hours 20 minutes.

Adults ¥2,100~, Children ¥1,050~ (Meals not included)
Departs from Naka Pier Passenger Terminal
(078)333-8414

Concerto

Enjoy Chinese and griddle cooking in the ship's popular restaurant. You can also listen to live jazz and classical performances on board. 4 cruises per day.

Adults ¥2,100, Children ¥1,050 (Meals not included)
Departs from the front of Harborland Mosaic
(078)360-5600

Royal Princess

Enjoy live performances upon Dock Restaurant.

Adults ¥1,000, Children ¥500, Junior and senior Highschool Students・Over 65years old ¥800
Departs from Kamomeria (Naka Pier Central Terminal)
(078)360-0039

*Please check in advance as cruises are subject to change or cancellation.

Royal Prince

45-minute cruising. This boat is the first sailing boat launched into Kobe Port.

Adults ¥1,000, Children ¥500, Junior and senior Highschool Students・Over 65years old ¥800
Departs from Kamomeria (Naka Pier Central Terminal)
(078)360-0039

Fantasy

Pleasure boat equipped with a Japanese-style parlor. It is the only boat to go under the bridge connecting to the Kobe Airport, and you can see the airport closely.

Adults ¥1,200, Small Children ¥600, Junior and senior highschool students & Over 65 years old ¥1,000
Departs from Kamomeria (Naka Pier Central Terminal)
(078)360-0731

Pirate Boat "Villaggio Italia"

Kobe Port daily pleasure cruise

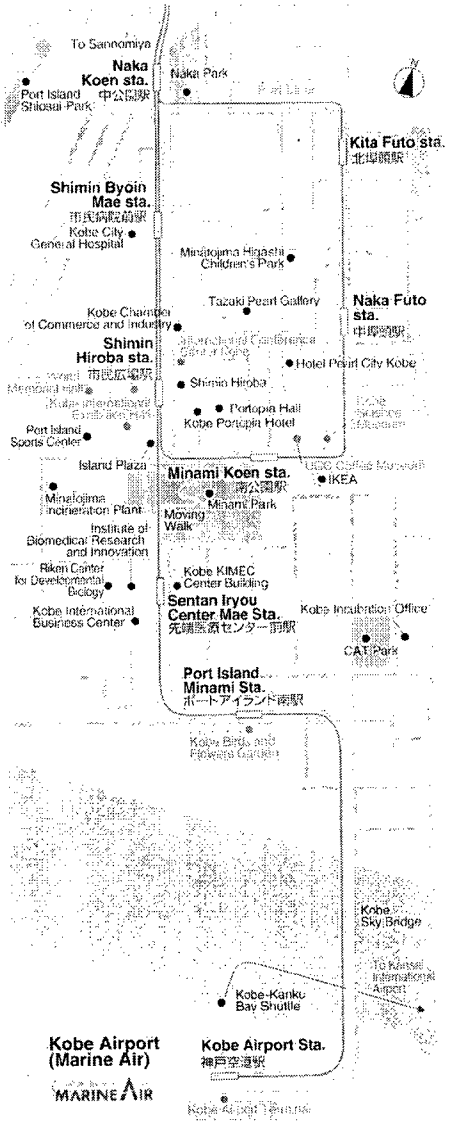
Adults ¥1,000 , Children ¥500
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Departs from Kamomeria(Naka Pier Central Terminal)
(078)367-2651

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Port Island - Kobe Airport

Over 20 years have passed since Port Island, Kobe's first man-made island, was completed and opened to the public. With its International Conference Center, International Exhibition Hall, and hotels, it is an ideal place for conventions. Other attractions on the island are the Kobe Science Museum and the UCC Coffee Museum. Also, the Kobe Healthcare Industry Development Center (HI-DEC) is being promoted, and south of this is Kobe Airport which has regular flights to Sapporo, Sendai, Tokyo, Kagoshima, Okinawa, etc. From Kobe Airport there is the Bay Shuttle regular high-speed ferry service to Kansai International Airport that takes only 29 minutes.



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Kobe Flowers and Birds Garden

This is an all-weather theme park that is filled with colorful flowers of all kinds and where you can touch owls, parakeets and penguins that fly and walk freely in the garden.

Adults (above junior high school) ¥1,500, Children (elementary school) ¥700, over 65 years old ¥1,000, Small Children Admission free, Other: Special charge for disabled people / group discounts

9:00~17:30 (Admission until 30 minutes before closing time)

(078) 302-8899



Kobe Airport Terminal

The Kobe Airport Terminal which was opened at the same time as Kobe Airport contains cafes, restaurants and Kobe sweets stores. On the top floor, which is now a popular sightseeing spot, you can see the ocean, the runway, the city and Mt. Rokko.

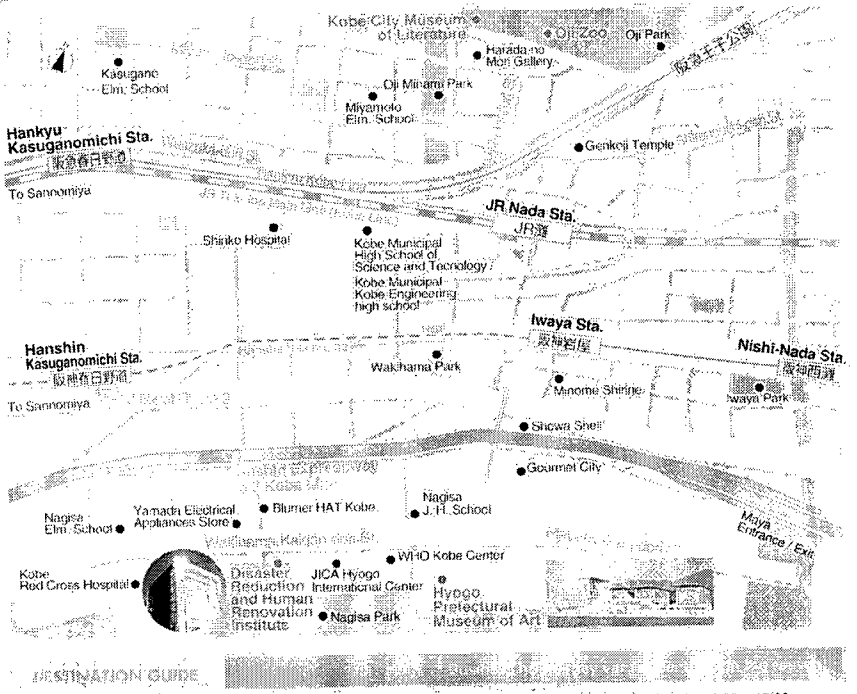
Admission to observation deck free of charge

6:00~23:00

(078) 304-7777



HAT Kobe - Around JR Nada Station



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Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution

Through life-size dioramas of the city streets after the Hansin-Awaji Earthquake, you can learn of the experiences and lessons from the earthquake.

One museum
Adults ¥500, High School & College Students ¥400, Junior High & Elementary School Students ¥250
Both museums
Adults ¥800, High School & College Students ¥640, Junior High and Elementary School Students ¥400

9:30 ~ 17:30 (Closed Mondays. July ~ September until 18:00. Fridays, Saturdays until 19:00.)

(078)262-5050

Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art

Built as a symbol of cultural restoration after the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquke, the museum, designed by Tadao Ando, is the largest art museum in western Japan.

Adults ¥500, High School & College Students ¥400, Junior & Elementary School students ¥250 (Regular entrance fee. An additional fee is charged for special exhibitions.)

10:00 ~ 18:00 (Closed Mondays. Until 20:00 on Fridays and Saturdays during special exhibitions. Admission ends 30 minutes before closing time.)

(078)262-0901

Oji Zoo

There is so much to see and do at the Oji Zoo. Come see the giant pandas "Ko Ko" and "Tan Tan" together with 800 animals from 150 different species from around the world.

There is also the "Dobutsu to Kodomono Kuni" (Animals and Children Land) where you can pet and play with rabbits, goats, and other animals.

Adults (over 15 years old) ¥600, Junior High School Students ¥200, Elementary School Students and Small Children free

March ~ October 9:00 ~ 17:00, November ~ February 9:00 ~ 16:30 (Admission ends 30 minutes before closing time) Closed Wednesdays, open on holidays

(078)-861-5624

Kobe City Museum of Literature

In the regular exhibition corner, "Port of Kobe Literature Scene", literary works and materials related to writers from the Meiji era who have ties with Kobe are displayed according to age. There are also the "Kobe Literary Map" which traces the footsteps of writers and 1,000 volumes of works by writers who were active in Kobe in the "Kobe Bookshelf Corner". Exhibitions and lectures on literature and other events are also held.

Admission free

Weekdays 10:00~18:00 Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays 9:00~17:00

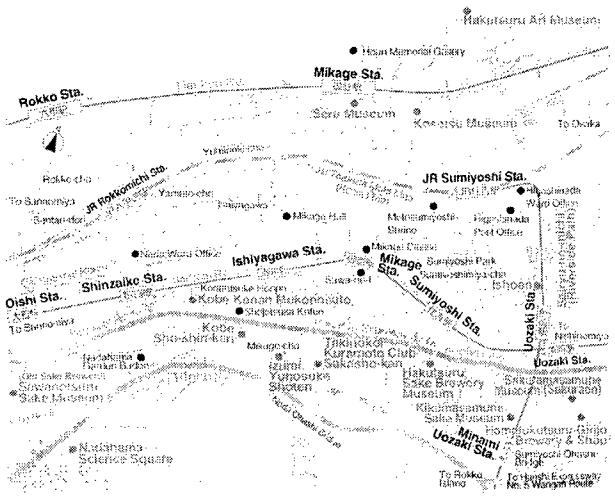
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Nada Sake Breweries - Rokko Island

Nada Sake Breweries



Since ancient times, the district along the Kobe - Nishinomiya coast has been referred to as "Nada Gogo", or the five sake producing quarters of Nada, Japan's number one sake production district. Of these, Nishi-go, Mikage-go and Uozaki-go are in Kobe City.

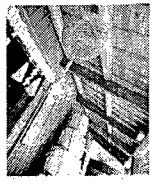
The mineral rich "Miyamizu" water, "Yamada Nishiki" rice, ideal for sake-making and the skill of the master brewers from the Tamba-Tango districts make a perfect combination for the production of excellent sake. South of the Hanshin Railway line between Oishi and Uozaki Stations you can find a number of sake museums where you can taste sake. Sake lovers enjoy visiting each brewery to taste their distinctive flavors. Near Hanshin Mikage Station you can find Sawa-no-i Well, the famous water from which Nada no Ki Ippon is produced.

Just west of Hanshin Uozaki Station you will find the banks of the Sumiyoshi River which is a perfect place for taking a stroll. Tanizaki Junichiro's residence is open to the public and located beside the river. If you walk a little further to the hillside area you will find the Kosetsu Museum and Hakutsuru Museum.

Sawanotsuru Sake Museum

The museum resembles a sake brewery as it used to be in the past. Here you can see how sake was traditionally made.

Free *Sake tasting possible
10:00 ~ 16:00(Closed Wednesdays)
(078)882-7788



Kobe Konan Meikonshuto

A Western-style former residence that introduces the history of Nada sake and Konan-tsuke pickles. The shop contains a wide variety of Konan-tsuke pickles and is a must-see.

Free
10:00 ~ 17:00 (no holidays)
(078)842-2508



Kobe Shu-shin-kan Brewery

This brewery features a sake-tasting area where you can not only sample sake but also snacks served with sake as well. There is also a restaurant and special events hall.

Free *Sake tasting possible
10:00 ~ 18:00 (no holidays)
(078)841-1121

Hakutsuru Sake Brewery Museum

Life-sized figures are used in the exhibition to show how sake was made long ago.

Free *Sake tasting possible
9:30 ~ 16:30 (Closed Mondays)
(078)822-8907



Kikumasamune Sake Museum

The sake making tools on exhibit here are Designated Important National Folk Treasures. In the grounds, there is a replica of a shed and a water-wheel used for polishing rice.

Free *Sake tasting possible
9:30 ~ 16:30 (Closed during summer holidays, year end and New year)
(078)854-1029

Sakagura Restaurant Miyamizu Sake Jozo

Besides an exhibition, there is also a cafe and restaurant that serves Japanese food.

Free
12:00 ~ 22:00 (Closed Tuesdays)
(078)436-3030

Hamatsutsuru Sake Brewery and Shop

Here you can see the complete process of sake making through a glass observation hall.

Free *Sake tasting possible
10:00 ~ 17:00 (Closed Mondays and the day following national holidays)
(078)411-0492

Tanizaki Junichiro Residence

Quietly standing on the banks of the Sumiyoshi River is a Japanese - style house and one-time residence of the great writer Tanizaki Junichiro, his wife Matsuko and her sisters.
They lived here for 7 years. It was Tanizaki's life here that provided the inspiration for his famous novel "The Makioka Sisters".

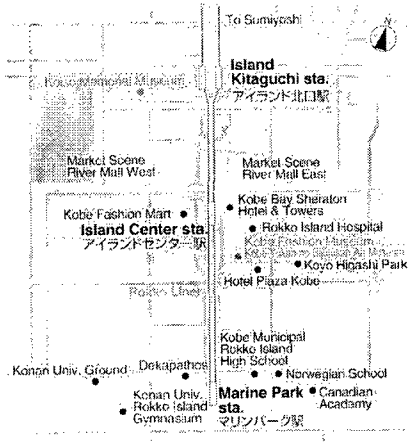
Free
10:00~16:00 (Open only on Saturdays and Sundays)
(078)842-0730



Nada Sake

Nada sake is often called "Otoko-zake" (male sake) because of its strong characteristics, raw sensation on the tongue, and its coarse taste. In autumn, after the sake has aged in barreis over summer, the aroma and flavor become stronger improving the sake's quality even more. The 5 flavors (sweet, piquant, acid, bitter, astringent) all blend to create a clear mellow sake. This is the distinative characteristic of this sake, also called "Nada no Ki Ippon."

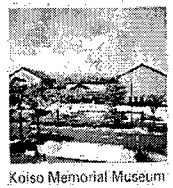
Rokko Island



Rokko Island boasts many colorful high-rise apartment buildings, foreign-affiliated companies, and international schools, giving the island an open and international atmosphere. Here, you can shop in a mall filled with imported goods, eat out and see a movie, and visit the Kobe Fashion Museum and the Koiso Memorial Museum.



Kobe Fashion Museum/ Kobe Yukari-no-Bijutsukan Art Museum



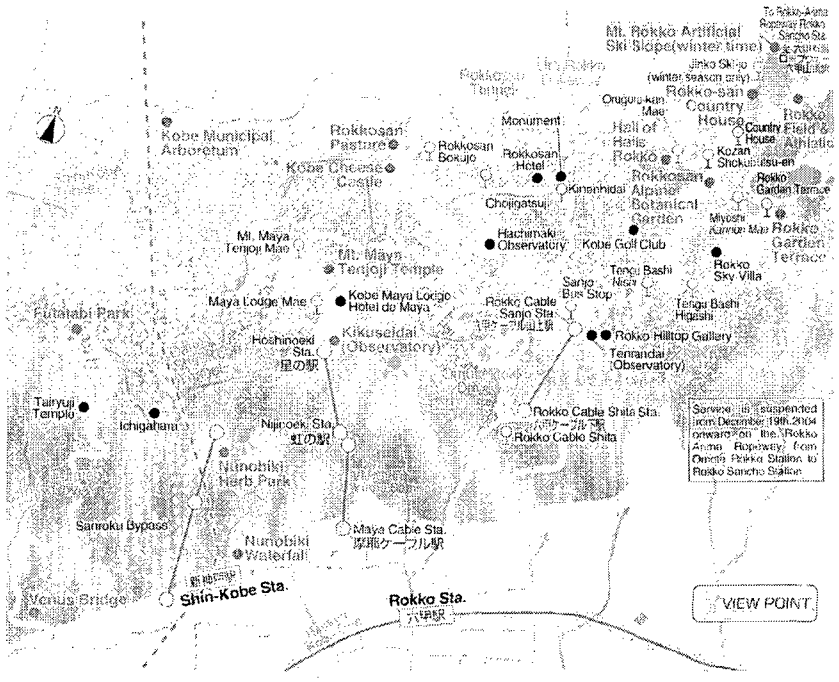
Koiso Memorial Museum

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Mt.Rokko ~ Mt.Maya

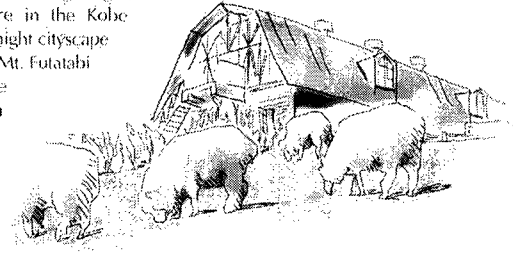


A major outdoor resort area, the Rokko mountain range is a stretch of green mountains running 30km east-west. From the top of Mt.Rokko and Mt.Maya, you can see Kobe's famous "10 million Dollar Night View." The top of Mt.Rokko can be reached by the Rokko Cable Car. At the top of the mountain there are a variety of leisure facilities such as; Rokkosan Pasture - Kobe Cheese House, Rokko Garden Terrace, Rokko-san Country House, etc.

At the top of Mt. Maya is the fashionable Hotel de Maya which looks down over the city. Nearby is Maya Tenjoji Temple from where Mt. Maya took its name. You can reach the top of Mt. Maya by the Maya View Line Yume Sampo (the Maya Cable and Ropeway), which provides a brilliant view of the mountains.

On the mountain, there is a Mt.Rokko loop line bus and a bus that connects Mt.Rokko and Mt.Maya.

Around Mt. Futatabi, there is a beautiful drive through a green tunnel of trees. You can appreciate nature in the Kobe Municipal Arboretum. View Kobe's glittering night cityscape from Venus Bridge, along Futatabi Driveway. Mt. Futatabi is also a spiritual mountain connected with the famous Buddhist monk Kobo-Daishi. You can follow his footsteps to Tairyuji Temple in the heart of the mountain.



Rokkosan Pasture - Kobe Cheese House

Like a scene taken from a storybook, Rokkosan Pasture is an relaxing rural spot where you can interact with cows and sheep. In "Makiba Yume Kobo" in the park you can try your hand at making cheese and sausages. In the Kobe Cheese House you can see how cheese is made and try some original cheese dishes in the restaurant.

¥500 (Children ¥200)
9:00~17:00 (9:00~18:00 Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays during Mar. and Nov., and the whole month of Aug.)
Closed Tuesdays. If it is a national holiday, closed the following day. Open everyday from Mar. till Nov.
(078)891-0280



Rokko Garden Terrace

The view from the observation tower 888m high in the mountains is superb. You can have lunch or dinner in the cafe, and buy various items, confectioneries as well as organic foodstuffs from around the world.

Parking: ¥500
10:00 ~ 21:00
(078)894-2281



Kobe Municipal Arboretum

Here you can see trees from around the world as they appear in their natural environment. Come watch the colors of the park change along with the seasons. The park holds guided walks around the hydrangea garden in early summer and regular bird watching parties. There is a free shuttle bus service from Kobe Dentetsu Kita-Suzurandai Station.

¥300 (Junior High School Children and younger ¥150)
9:00~17:00 (Closed Wednesdays, Open on national holidays and closed the following day)
(078)591-0253

Mt. Maya Tenjoji Temple

Tenjoji Temple is an old Shingon Sect temple at the top of Mt. Maya. It is said that the temple was founded in 646 by the hermit Hodo who came from India on a cloud of brushwood. From the Edo period the temple has been popular among people as a place to pray for a safe birth.

(078)861-2684

Futatabi Park

Futatabi Park, in the heart of the mountain, is a famous spot for viewing autumn maple leaves. You can rent a boat and row leisurely around Shiogahara Pond. The park can be accessed by No. 25 city bus. (Runs only on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays from April to November)

Hall of Halls Rokko (Music Box Museum)

A collection of about 80 unique antique music boxes from around the world are on display here. You can see one of the world's largest dancing musical boxes and other self-operating musical instruments. There is a performance every two hours.

Adults ¥1,000 Children ¥500
10:00~17:00 (Admission until 16:00)
Closed Thursdays (Open from Mar. 14 till Aug. 31, as well as national holidays)
(078)891-1284

Alpine Botanical Garden

Here, about 1,500 different kinds of wild plants from alpine and cold regions of the world are grown in a natural environment. Also featured here are a viewing plaza and Prince Bridge, inaugurated by the current Emperor when he was Crown Prince.

Adult ¥600 Child ¥300
Mar.1 ~ Nov. 30 10:00 ~ 17:00 (Admission until 16:30)
Closed Thursdays (Open Mar. 21 ~Aug. 31, national holidays)
078-891-1247

Access

Rokko Cable Car

Mt. Rokko can be accessed via the Rokko Cable Car. You can reach the cable car's Cable Shita Station by No.16 bus from Hankyu Rokko Station.

One-way ¥570 (Children ¥290)
Return fare ¥1,000 (Chirdren ¥500)
7:10 ~ 21:10 (No holidays)
(078)861-5288

Maya View Line Yume Sanpo

This is the name given to the Maya Cable Car and Maya Ropeway. There is a beautiful view of the city and hills from the Summit. You can reach Maya Cable Car Station by No. 18 bus from Sannomiya.

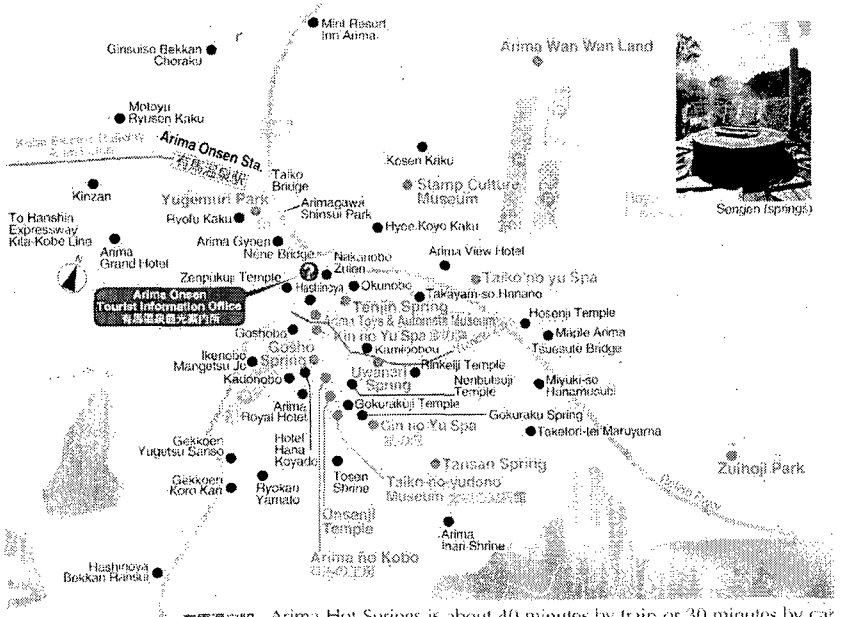
One-way fare ¥860 (Children ¥430)
Return fare ¥1,500 (Children ¥750)
10:00~17:30
(Weekdays from Mar. 20 till Jul. 19, from Sept. 1 till Nov. 30 and from Dec. 1 till Mar. 19)
10:00~20:50
(Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays from March 20 till Jul. 19, and from Sep. 1 till Nov. 30)
10:00~20:50
(All days from Jul. 20 till Aug. 31)
10:00~19:50
(Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays from Dec. 1 till Mar. 19)
Closed Tuesdays. (If it is a national holiday, closed the following day.)
No operation for about 2 weeks due to a legal annual inspection from Jan. to Feb.
(078)861-2998



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Arima Hot Springs

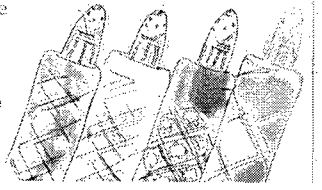


有馬温泉駅
Arima Onsen Sta.

Arima Hot Springs is about 40 minutes by train or 30 minutes by car from Sannomiya. Together with Dogo and Shirahama springs, Arima Hot Springs is one of Japan's top three ancient springs. Many famous historical figures have visited the springs; among these, Gyoki Bosatsu, Ninsai Shonin, and Taiko Hideyoshi (Toyotomi Hideyoshi) are considered Arima Hot Springs' three benefactors. Onsenji Temple and *Taiko no yudono Museum are connected with these figures.*

Arima has two kinds of springs: an iron and salt combination spring which is reddish gold called "Kinsen", and a radium and carbonate combination spring which is colorless and is referred to as "Ginsen". Here in Arima you can enjoy two different types of spas. You can also visit temples or stroll aimlessly along Yumoto Zaka with its atmosphere of a hot springs town. There are also shops selling traditional souvenirs. You can see the spring sources, soak in baths using 'Kinsen' at Kin no Yu Spa and 'Ginsen' at Gin no Yu Spa, and try your hand at crafts and other activities at Arima no Kobo.

Savor the beauty of the seasons while walking around Arima. The autumn colors of Zuihoji Park and Tsuzumigataki Waterfall are beautiful and each visit presents a new and beautiful scene to behold.



For information = Arima Onsen Tourist Information Office
Tel: (078)904-0708

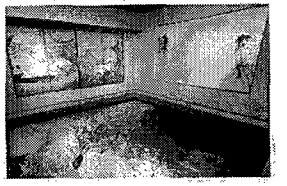
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Taiko no yudono Museum

After the 1995 earthquake, an ancient bathtub used by general Toyotomi Hideyoshi, the remains of a garden, and other artifacts were unearthed, and are on display here. This museum also introduces the history and culture of Arima.

¥200 (Elementary, Junior High, Senior High School Students ¥100)
9:00 ~ 17:00 (Closed on 2nd Wednesday)
(078)904-4304



Onsenji Temple

Built in the Nara period by a Buddhist priest, this temple introduces its history and that of Arima hot springs. Admission is 100 yen for adults and 50 yen for children.

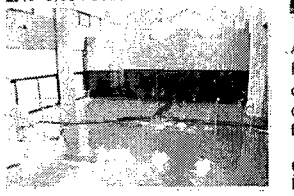
Sengen (Springs)

The white steam rising from the Tenjin Spring makes a perfect background for a photo. The Gosho and Uwanari Springs are also recommended. Come experience the sensation of cold carbonate water gushing from the Tansan Spring.

Kin no Yu Spa

Kin no Yu Spa was constructed over the source of Arima Onsen. Here you can soak in "Kinsen" water.

¥650 (Children ¥340 Infants ¥140)
8:00 ~ 22:00 (Admission to the bathhouse until 21:30. Closed 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month)
(078)904-0680

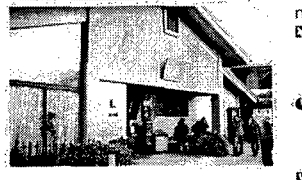


Gin no Yu Spa

In the Gin no Yu Spa, you can bathe in "Ginsen" water.

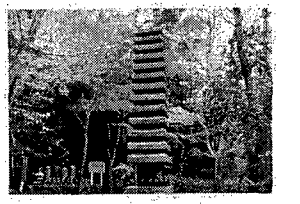
¥550 (Children ¥290 Infants ¥120)
9:00 ~ 21:00 (Admission to the bathhouse until 20:30. Closed 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month)
(078)904-0256

Combination Kin no Yu Spa-Gin no Yu Spa- Taiko no yudono Museum ticket ¥1,000.



Zuihoji Park

Shogun Toyotomi Hideyoshi once said of this park "You never get tired of admiring this garden." In autumn, the park's 600 maple trees brust into full color.



Arima no Kobo

Here, Arima's traditional crafts and culture are introduced in the Onsen Gallery.

Free (Fee charged for use of meeting rooms and lounge)
9:00 ~ 18:00
(078)903-5554

Koyado Toji (Fee charged) (078)904-0708

Access

Rokko Arima Ropeway

Arima Hot Springs can be accessed from Mt. Rokko via the Rokko Arima Ropeway. It has a spectacular view of the mountains.

Rokko-Sancho Sta. ~ Arima Onsen Sta. One-way ¥980 (Children ¥490) Return fare ¥1,770 (Children ¥890)
9:13 ~ 18:13
(Mar. 21~Jul. 19 / Sep. 1 ~ Dec. 9) 9:13 ~ 20:53 (Jul. 20 ~ Aug. 31) 9:13 ~ 17:13 (Dec. 10 ~ Mar. 20)
(078)891-0031

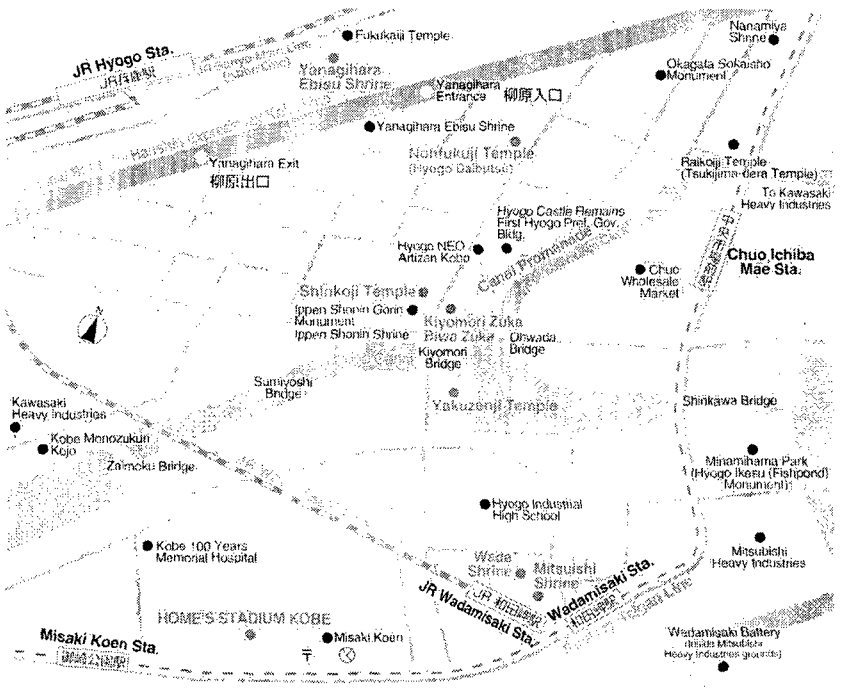
▶ Arima Souvenirs

Tansan Senbei Crackers: Crackers with a sweet taste and light texture.
Arima Ningyo Fude (Arima Doll Brush): Also called Ko-mochi Fude (Child-Bearing Brush). This brush has a long tradition and is a popular item because of its bright colors and cute dolls that pop out of the handle.
Traditional Bamboo Craftwork, Arima Kago (Basket): High quality tea ceremony and other items made in the traditional style from fine quality bamboo from the Rokko mountain range
Matsutake Konbu: The rich local taste of matsutake mushrooms and kelp boiled in soy sauce, mirin and sugar
Sen-nari Tsuke (Pickles): Gourds and mini-eggplants pickled in Nada sake residue.

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Hyogo Tsu no Michi



From ancient times Hyogo Tsu has been well known for its natural harbor. During the twelfth century, it was known as "Owada no Tomari" a center of Japan-China trade, and in more recent history it prospered as a sea trade port. In the Meiji period the Shinkawa Canal and Hyogo Canal were opened and the district became an important location for the transport of timber and construction materials. Today the area is used as a timber storage site and you can see huge logs floating in the old canals. By taking the walking course "Hyogo Tsu no Michi" you will be able to see the many historical spots in the area. You can get to Wadamisaki from Sannomiya by subway on the Kaigan Line in a little over 10 minutes.

Near the station you will find the two shrines, Mitsuishi Shrine and Wada Shrine, side by side. As you walk a little further you will notice images and reminders of the warrior, Taira Kiyomori. First you will come across Yakuzenji Temple which is related with Kiyomori. The Hyogo Canal has Kiyomori Bridge built over it. If you cross the bridge you will come to Kiyomorizuka stone monument which is thought to be the location of his grave. Others, however, believe his grave is in Nohfukuji, slightly north of this site. You can head for the temple while taking a leisurely stroll along Shingawa Canal.

If you cross Route 2 you will come to Yanagihara Ebisu Shrine which is famous for its Toka Ebisu festival.



Shinkoji Temple

This temple contains the Gorin Sekito monument, and is a temple dedicated to Ippen, the founder of the Jishu Sect of Buddhism.

9:00~17:00

(078)671-1958

Mitsuishi Shrine

This shrine's name means "Three Stores" and there are many stories regarding its origin. One is that the Empress Jingu (2nd Century) used three stones to foretell the future. Another is that she prayed to three stones for a safe delivery. Yet another is that there were three stones set in place for a portable shrine to proceed across Wadamisaki.

(078)671-2531

Wada Shrine

The shrine's large gate is an impressive sight. The shrine, which is called "Wadamiya-san" by the locals, is a place of prayer for protection and safety in transit. In the shrine grounds there is a monument dedicated to Koda Hyoemon who made great contributions to the construction of the Hyogo Canal.

(078)652-1551

Yakuzenji Temple

This temple of the Jishu Sect of Buddhism is said to have been founded by the 8th century priest, Gyoki. There is a legend which says that water from a spring in the temple grounds was used to cure the Emperor Godaigo's headache and this is how the temple got its name. In the temple grounds are the Kaya no Gosho Ato Ruins, where Taira Kiyomori imprisoned the Emperor Goshirakawa.

(078)671-1696

Hyogo Canal - Shinkawa Canal

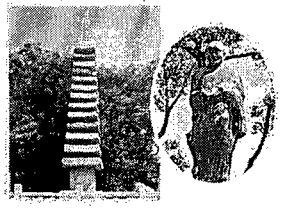
These two canals located in Wadamisaki are the largest canals in Japan. Many ships in Wadamisaki took refuge in Shinkawa Canal in bad weather, and as a result many became buried under the silt, eventually blocking the canal. It was here that much of the ancient port of Owada no Tomari was discovered. Later in 1898, Hyogo Canal was constructed as a passage to Hyogo Tsu. This canal made huge contributions to the development of the local economy.

Canal Promenade

The promenade is a 300m long path along the banks of the Shinkawa Canal. A wooden path and benches make this an ideal spot for enjoying the waterside atmosphere. There are panels which explain the history of the canals too.

Kiyomori Zuka - Biwa Zuka

Kiyomori Zuka is a 13-tier stone monument which, according to the chronicles "Azuma Kagami", is where Kiyomori's grave lies. However, research carried out in 1924, revealed that this is not the location of Kiyomori's grave. Beside Kiyomori Zuka you will find a statue of Kiyomori and Biwa Zuka and a stone tablet inscribed with a poem all of which make the area closely related to the past.



Yanagihara Ebisu Shrine

This Ebisu shrine is popularly known as "Hyogo Ebisu-san". On January 10 and the days before and after it, the "Toka Ebisu" festival is held. Stalls line the street leading up to the shrine and the area is crammed with people coming to pray. In the past, the shrine was on the old Saigoku Highway. On the side of the road on the northeast of the shrine grounds, is the remains of Hyogo Nishi Somon, a gate on this historical highway.



(078)651-0183

Nohfukuji Temple (Hyogo Daibutsu)

The Great Buddha statue of the temple known as "Hyogo no Daibutsu" stands tall at 11m. The original great Buddha statue was built in the Meiji era, but the metal used for it was confiscated during a metal shortage during World War II. The present statue was rebuilt in 1991. In the temple grounds are Taira Kiyomori's grave and a monument in memory of the Kobe Incident when Taki Zensaburo, a samurai of the Bizen Clan, committed ritual suicide.



9:00 ~ 17:00

(078)652-1715

HOME'S STADIUM KOBE

This stadium has a natural grass ground and was where hard fought games took place during the 2002 FIFA World Cup. Since April 2003, the stadium has become the home of Vissel Kobe, Kobe's soccer team. It also boasts a panoramic restaurant, a heated swimming pool and a gym.

(078)652-5656

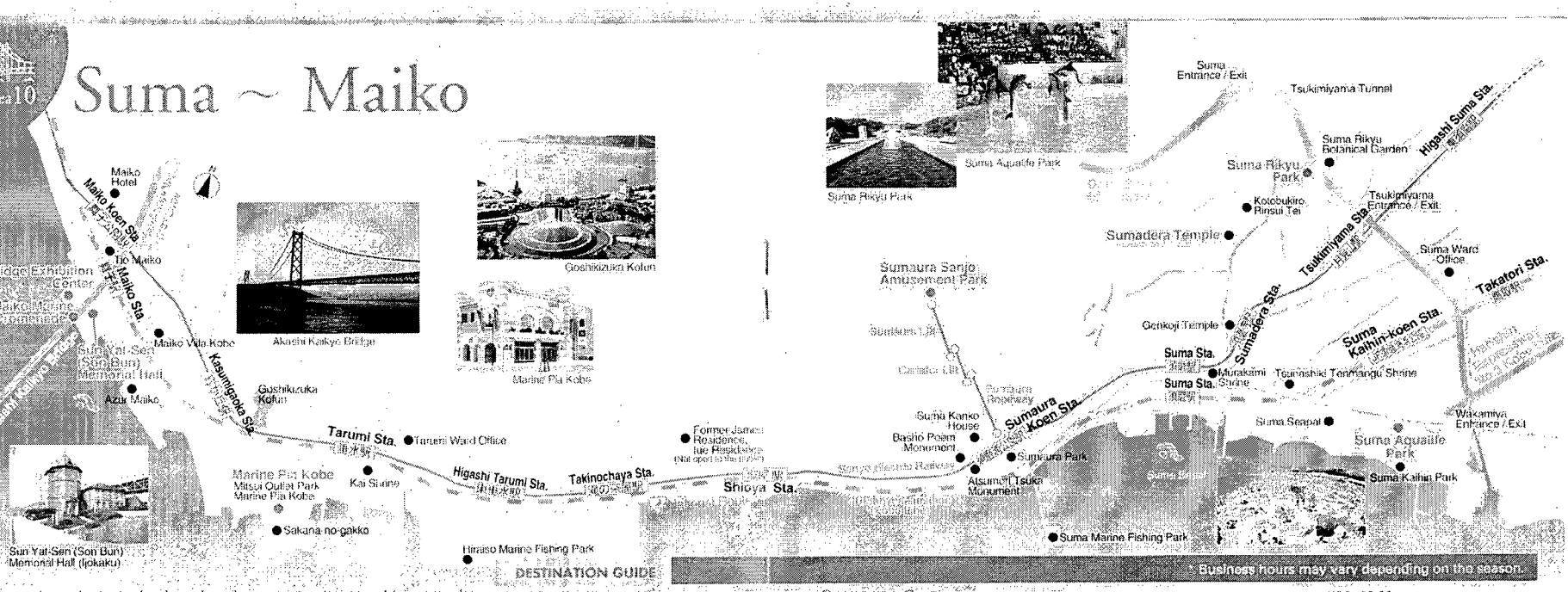
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Suma ~ Maiko

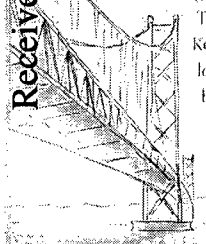


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Not only is it the best beach resort in the Hanshin area, the Suma~Maiko area is also covered with historical sites.

In the neighborhood of JR Suma station, there many temples and shrines including Genkoji Temple, the supposed residence of prince Genji from "The Table of Genji", Murakami Teisha Shrine which was the stage for the Noh song "Kenjo", and Suma Tenjin Shrine, or Tsunashiki Tenmangu, which is dedicated to Sugawara no Michizane a 9th century scholar. Among these, a particularly nice temple to visit is Sumadera. If you go a little further north you will find Suma Rikyu Park, with its huge rose garden. If you stroll down Rikyumichi, you will find Suma Beach, one of the finest in the Hanshin area, and Suma Aqualife Park where you can see the popular dolphin show, sea otters and approximately 20,000 water creatures of about 500 kinds. The park is popular among children and adults alike.



The Akashi Kaikyo Bridge (Pearl Bridge) connects Kobe-Maiko with Awaji Island and is the world's longest suspension bridge (3,911m). At night it is beautifully illuminated, its colors changing with the time and season. At the foot of the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge you can visit the Bridge Exhibition Center, Maiko Marine Promenade and the Sun Yat-Sen (Son Bun) Memorial Hall. Marine Pia Kobe and Azur Maiko in Tarumi are popular with couples and families.

Sumadera Temple

The temple is historically connected with the famous 12th Century Genpei clashes, with statues of the warriors, Taira Atsumori and Kumagai Naozane, the Genpei Garden, Atsumori Kubi no Tsuka (monument in memory of the beheading of Atsumori), and other artifacts uniquely displayed in the temple grounds. Viewing is free.

- 9:00 ~ 16:00
- (078)731-0416
- 5-minute walk from Sanyo Ry. Sumadera Station

Suma Rikyu Park

This is a huge park that was once the Muko Detached Palace. The blue sea and fountain garden is a marvelous sight. There is a restaurant, tropical flower hothouse, and botanical gardens.

- ¥400 (Elementary & Junior High School Students ¥200)
- 9:00~17:00 (until 20:00 on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays Apr. 29 ~ Aug. 31)(Closed Thursdays, if a national holiday, closed the following day)
- (078)732-6688

Sumaura Sanjo Amusement Park

A park that brings you back to your childhood days. The nostalgic ropeway and lift takes you slowly to the top of Mt. Hachibuse where you can see a spectacular panoramic view of the Seto Inland sea.

- Free [Ropeway - Adults one-way ¥350 (Children ¥180) Return fare ¥700 (Children ¥350)]
- 10:00~18:00 (Apr. ~ Oct.), 10:00~17:00 (Nov. ~ Feb.), 10:00~17:30 (Mar.) (Closed Tuesdays. Open national holidays, the New Year, spring holidays, Golden Week, O-bon)
- (078)731-2520

Suma Aqualife Park

See sharks and rays swim in the big wave tank, sea otters playfully swimming and a dolphin show.

- ¥1,300 (15~17 years old ¥800, 6~14 years old ¥500)
- 9:00 ~ 17:00 (9:00 ~ 20:00 during Golden Week and Summer holiday) closed on Wednesdays in Dec.~Mar. (open on national holidays and spring holidays, and other special occasions). Closed during year-end ~ New Year holidays (12/29~1/1)
- (078) 731-7301

Marine Pia Kobe

Established to encourage the contact that humans have with fish and the sea. You can try your hand at making 'chrimen' (small fish) in the "Sakana no Gakko" (Fish School). You can also shop in Kobe's first outlet mall. There are also a range of restaurants in "Mitsui Outlet Park Marine Pia Kobe"

- Vary depending on facility
- (078)706-5550 (Sakana no Gakko) (078)709-4466 (Mitsui Outlet Park)

Akashi Kaikyo Bridge

The bridge linking Awaji Island with Kobe is 3,911m long, the central suspended section is 1,991m and the main support towers are 297m above sea level making it the world's longest suspension bridge. The bridge lit up at night is a sight to behold.

- Weekend ¥300 (Elementary&Junior High School Students ¥150) Weekdays ¥240 (Elementary&Junior High School Students ¥120)
- 9:30~18:00 9:30~19:00 (GW. Summer holiday) Closed on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, if a national holiday, closed the following day, year-end and New year.
- 078-785-5090

Bridge Exhibition Center

This science museum explains in an easy-to-understand way the wonders of how the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge was buit.

- Adults ¥200 Elementary, Junior High School Students ¥100
- 9:30 ~ 17:00
- 9:30 ~ 18:00 (Jul. 20 ~ Aug. 31) 9:30 ~ 16:30 (Dec. 1 ~ Feb. 28) Closed Mondays (If it is a national holiday, closed the following day)
- 078-784-3339

Sun Yat-Sen (Son Bun) Memorial Hall (Ijokaku)

This is a museum dedicated to Sun Yat-Sen (popularly known as Son Bun by the Japanese). It was originally the Chinese businessman Go Kin-Do's villa and was designated as an Important National Cultural Treasure.

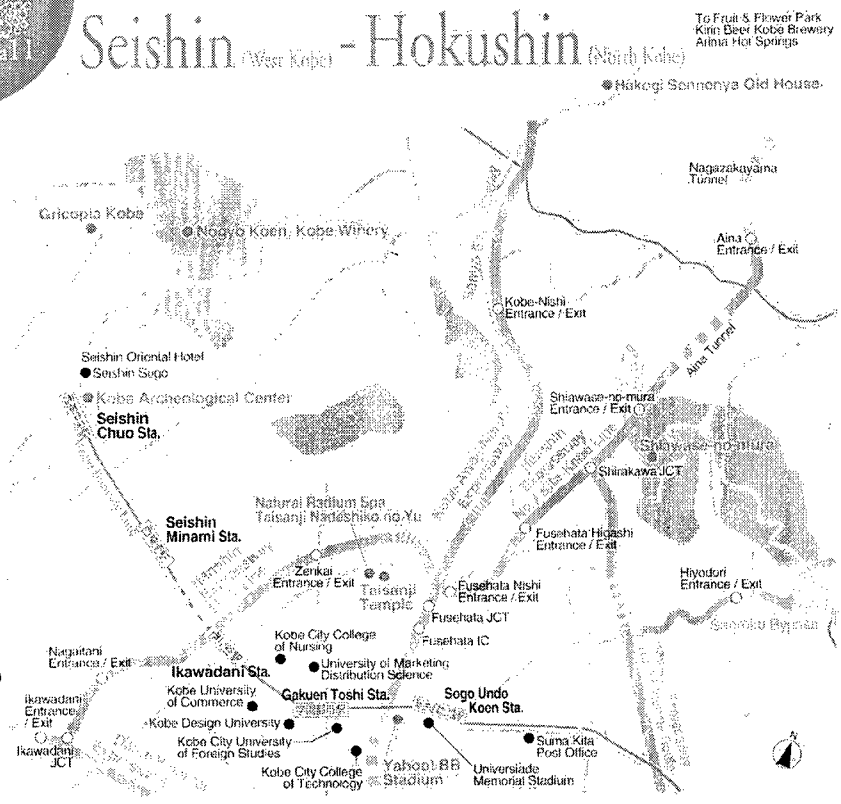
- Adults ¥300, Elementary, Junior High School Students ¥150
- 10:00 ~ 17:00 (Closed Dec. 29 ~ Jan. 3)
- 078-783-7172

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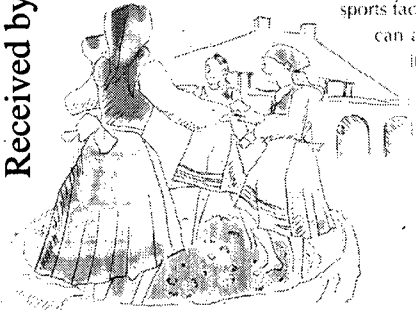
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Seishin (West Kobe) - Hokushin (North Kobe)



Come relax in pastoral Northern and Western Kobe, where there are a plethora of entertainment areas surrounded in a rich natural environment. In these areas, you can play sports, eat gourmet food, experience Kobe's local culture, and enjoy a wealth of other activities.

You can reach Kobe Sports Park, the location of Yahoo! BB Stadium, a huge gymnasium and other sports facilities, by the Yamate Subway Line from Sannomiya. You can also visit the Kobe Archeological Center well known for its unique exhibitions, near Seishin Chuo Station.



To enjoy the bounties of nature, go a little further from the city to the Fruit & Flower Park or Kobe Winery.

Head to Shiawase no Mura for a healthy and active day of sports. The Kirin Brewery Kobe and Glicopia Kobe introduce the products and history of each respective company, and will provide you with a day of fun.

You can also see another side of Kobe by visiting Taisanji Temple, with its beautiful natural setting.

* Business hours may vary depending on the season.

Sky Mark Stadium

This major league baseball stadium is covered with lush natural grass. The Orix Buffaloes is proud to have it as its home stadium.

Baseball Games ¥1,300~ (Children ¥500 ~)
(078)795-5589

Kobe Archeological Center

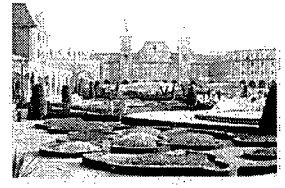
Exhibits items excavated from archeological sites around the city. Through glass panel displays, you can see how excavations are carried out and how artifacts are sorted. There is also a reconstructed stone chamber of an ancient tomb mound in the grounds outside.

Free
10:00 ~ 17:00 (Closed Mondays)
(078)992-0656

Fruit & Flower Park

This is a multi-purpose park with the theme of fruits and flowers. Besides having a look at the displays in the Fruit & Flower Museum and the Beef Museum, you can also go apple and grape picking in the fruit garden. There is also a bath house a fairground and other entertainment facilities.

¥500 (Children ¥250)
9:00 ~ 17:00 (Restaurant open until 21:00, Bath House 6:00 ~ 9:00, 12:00 ~ 23:00) There will be holidays during winter for facility inspection.
(078)954-1000



Municipal Kobe Winery

This is the winery that produces Kobe Wine.
You can see the vineyards where the grapes are grown and observe the wine-making process, as well as taste Kobe Wine free of charge. There is also a barbeque corner where you can enjoy a barbeque.

Admission and car park free of charge
9:00~17:00 No holidays (The park may be closed in February for maintenance)
(078)991-3911

Shiawase no Mura

This is a recreation and welfare center located in a green and hilly area of Kobe. There are a variety of sports and health facilities; a campsite, accommodation facilities, tennis courts, and a horse park). The hot springs are also very popular.

Free (Hot Springs ¥800) (Children under junior high school age ¥400, Combination ticket for swimming pool available)
10:00~21:00 (Hot springs business hours)
(078)743-8000

Kirin Beer Kobe Brewery

A guide service is provided from an explanation of the beer brewing process to beer tasting. A free shuttle bus in the shape of a beer can runs between the JR and Kobe Dentetu Sanda Stations and the brewery.

Free (reservation required for four guide)
9:30 ~ 17:00(Tour check-in 9:30~15:40) Closed on Mondays (Open if it is a national holiday)
(078)986-8001

Glicopia Kobe

Here you can see how the company's popular "Pocky" and "Pretz" snacks are made. There is also an original 3D animation show, and a display of about 2,500 free prizes given with the company's confectioneries. Advanced reservations are required.

Free
9:00 ~ 17:00 Guided tours given on the hour, Closed on Fridays
(078)991-3693

Taisanji Temple

This is a temple of the Tendai sect of Buddhism which was founded in the Nara era. The main temple building, Tendai Garan, is a Designated National Treasure, and the Nio-mon Gate and three-storied pagoda are Designated Important Cultural Treasures. Visiting the temple during the cherry blossom and autumn maple seasons is recommended.

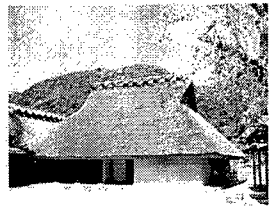
¥300
8:30 ~ 17:00 (December ~February ~16:30)
(078)976-6658



Hakogi Sennenya House

This residence of a powerful family in the Muromachi era is a dignified structure and is one of the oldest private residences in Japan. It is a Designated Important National Cultural Asset.

Adults ¥300 Elementary & Junior High School students ¥150
March ~ October 9:00 ~ 18:00, November ~ February 9:00 ~ 17:00, Closed Dec. 29 ~ Jan. 1
078-581-1740



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Shopping

Kobe is a shopper's paradise. Whether it's one of Kobe's fashion shopping streets, old shops that have been running for generations or a shop that sells the latest items, you are guaranteed to find whatever you are search ing for!

Sannomiya - Shin-Kobe Station Area

Around Sannomiya Station there are many department stores and fashion stores such as Sogo, Sannomiya OPA, Kobe Marui, MINT Kobe. Adjacent to the Shinkansen Shin-Kobe Station is the mall, Shin-Kobe Avenue.

Sannomiya Center-gai Shopping Street



Kobe's largest all-weather shopping arcade stretches 550m between Sannomiya and Motomachi. Besides the multi-store and tenant complexes Sun Plaza and Center Plaza there are also many restaurants, boutiques and general item stores. To the south, you can also shop at Sannomiya Hondori Shopping Street or Santica, an underground shopping area near Sannomiya Station.

Old Foreign Settlement

With Daimaru Department Store as a landmark, you will find many international brands boutiques in the area nearby. There is a comfortable blend of the retro and the modern in this unique shopping district.

- 5-minute walk south from JR / Hanshin Motomachi, Near Subway Kyu Kyoryuchi - Daimaru

Motomachi Shopping Street



Many shops here have been run by the same family for generations, and they helped establish Western culture in the area after the opening of the Port of Kobe. Lining the shopping street are Western restaurants, Western and Japanese confectionery shops, tailors, and accessory shops. The glass art entrance is a landmark of Motomachi.

- Near JR / Hanshin Motomachi
- 078-391-0831 (Motomachi Shopping Street Association)

Harborland P1, P32

- Near JR Kobe Station, Subway Harborland Station

Tor Road P1, P8

- Near JR / Hanshin Motomachi

Tor West

Tor West is situated west of Tor Road. This trendy fashion area is popular among Kobe's young people. Along a labyrinth of narrow streets you will find stores displaying the personal tastes of their owners, especially stores dealing in vintage clothes and accessories, and imported goods.

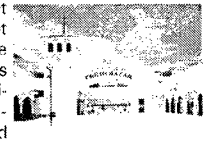
- 3-minute walk northeast from JR Motomachi

Kokashita Shopping Street

Piazza Kobe which stretches from Sannomiya to Motomachi is a 400m-long shopping arcade under the railway lines. The arcade is famous for its unique and numerous shoe stores and its casual goods stores. Between Motomachi and Kobe Stations, is an arcade popularly known as Motoko Town. You can find almost any kind of shop here-from trendy boutiques to stores dealing in used electrical goods and second-hand books.

- All railway lines Sannomiya ~ Motomachi ~ Kobe

Marine Pia Kobe



Kobe's first major outlet complex, Mitsui Outlet Park is set in Marine Pia Kobe which lies next to the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge. The factory outlet East and West is very popular, and here you can find stores selling famous brand name fashion, sportswear and outdoor goods. There is also a restaurant mall.

- 10-minute walk from JR / Sanyo Tarumi
- 078-709-4466

Kobe Shinsen Ichiba Market

The market and shopping streets around Minatogawa Park have come together to create a huge marketplace where you can buy fresh, tasty and cheap food. In the 500 shops you can buy fresh foodstuffs, and almost anything you need for daily living, clothing, and household goods. The market area grew during post-World War II reconstruction and while keeping its old-style look, it has kept the local everyday culture alive.

- Kobe Kosoku / Kobe Electric Railway Shinkaichi, Subway Minatogawa Koen

Kobe-Sanda Premium Outlets

Leisurely and luxurious shopping of first-class world brands will be possible in this unique atmosphere created in the image of a high class residential area of a suburb in LA. It is an inescapable new famous spot for driving, dating or dropping-in while traveling.

- 20 min. by bus from Kobe Electric Railway Sanda Station

Kobe's Special Products

Kobe Beef



Soft and pleasant to the tongue with an equally pleasing taste and aroma creates the characteristic flavor of Kobe beef. Its taste has captivated gourmets all over the world.

Nada Sake (Sake)



Kobe is blessed with rice, water and the cold wind that rolls down from Mt. Rokko. These factors unique to the location have made it possible for the Nada sake breweries to produce 30% of the nation's sake. There are large, medium and small breweries, each brewery producing its own particular flavor.

Kobe Wine



Grapes harvested in the Nishi and Kita Wards are brought to the Municipal Kobe Winery where Kobe Wine is produced. There are three kinds; Rose, White (sweet and dry) and Red, with a new product put on the market every year. This wine has a fruity flavor making it suitable for Western and Japanese dishes, and beef, in particular

Confectioneries



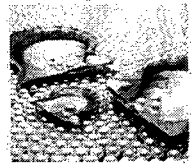
Since the early 1900s, confectionary and cake makers from all over the world and their Japanese colleagues have continued to develop original Kobe sweets through their creative efforts and skill.

Bread



It is said that Kobe people consume more bread than people in any other city in Japan. This is an indication of how particular Kobe people are about bread and how bread shops must satisfy these needs by baking the best bread with the finest ingredients and best baking techniques. From heavy German brown bread, to a smart-looking baguette or a well-kneaded loaf, even the most casual item is made with the finest skill of Kobe's bakers. You can be sure to find bread to suit your taste.

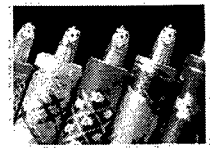
Pearls



Kobe began handling pearls after the opening of the port to foreign trade in the middle of the Meiji era. The sun that peaks over Mt.Rokko towards the north is an ideal source of steady light needed for the delicate work of pearl processing. Kobe handles 80% of Japan's pearl processing and distribution and is the world's largest pearl distribution center.

Arima Doll Brushes

A miniature doll appears out of the top of the brushe's handle, but is hidden when the brush is laid down. The traditional craftsmanship, bright colors and unique designs make these brushes very popular.



Arima Baskets

Made according to the preferences of tea ceremony master, Sen-no-Rikyu, the bamboo craftwork is made with grace and refinement. Along with the doll brush, it is one of Arima's traditional crafts.



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Sightseeing Index 1

Art & Historical Museums

Learn about Kobe's museums reflect its varied cultural past. Come and learn and have fun!

Kobe Science Museum

This museum boasts one of Japan's largest planetarium domes with a diameter of 20m and a linear motor car on permanent display. Here you can have fun learning about science interactively.

¥ Adults ¥600, Children ¥300 (Exhibit rooms)

🕒 Monday ~ Thursday 9:30~16:30 (Friday ~ Monday, national holidays, spring and summer vacations 9:30~19:00) Admission until 30 minutes before closing time. (Closed Wednesdays. No holidays during spring and summer vacations)



(078)302-5177 MAP P.13

Kobe Water Science Museum

With the themes of "Water and Living" and "The Wonders of Water", you can learn interactively about the importance that water has in our lives. The building is a marvelous structure in the German Renaissance style, and uses the stone roof of an early 20th century water purification plant.

¥ Adults ¥200
Children(Under 18-years) ¥100

🕒 9:30 ~ 16:30 (Closed Mondays. If it is a national holiday, closed the following day.)



(078)351-4488 MAP P.10

UCC Coffee Museum

At the UCC Coffee Museum, you have a chance to learn about the secrets of coffee through exhibitions on "Origin", "Cultivation", "Distribution", "Culture" and "Production" and "Information".

¥ ¥210 (Elementary, Junior High School Students ¥100)

🕒 10:00 ~ 17:00 (Closed Mondays. If it is a national holiday, closed the following day.)



(078)302-8880 MAP P.13

Kobe Lamp Museum

This museum has a fine collection of lamps used before the advent of electricity. On display are Japanese lamps, hanging lamps, Western and Japanese oil lamps and various kinds of candlesticks.

¥ Adults ¥400, Children ¥200

🕒 10:00 ~ 17:00 (Closed Mondays. If it is a national holiday, closed the following day.)



(078)333-5310 MAP P.9

Takenaka Carpentry Tool Museum

On display are traditional Japanese carpentry tools used for generations in the construction of Japan's unique and beautiful wooden buildings, which have a 2000-year old history. 2,000 items spanning from the Stone Age to the present day are exhibited.



¥ Adults ¥300 (University & High School Students ¥200, Elementary & Junior High School Students ¥100)

🕒 9:30 ~ 16:30 (Closed Mondays. If it is a national holiday, closed the following day.)

(078)242-0216 MAP P.10

Kobe Doll Museum

Antique and mechanical dolls from all over the world are collected here. Exhibits are systematically arranged to introduce the culture and history of the dolls. There are valuable dollhouse items in the museum shop.



¥ Adults ¥500, Children ¥400

🕒 10:00 ~ 19:00 (Closed Wednesdays. If it is a national holiday, closed the following day.)

(078)327-4680 MAP P.9

Hakutsuru Art Museum

A world-class collection of Classical Chinese and Japanese art and Japan's first Oriental Carpet permanent exhibition are exhibited here.



¥ Adults ¥800, University & High School Students ¥500, Junior High and Elementary School Students ¥250

🕒 10:00 ~ 16:30 (Open only mid-March ~ end-June and early-September ~ end-November.) (Closed Mondays. If it is a national holiday, closed the following day.) (078)-851-6001 MAP P.15

Kosetsu Museum

Displayed here are paintings calligraphy, Buddhist art objects and tea ceremony items from the collection of Murayama Ryouhei (Kosetsu), founder of the Asahi Newspaper. Also displayed here are 18 items designated as Important National Cultural Assets.



¥ Adults ¥700, Junior & Senior High and University Students ¥450; Elementary School Students ¥250

🕒 10:00 ~ 17:00 Open only spring and autumn exhibitions

(078)-841-0652 MAP P.15

Sightseeing Index 2

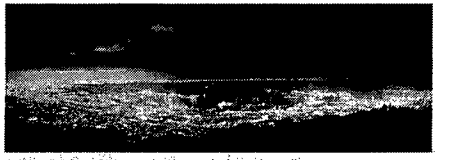
Night Views

Kobe is famous for its "10 million dollar night views". There are a number of locations around the Mt. Rokko range that provide a magnificent view.

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Mt. Rokko - Mt. Maya

Stretching along the north of the city is the Mt. Rokko range with mountains 500 ~ 930m high. Ideal spots for a night view are the Rokko Garden Terrace, the Tenrandai Observatory near the Rokko Cable "Rokkosanjo Station", and the Hachimaki Observatory along the Omote Rokko Driveway. From these spots you can see Kobe's "10 million dollar night view".



Also, Mt. Maya, rich in history, with its summit still abundant in nature, is an excellent point for a panoramic view that stretches as far as Osaka. For convenient access use the Maya View Line (Maya Ropeway & Cable Car). MAP P.17

Kobe Nunobiki Herb Garden

If you visit the garden during evening hours, be sure to wait until sunset. From the observatory, you will see the city below twinkling in the dimming light.



A night view from the Shin Kobe Ropeway is also recommended.

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Port of Kobe

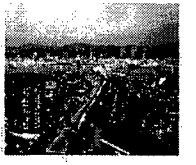
The contrast of the striking red of Kobe Port Tower and the white sail-like design of the Kobe Maritime Museum creates an beautiful scene. Together with the lights of Harborland, this is one of Kobe's best nightspots. A view of Kobe from the sea is also something special.



MAP P.11

Kita Park (Port Island)

The park is located at the northern end of Port Island at the foot of the crimson Kobe Ohashi Bridge.

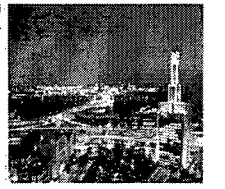


The spot offers a beautiful view of the port from the sea. In the park you can also see the "Minato Ijinkan" (old Western-style house).

Port Liner "Naka Koen"

Kobe City Hall Observation Lobby

For a convenient spot to glimpse a romantic night view of the port and city, the Observation Lobby on the 24th floor of City Hall Building No. 1 is perfect.

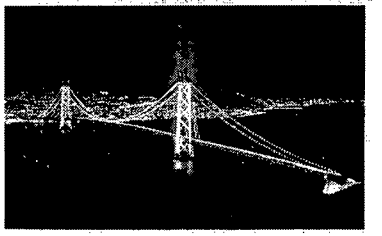


🕒 10:00 ~ 21:00 (Weekdays 8:15 ~)

(078)331-8181

MAP P.9

Pearl Bridge (Akashi Kaikyo Bridge)



1092 red, blue and green lights on the bridge's cables blend to create a rainbow of colors. On weekdays the bridge is lit up in the colors of the seasons; on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays it is green-blue, and there are special patterns that change for event days. The bridge is a must see when lit up in a rainbow color on the hour, and a jewel color on the half-hour.

🕒 From sunset until 24:00 MAP P.23

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Shrines and Temples

With its many shrines and temples interspersed throughout the city, Kobe retains much of the old flavor of Japanese culture.

Ikuta Shrine

The Shrine's vermilion gates standing in the middle of the downtown area is an impressive sight. The shrine, which houses the god to protect the city, has many devotees and has been made immortal by the poems of Sei Shonagon and Ueda Akinari. It also appears in the ancient text "Nihon Shoki"(720) which is an indicator of how old it is. To the rear of the shrine is Ikuta Wood, rich in greenery and a favorite spot among locals for relaxing. Open to visitors.



- 5-minute walk from JR Sannomiya, Other lines Sannomiya
- 078-321-3851

Minatogawa Shrine

There is a shrine dedicated to the famous warrior Kusunoki Masashige (1294~1336), popularly known as "Nanko-san". The shrine houses Kusunoki Masashige's gravestone with an inscription by Mito Mitsukuni. On display in the shrine's Treasure Museum are paintings, armor and other items related to Kusunoki Masashige. Open to visitors.



- (Treasure Museum)Adults¥300, High School & University Students ¥200, Junior High School & Elementary School Children ¥100
- (Treasure Museum)9:30~16:30 (Closed Thursdays)
- 3-minute walk from JR Kobe, Near to Hankyu, Hanshin, Sanyo Kosoku Kobe
- 078-371-0001

Nagata Shrine

Commonly referred to as "Nagata-san", this shrine has over 1800 years of history. It is familiarly known among shopkeepers, factory owners, and other business people of Kobe as the guardian of businesses, the bearer of good fortune and the protector from disaster and ills.



- 7-minute walk from Kobe Kosoku Nagata, Subway Nagata Jinja Mae
- 078-691-0333

Other Shrines and Temples

Onsenji Temple (Arima Onsen P.20)
Taisanji Temple (Seishin - Hokushin P.26)
Sumadera Temple (Suma ~ Maiko P.23)
Mt. Maya Tenjoji Temple (Rokko ~ Maya P.18)
Shinkoji Temple/Nohfukuji Temple (Hyogo Daibutsu)/Yakuzenji Temple/Yanagihara Ebisu Shrine/Wada Shrine (Hyogo Tsu no Michi P.22)

Visit the Seven Gods of Good Fortune

The Seven Gods of Good Fortune are a group of gods from India, China and Japan who bring fortune, longevity and good luck to those who worship them. However, their purpose is not only to answer the prayers of individuals but provide peace throughout the world and prosperity and happiness to all people. People pray to them so that they may obtain the various blessings of respect, integrity, prestige, charm, happiness, riches and longevity. At the following shrines and temples, you can receive the blessing of the Seven God of Good Fortune.

Nagata Shrine 078-691-0333
3-minute walk from subway Nagata (Nagata Jinja Mae)
8-minute walk from Hankyu, Hanshin, Sanyo Kosoku Nagata

Dairyuji Temple (Mt. Futatabi) 078-341-3482
No. 25 Bus from Sannomiya to Dairyuji (In service on Sat, Sun & National Holidays only)

Minatogawa Shrine 078-371-0001
3-minute walk from JR Kobe,
Near Hankyu, Hanshin, Sanyo Kosoku Kobe

Ikuta Shrine 078-321-3851
5-minute walk from JR Sannomiya
and all other lines Sannomiya

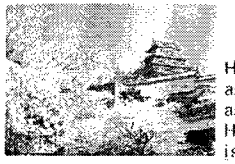
Sumadera Temple 078-731-0416
5-minute walk from Sanyo Sumadera, 13-minute walk from JR Suma

Nenbutsuji Temple (Arima Onsen)
078-904-0414
5-minute walk from Kobe Electric Railway Arima Onsen

Tenjoji Temple (Mt. Maya) 078-861-2684
7-minute walk from Maya View Line Hoshinoeki (summit station)

Sightseeing in

Himeji



Himeji Castle, also referred to as the White Heron Castle, is one of the most magnificent and beautiful castles in Japan. Ikeda Terumasa spent 8 years from 1601 building this castle. Its beauty and scale are awe-inspiring and it has remained standing since the Civil War Period (1490-1600). The Main Tower and eight smaller towers are registered as national treasures. And the castle has been designated as a World Heritage Site. The adjacent Koko-en garden is a spacious 33,000 m² garden that uses Himeji castle as a backdrop, creating a historical atmosphere.

- 40 min by JR from Sannomiya, 26 min by Shinkansen from Shin-Kobe

Sightseeing in

Kyoto

The ancient capital of Kyoto is one of Japan's most famous sightseeing spots and a place every visitor to Japan should visit. The city was the capital of the country from 794 until 1868 and is today the center of Japanese culture. The city boasts 14 World Heritage sites including Kiyomizu Temple, the Golden Pavilion, and Nijo Castle. In fact, you can experience traditional Japanese culture throughout the whole city. Tea ceremony and Noh drama originated here.



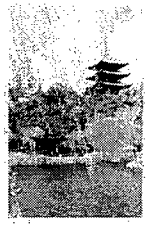
Introduction to Other Areas



Sightseeing in

Nara

Nara is famous for the Great Buddha statue and the Mizutori of Todaiji Temple as well as Kasuga Grand Shrine, Kofukuji Temple, and Horyuji Temple, all of which are designated World Heritage Sites. If you are willing to go a bit out of your way, you can visit Asuka-mura where you will find the Takamatsu Kofun burial mound. Along the paths in the hills you can discover the roots of Japan.



Sightseeing in

Osaka

Osaka is Japan's second largest city and a center of business vital to Japan's economy. There are also many tourist sites such as Osaka Castle which dates from the 16th century. Today, Osaka is a center of youth fashion in western Japan, making it an ideal place for shopping. On Osaka's waterfront, the Hollywood Movie Theme park™, Universal Studios Japan™, is not only popular among Japanese people, but has many visitors from overseas as well.



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Kobe Event Calendar

January

2 Arima Hot Springs Irizome Shiki
Arima Hot Springs (Kita Ward)
A ceremony dating from the Edo period to pray for the success of Arima Hot Springs. (City designated regional intangible cultural asset)

9-11 Toka Ebisu Taisai
Nishinomiya Ebisu Shrine (Hyogo Ward)
A grand festival spanning three days-(9th) Yoiebisu, (10th) Honebisu, (11th) Nokorifuku- during which participants try to gain good fortune.

14 Kuruma Otoshi Shrine Okina-mai
Kumano Otoshi Shrine (Nishi Ward)
"Ogi" (Fan), the source of Noh, is performed at this festival. (Designated Hyogo Pref. Important Folkloric Treasure)

17 The Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake-1.17 no Tsudoi
Higashi Yuenchi Park etc.
An event held every at the 1.17 Kibo no Akari in Higashi Yuenchi Park, and local areas and cities to pass on the kindness and compassion gained through the earthquake experience.

18-20 Yakuyoke Taisai
Ikuta-jinja Yakuyoke Hashimangu Shrine (Chuo Ward)
One of the few Yakuyoke Taisai festivals in the prefecture. *Over 300,000 people come to* the shrine during the festival season.

Mid - early Feb. Kobe Nankin-machi Chinese New Year Festival
Nankin-machi (Chuo Ward)
A festival celebrating the traditional Chinese New Year. Various events such as a lion dance, dragon dance and a parade of Chinese historical figures are held creating a rich exotic mood.



Around late January - early February Mt. Rokko Ice Festival
Rokko Garden Terrace
An ice sculpture contest is held, and the contrast of the crystal light of the ice and night view is beautiful.



February

3 Classical Ceremony - Tsuina-shiki
Nagata Shrine (Nagata Ward)
This is a traditional event that has continued since the Muromachi period (1333-1573). 7 demons used by the gods hold burning firebrands and dance vigorously, praying for protection from disaster and illness, and for safety in the home. (Designated Hyogo Pref. Folkloric Treasure)

17 Ogo Hachiman Shrine - Oyumishinji
Ogo Hachimangu Shrine (Nishi Ward)
An event at the beginning of the year to pray for a rich harvest. 4 archers shoot at a huge target where demons are enclosed. (Designated Hyogo Pref. Folkloric Treasure)

March

Early Mar. - Early May Sake Breweries of Nada Stamp Rally
Sake Breweries of Nada
Visit sake museums, art museums, the zoo and other facilities and have your application card stamped. After filling up your card, send it in to receive a wonderful present.

April

Late April - early May Infiorata Kobe
Shinnomiya Higashi Park, Kobe Harborland, Kobe - Kitano and other places (Chuo Ward)
"Infiorata" is an Italian word which means "to lay flowers out". Tulip petals are laid out on roads and squares to create huge pictures.

May

Early - Late Danjiri Festival
Nada Ward, Higashi Nada Ward
In local neighborhoods in the Nada area, decorated floats are carried on the shoulders of participants wearing colorful 'happi', or pulled on carts to the animated sound of traditional 'hayashi' music of bells and drums.

Early May Suma Grand Tea Ceremony
Suma-dera Temple (Suma Ward)
The Omote Senke and Ura Senke schools of tea ceremony host this grand tea ceremony under the fresh green foliage of Sumadera Temple every year. (Fee charged)

2nd weekend Kobe Festival (Kobe Matsuri)
Throughout the city
A parades and samba festival are held throughout the city. The whole city bursts into a festive mood.



June

1st Sun. Mt. Rokko Groom Festival
Rokko-san Kinenkan at Mt.Rokko Memorial Monument
A festival to celebrate the achievements of the Englishman, Arthur Hesketh Groom (1846-1918) who opened and developed the peak of Mt. Rokko and to pray for safety on the mountain during the summer season.

Mid June *Sara* flowers and one-string koto recital
Arima Hot Spa Namadaki Hall (Kita Ward)

July

3rd Sun. (Before - After Uminiohi) Minato Festival -Boat Tengoku
Harborland & Naka Pier etc. (Chuo Ward)
This festival features a garage sale, international food stalls, boat tours, and hands-on learning activities for sea navigation.

Last Tue. Motomachi Night Market
Motomachi Shopping Street (Chuo Ward)
Summer and the Motomachi Night Market go hand-in-hand. In this event, food stalls line both sides of the 1.2km arcade that streches from 1-bangai to 6-chome.

Late July Samba Festa Kobe
Kobe Harborland etc.
Samba teams nationwide will present a flamboyant Samba Show.

Late July ~ Late Aug. Arima Ryofu Kawa Zashiki
Arima River Side (Kita Ward)
Open-air platforms are built on the riverbanks. Come enjoy a meal, Japanese dances, and shamisen music played by 'geiko' performers.

August

1st Sat. Minato Kobe Fireworks Festival
Meriken Park, Kobe Port Tower (Chuo Ward)
Fireworks are shot up into the night sky in front of Meriken Park, lighting up the Port of Kobe in summer colors.



8 Shiman-rokusen-nichi Taisai (Hoshi kudari-e-shiki / Man-to-e)
Fuki Kaya, Fukui Temple
It is said that on this day stars from the heavens come down towards Kannon (the Goddess of Mercy), bringing happiness and protection from disaster. Also on this day, one can receive the blessings of Kannon.

Mid Kobe Seaside Bon Dance
Kobe Port Island (Chuo Ward)
A Bon dance festival held on the waterfront at Meriken Park. Also popular is the "International Bon Dance Contest" in which Kobe's non-Japanese residents take part.

September

Mid - late Kobe Nankin-machi Mid-Autumn Festival
Nankin-machi (Chuo Ward)
The Mid-Autumn Festival is a traditional Chinese festival in which there is a lion dance and other events. Local gods are worshipped in the Nankin-machi square and in storefront areas.

October

Early Kobe Tourism Day, Kobe Tourism Week
Throughout the city
During Kobe Tourism Week many facilities will be open for free and there will be many events so that many people can enjoy tourism in Kobe.

Early Motomachi Music Week
Motomachi Shopping Street (Chuo Ward)
This is a music event held around Motomachi and the surrounding area, where Western clothing, coffee, and Western culture were introduced to Kobe and Japan. Many music performances from a variety of genres are hold on the street and in concert halls.

Mid Kobe Jazz Street
Kitano (Chuo Ward)
Here in Kobe, the birthplace of Japanese jazz, you can enjoy live jazz performances in many different spots throughout Kobe Jazz Street. (Fee charged)

2nd Sun. Rokujo Hachimangu Shrine Yabusame-shinji
Rokujo Hachimangu Shrine (Nishi Ward)
This festival features archers shooting arrows at their targets while on horseback. (Designated City Cultural Treasure)

12 Tarumi Kai Shrine kaijo-Togyosai
Tarumi Kaijo Shrine (Tarumi Ward)
A mikoshi (portable shrine) is placed on a boat and together with ten accompanying boats to protect it, sails east to the Port of Kobe and west to Maiko.

Oct.20 - Nov.23 Kobe Chrysanthemum Exhibition
Kobe Municipal Garden (Chuo Ward)
More than 2,500 chrysanthemums are collected from around Hyogo Prefecture. You can view an assortment of displays from bonsai to a large variety of chrysanthemums. (Fee charged.)

November

2-3 Arima Grand Tea Ceremony
Arima Hot Springs (Kita Ward)
An event held every year in memory of Toyotomi Hideyoshi who loved Arima Hot Springs. The beauty of the maple leaves of Zuiho-ji Park add to the atmosphere of the ceremony. (Fee charged)

December

Dec.1 - Mar.31 Kobe Romantic Fair
The magnificent sculpture in light "Kobe Luminarie", the gorgeous illumination of Kobe Harborland, the exotic Nankinmachi (China Town) with its Chinese lanterns and luminous dragon, the exotic atmosphere of Kitano with its old foreign houses and the old foreign settlement lit up, the Mt. Rokko Ice Festival and the Maya Viewline with its night scene ride show the city of light, Kobe, shining romantically.

Early - Mid Kobe Luminarie
Kyukyoryu-machi (Old Foreign Settlement), Higashi Yuenchi Park (Chuo Ward)
This "Light Sculpture" is a requiem for the victims of The Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake and a prayer for the recovery of the city. Kobe is embraced in warm light.



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Recommended Sightseeing Courses

Course 1 International Atmosphere and City Center (Sannomiya - Motomachi) Course

Destinations: Kitano, Shin-Kobe, Sannomiya, Motomachi P.7-P.9

Sannomiya
▼ 15min. 10～15min.
Kitano - Kitano Meister Garden
▼ 15min. 5min.
Shin-Kobe Ropeway to Kobe Nunobiki Herb Garden
▼ 2min. 15～20min.
Nunobiki Waterfall
Sannomiya - Motomachi

Course 2 Motomachi Area and Port of Kobe Course

Destinations: Chinatown, Harbor Park, Harborland P.9-P.11

Sannomiya - Motomachi
▼ 10min.
Motoimachi Area (North) Venus Bridge (view point)
▼ 10min.
Motomachi Area (North) Sorakuen Garden, Kanteibyo
Motoimachi Area (South)
Nankinmachi, Kokashita Shopping Street, Motomachi Shopping
Meriken Park - Harborland
Port of Kobe Cruises

Course 3 Getting to Know Japanese Culture Course (Sake Breweries, and Arima Onsen History Course)

Destinations: City Center, Sake Breweries of Nada, Arima Onsen P.9-P.15-P.19

Sannomiya - Motomachi - Kobe
Ikuta Shrine, Minatogawa Shrine
▼ 10min.～20min. 10min.～20min.
Sake Breweries of Nada
Via Mt. Rokko
40 minutes by Rokko Cable Car, Ropeway and Loop Bus, Rokko-Arima Sanroban, or 50 minutes by car.
Arima Onsen

Course 4 Suma Seaside Area and the World's Longest Suspension Bridge (Akashi Kaikyo Bridge) Course

Destinations: Suma, Tarumi, Maiko P.23

Sannomiya - Motomachi
▼ 30min. 15min.
Suma
▼ 10min. 10min.
Maiko Akashi Kaikyo Bridge
▼ 5min. 5min. 15min.
Marine Pia Kobe

Course 5 The Seasons of Kobe Course (Cherry Blossoms - Autumn Maples) Scenery

Destinations: Mt. Rokko, Arima Onsen P.17-P.19

Sannomiya - Motomachi
▼ 10min. 5min.
Oji Zoo (Cherry Blossoms)
▼
Mt. Rokko Summit
▼ 20min. 15～30min.
Arima Onsen

Via Mt. Rokko
Rokko Cable Car (10 minutes) Rokko-Arima Ropeway to the summit of Mt. Rokko
Or, to the summit of Mt. Maya by Maya View Line Yuma Senjo (Cherry blossoms at Seiho-Maya Cable Shita Station)

*Optional Destination
Sumaoji Park (Spring: Cherry Blossoms)
(Sannomiya - Motomachi ▶ 20 minutes by Sanyo Electric Railway or car)

Course 6 Memorial Sites of the Hashin-Awaji Earthquake Course

Destinations: Sannomiya - Motomachi, HAT Kobe, Awaji Island P.9-P.11-P.14

Sannomiya - Motomachi
Higashi Yuenchi Park (Earthquake Memorial Monument, 1.17 Kibo no Akari)
Meriken Park (Port of Kobe Earthquake Memorial Park)
▼ 10min.～20min. 10min.～20min.
HAT Kobe
Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution.
▼ 1hour
Hokudan-cho Earthquake Memorial Park (Awaji Island)

Hokudan-cho Earthquake Memorial Park
The Nojima Fault caused by the earthquake and designated by the government was protected natural phenomenal site to be seen as it appeared after the earthquake. The display is made to be viewed from many angles with easy to understand explanations.
¥300 ¥210 Open 9:00～17:00 Closed Mondays (except holidays), December 29～January 3 Parking Free
Hokudan-cho Earthquake Memorial Park 1-1 Nojima, Hokudan-cho, Tsuna-gun, Hyogo 656-2401 0799-82-2020

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Hotels & Ryokans

Suma Spa

Kotobukiro	078-731-4351

Suma

Sumakankohouse Ajitoyado Kagetsu	078-731-3751
Seapal Suma	078-731-6815

Maiko

Maiko Hotel	078-782-1155
Seaside Hotel Maiko Villa Kobe	078-706-3711

Seishin(West Kobe) / Hokusnin(North Kobe)

Kobe Seishin Oriental Hotel	078-992-8111
Hotel Fruit Flower	078-954-1000

Shin-Kobe / Kitano

Crowne Plaza Kobe	078-291-1121
Green Hill Hotel Kobe	078-222-0909
Green Hill Hotel Urban	078-222-1221
Kobe Kitano Hotel	078-271-3711
Hotel Isago Kobe	078-241-0135
Hotel Kitano Plaza Rokkoso	078-241-2451
Holiday Inn Express Shin-Kobe	078-222-1212

Sanonomiya

Kitagami Hotel	078-391-8781
Kobe Union Hotel	078-242-3000
Kobe Tokyu Inn	078-291-0109
The b Kobe	078-333-4880
Sanside Hotel	078-232-3331
Sannomiya Terminal Hotel	078-291-0001
Business Hotel Tomoe	078-221-1227
Hotel Via Mare Kobe	078-321-0067
Hotel Sunroute Sopra Kobe	078-222-7500
Hotel Tor Road	078-391-6691
Hotel Piena Kobe	078-241-1010
Hotel Monterey Kobe	078-392-7111
Hotel Monterey Amalie	078-334-1711

Port Island

Kobe Portpia Hotel	078-302-1111
Hotel Pearl City Kobe	078-303-0100

Motomachi

Kobe Towerside Hotel	078-351-2151
Kobe Plaza Hotel	078-332-1141
Kobe Meriken Park Oriental Hotel	078-325-8111
Hotel Okura Kobe	078-333-0111

Kobe

Kobe Harborland New Otani	078-360-1111
Hotel Kobe Shisyuen	078-341-2944

Hyogo

Kobe Luminous Hotel	078-511-7700
Ryokan Tenma	078-575-6661

Nagata

Hotel Suave Kobe Asuta	078-646-2411

Mt.Rokko / Mt.Maya

Rokkosan Hotel	078-891-0301
Grand Hotel Rokko Sky Villa	078-891-0140
Hôtel de Maya (National Hotel)	078-862-0008

Rokko Island

Kobe Bay Sheraton Hotel & Towers	078-857-7000
Hotel Plaza Kobe	078-846-5400

Arima Hot Springs

Arima Gyoen	078-904-3737
Arima Grand Hotel	078-904-0181
Arima View Hotel	078-904-2295
Arima Royal Hotel	078-904-0541
Okunobo	078-904-0035
Kadonobou	078-904-0771
Kamioobou	078-904-0531
Kinzan	078-904-0701
Ginsuiso Bekkan Chyoraku	078-904-3656
Gekkoen Korokan	078-903-2255
Gekkoen Yugetsusanso	078-904-0366
Motoyu Kosenkaku	078-904-0731
Takayamaso Hanano	078-904-0744
Taketoritei Maruyama	078-904-0631
Tousen Gosyobo	078-904-0551
Nakanobo Zui-en	078-904-0781
Negiya Ryofukaku	078-904-0675
Hashinoyabekkan Ransui	078-904-0825
Hyoe Koyokaku	078-904-0501
Hotel Hanakoyado	078-904-0281
Miyukiso Hanamusubi	078-904-0166
Mint Resort Inn Arima	078-903-0023
Maple Arima	078-903-5000
Motoyu Ryusenkaku	078-904-0901
Ryokan Yamato	078-904-0386

Kobe Sightseeing Facilities

Kitano - Shin-Kobe

Kitano Meister Garden	078-200-3607
Kobe Nunobiki Herb Park / Shin-Kobe Ropeway	078-271-1160

Kitano - Foreign Houses (Ijinkan)

Weather Cock House	078-242-3223
Moegi House	078-222-3310
Rhine House	078-222-3403
Uroko-no-Ie / Uroko Museum	078-242-6530
England House	078-241-2338
Former Chinese Consulate	078-271-9278
Yokan Nagaya	078-221-2177
Original Holland House	078-242-2380
Chueke House	078-221-3209
Former Panama Consulate	078-271-5537
Kitano Foreigners Club	078-242-6458
Ben's House	078-222-0430
Yamate Hachibankan	078-222-0490
Kaori-no-Ie Orandakan	078-261-3330
Kobe Kitano Museum	078-251-0581
Platon Decorative Arts Museum	078-271-3346
Parastin House (Cafe, etc.)	078-241-1132

Sannomiya - Motomachi Area

Kobe City Museum	078-391-0035
Kobe Nankin-Machi	078-332-2896
Kobe Lamp Museum	078-333-5310
Kobe lampwork glass museum	078-393-8550
Kobe Doll Museum	078-327-4680
Kobe Customs Exhibition Room	078-333-3028
Sorakuen Garden	078-351-5155
Takenaka Carpentry Tools Museum	078-242-0216
Water Science Museum	078-351-4488
Minatogawa Shrine (Treasures Museum)	078-371-0001

Meriken Park - Harborland

Kobe Port Tower	078-391-6751
Kobe Maritime Museum / Kawasaki Good Times World	078-327-8983
Splash Kobe (amphibious boat)	078-371-3700
Mosaic Mosaic Garden	078-360-1722
Hatoba-cho TEN×TEN	078-351-1335

Cruising

Fantasy	078-360-0731
Royal Princess/Royal Prince	078-360-0039
Villagio Italia	078-367-2651
Luminous Kobe 2	078-333-8414
Concerto	078-360-5600

Sake Breweries of Nada-Higashinada Area - Rokko Island

Hamafukutsuru-Ginjo Brewery and Shop	078-411-0492
Sakuramasamune Museum "Sakuraen"	078-436-3030
Kikumasamune Sake Museum	078-854-1029
The Hakutsuru Sake Brewery Museum	078-822-8907
Takinokoi Kuramoto Club Sakasho-kan	078-851-0260
Izumi Yunosuke Shoten (Nadaizumi)	078-851-2722
Kobe Shushinkan Brewery	078-841-1121
Kobe Konan Mukonosato	078-842-2508
Sawanotsuru Sake Museum	078-882-7788
Ishioan	078-842-0730
Hakutsuru Museum of Art	078-851-6001
Koselsu Museum of Art	078-841-0652
Sera Museum of Art	078-822-6456
Koiso Memorial Museum	078-857-5880
Kobe Fashion Museum	078-858-0050
Kobe Yukari-no-Bijutsukan Art Museum	078-858-1520

Arima Hot Springs

Kin no Yu (Spa)	078-904-0680
Gin no Yu (Spa)	078-904-0256
Taiko no Yudono Museum	078-904-4304
Arima no Kobo	078-903-5554
Arima Toys and Automata Museum	078-903-6971
Arima Wan Wan (Dog) Land	078-903-1199
Philatelic Culture Museum	078-904-0024
Arima Hot Spring Taiko-no-yu	078-904-2291

Suma - Maiko

Suma Aqualife Park	078-731-7301
Suma Rikyu Park	078-732-6688
Sumaura Sanjo Amusement Park	078-731-2520
Sumadera Temple (Treasures Museum)	078-731-0416
Suma Marine Fishing Park	078-735-2907
Azur Maiko	078-706-2011
Marine Pia Kobe (Sakana no Gakko)	078-706-5550
Marine Pia Kobe (Mitsui Outlet Park)	078-709-4466
Bridge Exhibition Center	078-784-3339
Maiko Marine Promenade	078-785-5090
Sun Yat-Sen (Son Bun) Memorial Hall	078-783-7172
Goshikitsuka Mounded Tomb	078-707-3131
Hiraiso Marine Fishing Park	078-753-3973

Mt. Rokko - Mt. Maya

Kobe Municipal Arboretum	078-591-0253
Rokkosan Pasture - Cheese Castle	078-891-0280
Mt. Rokko Country House (Man-made ski slope in winter)	078-891-0366
Hall of Halls Rokko (Music Box Museum)	078-891-1284
Alpine Botanical Garden	078-891-1247
Rokko Garden Terrace	078-894-2281

Seishin(West Kobe) / Hokushin(North Kobe)

Municipal Kobe Winery	078-991-3911
Kobe Archeological Center	078-992-0656
Glicopia Kobe	078-991-3693
Sogo Undo Koen (Kobe Sports Park)	078-795-5151
Yahoo! BB Stadium	078-795-5589
Universiade Memorial Stadium	078-793-6150
Shiawase-no-mura	078-743-8000
Hakogi Sennenya	078-581-1740
Fruit & Flower Park	078-954-1000
Kirin Beer Kobe Brewery	078-986-8001
Kita Kobe Denen Sports Park	078-951-5901

HAT Kobe - Nada Station Area

Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art	078-262-0901
Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institute	078-262-5050
Oji Zoo	078-861-5624
Kobe City Museum of Literature	078-882-2028
Nadahama Science Square	078-882-8136

Port Island

Port Island Sports Center	078-302-1031
Kobe Science Museum	078-302-5177
Minato Ijinkan	078-302-0976
UCC Coffee Museum	078-302-8880
Kobe Flowers and Birds Garden	078-302-8899

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Useful Information

In an Emergency

Accident/Theft/Crime

TEL: 110

Dial 110 on a regular or public telephone 24 hours a day. Calling 110 from a public telephone does not require coins or a card.

Fire/Rescue/Ambulance

TEL: 119

119 is in operation 24 hours a day. English OK. Calling 119 from a public telephone does not require coins or a card.

Hospitals **(For information on medical departments and visiting hours, please contact the relevant hospital.)**

Kobe City General Hospital	078-302-4321
Kobe Nishi City Hospital	078-576-5251
Kobe Red Cross Hospital	078-231-6006
Kobe University Hospital	078-382-5111
Kobe Kaisei Hospital	078-871-5201
Rokko Hospital	078-851-8558
Kohnan Hospital	078-851-2161
Rokko Island Hospital	078-858-1111
Kobe Ekisaikai Hospital	078-781-7811
Kanebo Memorial Hospital	078-681-6111

For a list of medical facilities that provide services in foreign languages, please visit:
http://www.hyogo-ip.or.jp/hiaf/jp/medical/index.htm

Telephones

Domestic calls

To make a domestic phone call, dial in the following order:

Area Code + Telephone Number

The Area Code is not necessary when calling from within the same area.

International calls

To make an international phone call, dial in the following order. Choose your access number from the international phone service companies below

001 = KDDI
0033 = NTT Communications
0041 = ITJ

+010 + Country Code + Area Code (without the 0) + Telephone Number

Domestic and international prepaid phone cards be purchased at convenience stores.

When making a phone call from abroad to Japan (Kobe)
First dial the international phone call access number in your country, next the Country Code number for Japan (81), then the Area Code in Japan without the 0 (78 for Kobe).

Bank

Business Hours of Most Banks

Counter: Monday to Friday 9:00~15:00
A T M : Monday to Friday 8:45~19:00
Saturday and Sunday 9:00~17:00

Foreign Exchange Services

Foreign exchange services, including traveler's checks cashing, are available at any bank and some post offices with the sign "Authorized Money Exchange". Please enquire first for foreign currencies other than U.S. dollars. Major hotels and department stores also handle foreign exchange, but they charge handling fees.

Major Banks with foreign exchange services

- Sumitomo Mitsui Bank, Sannomiya Station Building, Foreign Exchange Corner 078-291-0070
- Tokyo Mitsubishi Bank, Kobe Branch 078-391-8141
- Citybank, N. A. 0120-039104

Post

Post Office

The "〒" sign symbolizes a post office. Office hours are generally from 9:00 to 21:00 daily at the central post office, and from 9:00 to 17:00, Monday through Friday at local post offices. Post boxes in Japan are red and are marked with a "〒" and the word "post". Any shop or convenience store that has the "〒" sign sells stamps, postcards, etc. An English guide to the postal service system by telephone: TEL (06)6944-6245, Service hours: 9:30~16:30 (not available on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays)
There are 2 kinds of cash machines at post offices, CD (Cash Dispenser) machines where money can be withdrawn and ATM (Automated Teller Machine) where money can also be deposited. A cashing service for cards issued overseas is available at the 24,000 ATM machines in post offices around the country. This service is available from machines marked "International ATM Service".

Domestic Mail

¥50 for a postcard and ¥80 for a letter (up to 25g).

Overseas Mail

Postal rates for overseas mail vary with the type, weight, destination and type of service. Rates for Overseas Mail (example):¥70 for an international postcard (to anywhere in the world) and ¥90 ~ ¥130 for an airmail letter (up to 25g).

Miscellaneous Information

Religious Facilities

Cathedral Church of St. Michael's (Protestant)	078-371-0992
Kobe International Baptist Church (Protestant)	078-231-7187
Jain Temple	078-241-5995
Jewish Synagogue	078-221-7236
Kobe Eastern Orthodox Church	078-221-4925
Kobe Eiko Church (Protestant)	078-331-2286
Kobe Muslim Mosque	078-231-6060
Kobe Union Church (Protestant)	078-871-6844
Kobe Central Catholic Church	078-221-4682
St. Andrew's Church (at Kobe Mariners' Center)	078-331-1696

Youth Hostels

Hyogo Youth Hostel Association	078-360-3880
Kobe Tarumi Youth Hostel	078-707-2133
Kobe Kitano Youth Hostel	078-221-4712

Other Information and International Centers

Kobe International Community Center (KICC)

- Tel 078-291-8441
- Hours Monday to Saturday 10:00~20:00 (Office opens 10:00~12:00, 13:00~17:00)
- Languages Always available: English, Chinese
  Days / Language: Monday - Korean
  Tuesday - Portuguese, Wednesday - Vietnamese
  Thursday - Spanish
- Closed Sunday, public holidays

Hyogo International Plaza

- Tel 078-230-3060
- Hours Monday to Friday 9:00~20:00 (rental rooms available until 21:00)
  Saturday 9:00~17:00
- Closed Sunday, Public Holidays

CHIC (Community House & Information Center)

- Tel 078-857-6540
- Hours 9:30~16:30 Monday ~ Friday
- Closed Saturday, Sunday, Public holidays

Tourist Information

Kobe City Information Center

- Tel 078-322-0220
- Address Kotsu Center Bldg.(1st floor)1-7 Sannomiya-cho Chuo-ku Kobe
- Hours 9:00~19:00 (No holidays, shorter business hours for year-end and New Year holiday season)

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Tourist Information Center

JR Shinkobe Sta. Tourist Information Center

- Tel 078-241-9550
- Address JR Shinkobe Station 2F 1-3-1 Kano-cho Chuo-ku Kobe
- Hours 9:00~18:00 (No holidays, shorter business hours for year-end and New Year holiday season)

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Kitano Tourist Information Center

- Tel 078-251-8360
- Address 3-10-20 Kitano-cho, Chuo-ku, Kobe
- Hours Apr.~Nov.: 9:00 ~ 18:00
  Dec.~ Mar.: 9:00 ~ 17:00 (No holidays, shorter business hours for year-end and New Year holiday season)

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Arima Onsen Tourist Information Center

- Tel 078-904-0708
- Address 790-3 Arima-cho Kita-ku Kobe
- Hours 9:00~19:00 (No holidays, shorter business hours for year-end and New Year holiday season)

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Volunteer guides for foreign tourists (Reservation required)

Kobe Voluntary Goodwill Guides (KVGG)
(Language: English)

- Tel 078-821-5456 (Ms. Imura)
- URL http://www.asahi-net.or.jp/~ei5y-kbys/kobesggc/index.htm

Kobe SGG Club (Kobe Systematic Goodwill Guides Club)

(Languages: English, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean, Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese)

- Tel 078-785-2898 (Ms. Hiraki)
- URL http://www.asahi-net.or.jp/~ei5y-kbys/kobesggc/index.htm

Kobe Student Guide (Language: English)

- E-mail ksg-ml@ml-b8.infoseek.co.jp
- URL http://www.geocities.co.jp/CollegeLife/3136/

Tourist Information Inquiries

Tourism and Convention Division, Kobe City Government
(Closed: Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays)

- Tel 078-322-5339

Kobe Convention and Visitors Association
(Closed: Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays)

- Tel 078-303-1010

Hyogo Tourism Association
(Closed: Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays)

- Tel 078-361-7661

Information on the Internet

- Kobe Tourism Guide
  http://feel-kobe.jp/
- Kobe Tourism Weekly Information
  http://www.city.kobe.jp/tourism/
- Kobe City
  http://www.city.kobe.jp/
- Hyogo Tourism Guide
  http://www.hyogo-tourism.jp/
- Kansai Window
  http://www.kippo.or.jp/
- Kansai Concierge Site
  http://www.my-concierge.org/kansai/index.htm

Kobe Welcome Coupon (For Foreign Travelers)
If you show the Welcome Coupon, you can receive the benefits shown in the Guidebook.
078-303-1010
Distribution Place
Kobe City Information Center
JR Railway Shinkobe Sta. Tourist Information Center
Kitano Tourist Information Center
Arima Onsen Tourist Information Center
Kansai Tourist Information Center

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City Transport Information

Railways

The following railway companies all provide service in Kobe: JR, Hankyu Railway, Hanshin Railway, Kobe City Subway, Kobe Kosoku Railway, Kobe Dentetsu Railway, Sanyo Dentetsu Railway, Hokushin Express Railway, Port Liner and Rokko Liner. For railway line details see P.3, P.4.

To use the train, first purchase your ticket at a ticket vending machine near the wicket gates in the station. Fares vary depending on the destination, so check the fare chart near the ticket vending machine before buying your ticket. Usually, tickets are inserted into slots in automatic wicket gates as you pass through them. You will not be able to exit without a ticket or if you have a ticket with an incorrect fare.

■ Suruto Kansai

This is a useful card that can be used to ride on city buses, subways, and all private railway lines and buses (except JR) in the Kansai region. Simply insert the card into the ticket slot of the automatic wicket gates or card machine on buses as you would with any regular ticket. The card can be purchased at a ticket vending machines at any station in ¥1,000, ¥3,000 and ¥5,000 increments.

■ J-Through Card

This is a useful card that can be used at JR West Japan stations and stations on the main lines of the Kintetsu Railway. Simply insert the card into the ticket slot of the automatic wicket gates at the station as you would with any regular ticket. ¥1,000, ¥3,000 and ¥5,000 cards are available.

Portliner to Kobe Airport

From Portliner Sannomiya Station to Kobe Airport - 18 minutes. ¥320

Ferry to Kansai International Airport Kobe- Kanku Bay Shuttle

From Kobe Airport to Kansai International Airport - 29 minutes. ¥1,500

Buses to Itami Airport / Kansai International Airport

Limousine buses to Kansai International Airport and Itami Airport depart from Sannomiya and Rokko Island.

Fare:

- Sannomiya ~ Itami MAP P.43
  Adult ¥1,020, Child ¥510
  (Trip takes: approx. 40 min)
- Sannomiya ~ Kansai International Airport
  Adult ¥1,800, Child ¥900
  (Trip takes: approx. 65 min)
- Rokko Island ~ Kansai International Airport (Reservation)
  Adult ¥1,650, Child ¥830
  (Trip takes(Sannomiya ~ Rokkoisland ~ Kansai International Airport : approx 75 min)

City Loop Bus MAP P.44

Arima Loop Bus

The Arima Loop Bus is very convenient for sightseeing around Arima. A trip around Arima takes about 25 min. One ride is ¥100 for adults and ¥50 children.

Kobe City Regular Sightseeing Bus Tours

There are morning and afternoon tours to the Ijinkan, Mt. Rokko, Akashi Kaikyo Bridge, and Port of Kobe. Between spring and fall, there are also courses where you can enjoy beautiful night views from Mt. Rokko (Fri. Sat. Sun, national holidays only). Tour guide announcements are in Japanese only. For information: Shinki Bus Reservation Center 078-231-4898.

Buses

Regular Route Buses

Bus destinations are indicated on the bus' windshield and next to the entrance door. Board the bus at the rear and get off at the front. Signal to the driver that you want to get off by pressing the stop button before you reach the bus stop. Some buses (many privately run buses) use tickets indicating the fare; these are, issued by a ticket-dispensing machine at the entrance door. Take a ticket and pay the fare indicated. Most buses have a single fare of ¥200 for adults and ¥100 for children (mostly on routes in the city center) (2 children under 6 years old can ride free with 1 adult). Outside of the single-fare area, fares vary according to distance. The exact fare should be put into the fare box as you get off the bus. If you need change, change ¥500 coins and ¥1,000 bills at the machine beside the fare box.

Mid- to long-distance Buses

There is mid-to long-distance bus service to Universal Studios Japan, Akashi Kaikyo Bridge and other main cities throughout Japan. Many of these buses require seat reservations, so please check sea availability in advance.

Taxis

Taxis can be used anywhere in the city. There are taxi stands in front of almost every railway station. To hail a taxi, simply signal for one by rasing your hand. Japanese taxi doors open and close automatically.

Kobe Sightseeing Guide Taxi: 078-651-2233

Ferries / High-Speed Ferry Services

Ferry services link Kobe with Shikoku (Takamatsu, Matsuyama, etc.) and Kyushu (Beppu, Oita, Shinmoji, Miyazaki, etc.). There are also ferries to Tianjin and Shanghai in China. Tickets can be bought at each ferry's boarding office.

- Ferries & High-Speed Ferry Services
  To Kansai International Airport
  - Kobe-Kanku Bay Shuttle(Kaijo Access)
  To Shikoku
  - Takamatsu (Jumbo Ferry)
  - Toyo, Niihama (Orange Ferry)
  - Imabari (Diamond Ferry)
  - Matsuyama (Diamond Ferry, Kansai Kisen)
  To Kyushu
  - Shinmoji (Hankyu Ferry)
  - Beppu (Kansai Kisen)
  - Oita (Kansai Kisen, Diamond Ferry)
  To Okinawa / Amami
  - Maruei Ferry
  To China
  - China Tianjin (China Express Line)
  - Shanghai (China Japan International Ferry)

Transport Services

- Railways
  - JR West Japan Customer Center 0570-00-2486
  - Hanshin Railway Sannomiya Station 078-221-1254
  - Hankyu Railway Sannomiya Station 078-331-4802
  - Sanyo Electric Railway 078-612-2143
  - Kobe Electric Railway 078-582-5800
- Subway
  - City Subway Sannomiya Station 078-392-3034
  - City Subway Sannomiya Hana Dokei Mae Station (Kaigan Line) 078-221-1337
  - Hokushin Express Railway 078-581-1076
- New Transport System
  - Port Liner Sannomiya Station 078-251-2115
  - Rokko Liner Sumiyoshi Station 078-822-7231
- City Bus & City Subway
  - City Bus & City Subway Passenger Service Corner 078-321-0484
- Main Mid-to / Long Distance Bus Services
  - Nankai Bus 06-6643-1007
  - Kobe Ferry Bus 078-846-7300
  - Hankyu Bus 06-6866-3155
  - Minato Kanko Bus 0799-36-3081
  - Kobe Kotsu Shinko 078-651-8911
  - Chugoku JR Bus 0853-21-0537
  - Okayama Denki Kido 086-235-3455
  - Sanden Kotsu 0832-34-2929
  - Shinki Bus 078-231-4892
  - West Japan JR Bus 06-6466-9990
  - Hanshin Bus 078-241-9954
  - Sanyo Express Bus 078-796-3715
  - Nihon Kotsu Bus 06-6576-1181
  - Zentan Bus 078-392-2131
  - Nikkyu Bus 052-582-2901
  - Chugoku Bus 084-954-9700
- Ferries & High-Speed Ferry Services
  - Kaijo Access 078-304-0033
  - Hankyu Ferry 078-857-1211
  - Diamond Ferry 078-857-9525
  - Orange Ferry (Shikoku Kaihatsu Ferry) 06-6612-1811
  - Kansai Kisen 078-391-6601
  - Jumbo Ferry 078-327-3111
  - Maruei Ferry 078-857-3901
  - China Express Line 078-321-5791
  - China Japan International Ferry 06-6536-6541 / 078-393-1478
- Kobe Airport
  - Kobe Airport Terminal 078-304-7777
- Airline Companies
  - Japan Airlines (JAL) 0120-25-5971
  - All Nippon Airlines (ANA) 0120-029-222
  - Skymark Airlines 078-304-0600

Kobe Gaiyu Ken
(Kobe Sightseeing Ticket Booklet)

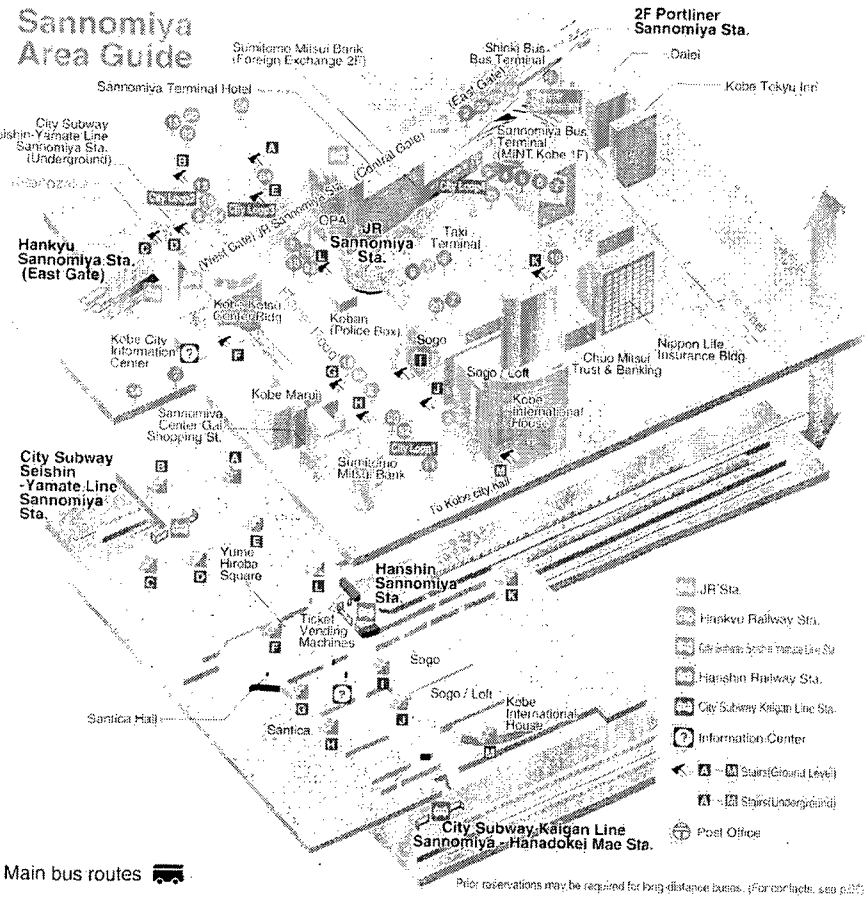
This ticket booklet allows entry to 59 sightseeing facilities in Kobe City. It can be purchased for ¥1,300 (actual value ¥1,500), saving you ¥200. (If 2 booklets are purchased at once, the total cost is ¥2,500) show the Kobe Gaiyu Ken booklet upon entrance to each facility. The clerk will tear out the required tickets from the booklet. Purchase at : Kobe City Information Center, Shin-Kobe Sta. Tourist Information Office, Kitano Tourist Information Office, Arima Onsen Tourist Information Office and certain hotels and inns in the city.

Cost: ¥1,300 per booklet.

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Sannomiya Area Guide



Prior reservations may be required for long-distance buses. (Forme details, see p.47)

To Sanin / Sanyo / Kyushu

Destination	Bus Company	Bus Stop
Hotori / Chiko	Bihoku Kosoku Nikko City	
Sagano - Mizuki	Nagai Kotsu	
Yonago - Miyazaki	Nishi Nippon JR / Nishitetsu	
Okayama - Okayama	Kotsusha / Okayama	
Okayama - Kurashiki	Shinki / Okayama	
Tsuyama - Hiroshima	Chugoku	
Hiroshima	Shinki / Hikoshi Kosoku	
Matsue - Izumo City	Chugoku JR	
Tsuwano	Nishi Nippon JR / Kotsu	
Hagi / Shin-Yamaguchi - Beppu	Garden Express	
Shimonoseki	Nishi Nippon JR / JR Kyushu	
Hakata	Nishitetsu / JR Kyushu	
Sasebo - Huis Ten Bosch	Hankyu / Saishi	
Nagasaki	Shinki / Sagamiko Kosoku	
Kumamoto - Kagoshima	Hankyu Denen Bus / Kyushu Sanko Kotsu	

To Nagoya / Tokyo

Destination	Bus Company	Bus Stop
Nagoya	Meitetsu / Nagoya Kotsu / Kinki	
Hamamatsu - Shizuoka	Tokai Jidosha / JR Tokai	
Tokyo Sta.	Meitetsu / JR Tokai / Hankyu	
Shinagawa / Odaiba Tokyo Teleport	Shinki / Keio Bus / Keikyu	
Shin-Kobe Sta.	Nishi Nippon JR / Kotsu	
Shin-Kobe Sta. North Exit	Hankyu / Keio Bus / Seibu	
Yokohama	Shinki / Keio Bus / Keikyu	
Yokohama Sta. South Exit	Hankyu / Tokyu / Keikyu	

To North Kinki

Destination	Bus Company	Bus Stop
Hyogo Museum of Art - Kyoto Sta.	Kyoto Kotsu / Nihon City	
Yumura - Hamasaka	Zentan	
Kinosaki - Toyooka	Zentan	

To Shikoku

Destination	Main	Bus Company	Bus Stop
Takamatsu	Kotoku / Sanuki Dentetsu / Shikoku		
Naruto	Naruto Kotsu / JR Shikoku / Nishitetsu		
Awa Ikeda	Shikoku / Kobe Seago / Shikoku Kotsu		
Takamatsu	Kobe Ferry / Ferry Suma		
Tokushima - Kochi	Kobe Ferry / Information Counter		
Tokushima - Matsuyama	Shinki / Shikoku Kosoku		
Kochi Sta. - Nakamura	Shinki / Tosaden Kotsu / Shikoku Kotsu		
Matsuyama Sta.	Nishi Nippon JR / JR Shikoku		
Matsuyama - Uwajima	Hankyu / Iyo Tetsudo		
Matsuyama Sta.	Shinki / Iyo Tetsudo		
JR Matsuyama - JR Yawatahama	Nishi Nippon JR / JR Shikoku		
Oita - Beppu - Usa	Hankyu / Toyotetsu Jidosha		

To Awaji Island

Bus Destination	Bus Company
Oishi - Awaji Yumebutai	Nishi Nippon JR / Hanshin Kanko
Sumoto - Tsuna	Shinki / Awaji
Fukushi - Gunge	Nishi Nippon JR / Hitachi Kanko
Yumebutai - Sumoto	Shinki / Awaji
Sumoto - Iwaya Seaside	Shinki / Awaji
Sumoto - Nada Seaside	Nada City / Nada City Loop

City Loop Bus

Using the City Loop bus is convenient way to sightsee in the city center. A 1-day pass allows unlimited rides at any stop between Shin-Kobe and Harborland, making it easy to customize your sightseeing route.

Information

Fare 1 Ride Ticket ..... Adult ¥250, Child (Under 12 years old) ¥130
1 Day Pass ..... Adult ¥650, Child (Under 12 years old) ¥330

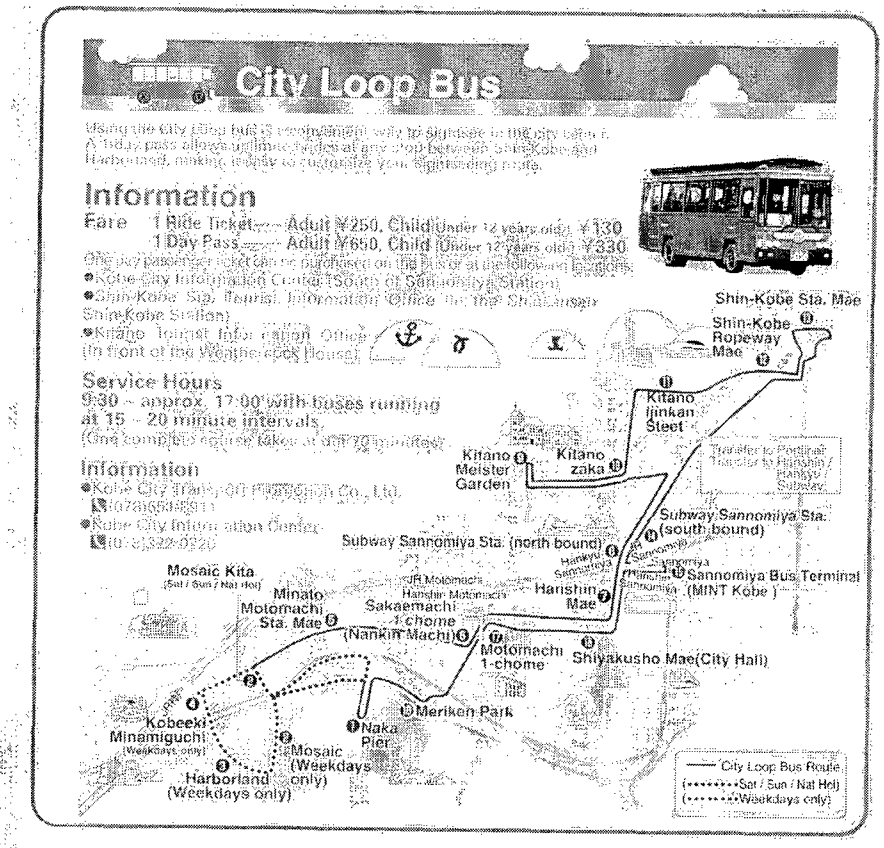
One-day passes can be purchased on the bus or at the following locations.
- Kobe City Information Center (South of Sannomiya Station)
- Shin-Kobe Sta. Tourist Information Office (in the Shinkansen Shin-Kobe Station)
- Kitano Tourist Information Office (in front of the Weather Rock House)

Service Hours

9:30 ~ approx. 17:00 with buses running at 15 ~ 20 minute intervals.
(One complete cycle takes about 70 minutes)

Information

- Kobe City Transportation Promotion Co., Ltd. (078)595-6611
- Kobe City Information Center (078)322-0220



Airports

Destination	Bus Company etc.	Bus Stop
Itami International Airport	Portliner	
Kansai International Airport	Hankyu / Kobe-Kosoku Bay Shuttle	
Kansai International Airport / Osaka International Airport	Osaka Kuko / Hanshin	

Kobe environs etc.

Destination	Bus Company etc.	Bus Stop
Arima Onsen	Shinki / Hankyu	
Rokko Island	City Subway Rokko Island Kaijin-Chuodori	
Uozaki - Rokko Island	Shinki	
Rokko Island	West Japan Railway (JR)	
Rokko Island	Kobe Seago / Seago Doctor Railway	
Rokko Island	Shinki	
Rokko Island	Hanshin	
Rokko Island	Kobe Municipal Subway	
Rokko Island	Port City Transport Promotion	
Rokko Island	Kobe City Information Center	

City Bus

Destination	Bus Stop
Hankyu Rokko	
Sannomiya Center Gai Shopping Street	
Kobe City Kyu-Yamate Library	
Sakaemachi Park / Kobe Science Museum	
Shinnan Hanadokei Park / Kobe Sanchi	
JR Motomachi Sta. / Kobe City Museum	
Motomachi Kyu-Gaikan Shotengai	
Motomachi Sta. / Kobe Sta.	
Maya Furo / HAT Kobe	
Kobe Kitanomaru Park / Kobe Shin	
Kobe Sta. / Meiji Gakuin	
Shiawasenomura	
Rinkai Center Mae	
Ninnyozaka / Kusunokicho 2 (via Oji Zoo) / Sakuragaoka	
Nunobiki Park / Nada Pier direction	
Ishiyagawa (Oji Zoo)	
Commodore Shinno Terminal	
Port Tower / Meriken Terminal / Kobe Fashion and Human Recreation Institution / Prefectural Art Museum	

City Loop

Destination	Bus Company	Bus Stop
Kitano / Shin-Kobe direction (northbound)	Kobe City Transportation Promotion Co., Ltd.	City Loop
Motomachi / Nankinmachi / Port Tower direction (southbound)	Bus Pier 1, 2 (Sannomiya Bus Terminal)	City Loop
		City Loop

Canadian Shipbridge Buses

Bus Destination	Bus Company	Bus Stop
Kobe One-day Excursion Course / other courses	Gunji / 078-331-4456 / Shinki / 078-331-0101	

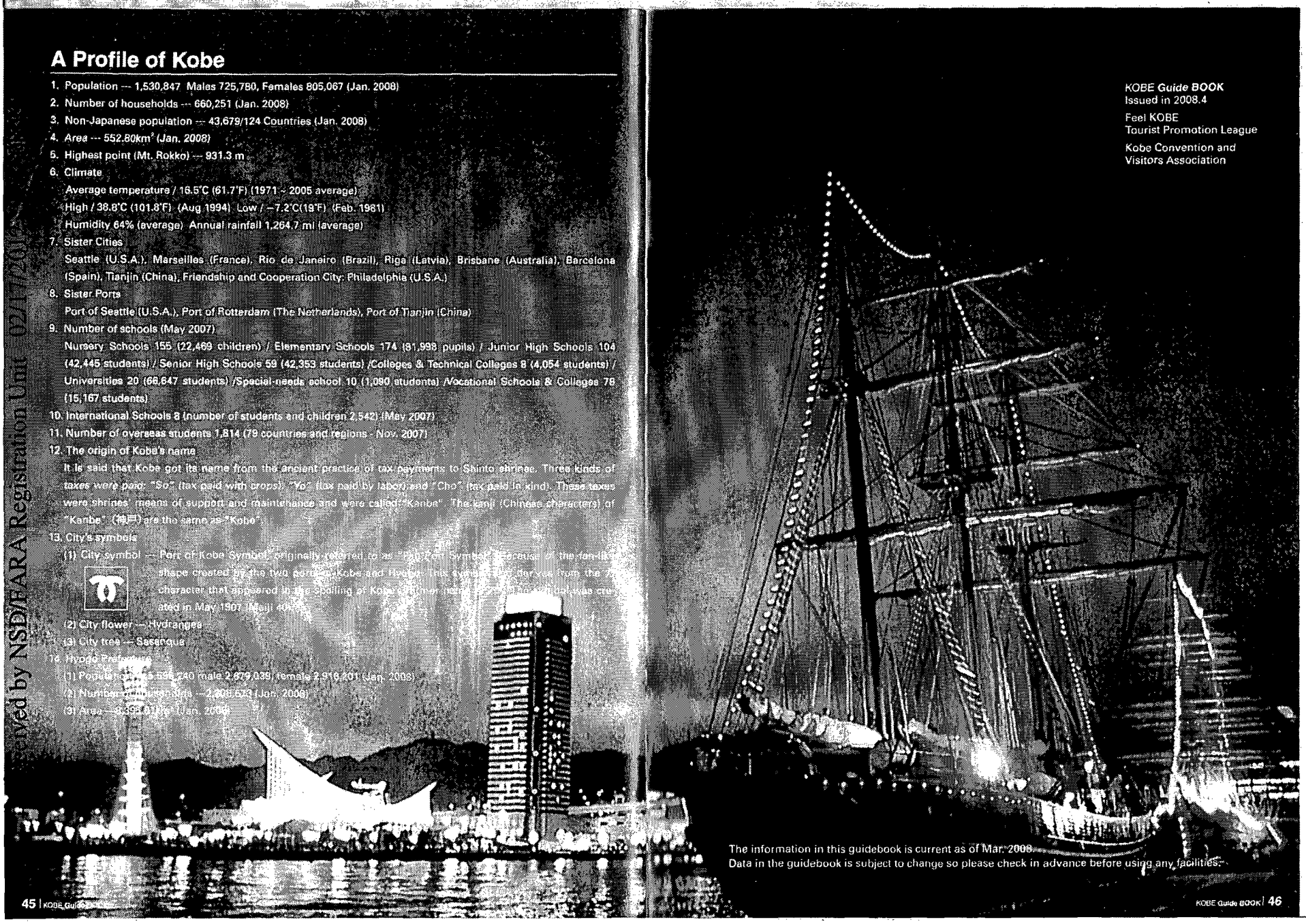
Buses to Hotels

Destination	Bus Stop
Bay Sheraton Hotel	
Mariner Pension Annex	
Hotel Okura Kobe	Sannomiya Hotel
Kobe Portpia Hotel	
Hotel Pearl City Kobe	
Westin Hotel Awaji	Awaji Island direction Bus Stop (Get off at Awaji Yumebutai)

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A Profile of Kobe

1. Population --- 1,530,847 Males 725,780, Females 805,067 (Jan. 2008)
2. Number of households --- 660,251 (Jan. 2008)
3. Non-Japanese population --- 43,679/124 Countries (Jan. 2008)
4. Area --- 552.80km² (Jan. 2008)
5. Highest point (Mt. Rokko) --- 931.3 m
6. Climate
   Average temperature / 16.5°C (61.7°F) (1971 - 2005 average)
   High / 38.8°C (101.8°F) (Aug 1994) Low / −7.2°C(19°F) (Feb. 1981)
   Humidity 64% (average) Annual rainfall 1,264.7 ml (average)
7. Sister Cities
   Seattle (U.S.A.), Marseilles (France), Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), Riga (Latvia), Brisbane (Australia), Barcelona (Spain), Tianjin (China), Friendship and Cooperation City: Philadelphia (U.S.A.)
8. Sister Ports
   Port of Seattle (U.S.A.), Port of Rotterdam (The Netherlands), Port of Tianjin (China)
9. Number of schools (May 2007)
   Nursery Schools 155 (22,469 children) / Elementary Schools 174 (81,998 pupils) / Junior High Schools 104 (42,445 students) / Senior High Schools 59 (42,353 students) /Colleges & Technical Colleges 8 (4,054 students) / Universities 20 (66,647 students) /Special-needs school 10 (1,080 students) /Vocational Schools & Colleges 78 (15,167 students)
10. International Schools 8 (number of students and children 2,542) (May 2007)
11. Number of overseas students 1,814 (79 countries and regions - Nov. 2007)
12. The origin of Kobe's name
    It is said that Kobe got its name from the ancient practice of tax payments to Shinto shrines. Three kinds of taxes were paid: "So" (tax paid with crops), "Yo" (tax paid by labor) and "Cho" (tax paid in kind). These taxes were Shrines' means of support and maintenance and were called "Kambe". The kanji (Chinese characters) of "Kambe" (神戸) are the same as "Kobe".
13. City's symbols
    (1) City symbol --- Port of Kobe Symbol: originally referred to as "Hanabi Symbol" because of the fan-like shape created by the two cities, Kobe and Hyogo. This symbol is two characters from the Alphabet character that appeared in the spelling of Kobe. (Other name: Port of Kobe Symbol) It was created in May 1907. (Mark 40)
    (2) City flower --- Hydrangea
    (3) City tree --- Sasanqua
14. Hyogo Prefecture
    (1) Population --- 5,598,240 male 2,679,039, female 2,919,201 (Jan. 2008)
    (2) Number of households --- 2,209,523 (Jan. 2008)
    (3) Area --- 8,396.01km² (Jan. 2008)



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