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If you're having a difficulty finding souvenirs, here are some recommended stores. From Hyogo's specialties to souvenirs for those who are living outside of Japan, there is a variety of items to choose from. Authentic souvenirs that can only be found in Kobe, and traditional Tachikui pottery, are some of the most popular souvenirs.

Daimaru Kobe

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Website : <http://www.daimaru.co.jp/kobe/>
Tel : 078-331-8121

Regular store hours : 10:00-20:00

Access : 3 minute walk from JR or Hanshin Motomachi station. In front of Subway Kyu-Kyoryuchi Daimaru-mae station.



Ukiyoe Handheld mirror

Ukiyoe Handheld mirror is printed Japanese Ukiyoe that is famous for a touch of shine ; creating an elegant profile. It can be packed in your make-up bags.

Traditional Kimono Case

Traditional Kimono Case is made of traditional Japanese fabric Chirimen. You must enjoy the atmosphere of Japan.



Coin Purse

This coin purse is made from deerskin and available in different design and colors. It is easy to use as an everyday utility.

Sogo Kobe

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Website : <https://www.sogo-seibu.jp/kobe/>
Tel : 078-221-4181

Regular store hours : 10:00-20:00 (Restaurant hours may differ.)

Access : JR/Hankyu/Hanshin/Subway Sannomiya station.



Yukata

Yukata function both as a bathrobe and loungewear. Wearing a yukata with a traditional design is a great way to spend a very relaxed time.

Kimono bottle holder

Kimono bottle holder decorates your kitchen by oriental style. We recommend that you use it as a wine bottle cover.



Sensu (Fan)

These gorgeous fans feature the works of world-renowned Ukiyo-e artists, Hiroshige and Hokusai. Great for day-to-day use or for decoration.

Tokyu Hands Sannomiya Store

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Website : <http://www.tokyu-hands.co.jp/sannomiya>
Tel : 078-321-6161

Hours : 10:00-20:30

Access : 5 minute walk from JR/Hankyu/Hanshin Sannomiya station.



Kabuki Face Pack

Kabuki face pack is a mask that rejuvenate your skin and also turn you into traditional stage performers. Their ingredients working to enhance your skin while transforming you into a star of the historical stage.

Japanese Hand Towel

Hand Towel printed Japanese sushi, sumo and so on. The towels are made from Japan and easy to use.



Ukiyoe chopsticks

You can choose your preferred design.

Promena KOBE Can★Do

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Website : <http://www.promenakobe.com/portfolio-item/cando/>
Tel : 078-360-9955

Hours : 10:00-21:00 Open year-round

Access : 5 minute walk from JR Kobe station



Sushi Mobile Phone Straps

Sushi samples are now available as keyrings. Which is your favourite?

umie Seria

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Webdite : <http://umie.jp.e.vd.hp.transer.com/shop/detail/8>
Tel : 078-371-3368

Hours:10:00-21:00 Open year-round

Access:5 minute walk from JR Kobe station



Woody Square Box

Wooden boxes for storage and interior decoration. Different sizes available.

Goldfish Mobile O

A mobile with six hanging goldfish will add a touch of summer to your decor.



Event Calendar

Seasonal and Historical Events in Hyogo



春 Spring

Cherry Blossom Viewing

There are many places around Hyogo where people can relish Japanese cherry blossoms. Himeji Castle, Akashi Park and Shukugawa Park were chosen as three of Japan's top 100 cherry blossoms viewing spots. The best season is late April, and even after full bloom, visitors can enjoy the beautiful shower of falling cherry petals. Some places offer lighting for night viewing.

How to get to Himeji Castle

15 minute walk from JR Sanyo line Himeji station.



秋 Fall

Fall Foliage in Hyogo

Leaves changing color paint Hyogo's mountains beautifully. The colder it gets, the more colorful they become. Mt. Shosha is one of the finest spots for viewing maple leaves changing color. The temple opens important cultural properties to the public for the season so that visitors can explore both nature and the history of Hyogo.

How to get to Mt. Shosha (Himeji)

Take the Shinki bus bound for Shosha Ropeway from JR Himeji station.



夏 Summer

Minato-Kobe Firework Festival

This annual firework festival, held in Kobe, is one of the most anticipated events in the city. The contrast between the colorful fireworks and the beautiful night view of Kobe is spectacular. Fireworks can be seen from different spots around the area.

Access: 10 minute walk from JR Kobe station.

Top firework festivals in Hyogo

- Mid-summer Firework Festival (Himeji)
- Kinosaki Hot Springs Furusato Festival (Toyooka)
- Takarazuka Tourism Firework Festival (Takarazuka)
- Awaji Island Firework Festival (Awaji)
- Evening Festival of Ako (Ako)



冬 Winter

Ten million dollar night views

Kobe Luminarie, the largest illumination festival in the country, is the most popular winter event in Kobe. There will be illuminations in Kitano-zaka area and Harbourland that are also very popular. Winter is the season when Kobe shines the most.

How to get to Harborland

10 minute walk from the east exit of JR/Hanshin Motomachi station.

January

- 1 Gencho-noh Okina Shinji Kasuga Shrine, Sasayama
- 2 Hot Spring Irizomeshiki Arima Hot Spring, Kobe
- 9-11 Toka Ebisu Festival Nishinomiya Shrine
- 17 Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Gathering Higashi-yuenchi, Chuo-ku, Kobe



National Kite Festival



Toka Ebisu Festival



Chinese New Year

February

- Late January - February Kobe Nankinmachi New Year Festival Nankinmachi, Kobe
- 3 Daikakuji Setsubun Festival Daikakuji, Amagasaki
- Early February Hatsu-uma Festival Minatogawa Shrine, Kobe
- 11 Neriko Festival Sumoto-shi Yuraminato Shrine
- 17-18 Yakuyoke (expelling out evil) Festival Hachiman Shrine, Kaibara, Tamba
- Fourth Sunday World heritage Himeji Castle marathon

March

- 3/1-5/31 Uzushio (Whirlpool) Festival Minamiawaji
- Third Saturday Izushi Hatsu-uma Festival Around Izushi Castle Ruins, Toyooka
- First Sunday Sasayama ABC Marathon Sasayama Castle Ruins Marathon Course, Sasayama

April

- Early Himeji Castle Cherry Blossom Viewing Party Himeji Castle San-no-maru Hiroba
- Second Sunday Kawanishi-shi Genji Festival Kawanishi
- 23-24 Kinosaki Onsen Festival Toyooka
- Late April to Early May Infiorata Kobe Different places within Kobe
- Third Sunday Soba Eating Tournament Sogo Shisho-mae, Izushi, Toyooka



Himeji Castle Party



Infiorata Kobe



Soba Eating Tournament

May

- Third Sunday Kobe Festival Kobe
- Last weekend Aioi Peron Festival Aioi Port, Aioi



Kobe Festival



Aioi Peron Festival

June

- First Sunday Yumura Hot Springs Festival Shinonsen-cho
- 22-24 Himeji Yukata Festival Osakabe Shrine, Himeji

For further questions or comments

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July

- 15 Sento Festival Ikuta Shrine, Kobe
- Mid to Late July Sunflower Festival Nanko, Sayo-cho
- 10-11 Sosya Year of Abundance Summer Festival (Watae Shinji) Harima-no-kuni, Sosha, Himeji
- 24-25 Ieshima Tenjin Festival Ieshima Shrine, Himeji

August

- First Saturday Kobe Port Fireworks Festival Near Meriken Park, Chuo-ku, Kobe
- First Friday to Sunday Himeji Castle Festival Himeji Castle, Himeji
- Early August Awaji Island Festival Sumoto
- 8 Rakanji Sento-e Kasai
- 15-16 Dekansho Festival Sasayama
- Late August Otanigawa-noryo-toro-nagashi Kinosaki Hot Springs, Toyooka



Sunflower Festival



Kobe Firework Festival



Dekansho Festival

September

- Fourth Sunday Tajima Beef Festival Hyogo Prefectural Tajima Farm Park, Shinonsen-cho
- Lunar calendar 15 Aug Kobe-Nankinmachi Chushu-setsu Nankinmachi, Chuo-ku, Kobe
- Third Sunday Kotoshironushi Shrine Kotoshironushi Shrine, Awaji
- Mizukake Festival

October

- 14-15 Nada Kenka Matsuri Hachiman Shrine, Matsubara, Himeji
- Second Saturday-Sunday Kobe Jazz Street Kitano and other areas in Kobe
- Second Saturday-Monday Tamba Sasayama Flavor Festival Tamba, Sasayama, Ajimaturi
- Third Saturday-Sunday Oushiko Shrine Fall Festival Takasago
- Third Saturday-Sunday Tamba Tachikui Yaki Pottery Festival Sue-no-sato, Sasayama



Nada Fighting Festival (October)



Kobe Jazz Street



Arima Tea Ceremony

November

- 2-3 Arima Tea Ceremony Arima Hot Spring, Kobe
- 3 Izushi Castle Festival Izushi, Toyooka
- First Saturday-Sunday Miki Hardware Festival Shiyakusho-mae, Miki
- 23 Opening of the Crab Kingdom In front of Kinosaki Onsen Station
- 23 Hyakkoku Dance Komasa-hachiman Shrine, Sanda
- Late November Kobe Marathon

December

- Early December Kasumi Crab Festival Kasumi-ku, Kami-cho
- 14 Ako Loyal Samurai Festival Ako
- Early to Mid-December Kobe Luminarie Kobe

Schedule may change without prior notice. Check the schedule before attending the events.