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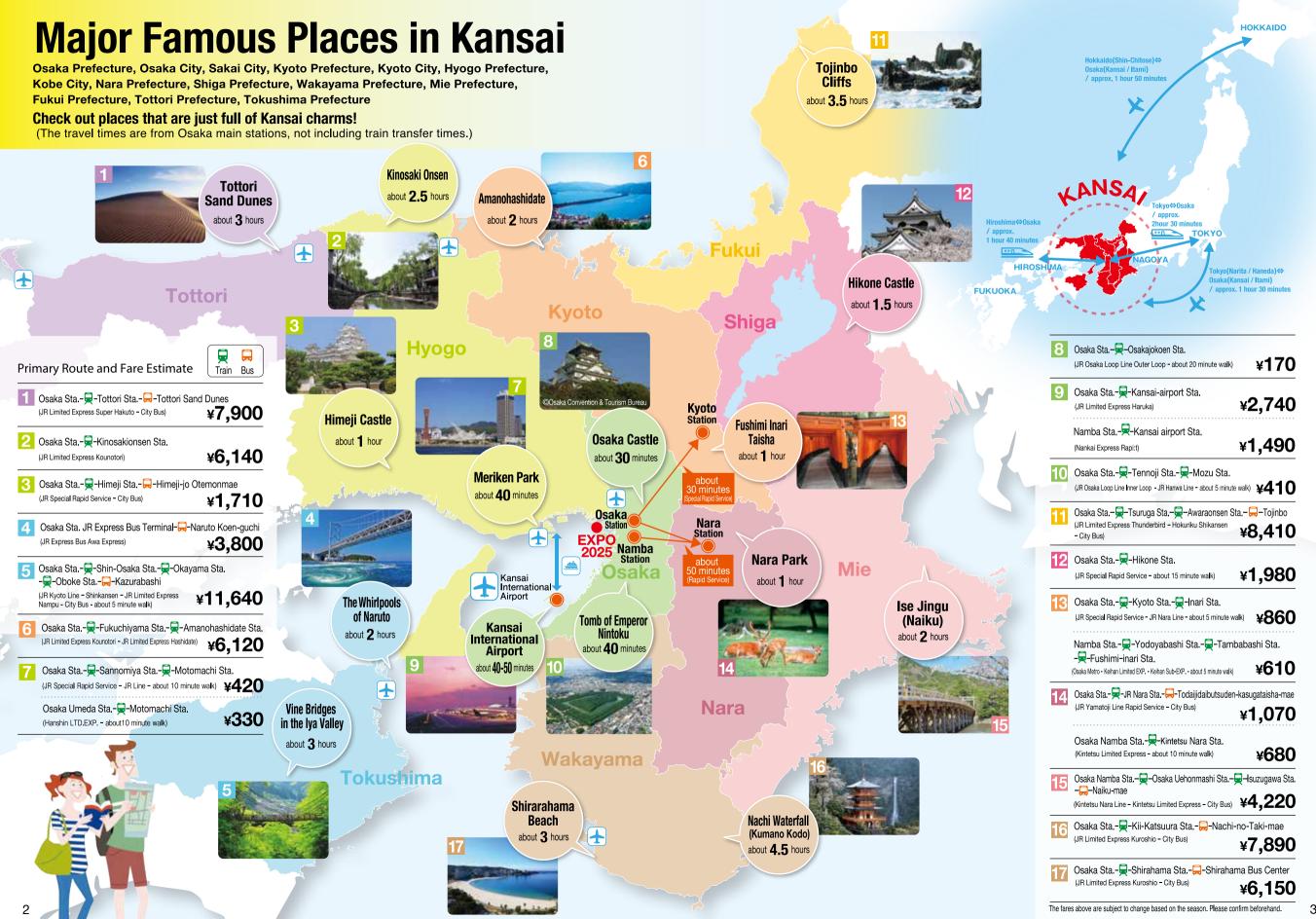


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Visit the undiscovered Kansai attractions that will enchant you.



In addition to the key cities like Osaka, Kyoto, Kobe and Nara, the Kansai region has many other appealing destinations. There, you can experience

the traditions, myths, artistic and food cultures, etc. that local people have been fostering and promoting over a long period of history. Make little side trips to stay there and enjoy hands-on experiences and local specialties as well as to find out something new and different. We hope you will know more about Japan. Here are eight

locations of charm to invite you and excite you.



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Osaka

Kansai's four big cities ingrained in traditions and cultures

Thanks to its water transportation system,

the water capital progressed economically

and became a gateway, both domestic and

In the Kansai region with some former capitals for longer than 1000 years, various things traditional and cultural are still preserved. In the ancient capital Kyoto and mercantile city Osaka as well as another ancient capital Nara and port town Kobe, you can relish the charms of Kansai. As tourist destinations, they have lots of attractions to draw many people.

Kobe

For its trade-oriented economy from old times, the port town is also famous for trendy appeals blended sophisticatedly with things Western.



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For more than 1000 years, the city flourished as the ancient capital of Japan. You will find, here and there, Japanese unique aesthetics. For more than 1000 years, the city flourished



Osaka



Being an eighth-century capital full of historical and romantic elements, the city preserves many world-class Buddhist buildings and other cultural assets.

Nara





Dotonbori / OSAKA



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KII PENINSULA

Wakayama / Nara / Mie



ISE & NARA

Nara / Mie

Historical and romantic trips in mythical and ancient worlds

The area includes sites from Ise, where the highest Shinto shrine Ise Jingu is located, to Nara, where you will find a large number of venerable Buddhist temples. Follow in the steps in mythical, ancient and medieval ages. Many other things historical are ancient tombs, sumo wrestling, sake, female divers, etc.

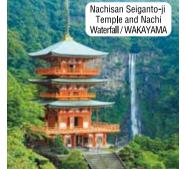


Daimonzaka Slope / WAKAYAMA

Kumano Kodo for religious pilgrimage to spiritual roots

This peninsula has some of Japan's spiritual places. The pilgrimage route Kumano Kodo leads to Kumano Hongu Taisha shrine, which lots of people visited for salvation. Why don't you follow the footsteps of ancient pilgrims to experience the mystical force?









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Hasedera Temple / NARA





WEST LAKE BIWA & FUKUI Shiga / Fukui

FUKUI, EAST LAKE BIWA **& MIE** Shiga / Mie/ Fukui

Take your time for waterscape with many lakes and mountains

Japan's largest lake Biwa and the mountains west of the lake provide people with plenty of spring water. Water has been backing up sake brewing and fermented food. The lakes and mountains are still important for religious pilgrimage. Experience the magnificent view of Lake Biwa and local people's life.







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Hikone Castle / SHIGA

Trip to the ancient samurai land and current craftsmanship sites

Close to Kyoto, lots of samurai warriors came and went. Some ninja communities are still known and conserved. Armor, ceramics, Japanese paper, knives and other traditional crafts were developed and currently glasses and other modern goods are produced. Enjoy the craftmanship country with a long period of history.







HARIMA

Hyogo

Look at the elegant Himeji Castle and down the road

to Kyoto

Now 400 years old, the castle is still graceful. Also known as the Egret Castle, the fortress protected the strategic spot for its roads to the capital and the sea routes to the port. Along the highroads where samurai warriors swaggered about, swordsmiths and sake brewers boosted their business. Experience rich culture of the country.





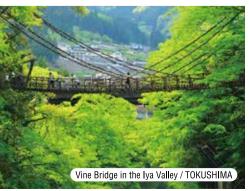






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KOBE, AWAJI ISLAND & TOKUSHINA Hyogo / Tokushima / Wakayama



Cross the bridge onto the island from which Japan was born

According to legend, Japan was built, starting with the birth of Awaji Island. The surrounding waters get whirled and the landscape changes face dramatically. The world's longest suspension bridge serves to connect the main island with Shikoku. Joruri, the Japanese–style puppet play, was also handed on to the next generations. Get to Japan's first–born island.





TAMBA

Hyogo / Kyoto



SAN'IN COAST

Tottori / Hyogo / Kyoto

Go for an outing to the shoreline's beauty and bounties

With the highland just close the sea and the intricate terrain, the landscape looks beautiful. It includes a large dune. The harvest from the sea makes for a fishing industry and a unique cuisine culture. Peaceful life continues with spectacular nature. Join us for quiet hours and days.



Take an excursion for the land of harvest

This country is blessed with Mother Nature for agricultural activities. Crops with the name "Tamba" are available even today. Kyotamba served the ancient capital with its produce and lumbers, whereas the castle town Tamba–Sasayama was prosperous for transport. You will find prototypic Japanese landscape also for soothing and bountiful nature.







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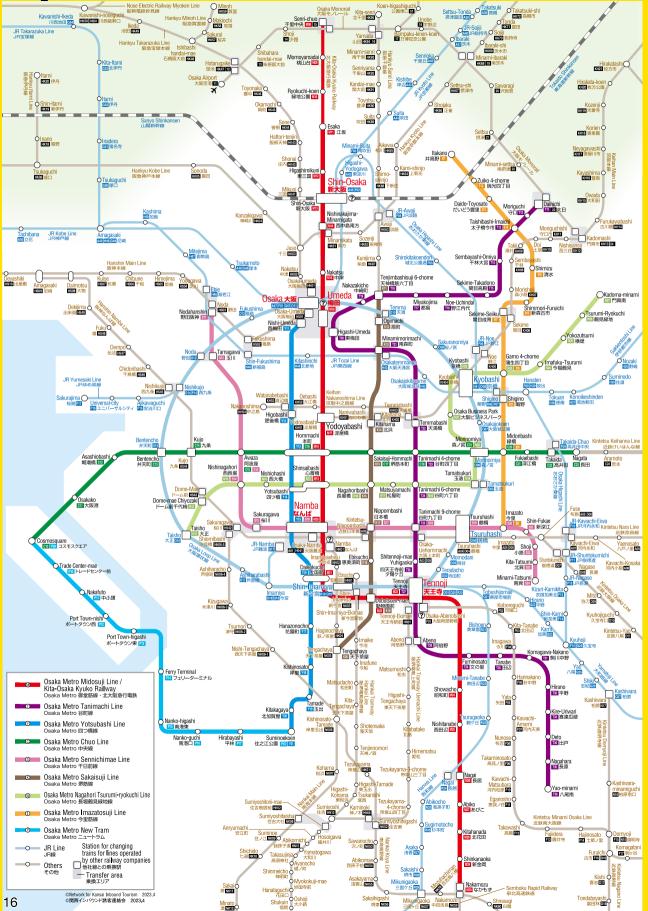


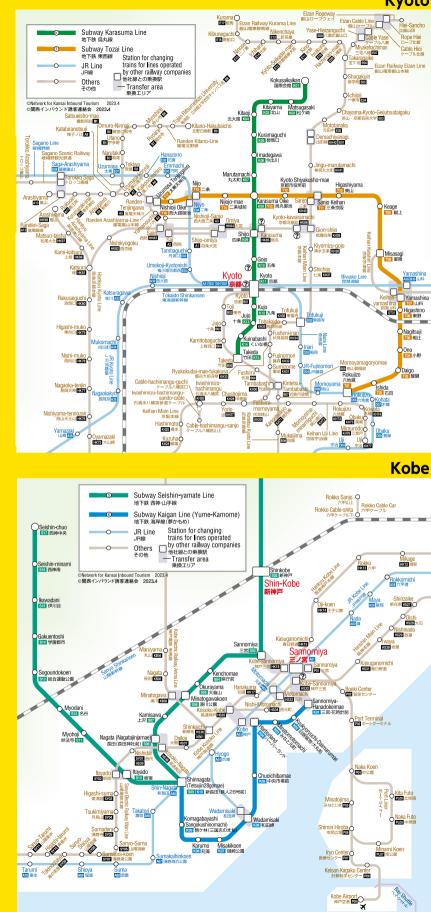


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Major urban areas





Osaka

Kyoto

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OSAKA

► Kansai Tourist Information Center Kansai International Airport Central 1F, Terminal 1 Building

Tourist Information SHIN-OSAKA Travel Service Center SHIN-OSAKA, Concourse, 3F, JR Shin-Osaka Station

► Osaka Metro & City Bus Information & Inquiries Hotline Tel. 06-6582-1400 * Telephone enquiries only

► Tourist Information OSAKA Travel Service Center OSAKA, Central Concourse, 1E JB Osaka Station

► Tourist Information NAMBA Nankai Namba Station, 1F, North Exit

► Hankyu Tourist Center, OSAKA-UMEDA 1F. Hankvu Osaka-umeda Station

► Kintetsu Department Store Main Store Abeno Harukas Foreign Customer's Salon 3.5F, Wing Building, Kintetsu Dept. Store

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► Kyoto Tourist Information Center (Kyo Navi) 2F, Kyoto Station Building

► KANSAI TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER KYOTO 3F, Kyoto Tower

► Hankyu Tourist Information Center, Kyoto Kawaramachi B1, Hankyu Kyoto-kawaramachi Station Karasuma B1, Hankyu Karasuma Station

KOBE

► Kobe Information Center The South of JR Sannomiya Station East Gate, and downstairs of Port Liner Sannomiva Station

► Hanshin Railway Service Center B1. Hanshin Kobe-Sannomiva Station

NARA

► Nara City Tourist Information Center JR Nara Station Northeast

► Kintetsu-Nara Station Tourist Information Center 1F, Kintetsu-Nara Station

► NARA Visitor Center & Inn 3 Ikeno-cho, Nara City 10 minutes walk from Kintetsu Nara Station

For the latest information, visit the website or contact the **local Information Center.**

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Features of railways in Japan

- To board trains, you need to buy a paper ticket or an IC card with a sufficient balance of cash value added in advance.
- On some limited express trains, you must have a limited express ticket in addition to the regular boarding ticket.
- On some limited express trains, all seats are reserved. The seat number and car number are noted on the reserved seat ticket.

About IC cards By adding enough cash value

to the card for your rides in advance, you can ride trains,

subways, buses, and certain other

means of transport with the IC card. It is very convenient, because you

simply pass it over the IC card

reader when boarding and

Check the time

at which the

train you want to

ride is scheduled

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Buy a ticket (boarding ticket) or an IC card

There are two ways to buy tickets or IC cards: purchase from station staff at the window, or purchase using the ticket vending machines.

How to use the ticket vending machines

OBuying a ticket

- 1. Check the fare to the destination station on the fare schedule posted above the vending machines.
- 2. Put enough cash for this fare into the machine, and push the button indicating the fare to the destination. Don't forget to take any change for vour payment.

2. Push "IC card purchase" on the screen. 3. Insert 2,000 yen in cash. There is a deposit charge of 500 yen for the card. You

1. Messages will appear in English if you push the "English" button on the screen.

How to add value to your IC card (using a machine)

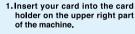
OBuying an IC card (In case of ICOCA)

can use the balance of 1,500 yen as e-money. * The deposit (500 yen) is returned when the card is returned.

Going through the ticket gate



In almost all stations, the ticket gates are automatic. You can go through them by inserting the paper ticket into the slot or passing the IC card over the reader



2. Select the desired additional amount of value from the amounts displayed on the

3. Insert cash for the amount you selected.

have any problems.

This sign displays

the train that will

be arriving on the

Wait at the

markers for the

train car doors.

platform next.

4. Take the card with the amount added





On the train information panel, etc., check the number of the platform for your train and the number of the boarding door, and stand in line at the corresponding place. When the train arrives, let all of the people exiting go out first, and then board in single file, in the same order as the line.

Transfer Trivia: Station Names point

Stations with similar names may actually be far apart, and there are stations with different names that are within walking distance of each other.

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Kansai Railway Transfer Guide (Basement Floor Map)

Osaka Area

Kvoto Area

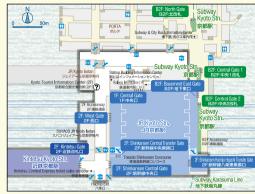
Osaka Metro: Umeda, Nishi-Umeda, Higashi-Umeda Stn., Hanshin: Osaka-Umeda Stn., Hankvu: Osaka-umeda Stn., JR-West: Osaka Stn., Kitashinchi Stn. Transfer Guide



Osaka Metro : Namba Stn., Kintetsu/Hanshin: Osaka-Namba Stn., Nankai: Namba Stn., JR-West: JR-Namba Stn. Transfer Guide

Legend 01 Namba Wali Tourist Information ? 観光案内所 沂斜難油湖 Ticket gate BIC CAMER Kintetsu/Hanshi 改札.口 Osaka-Namba Str Escalators 大阪難波斯 エスカレーター Elevators EV エレベーター Toilets トイレ Osaka M ŶŶ Aboveground floor 地上階 Underground passage 地下通路 5 **Bailway line** (aboveor 鉄道線(地上) 南海なんば駅 Railway line (underground) (Λ) 鉄道線(地下

Subway: Kyoto Stn., Kintetsu: Kyoto Stn., JR-West: Kyoto Stn. Transfer Guide



Kobe Area

Subway: Sannomiya Stn., Sannomiya-Hanadokei-mae Stn., Hankvu: Kobe-Sannomiva Stn., Hanshin: Kobe-Sannomiya Stn., Port Liner: Sannomiya Stn., JR-West: Sannomiva Stn. Transfer Guide





Features of Japanese buses

- To board a bus, you must have cash, a ticket, or an IC card. (IC cards cannot be used on some bus lines.)
 Do not attempt to pay the bus fare with big-denomination bills (5,000 or 10,000 yen). Some buses do not give change for fare payments. You can pay more smoothly if you prepare sufficient small change in advance.
- The fare schedule differs with the area and bus company. Some apply a uniform fare, and others, a zone-based fare. Similarly, passengers pay when boarding in some cases and when exiting in others.
 There are generally different service schedules for weekdays, Saturdays, and holidays. Make sure that you are not looking at the wrong schedule for the day in question.

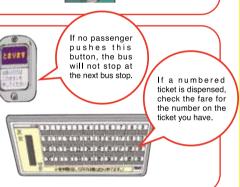
Points when boarding buses

In bus boarding areas, the boarding spot (bus stop) varies with the destination. The bus line number is displayed above the driver's seat and on the side of the bus. Make sure that the bus you are boarding will go to your destination. One door is used only for boarding, and the other, only for exiting. The location (front or rear) depends on the bus.

Depending on the bus, the passengers pay either when boarding or when exiting. If a numbered ticket is dispensed when you board, take it. If you plan to pay the fare with an IC card, pass it over the reader when you board. If you pay with cash, first put the cash into the fare box and then the numbered ticket.

Points when exiting buses

When your bus stop is next, notify the driver of your intention to exit by pushing the exit button by your seat or on a railing. If passengers pay when they exit, check the fare for the number on the ticket you received when boarding, and prepare the amount of cash to pay it. When exiting, put the cash and numbered ticket into the fare box. If you are paying by IC card, hold it over the reader. Get off the bus slowly in order,, and keep your place in the line of passengers waiting to exit.



The number

displayed on

the front and

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Features of taxicabs in Japan

- Cash and credit cards are accepted for payment of the fare. Some credit cards may not be accepted by some companies. Please check with the driver when boarding.
- There is a flat fare for a ride up to a certain distance (e.g., 640 yen for the first 2 kilometers). You must pay this fare even if you ride for a shorter distance.
- In Japan, you do not have to tip the driver.

Points when boarding taxicabs

Many taxicabs are lined up waiting for customers in the vicinity of stations and by hotels, etc. You may also hail a taxicab going down the street. In Japan, taxicabs come in different automobile models and colors. They can be spotted by the light on the roof. If the light is on, it means the taxicab is empty.



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The doors open

and close

automatically

Do not try and

open them

vourself

The driver operates the taxicab doors, which open and close automatically. Normally, the passenger sits on the left side of the back seat. If there are many passengers, one may sit in the front seat, next to the driver. The door for the front seat is opened by hand.

Points when exiting taxicabs

The fare is indicated on the meter. Once you pay it by cash or credit card, the door on the left side will automatically open. Do not open the door on the right side, from which it would be dangerous to exit. Get off the taxicab slowly and carefully. Before exiting, make sure you do not forget anything.



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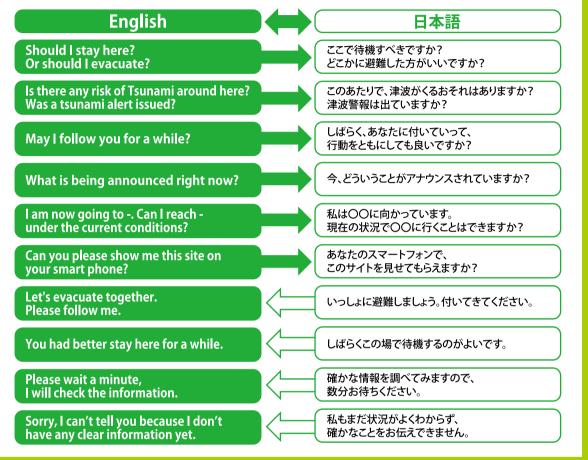
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Learn Japanese etiquette! Ö In public transport Hot springs and Ψſ 2115 Restaurants Restrooms Names and marks for restrooms facilities public baths In Japan, the word used for Do not get up After using toilet Avoid talking on a mobile In buffet service. Wash your Do not put restrooms may change, お手洗い on the toilet paper, flush it down depending on the location and phone or conversing in a loud take no more food whole body off vour towe 厠 便所 environment. voice on trains or buses. than you can eat. before getting seat. the toilet. Throw any into the water OTEARAI KAWAYA into the bath. other rubbish into the in the bath. bin in the restroom. In Japan, you do not have to tip. It is not The mark on signs customary either for indicating restrooms 0 G is generally as wait staff to accept shown at left, but ➡ tips. there are other types of marks as well. There are also other notations for "restroom."

When a disaster strikes

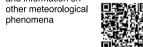
Speak to Japanese

Talk to Japanese around you by using this support tool in case of a disaster. By preparing pen and paper, you will be able to have smoother communication.



Safty Tips

Free applications for notification of emergency earthquake information, tsunami information, volcanic eruption bulletins. and information on



For Android





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Emergency telephone number Check contact information in advance so you can calmly take action in emergencies.

Telephone number to

Telephone number to call an ambulance In case of illness or injury



Telephone numbers for notification of lost credit cards **Credit card companies** American Express 0120-020-120 MasterCard 00531-11-3886 Diners Club 0120-074-024 Visa Card 00531-11-1555 0120-794-082 UnionPay 0034-800-800-287

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