



Osaka... the entire prefecture is a museum!

Theme-based Guide to Osaka

DISCOVER OSAKA

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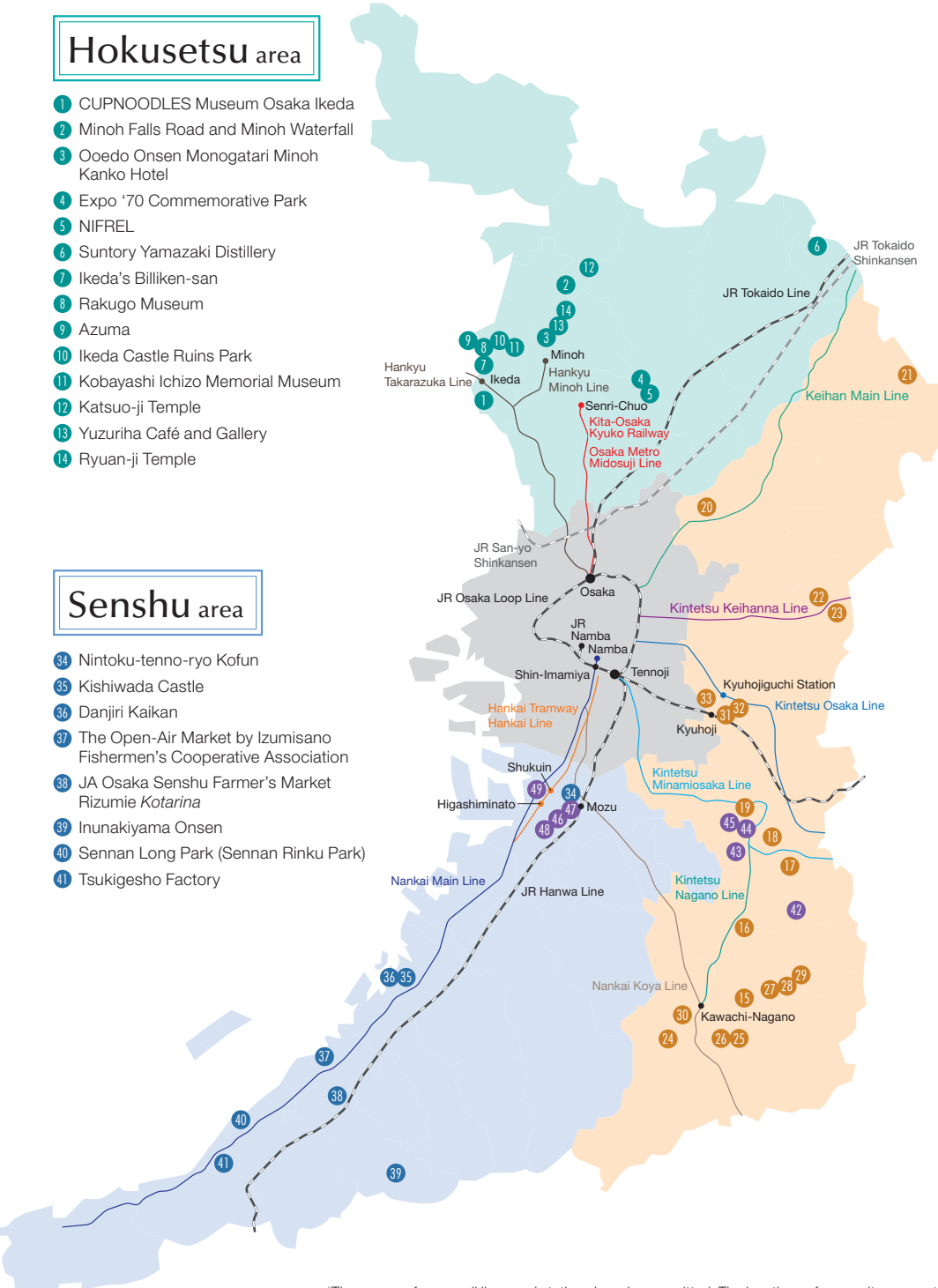
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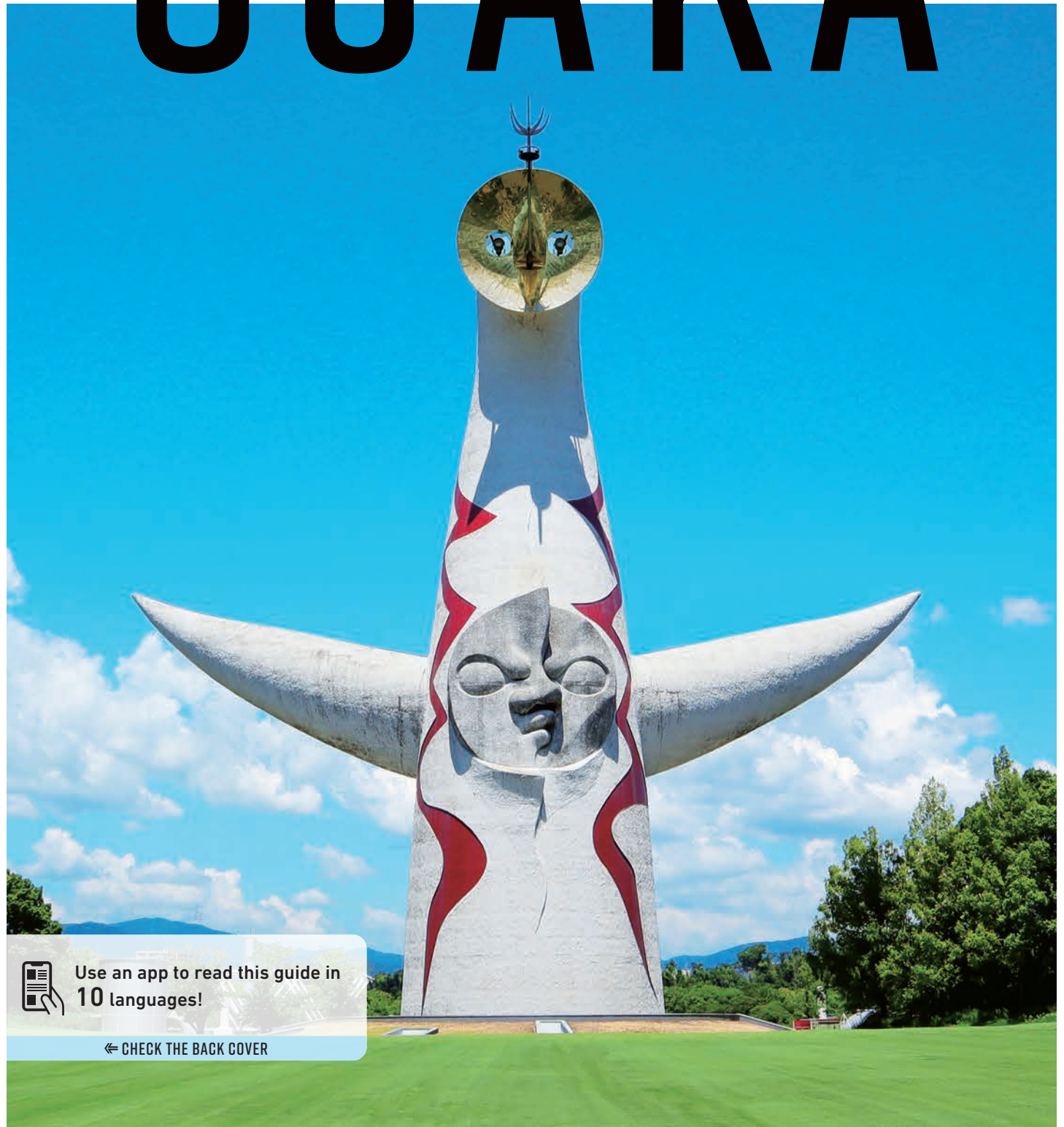
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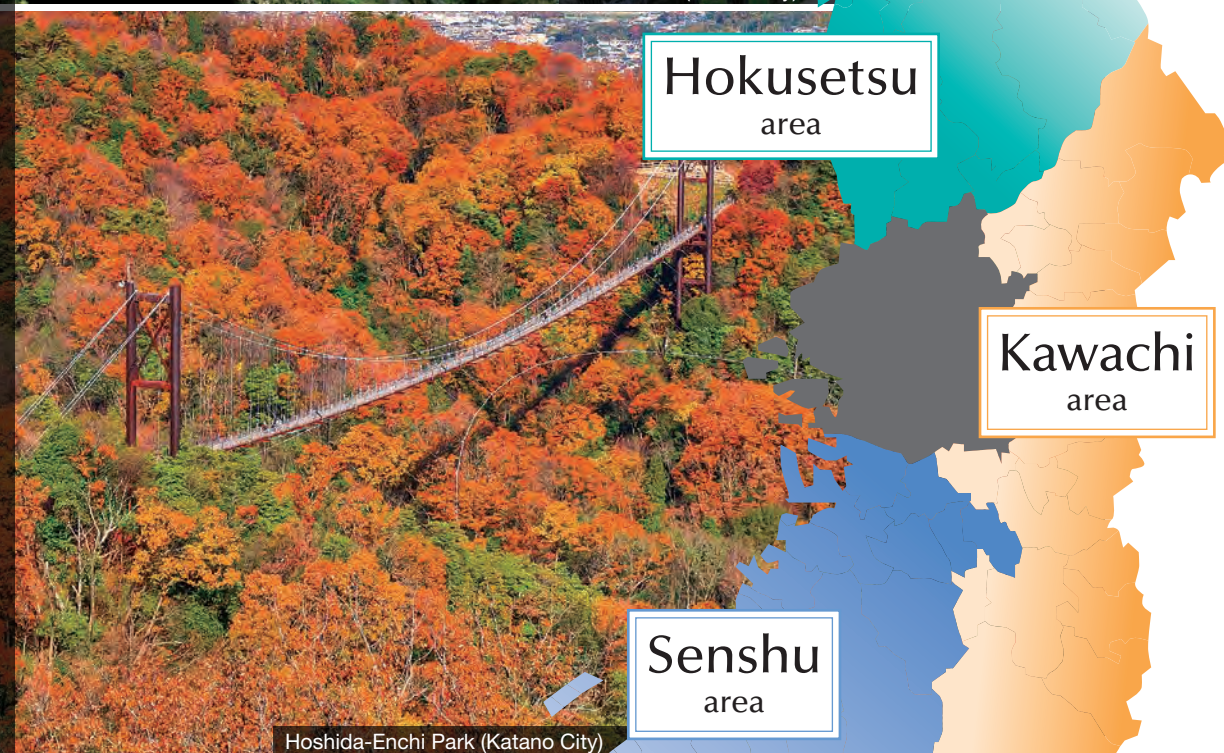
The appeal of Osaka as a tourist destination is not confined to popular sightseeing attractions within the City, but rather extends throughout Osaka Prefecture.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, people's approach to travel is changing, and attention is focusing on local trips by small groups, a phenomenon known as micro-tourism. Reflecting that trend, we've put together 11 itineraries that connect appealing sightseeing destinations across the prefecture, including natural attractions, the outdoors, history, and hot springs, via drives, walks, bicycle trips, and other means so that people of every age can enjoy them.

After consulting this guidebook and taking steps to keep yourself safe from infection, you'll be ready to take a trip to look for new excitement and other discoveries, either by yourself or with friends or family.



Minoh Park (Minoh City)



Hokusetsu
area

Kawachi
area

Senshu
area

Hoshida-Enchi Park (Katano City)



Sennan Long Park (Sennan City)

Guidebook layout

This guidebook divides Osaka Prefecture outside the City of Osaka into three areas—Hokusetsu, Kawachi, and Senshu—and introduces example itineraries for each of them, along with the Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group, which is Osaka's only World Heritage site. Itineraries are accompanied by an introduction to each area's hands-on or experiential facilities, local delicacies, and gourmet opportunities, along with other information. In addition, you'll find a feature introducing upcoming Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan at the end of the guidebook.

Itinerary type

Indicates the type of itinerary, based on whether it involves walking, cycling, or driving.

Category

Indicates the destination's category with an icon.

Facility name

Provides information including the facility's name, address, and hours.

Example itinerary

Provides a map and travel time for the itinerary.



Video QR link

Scan the QR Code with a smartphone or other devices to view a video.

What's "Osaka, the Museum"?

"Osaka, the Museum" is an initiative of Osaka Prefecture to showcase the "Bright, Fun, and Exciting Town of Osaka." The town as a whole is a museum where, together with the citizens of the prefecture, visitors can discover and rediscover charming local resources and disseminate the appeal of Osaka, both inside and outside the prefecture. More than 1,200 destinations and events are currently registered.



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Hokusetu area

Pleasure trip itinerary 6-7 hours by car

Itinerary 1 /

A trip of nature walks to experience the history of industry and the four seasons

Learning while having fun with a tour of exhibits and various experiences.

This hands-on museum, which is dedicated to dietary education, was founded based on the desire of Ando Momofuku, the inventor of chicken ramen, to communicate the importance of invention and discovery to children. My CUPNOODLES Factory, the only place in the world where you can make your very own original "cup noodles" flavor, is popular with visitors.

CUPNOODLES Museum Osaka Ikeda
[Address] 8-25 Masumicho, Ikeda City [Phone] 072-752-3484 [Hours] 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Doors close at 3:30 p.m.) [Closed] Tuesdays and New Year's (When Tuesday is a holiday, closed the following day.) [Admission] Requires purchase of a museum ticket that includes admission to My CUPNOODLES Factory (¥400 each).

There are a total of four types of manholes whose designs feature baby chicks in Ikeda City. See if you can find them all.



See the legacy of the Osaka Expo '70 and feel the healing effects of cute animals.

This cultural park occupies the site of the Japan World Exposition (Osaka Expo), which was held in 1970. Don't miss the "Tower of the Sun," the symbol of the Expo '70 Commemorative Park.

Expo '70 Commemorative Park
[Address] Senribanpaku-koen, Suita City [Phone] 0120-1970-89 [Hours] 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Gate closes at 4:30 p.m.) [Admission] <For both the natural/cultural gardens and Japanese gardens> Adults, ¥260; Elementary and junior high school students, ¥80 [Closed] Wednesdays (When Wednesday is a holiday, closed the following day.) *Open continuously from April 1 through Golden Week, and during October and November.

Based on the concept of "appealing to your senses," this "living museum" represents a new type of facility that's part aquarium, part zoo, and part art museum.

NIFREL
[Address] 2-1 Senribanpaku-koen, Suita City [Phone] 0570-022060 [Hours] Weekdays, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Doors close 1 hour before closing time.) [Admission] Adults (high school students and older), ¥1,000; Infants (age 3 and over), ¥600 [Closed] Open year-round *Closed irregularly from time to time.



Enjoy a popular lunch buffet.

Don't miss this extensive buffet, which includes about 100 items. Eat your fill of this hotel's creative cuisine.



Experience nature through shopping, dining, and the Falls Road.

You'll find souvenir shops, cafés, and other businesses in the park. Enjoy a leisurely stroll while sampling maple leaf tempura, a local delicacy, and sweets prepared with citron, a small citrus fruit.

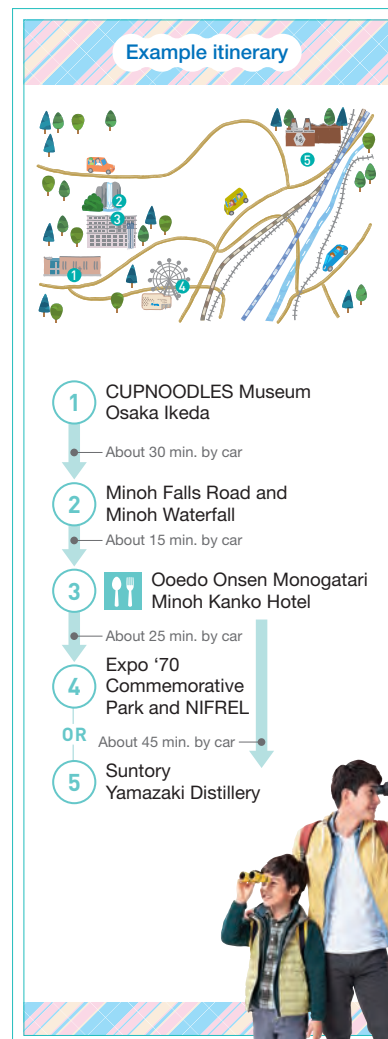
Minoh Falls Road and Minoh Waterfall
[Address] Minoh-koen, Minoh City [Phone] 072-723-1885 (Minoh Transportation and Tourist Information Center)



Tour Japan's first malt whiskey distillery.

Welcome to the hometown of Yamazaki, a single malt whiskey with a worldwide following. Here you can learn about the whiskey by taking a guided tour of the whiskey manufacturing process.

Suntory Yamazaki Distillery
[Address] 5-2-1 Yamazaki, Shimamoto-cho, Mishima-gun [Phone] 075-962-1423 [Hours] 10:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (Doors close at 4:30 p.m.) *Reservations required. [Admission] Yamazaki Distillery tour (about 80 min.): Free applies. Yamazaki Whiskey Museum (no manufacturing process tour): Free [Closed] New Year's and any time the plant is closed *Closed irregularly from time to time. *Please be sure to make a reservation by phone or online before your visit.



Pleasure trip itinerary About 4 hours on foot

Itinerary 2 /

A walking trip of surprises and warmth



Relax in a park with outstanding scenery.

This park occupies the site of the former castle where the powerful Ikeda family, which ruled this area, resided. The tower-like observation and rest building at the park features panoramic views of Ikeda City. Easter lilies in the park's beautiful Japanese garden bloom in June.

Ikeda Castle Ruins Park

[Address] 3-46 Shiroyamacho, Ikeda City [Phone] 072-753-2767 [Hours] 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (November to March, open until 5:00 p.m.) *Admission to the park is free. [Closed] Tuesdays and December 29 to January 1 (When Tuesday is a holiday, closed the following day.)

See the park in 360° VR!



Experience the old-fashioned flavor of Osaka's oldest udon noodle shop.

People line up during lunchtime at this udon noodle shop, which was founded in 1864 and is said to be the oldest such shop in the prefecture. Try the famous sasame-udon noodles.

Azuma
[Address] 6-17 Nishihonmachi, Ikeda City [Phone] 072-751-3644 [Hours] 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Closed] Tuesdays *Closed irregularly from time to time.



Experience Ikeda's long tradition of comic storytelling (*rakugo*) by viewing historic materials and watching an actual performance.

In addition to exhibits depicting *kamigata*-style *rakugo*, this museum includes an area where visitors can watch DVDs. It also hosts *rakugo* performances on a regular basis, offering opportunities to experience this interesting art from up close.

Rakugo Museum (Municipal Museum of Kamigata Rakugo)
[Address] 7-3 Sakaeohommachi, Ikeda City [Phone] 072-753-4440 [Hours] 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. *Admission is free. (Tickets are required for *rakugo* performances.) [Closed] Tuesdays and New Year's (When Tuesday is a holiday, closed the following day.)



Learn about the founder of Hankyu Railway and the Takarazuka Revue.

Visit a reconstruction of the former residence of Kobayashi Ichizo, an industrialist who's closely associated with Ikeda City. The facility introduces a variety of materials documenting his accomplishments. Gazoku Sansou has been designated a registered tangible cultural property by the Japanese government.

Kobayashi Ichizo Memorial Museum
[Address] 7-17 Tateishicho, Ikeda City [Phone] 072-751-3865 (Hankyu Culture Foundation) [Hours] 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Doors close at 4:30 p.m.) [Closed] Mondays and New Year's (When Monday is a holiday, closed the following day.) [Admission] ¥300 (free for junior high school students and under)

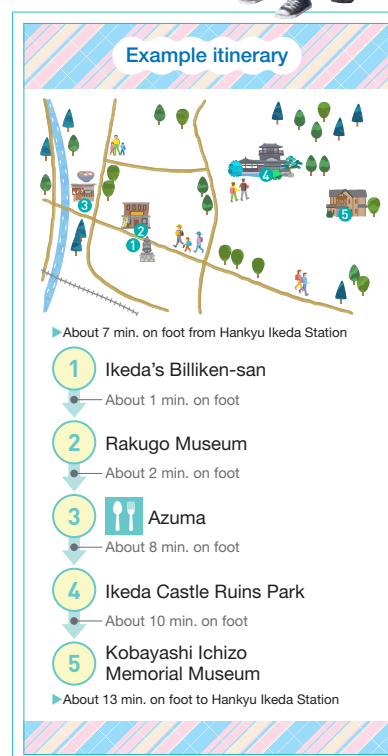
Here he is again! Billiken-san, a mascot of Osaka.

You can find Billiken-san, of Tsutenkaku fame, in Ikeda, too! The statue, which was installed because Tamura Komajiro, who registered Billiken as a trademark, was from Ikeda, has become a symbol of Ikeda as a community of good fortune.

Ikeda's Billiken-san
[Address] At Pocket Park in Sakaeohommachi, Ikeda City [Phone] 072-750-3333 (Ikeda City Tourist Association)




Wishing you the best of luck!



Itinerary 3 /
**Improve your fortune
 by touring lucky
 destinations**


Increase your ability to compete by visiting a temple considered a "power spot" that confers good luck.

 Many people visit this temple, one of Osaka's most famous "power spots" which is known as the "good luck temple" and the "kachi-daruma temple," in search of good luck in competition. Make an offering of a *kachi-daruma*, or decorate the temple's grounds with a *daruma* fortune slip. Either way, be sure not to miss the many cute, *daruma*-themed gifts.



Katsuo-ji Temple
 [Address] Katsuoji, Minoh City [Phone] 072-721-7010 [Hours] Weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sundays and public holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Draw strength from the majestic appearance of a dynamic, powerful waterfall.
 After a walk of about 40 minutes along the Falls Road, which starts at Minoh Station, you'll find Minoh Waterfall. The majestic appearance of this enormous waterfall, which cascades from a height of 33 meters, will give you strength.

Minoh Waterfall
 [Address] 2-2 Minoh-koen, Minoh City [Phone] 072-723-1885 (Minoh Transportation and Tourist Information Center)

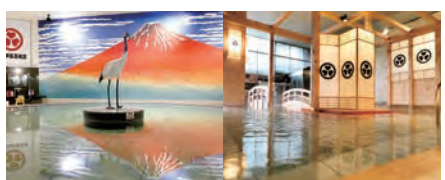



Enjoy a luxurious lunch in a stylish natural setting.
 This hideaway Café is located in Minoh Park. Its healthy and extremely popular lunches are served in a stylish space.
Yuzuriha Café and Gallery
 [Address] 2-5 Minoh-koen, Minoh City [Phone] 072-745-2020 [Hours] 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. [Closed] Tuesdays



Become luckier with money at the temple where the first lottery was held.
 Ryuan-ji Temple, the oldest in Japan to enshrine the god Benzaiten, is also known as *Minoh-no-Benten-san*. You're sure to profit from a visit. The temple is lit up during fall foliage season, giving the structure a fantastic ambiance.

Ryuan-ji Temple
 [Address] 2-23 Minoh-koen, Minoh City [Phone] 072-721-3003 [Hours] 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Reception closes at 3:30 p.m.)



Soothe your mind and body at one of the Kansai region's leading hot springs.
 This popular hot spring facility has a natural hot spring known as *Bihadayu* ("beautiful skin bath"), a bedrock bath, a sauna, and a restaurant.
Ooedo Onsen Monogatari Minoh Onsen Spa Garden
 [Address] 1-1 Onsencho, Minoh City [Phone] 0570-041266 [Hours] 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. (Reception closes at 10:45 p.m.)




Experiential Facilities
 Hokusetsu area



Whether you're a kid or an adult, you'll have boisterous fun at this playground in the woods!





 This enormous outdoor park was installed in a forested location in the former site of the Osaka Prefectural Comprehensive Outdoor Activity Center. It's an experience-oriented spot that's extremely popular as a playground in the woods where kids and adults alike can have fun with all their might. There are plenty of attractions, including a "mega-zipline" more than 500 meters in length, making it one of the longest ziplines in Japan.

 **Boken-no-mori in Nose**
 [Address] 437-1 Shukuno, Nose-cho, Toyono-gun [Phone] 090-4643-4010 [Hours] Weekdays, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Reception closes at 3:00 p.m.) [Admission] Adventure Course, ¥3,800; Challenge Course, ¥2,200; and others *Busy-season admission applies from April 29 to May 5 and from August 7 to 15 (reservations required).

Unleash your playful side by having free and unrestrained fun in a natural setting!

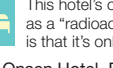


 This verdant park was built around Ama, the site of a Yayoi-period settlement. A history facility introduces life during the Yayoi period through videos and replicas. The park, which includes a variety of plazas and play equipment, promises relaxed, day-long fun as you like, with family members or a pet.

 **Ama Site Park**
 [Address] 12-3 Hacchonawatecho, Takatsuki City [Phone] 072-648-4725 [Hours] Open 24 hours (BorneLund Park Center is open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) [Closed] Varies by facility

Recommended hot spring hotels



Soothe both mind and body in an open-air bath in a rich natural setting.
  This hotel's open-air bath lets you enjoy a radon hot spring, which is known as a "radioactive spring," in a rich natural setting. Another aspect of its appeal is that it's only about 30 minutes by car or train from Osaka.
Fushiokaku Onsen Hotel, Fushio Onsen
 [Address] 128-1 Fushiocho, Ikeda City [Phone] 072-751-3540 [Day-trip bathing] 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. [Admission] Adults, ¥1,600; Children, ¥800 *Please inquire for information about overnight plans.



This hotel's natural hot spring is popular for the silky-smooth feel of its water on the skin.
  Surrounded by the beautiful, mountainous landscape of Nose Town, Nose Onsen is a relaxing inn situated in an attractive natural setting. Guests enjoy natural hot spring water drawn exclusively from the site's own spring, with no other water added.
Nose Onsen
 [Address] 409-81 Yamabe, Nose-cho, Toyono-gun [Phone] 072-734-0041 [Day-trip bathing] Weekdays: 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Reception closes at 8:00 p.m.); Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays: 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Reception closes at 8:00 p.m.) *Advance notice required. [Admission] Weekdays: Adults, ¥800; Children, ¥600; Children younger than elementary school age, ¥300 Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays: Adults, ¥900; Children, ¥700; Children younger than elementary school age, ¥300 *Special pricing applies during the Golden Week, Obon (mid-August), and New Year's holidays. *Please inquire for information about overnight plans.



Lunch plates change from week to week!

01 Healthy lunches prepared with fresh vegetables from Nose



02 The Takatsuki Burger, ranked No. 1 in Japan

Prepared using vegetables grown in Takatsuki and 100% beef patties

A reasonably priced gourmet food from Ikeda: Ike-kara!



04 Crisp fried chicken (karaage) prepared by chicken ramen in batter

A craft beer recognized worldwide!



03 Enjoy freshly brewed Minoh Beer at local bars and restaurants or at home!

Settsu Torikai eggplant: A legendary traditional vegetable

Featuring a completely round shape and chewy texture



Recommended gourmet dining opportunities in the Hokusetsu area
Enjoy delicious experiences with local gourmet dining!

01 Satozuto Café and Gallery

At this café, you can sample fare like lunch plates prepared using local ingredients and coffee roasted by the staff. You can also purchase miscellaneous goods and other items made by local artists.



[Address] 224 Morigami, Nose-cho, Toyono-gun [Phone] 072-743-0578 [Hours] 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last order at 4:30 p.m.) [Closed] Mondays and Tuesdays (However, the business remains open on public holidays.)

02 T's Star Diner Takatsuki Honten

This diner's American-size burger, which is prepared with local ingredients, won first place in a burger contest! The interior recreates the ambiance of an American diner.



[Address] 1st floor, Minamizono Building, 2-11-5 Johokuchō, Takatsuki City [Phone] 072-672-0721 [Hours] Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays, to 2:30 p.m.); dinner, 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Hours may be shortened under some circumstances.) [Closed] Open year-round

03 Warehouse

This bottle shop and pub is located next to the head office of Minoh Beer, which has won numerous awards in international beer contests. The shop also sells seasonal beers that aren't available anywhere else.



[Address] 3-14-18 Makiochi, Minoh City [Phone] 072-725-7234 [Hours] Shop, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; pub, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (last order at 8:30 p.m.) [Closed] Thursdays

04 Ikeda City Tourist Information Center

In addition to tourist information for Ikeda City, this facility also has a full-featured dining area. You can try a creative menu of chicken ramen dishes as well as Ikeda craft burgers and other fare.



[Address] 2-7 Masumicho, Ikeda City [Phone] 072-737-7290 [Hours] 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. [Closed] Tuesdays (When Tuesday is a holiday, closed the following day.)

05 It's easy to sample specialty wild boar meat from Nose Town any time!



Udon noodles stewed in miso, a dish that lets you enjoy the savory flavor of wild boar meat

An entire crocodile arm deep-fried like chicken!

08 "Machikane meat," a healthy new delicacy from Toyonaka



05 Kametani Honten

This restaurant serves wild boar meat year-round. Its most popular item, a boar meat hot pot with udon noodles stewed in miso, is a hearty dish prepared with plenty of locally grown vegetables.



[Address] 143-3 Yoshikawa, Nose-cho, Toyono-gun [Phone] 072-738-1122 [Hours] 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. [Closed] Mondays and the second Tuesday of every month

06 de Ai Hokkori Mi Yama no Sato

This shop sells locally grown vegetables and snacks. The tea shop serves local cuisine prepared with fresh ingredients. It's also popular as a great place to relax in Hokusetsu.



[Address] 1131 Nagatani, Ibaraki City [Phone] 072-649-3328 [Hours] 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (November to March, open until 4:00 p.m.)

07 Kiyotsuru Shuzo

This sake brewery continues to bring the traditions of Tonda Sake, which was described as having "winning flavor," to the present day. Visitors can also tour brewing operations on Saturdays and Sundays in February every year (reservations required).



[Address] 6-5-3 Tondacho, Takatsuki City [Phone] 072-696-0014 [Hours] 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Closed] Saturdays and Sundays

08 Thee Food Rest Garage

This Western-style izakaya (a sort of Japanese pub) serves various dishes prepared using "machikane meat" (crocodile meat), a new Toyonaka specialty. It also serves gyoza and shumai dumplings prepared with crocodile meat.



[Address] 1-9-19 Tamaicho, Toyonaka City [Phone] 050-5368-4744 [Hours] 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. (Last order at 11:00 p.m.) *Hours may be shortened under some circumstances. [Closed] Sundays

Local delicacies in the Hokusetsu area
Experience a rich variety of flavor from local delicacies to new gourmet dishes!

A popular product developed by area mothers!



06 Ryuo Miso, a handmade miso paste created in Ibaraki

07 Tonda Sake, a famous sake brewed using traditional techniques



A sake born of the traditional fukuro-shibori technique

09 Enjoy the flavor of fragrant Minoh citrons in sweet confections



Introducing a new delicacy from Minoh!

09 Franc et élégant YUZUYA Hashimoto

Franc et élégant YUZUYA opened in 2020 at Hashimoto on the Falls Road. "Little Treasure," a flavorful half-Japanese, half-Western dessert prepared with rare seedling citrons raised from seeds, is popular.



[Address] 2-5-37 Minoh, Minoh City [Phone] 072-720-5135 [Hours] 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. *Hours may be shortened under some circumstances. [Closed] Closed irregularly

Kawachi area

Pleasure trip itinerary About 6 hours by car

Itinerary 1 /

A trip featuring historic sites in Minamikawachi and local products

Retrace the footprints of Prince Shotoku, who died almost 1,400 years ago.

This ancient temple in Taishi Town, in Minamikawachi-gun, is also known as Kaminotaishi. In addition to Prince Shotoku, his mother, Empress Anahobe no Hashihito, and his wife, Kashiwabe no Ooiratsume, are buried here. The temple continues to attract the veneration of people who idolize Prince Shotoku.

Prince Shotoku Mausoleum and Kaminotaishi Eifuku-ji Temple
[Address] 2146 Taishi, O-aza, Taishi-cho, Minamikawachi-gun [Phone] 0721-98-0019
[Hours] 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (temple office: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) *The treasure house is only open for visitors on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays from March to November.
[Admission] Donation (treasure house: adults, ¥300; elementary school students, ¥100)



Enjoy wine and grapes produced in Osaka.

Kawachi Wine is an old and respected winery with more than 80 years of history. The winery offers tours of the wine manufacturing process as well as tastings. At Konjikido, a restaurant located in a renovated storehouse, you can enjoy cuisine that pairs well with the winery's products.

Kawachi Wine-kan
[Address] 1027 Komagatani, Habikino City [Phone] 072-956-0181
[Hours] Weekdays, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. [Closed] New Year's [Winery tour cost] For small groups (six or less): ¥1,850 per person *Free and fee-based plans are available for larger groups.



Stroll through an Edo-period townscape that's been chosen as one of the 100 most beautiful roads in Japan.

This town, which is the only community in Osaka Prefecture to have been designated an Important Traditional Building Preservation District by the Japanese government, offers a glimpse of a townscape consisting of Edo-period temples and merchant houses.

Tondabayashi Jinaimachi
[Address] Vicinity of Tondabayashicho, Tondabayashi City [Phone] 0721-24-5550 (Tondabayashi Kirameki Factory Tourism Exchange), 0721-26-0110 (Jinaimachi Exchange Hall) [Admission] Former Sugiyama residence: Adults (ages 16 and over), ¥400; Children (ages 6 to 15), ¥200 [Hours] 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Closed] Mondays and New Year's (When Monday is a holiday, closed the following day.)



Enjoy seasonal flowers or have a barbecue. Pick your own grapes and strawberries, or experience the vegetable harvest.

This agriculture-themed park lets visitors experience the land's bounty for themselves. Its spacious grounds are filled with seasonal flowers and verdant greenery. At Niko-niko Market, which sells produce direct from the farm, you can enjoy shopping for fresh local produce.

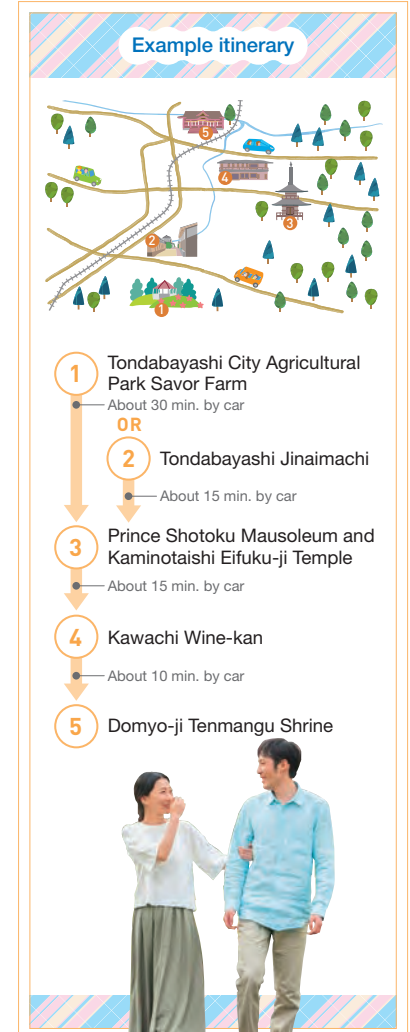
Tondabayashi City Agricultural Park Savor Farm
[Address] 2300 Kannabi, Tondabayashi City [Phone] 0721-35-3500
[Hours] April through September: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (last entry at 5:00 p.m.) January through March and October through December: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last entry at 4:00 p.m.) [Closed] Mondays and December 29 to January 3 (When Monday is a holiday, closed the following day) [Admission] Adults (high school students and older), ¥710; Children (ages 4 through junior high school), ¥300



Visit a site connected to Sugawara no Michizane, the god of scholarship.

There stored a poem by Sugawara, who occasionally visited this temple. He referred to this region as his "hometown" in his poems. The treasure house stores numerous invaluable cultural properties.

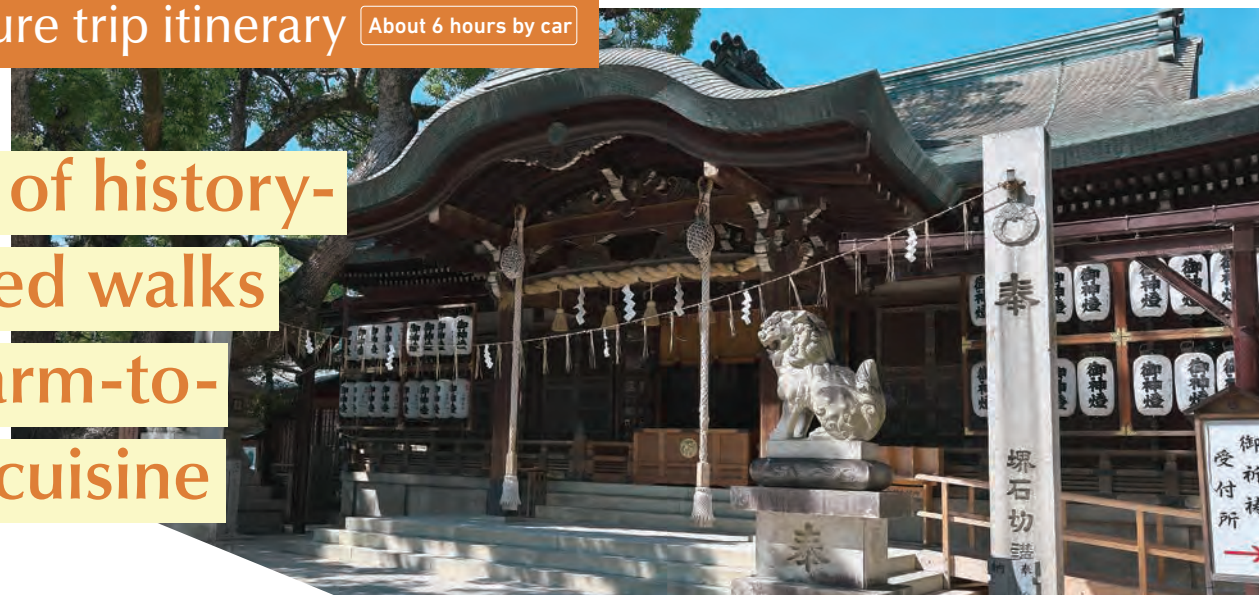
Domyo-ji Tenmangu Shrine
[Address] 1-16-40 Domyoji, Fujiidera City [Phone] 072-953-2525
[Hours] 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Charms and seals are available for purchase from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) [Admission] Free (adjacent treasure house, ¥300) *The treasure house is only open as scheduled.



Pleasure trip itinerary About 6 hours by car

Itinerary 2 /

A trip of history-inspired walks and farm-to-table cuisine



Visit Ishikiri-san, which is famous for the belief that it can cure cancer and for inspiring repeat pilgrimages of 100 visits, and walk along the nostalgic Ishikiri pilgrimage road.

This temple, which is known as "Ishikiri-san," attracts large numbers of pilgrims from around the country. The shopping district on the pilgrimage road still has an old-fashioned feel to it, and you can enjoy shopping for gourmet dishes and gifts as you stroll along the route.

Ishikiri Tsurugiya-jinja Shrine | [Address] 1-1-1 Higashiishikiricho, Higashiosaka City [Phone] 072-982-3621



Experience harvesting vegetables and enjoy homemade farm-style cuisine prepared with organically grown vegetables.

This farm-to-table restaurant invites you to enjoy cuisine prepared with fresh, exquisitely delicious ingredients. Menu items made with ingredients harvested using organic methods, which are good for both health and the environment, are popular with guests.

Sugi Gohei
[Address] 1-951 Sugisemedani, Hirakata City [Phone] 072-858-0070 [Hours] By reservation only 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (last order at 5:30 p.m.) *Hours are subject to change. [Closed] Tuesdays (When Tuesday is a holiday, closed the following day.)

Wash away the fatigue of your journey while gazing at the expansive Osaka Plain below.

Welcome to Ishikiri Onsen at Hotel Seiryu at the foot of Mt. Ikoma. You'll enjoy panoramic views of the Osaka Plain from a hot spring at an elevation equivalent to 70 stories. Don't miss the nightscape, which looks like scattered gems across the sky.

Higashiosaka Ishikiri Onsen Hotel Seiryu
[Address] 1-11-12 Kamiishikiricho, Higashiosaka City [Phone] 072-981-5001



Learn about Matsushita Konosuke and the history of manufacturing.

This museum was founded to pass down the thinking of Matsushita Konosuke, founder of Panasonic (formerly Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), and the company's products during its long history to the next generation.

Panasonic Museum (Matsushita Konosuke Museum and Hall of Manufacturing Ingenuity)
[Address] 1006 Kadoma, O-aza, Kadoma City [Phone] 06-6906-0106 [Hours] 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Closed] Sundays, public holidays, Obon holiday, and New Year's [Admission] Free





Itinerary 3 /

Trace the history of the hero Kusunoki Masashige by bicycle

Energize yourself at a temple that's connected to Kusunoki Masashige.



This temple is connected to Kusunoki Masashige, a Minamikawachi hero who's also known affectionately as "Nanko-san." A mound in which the severed head of Kusunoki was buried can be found on the grounds.

Kanshin-ji Temple

[Address] 475 Teramoto, Kawachinagano City [Phone] 0721-62-2134
[Hours] 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last reception at 4:30 p.m.)
[Admission] Adults, ¥300; elementary and junior high school students, ¥100
*A special admission price of ¥1,000 applies on April 17 and 18, when the temple's main Buddhist statue is open to the public.

See the temple in 360° VR!



Vegetarian cuisine served in a stylish space that combines Japanese and Western culture.

Sample a varied menu of vegetarian cuisine in the kitchen (the KU-RI temple kitchen) of Kanshin-ji Temple, which was built about 450 years ago.

Kanshin-ji Creative Vegetarian Cuisine KU-RI

[Address] 475 Teramoto, Kawachinagano City (located on the grounds of Kanshin-ji Temple) [Phone] 050-3746-8600 [Hours] 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (by reservation only) *Only 20 meals are prepared each day. [Days] Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays *Reservations are accepted two months in advance on the first day of every month (starting at 9:00 a.m.).



A convenient roadside station where you can learn about tourist attractions in Chihaya akasaka Village.



This roadside station receives fresh vegetables from local farms in Chihaya akasaka Village. A variety of information is available at the tourist information center.

Roadside Station Chihaya Akasaka

[Address] 7 Nigarabe, Chihaya akasaka Village, Minamikawachi-gun [Phone] 0721-21-7557 [Hours] 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Closed] Tuesdays



Retracing the steps of the hero Kusunoki Masashige in his birthplace.



Kusunoki Masashige is said to have been born here. The Chihaya Akasaka Museum is located close to the stone monument.

Birthplace of Kusunoki Masashige (Chihaya Akasaka Museum)

[Address] 266 Suibun, O-aza, Chihaya akasaka Village, Minamikawachi-gun [Phone] 0721-72-1589 [Hours] 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Doors close at 4:30 p.m.) [Closed] Mondays (When Monday is a holiday, closed the following day)

Enjoy cycling with an electric bicycle.

You can rent an electric bicycle at the Tourist Information Center in front of Nankai/Kintetsu Kawachi-Nagano Station.

Kawachinagano City Tourist Information Center [Rental bicycles]

[Address] 1st floor, Novaty Nagano South Building, 5-1-114 Naganochi, Kawachinagano City [Phone] 0721-55-0100 [Hours] 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. [Closed] Second Wednesday of every month, New Year's [Admission] Electric bicycles: 3 hours, ¥500; 1 day, ¥1,000

Junction of roads leading to Mt. Koya.

Koya-kaido Road (Sakagura-dori)

Since the Heian period, people making a pilgrimage to Mt. Koya have walked along this road. Multiple roads from Kyoto, Osaka, and Sakai all come together to form a single road, the Koya-kaido Road, in front of Kawachi-Nagano Station. You can see rows of traditional townhouses decorated with *sugitama* (balls of cedar branches) on Sakagura-dori, a street of sake breweries close to the junction whose stone pavement is rich in ambiance.



Terraced Rice Fields of Shimoakasaka

[Address] 25 Azumazaka, Chihaya akasaka Village, Minamikawachi-gun [Phone] 0721-26-7128 (Chihaya akasaka Village Office) **Note: Please use public transportation as there is no parking lot.**

Site of the decisive battle known for the Siege of Akasaka Castle.



Akasaka Castle was built by Kusunoki Masashige. In 1934, the Akasaka Castle Ruins were designated an historic site by the Japanese government.

Shimoakasaka Castle Ruins

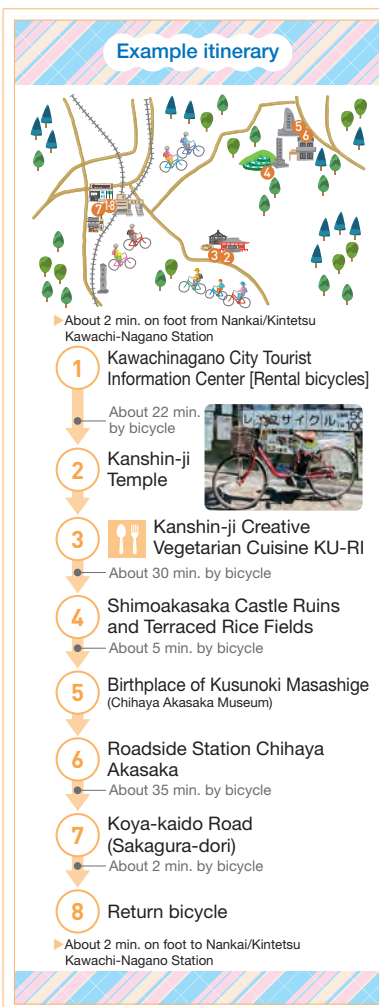
[Address] 25 Azumazaka, Chihaya akasaka Village, Minamikawachi-gun [Phone] 0721-26-7128 (Chihaya akasaka Village Office)



A convenient stop for people traveling by car

Roadside Station Okukawachi Kuromaro Village

This roadside station has a variety of facilities, including the Okukawachi Visitor Center, restaurants, and a farmer's market. If you're traveling by car, it's recommended to switch to a rental bicycle here. [Address] 1218-1 Tako, Kawachinagano City [Phone] 0721-56-9606 [Hours] Hours vary by facility. [Closed] Dec.31 *The facility is also closed on other dates.



Itinerary 4 /

Take a leisurely stroll through an elegant, old townscape

A centrally located temple in Jinaimachi that's known for having been used by monks from Kyuho-ji Temple.



Kyuhoji Jinaimachi developed around this temple, which was originally founded as Saisho-ji Temple by the priest Rennyō of Hongan-ji Temple. Many of the buildings on its grounds, including its main hall, have been designated cultural properties by Osaka Prefecture.

Kensho-ji Temple

[Address] 4-4-3 Kyuhoji, Yao City [Phone] 072-993-1144



See the townscape in 360° VR!



Walk to various temples and shrines while experiencing the ambiance of an old townscape.



Jinaimachi has more than 450 years of history. The community retains its original checkerboard layout to this day, along with an old-fashioned ambiance that derives from prestigious temples and shrines, old townhouses, and the vestiges of old moats.

Kyuhoji Jinaimachi

[Address] 3-3-20 Kyuhoji, Yao City [Phone] 072-924-6371



A dining hall in Jinaimachi that's easy to stop by.



This dining hall is located in a 100-year-old row house in Kyuhoji Jinaimachi. Try the chef's choice meal, which changes every day (the restaurant only prepares 15 meals a day).

Ripple Café

[Address] 3-8-25 Kyuhoji, Yao City [Hours] Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (lunch time), 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (tea time); second Monday of every month: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. [Reservations] Send an Instagram DM to make a reservation. https://www.instagram.com/ripple_since2021/



Experience the soothing effect of a shrine with more than 1,100 years of history.



Because it was a shrine dedicated to warding off epidemics known as "Kyuhoji no Gozu Tenno" during the Edo period, many people visit it today seeking protection against misfortune or healing.

Koma-jinja Shrine

[Address] 5-4-8 Kyuhoji, Yao City [Phone] 072-923-4235



Warm your heart with beautiful natural scenery and unique tree stump art.



In addition to enjoying seasonal flowers and trees, you can view distinctive tree stump art throughout the park.

Kyuhoji Ryokuchi Park

[Address] 323 Nishikyuhoji, Yao City [Phone] 072-992-2489



To JR Kyuhoji Station (Or Kintetsu Kyuhojiguchi Station) About 18 min. on foot



Experiential Facilities

Kawachi area



Have healthy fun cycling while surrounded by verdant greenery



At this bicycle-themed sports park, you can enjoy a variety of fun attractions. There are lots of bicycles that you can't ride anywhere else, including Unique Bicycles (a collection of unusual bicycles) and Sky Cycle Walker, which lets you ride eight meters above the ground! There are also a pool (summer only) and campground (*reservations required), so guests can enjoy a day-trip barbecue or spend the night.

Kansai Cycle Sports Center
 [Address] 1304 Amanochō, Kawachinagano City [Phone] 0721-54-3101 [Hours] 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (*Hours are subject to change.)
 [Closed] Tuesdays (open continuously during Golden Week as well as spring and summer vacation; closed some days during winter) [Admission] Adults (junior high school students and older), ¥800; Children (ages 3 through elementary school), ¥500; Seniors (ages 60 and over), ¥400
 *Separate fees apply to attractions.

Enjoy the appeal of nature, such as picturesque landscapes from a suspension bridge



Take a walk through the air on one of Japan's longest suspension bridges in the middle of a vast forest. The panoramic, 360-degree view from the bridge, which is 280 meters long and as high as 50 meters, is breathtaking. There's also a popular climbing wall that lets you enjoy an authentic climbing experience, complete with classes for beginners so that anyone can give it a try.

Hoshida-Enchi Park at Forest of Osaka
 [Address] 5019-1 Hoshida, Katano City [Phone] 072-891-0110 [Hours] 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (suspension bridges: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) [Closed] Tuesdays (open continuously during April, May, October, and November) and from December 29 to January 4 [Admission] Free

Try fishing for trout in a natural setting with fresh air and clear water!

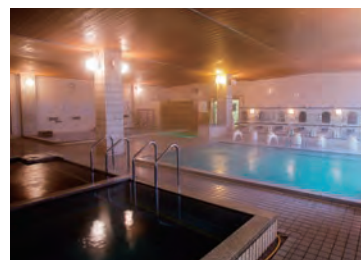


At this fishing spot in Kongo-Ikoma-Kisen Quasi-National Park, you can enjoy fishing for trout in the clear-flowing Chihaya River. Then you can eat your catch at the adjacent restaurant, which specializes in river fish.

Big Fight Fishing Chihaya River
 [Address] 1262-4 Chihaya, O-aza, Chihaya akasaka Village, Minamikawachi-gun [Phone] 0721-74-0116 [Admission] Full day (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), ¥3,900
 Half day (8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.), ¥3,000
 *Separate fees apply for poles, bait, and creels. [Closed] Open year-round

Natural landscapes are a treasure house of fun, learning, and joy!

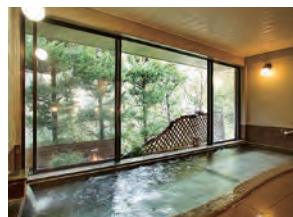
Recommended hot spring hotels



Enjoy 12 different spring-fed hot springs and saunas.

The historic Yao Natural Hot Spring has long been beloved as a little-known hideaway. Enjoy the healing effects of its ample water volume and remarkable properties. Its theater, which performs popular dramas, is also a favorite.

Yao Grand Hotel
 [Address] 5-101 Yaogikita, Yao City [Phone] 072-994-3591 [Hours] 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. the following morning [Day-trip bathing] Adults, ¥2,400; Children, ¥1,000 / Evening (starting at 5:00 p.m.): Adults, ¥1,200; Children, ¥700 / Additional late night fee (starting at 1:00 a.m.): Adults, +¥1,500; Children, +¥800 / Early morning (4:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.): Adults and children, ¥900 *Please inquire for information about overnight plans.



Enjoy hot springs and cuisine while experiencing the shifting of the seasons.

This inn's appealing hot spring, which contains large amounts of natural radon, is said to offer benefits for both health and beauty. The inn is also popular for its seasonal cuisine and beautiful Japanese garden.

Amami Onsen Nanten-en
 [Address] 158 Amami, Kawachinagano City [Phone] 0721-68-8081 [Day-trip bathing] 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (open until 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays, days before public holidays, and specific days) *Plans include a meal and bathing in the hot spring. It's not possible to use the hot spring alone. [Cost] Starting at ¥6,600 (per adult) *Please inquire for information about overnight plans.



01 Premium domestically produced duck with unparalleled flavor from an old and respected **Kawachi duck** producer



02 Kawachi soul food: Udon noodles with oil meal

03 Whether you love rugby or curry, don't miss **Higashiosaka curry bread!**



Select udon noodles with oil meal from Ebisu

Recommended gourmet dining and local products in the Kawachi area

Enjoy the delicious flavor of Kawachi!

04 **Amanosake**, a famous brand resurrected by an old and respected sake brewer in Kawachinagano



Enjoy the sweet, refreshing flavor of honey.



05 100% pure domestic **honey** will make you feel happy and content

Buttery flavor and a crisp, crunchy texture



06 **Kadoma lotus root pie** made by the pastry chef at a local cake shop

01 **Kawachigamo Tsumura Honten**

To produce top-brand duck meat, Tsumura Honten breeds its ducks from a mix of domestic and wild stock and raises them on organic feed in a carefully managed environment. Take time to savor Kawachi duck meat, which was featured as an ingredient at the G20 Osaka Summit in 2019.



[Address] 8-10-24 Bessho, Matsubara City [Phone] 072-334-1111 [Hours] 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Closed] Sundays and during special vacations (summer and New Year's)

02 **Ebisu Kasu Udon**

These udon noodles are prepared with oil meal, a local Kawachi ingredient. The oil meal gives the soup stock a savory flavor, creating a rich and fragrant dish that will leave you craving its delicious flavor.



[Address] 3-2-5 Minamikameicho, Yao City [Phone] 072-990-0331 [Hours] Mondays and Thursday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.; Sundays and public holidays, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. [Closed] Open year-round

03 **Narutoya Bakery (Yaenosato Branch)**

This rugby ball-shaped curry bread was created in Higashiosaka's Hanazono district, which is famous for rugby. Slowly stewed beef sinew lends a pleasing texture to the moderately spicy curry. The popular bread has already become Narutoya's flagship product.



[Address] 3-2-24 Kosaka, Higashiosaka City [Phone] 06-6782-0732 [Hours] 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (For the time being, closed at 8:00 p.m.) [Closed] January 1

04 **Amanosake (Saijo Brewery Co., Ltd.)**

Founded in 1718, this old and respected sake brewery continues to operate on Koya-kaido Road in Kawachinagano. It was Saijo Brewery, the brewery's operator, who resurrected Amanosake, a famous brand originally made at Amanosan Kongo-ji Temple.



[Address] 12-18 Naganochō, Kawachinagano City [Phone] 0721-55-1101 [Hours] 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Closed] January 1 *Closed irregularly from time to time.

05 **Kissa Ganbi**

This tea shop is run by the Ibaraki Bee Garden, which operates an apiary that produces honey in Katano City. Once you taste the popular honey toast, its delicious flavor will keep you coming back for more. The exterior of the cabin-style shop is also attractive.



[Address] 3-2-2 Kisaichiyamate, Katano City [Phone] 072-892-4132 [Hours] 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Closed] New Year's

06 **Patisserie Aile Blanche**

These crisp-texture pies are made by mixing Kadoma lotus root powder with high-quality domestically produced wheat, folding in richly flavorful fermented butter, and carefully baking them one at a time. These exquisitely delicious sweets also have a "realistic" appearance.



[Address] 1-1 Ishiharacho, Kadoma City [Phone] 06-6902-2244 [Hours] 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. [Closed] Closed irregularly *Hours will be shortened during a period of pandemic-related state of emergency or quasi-emergency measures.

Senshu area

Pleasure trip itinerary About 6 hours by car

Itinerary 1 / A trip to learn about Senshu while sampling local delicacies

Enjoy a garden that's been designated a national scenic site and learn about the Danjiri Festival.

Kishiwada Castle looks out majestically over the surrounding townscape. Kishiwada Castle Garden (also known as Hachijin Garden) has been designated a national scenic site. It's also famous for its beautiful cherry blossoms.

Kishiwada Castle
[Address] 9-1 Kishikicho, Kishiwada City [Phone] 072-431-3251 [Hours] 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last entry at 4:00 p.m.) [Admission] Castle tower: Adults, ¥300 (free for junior high school students and younger) [Closed] Mondays (open when Monday is a public holiday and during the Castle Festival [April 1 to 15]), December 29 to January 3, and while exhibits are being changed (closed irregularly)

Experience the history of the Kishiwada Danjiri Festival, which boasts 300 years of tradition, through exhibits of actual festival floats and a large multi-vision screen with remarkable impact.

Kishiwada Danjiri Kaikan
[Address] 11-23 Honmachi, Kishiwada City [Phone] 072-436-0914 [Hours] 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last entry at 4:00 p.m.) [Admission] Adults, ¥600; Children (elementary and junior high school students), ¥300 [Closed] Mondays (open when Monday is a public holiday) and December 29 to January 3



Learn about *kofun* burial mounds, which have World Heritage status.

Learn about one of Japan's largest keyhole-shaped burial mounds in the Mozu area of the Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group, which was registered as a World Heritage site in 2019. The area is surrounded by three concentric moats and dotted with small and medium-size *kofun* mounds.

Nintoku-tenno-ryo Kofun
[Address] Daisencho, Sakai-ku, Sakai City [Phone] 072-228-7014 (Sakai City World Heritage Section)



Explore a large selection of fresh produce like Senshu *mizunasu* eggplant.

This farmer's market is packed with fresh produce like *mizunasu* eggplant delivered from local farmers. It attracts not only locals, but also many out-of-prefecture visitors.

JA Osaka Senshu Farmer's Market Rizumie Kotarina
[Address] 3-1-1 Shofudai, Izumisano City [Phone] 072-458-0070 [Hours] 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Closed] Third Thursday of each month



Enjoy fresh seafood at a Senshu fish market.
 This open-air market, which is home to about 30 shops, sells fresh seafood that was harvested from the ocean that day. There are also restaurants and sushi bars where you can sample the market's fresh fish on the spot.

The Open-Air Market by Izumisano Fishermen's Cooperative Association
[Address] 2-5187-101 Shinmachi, Izumisano City [Phone] 072-469-2340 (Open-Air Market Office) / 072-462-3025 (Izumisano Fishermen's Cooperative Association) [Hours] 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. *Some shops may be closed to customers from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. as they prepare to close. [Closed] Wednesdays



Soothe your fatigue at Inunakiyama Onsen, which you can also enjoy new greenery in spring and changing colors in fall.

This hot spring village is situated in a verdant natural setting. It's been considered a sacred place by practitioners of the Shugendō religion since ancient times and popular as a "power spot" in recent years.

Inunakiyama Onsen
[Address] Dgi, Izumisano City [Phone] 072-469-3131 (Izumisano City Tourist Association)



Pleasure trip itinerary By car, with one overnight

Itinerary 2 / Experience the Sennan Bay area through outdoor activities and gourmet dining



Experience sports, dining, and leisure activities at one of the Kansai region's largest recreational destinations.



The site was born in the summer of 2020 on the shore opposite Kansai International Airport. Measuring about 2 kilometers along its north-south axis, the enormous site consists of four areas where visitors can enjoy themselves with a high degree of freedom: an activity area, a community area, a market area, and a glamping area. Overnight plans are also recommended!

Sennan Long Park (Sennan Rinku Park)
[Address] 2-201 Rinkuminamihama, Sennan City [Phone] 072-479-5317 [Closed] Open year-round [Cost] Varies by facility



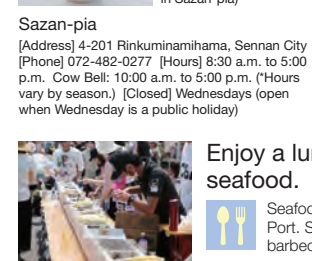
Stay overnight at Sennan Long Park.
Home to an artificial turf field and a hot spring facility, Sora Rinku can be used by individual guests as well as for retreat-style camps by sports teams. You can also stay overnight at the Urban Camp Hotel, which offers glamping experiences, or at the Recamp Rinku auto campground. Experience the fun of nightlife at Sennan's beaches!



A "food exchange" that brings together local specialties.

This general food exchange in Sennan City, which is also loved by locals, includes specialty product shops and a dining area.

Sazan-pia
[Address] 4-201 Rinkuminamihama, Sennan City [Phone] 072-482-0277 [Hours] 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cow Bell: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (*Hours vary by season.) [Closed] Wednesdays (open when Wednesday is a public holiday)



Umi Marche Market [Hours] Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (open irregularly on public holidays)



Experience romance at a "lovers' Mecca."

This beach, which is covered with bits of white marble, is beautiful for both its contrasting blue and white colors in the early afternoon and its otherworldly sunsets. Its heart monument is a popular place to take photographs as a "lovers' Mecca."

Sennan Marble Beach
(Popular as a "lovers' Mecca" and chosen as the site of one of Japan's 100 most beautiful sunsets)



Trace the secret to the delicious flavor of Tsukigesho.

Tour the process by which Tsukigesho, a famous brand of sweet milk buns, are manufactured. Naturally, you can also taste freshly made Tsukigesho during the tour. The sweet milk aroma will leave you feeling happy and content. Dessert classes are also popular with parents and their children. The shop and cafe offer some items that can't be found anywhere else.

Tsukigesho Factory
[Address] 453-15 Kuroda, Hanan City [Phone] 072-470-2525 [Hours] Factory tours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Last entry at 4:30 p.m.) / Shop: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. / Tsukigesho Cafe: 10:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. (Last order at 4:45 p.m.) [Closed] January 1 [Cost] Factory tours: Free / Dessert Classes (reservations required): Fees apply



Experiential Facilities

Senshu area

Give full reign to your curiosity with a variety of experiential programs.



Enjoy seasonal flowers and greenery and pet animals at this agricultural park. In addition to an array of playground equipment and activities, there's a variety of programs, including gourmet dining and craft experiences.

Sakai Greenery Museum Harvest Hill
 [Address] 2405-1 Hachigameji, Minami-ku, Sakai City
 [Phone] 072-296-9911 [Hours] 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last entry at 4:00 p.m.) [Closed] Wednesdays in June, July, and December through February (except during summer and winter vacation); January 1
 [Admission] Adults (junior high school students and older), ¥1,000; Children (ages 4 and older), ¥600; ages 3 and under, free

Get ready to get excited!
 Experience Japan's satoyama lifestyle.



Experience Japan's ancient satoyama lifestyle as you stay overnight at a house with a traditional hearth and stove. You can also participate in activities like harvesting vegetables and making pizza in a stone oven.

Satoyama Nature School Kisen Waiwai Mura
 [Address] 207 Shindachisuzurabata, Sennan City [Phone] 072-485-0661 [Hours] 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Closed] Open year-round *Please inquire for information about overnight use.

Visit one of the Kansai region's largest strawberry orchards, which is located in a natural satoyama setting.



This orchard raises about 60,000 strawberry plants in an enormous greenhouse of about 7,300 square meters. Try all the freshly picked strawberries you want with its "all-you-can-eat" (30 minutes) option. There are also classes that teach how to make homemade jam and strawberry jam-filled rice cakes.

Izumi Kogawa Strawberry Farm (strawberry picking)
 [Address] 2043 Butsunamicho, Izumi City [Hours] 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Phone] 0725-92-3232 (strawberry picking only) *Reservations required. [Closed] Mondays (When Monday is a holiday, closed the following day), [Dates] January through May

Enjoy authentic natural experiences at the beach and in the mountains!

Catch and eat Senshu seafood yourself.



Experience what it's like to catch fish with gill nets and fishing baskets as you watch airplanes flying overhead at Tajiri Fishing Port, close to Kansai International Airport. You can barbecue and eat the fish you catch.

Tajiri Fishing Experience
 [Address] 1 Rinku Port Kita, Tajiri-cho, Sennan-gun [Phone] 072-465-0099 (Tajiri Fishery Association and Tajiri Ocean Community Center) *Reservations required.
 [Dates] April 1 to November 30 (starting at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.)
 [Cost] Adults, from ¥3,500; Elementary school students, from ¥2,000 (excluding tax)
 [Closed] Tuesdays

Experience a new type of glamping where you're surrounded by salt breezes and the sound of waves.



Every room in this unique villa-type hotel features an ocean view. Thanks to private patios with Jacuzzi hot tubs and dining areas where you can barbecue, you'll enjoy an out-of-the-ordinary glamping experience.

URBAN CAMP HOTEL Marble Beach
 [Address] 4-201 Rinkuminamihama, Sennan City (at Sennan Long Park) [Phone] 072-479-8113 (9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) [Closed] Closes irregularly. [Reservations] Reservations can be made on the hotel's official website. <https://dlgiq.jp/bbq/marblebeach/>

Recommended hot spring hotels



A Senshu hideaway rich in travel ambiance where you'll find soothing relaxation in a quiet mountain village.

This natural sodium hot spring is also known as a "beauty bath." Its open-air bath, where you can bathe while gazing at the beautiful natural surroundings and listening to the sound of flowing water from the nearby river, is particularly appealing.

Okumizuma Onsen
 [Address] 3159 Kotsumi, Kaizuka City [Phone] 072-478-8511 [Day-trip bathing] 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (day-trip bath use on weekdays only) *Not available for day-trip bath use when closed, days before closures, or during the busy season. [Cost] Adults, ¥1,000; Children, ¥600 *Please inquire for information about overnight plans.

01 Superb conger eels from Sakai, which is the result of traditional connoisseurship and skill, will excite you.



02 Inunaki pork is distinguished by its refreshing flavor.



03 Local sakes are made possible by Senshu's delicious water and rich natural environment.



Recommended gourmet dining and local products in the Senshu area

Enjoy the delicious flavor of Senshu!

04 Visit this Senshu seafood shop across from a fishing port.



Customers love a "half rice bowl" topped with half raw and half scalded whitebait.



05 The Sunday Morning Market attracts crowds of people looking for fresh seafood.

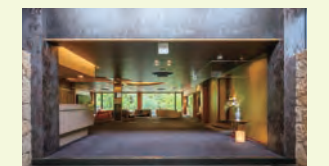


06 Rare Japanese blue crabs are a prized treat.

01 Matsuiizumi Sakai Conger Eel Restaurant
 This old and respected restaurant serves nothing but conger eels prepared with its unique connoisseurship and skill in an effort to spread the delicious flavor of Sakai's famous conger eels nationwide. You'll taste the difference with just one bite, and the savory flavor will excite you.
 [Address] 3-1-26 Kusunokicho, Sakai-ku, Sakai City [Phone] 072-245-1779 [Hours] 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Saturdays, to 2:00 p.m.) [Closed] Wednesdays, Sundays, and public holidays



02 Minamitei
 Hidden away in a beautiful natural setting in Inunakiyama Hot Spring Village, this traditional inn serves delicious seasonal cuisine and Inunaki pork hotpot dishes, a Senshu specialty.
 [Address] 2236 Ogi, Izumisano City (Inunakiyama Hot Spring) [Phone] 072-462-3740 [Hours] Lunch, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (last order: 1:30 p.m.) Dinner, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (last order: 9:00 p.m.) [Closed] Mondays and the first and third Tuesdays of every month (except January, August, and December)



03 Naniwa Sake Brewery
 This old and respected sake brewery, one of Senshu's finest, has more than 300 years of history. It's well known for Naniwa Masamune and has won numerous Gold Prizes at the Annual Japan Sake Awards. Visitors can tour the brewery building and main residence, which have been designated Tangible Cultural Properties by the Japanese government.
 [Address] 3-13-6 Ozakicho, Hannan City [Phone] 072-472-0032 [Hours] Sake shop: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays, to 4:00 p.m.) [Brewery tours] Available upon request with reservations (tour time: about 60 min.)

04 Kinchakuya Senshu Seafood
 This restaurant offers an extensive menu featuring fresh seafood and Osaka-produced whitebait landed at the port across the street. Its most popular dish is a bowl of rice topped with raw whitebait. It attracts a never-ending stream of customers starting first thing in the morning.
 [Address] 7-1 Jizohamacho, Kishiwada City [Phone] 072-436-3866 [Hours] Weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays, 5:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; late-night hours: 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only) [Closed] Wednesdays

05 Tajiri Fishing Port Sunday Morning Market
 The Sunday Morning Market is open from 7:00 a.m. to noon every Sunday. In addition to fresh seafood from Osaka Bay, you can buy Senshu-grown vegetables. Things get crowded as soon as the market opens, so the early bird gets the worm!
 [Address] 1 Rinku Port Kita, Tajiri-cho, Sennan-gun [Phone] 072-465-0099 [Hours] Sundays 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

06 Kappo Matsuya
 Japanese blue crabs from Senshu are distinguished by their sweet, rich flavor. This restaurant, which specializes in Japanese blue crab, invites you to enjoy this precious food to your heart's content. By reservation only, limited to three parties per day.
 [Address] 2-312-3 Ichihahigashi, Izumisano City [Phone] 072-462-3740 [Hours] Lunch, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (last order: 1:30 p.m.) Dinner, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (last order: 9:00 p.m.) [Closed] Mondays and the first and third Tuesdays of every month (except January, August, and December)

Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group area

Pleasure trip itinerary About 6 hours by car

Itinerary 1 /

A trip to explore a World Heritage site

Learn at a museum specializing in the Kofun era.



This museum, which is located adjacent to Chikatsu Asuka Fudoki-no-Oka Historical Park, explores the formation of the ancient Japanese state and international exchange at the time.

Osaka Prefectural Chikatsu Asuka Museum

[Address] 299 Higashiyama, O-aza, Kanan-cho, Minamikawachi-gun [Phone] 0721-93-8321 [Hours] 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (entry to exhibit galleries: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) [Admission] Adults, ¥310; High school and university students, guests ages 65 and older, ¥210; Junior high school students and younger, free *Special fees apply to special and planned exhibits. [Closed] Mondays and New Year's (When Monday is a holiday, closed the following day.) *Closed irregularly from time to time.



Photo courtesy of Osaka Prefectural Chikatsu Asuka Museum

Pleasure trip itinerary About 6 hours by foot and tram

Itinerary 2 /

Visit appealing sites in the Mozu Kofun Group



See the garden in 360° VR!



A beautiful Japanese garden featuring Sakai's culture and natural features.

This strolling garden, which incorporates artificial hills and ponds, draws on traditional garden-making technology to convey a sense of Sakai's history and natural features, along with continuously changing seasonal beauty.

Daisen Park and Japanese Gardens

[Address] Daisen-nakamachi, Sakai-ku, Sakai City (at Daisen Park) [Phone] 072-247-3670 [Hours] March through November: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; December through February: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (last entry 30 minutes before closing) [Closed] Mondays and New Year's (When Monday is a holiday, closed the following day.) [Admission] Adults, ¥200; Children (including junior high school students), ¥100



Trace the lives of two remarkable people while experiencing the history of Sakai.

This museum lets you experience the culture and history of Sakai through the lives of Sen no Rikyu and Yosano Akiko, both of whom were born in Sakai. You can also sample powdered green tea and Japanese sweets at a *ryuzai*-style traditional tea ceremony hosted with chairs to make it more approachable and easier to enjoy.

Sakai Plaza of Rikyu and Akiko

[Address] 2-1-1 Shukuinonishi, Sakai-ku, Sakai City [Phone] 072-260-4386 [Hours] 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (last entry at 5:30 p.m.) [Closed] Third Tuesday of every month and New Year's (When Tuesday is a holiday, closed the following day.) [Admission] Adults, ¥300; High school students, ¥200; Junior high school students and younger, ¥100 [Tea ceremony experience] 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last entry at 4:45 p.m.)



Learn about the basics of *kofun* mounds to enhance your expectations.

Be sure to visit this facility before viewing the real thing. You can learn about *kofun* mounds starting with the basics through compelling video and exhibits of associated materials.

NEW

Mozu Mounded Tombs Visitor Center
[Address] 2-160 Mozusekiuncho, Sakai-ku, Sakai City [Phone] 072-245-6682 [Hours] 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. [Closed] New Year's



A Sakai landmark where you can enjoy interacting with nature.

Located next to the Nintoku-tenno-ryo Kofun, this park is loved by the people of Sakai City. On its expansive grounds totaling 380,000 square meters, you can encounter verdant greenery and seasonal flowers while experiencing beautiful natural landscapes.

Daisen Park
[Address] 2 Mozusekiuncho, Sakai-ku, Sakai City [Phone] 072-241-0291 (Daisen Park Office)



Complete your exciting visit to the area's *kofun* mounds with a popular, local burger.

This popular cafe is located in Daisen Park. Its famous "Kofun Burger" is served on a plate shaped like a *kofun* mound.

Café IROHA

[Address] 2-204 Mozusekiuncho, Sakai-ku, Sakai City (in Daisen Park) [Phone] 072-245-0168 [Hours] 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. [Closed] Mondays (When Monday is a holiday, closed the following day.)



Experience the grandeur of keyhole-shaped *kofun* mounds up close.

This keyhole-shaped *kofun* mound is the third largest such burial mound in Japan. Don't miss the panoramic view from the viewing spot on the north side of the mound.

Richu-tenno-ryo Kofun (viewing spot)
[Address] Ishizugaoka, Nishi-ku, Sakai City [Phone] 072-228-7014 (Sakai City World Heritage Section)



Rental bicycles offer an easy way to visit parks and *kofun* mounds.

Rental electric bicycles make it easy to get around the expansive grounds of Daisen Park or visit the area's *kofun* mounds.

Mozufuru Rental Bicycles
[Location] Daisen Park Tourist Information Center (at the Mozu Mounded Tombs Visitor Center) *Bicycles can be rented and returned at four other facilities, too. [Phone] 072-245-8207 [Cost] ¥1,000 per day *If you return the bicycle to the facility where you rented it, ¥500.



Learn about the Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group, which has World Heritage status, and Sakai's historical culture.

In addition to the Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group, which has World Heritage status, the museum collects and exhibits materials related to history, art, folk culture, and other noteworthy aspects of Sakai's heritage. The Mozu Kofun Group Theater allows visitors to experience the grandeur of the Mozu Kofun Group via a video using computer graphics.

Sakai City Museum

[Address] 2 Mozusekiuncho, Sakai-ku, Sakai City (in Daisen Park) [Phone] 072-245-6201 [Hours] 9:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. (last entry at 4:30 p.m.) [Closed] Mondays (open when Monday is a public holiday) and New Year's [Admission] General admission, ¥200; High school and university students, ¥100; Elementary and junior high school students, ¥50 *Special fees apply during specially designated dates.



Learn about one of Japan's largest keyhole-shaped burial mounds in the Mozu area of the Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group, which was registered as a World Heritage site in 2019. The area is surrounded by three concentric moats and dotted with small and medium-size *kofun* mounds.

Nintoku-tenno-ryo Kofun

[Address] Daisencho, Sakai-ku, Sakai City [Phone] 072-228-7014 (Sakai City World Heritage Section)



Take a walk through Hachimangu Shrine, which is believed to be the oldest shrine in Japan, and the Furuichi *kofun* mound, which is the largest such burial mounds in Japan.

Believed to have been built during the second half of the sixth century, the shrine inspired belief on the part of military commanders and warriors during the rule of Minamoto no Yoritomo in Japan's medieval period and down through the ages. The current main hall and worship hall were rebuilt by the order of Toyotomi Hideyori. The shrine attracts belief as a god that ensures safe childbirth and wards off evil.

Konda Hachimangu Shrine

[Address] 3-2-8 Konda, Habikino City [Phone] 072-956-0635

This *kofun* mound is one of Japan's largest keyhole-shaped burial mounds, and the largest burial mound in the Furuichi area of the Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group, which was registered as a World Heritage site in 2019. The mound is surrounded by two concentric moats and an embankment.



Ojin-tenno-ryo Kofun
[Address] Konda, Habikino City [Phone] 072-947-3917 (Habikino City World Heritage Section)

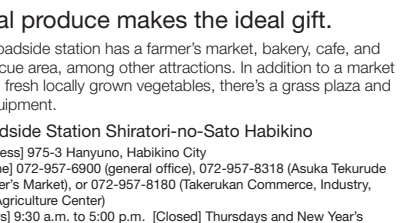


Fresh local produce makes the ideal gift.

This roadside station has a farmer's market, bakery, cafe, and barbecue area, among other attractions. In addition to a market selling fresh locally grown vegetables, there's a grass plaza and playground equipment.

Roadside Station Shiratori-no-Sato Habikino

[Address] 975-3 Hanyuno, Habikino City [Phone] 072-957-6900 (general office), 072-957-8318 (Asuka Tekurude Farmer's Market), or 072-957-8180 (Takerukan Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture Center) [Hours] 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Closed] Thursdays and New Year's



ROAD TO EXPO 2025

Making a success of Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan



Ensuring that both prefectural residents and visitors to Osaka all experience the diverse appeal that every area of the prefecture has to offer will help make the 2025 Japan World Expo (Expo 2025 Osaka- Kansai) a success. Visitors can sample Osaka cuisine, experience the area's natural beauty, encounter its history and culture, and sample its entertainment. By moving past the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuring everyone enjoys the entire community of Osaka as one giant museum, we can revitalize Osaka's tourism industry. It's not long until 2025. Osaka welcomes your high expectations as it undergoes a rebirth.



Courtesy of the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition

The Expo 2025 venue as seen from a height of 252 meters



Hours
11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. *Last entry at 9:30 p.m.
ⓄClosed: Mondays (When Monday is a holiday, closed the following day.)
ⓄUnderground parking is available (fee applies).

Admission
Adults (high school students and older), ¥800; Children (junior high school and elementary school students), ¥500

Getting Here
Via the Osaka Metro New Tram:
3 min. walk from Trade Center Mae Station

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COSMO TOWER
展望台
大阪府咲洲公庁観望台
Osaka Prefectural Government
Sakishima Building Observatory

Sakishima Building Observatory
1-14-16 Nankokita,
Suminoe-ku, Osaka City
TEL 06-6615-6055

Cosmo Tower, formerly the World Trade Center Building, now houses Osaka Prefectural Government offices. There's an observation deck on its top floor, 252 meters above the ground. The deck offers panoramic, 360-degree views of Osaka City as well as the Expo 2025 venue, which currently is being built. Try gazing out over Osaka as you ponder the city's glittering future.

History of expositions held in Osaka Prefecture

A bridge of hope connecting the present to the future

1970

Japan World Exposition

The Japan World Exposition was held in the Expo '70 Commemorative Park (in Suita City) with a theme of "Progress and Harmony for Mankind." A total of 77 countries participated. It was a symbolic event for Japan, which after a period of high economic growth had become the world's second largest economy. With video phones, electric cars, and other innovations, the venue offered plenty of glimpses into the future.



Expo '70 Commemorative Park
Sennbanpakuoen, Suita City
Phone: 06-6877-7387
[Closest stations] Osaka Monorail Banpakuinenkoen Station and Koen-Higashiguchi Station

1990

The International Garden and Greenery Exposition

The International Garden and Greenery Exposition was held at Tsurumi Ryokuchi Park (in Tsurumi-ku, Osaka City) with a theme of "Striving to Create a Rich, Fulfilling Society for the 21st Century by Exploring the Relationship between Flowers, Greenery, and Human Lifestyles." Even today, people continue to visit the Sakuya Konohana Kan, which features one of Japan's largest all-glass greenhouses.



Flower Expo Commemorative Park
Tsurumi Ryokuchi
2-163 Ryokuchikoen, Tsurumi-ku, Osaka City
Phone: 06-6911-8787
[Closest station] Osaka Metro Tsurumi-Ryokuchi Station

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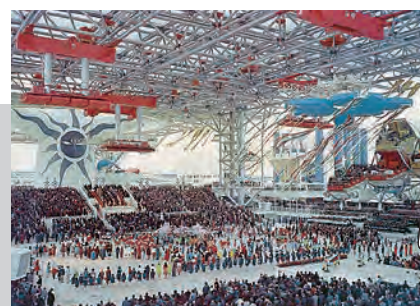
Japan World Exposition

The Japan World Exposition will be held in Yumeshima in Konohana-ku, Osaka City, in 2025 with the theme of "Designing Future Society for Our Lives." It's also known as Expo 2025 Osaka-Kansai. The logo, which was chosen as part of an open-submission process, became a nationwide topic due to its extremely unique design. Construction is currently proceeding at an urgent pace, including an extension of the Osaka Metro.



Courtesy of the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition

1970 Osaka Expo
Trivia



Moving sidewalks were popular.

Moving sidewalks, which were introduced as a way to get around the venue, became popular with attendees. They were subsequently installed at train stations and in underground shopping areas.



A primitive mobile phone debuted.

A wireless phone that was exhibited as a future telephone can be described as a primitive version of today's mobile phones. There was always a line of visitors waiting to try the device, which could actually make calls.

The world's first canned coffee (UCC) was sold at the venue and became a major hit.

UCC Milk Coffee, the world's first canned coffee, was launched in 1969. As soon as being sold at the Expo venue the following year, it became explosively popular and then spread throughout Japan.



Photograph courtesy of UCC Ueshima Coffee Co., Ltd.

