



# Kobe ★

A City of Vivacity and Style



Sannomiya and Motomachi areas are the busiest parts of Hyogo. From fashionable stores and restaurants to European-style buildings in the Old Foreign Settlement or Kitano's foreign settlement, this area is known as one of the most lively and stylish areas in Japan. Nankinmachi, or Kobe's Chinatown, is only a few minutes' walk from Motomachi station. Walking towards the Port of Kobe you'll find the symbol of the port, Port Tower, and the Maritime Museum, which is shaped like a sailing ship in Meriken Park. At night, the area is illuminated and the Port Tower lights up a beautiful red color. The night view of Kobe is something you cannot miss out. Soaking up the view on a cruise that sails from the port to the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge is one of the most popular activities in Kobe.



## Kobe Harborland MAP P33 F-1



A small-scale amusement park, fashionable stores, restaurants, and Kobe souvenirs can be found here.

**Kobe Harborland Information Center**  
 Website: <http://www.harborland.co.jp/en>  
 Tel: 078-360-3639



### Model Course



## Nankinmachi MAP P34 E-2,3



Motomachi, Yokohama, and Nagasaki are home to three of the largest Chinatowns in the country. Every year on Chinese New Year, Nankinmachi hosts a festival with cultural events such as Lion Dance and Dragon Dance.

Access: 5 minute walk from JR Motomachi station.

# Kitano district ★

## Modern City Filled with Foreign Influences

With the opening of the Port of Kobe, foreign cultures were brought into Kobe. From the beginning of the Meiji era, new culture and many industries were created. Between 1887 and the beginning of the Taisho era, foreigners' lives were well established and they started building houses on the hills of the Yamanote area (in Kitano). This is the start of the Kitano Foreign Residences. At that time, over 100 houses were built. The Kitano area exemplifies Kobe's western influences and attracts many visitors from across the country. Over twenty buildings are on display, including the Weathercock House and Moegi House, designated as important national cultural properties. At the Kitanomachi-kobo, or Kitano workshops, visitors can purchase local items as well as experience making them. The Kitano area offers many sightseeing attractions, interesting stores and souvenirs, as well as delicious dishes from all genres, making it a great place to spend the day. To fully appreciate the area, take a long stroll through town.

Access: 15 minute walk from JR/Hanshin/Hankyu/Kobe Municipal Subway Sannomiya station.



Weathercock House MAP P34 D-4



House of Uroko (Scale) MAP P34 D-4



Moegi House MAP P34 D-3



Rhine House MAP P34 D-4

## Ikuta Shrine MAP P34 D-3



This historical and well-respected shrine even appears in the Nihon Shoki, the second oldest book of classical Japanese history. It is a very popular shrine that is known as a shrine of love, business, health, and fortune.

Website: <http://www.ikutajinja.or.jp/>  
 Tel: 078-321-3851  
 Hours: 7am until sunset (Open daily, free entry)  
 Access: 10 minute walk north from JR/Hankyu/Hanshin Sannomiya station.

## Kobe City Museum ★★ MAP P34 F-3



Opened in 1982, the museum revolves around the theme of Intercultural Exchange. Its permanent exhibition focuses on the city of Kobe as well as cultural exchanges between Japan and other countries.

Website: <http://www.city.kobe.lg.jp/museum/>  
 Tel: 078-391-0035  
 Hours: 9:00-17:00 (Last admission 16:30) Closed on Mondays (The following day when Mondays falls on a national holiday), New Year holidays  
 Admission: Adults ¥200, College/High School Students ¥150, Junior/Elementary School Students ¥100  
 Access: 10 minute walk from JR/Hankyu/Kobe Municipal Subway Sannomiya station, or JR/Hanshin Motomachi station.



Kikusedai observation platform on Mount Maya ★★

## Mt. Rokko Enjoy abundant nature, beautiful views, and outdoor activities.

The Rokko Mountain range stretches 30km from east to west. It is a popular site for outdoor activities for the people of Kansai. The spectacular night view of Kobe from Mt. Rokko and Mt. Maya is often called the 10 million dollar view.

**Website:** <http://www.rokkosan.com>  
**Access:** Take a city bus from JR or Hankyu Rokkomichi station to the Rokko cable car.



Only about an hour's drive from Sannomiya, you'll be able to experience nature's beauty in all seasons. Standing 931 meters above sea level, this mountain offers many leisure facilities.

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## Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art ★



The largest art museum in western Japan, this beautiful concrete building covered with glass and Mikage stone was designed by the world renowned architect Tadao Ando. Many artworks from both Japanese and international artists are on display. Special exhibitions (additional fee required) are also held.

**Website:** <http://www.artm.pref.hyogo.jp/eng/> Tel: 078-262-0901  
**Hours:** 10:00-18:00 (Last entry 17:30) Closed on Mondays, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day  
**Price:** Adults ¥510, College students ¥410, Seniors (65+) ¥255  
 High school students ¥260,  
 Junior high school students and under are free  
**Access:** 10 minute walk from JR Nada station/  
 Hanshin Iwaya station.



## Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution MAP P32 A-4



This institution was founded to convey the experiences and lessons from the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake to the next generation and to reduce damage during disasters. There are diorama models that show rows of houses and stores immediately after the quake and a theater.

**Website:** <http://www.dri.ne.jp/en/> Tel: 078-262-5050  
**Hours:** Oct - Jun 9:30 - 17:30 (Last entry 16:30),  
 Jul - Sept 9:30 - 18:00 (Last entry 17:00) (Fri - Sat 9:30 - 19:00)  
**Dates closed:** Mondays  
**Admission:** Adults ¥600, College Students ¥450,  
 High School Students and younger are free.  
**Access:** 12 minute walk from JR Nada station or  
 10 minute walk from Hanshin Iwaya station/  
 Hanshin Kasuganomichi station.



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## Takenaka Carpentry Tools Museum ★★



The one and only museum of carpentry in Japan. In addition to a display of carpentry tools, the exhibition includes a model of Toshodaiji Temple and an impressive skeleton of a tea ceremony room. As the building itself is a masterpiece in craftsmanship, this is a museum where you can experience the mastery of carpentry.

**Website:** <http://dougukan.jp>  
**Tel:** 078-242-0216  
**Hours:** 9:30-16:30 (Last admission 16:00) Closed on Mondays (The following day when Mondays falls on a national holiday) and New Year's holidays  
**Price:** Adults ¥500, High school & College students ¥300, Junior high school students are free.  
**Access:** 3 minute walk from Subway Shinkobe station. Catch the Kobe-shi Bus as line No.2 or No.18 from Sannomiya station. Get off at the Kumochi 6-chome bus stop and 2 minute walk.

## Takarazuka Revue



Since its first show in April of 1914, Takarazuka has always been loved and admired by many. Its biggest attraction is the elegant and dreamy shows with the added unique bonus of an all female cast. It is rare for such a big group to do revues and shows so often, and the fact that they do all types of genres makes them one of a kind.

**Website:** <http://kageki.hankyu.co.jp/>  
**Tel:** 0570-00-5100  
**Access:** 5 minute walk from JR or Hankyu Takarazuka station.



## Akashi bridge & Maiko Marine Promenade ★★ MAP P31 B-1



The bridge first opened on April 5<sup>th</sup> of 1998, and is the longest suspension bridge in the world with a center span of 3,911 meters. It connects Kobe and Awaji Island. At night, the bridge is illuminated and changes its color depending on time and season. Visitors can also enjoy the Maiko Marine Promenade, the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge Center, the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, and other facilities nearby, or a peaceful time at Maiko Park.

**Maiko Marine Promenade**  
**Website:** <http://hyogo-maikopark.jp/>  
**Tel:** 078-785-5090  
**Hours:** 9:00-18:00 (Open until 19:00 during summer)  
 Apr. - Sept. : Open everyday  
 Oct. - Mar. : Closed on the 2nd Monday of the month, 12/29-31  
**Admission:** Adults ¥310, High School Students ¥150 (Weekends & Holidays)  
 Adults ¥250, High School Students ¥120 (Weekdays)  
 Junior High School students and younger are free  
**Access:** 5 minute walk from JR Maiko station or Sanyo Maiko Koen station.

## Tetsujin 28-go MAP P32 B-3



Known as Gigantor in the US, this 18 meter tall monument at Wakamatsu Park near JR Shin-Nagata station is quite a sight. It was built in honor of the late Manga artist from Kobe, Mitsuteru Yokoyama.

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**Website:** <http://www.kobe-tetsujin.com/>  
**Access:** 5 minute walk from JR Shin-Nagata Station.

## Tezuka Osamu Manga Museum ★



This memorial museum dedicated to the god of Japanese comics Manga, Osamu Tezuka. He is the creator of famous Astro Boy and Jungle Taitei and so on. Memorabilia, such as Tezuka's handwritten works and first editions, are on display.

Anime workshops are also available to let visitors experience creating anime.  
**Website:** <http://www.city.takarazuka.hyogo.jp/tezuka/>  
**Tel:** 0797-81-2970  
**Hours:** 9:30-17:00 (Last entry 16:30) Closed on Wednesdays, 12/29-31 (Open during holidays and school holidays)  
**Admission:** Adults ¥700, Junior/High School Students ¥300, Elementary School Students ¥100  
**Access:** 8 minute walk from JR/Hankyu Takarazuka station, or 5 minute walk from Hankyu Takarazuka Minamiguchi station.

