

# LET'S DISCOVER HYOGO MICHELIN GREEN GUIDE



## What are the Michelin Green Guides?

The Michelin Green Guide series is a travel guide that explains the attractions of each tourist destination. It contains a lot of information that allows curious travelers to understand their destinations in detail and fully enjoy their trips. Recommended places are introduced in the guides based on Michelin's unique investigation on each destination's attractions, such as rich natural resources and various cultural assets. Among them, the places that are especially recommended are awarded with the Michelin stars.

The destinations are classified into four ranks, from no stars to three stars ("worth a trip"), from the perspective of how recommendable they are for travelers.

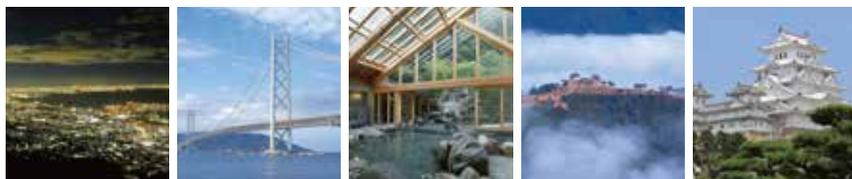
- ★★★ "Worth a trip" (It is worth making a whole trip simply for the destination)
- ★★ "Worth a detour" (It is worth making a detour while on a journey)
- ★ "Interesting"

## Michelin Green Guide Hyogo (Web version; English and French)

The web version of Michelin Green Guide Hyogo has been available in English and French since December 2016 (the URLs are shown below).

The website introduces tourist spots and facilities in Hyogo included in the Michelin Green Guide Japan (4th revised edition), as well as 23 additional venues such as the "Kikusedai observation platform on Mount Maya," "Akashi bridge & Maiko Marine Promenade," "Takenaka Carpentry Tools Museum," "Japanese Toy Museum," and "Awaji Doll Joruri Pavillion."

This guidebook introduces some of the tourist spots and facilities with one to three stars introduced in the web version of Michelin Green Guide Japan. Example) Himeji Castle ★★★



### Michelin Green Guide Hyogo

<http://travelguide.michelin.com/asia/japan/hyogo>  
<http://voyages.michelin.fr/asia/japon/hyogo>



### "Michelin Guide Hyogo 2016 Special Website"

<http://gmhyogo.gnavi.co.jp/home/>



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The Heart of Japan



# HYOGO

Official Hyogo Guidebook

兵庫県オフィシャルガイドブック



KINOSAKI

訪れる喜び



HIMEJI



KOBE



# HYOGO GOLDEN ROUTE

In the Kansai area, Hyogo is less than an hour from Kyoto and Osaka by train.

With Kobe Beef, the sake breweries of Nada and other notable attractions such as Himeji Castle, a World Heritage site, and Kinosaki Onsen,

where you can walk around the springs in town in a *yukata*, the Hyogo Golden Route has so much to offer to the discerning visitor.

Hyogo has everything!  
Hot springs, great food,  
history and nature.

# Hyogo

**[ Hyogo is the Center of Japan ]**  
Hyogo prefecture is located in the center of Japan, with the meridian (135 degrees east longitude) that sets Japanese Standard Time inside the prefecture. Due to its convenient location, Hyogo is well-connected to other major cities by highways, railroads, and airlines.

**[ Hyogo, the Possible Origin of Japan ]**  
According to the legend in the Kojiki, the oldest book of historical records in Japan, Awaji Island in Hyogo was the first island of Japan to be created. The Kansai region, the central area being Hyogo, Osaka, and Kyoto, was the center of Japanese politics and culture for over 1,000 years before the capital moved to Tokyo in 1868. Because of this background, Hyogo has many important cultural assets and historical and natural heritage sites, including the famous Himeji Castle.

**[ Hyogo is a Prefecture of Gourmet Food ]**  
Hyogo is famous for its wonderful food. Who can forget the world renowned taste of Kobe Beef? Come and enjoy genuine Kobe Beef at its origins. Along with Kobe Beef, seafood is extremely popular in Hyogo. Fresh and delicious seafood is caught from the Sea of Japan in the winter and from the Seto Inland Sea in the summer. If you ever try sweet Matsuba crabs in winter, it will be something you'll never forget. Also famous for its sweets and sake, Hyogo offers amazing dining experience like no other.

**[ Hyogo and its Famous Hot Springs ]**  
One thing that most visitors to Japan look forward to is onsen, or hot springs, and Hyogo has many hot springs all over the prefecture. Arima Hot Springs in Kobe is one of the oldest in Japan, and is considered to be one of the three best hot springs in the country. Also, Kinosaki Hot Springs in northern

Hyogo has been a popular getaway for many writers and artists who are looking for a nice quiet place to relax and spend some time. If you are visiting from another country, Kinosaki will allow you to experience the unique atmosphere of Japan and its hot spring town.

**[ Friendly to International Visitors ]**  
Hyogo prefecture has always been an important place for trading because of its geographical advantages. Especially since the opening of the Port of Kobe in 1868, it has attracted many foreign traders and became an important hub for international trade. There are a large number of international companies situated in Hyogo even today, with many foreign residents. This makes Hyogo a very comfortable place to visit for all international travelers. Hyogo always welcomes visitors from other countries.

Come enjoy the unique culture and food that can only be experienced in Hyogo. We hope that this guide book will help you make the most out of your time in this amazing prefecture.

