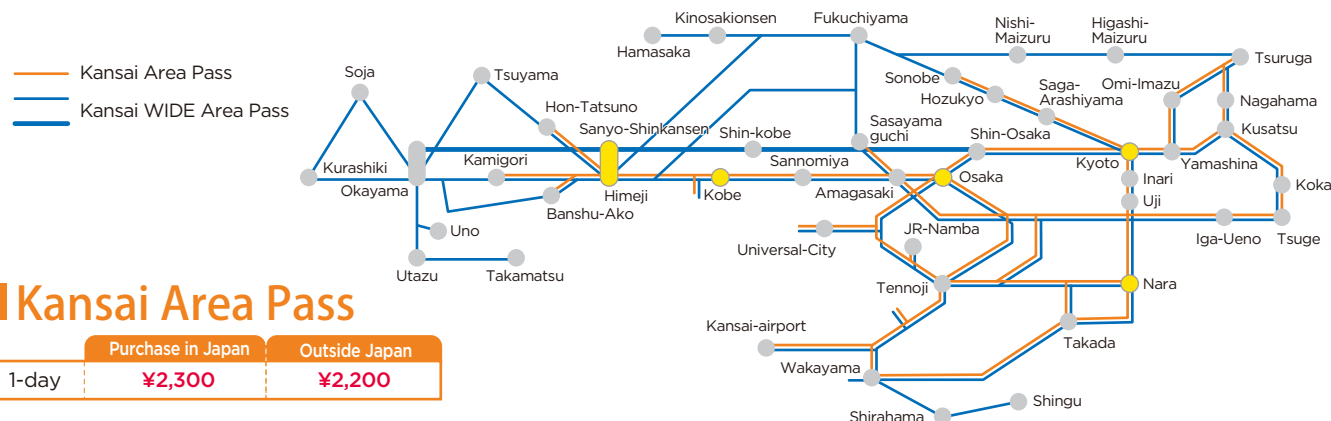


The JR-WEST RAIL PASS

A convenient way to tour around the entire Kansai area

Purchase your Kansai WIDE Area Pass and additional pass as a set,
if you're going to Tottori with the San'in-Okayama Area Pass.



Kansai Area Pass

	Purchase in Japan	Outside Japan
1-day	¥2,300	¥2,200

Kansai WIDE Area Pass

	Purchase in Japan	Outside Japan
5-day	¥9,000	¥8,500

San'in-Okayama Area Pass

	Purchase in Japan	Outside Japan
4-day	¥5,000	¥4,500

Please see the JR West Japan website
(www.westjr.co.jp/global/en/travel-information/) for details.

Other very convenient passes!

ICOCA & HARUKA



The "ICOCA" IC card, which lets you without buying tickets, is available! Also on sale is the "ICOCA & HARUKA" set, which combines an ICOCA card and a Kansai-Airport Express "HARUKA" ticket.

KANSAI THRU PASS

2 day ticket ¥4,000 (Adult)



This pass entitles the holder to unlimited use of the major private railroads, subways, buses, etc. in Osaka, Kyoto, Kobe, Nara, Shiga, and Wakayama. Approximately 350 facilities provide special services for pass holders.

Rent a Car Information

TOYOTA Rent a Car Locations <http://rent.toyota.co.jp/eng/>

AREA	Nearest station	Branch name	DATA
OSAKA CITY	Namba Sta. on various lines	Namba Terminal	06-6647-0100 1-4-8 Motomachi, Naniwa-ku, Osaka City
SAKAI CITY	Nankai Main Line Sakai Sta.	Sakai Ekimae	072-225-1101 4-44-8 Ebisujima-cho, Sakai-ku, Sakai City
OSAKA Pref.	JR Kansai-Airport Sta.	Kansai International Airport	072-456-8790 1F Aeroplaza, 1 Senshu-kuko Naka, Tajiri-cho, Sennan-gun
NARA Pref.	JR Nara Sta.	Nara	0742-22-0100 31 Suruga-machi, Nara City
KYOTO CITY	JR Kyoto Sta.	Kyoto Sta. Shinkansen Ext.	075-365-0100 31-1 Higashi Kujo Kami Tonoda-cho, Minami-ku, Kyoto City
KYOTO Pref.	JR Fukuchiyama Sta.	Fukuchiyama	0773-22-8000 4-16-1 Suehiro-cho, Fukuchiyama City
KOBE CITY	JR Sannomiya Sta.	Sannomiya Ekimae	078-242-5000 4-2-6 Nunobiki-cho, Chuo-ku, Kobe City
HYOGO Pref.	JR Himeji Sta.	Himeji Ekimae	079-282-0100 91-1 Minami Ekimae-cho, Himeji City
SHIGA Pref.	JR Maibara Sta.	Maibara Ekimae	0749-52-1000 2-50 Shimotara, Maibara City
WAKAYAMA Pref.	JR Shirahama Sta.	Shirahama Ekimae	0739-43-3000 1470-1 Katata, Shirahama-cho, Nishimuro-gun
TOTTORI Pref.	JR Yonago Sta.	Yonago Ekimae	0859-34-5553 123 Manno-cho, Yonago City
TOKUSHIMA Pref.	JR Tokushima Sta.	Tokushima	088-652-0100 1-18 Nakano-cho, Tokushima City

How to rent a car?

- Before departing for Japan, reserve the desired car model for the desired dates through the car rental agency's website (some agencies also have an overseas reservation center). Be aware that a cancellation fee will be charged from six days prior to your departure up until your arrival.
- If you're at Kansai International Airport, you can find rent a car reception counters of various companies in the Aeroplaza on the first floor. Near most major stations, you can find a car rental shop within walking distance.
- At the counter, confirm the content of your reservation and sign the contract. An international driver's license will be required, so make sure you have one. As a general rule, pay by credit card.
- With the agency's staff, check to see if the car has any dents or scratches on the exterior. After getting an explanation about the navigation system and the car's basic operations, you're ready to head off! When returning the car, be sure to fill up the tank with the specified fuel.

Check out our site filled with useful Kansai tourism information! www.kouiki-kansai.jp/tourist_info/en/

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OSAKA CITY

Osaka City – the heart not only of Kansai but of western Japan. This is the place to experience historic sites and the latest cultural trends!

●Inquiries
OSAKA CONVENTION & TOURISM BUREAU
www.osaka-info.jp/en/



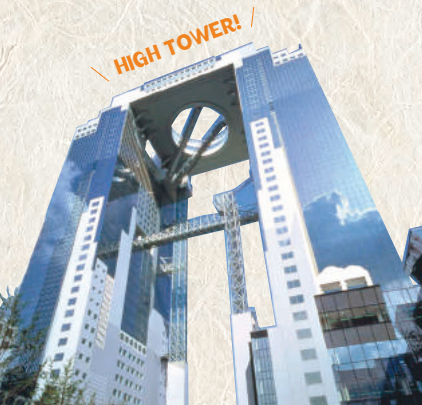
1 UNIVERSAL STUDIOS JAPAN®

A theme park representative of Osaka based on movies and characters loved the world over. USJ enchants visitors from around the world with attractions that won the world-class award and shows as well as fabulous restaurants and shops!

☎0570-20-0606 (Information Center)

📍2-1-33 Sakurajima, Konohana-ku, Osaka City
🕒Vary by days of the week and season 🟢Open 365 days
🎫1-day Studio Pass ¥7,200 (Adult) 🟢A, D, J, M, V, 銀
🚶4 min. walk from JR Universal City Sta. 🌐www.usj.co.jp/en/

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In addition to enjoying the stunning view, a lush wooded garden adjoins the building on the south side.

3 UMEDA SKY BUILDING “KUCHU-TEIEN”

The distinctive Umeda Sky Building was selected as one of the top 20 buildings around the world. A stunning 360 degree panorama stretches out beyond the 173 meter high rooftop corridor and from the observation deck on the 40th floor. The magnificent contrast between the city and natural world as the sun sets into night in particular is a must-see.

☎06-6440-3855

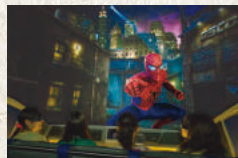
📍39F, 40F, Roof Floor of Umeda Sky Bldg., 1-1 Oyodonaka, Kita-ku, Osaka City 🕒10:00 - 22:30 (Admission: until 22:00)
🟢Open 365 days 🎫¥800 (Adult) 🟢A, D, J, M, V, 銀 🚶9 min. walk from JR Osaka Sta. 🌐www.kuchu-teien.com/english/

5 LUCUA osaka

With 360 shops located in the LUCUA east building and LUCUA 1100 west building, LUCUA osaka is one of the largest shopping malls in Japan. The complex is renowned for its cutting-edge trends, attractive shopping floors, and excellent product lineup. Many of the shops in LUCUA osaka are also the only ones in west Japan or even the country!

☎06-6151-1111

📍3-1-3 Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka City 🕒10:00 - 21:00 (Some shops have different hours. B2F: 11:00 - 24:00 / 10F: 11:00 - 23:00) 🟢None scheduled 🟢Vary by shop 🟢Directly connected to JR Osaka Sta. 🌐www.lucua.jp/language/



A variety of attractions including Harry Potter, Spider-Man, and a reverse roller coaster



2 Tsutenkaku Tower

Since its opening in 1956, the Tsutenkaku Tower has been a familiar Osaka landmark. The tower is also famous for the statue of Billiken-san, god of happiness, located on the floor of observation platform. Visitors can also enjoy looking at the dioramas inside and shopping in direct-run stores of popular food companies.

☎06-6641-9555

📍1-18-6 Ebisu Higashi, Naniwa-ku, Osaka City 🕒9:00 - 21:00 (Admission: until 20:30) 🟢Open 365 days 🎫¥700 (Adult) 🟢Credit cards not accepted 🚶10 min. walk from JR Shin-Imamiya Sta. 🌐www.tsutenkaku.co.jp



After touring Osaka Castle, be sure to take a walk in the surrounding Osaka Castle Park



©Osaka Castle

4 OSAKA CASTLE

Osaka Castle was built by Toyotomi Hideyoshi. After the downfall of the Toyotomi clan, the castle was reconstructed by the Tokugawa shogunate. Later, the castle tower was destroyed in a fire caused by lightning strike. The tower was proudly restored in 1931 through donations from the citizens of Osaka. In addition to the Warring States period materials on display in the castle, visitors can also enjoy trying on a period replica helmet modeled after feudal warlords (¥300/person).

☎06-6941-3044

📍1-1 Osakajo, Chuo-ku, Osaka City 🕒9:00 - 17:00 (Admission: until 16:30) 🟢Dec. 28 to Jan. 1 🎫¥600 (Adult) 🟢A, D, J, M, V, 銀 🚶18 min. walk from JR Osakajokoen Sta. 🌐www.osakacastle.net/english/

GOURMET

TAKOYAKI

Takoyaki is made by putting bits of octopus in a dough of wheat flour mixed with stock and frying it into round balls using a special cast iron mold. It is famous that Osaka people love takoyaki, and they even call it “the most beloved food in Osaka.” There are numerous restaurants and stands famous for their takoyaki, and each has their own unique flavor and cooking style, so be sure to try and compare some.



SAKAI CITY

The city of Sakai is the second largest in Osaka Prefecture, both in terms of population and area. It flourished as a trade port during the Warring States period, and has a lot of history and cultural backgrounds.

●Inquiries
Sakai Tourism and Convention Bureau
www.sakai-tcb.or.jp/english/



You'll see a wide variety of trains, from good-old nostalgic designs to the latest models

CHIN♪ CHIN♪

1 Hankai Tramway

The trains that run through south Sakai from Tennoji and Shin-Imamiya. Called “chin-den” by locals, these trains serve as the main means of transportation for both residents and tourists alike. Hop on one to visit the Sumiyoshi Taisha Shrine, famous for its grand arched bridge; the Sakai City Traditional Crafts Museum or the Sakai Plaza of Rikyu and Akiko.

☎06-6674-5146 (Hankai Tramway General Affairs Division)

📍From Tennoji-Ekimae Sta. and Ebisucho Sta. to Hamadera-Ekimae Sta. 🕒Vary by line 🟢In operation 365 days
🎫1 ticket, all lines/ride ¥210 (Adult) 🟢Credit cards not accepted. 🚶Short walk from JR Tennoji Sta. 🌐www.hankai.co.jp/english/



Transform to a Sengoku warrior!

2 SAKAI TEPPO-KAN

During the latter half of the 16th century, master craftsmen mass produced teppo guns in Sakai. Today, the residences of these Edo period blacksmiths can still be found in the city. In addition to numerous examples of beautifully worked guns on display such as daimyo-zutsu, the museum also allows visitors to try on replica armor, helmets, and battle surcoats (¥100/person).

☎072-233-5258 (SAKAI Tourism and Convention Bureau, call 072-205-5909 during Sat. and Sun.)

📍1-2-7 Kitahatago-cho Nishi, Sakai City 🕒11:00 - 16:00 of Sat., Sun., and Hol. (Reservation required for visiting on weekdays) 🟢Mon. - Fri. 🎫Admission ¥100 (Adult) 🟢Credit cards not accepted. 🚶4 min. walk from Hankai Tramway Takasujinja Sta. 🌐www.sakai-tcb.or.jp/spot/spot.php?id=378&bk=1



3 Nintoku-tenno-ryo Kofun mounded tomb

The equal of the Great Pyramid of Giza and the Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor, the Tomb of Emperor Nintoku is seen as one of the world's three great tombs and is estimated to have been constructed over a period of approximately 16 years around the 5th century. The tomb has a characteristic keyhole-shaped mounded tomb and is quite large – approximately 486 meters long.

☎072-233-5258 (SAKAI Tourism and Convention Bureau)

📍Daisen-cho, Sakai-ku, Sakai City, Osaka 🟢Can be freely entered 🚶8 min. walk from JR Mozu Sta. 🌐www.sakai-tcb.or.jp/english/feature/



Visitors can learn all about the traditional industries of Sakai at once

5 Sakai City Traditional Crafts Museum

Knives are the traditional industry of Sakai and have been produced here for 600 years. A variety of knives are displayed in the Sakai Hamono Museum inside the main museum, while other traditional Sakai industry such as incense and Japanese sweets are introduced in the Takumi no Hiroba area. A variety of famous Sakai products are also available under one roof in the museum shop.

☎072-227-1001

📍1-1-30 Zaimokuchō Nishi, Sakai-ku, Sakai City
🕒10:00 - 17:00 🟢End-of-year and New Year holidays
🎫Free admission 🟢A, D, J, M, V, 銀 🚶2 min. walk from Hankai Tramway Myokokujimae Sta. 🌐www.sakaidensan.jp/en/

Sen no Rikyu Chanoyu Museum



4 SAKAI RISHO NO MORI Sakai Plaza of Rikyu and Akiko

A museum where visitors can experience the charms of Sakai through portraits, profiles, and information on Sen no Rikyu, the Sakai-born man who perfected the tea ceremony, and Akiko Yosano, a poet who pioneered modern Japanese literature. The museum's seated tea ceremony experience (reservation not required) and class for preparing your own tea (reservation required) are also popular.

☎072-260-4386

📍2-1-1 Shukuincho Nishi, Sakai-ku, Sakai City
🕒9:00 - 18:00 (Tea ceremony class facility: 10:00 - 17:00) 🟢3rd Tue., end-of-year and New Year holidays 🎫Admission fee ¥300 (Adult), chanoyu experience ¥500 (Adult) *Admission to Tourist Information Space is free of charge 🟢J, M, V, 銀 🚶2 min. walk from Hankai Tramway Shukuin Sta. 🌐www.sakai-rishonomori.com



GOURMET

KESHI-MOCHI

The famous sweets in Sakai is namely the keshi-mochi. A dollop of sweet adzuki bean paste wrapped in a sticky rice cake shell and covered with poppy seeds, keshi-mochi have a simple, toasty and slightly sweet flavor that fills the mouth. The keshi-mochi is the pride of the Japanese confectioners offered at Kojimaya, a venerable shop which has been in business continuously for 300 years.

Kojimaya

🌐http://keshimochi.com/



OSAKA

PREFECTURE

Centered around the city of Osaka, Osaka Prefecture is composed of 33 cities, 9 towns, and 1 village. This page introduces some of the most popular tourist spots among these unique areas.

●Inquiries
OSAKA CONVENTION & TOURISM BUREAU
www.osaka-info.jp/en/



1 EXPOCITY

A massive multipurpose complex scheduled to open in autumn 2015 combining seven large entertainment facilities and the LaPort EXPOCITY shopping mall. Visitors can have fun throughout the day, including enjoying the wonders of living creatures at NIFREL and checking out the Pokémon EXPO Gym, the first such facility in Japan.

✎3 min. walk from Osaka Monorail Bampaku-kinen-koen Sta.
🌐www.exocitymf.com



The rows of Kachi Daruma dolls are also quite the spectacle!



2 Minoh Waterfall・Katsuo-ji Temple

The 33 meter high Minoh Waterfall is one of the most famous in the country. During autumn, the surrounding greenery turns red and gold, creating an even more stunning sight. In addition, the nearby Katsuo-ji Temple, approximately 10 minute drive from the waterfall, is known as the temple for winner's luck. Worshippers offer Kachi Daruma dolls to pray for success.

Minoh Waterfall ☎072-723-1885 (Minoh City

Tourism Association) 📍Minoh, Minoh City 🕒🕒🕒Free to stroll

✎40 min. walk from Hankyu Mino-o Sta.

Katsuo-ji Temple ☎072-721-7010

📍Katsuo-ji Temple, Minoh City 🕒8:00 - 17:00 (Sat.: until 17:30,

Sun., Hol.: until 18:00) 🕒Open 365 days 🕒Admission fee to enter

the mountain ¥400 (Adult) 🕒Credit cards not accepted. ✎31 min.

by bus from subway Senri Chuo Sta., get off at Katsuo-ji bus stop and

short walk from there 🌐www.katsuo-ji-temple.or.jp



3 TONDABAYASHI SAVOR FARM

Seasonal flowers and vegetable gardens extends lushly on the spacious, 20 hectare grounds. Depending on the season, visitors can enjoy fruit picking and crop harvesting. You can also dine on fresh and seasonal vegetables picked locally and on the farm at the on-site barbecue house or restaurant.

☎0721-35-3500

📍2300 Kannabi, Tondabayashi City 🕒9:30-18:00 (Jan. to Mar., Oct. to Dec.: until 17:00. Admission accepted until 1 hr. before closing)

🕒Mon., end-of-year and New Year holidays 🕒Admission ¥700 (Adult)

🕒Credit cards not accepted. ✎Approx 20 min. on a free shuttle bus

from Kintetsu Tondabayashi Sta. 🌐www.savor-farm.or.jp

Pick and enjoy seasonal fruits such as grapes, strawberries, and mikan oranges



Try some delicious fruit!



4 Mt.Kongosan Ropeway

Mt. Kongosan is a perfect place for hiking and visitors can enjoy wonderful scenery that varies with the season. You can also take it easy and watch the mountain roll by as you ride the ropeway up. The beauty of the mountain in winter, covered in silvery snow and frosted trees, is also not to be missed.

☎0721-74-0128

📍9 Chihaya, Chihaya Akasaka Village, Minami Kawachi-gun

🕒9:00 - 17:00 (Apr. to Jul. / Sat., Sun., Hol. during Aug. and Sep.:

until 18:00) 🕒In operation 365 days 🕒One-way ¥720 (Adult)

🕒Credit cards not accepted. ✎35 min. by bus from

Kawachinagano Sta., get off at Kongosan Ropeway-mae bus stop

and 10 min. walk from there

🌐http://seesaawiki.jp/w/kongosan_ropeway



Numerous brand-name shops, from high class brands to sportswear are available



5 RINKU PREMIUM OUTLETS

One of the largest outlet centers in the Kansai region which houses some 210 famous domestic and international brands. Due to the daily special prices, the center is popular with overseas visitors as well. Adjoining Kansai International Airport, RINKU PREMIUM OUTLETS offers easy access, making it the perfect place to buy some amazing things at affordable prices right after you arrive in Japan and just before you leave!

☎072-458-4600

📍3-28 Rinku-orai Minami,

Izumisanjo City

🕒10:00 - 20:00

🕒3rd Thu. of Feb.

🕒Vary by shop

✎6 min. walk from Rinku-town Sta.

on the JR and Nankai railways

🌐www.premiumoutlets.co.jp/rinku/



KITSUNE UDON

Udon — a simple and quick Japanese staple. Kitsune udon was born in Osaka, and, in addition to the noodles, particular care is put into the dashi broth. This soup, carefully prepared using dashi made from bonito flakes and kombu seaweed, is light yet full-bodied, drawing out the simple flavor of the udon noodles. One sip will show you the depth of "Osaka's dashi culture." Kitsune udon also adds a topping of fried tofu stewed in a sweet broth — truly a dish based on the ideal of "simple is best."



NARA

PREFECTURE

After ancient Nara was made the capital of the country long ago, the city became a gathering point for important shrines and temples, the historic ruins of which remain to this day. Nara is famous as one of Japan's ancient capitals and rivals Kyoto in splendor.

●Inquiries
Nara Visitors Bureau
www.nara-kankou.or.jp/convention/e/



2 Kasugataisha Shrine

A World Heritage shrine built approximately 1,300 years ago when Nara was the capital of Japan. Four gods are enshrined in the magnificent main building with four vermilion-lacquered columns and approximately 3,000 festivals, ceremonies, and rites are conducted here annually. In November 2016, the ceremony to move the deity of the inner sanctuary will be held, an extremely important rite conducted every 20 years.

☎0742-22-7788

📍160 Kasugano-cho, Nara City 🕒6:00

- 18:00 (Oct. to Mar.: 6:30 - 17:00)

🕒Open 365 days 🕒Can be freely visited

(Special visiting for the corridor ¥500

(Adult) 🕒Credit cards not accepted.

✎15 min. by bus from Kintetsu Nara Sta.,

get off at Kasuga Taisha Honden bus stop

and short walk 🌐www.kasugataisha.

or.jp/about/index_en.html



From the end of April to the beginning of May, the wisteria on the shrine grounds bloom, creating gorgeous views



1 Todai-ji Temple

☎0742-22-5511

📍406-1 Zoshi-cho, Nara City 🕒7:30 - 17:30

(Oct.: until 17:00, Nov. to Feb.: 8:00 - 16:30, Mar.:

8:00 - 17:00) 🕒Open 365 days 🕒Daibutsuden

Hall, Hokkedo Hall, Kaidando Hall ¥500 each

(Adult) 🕒Credit cards not accepted. ✎15 min.

by bus from JR Nara Sta., get off at Daibutsuden

Kasuga Taisha-mae bus stop and 5 min. walk from

there 🌐www.todaiji.or.jp/english/

The symbol of Nara. The Daibutsuden hall which enshrines the temple's 1,300 year old, 14.98 meter tall giant Buddha statue is one of the largest wooden structures in the world. The temple grounds are also dotted with numerous noteworthy buildings registered as National Treasures, such as Nigatsu-do, where the Omizutori water-drawing ceremony that heralds the beginning of Spring in Nara is held.



3 Yoshinoyama

Yoshinoyama is the most famous mountain for cherry blossom viewing in Japan, and in spring the entire mountain is dyed pink, from the Shimosenbon area to the Kamisenbon and Okusenbon areas. In autumn, the red and gold foliage makes the mountain look as if it were on fire. Be sure to see the Kimpusen-ji Temple during your visit, which, along with Yoshinoyama, is designated a World Heritage Site.

☎0746-32-1007 (Mt. Yoshino Tourist Association)

📍Yoshinoyama, Yoshino-cho, Yoshino-gun

🕒🕒🕒Free to stroll ✎Get off at Kintetsu Yoshino Sta.

🌐www.yoshinoyama-sakura.jp/english/



Yoshinoyama is one of the most famous places for cherry blossoms in Japan



4 Highland of Soni

A quasi-national park located some 750 meters above sea level. During the summer, the park is a magnificent, grass-covered plain like a great green carpet; in autumn, the ears of Japanese pampas grass stands sway in waves of silver. Sunset dyes the park a stunning gold. The natural hot spring Okame no Yu on the nearby plateau is also popular.

☎0745-94-2106 (Sonimura Tourism Association)

📍Taroji, Soni Village, Uda-gun 🕒🕒🕒Free to stroll

✎45 min. by bus from Kintetsu Nabari Sta., get off at Soni Kogen bus stop

🌐http://sonimura.com/



Dears are said to be the messengers of the gods!



5 Naramachi

A historical neighborhood centered on the Gango-ji Temple, which was moved to the ancient capital of Nara in 710. The old townscape still remains, and the area is dotted with original townhouses now hosting various shops. Be sure to visit the Naramachi Koshi-no-le House, a museum which exhibits the interior of an old-fashioned townhouse and shop for Nara-zarashi bleached hemp, a traditional Nara craft.

☎0742-22-3900 (Nara City Sightseeing Information

Center) 📍Nearby Gango-ji Temple, Nara City

🕒🕒🕒Free to stroll ✎15 min. walk from Kintetsu Nara Sta.

🌐http://narashikanko.or.jp/naramachi/



Nara's old townhouses is characterized by its long depth despite the narrow width at the front facade



KAKINOH ZUSHI

Kakinoha-zushi is a type of regional Nara cuisine; slices of salt-pickled mackerel and salmon are wrapped in Japanese persimmon leaves, which have disinfecting qualities. Nara is far from the sea, thus marine products were pickled in salt to preserve them. This tradition continues to be practiced today and is loved by Nara residents as simple cuisine which enables one to fully appreciate the flavor of the ingredients.



KYOTO CITY

Without exception, Kyoto comes in at the top of any global tourist destination popularity ranking. If you're seeking to fully experience subtle hospitality and Japanese culture, look no further.

●Inquiries
Kyoto Convention & Visitors Bureau
<http://kyoto.travel/en>



1 Fushimi-Inari Taisha Shrine

The head shrine of some 30 thousand Inari-jinja shrines throughout Japan, this ancient site has been used for over 1,300 years to revere the Inari, the gods of commercial success and abundant harvests. The entirety of Mt. Inari comprises the shrine boundaries, and the "Senbon Torii" red gates are famous following the inner sanctuary. Be sure to walk the brilliant red holy path.

☎075-641-7331

68 Fukakusa Yabunouchi-cho, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto City
Shrine accessible all day, shrine office open from 7:00 - 18:00
Open 365 days Free of charge for visiting Credit cards not accepted. Short walk from JR Inari Sta. <http://inari.jp>



The trails of torii gates are popular with visitors from overseas

3 Arashiyama

Famous for its scenic beauty since the ancient Heian period, Arashiyama is one of Kyoto's best tourism sites and visitors here can enjoy its elegant natural splendor. A day in Arashiyama flies by visiting famous temples and shrines representative of Kyoto such as the Tenryu-ji and Daikoku-ji, as well as the souvenir shops and restaurants lining the roads.

☎075-861-0012

Nearby Togetsukyo Bridge of Arashiyama, Ukyo-ku, Kyoto City
Free to stroll 11 min. walk from Hankyu JR Saga-Arashiyama Sta. www.arashiyamahoshokai.com/



The Togetsukyo Bridge spanning Katsura River is a perfect spot for taking pictures



Manga is also Japanese culture!



Everything from rare volumes to the most popular manga are housed



4 KYOTO INTERNATIONAL MANGA MUSEUM

Focusing on domestic manga, this museum holds 300 thousand manga-related materials, the largest such collection in the world, including famous manga volumes from around the globe. 50 thousand items from the collection are displayed on the museum's "manga walls," which may be read freely by visitors. The section illustrating the evolution of Japanese manga and the creation process of manga is fascinating too!

☎075-254-7414

Karasuma-dori Oike Agaru, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto City
10:00 - 18:00 (Admission: until 17:30) Wed. (If a public holiday, the following day will be closed instead), end-of-year and New Year holidays, when maintenance takes place
Admission fee ¥800 (Adult) Credit cards not accepted. Short walk from subway Karasuma Oike Sta. www.kyotomm.jp/english/

GOURMET

Washoku (Japanese traditional meal)

"Washoku," or Japanese traditional meal, was granted the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage designation in 2013. Even compared with other areas in Japan, the history of cuisine in Kyoto is long, and there are many traditional ryotei or kappo formal restaurants offering particularly refined and cultivated style of Japanese traditional meal. Savor washoku carefully prepared with choice ingredients and beautifully served.



KYOTO PREFECTURE

Area filled with natural beauty, such as Uji City famous for its matcha green tea, picturesque Maizuru and the Tango Peninsula, which look out over the waters of Wakasa Bay.

●Inquiries
Kyoto Tourism Federation Public Interest Incorporated Association
www.kyoto-kankou.or.jp/english/

1 Kayabuki no Sato

Even today, Miyama is filled with thatched-roof houses, giving visitors a glimpse of what Japan looked like long ago. At Kayabuki-no-Sato, Miyama's most famous tourist spot, you can find a restaurant, souvenir shop, and an inn. Kayabuki-no-sato is also a popular place to spend a night and enjoy the slow life.

☎0771-75-1906 (Kyoto Miyama Tourism Association)

Miyama-cho Kita, Nantan City
Free to stroll 3 hr. 9 min. by bus from JR Kyoto Sta., get off at Kita bus stop www.miyamanavi.net/english/

The area is also a nationally designated Preservation Districts for Groups of Traditional Buildings



Photo: Kyoto Miyama Tourism Association

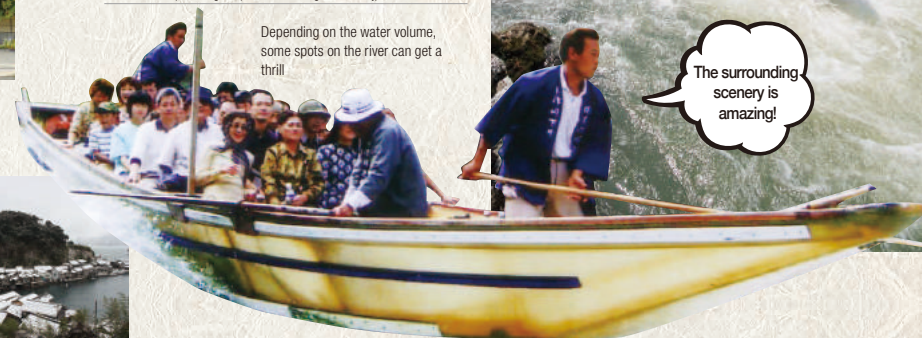
2 Hozu-gawa River Boat Ride

A two hour boat ride down Hozu Gorge. The boulders, curious rock formations, and beautiful mountain ranges between Kameoka City and Arashiyama will take your breath away. Traveling down a river was originally a means to haul raw materials over 400 years ago, but today it serves as a tourist craft for rafting. One of the must-visit places on any trip to Kyoto.

☎0771-22-5846

2 Shimonakajima, Hodzu-cho, Kameoka City (Hozugawa-kudari Boarding Site)
7 services per day during 9:00 - 15:30 (Irregular services for Sat., Sun., Hol., early Dec. to Mar. 9: 4 services per day during 10:00 - 14:30)
In operation 365 days *Boat ride may be canceled in case of inclement weather or when there's a rise in the water level
Boarding fee ¥4,100 (Adult) Credit cards not accepted. 8 min. walk from JR Kameoka Sta. (Boarding Site) www.hozugawakudari.jp/en

Depending on the water volume, some spots on the river can get a thrill



The surrounding scenery is amazing!



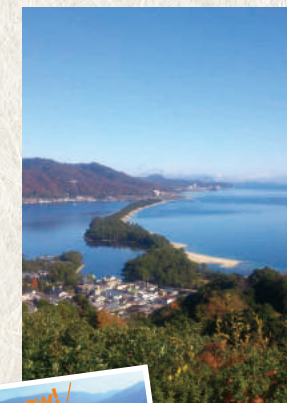
Ine was the first fishing village in Japan to be selected as Preservation Districts for Groups of Traditional Buildings

3 Ine Funaya

The unique bathhouses of Ine are built right up against the shore in order to store boats on the first floor. Visitors can check out the roughly 230 bathhouses via marine taxis. Some of the bathhouses have also been turned into inns where guests can savor the sights and cuisine of the sea right in front of their eyes.

☎0772-32-0277

(Ine Tourism Association)
Kameshima, Hirata, and Hide, Ine-cho, Yosa-gun
Free to stroll 1 hr. 7 min. by bus from Miyazu Sta. of Kyoto Tango Railway, get off at Ine bus stop
<http://ine-kankou.jp/kankou/sightseeing/000041.php>



4 Amano hashidate

3.6 kilometer long pine-covered beach looks as if it were a bridge spanning the heavens and is one of the three most famous views in Japan. Whether you walk the beach (50 minutes one way) or enjoy the view from the platforms in Amano Hashidate View Land and Kasamatsu Park, it's sure to make a great memory!

☎0772-22-8030 (Amanohashidate Tourism Association)

Amanohashidate Park, Aza Monju, Miyazu City
Free to stroll 5 min. walk from Amanohashidate Sta. on the Kyoto Tango Railway
www.amanohashidate.jp/lang/en/



Look at it upside-down and it really does look like a bridge spanning the sky



5 Shinkyogoku St.

Shinkyogoku is a convenient place to buy some souvenirs and try the unique flavors of Kyoto at once. Both sides of this 550 meter long shopping arcade are packed with some 150 shops selling famous Kyoto confections and traditional crafts, apparel stores, variety shops, and restaurants. Just taking a stroll down Shinkyogoku is sure to be exciting!

☎075-254-7414

Shijo St. to Sanjo St., Shinkyogoku, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto City
Vary by shop
3 min. walk from Hankyu Kawaramachi Sta.
www.shinkyogoku.or.jp/foreign/english.html



Be sure to experience an artistry of traditional cup of matcha tea at Taihoan, a tea ceremony house operated by Uji City

5 Uji

Green tea from Uji is hugely popular among people from abroad. The area around JR Uji Station and Keihan Uji Station is dotted with Uji tea specialty shops where visitors can make and drink Uji tea themselves as well as buy dried Uji tea leaves and snacks made with Uji tea leaves.

☎0774-23-3334 (Uji City Tourist Association)

Nearby Uji, Uji City
Free to stroll Get off at JR Uji Sta.
www.kyoto-uj-kankou.or.jp/index-en.html

GOURMET

Seafood

Maizuru area, facing the Sea of Japan, is famous for its seafood. At Maizuru-kou Toretore Center, you can purchase fresh seafood and specialty products from Maizuru and northern Kyoto. You can also have the fish you purchased prepared cooked and served in sashimi-style or barbecue-style on the spot.

Maizuru-kou Toretore Center

www.toretore.org



KOBE CITY

Since the opening of Japan to international trade in 1868, Kobe has developed into one of Japan's leading port cities. Western culture was also quickly adopted in Kobe, leading to decidedly exotic architecture and cultural styles.

●Inquiries
Kobe Convention & Visitors Association
www.feel-kobe.jp/_en/



1 Ijinkan foreign residences

Built in the Kitano area in the Meiji period, these residences built for foreign residents to the country still stand today and are open to the public. Each Ijinkan house has beautiful facades that are decorated in the colonial style and some homes are used as art museums, cafés, and allow visitors inside to tour the houses. Visitors can also experience perfume-making in one of the residences and each of the Ijinkan has its own unique flavor.

☎078-251-8360 (Kitano Tourist Information Office)

📍Kitano-cho, Chuo-ku, Kobe City 🕒 Vary by residence

¥ Vary by residence (Combined ticket for 8 residences ¥3,000) 📱 Credit cards not accepted.

🕒 14 min. walk from JR Sannomiya Sta.

🌐 www.kobeijinkan.com



Numerous modern styled buildings are dotted within walking distance of each other

There're also tons of food stands!



2 Nankin-machi

After the opening of Kobe's ports, numerous Chinese came to live in this area, which eventually grew into a Chinatown. Over 100 shops and dining establishments fill the 270 by 110 meter area, which bustles with visitors sampling the delights of the various Chinese restaurants and stands. Events such as Chinese New Year and the Lantern Festival mark the passage of the seasons in Kobe.

☎078-332-2896

📍Promotion Associations of Nankinmachi Chinatown

🕒 Free to stroll

🕒 4 min. walk from JR Motomachi Sta.

🌐 www.nankinmachi.or.jp

Be sure to tour the various gourmet treats found in Kobe's Chinatown!



3 CONCERTO

A large cruise ship from which passengers can enjoy the beauty of the mountains and sea surrounding Kobe and views of the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge, the longest suspension bridge in the world. Tickets sell out fast since it is reputed for its gourmet cuisine, live music, and spectacular scenery, so make your reservation early. The view at night is also superb so be sure to come enjoy a cruise.

☎078-360-5600 (10:00 - 19:00)

📍1-6-1 Higashi Kawasaki-cho, Chuo-ku, Kobe City (1F Kobe Harborland MOSAIC) 🕒 Lunch cruise from 12:00,

afternoon tea cruise from 15:00, twilight cruise from 17:10,

night cruise from 19:20 📱 None scheduled Routes may be

changed and services may be canceled during inclement

weather ¥2,200 (Adult) + dining charge

🕒 A, D, J, M, V 🕒 10 min. walk from JR Kobe Sta.

🌐 <http://kobeconcerto.com>

The view of the port from the giant Ferris wheel is spectacular



5 KOBE HARBORLAND umie

A massive shopping and entertainment center filled with 230 stores and restaurants. Many of the stores offer tax-free shopping for international travelers too. With a seaside plaza cooled by sea breezes perfect for taking a break and a giant Ferris wheel which gives riders a stunning view of the surrounding area, Kobe Harborland is a great place to enjoy a relaxing day of shopping.

☎078-322-0220 (Kobe Information Center)

📍2-2 Mayasan-cho, Nada-ku, Kobe City 🕒 10:00 - 21:00,

MOSAIC: 10:00 - 20:00 (Restaurants: 11:00 - 20:00) *Some shops and

restaurants have different hours 🕒 Open 365 days 🕒 Vary by shop

🕒 5 min. walk from JR Kobe Sta. 🌐 <http://umie.jp.e.kv.hp.transer.com/>

GOURMET

KOBE Sweets

Western-style confectionaries have been a part of Kobe culture for ages. Kobe confections have delicate flavor and gorgeous appearance and there are numerous well-established cake and pastry shops that are famous nationwide. Have a slice of cake in the shop and bring back one of the longer-lasting pastries as a souvenir that's sure to delight.



HYOGO PREFECTURE

Facing the Sea of Japan to the North and the Seto Inland Sea to the South, Hyogo is the largest prefecture in the Kinki region. Scenic Awaji Island is also a part of Hyogo. Hyogo offers both diverse culture and natural wonders.

●Inquiries
Hyogo Tourism Association
www.hyogo-tourism.jp/english/



Himeji Castle

Built in 1609, Himeji Castle was the first site that was designated as a World Heritage Site. Repairs to the main castle tower were completed in March 2015, returning the castle to the brilliant white form it had when first built. The castle was never taken in battle or suffered a fire so historic remains such as castle keep and turret are in an extremely excellent state of preservation.

☎079-285-1146

📍68 Honmachi, Himeji City 🕒 9:00 - 17:00 (Admission to the castle: until 16:00) 🕒 Dec. 29 and 30 🕒 Admission fee to the castle: ¥1,000 (Adult) 📱 Credit cards not accepted. 🕒 25 min. walk from JR Himeji Sta. 🌐 www.city.himeji.lg.jp/guide/castle.html



A recreation of an elegant moment in time

Figures of Lady Sen and an attendant are on display in the Nishi-no-Marui makeup tower

2 Takarazuka Revue

The dedicated theater of the Takarazuka Revue, now celebrating its 101st anniversary. The all-female Takarazuka theater troupe performs a wide repertoire of shows, from original pieces to popular musicals. Trying on the stage costumes (replica) and makeup is also popular among visitors. (For a fee; reservation required for theater makeup course)

☎0570-00-5100 (Takarazuka Revue Information Center)

📍1-1-57 Sakaemachi, Takarazuka City 🕒 10:00 - 17:00 🕒 Wed.

🕒 B Seating: from ¥3,500 / SS Seating ¥12,000 🕒 A, D, J, M, V 🕒 7 min. walk from Hankyu Takarazuka Sta. 🌐 <https://kageki.hankyu.co.jp/english/>



3 Kinosaki Onsen

Famous for its scenic beauty for 1,300 years, the popular Kinosaki Hot Springs have been a beloved destination for numerous literary masters and appear in works depicting the Kansai region. In the hot spring resort, there are seven public baths offering differing scenery and bath tubs; visitors can try each in turn to help savor the mood of traveling.

☎0796-32-3663

(Kinosaki Tourist Information Center)

📍Yushima Kinosaki Onsen-cho,

Toyouka City 🕒 Vary by public

bath 🕒 Kinosaki Onsen Sotoyu

Meguri Pass ¥1,200 (Adult) 📱 Credit

cards not accepted.

📍JR Kinosaki Onsen Sta.

🌐 www.kinosaki-spa.gr.jp/global/



Buy a multi-bath ticket and visit all the public baths

Stop by on your way to or from Awaji Island sightseeing



5 Awaji Highway Oasis

A facility located along the Kobe-Awaji-Naruto Expressway. Awaji Highway Oasis contains numerous shops and restaurants offering gourmet food made with ingredients from Awaji Island such as Awaji beef and onions. Be sure to visit the Terrace Garden, from which visitors can get a sweeping view of the Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge, as well as the Flower Valley area, filled with seasonal flowers.

☎0799-72-0220

📍2674-3 Obayashi, Iwaya, Awaji City 🕒 9:00 - 20:00 (Vary by

season or shop) 🕒 Open 365 days (Some restaurants may be

closed depending on the day) 🕒 Vary by shop 🕒 Short drive

from Awaji SA 🌐 www.ura.co.jp/oasis



The scale of the world's longest suspension bridge is astonishing!

4 Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge

At 3,911 meters in length, the Akashi Kaikyo is the world's longest suspension bridge. Lit up in the evenings, the majestic form of the bridge is beautiful both night and day. The Bridge Exhibition Center offers the opportunity to learn about the bridge-building technologies used to construct the Honshu-Shikoku Bridges, including the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge, through scale models, videos and panel displays.

Bridge Exhibition Center ☎078-784-3339

📍4-114 Higashi Maiko-cho, Tarumi-ku, Kobe City 🕒 9:15 - 17:00 (Jul. 20 to 31 / Aug.: until 18:00,

Dec. to Feb.: until 16:30) 🕒 Mon. (Open daily from Jul. 20 to 31 and during Aug.) 🕒 Admission fee

¥310 (Adult), Bridge World ¥3,000 (Adult) 📱 Credit cards not accepted. 🕒 5 min. walk from JR Maiko

Sta. 🌐 www.hashinokagakukan.jp/images/pamilet/kagakukan-paf-e.pdf

☎078-784-3396 (Bridge World)

📍Iwaya of Awaji City to Higashi Maiko-cho, Tarumi-ku, Kobe City

GOURMET

Botan nabe (Boar's meat stew)

A local Hyogo hot pot dish made from thin slices of wild boar meat stewed in miso with vegetables. The Tanba area is the home of boar meat cuisine, and Hyogo's botan nabe has even been selected as one of the top 100 regional dishes of Japan. Boar meat is also highly nutritious and is popular as dishes maintaining stamina in winter. The season for botan nabe is from mid-November to March.

Guide to Botan Nabe hot pot 🌐 <http://tourism.sasayama.jp/botannabe/>



SHIGA PREFECTURE

One sixth of the area of Shiga Prefecture is comprised of Lake Biwa, the largest lake in Japan, and visitors can enjoy lush greenery and lake-based leisure pursuits.

●Inquiries
Biwako Visitors Bureau
<http://en.biwako-visitors.jp>



Whether for attack or defense, each mechanism is ingenious



2 Koka Ninjutsu Yashiki

Built in the Edo period, the Koka Ninjutsu Yashiki is Japan's only surviving dwelling from this time fitted with ninja traps and mechanisms. In addition to learning about the various tricks of the house and ninja tools via a guided tour, visitors can also try out the mechanisms themselves. The numerous unbelievably clever mechanisms and gadgets are guaranteed to surprise you!

☎0748-86-2179

☎2331 Konancho Ryuboshi, Koka City ☎9:00 - 17:00
(Admission: until 16:30) ☎Dec. 27 to Jan. 1
¥ Admission fee ¥650 (Adult) ☎Credit cards not accepted.
☎5 min. by taxi from JR Kusatsu Sta.
☎www.kouka-ninija.com



1 Enryaku-ji Temple

The head temple of the Tendai sect of Buddhism founded by Saicho (also known as Dengyo Daishi), Enryaku-ji Temple is actually the collective term for the roughly 150 buildings on the temple's 1,600 square meter grounds. The temple continues to produce numerous high priests and is the site of strict training. The Konpon Chudo hall, where the "Sacred Light of Buddhism" which has been kept burning for 1,200 years is located, and the Daikodo lecture hall are must-sees.

☎077-578-0001 (General administration division of Hieizan Enryaku-ji)

☎4220 Sakamoto Honmachi, Otsu City ☎8:30 - 16:30 (Jan. and Feb.: from 9:00, Dec.: 9:00 - 16:00) Saito and Yokokawa area: 9:00 - 16:00 (Jan. and Feb.: from 9:30 - 16:00, Dec.: 9:30 - 15:30)
☎Open 365 days ☎Combined ticket for Todo, Saito, and Yokokawa and admission fee for national treasure hall ¥1,200 (Adult) ☎Credit cards not accepted ☎8 min. walk from Enryakuji Sta. of Hieizan Railway Sakamoto Cable ☎www.hieizan.or.jp/_att/english.pdf



The Konpon Chudo hall will be undergoing significant repairs over a 10 year period starting in 2016 (viewing the interior is allowed)



5 Kurokabe Square

Centering on the Kurokabe Glass-kan, a remodeled modern bank, the old fashioned streets of Kurokabe Square are dotted with glass shops, workshops, and a glassmaking classroom. Souvenir shop of Kurokabe AMISU that carries local Shiga products is a trendsetting place of Japanese culture and lifestyles and is very popular.

☎0749-65-2330 (KUROKABE Ltd.)

☎Motohama-cho, Nagahama City ☎☎Vary by shop
☎Vary by shop ☎5 min. walk from JR Nagahama Sta.
☎www.kurokabe.co.jp



Buy a few pretty glass items to take home



3 Shiga Agricultural Park "Blumen Hugel Farm"

Modeled after medieval Germany, the park is dotted with classrooms that offer hands-on programs for cooking and crafts. The classrooms are surrounded by a flower field. Visitors can savor their fill of delicious Shiga delicacies and local produce at the restaurants such as an all-you-can-eat buffet and barbecue house. The park also offers a variety of attractions such as a miniature steam locomotive, go-carts, and a giant maze.

☎0748-52-2611

☎843 Nishioji, Hino-cho, Gamo-gun ☎9:30 - 18:00 (Mon. - Fri. during Mar. and Nov.: until 17:00, Dec. 2015 to Feb. 2016: 10:00 - 17:00) ☎Open 365 days (Closed on Wed. and Thu. from Dec. 2015 Feb. 2016) ☎Admission fee ¥1,000 (Adult) / Dec. 2015 to Feb. to 2016 ¥400 (Adult) ☎Credit cards not accepted ☎50 min. by bus from JR Omihachiman Sta., get off at Habanomachi bus stop and 10 min. walk from there
☎www.blumenooka.jp



A facility so filled with fun, one day won't be enough

Tour Lake Biwa by ship



4 MICHIGAN CRUISE

A restaurant ship where visitors can enjoy 1 hour and 20 minutes of the beautiful scenery of Lake Biwa, which offers different aspects depending on the season and time of day (meal fees extra). The Michigan Cruise boasts both dishes made with local Shiga rice and other ingredients as well as American Southern-style cuisine.

☎077-524-5000

☎5-1-1 Hamaotsu, Otsu City ☎6 services per day during 10:00 - 18:30 (Number of services may be changed depending on the season) ☎In operation 365 days *Services may be canceled in case of inclement weather ☎Boarding fee ¥2,260 to ¥2,980 (Adult, vary by service) ☎A, D, J, V, 銀 ☎3 min. walk from Keihan Hamaotsu Sta. (Boarding dock)
☎www.biwakokisen.co.jp/MOIchiganA4leaflet_EN_ol_0417.pdf



Omi Beef

Omi beef comes from cows raised in the vast, rich natural expanses around Lake Biwa. Fine grained and delicately marbled throughout, tender Omi beef melts in your mouth. Omi beef is great served as steak, in sukiyaki, shabu-shabu style, or on the grill as yakiniku. "Omi beef" production, circulation promotion conference
☎www.oumishi.com



WAKAYAMA PREFECTURE

Wakayama is filled with sightseeing spots such as the natural wonders of mountain and ocean as well as hot springs. The prefecture is also home to abundant harvests of land and sea, including fresh fish, juicy mikan oranges, and umeboshi plum pickles

●Inquiries
Wakayama Tourism Federation
www.wakayama-kanko.or.jp/world/english/



A very popular place for seeing live animals up close



1 WAKAYAMA ADVENTURE WORLD

In addition to dynamic encounters with animals and sea creatures such as penguins and dolphins in the Safari World, Wakayama Adventure World also offers a variety of attractions in the Play Zone. Particularly popular are seven pandas. Visitors will be enchanted by their cute faces and playful gestures!

☎0570-06-4481

☎2399 Katata, Shirahama-cho, Nishimuro-gun ☎9:30 - 17:00 (Vary by day of the week, month) ☎None scheduled ☎Admission ticket ¥4,100 (Adult) ☎A, D, J, M, V ☎6 min. by taxi from JR Shirahama Sta.
☎www.aws-s.com/english/index.php



2 PORTO EUROPA

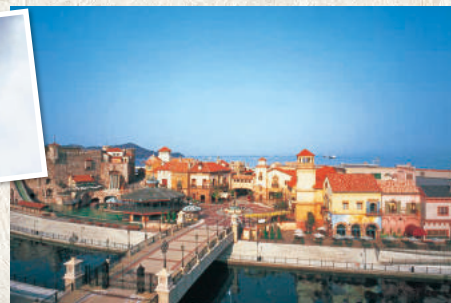
Inside Wakayama Marina City, Porto Europa is a theme park which authentically recreates the townscapes of southern Europe. This full-featured entertainment facility also has fun roller coasters, attractions young children will enjoy, and a dolphin park with dolphin shows. Be sure to visit the Kishu Kuroshio Onsen hot spring baths next door.

☎0570-064-358

☎1527 Kemi, Wakayama City
☎10:00 - 17:00 (Vary by day of the week, month)
☎None scheduled
☎Admission ticket ¥1,500 (Adult)
☎A, D, J, M, V, 銀
☎10 min. by taxi from JR Kainan Sta.
☎www.marinacity.com/eng/



The top resort facility in Wakayama; also adjacent to hotel and a fish market



5 Kuroshio Ichiba

Here you can find all sorts of Wakayama gourmet items - everything from local products such as tuna, umeboshi plum pickles, and mikan oranges, to seasonings, dried foods, and confections. It's also fun to visit the various restaurants in the area and try the fresh fish they have on offer. The daily tuna dressing shows that are held three times a day which are performed by master butchers with adroit hands, is a must-see.

☎073-448-0008

☎1527 Kemi, Wakayama City ☎10:00 - 18:00 (Vary by season)
☎None scheduled ☎A, D, J, M, V, 銀
☎10 min. by taxi from JR Kainan Sta.
☎www.marinacity.com/eng/



Enjoy the delicious blessings of the sea, such as sashimi and rice bowls



3 Kumano Kodo Pilgrimage Routes

The Kumano Kodo pilgrimage routes connect the three main Kumano shrines with the sacred grounds in the Kii Mountains and Ise Grand Shrine. They are also a World Heritage Site. The routes span three prefectures - many spend several days walking them and enjoying the diverse natural scenery. Don't worry - you can also choose to walk just a short portion!

☎0735-42-0735 (Kumano Hongu Tourist Association)

☎☎Free to stroll
☎Approx. 2 hr. by bus from JR Kii-Tanabe Sta., get off at Hongu Taisha-mae bus stop and 4 min. walk from there (Kumano Hongu Taisha) ☎www.hongu.jp/en/kumano-kodo/



Watch for the stone statues along the way

Let's go on a little trek!

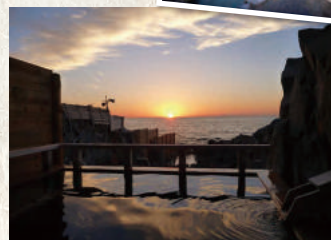


4 Shirahama Onsen

This historic hot spring is one of Japan's three oldest hot springs and has over 1,300 years of history. Visitors can enjoy the hot spring baths at the numerous ryokan inns in the area and at six public baths located in the area such as the Saki-no-Yu, which looks as if it is part of the ocean itself. There are also foot baths scattered about - soothe your tired feet during or after a long walk about town.

☎0739-43-5511 (Shirahama Tourist Association)

☎1600 Shirahama-cho, Nishimuro-gun ☎☎Vary by facility
☎Credit cards not accepted. ☎15 min. by taxi from JR Shirahama (Saki-no-Yu) ☎www.nanki-shirahama.net



Take a nice long soak in the Saki-no-Yu with the sea right before your eyes!



MAGURO

The tuna caught fresh from the sea between winter and spring is the pride of Wakayama. Katsura Port is one of the leading fishing ports for live tuna in Japan, and there are numerous restaurants nearby where you can enjoy incredibly fresh tuna.

Nachikatsuura Association

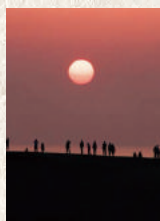
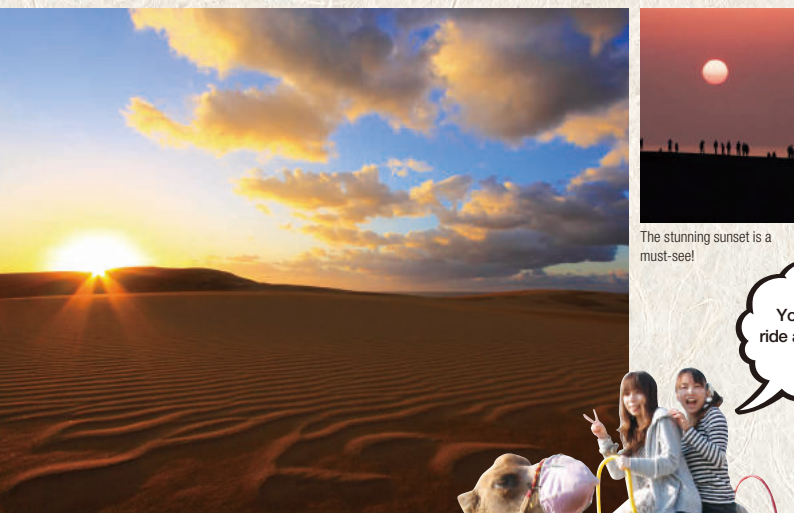
☎www.nachikan.jp/oshirase/maguro-map



TOTTORI PREFECTURE

Endowed with an abundance of natural beauty such as the Tottori Sand Dunes facing the Sea of Japan and sacred Mt. Daisen, Tottori Prefecture is also known as the "Manga Kingdom Tottori".

●Inquiries
Tottori Tourism Federation
www.tottori-guide.jp



The stunning sunset is a must-see!



The storehouses that are now used as cafes and shops



2 Shirakabe Dozogun

An area filled with dozo (a storehouse with thick mortar walls) built in the Edo and Meiji periods and covered with red tile roofs and white plaster walls. In addition to soy sauce and sake brewers, the storehouses have also been repurposed to host souvenir shops, cafes, and classrooms for learning crafts such as pottery, making a visit to this area all the more interesting.

☎0858-22-1200

(Tourist information center of Kurayoshi Shirakabe Dozogun)
☎Uomachi, Higashinakamachi, Nishinakamachi, Nishimachi of Kurayoshi City ☎Free to stroll ☎10 min. by taxi from JR Kurayoshi Sta.
☎www.apionet.or.jp/kankou/16/html/midokoro1.htm



The "yokai apartment," filled with key characters from GeGeGe-no-Kitaro



©Mizuki Production



4 Mizuki Shigeru Museum

Shigeru Mizuki is famous for his distinctive manga creations focusing on the yokai (Japanese specters) such as "GeGeGe-no-Kitaro", beloved by Japanese for decades. The museum includes exhibits introducing various yokai, the works and drawing spaces of Shigeru Mizuki, and his collection of unique and mysterious objects gathered from around the world.

☎0859-42-2171

☎5 Honmachi, Sakaiminato City
☎9:30 - 17:00 (During summer holiday season: until 18:00, admission accepted until 30 min. before closing of the facility) ☎Open 365 days ☎¥700 (Adult) ☎A, D, J, M, V ☎10 min. walk from JR Sakaiminato Sta.
☎http://mizuki.sakaiminato.net

Tons of fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables



5 Wattaina

The largest farmer's market in Tottori that carries specialty products called as "Tottori's kitchen." Visitors can also enjoy delicious fresh fruits and vegetables from Tottori at the restaurant's lunch buffet. A treasure house of food, Wattaina is the place to buy your Tottori souvenirs!

☎0857-50-1771

☎3-323 Karo-cho Nishi, Tottori City ☎9:00 - 17:00 ☎Open 365 days ☎A, D, J, M, V ☎42 min. by bus from JR Tottori Sta., short walk from Kanniki-kan mae bus stop ☎www.shokunomiyako.com

TOKUSHIMA PREFECTURE

Tokushima is filled with unique opportunities for fun, including the mesmerizing Naruto Whirlpools and the lively Awa Odori Festival which fills the town with good cheer!

●Inquiries
Tokushima Prefectural International Exchange Association
www.topia.ne.jp/english/tourism/



The view of the whirlpools from the boat is quite impressive



1 Naruto Whirlpools Boat Tour (Naruto Kanko Kisen Co.)

Whirlpools form when currents from deep sea channels mix with more gentle flowing waters. The stunning whirlpools here can size of up to 20 meters in diameter, and visitors can view them up close from a boat. We highly recommend visiting during spring tide (just after a full or new moon).

☎088-687-0101

☎Kameura Port in the Naruto Park, Naruto City
☎12 services per day during 9:00 - 16:20 ☎In operation 365 days *Services may be canceled due to inclement weather ☎¥1,580 (Adult) ☎Credit cards not accepted.
☎Approx. 20 min. by bus from JR Naruto Sta., short walk from Naruto Kanko-ko bus stop ☎www.uzusio.com

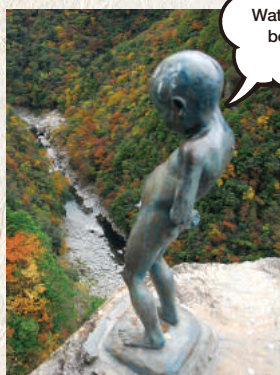


3 Iya Valley Vine Bridge in Iya

Flowing between verdant mountains, the Iya Valley is truly befitting of the term "secluded." In fall, the mountains are adorned in red and yellow leaves, making the mountain look like it is burning. The area is also famous for the Vine Bridge. Made from the actinidia arguta, a type of perennial vine, the bridge has been designated as one of Japan's Important Tangible Folk-Cultural Properties.

☎0120-404-344 (Miyoshi City Tourism Association)

☎162-2 Nishi-Iyayamamura Zentoku, Miyoshi City (Kazura Bridge) ☎Sunrise to sunset, light-up 19:00 - 21:00 ☎Open 365 days ☎Entrance fee to cross the bridge ¥550 (Adult) ☎Credit cards not accepted. ☎1 hr. 5 min. by bus from JR Awa-Ikeda Sta., short walk from Kazurabashi bus stop
☎www.miyoshinavi.jp/english/



It is said that long ago children would test their courage here



4 OTSUKA MUSEUM OF ART

The Ostuka Museum of Art displays some 1,000 masterpieces of Western paintings from over 190 art museums in 25 countries around the world, reproduced to their original sizes as ceramic panels. It is said these tiles will retain their colors and shapes unchanged for over 2,000 years. See the masterpieces of the world gathered in one place at the Otsuka Museum of Art.

☎088-687-3737

☎Inside Naruto Park, Naruto-cho, Naruto City ☎9:30 - 17:00 (Admission: until 16:00) ☎Mon. (If a public holiday the following day will be closed instead) ☎Admission fee ¥3,240 (Adult) ☎A, D, J, M, V (Not accepted at the restaurant and at the cafe) ☎15 min. by bus from JR Naruto Sta., short walk from Otsuka Kokusai Bijyutsukan-mae bus stop ☎www.o-museum.or.jp/english/

*A picture of piece exhibited in the Otsuka Museum of Art



5 Arudeyo Tokushima (Gift Shop)

Located on the first floor of the Awa Odori Kaikan Hall, this gift shop sells unique foods, products and confections from Tokushima. Products dyed with the traditional Awa indigo dye, which produces a blue hue dubbed "Japan Blue", are also popular.

☎088-622-8231

☎1F Awaodori-Kaikan, 2-20 Shinmachi-bashi, Tokushima City ☎9:00 - 21:00 ☎Dec. 28 to Jan. 1 ☎A, D, J, M, V ☎10 min. walk from JR Tokushima Sta. ☎http://tokushima-bussan.com



Tokushima Ramen

The basic Tokushima Ramen consists of a pork bone soup flavored with soy sauce and slices of pork as a topping. You can change the flavor of the slightly sweet and rich soup by mixing in a raw egg and the combination of the flavors is absolutely delectable.

☎www.topia.ne.jp/english/tourism/taste_product/



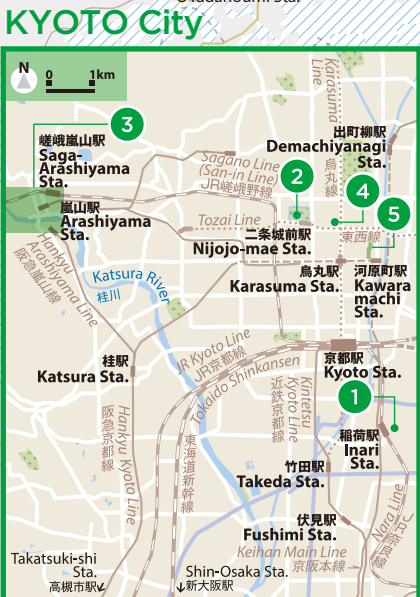
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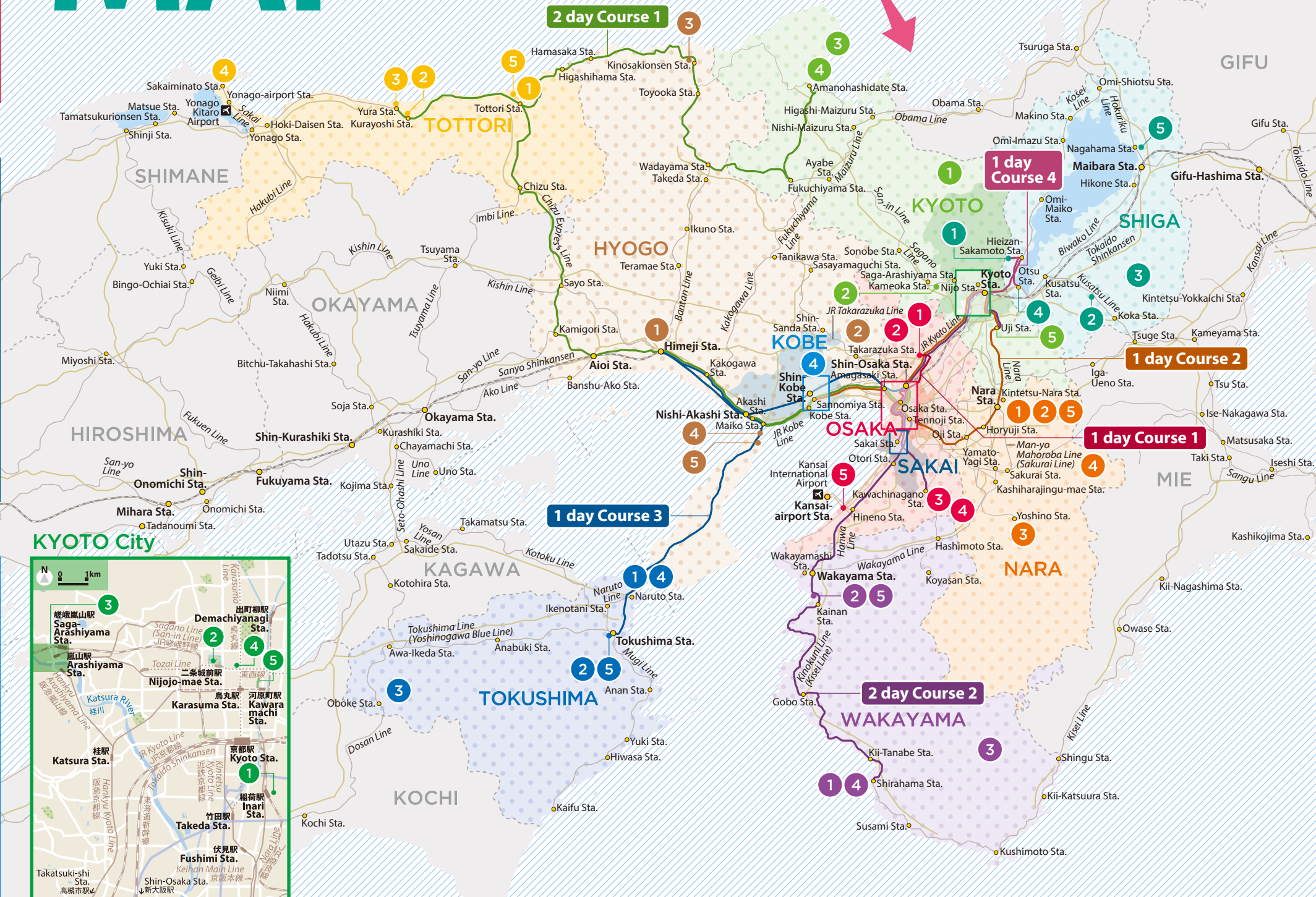
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1 day COURSE

Course 1

Kansai International Airport
✈️ + 🚶 47min.
9:00 SAKAI RISHO NO MORI Sakai Plaza of Rikyu & Akiko ▶P.03
✈️ + 🚶 39min.
12:00 UMEDA SKY BUILDING “KUCHU-TEIEN” ▶P.02
✈️ + 🚶 28min.
14:30 EXPOCITY ▶P.04

Course 2

Kansai International Airport
✈️ + 🚶 1hr. 47min.
10:00 Fushimi-Inari Taisha Shrine ▶P.06
✈️ + 🚶 1hr. 40min.
13:00 Todaiji-Temple ▶P.05
✈️ + 🚶 1hr. 32min.
16:00 Ijinkan foreign residences ▶P.08

Course 3

Kansai International Airport
✈️ + 🚶 2hr. 28min.
9:00 Himeji Castle ▶P.09
✈️ + 🚶 1hr. 49min.
12:30 Naruto Whirlpools Boat Tour(Naruto Kanko Kisen Co.) ▶P.13
✈️ + 🚶 1hr. 24min.
16:00 Awa Odori Kaikan Hall ▶P.13

Course 4

Kansai International Airport
✈️ + 🚶 + 🚗 3hr. 08min.
11:30 Enryaku-ji Temple ▶P.10
✈️ + 🚶 + 🚗 49min.
15:10 MICHIGAN CRUISE ▶P.10

2 day COURSE

Course 1

Kansai International Airport
✈️ + 🚶 3hr. 47min.
13:00 Goshō Aoyama Manga Factory ▶P.12
✈️ + 🚶 1hr. 15min.
16:30 Tottori Sand Dunes ▶P.12
🏠 Stay at Kinokasa Onsen area

DAY2 The 7 public hot spring bath facilities are located within 0min. (Satono-yu) to 15min. walking distance (Kouno-yu)
9:00 Kinokasa Onsen ▶P.09
✈️ + 🚶 1hr. 58min.
14:30 Amanohashidate ▶P.07

Course 2

Kansai International Airport
✈️ 1hr. 35min.
10:30 Uji ▶P.07
✈️ + 🚶 2hr. 44min.
16:00 Mt.Kongosan Ropeway ▶P.04
🏠 Stay at Shirahama Onsen area

DAY2 10min. ride on the non-stop bus from Shirahama Sta.
9:45 WAKAYAMA ADVENTURE WORLD ▶P.11
✈️ + 🚶 10min.
16:00 Shirahama Onsen(Saki-no-Yu) ▶P.11

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