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# **OSAKA**

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Osaka(大阪), whose population is over 8,823,634 (Aug., 2019), has been famous as a commercial city since the 16th century. It has also played a great role as a prefecture in hosting many interna-tional events. The Kansai International Airport and the

continu-ously developing transportation networks have made Osaka even more accessible to visitors. Thus Osaka has become "the place" to meet people from all over the world.

### OSAKA/UMEDA (KITA)

### **1**Shin-Umeda City (新梅田シティ)

Kuchu Teien Observatory (空中庭園) of Umeda Sky Building is a landmark of Osaka's Kita area. From the observatory, you can see all of Osaka and beyond to Awaji Island. The popular Takimi-Koji underground market has a retro ambience that dates back to the 1960s. Hours: 9:30—22:30 (enter by 22:00). Admission: ¥1,500.

### ②HEP FIVE / HEP NAVIO (ヘップファイブ/ナビオ)

The very popular "FIVE" is known for its usual urban-center red Ferris wheel with views of downtown buildings, Osaka harbor and Ikoma Mountain. Inside, there are many shops for young people. "NAVIO" has distinguished Men's fashion shops on each floor as well as a popular place for movies and gourmet. HEP FIVE: Hours 11:00–21:00, –22:30 (restaurants), –23:00 (amusements). HEP NAVIO: Hours: 11:00–22:30 (Some shops on 6F open -24:00, cafes on 4F–B2F may depend on shops).

### Underground Shopping Mall (キタの地下街)

### ③Whity Umeda (ホワイティうめだ)

Expanding its underground market from most of the stations in Umeda conveniently located near terminal stations, and directly connected to shops, restaurants and entertainment. Hours: 10:00–21:00, –22:00 (restaurants).

### ④Hankyu Sanban Gai (阪急三番街)

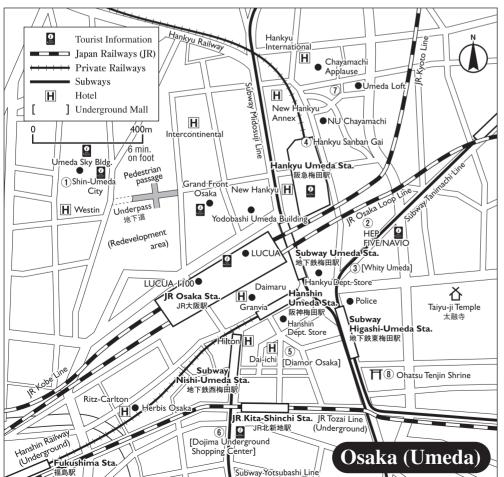
One of the most famous shopping malls in northern Osaka, with two floors above ground and two beneath filled with a variety of shops from cages to brand-name boutiques. Hours: 10:00–21:00, –23:00 (restaurants).

### ⑤Diamor Osaka (ディアモール大阪)

Natural light fills this underground mall. Brand-name stores and young fashion boutiques line Diamor Osaka's streets. Take a walk around the mall from JR Osaka Sta. to JR Kita-Shinchi Sta. Hours: 10:00–21:00, –22:00 (restaurants).

- ⑥ Dojima Underground Shopping Center (ドージマ地下センター)
   "DOTICA" is always bustling with passengers from Nishi-Umeda. Hours: 10:00-20:00 (Mon.-Fri.), -18:00 (Sat.) Sun. and national holidays depending on shops. Closed: 3rd Sun.
  - (**\*\*Chayamachi Area** (茶屋町界隈) The high-rise complex, Chayamachi Applause includes Umeda Arts Theater. Nearby, there are many shops popular with young people.
  - ® Tsuyuten Shrine or Ohatsu Tenjin Shrine (露天神社/お初天神) Office hours: 9:00–18:00

A **flea market** is held on the 1st Friday of each month. Hours: 8:00–15:00 (canceled in bad weather. Vary depending on days and shops).



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### NAMBA & SHINSAIBASHI (MINAMI)

### ①**Dotombori**(道頓堀)

Osaka's most famous district glittering with colorful neon signs and extravagant restaurant decorations.

### ②Crysta Nagahori (クリスタ長堀)

An underground arcade of shops and restaurants extending from Yotsubashi Sta. to Nagahoribashi Sta. (through Shinsaibashi Sta.). Hours: 11:00–21:00 (–20:30 on Sun.), –22:00 (restaurants). Closed: Dec. 31, Jan. 1 & 3rd Mon. of Feb.

### ③America-Mura (アメリカ村)

A district featuring many US import shops, used clothing shops and flea markets. Murals and a statue of liberty on the top of a building attract many shoppers.

### ④Shinsaibashi-Suji(心斎橋筋)

A district characterized by the contrast between many old shops and modern department stores.

### ⑤Osaka Shochiku-za Theater (大阪松竹座)

It was rebuilt in 1997 as the center of the Kabuki renaissance in Osaka. Kabuki runs for a few months every year.

### ⑥Hozenji-Yokocho (法善寺横丁)

A district known for almost 60 quaint restaurants which line its cobblestone streets. **Hozen-ji Temple**(法善寺)is situated in this district.

### (7) National Bunraku Theatre (国立文楽劇場)

National puppet theater where traditional plays are performed. New performances monthly. https://www.ntj.jac.go.jp/english/access/facilities\_04.html

### ⑧Kuromon Ichiba (黒門市場)

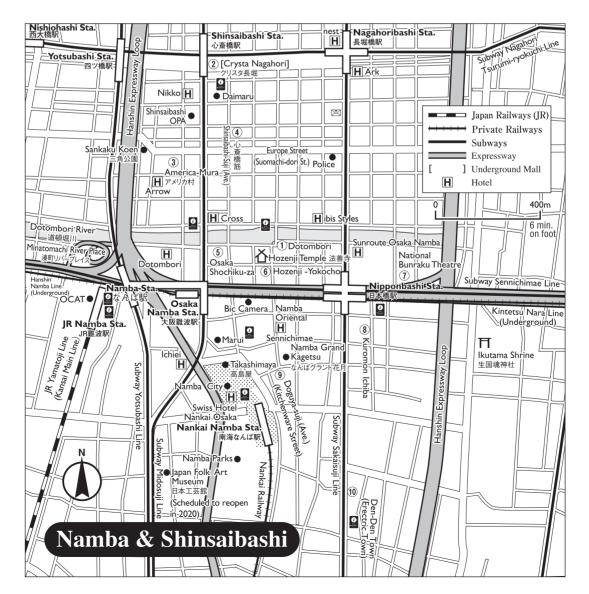
A 580 meter-long market for fish, fruit, vegetables and other foods opened since the mid-Taisho Period (1912–1926), called "Osaka's Kitchen". Some of stalls are closed on Sun. & national holiday.

### ⑨Sennichimae Doguya-Suji (千日前道具屋筋)

A 150 meter-long kitchenware street with many shops dealing in equipment and utensils used in restaurants or coffee shops. Restaurant own-ers come here to buy plastic models of dishes used to display their menus in the window. Miniature food imitations are popular souvenir items.

### 10 Den-Den Town (でんでんタウン)

A shopping area specializing in electrical goods in the south of Nippombashi Sta. Some of shops are Tax Free where you can get an exemption by showing your passport when you pay. Some shops offer cameras and watches. Hours: 10:00–20:00 (most shops).



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### MINAMIMORIMACHI & NAKANOSHIMA AREA

### ①Osaka Temmangu Shrine (大阪天満宮)

It was founded in 949 in honor of Michizane Sugawara, a noted scholar of Chinese literature. **Tenjin Festival**, which is the largest festival in Osaka, is held on Jul. 24 and 25. 5-min. walk from Subway Minamimorimachi Sta. Exit 4, or JR Osakatemmangu Sta. Exit 3.

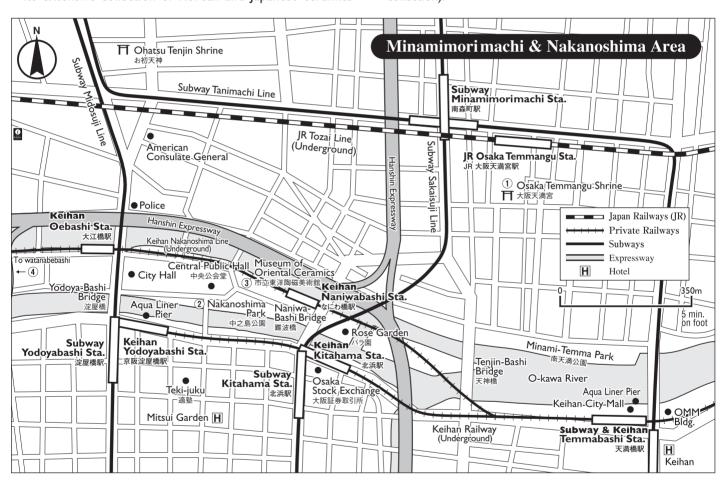
### ②Nakanoshima Park (中之島公園)

This park with its large European-style rose garden, the oldest in Osaka, is bordered by two rivers.

③The Museum of Oriental Ceramics, Osaka (MOC Osaka) (大阪市立東洋陶磁美術館), in front of Keihan Naniwabashi Sta. Exit 1 or a 5-min. walk from Subway or Keihan Yodoyabashi Sta. Exit 1 / Kitahama Sta. Exit 26, was founded in 1982 with the donation of the famous Ataka Collection of ceramics. The museum is known world-wide for its extensive collection of Korean and Japanese ceramics

including the celadon. It is one of the must-see spots for museum goers. Hours: 9:30–17:00 (enter by 16:30) Closed: Mon. (or the following day after the holiday when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & New Year holiday. Admission: ¥500 (regular exhibition).

④The National Museum of Art, Osaka (NMAO) (国立国際美術館), a 5-min. walk from Keihan Watanabebashi Sta. Exit 2 or a 10-min. walk from Subway Yotsubashi Line Higobashi Sta. Exit 3, displays Japanese and foreign collection of modern art. The museum, which was originally built in Expo '70 Commemoration Park, Osaka in 1977, was relocated to the present site at Nakanoshima in 2004 and a completely new building was constructed to expand its collection. Hours: 10:00–17:00 (enter by 16:30), –20:00 (Fri. and Sat., enter by 19:30). Closed: Mon. (or Tue. when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & New Year holiday. Admission: ¥430 (Museum collection).



### **TENNOJI**

### ①Shitennoji Temple (四天王寺)

A non-sectarian Buddhist temple founded by Prince Shotoku. A **flea market** is held on the 21st & 22nd day of each month. (around 9:00–16:00) 5-min. walk from Subway Shitennoji-mae Yuhigaoka Sta. or 15-min. walk from Tennoji (Osaka-Abenobashi) Sta. Hours: 8:30–16:30, –16:00 (Oct. to Mar.). Enter 30 min. before each closing time. Admission: ¥300.

### ②Tsutenkaku Tower (通天閣)

The observatory on top offers a splended view of downtown Osaka. A landmark in the **Shinsekai** (新世界) area. Hours: 8:30–21:30 (enter by 21:00). Admission: ¥800.

### ③Osaka City Museum of Fine Arts (大阪市立美術館)

Over 8,000 works of Japanese and Chinese paintings, sculptures, and decorative art are displayed. Many of them are designated National Treasures and Important Cultural Properties. Hours: 9:30–17:00 (enter by 16:30). Closed: Mon. (or the following day after the holiday when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & New Year holiday. Admission: ¥300 (regular exhibition).

### **4**Spa World

Visitors can enjoy a variety of unique bathtubs using natural hot spning water, pool, sports gym, beauty treatment salon and so on. Hours: 10:00-8:45 the next day (Depend on each equipment). Admission: 10:00-8:45 the next day (Depend on each equipment). Admission: 10:00-8:45 the next day (Depend on each equipment).

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### ⑤Osaka Tennoji Zoo (天王寺動物園)

A zoo located in Tennoji Park with 200 animal species. Hours: 9:30–17:00, -18:00 (Sat., Sun., and national holiday of May & Sep.). Enter 1hr. before each closing time. Closed: Mon. (or the following day after the holiday when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 29–Jan.1. Admission: ¥500.

### ⑥Keitakuen Garden (慶沢園)

A garden in Tennoji Park with a large landscape garden, combining the quiet harmony of water and greenery. Hours: 9:30–17:00 (enter by 16:30), –18:00 (enter by 17:30, weekends and holidays in May. and Sep.). Closed: Mon. (or Tue. when Mon, falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 29–Jan. 1. Admission: ¥150.

### ⑦ABENO HARUKAS (阿倍野ハルカス)

Opened in Mar. 2014, the ABENO HARUKAS is the tallest

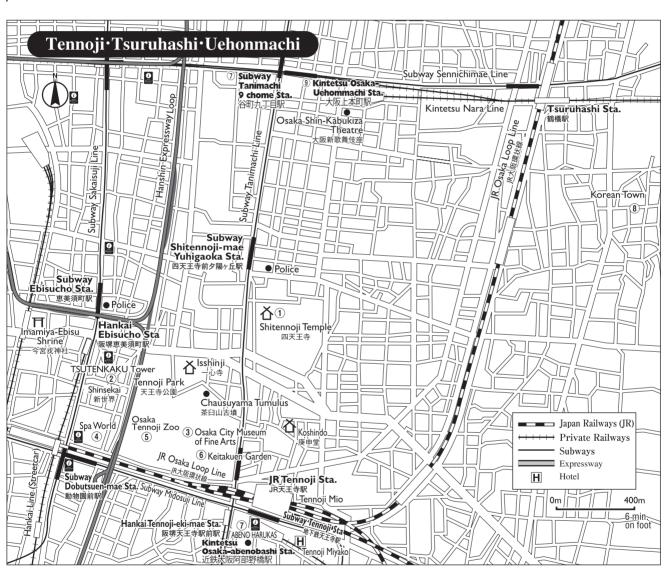
building in Japan. From the observatory HARUKAS 300, you can enjoy a panoramic view of Osaka that looks like a 3D map. Hours: 9:00–22:00 (enter by 21:30). Admission: ¥1,500.

### **®Tsuruhashi**(鶴橋)

The area of Tsuruhashi has been deeply related to Korea historically and is called Korean Town or the International Market. The shops and restaurants, providing Korean food, offer a lively and colorful atmosphere.

### ⑨Uehommachi (上本町)

Uehommachi is located east of the historical town of Uehonmachi Daichi Heights, and has a terminal station for trains going to the areas of Ise-Shima.



### OSAKA CASTLE AREA

### ①Japan Mint Bureau(造幣局)

A part of its garden is open to the public during the cherry blossom season (called "**Sakura-no-Torinuke**" in Japanese), and many people enjoy strolling down the pathways shaded by the blossoms.

### ②Mint Museum(造幣博物館)

Hours: 9:00–16:45 (enter by 16:00) Closed: 3rd Wed. & Dec. 28–Jan. 5 & additional extra holidays. Admission: Free.

### ③Osaka Castle (大阪城)

Osaka Castle, which stands in the heart of Osaka Castle Park, is well known as the symbol of the spirit of this great, commercial city of Osaka. There is a museum inside the castle tower which displays a number of historically significant artifacts including the "Folding Screen" of the Summer War of Osaka and a diorama of the life of Hideyoshi Toyotomi. The Castle tower also offers superb views of the city. The Yagura (turret) and gigantic stone walls remain as they were in the Tokugawa Era. They are awe-inspiring for their grandeur and

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history. Hours: 9:00–17:00 (enter by 16:30). Closed: Dec.28–lan. 1. Admission: ¥600.

## ④ Osaka International Peace Center / Peace Osaka (ピースおおさか)

A facility for teaching future generations about war tragedies and the importance of peace. The building portrays "coexistence of diversity" which is the very base for peace. "Telling exhibits" are on display. Hours: 9:30–17:00 (enter by 16:30). Closed: Mon., the days after national holidays, the last day of every month & Dec. 28–Jan. 4. Admission: ¥250.

### ⑤Osaka Museum of History (大阪歴史博物館)

On the 10th floor of the museum, you will find yourself in Naniwanomiya Palace, which is Japan's oldest capital. The museum is designed to let visitors experience the 1,500 year history of Osaka in multi-dimension. On each floor of the building you can experience a different period of the history of

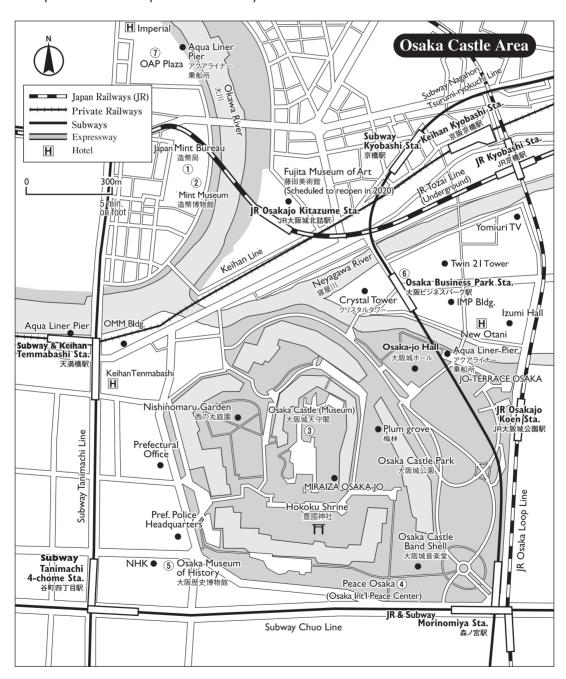
Osaka, for example, the ancient Naniwazu, the modern period when the city was called "the country's market place" and also the great city of Osaka-rich and prosperous with modern industries. Hours 9:30–17:00, –20:00 (Fri. during special exhibition periods). Enter by 30 min. before each closing time. Closed: Tue. (or Wed. when Tue. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 28–Jan. 4. Admission: ¥600 (regular exhibition).

### **⑥OBP** (Osaka Business Park: 大阪ビジネスパーク)

OBP includes office buildings, an excellent hotel and concert halls. Osaka-jo Hall has been a venue for sports events, modern ballet and performances by well-known singers.

### **⑦OAP** (Osaka Amenity Park: 大阪アメニティパーク) OAP includes fine hotels, brand-name shops and th

OAP includes fine hotels, brand-name shops and the Japan mint bureau. The best sites for appreciating cherry blossoms along the Okawa River.



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### **BAY AREA**

### Osaka Port or Tempozan area (大阪港 天保山)

### ①Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan (海遊館)

Favorite attractions are two whalesharks and a sun fish. 5-min. walk from Subway Osaka-ko Sta. Hours: 10:00–20:00 (enter by 19:00). Closed: Irregularly. Admission: ¥2,300.

### ②Tempozan Market Place (天保山マーケットプレース)

A building featuring a variety of shops and restaurants. Also there is the **Tempozan Giant Ferris Wheel**. You can enjoy a panoramic view of Osaka Bay, the Ikoma mountains to the east, Akashi Kaikyo Bridge to the west, Kansai International Airport to the south, and the Mt. Rokko range to the north. All the above are located in **Tempozan Harbor Village**.

### South Port or Nanko Area (南港)

# ③Sakishima Cosmo Tower Observatory (さきしまコスモタワー展望台)

Cosmotower, 252 meters high, provides a variety of trade, information, and other business facilities on its upper floors. It also features an observatory on the 55th fl. Hours: 11:00–22:00 (enter by 21:30). Closed: Mon. (or the next weekday when Mon. falls on a national holiday). Admission: ¥800.

#### (4)Intex Osaka

One of Japan's largest trade fair centers at which various events are staged monthly. The above are located in **Cosmo Square**.

### **5Universal Studios Japan® (USJ)**

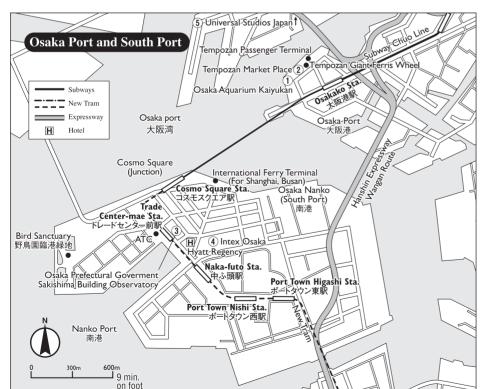
A movie theme park Universal Studios, which has achieved considerable success in Hollywood and Florida, established its first park outside the United States in Osaka The park has 9 entertainment areas featuring 63 attractions in total to enjoy. A few min. walk from Universal City Sta. on JR Yumesaki Line. Opening and closing time may change each day. Also, various kind of tickets are available depending on your interest. Please check the details before you visit. (http://www.usj.co.jp/e/)

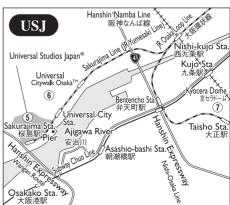
### **⑥Universal Citywalk Osaka™**

This shopping mall is eclectic mix of entertainment, fun, fine dinings and specialty shops. Hours: 11:00–22:00 (depending on days and shops).

### **⑦Kyocera Dome Osaka** (京セラドーム大阪)

A multi-purpose, all-weather stadium for baseball games and concerts. There are shops, attractions and beer halls. Its shape is like a UFO. A 7-min. walk from JR Taisho Sta. or short walk from Dome-mae Sta. on the Hanshin Namba Line / Dome-mae Chiyozaki Sta. on Subway Nagahori Tsurumiryokuchi Line.





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### MINOO QUASI-NATIONAL PARK & EXPO '70 COMMEMORATIVE PARK

### Meiji Memorial Forest Minoo Quasi-National Park (明治の森箕面国定公園) ①Minoh Park (箕面公園)

The quasi-national park known for its impressive waterfall. The nearest station is Minoh Sta. on the Hankyu Minoh Line.

### ②Minoh Onsen(箕面温泉)

**Spa Garden** ( $\mathcal{Z}N-\mathcal{H}-\mathcal{F}\rangle$ ) adjacent to Minoh Kanko Hotel. The high-quality spring water contains salts, sodium bicarbonate, and boric acid. Hours: 10:00–23:45 (enter by 22:45). Admission: ¥1,580 on weekdays / ¥1,980 on weekends and holidays (enter by 17:00), ¥770 (after 17:00).

### Expo '70 Commemorative Park (万博記念公園)

③ Japanese Garden (日本庭園) and ④ Natural and Cultural Gardens (自然文化園) Hours: 9:30–17:00 (enter by 16:30). Closed: Wed. (or Thu. when Wed. falls on a national holiday, except Apr. and early May) & New Year holiday. Admission: ¥260.

#### Museums

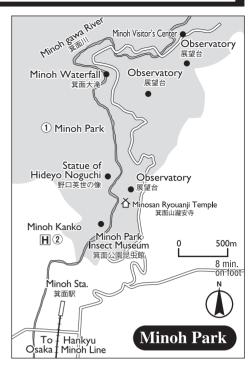
### ⑤National Museum of Ethnology (国立民族学博物館)

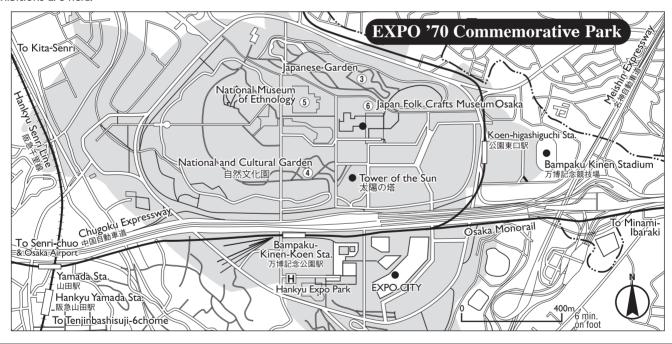
Hours: 10:00–17:00 (enter by 16:30). Closed: Wed. (or Thu. when Wed. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 28–Jan. 4. Admission: ¥580.

### ⑥The Japan Folk Crafts Museum Osaka (大阪日本民芸館)

Hours: 10:00–17:00 (enter by 16:30). Closed: Wed. (except some Wed. falls on a national holiday), New Year holiday & additional extra holidays. (Check exhibition details at the following URL before you visit) Admission: ¥710. http://www.mingeikan-osaka.or.jp/exhibition/special/

Note: Admission fees of each museum will be higher than indicated when special exhibitions are held.





### AROUND KANSAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

### Rinku Town

Business facilities space containing a post office, ATM corner, shops, restaurants, JR and Nankai Rinku Town Station. About a 10-min. walk takes you to **Marble Beach**.

### **1) Rinku Premium Outlets®**

One of the largest outlet malls in Kansai. Hours: 10:00–20:00, 11:00–21:00 (restaurants). Closed: 3rd Thu. of Feb. Access: A 5-min. walk from Rinku-town Sta.

### Izumisano (泉佐野)

# ②The Open-Air Market by Izumisano Fishermen's Cooperative Association (泉佐野漁協青空市場)

100-meter-long large-scale fish market where you can buy any

seafood at a reasonable price. Hours: 10:00–18:00. Closed: Wed. Access: A 20-min. walk or 7 min. by taxi from Nankai Izumisano Sta.

### Kishiwada (岸和田)

### ③Kishiwada Castle (岸和田城)

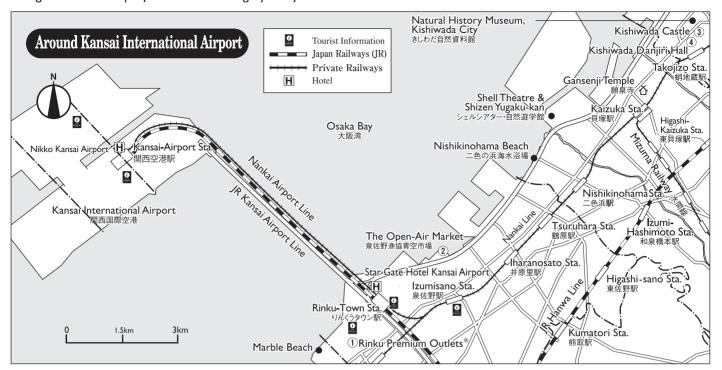
The garden features a unique rock garden. Hours: 10:00–17:00 (enter by 16:00). Closed: Mon. (except national holiday, Apr.1–Apr.15) & Dec. 29–Jan. 3. Access: A 15-min. walk from Nankai Kishiwada Sta. or a 5-min walk from Takojizo Sta. Admission: ¥300.

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### ④Kishiwada Danjiri Hall (岸和田だんじり会館)

The exhibition hall for the Danjiri Festival. You will touch the heart of the festival through real Danjiri festival float with huge multi-screen projection surrounding by Danjiri. Hours:

10:00-17:00 (enter by 16:00). Closed: Mon. (except national holidays) & Dec. 29-Jan. 3. Access: A 13-min. walk from Nankai Kishiwada Sta. or a 7-min. walk from Takojizo Sta. Admission: ¥600.



### [Good to know] Admission and opening times at tourist attractions:

- Last entry to the most of attractions is 30 min. before the closing time.
- In general, if their weekly closing day (most are on Mon.) falls on a national holiday, they are open on the day and are closed on the following day after the holiday(s).
- Most are closed throughout / a part of New Year holiday period (especially Dec. 29-Jan. 3).
- Please visit the official website of each venue / your nearest tourist information center for the updates.

### **INTO TIC (Tourist Information Center)**

TIC of Japan National Tourism Organization is your helping hand while in Japan. Its main services are providing travel information and free literature on Japan such as tourist spots, transportation, and suggesting tour itineraries, etc.

1F, Shin-Tokyo Bldg., 3-3-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005 Tel. 03-3201-3331 (in Japan) Open daily from 9:00 to 18:00 (Closed on Jan. 1)

https://www.japan.travel/en/plan/tic/



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### **INTO** Website

https://www.japan.travel/en/plan/list-of-volunteer-guides/

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### **TOURIST INFORMATION** in the area

### **Tourist Information OSAKA:**

JR Osaka Sta., 3-1-1 Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka City, Osaka Hours: 7:00-23:00 (8:00-22:00 for ticket sales)

### **Tourist Information NAMBA / Nankai Information Center:**

Nankai Namba Sta., 5-1-60 Namba, Chuo-ku, Osaka City, Osaka Hours: 9:00-20:00, 10:00-18:00 (Dec. 31-Jan. 3)

### To find

other Tourist Information Centers, visit https://tic.jnto.go.jp/



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