

# KOBE



## MEETING PLANNER'S GUIDE







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for Change Makers

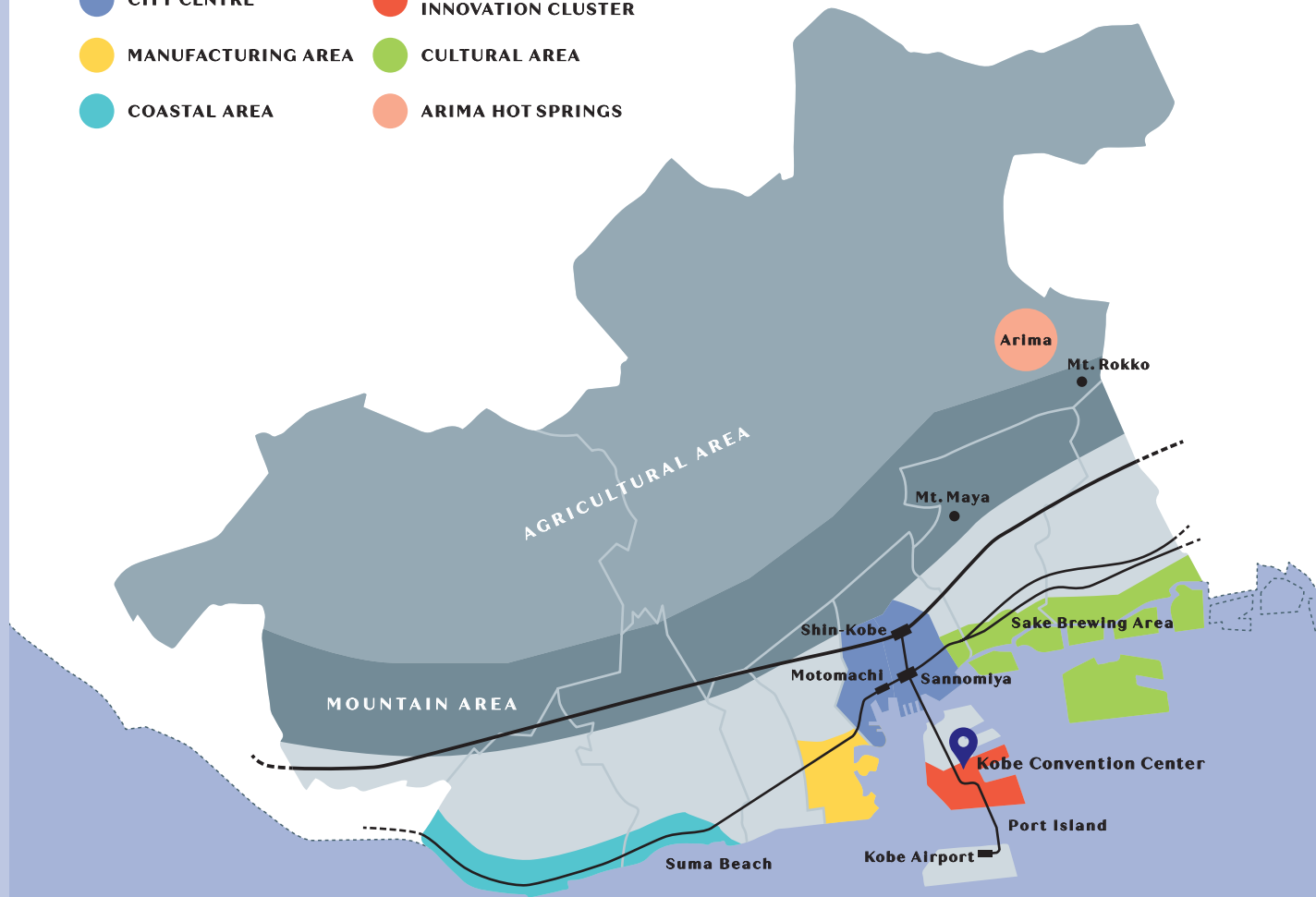
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## AREA MAP

- CITY CENTRE
- MANUFACTURING AREA
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- KOBE BIOMEDICAL INNOVATION CLUSTER
- CULTURAL AREA
- ARIMA HOT SPRINGS



## ABOUT KOBE

Located in the centre of Japan, Kobe is easily accessible from major cities in Japan and overseas. It is a compact city, where urban development is in harmony with nature, surrounded by beautiful coastline and with magnificent mountains just 5km from the city centre.

<b>Total population</b>	1,485,525 people (As of December 2025)
<b>International population</b>	143 countries 57,990 people (As of September 2024)
<b>Area</b>	557.05km <sup>2</sup> (As of April 2025)

# Welcome to KOBE

Since the 9th century, Kobe has played a critical role in shipping and trade, fostering an outward-looking spirit that encouraged it to embrace and adopt different cultures. It prospered through the shipbuilding and steel industries, and in recent years it has also focused on businesses with an eye on global expansion, such as research and development of advanced technologies in fields including medical care, IT, and new energy. Kobe remains one of the leading business bases in Japan.

As the first city in Japan to promote meetings and events, it opened Japan's first convention precinct - the Kobe Convention Center - in 1981 as part of the Portopia '81 exposition. In 2000, the Kobe Convention Bureau launched Japan's first meetings and events support package, "Meet in Kobe", to meet the needs of organisers and established Kobe as a city that understands and helps facilitate meetings and events.

In this guide, we will explore Kobe's strengths from four perspectives: PORT, LIVEABLE, MEDICAL, and DYNAMIC. As well as information about how we can support your event, we will share insights into the city, from its history to its cutting-edge technology, and its culture, food and lifestyle.



# WHY KOBÉ





# WHY KOBE

Kobe's strengths from  
four perspectives

## PORT CITY

A global city that has grown as an  
international trading port

## LIVEABLE CITY

A creative and collaborative city  
that promotes wellbeing

## MEDICAL CITY

Japan's leading medical research base,  
Kobe Biomedical Innovation Cluster

## DYNAMIC CITY

An experimental city that continues to  
shape the future with innovative ideas

A global city that has grown as an international trading port



PORT CITY

## PORT CITY

Since opening to the world in 1868 as one of Japan's first international trading ports, Kobe has grown on a foundation of shipbuilding, steel, and other key industries. Today, the revitalization of the waterfront around Kobe Port is generating new energy and connections, supporting the city's continued growth as a globally chosen destination.



## Historical industrial city

With the opening of Kobe's port, many corporations expanded internationally - including Suzuki Shoten, which became Japan's most successful trading company at that time - driving the city's economy and turning Kobe into an industrial powerhouse. Although heavy industry and manufacturing is still a key part of its economy, in the 1990s city officials started investing in new fields such as medical care and IT, turning Kobe into a leading centre for technological advances and innovation.

### Major industries

Heavy manufacturing	Medical	IT
New energy	Aerospace	Fashion



## Waterfront Development in Kobe



The waterfront area surrounding Kobe Port is undergoing a dynamic transformation. In 2025, the 10,000-seat GLION ARENA KOBE opened, evolving the district into a vibrant hub where sports, culture, and commerce come together. Looking ahead, Japan's first superyacht-dedicated marina, SUPERYACHT BASE KOBE, is scheduled to open in 2027. Together, these developments will create a truly international waterfront destination along the shores of Kobe.



## City of choice

\*4 2019 World Living Environment Survey, Mercer

\*5 Statistics on International Conferences, Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO)

\*6 "INVEST IN KOBE", Kobe Enterprise Promotion Bureau

**1<sup>st</sup>** Quality of life in Japan<sup>\*4</sup>

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Quality of life in Asia<sup>\*4</sup>

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Japan's international conference destination<sup>\*5</sup>

**4<sup>th</sup>** Location of choice for international company headquarters<sup>\*6</sup>

A symbiotic city that promotes welfare and disaster prevention

# LIVEABLE CITY



## LIVEABLE CITY

Kobe was one of the first cities in Japan to focus on ensuring its citizens' wellbeing, passing its Welfare Act in 1977. After the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake that struck the city in 1995, Kobe took the opportunity to reconstruct a resilient city that would improve its citizens' quality of life. Recognising the importance of residents helping each other, Kobe promoted community-level disaster prevention projects, which have been positively evaluated by the United Nations. Kobe is certified as Japan's first advanced disaster prevention "role model city".



## Efforts to improve civil welfare

One initiative to come out of the Welfare Act was the creation of Kobe's "Village of Happiness", which supports independent living for vulnerable citizens, who are empowered to assist each other. Following the 2016 G7 Health Ministers' Meeting in Kobe, the city put renewed focus on citizen welfare, launching the "Dementia Kobe Model" for dementia prevention and patient support.



## A city where you can connect with the community and live with peace of mind



### International disaster prevention guidelines originating from Kobe

At the 2005 UN Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, held in Kobe, reconstruction efforts after the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake were recognised and an international guideline, the Hyogo Framework for Action, was established. With world-class expertise, Kobe's knowledge has informed response guidelines and disaster prevention worldwide.

### Disaster information sharing service "Kobe City Disaster Bulletin Board"

One crucial lesson the city learned from the earthquake was the importance of citizens helping each other. Combining the knowledge of the disaster prevention community and new technology, Kobe has launched the "Kobe City Disaster Bulletin Board" system via messaging app, which allows citizens to share information in the event of a disaster.



### Regional cooperation system for infectious disease control

Following the G7 Health Ministers' Meeting, Kobe City strengthened its infectious disease management system. Using digital technology, the "Kobe model" promotes early detection, regional cooperation, and leads to infection control through information-sharing on the portal site.

Japan's leading medical research base, Kobe Biomedical Innovation Cluster



**MEDICAL** CITY

## MEDICAL CITY

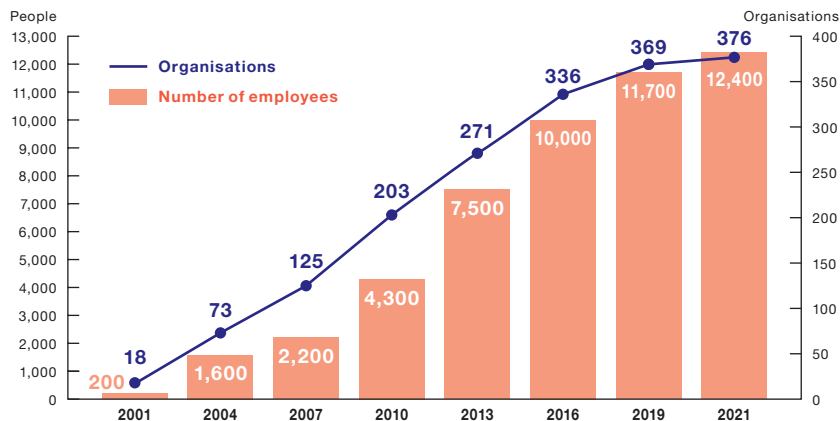
The devastation of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake in 1995 was the catalyst to reinvent Kobe as a centre for cutting-edge life science research. Transforming a man-made island in the city harbour, it created one of the largest biomedical clusters in Japan. With universities, research institutes, hospitals, and biomedical companies all concentrated within 2 km, it is an environment that encourages collaborative research and development, and practical application. Through this collaboration, Kobe continues to generate innovative research and technologies that are changing the world.



### A hotbed for the future of medicine

12,700 people work at approximately 340 organisations in the Kobe Biomedical Innovation Cluster. Fostering collaboration between academia, industry, and government, the cluster generates innovations and positions itself as a top biomedical cluster in Japan.

#### The rise in companies and organisations expanding into the Kobe Biomedical Innovation Cluster



## Advanced medical care x technology from Kobe

### A Japan produced surgical support robot

Medicaroid Corporation\* has developed the hinotori™ Surgical Robot System, in the industry-academia collaboration environment of Kobe. The system was put into practical use in just 5 years, and the first surgery was successfully performed at Kobe University in December 2020.



\*A venture company funded by Kawasaki Heavy Industries and Sysmex based in Kobe.

### Fugaku, A world-leading supercomputer

Fugaku, the successor to supercomputer K, began service in March 2021. Fugaku leverages the technology, human resources, and accumulated applications developed by K, to realise a versatile and internationally competitive system. Fugaku is expected to contribute to various fields, such as drug discovery and disaster prevention.



Photo Credit : Courtesy of RIKEN

### World's first transplantation of iPS photoreceptor cells

Kobe City Eye Hospital performed the first transplant of iPS-developed retinal cells to treat genetic eye disease, opening up new possibilities for the use of iPS cells - which can be programmed to create any new cell - in regenerative medicine.



An experimental city that continues to shape the future with innovative ideas

# DYNAMIC CITY



## DYNAMIC CITY

Inspired by the nature that surrounds it, Kobe is committed to creating a sustainable society and is focused on enabling an environment that encourages and supports startups that share this aim. It is working towards achieving the SDGs, including promoting innovations in new energy to create a carbon-free city.

### WHY KOBE

## Development of next-generation energy

In 2018, Kobe conducted a test to generate power using only hydrogen. For the first time in the world, it succeeded in supplying multiple public facilities, including the Kobe International Exhibition Hall. Trials in long-distance transport and storage of hydrogen are also underway. As the only advanced-energy city in Japan to be a member of the WECP, Kobe is contributing to global energy advancement.

\* World Energy Cities Partnership: Shares the services and knowledge of the energy industry and carries out exchange cooperation projects between member cities.



\*Fuel cell vehicle owned by Kobe City "MIRAI"

### WHY KOBE

## A new business area surrounded by nature



The "Rokko Sanjo Smart City Concept" was launched in 2020, to create a new working environment in an area rich in natural beauty. Since the launch of the concept, Kobe has created the "ROKKONOMAD" shared office space in the woods of Mt. Rokko. Equipped with cutting-edge technology, this shared co-creation space provides companies and creators with a place to connect and collaborate in new ways.

### WHY KOBE

## Various startup support programmes



Kobe City has implemented its own startup support measures that have attracted domestic and international attention, such as an entrepreneur development programme in collaboration with 500 Startups\*<sup>1</sup> based in Silicon Valley. Recognised as a Global Startup City\*<sup>2</sup> by the Cabinet Office, Kobe continues to strengthen its startup ecosystem as a key innovation hub in the Kansai region, working in collaboration with Osaka and Kyoto.

\*<sup>1</sup> One of the world's leading active startup investment funds.

\*<sup>2</sup> The Cabinet Office selects and supports plans to create startup ecosystem hubs, developed by local governments, universities, and private organizations, to build a uniquely Japanese startup ecosystem that is globally competitive



# SUPPORT

for Event Organisers

## ABOUT US | Kobe Convention Bureau

With 40 years' worth of experience and knowledge, the convention bureau supports meetings and events in Kobe by providing operational assistance and preparing proposals for attracting conferences. The convention bureau's unique "Meet in Kobe" package offers support, including access to a network of around 130 partner companies. The convention bureau supports the SDGs, and by creating an environment for international collaboration it supports targets in health and wellbeing.

- 1981 Held Japan's first regional exposition "Portopia '81"  
Opened Japan's first convention precinct,  
the Kobe Convention Center
- 1982 Declared Japan's first "Convention City Declaration"
- 2000 Announced Japan's first meetings and events  
support package "Meet in Kobe"
- 2013 Japan Tourism Agency selected Kobe as "Global MICE City"
- 2017~2019  
Kobe is ranked 2nd\* in Japan for international conferences  
\*Statistics on International Conferences, Japan National Tourism  
Organization (JNTO)

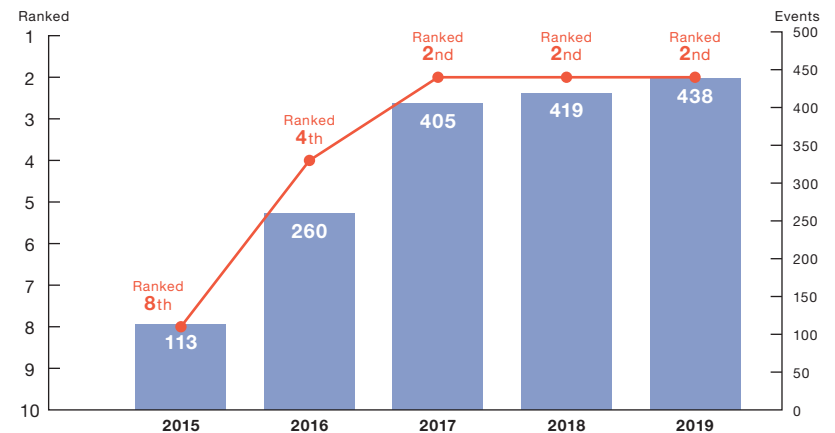
### International conference participant numbers



## 4 Strengths

- 01 **Able to handle large-scale conventions**  
Maximum number of participants  
More than **22,000**
- 02 **Accommodation**  
Number of guest rooms  
More than **17,000**
- 03 **Compatible with various scales of meetings and events**  
Total exhibition space  
**13,600** m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of convention facilities  
More than **60** of various sizes
- 04 **Achievements**  
Number of international conferences held annually  
More than **400** **2<sup>nd</sup>** in Japan

### Rise in the number of international conferences held in Kobe






**PAST EVENTS** We have facilitated a wide range of successful events from large-scale international conferences to hybrid conventions.



## Internet industry experts gathered in Kobe

### ICANN64 (The 64th ICANN public meeting)

 March 9-14, 2019   1,759 pax  
Kobe Convention Center

One of the world's largest Internet-related conferences, ICANN, was held in Japan for the first time in 19 years, bringing 1,800 people together from 100 countries, in Kobe. The city has a special history in this field - the influential international conference "INET '92" was held in 1992, which triggered the global spread of the commercial internet. The 64th public meeting was an opportunity for internet industry pioneers to meet again in Kobe. Local volunteers helped host the event, which incorporated aspects of traditional Japanese culture, including a sake barrel breaking ceremony, using sake from Kobe.

#### Comments from the organiser




Participants said, "We would love the event to be held in Kobe again". In addition to the attractive location and cityscape, much appreciation goes to everyone's cooperation and hospitality in Kobe, including the venue, convention bureau, and volunteers.

Akinori Maemura, ICANN64 local host committee



## ISPO returns to Kobe

### ISPO 2019 (The 17th International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics World Congress)

 October 5-8, 2019   4,596 pax  
Kobe Convention Center

Thirty years after Kobe was selected as Japan's first ISPO venue the world's top prosthetics and orthotics personnel returned. Many presentations and discussions were held, including the results of cutting-edge robot research. The national, prefectural, city, and convention bureaus worked together to create a larger event, including the Hyogo Parasports Festival and the Nursing / Medical Robot Trade Fair, in which 150 companies working in prosthetics and welfare equipment participated. A joint event with the WHO Kobe Centre for Health Development was also held, and the convention closed with great success.

#### Comments from the organiser

Kobe was the perfect place. We mobilised many participants from other countries with generous support and cooperation from Hyogo Prefecture and Kobe City, and the bureau. We received many compliments on the hospitality.

Takaaki Chin, President, Japanese Branch of ISPO



## A Congress with deep roots in Kobe

### Japan Digestive Disease Week (JDDW)

Medical  20,000 + pax

Kobe Convention Center

Japan Digestive Disease Week (JDDW), Japan's largest congress dedicated to digestive diseases, brings together five leading academic societies. Since its inaugural meeting in 1993, it has been held in Kobe more than 15 times, including in 1996, the year after the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, in support of the city's recovery. In 2022, commemorative trees were planted at Kobe Portopia Hotel to mark its 30th meeting, symbolizing the enduring partnership between JDDW and Kobe.

#### Comments from the organiser

Since holding its first meeting in Kobe in 1993, JDDW has grown significantly, supported by the city's continued partnership. After the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, we centred our meetings in Kobe in solidarity, and marked our 30th meeting with a commemorative tree planting. We look forward to continuing to grow together in Kobe.

Kazuhiko Koike, President, Organization of JDDW

#### Significant events

	Participants
2025 World Ports Conference 2025	650 +
2024 IEEE SENSORS 2024	1,200
2019 13th International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine World Congress (ISPRM 2019)	2,800
Japan Digestive Disease Week 2019 (JDDW 2019 Kobe)	22,000
2018 OCEANS'18 MTS / IEEE Kobe / Techno-Ocean 2018 (OTO'18)	7,000
The 31st International Electric Vehicle Symposium & Exhibition (EVS 31 & EVTeC 2018)	4,600
2017 IAG-IASPEI 39th Joint Scientific Assembly (IAG-IASPEI 2017)	1,000
2016 G7 Kobe Health Ministers' Meeting	20,000
Asian Pacific Digestive Week (APDW) 2016	3,000
2010 The 14th International Congress of Immunology (ICI 2010)	6,500
2008 G8 KOBE Environment Ministers Meeting 2008	60,000
2005 The 2nd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction	40,000

## Bidding support

## International conferences

## Portopia '81 Memorial Fund

Subsidies available up to 5 million JPY, depending on conditions.

## Type A

〈Applicable conditions〉

- 1 Held within Kobe city
- 2 The organiser is a non-profit organisation
- 3 More than 300 participants, including more than 100 international participants
- 4 More than five participating countries / regions (including Japan)
- 5 Held over three days or more

Up to **5 million JPY**

## Type B

〈Applicable conditions〉

- 1 Held within Kobe city
- 2 The organiser is a non-profit organisation

Up to **2 million JPY**

- Up to 5% of the total project cost for holding a meeting
- There must be 20 or more participants from two or more countries / regions including Japan
- For international sessions accompanying domestic conferences, materials relating to the meeting, such as posters, programs or a URL for the meeting's website must also be submitted.

## Domestic conferences

## Subsidies for domestic conferences

We will subsidise up to 2 million JPY for large-scale domestic conferences.

〈Applicable conditions〉

- 1 Held within Kobe city
- 2 The organiser is a non-profit organisation
- 3 National conference with more than 1,000 participants (half of the participants must come from outside of Kobe)
- 4 Held over two days or more

Up to **2 million JPY**

## Exhibition

## Exhibition hosting subsidy

For your first exhibition in Kobe city, we will subsidise up to 500,000 JPY.

〈Applicable conditions〉

- 1 First time holding an exhibition in Kobe city
- 2 Using 1,000 square metres or more at the venue
- 3 Held over two or more days including the preparation day

Up to **500,000 JPY**

## International conferences / Domestic conferences

## Grant from the Tsutomu Nakauchi Foundation

The foundation was established to attract conventions to Kobe and other cities in Hyogo prefecture. It provides subsidies for international and domestic conferences and lends funds for conference preparation.

Please contact the Kobe Convention Bureau for inquiries.

**Can be applied in combination with the Portopia '81 Memorial Fund and the domestic conference subsidy.**

## Event support

### Support menu


- 1 Subsidy for signboard production costs
- 2 Support for reception drinks  
\* Sake or wine purchase subsidy
- 3 Congress bags
- 4 Participant souvenirs
- 5 Sanitisation products
- 6 Sightseeing bus charter fee assistance
- 7 Curated tips, including tourist spots, dining recommendations, and special discount coupons via an exclusive website for conference delegates
- 8 Provision of Kobe promotional videos and images  
Public relations support for holding public lectures, etc.
- 9 Tourist information/introduction to Japanese cultural experience volunteers (flower arrangement, calligraphy, etc.)
- 10 Introduction of Kobe's unique experience programmes

\*1 to 7 are available only to events supported by the Portopia '81 Memorial Fund (up to three can be selected). Please contact the Kobe Convention Bureau.

### “Meet in Kobe” - our partner network

We will connect you with the most suitable company from our partners in various industries, according to your needs.

- Convention facilities
- Hotels / ryokans
- Venue equipment rental / setup (displays, equipment, etc.)
- PCO
- Travel agency
- Pick-up service / sightseeing bus
- Transportation
- Catering
- Interpreters
- Printing / web design
- Branded souvenirs
- Sale of goods in the venue
- Restaurants
- Leisure boats / dinner cruises
- Tourism services
- Sauna / spa facilities
- Various meetings

 Please see the website for details



## Frequently asked questions **FAQ**

### Q. What support can I receive when considering an international conference in Kobe?

A. The Kobe Convention Bureau provides a variety of support to attract international conferences, including:

- Consulting services for holding conferences
- Venue finding
- Assistance in creating proposals
- Site inspections

In addition, regardless of whether it is an international or domestic conference, corporate meeting or incentive tour, we offer a wide range of venue proposals and assist in site inspections. If you are considering holding a meeting or event in Kobe, please contact the Kobe Convention Bureau.

### Q. Can you recommend volunteers?

A. We can introduce you to volunteers who provide services such as interpreting and tourist information. Please bear volunteers' travel and meal expenses. Please note that we cannot provide volunteers to handle financial transactions or guide the flow of traffic in venues.

### Q. Can you recommend a catering service or equipment rental company?

A. We can introduce you to some of the “Meet in Kobe” partner companies that support meetings and events in Kobe.

### Q. Do you provide support for hybrid conferences?

A. We can introduce you to suppliers that can provide expertise in online streaming and the equipment necessary to hold a hybrid meeting at the Kobe Convention Center. For more information, please contact the Kobe Convention Bureau.

**VENUES** We are able to offer meeting and event facilities such as the Kobe Convention Center, including unique venues and hotels.

## Kobe Convention Center

Opened in 1981 as Japan's first convention precinct, this is the setting for numerous international conferences and exhibitions, and is conveniently located within a 3-minute walk from the station. It has a convention hall that can accommodate up to 4,000 people, and conference rooms and exhibition halls of various sizes to meet all needs. A covered corridor connects the conference centre, exhibition hall, and hotel, making it suitable for all weather conditions. In addition, Kobe Airport began international operations in 2025, with scheduled international flights enhancing global accessibility.

**10 min from city centre / 8 min from Kobe Airport**

### Kobe International Conference Center

The main hall, which can hold up to 692 people, can accommodate ceremonies and concerts etc.



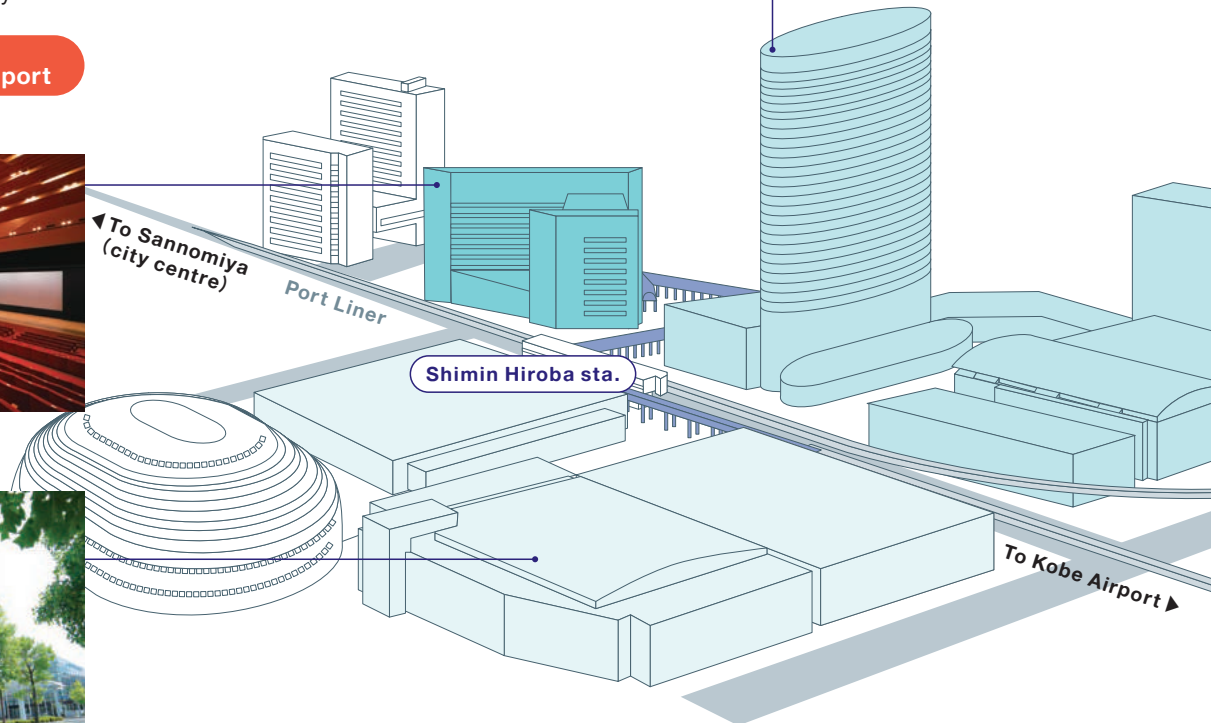
### Kobe International Exhibition Hall

Kobe's largest exhibition hall with an exhibition space of 13,600m<sup>2</sup>.



### Kobe Portopia Hotel

In conjunction with the Kobe International Conference Center/Exhibition Hall, the hotel is able to provide accommodation and a variety of meeting and banquet spaces with an Executive Floor ideal for business travelers.



Facilities can be combined to offer flexibility according to the scale and budget of all meetings and events.

Parking Shuttle bus Restaurant WiFi Accessible Dietary requirements catered for

## Kobe International Conference Center

+81-78-302-5200

Port Island

[kobe-cc.jp/en/facilities/conference-center/](http://kobe-cc.jp/en/facilities/conference-center/)

Room	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Capacity	
		Classroom	Theatre
Main Hall	575	–	692
International Conference Room	387	240	360
Reception Hall	272	184	244
302~307	40~66	17	28
401 / 402 (connectable)	130/99	78/54	124/102
403	100	60	104
404~406	62~64	39	52
407	42	24	34
501 / 502	233	150	212
503	82	42	84
504 / 505 (connectable)	90/95	42/51	84/100

## Kobe International Exhibition Hall

+81-78-302-1020

Port Island

[kobe-cc.jp/en/facilities/exhibition-hall/](http://kobe-cc.jp/en/facilities/exhibition-hall/)

Room	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Capacity	
		Classroom	Theatre
Hall 1	1F	–	–
	2F (Dividable into two)	1,500	3,000
	Multi-purpose Room	153	60
Hall 2	Convention Hall (Dividable into two)	2,000	4,000
	2A	180	300
	2B	124	90
	3A	450	270
Hall 3	3B	145	90
	Exhibition Hall	2,000	4,000

## Kobe Portopia Hotel

+81-78-302-1123

Port Island

[www.portopia.co.jp/en/](http://www.portopia.co.jp/en/)

Room	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Capacity				
		Classroom	Theatre	Reception	Banquet	
Portopia Hall	–	610	1,702	–	–	
Ohwada (Dividable into three)	2,003	1,650	2,800	3,000	1,400	
Rainbow	362	270	400	300	200	
Topaz	325	250	400	270	230	
Diamond	215	190	300	180	150	
Emerald	214	180	280	180	140	
Sapphire	184	150	220	150	120	
Ruby	167	120	200	150	110	
Main Building	Kairaku (Dividable into three)	1,190	800	1,200	1,200	800
	Waraku (Dividable into two)	377	280	400	300	230
	Ikuta	188	130	200	150	120
	Nunobiki	149	110	150	100	80
	Kitano / Kikusui	126	90	140	80	80
ÉCXIA	184	–	–	80	60	



Please see the website for details



## HOTEL VENUES

Facility	Room	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Capacity				Remark
			Classroom	Theatre	Reception	Banquet	
 <p><b>ANA Crowne Plaza Kobe</b> +81-78-291-1121 📍 Shin-Kobe <a href="http://www.anacrowneplaza-kobe.jp/en/">www.anacrowneplaza-kobe.jp/en/</a></p> <p>🅅 🚌 🍴 📶 ♿ ❤️</p>	The Ballroom	1,663	1,100	2,000	2,200	920	Dividable into three
	Rosemary	257	160	340	210	150	
	Chamomile	208	140	260	170	110	
	Jasmine	212	140	260	170	110	
 <p><b>Hotel Okura Kobe</b> +81-78-333-0111 📍 Motomachi <a href="http://www.kobe.hotelokura.co.jp/en/">www.kobe.hotelokura.co.jp/en/</a></p> <p>🅅 🚌 🍴 📶 ♿ ❤️</p>	Heian	2,100	880	3,000	3,000	1,200	Dividable into three
	Matsukaze	331	180	300	200	160	Dividable into two
	Akebono	248	147	220	150	120	
	Mayfair	182	90	150	100	80	
 <p><b>Kobe Bay Sheraton Hotel &amp; Towers</b> +81-78-857-7000 📍 Rokko Island <a href="http://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/osakb-kobe-bay-sheraton-hotel-and-towers/overview/">www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/osakb-kobe-bay-sheraton-hotel-and-towers/overview/</a></p> <p>🅅 🚌 🍴 📶 ♿ ❤️</p>	Rokko	925	500	940	700	420	Dividable into three
	Kitano	187	80	154	100	80	
	Maya	170	70	132	90	70	
	Ocean	513	200	400	250	–	
	Island	180	80	160	100	–	

Facility	Room	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Capacity				Remark
			Classroom	Theatre	Reception	Banquet	
 <p><b>THE ORIENT</b> +81-78-326-1501 📍 Sannomiya <a href="http://theorient.jp/en/">theorient.jp/en/</a></p> 	Oriental room	227	136	273	180	160	Dividable into two
	Royal Ballroom	227	136	273	180	160	Dividable into three
	Bamboo room	127	84	128	90	88	
	Terrace room	98	52	100	70	64	
 <p><b>Kobe Marriott Hotel</b> +81-78-362-1155 📍 Kobe <a href="http://marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ukbmc-kobe-marriott-hotel/overview/">marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ukbmc-kobe-marriott-hotel/overview/</a></p> 	The Ballroom	656	360	750	700	360	Dividable into three
	Midtown	373	240	324	230	240	Dividable into two
	Square	239	99	180	120	120	
	Gallery	92	24	60	35	40	Dividable into two
 <p><b>Kobe Meriken Park Oriental Hotel</b> +81-78-325-8111 📍 Motomachi <a href="http://www.kobe-orientalhotel.co.jp/english/">www.kobe-orientalhotel.co.jp/english/</a></p> 	Zuiten	810	700	930	600	400	Dividable into three
	Kaio	342	130	180	130	100	
	Tenku	210	78	108	100	80	
	Ginga	190	100	140	80	70	Dividable into two
 <p><b>La Suite Kobe Oceans Garden</b> +81-78-381-7777 📍 Sannomiya <a href="http://oceansgarden.jp/">oceansgarden.jp/</a></p> 	Oceans Hall	663	396	640	700	430	Dividable into four

## UNIQUE VENUES

### A historic mansion set in beautiful Japanese gardens

A guesthouse where you can enjoy the Sorakuen Garden, a nationally designated scenic spot. The building is a beautiful example of Japanese elegance, with a banquet hall, private rooms and the flexibility to have an open party outdoors.



#### THE SORAKUEN

+81-78-341-1191

📍 Motomachi  
[www.the-sorakuen.jp/party/](http://www.the-sorakuen.jp/party/)



[ Main room ] Park Suite  
[ Area ] 210m<sup>2</sup> (Extendable to 280m<sup>2</sup>)  
[ Capacity ] Reception / 300 Banquet / 200

### A stunning early Showa period villa, tucked away in a quiet neighbourhood

A majestic three-storey wooden Japanese villa, completed in 1934. Its private rooms, restaurant and bar take advantage of the villa's stunning garden and provide guests with a quiet escape.



#### THE GARDEN PLACE SOSHUEN

+81-78-851-3227

📍 Higashi Nada  
<https://soshuen.jp/en/>



[ Main room ] THE ORIENTAL ROOM  
[ Area ] 128m<sup>2</sup>  
[ Capacity ] Reception / 120 Banquet / 100

### Savour tradition at the historic Fukuju Sake Brewery

The original timber brewery has been transformed into a unique event space. Enjoy the renowned Fukuju sake, paired with beautifully-presented Japanese cuisine.



#### Kobe Shu-shin-kan Breweries

+81-78-841-1121

📍 Higashi Nada  
[www.enjoyfukuju.com/en/visitus/](http://www.enjoyfukuju.com/en/visitus/)



[ Main room ] Kobe Shushinkan Hall  
[ Area ] 246m<sup>2</sup>  
[ Capacity ] Banquet / 100

### A chic and luxurious guesthouse

A 100-year-old guesthouse, set in large gardens, and designed with a mix of Japanese and European Art Deco and Secession style. Now an important cultural property, it has several spaces including a hall, restaurant and annexe.



#### KOBE GEIHIKANKAN Former Guest House

+81-6-6371-4800

📍 Suma  
[www.vizcaya.jp/party/](http://www.vizcaya.jp/party/)



[ Main room ] THE VIZCAYA GARDEN  
[ Area ] 176m<sup>2</sup>  
[ Capacity ] Reception / 130 Banquet / 126

## A refined retreat atop Mt. Rokko

The retreat for the Japanese elite in the 19th century, the former Rokkosan Hotel was restored and reopened in 2019. The restaurant's deck boasts spectacular views, and the main building features a gallery space and meeting room capable of hosting a variety of events.



### ROKKOSAN SILENCE RESORT

+81-78-891-0650

Mt.Rokko  
[rokkosansilence-resort.com/en/](http://rokkosansilence-resort.com/en/)



[ Main room] Sora no Dining  
 [Area] 467.36m<sup>2</sup> [Capacity] Reception / 150  
 Banquet/Indoor 98, Outdoor terrace 100

## Overlook the Kobe cityscape in style

This hillside location, just off Shin-Kobe Station, has a variety of facilities, including an all-weather indoor garden and an event space and terrace with a view overlooking the city and ocean.



### SOLA KOBE

+81-78-222-5515

Kitano  
[www.sola-resort.com/party/en/](http://www.sola-resort.com/party/en/)



[ Main room] Grace villa  
 [Area] 416m<sup>2</sup>  
 [Capacity] Reception / 300 Banquet / 140

## Feast your eyes and appetite on a harbour cruise

Restaurant cruise ships with a variety of large and small rooms available for hire. Enjoy the sunset and breathtaking night views of the Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge and the Kobe skyline while enjoying a variety of cuisine including French and Kobe Beef.



\* The photo is Concerto

### THE KOBE DINING CRUISE Concerto / Luminous Kobe-2

+81-78-360-5603

Kobe  
[thekobecruise.com](http://thekobecruise.com)



Concerto  
 [Max capacity] Reception / 500 Banquet / 400  
 Luminous Kobe-2  
 [Max capacity] Reception / 800 Banquet / 600

## A spacious wooden deck with an ocean view

Enjoy an original take on Italian cuisine with a focus on Kobe's finest seafood. With over 300 sqm of outdoor space on our wooden deck terrace, there is plenty of room to take in the stunning scenery.



### OCEAN PLACE

+81-78-334-6850

Kobe  
[www.oceanplace-kobe.com/party/](http://www.oceanplace-kobe.com/party/)



[ Main room] Faro Côte  
 [Area] 183.7m<sup>2</sup>  
 [Capacity] Reception / 120 Banquet / 80

## OTHER VENUES

Exhibition spaces			
Area	Facility	Main room (capacity)	Website
Port Island	World Hall	8,000	<a href="http://www.kobe-spokyo.jp/world-kobe/">www.kobe-spokyo.jp/world-kobe/</a>
	Kobe Chamber of Commerce and Industry	468	<a href="http://www.kcci-convention.com/">www.kcci-convention.com/</a>
	Xebec Hall	250	<a href="http://www.xebec.co.jp/xebec-hall/">www.xebec.co.jp/xebec-hall/</a>
Sannomiya	Kobe International House	2,022	<a href="http://www.kih.co.jp">www.kih.co.jp</a>
	Sannomiya Convention Center	700 (Up to 400 seats)	<a href="http://oneknot-scc.jp/">oneknot-scc.jp/</a>
	Lasse Hall	560	<a href="http://www.lassehall.com">www.lassehall.com</a>
	Kobe Port Oasis	400	<a href="http://www.kobeportoasis.jp/">www.kobeportoasis.jp/</a>
	Design and Creative Center Kobe (KIITO)	340	<a href="http://kiito.jp">kiito.jp</a>
	Sannomiya Training Center	156	<a href="http://f-road.co.jp/kenshu/">f-road.co.jp/kenshu/</a>
	Kobe Sanbo Hall	Exhibition space 1,308m <sup>2</sup> (2F)	<a href="http://www.kobe-sanbo.net">www.kobe-sanbo.net</a>
	GLION ARENA KOBE	10,000	<a href="http://www.totteikobe.jp/about_gilionarenakobe">www.totteikobe.jp/about_gilionarenakobe</a>
	La Terrace Hall KOBE	250	<a href="http://www.l-s.jp/lepan/lasuitelepan/laterracehall/">www.l-s.jp/lepan/lasuitelepan/laterracehall/</a>
Moto-machi	Hyogo Prefectural Nojigiku Hall	360	<a href="http://www.hyogo-jinken.or.jp">www.hyogo-jinken.or.jp</a>

Area	Facility	Main room (capacity)	Website
Moto-machi	Hyogo Chuo Labor Center	210	<a href="http://hyogo-churou.com">hyogo-churou.com</a>
Shin-Kobe	Art Center of Kobe	1,100	<a href="http://www.art-center.jp/kobe">www.art-center.jp/kobe</a>
Kobe	Kobe Bunka Hall	Large Hall 2,043	<a href="http://www.kobe-bunka.jp/hall">www.kobe-bunka.jp/hall</a>
	Kobe Shimbun Matsukata Hall	706	<a href="http://matsukata.kobe-np.co.jp">matsukata.kobe-np.co.jp</a>
	Kobe Harborland Space Theater	400	<a href="http://kobeharborland.com/space-theater/">kobeharborland.com/space-theater/</a>
	Kobe Industrial Promotion Center	397	<a href="http://www.kobe-ipc.or.jp/">www.kobe-ipc.or.jp/</a>
	Kobe Municipal Woman's Hall	171	<a href="http://kobe-fujin.jimdoweb.com/">kobe-fujin.jimdoweb.com/</a>
Rokko Island	Kobe Fashion Mart	1,584	<a href="http://www.kfm.or.jp/en/">www.kfm.or.jp/en/</a>
Higashi-Nada	Higashinada Bunka Center Uhara Hall	650	<a href="http://www.kobe-bunka.jp/facilities/higashinada/">www.kobe-bunka.jp/facilities/higashinada/</a>
North / West Kobe	Village of Happiness KOBE	Hall 300	<a href="http://shiawasenomura.org">shiawasenomura.org</a>
	Kobe City University of Foreign Studies	1,500	<a href="http://www.kobe-cufs.ac.jp/english/">www.kobe-cufs.ac.jp/english/</a>
	Kobe City University of Foreign Studies Satellite	200	<a href="http://kobe-cufs.ac.jp">kobe-cufs.ac.jp</a>

Hotel venues			
Area	Facility	Main room (capacity)	Website
Port Island	Hotel Pearl City Kobe <small>*Rebranded as Courtyard by Marriott Kobe around summer 2026</small>	130	hmihotelgroup.com/pearlcity-kobe/en/
	Ariston Hotel Kobe	250	www.ariston.jp/kobe/en/
Sannomiya	Kobe Sannomiya Tokyu REI Hotel	200	www.tokyuhotelsjapan.com/global/kobesannomiya-r/
	Hotel Sunroute Sopra Kobe	132	www.sopra-kobe.com/en/
	Kobe Sannomiya Union Hotel	30	www.unionhotel.jp/foreign/english.html
Kitano	Hotel Kitano Plaza Rokko-so	200	www.rokkoso.com/?men=6
Kobe	Hotel La Suite Kobe Harborland	70	global.l-s.jp/
Rokko Island	Hotel Plaza Kobe	300	https://global.hotelplazakobe.co.jp/
Arima Hot Springs	Arima Grand Hotel	800	www.arima-gh.jp/en/
	Hyoey Koyokaku	280	www.hyoey.co.jp/english/
	Gekkoen Korokan / Yugetsusanso	75	www.gekkoen.co.jp/en/
	Hotel Kinzan	180	www.kinzan.co.jp
Maiko	Seaside Hotel MAIKO VILLA KOBE	1,080	www.maikovilla.co.jp/en/

Unique venues			
Area	Facility	Main room (capacity)	Details / Websites
Sannomiya	Banquet Bayside Geihinkan Kobe	120	A house with a private pool. The venue has been renovated and is filled with natural light. (www.tgn.co.jp/p_party/hall/bgk/)
	Yamate Geihinkan Kobe	112	A guesthouse featuring a courtyard for garden parties, just a 1-minute walk from Sannomiya station. (www.tgn.co.jp/p_party/hall/ygk/)
Kitano	Restaurant KOBE KITANO IJINKAN Former Kulpe House	100	An old ijinkan that welcomed guests during its days as St George Japan, a prestigious membership club during the Meiji era. (www.kulpehaus.com/party/)
Kobe	Cruising Royal Princess	500	Kansai's largest leisure boat features a spacious interior and can be reserved for private use. (kobebayc.co.jp/)
	Gozabune Atakemaru	500	This large Japanese-style ship is modelled after a vessel made by order of the shogun during the Edo period. (kobebayc.co.jp/)
	Banquet Minatogawa Shrine Nanko Hall	250	Located within the lush Minatogawa Shrine, a 3-minute walk from JR Kobe station. (www.minatogawajinja.or.jp/nankou/)
Nada	Banquet The Hillside Kobe	88	A sophisticated party venue designed by architect Tadao Ando, which can be reserved for private use. (www.hillsiderokko.com/party/)

## ACCOMMODATION

Area	Facility	Number of rooms	Website
Port Island	Kobe Portopia Hotel	737	<a href="http://www.portopia.co.jp/en/">www.portopia.co.jp/en/</a>
	Hotel Pearl City Kobe	381	<a href="http://hmihotelgroup.com/pearlcity-kobe/en/">hmihotelgroup.com/pearlcity-kobe/en/</a>
	Ariston Hotel Kobe	121	<a href="http://www.ariston.jp/kobe/en/">www.ariston.jp/kobe/en/</a>
Sannomiya	Kobe Sannomiya Union Hotel	307	<a href="http://www.unionhotel.jp/foreign/english.php">www.unionhotel.jp/foreign/english.php</a>
	Sotetsu Fresa Inn Kobe-Sannomiya	271	<a href="http://sotetsu-hotels.com/en/fresa-inn/sannomiya/">sotetsu-hotels.com/en/fresa-inn/sannomiya/</a>
	Kobe Luminous Hotel Sannomiya	257	<a href="http://www.luminous-hotel.co.jp/sannomiya/">www.luminous-hotel.co.jp/sannomiya/</a>
	Kobe Sannomiya Tokyu REI Hotel	235	<a href="http://www.tokyuhotels.co.jp/en/kobesannomiya-r/index.html">www.tokyuhotels.co.jp/en/kobesannomiya-r/index.html</a>
	Hotel Monterey Kobe	231	<a href="http://www.hotelmonterey.co.jp/en/kobe/">www.hotelmonterey.co.jp/en/kobe/</a>
	Hotel Sunroute Sopra Kobe	218	<a href="http://www.sopra-kobe.com/en/">www.sopra-kobe.com/en/</a>
	remm plus KOBE SANNOMIYA	209	<a href="http://www.hankyu-hotel.com/en/hotel/remm/kobe-sannomiya">www.hankyu-hotel.com/en/hotel/remm/kobe-sannomiya</a>
	Hotel Monte Hermana Kobe Amalie	180	<a href="http://www.monte-hermana.jp/en/kobe/">www.monte-hermana.jp/en/kobe/</a>
	the b kobe	168	<a href="http://en.theb-hotels.com/theb/kobe">en.theb-hotels.com/theb/kobe</a>
	Hotel SUI Kobe Sannomiya	131	<a href="http://www.hotelsui-kobe.com/">www.hotelsui-kobe.com/</a>
	ORIENTAL HOTEL KOBE	116	<a href="http://www.orientalhotel.jp/">www.orientalhotel.jp/</a>
	Sanside Hotel	100	<a href="http://sanside.co.jp/">sanside.co.jp/</a>
	Hotel Via Mare Kobe	95	<a href="http://www.h-viamare.co.jp/">www.h-viamare.co.jp/</a>
	Hotel Piena Kobe	90	<a href="http://www.piena.co.jp/english/">www.piena.co.jp/english/</a>

Area	Facility	Number of rooms	Website
Sanno-miya	Kitagami Hotel	55	<a href="http://www.kitagamihotel.com/">www.kitagamihotel.com/</a>
Motomachi	Hotel Okura Kobe	468	<a href="http://www.kobe.hotelokura.co.jp/en/">www.kobe.hotelokura.co.jp/en/</a>
	Kobe Meriken Park Oriental Hotel	323	<a href="http://www.kobe-orientalhotel.co.jp/">www.kobe-orientalhotel.co.jp/</a>
	Kobe PortTower Hotel	193	<a href="http://www.kobe-porttower-hotel.com/">www.kobe-porttower-hotel.com/</a>
	Kobe Motomachi Tokyu REI Hotel	191	<a href="http://www.tokyuhotels.co.jp/en/kobemotomachi-r/index.html">www.tokyuhotels.co.jp/en/kobemotomachi-r/index.html</a>
	Kobe Plaza Hotel	107	<a href="http://www.kobeplaza.com/en/">www.kobeplaza.com/en/</a>
	Kobe Plaza Hotel West	120	<a href="http://www.kobeplaza.com/west/en/">www.kobeplaza.com/west/en/</a>
Shin-Kobe / Kitano	Hotel La Suite Kobe Harborland	70	<a href="http://global.l-s.jp/">global.l-s.jp/</a>
	ANA Crowne Plaza Kobe	592	<a href="http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/gb/en/hyogo/osakb/hoteldetail">www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/gb/en/hyogo/osakb/hoteldetail</a>
	Green Hill Hotel Urban	102	<a href="http://gh-hotel.co.jp/urban/">gh-hotel.co.jp/urban/</a>
	Hotel Kitano Plaza Rokko-so	49	<a href="http://rokkoso.com/?men=6">rokkoso.com/?men=6</a>
	Kobe Kitano Hotel	30	<a href="http://www.kobe-kitanohotel.co.jp">www.kobe-kitanohotel.co.jp</a>
	Hotel ISAGO Kobe	22	<a href="http://en.isago.co.jp/">en.isago.co.jp/</a>
Kobe / Hyogo	PEANUTS HOTEL	18	<a href="http://www.peanutshotel.jp/en/">www.peanutshotel.jp/en/</a>
	Kobe Marriott Hotel	186	<a href="http://marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ukbmc-kobe-marriott-hotel/overview/">marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ukbmc-kobe-marriott-hotel/overview/</a>
	Kobe Luminous Hotel Hyogoekimae	192	<a href="http://www.luminous-hotel.co.jp/kobe/">www.luminous-hotel.co.jp/kobe/</a>
	Hotel Sunroute Sopra Kobe Annesso	174	<a href="http://www.sopra-kobe-annesso.com/en/">www.sopra-kobe-annesso.com/en/</a>

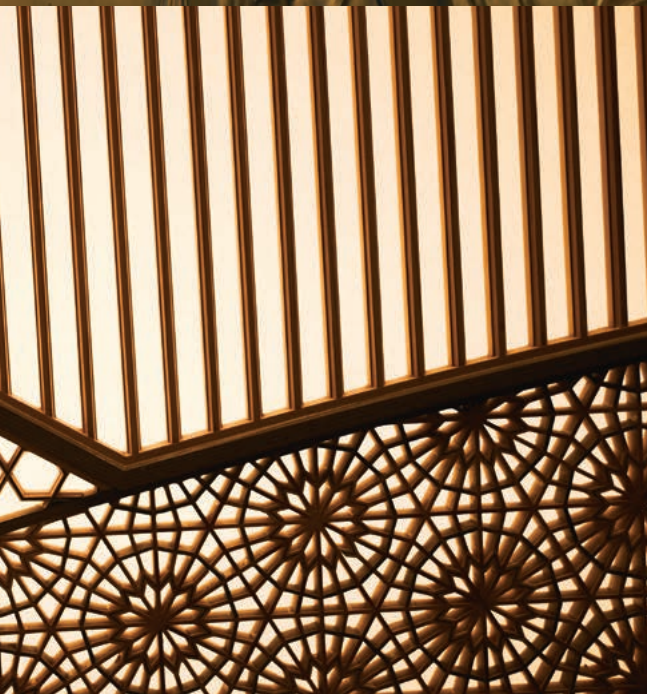
Area	Facility	Number of rooms	Website
Kobe / Hyogo	Kobe Minato Onsen REN	90	ren-onsen.jp/
	Kobe Harborland Onsen Manyo-Club	56	www.manyo.co.jp/kobe/eng/
	Kobe City Gardens Hotel	56	kobe-citygardens.com/index.php#googtrans/ja/en
Rokko Island	Kobe Bay Sheraton Hotel & Towers	267	www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/osakb-kobe-bay-sheraton-hotel-and-towers/overview/
	Hotel Plaza Kobe	139	global.hotelplazakobe.co.jp
Suma	Kotobukiro Rinsuitei	53	www.kotobukirou.jp/
Maiko	Seaside Hotel MAIKO VILLA KOBE	248	www.maikovilla.co.jp/en/
	Hotel Setre	24	www.hotelsetre.com/maiko/
North / West Kobe	Kobe Seishin Oriental Hotel	184	sub.seishin-oh.co.jp/world/en/
	Kobe Hotel Fruit Flower	129	hotel-fruitflower.jp/
	GLAMP DOME Kobe Tenku	18	en.kobe-glamping.com/
Mt. Rokko / Maya	Hotel Kobe Rokko Geihinkan	23	koberokko-geihinkan.jp/en/

Area	Facility	Number of rooms	Website
Arima Hot Springs	Arima Grand Hotel	246	www.arima-gh.jp/en/
	Hyo Koyokaku	126	www.hyoe.co.jp/english/
	Arima Gyoen	65	en.arima-gyoen.co.jp/
	Arima Kirari	55	www.arima-view.com/
	Nakanobo Zuien	50	www.zuien.jp/en
	Hotel Kinzan	31	www.kinzan.co.jp/
	Ginsuiso Choraku	40	choraku.com/en
	Gekkoen Yugetsusanso	40	gekkoen.co.jp/en/
	Kadonobo	39	www.kadonobou.com/
	Arima Royal Hotel	35	other.languages.arima-royal.jp/en/
	Gekkoen Kourokan	34	kouroukan.com/en/
SPA TERRACE Shisui	14	arima-shisui.com/	



# EXPERIENCES





## EXPERIENCES

Immerse yourself in  
Kobe's culture

### FOOD

Unique gastronomy cultivated by  
the local community

### INNOVATION

Innovative manufacturing  
ahead of its time

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Tranquility created through harmony  
between nature and the city

### and MORE

10 more experiences  
to enjoy in Kobe



# FOOD



## Unique gastronomy cultivated by the local community

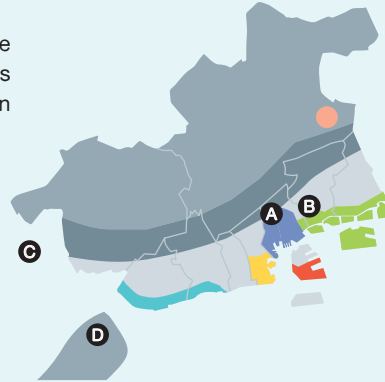
Incorporating a variety of foreign influences over its history as an international port city, Kobe has cultivated its own diverse food culture. Surrounded by abundant nature including the Seto inland sea and the rich agricultural landscape around it, the region is renowned for its high-quality products, such as Kobe Beef, and as Japan's biggest sake producer.

There is a thriving local food movement, where everything from production to processing is aided by modern advances and a collaborative environment, as well as a focus on mentoring and supporting the next generation. In Kobe, technology has been utilised to create schemes such as a partnership between major agricultural machinery manufacturers and sake breweries and farmers to safeguard sake production. Kobe holds a farmer's market in the city each weekend, where producers sell directly to consumers. This creates not only relationships with customers, but also opportunities for producers to learn from each other and educate their successors.

By creating a community who care about what they eat and where it comes from, Kobe is nurturing a sustainable and world-class food culture.

Explore Kobe's unique culinary cultivated by the local community. Experience its world-famous Kobe Beef and sake, and see Kobe's influence on whisky-production and agriculture.

🕒 Time required 👥 Max Capacity



**CITY CENTRE**

**A Taste authentic Kobe Beef**

The quality of Kobe Beef is protected by certified farmers and retailers. Learn about this world-famous delicacy at the Kobe Beef Gallery, before experiencing the authentic dish at the in-house restaurant.

**Kobe Beef Gallery**

Food

<https://en.kobebeef.gallery/>

**COASTAL AREA**

KCB

**C Explore Japanese whisky**

Eigashima is a rare brewery where both sake and whiskey are made by the same master brewer. Take the chance to savour this brewery's unique products on a guided tour.

**Eigashima Shuzo**

Food Culture

🕒 2-2.5 hours 👥 20 pax (For 20 or more, please ask in advance)

**CULTURAL AREA**

KCB

**B Taste sake like a local**

Learn about the work of sake brewers at the Kiku-Masamune Brewery, home to treasured antique brewing tools. Then experience sake tasting and a kagami biraki ceremony.

**Kiku-Masamune Sake Brewery Museum**

Food

Culture

🕒 2.5 hours 👥 20 pax

**AGRICULTURAL AREA**

KCB

**D Discover sustainable development on Awaji Island**

At Seedbed, a village that promotes collaboration, learn about and take part in efforts to create a sustainable society through agricultural practices.

**Seedbed Project**

Nature

Team building

🕒 3 hours 👥 Negotiable

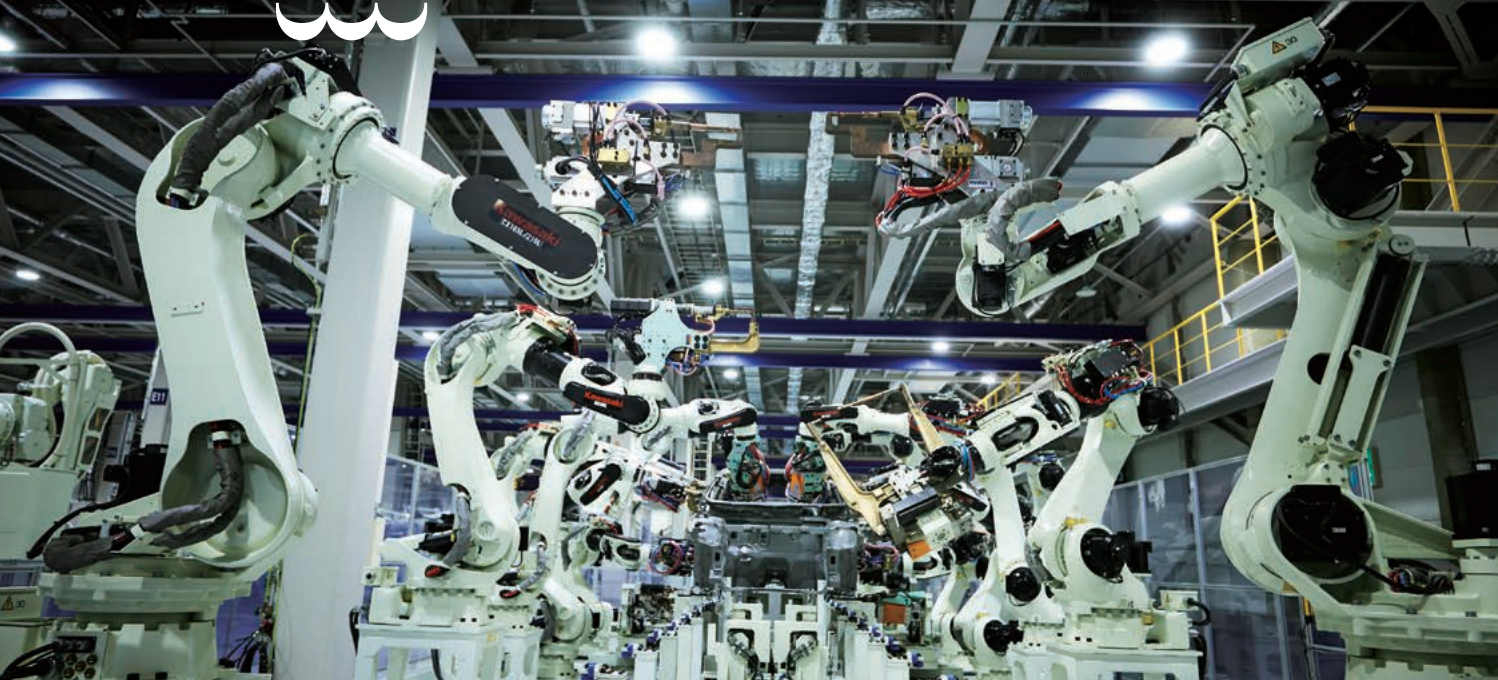


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# INNOVATION



## **Innovative manufacturing ahead of the times**

Kobe, a port city that evolved by trading in goods and new ideas, developed mainly through its heavy industries and advanced engineering, which continues to this day. The Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge, linking Kobe and Awaji Island, held the Guinness World Record for the longest suspension bridge from its opening in 1998 until recently. Kobe-based companies include ShinMaywa Industries, which succeeded in developing the world's highest-performing amphibious aircraft for air-sea

rescue missions. In 1969, Kawasaki Heavy Industries produced Japan's first industrial robot contributing to the development of the manufacturing industry, and improving efficiency by developing various robots, including the welding robot. In recent years, Kawasaki has been aiming for a world where humans and robots can coexist, by developing humanoid robots that can help people in a disaster. Manufacturing in Kobe is ever evolving, reading the trends of the next era.

An immersive look at Kobe's long history of manufacturing and engineering, whether handmade and traditional or high-tech and record-breaking.

🕒 Time required 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 Max Capacity



**CITY CENTRE**

KCB

**A Gain insight into Japanese woodcraft and architecture**

Japan's only specialist carpentry museum showcases the outstanding skills of traditional craftsmen, with an opportunity to try a woodworking class.

**Takenaka Carpentry Tools Museum**

🕒 2-3 hours 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 Negotiable **Culture**

**CULTURAL AREA**

KCB

**C Discover the advances of Japan's aviation industry**

At commercial and amphibious aircraft specialists ShinMaywa, explore the US-2, the world's only seaplane able to land in rough seas with a 3m wave height.

**ShinMaywa Industries** **Technical visit**

🕒 1-1.5 hours 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 Negotiable

**CITY CENTRE**

**B See it, feel it, experience it: Kawasaki Technology!**

Kawasaki's innovative products for land, sea, and air transport are gathered here: bullet trains, ships, helicopters, and world-famous motorcycles.

**Culture**

**Kawasaki Good Times World**

[www.khi.co.jp/kawasakiworld/english/](http://www.khi.co.jp/kawasakiworld/english/)

**COASTAL AREA**

KCB

**D Ascend one of the world's longest suspension bridges**

Ascend the Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge, a suspension bridge with a length of 3,911m. From its 300m high tower, take in a 360° view while learning the story of its construction.

**Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge** **Technical visit**

🕒 3 hours 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 42 pax



# WELLBEING



## Harmony between nature and the city

Surrounded by the Seto Inland Sea and Mt. Rokko, Kobe has long been inspired by the power of nature to keep the mind and body healthy. Arima Onsen, in the Rokko mountain range, is known as the oldest hot spring in Japan. It takes six million years for moisture and seawater deep below the surface to be transformed into Arima's geothermal spring water, in that time becoming rich in minerals such as iron and salt. Arima is one of the few that contains seven of the nine hot spring components that Japan recognises as having therapeutic effects.

There is a record of a 6th century emperor healing his body here, and in the Edo period (1603-1868) it was famous all over the country as a hot spring retreat, just as it is today.

Kobe's mountaineering culture has been established since the Meiji era (1868-1912). Drawing inspiration from Kobe's natural assets, to this day citizens embrace an outdoors lifestyle, running along Mt. Rokko and the coastline to keep the mind and body healthy.

From ancient landscapes and traditional culture to city-centre relaxation and cutting-edge medicine, Kobe has wellbeing at its heart.

🕒 Time required 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 Max Capacity



**MOUNTAIN AREA** KCB

**A Walk through ancient forest to reach a mountain-top temple**

Hike through virgin forest in the Rokko Mountains, to the top of Mt Maya. There, visit Mayasan Tenjoji Temple, and experience a meditation session led by monks.

**Mt. Maya / Tenjoji Temple** Culture  
 🕒 4.5 hours 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 20 pax Nature

**ARIMA HOT SPRINGS** KCB

**C Experience the culture of "Arima Geiko"**

Watch the traditional performances of Arima geisha, before taking a rare opportunity to talk to a working geisha for insights into this unique and mysterious world.

**Arima Onsen** Culture  
 🕒 3 hours 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 20 pax

**CITY CENTRE** KCB

**B Practice yoga in the garden tea room**

Take a yoga class at the tea house in the Sorakuen Garden before exploring this classic example of a Japanese landscape garden.

**Sorakuen Garden / Kanshinteii**  
 🕒 1 hour 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 10 to 15 pax Culture

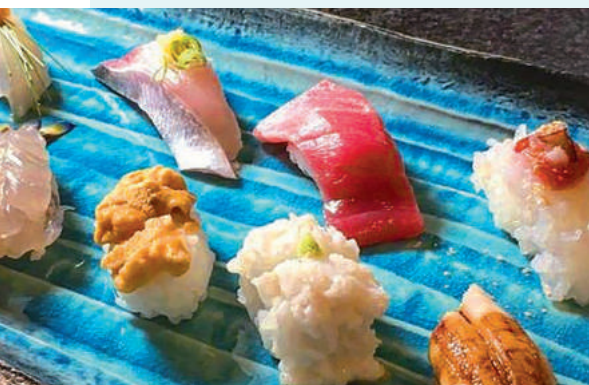
**KOBE BIOMEDICAL INNOVATION CLUSTER** KCB

**D Health promotion in the medical city of Kobe**

A private medical partner company in the city provides medical tours. In addition to health checkups and beauty care, we can arrange tours of various medical facilities.

🕒 Varies on request 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 Negotiable Technical visit





## and MORE **10** more experiences to enjoy in Kobe

### **1** Join the festivities on a nighttime cruise of Kobe harbour **KCB**

Charter a cruise and experience the atmosphere of a Japanese festival through the Bon-Odori folk dance, music, singing, and carnival games, while enjoying iconic views.

**Kobe Bay Cruise** **Team building**  
🕒 1.5 hours 🧑 40 pax **Culture**

### **3** Watch a tuna-filleting display and appreciate high-end sushi **KCB**

Witness an expert fillet a 70kg tuna at the fish market, and learn sushi-making techniques from a professional chef while enjoying top grade tuna cuts.

**Kobe City Central Wholesale Market** **Food**  
🕒 3 hours 🧑 60 pax

### **KCB** Kobe Convention Bureau unique package

We have created original packages. Reservations are required. For details, scan the QR code to visit our website.



### **2** Enjoy authentic food like a local **KCB**

At the Suidosuji arcade, accompany a local guide and discover specialist stores and street food. Enjoy authentic local culture - and conversation with Suidosuji's shopkeepers.

**Suidosuji Arcade** **Food**  
🕒 2 hours 🧑 10 pax **Culture**

### **4** Visit Akashi's seafood auction for a one-of-a-kind experience **KCB**

Experience the live seafood auction at Akashi harbour, surrounded by the abundant fishing grounds of the Seto Inland Sea. Don't miss an exceptional sushi lunch.

**Akashi Tourism Association** **Food**  
🕒 2 hours 🧑 10 pax **Culture**

## 5 Pulse of Japan: Taiko drumming classes KCB

Learn drumming techniques, rhythms, and easy-to-follow routines. Get ready for some group fun as you present your performances, perfect for team-building exercises in a variety of unique venues.

**Taiko Center** Culture

🕒 1-2 hours 🧑 100 pax

## 7 Reveal the traditions of tatami mats KCB

Through this “mat-making” workshop that conveys the importance of living mindfully, learn about the characteristics of tatami mats and their intrinsic relationship with Japanese culture.

**Maeda Tatami Seisakusho** Culture

🕒 1.5 hours 🧑 40 pax

## 9 Healing in the herb gardens

Take the cable car from Shin-Kobe station to the mountainside herb gardens. With 12 unique gardens, enjoy dishes using herbs picked that morning, while overlooking Kobe.

**Kobe Nunobiki Herb Gardens**

[www.kobeherb.com/en/](http://www.kobeherb.com/en/) Nature

## 6 Discover the Flavours of Hyogo's Five Regions KCB

Experience the distinctive ingredients and local sake of Hyogo at Hyogo Gokoku World, a restaurant evoking the nostalgia of Japan. Try making sushi rolls with locally sourced produce and enjoy them with renowned Nada sake.

**Hyogo Gokoku World** Food

🕒 1.5 hours 🧑 20 pax Culture

## 8 Art and architecture at the Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art

Appreciate the city's art museum, designed by celebrated Japanese architect Tadao Ando, and its unique collection centred on modern and contemporary art.

**Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art**

[www.artm.pref.hyogo.jp/eng/](http://www.artm.pref.hyogo.jp/eng/) Culture

## 10 Explore Himeji Castle, a world cultural heritage

Built more than 400 years ago, Himeji castle has wonderful views from the top of its main keep and labyrinthine paths around its extensive grounds.

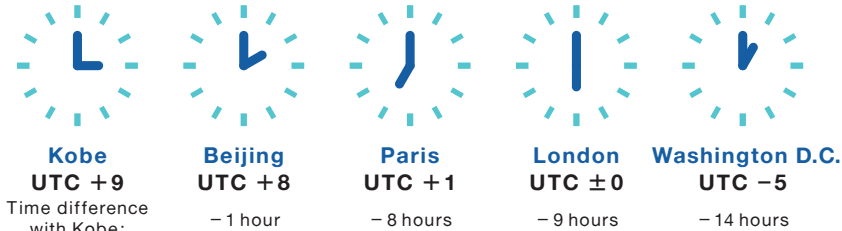
**Himeji Castle**

[www.himejicastle.jp/en/](http://www.himejicastle.jp/en/) Culture

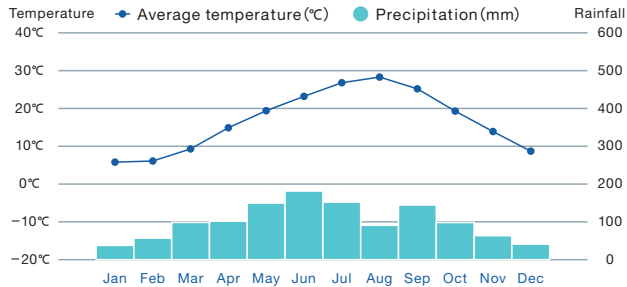


## Basic information on Kobe

### Time zone



### Climate



Surrounded by the Rokko Mountains and the Seto Inland Sea, Kobe has a temperate climate. Precipitation tends to increase during the rainy season from June to July and during the typhoon season in September.

● **Voltage** 100V / Frequency 60Hz    ● **Currency** Yen (JPY)

### ● Connectivity

There are KOBE Free Wi-Fi bases (about 450 bases and more than 830 locations) in the city.

### ● Major events

- [Jan] Kobe Luminarie
- [Feb] Chinese New Year Festival in Chinatown
- [Apr] Infiorata Kobe [May] Kobe Festival
- [Aug] Kobe Umi no Bon-odori
- [Sep] Mid-Autumn Festival in Chinatown
- [Oct] Kobe Jazz Street [Nov] Kobe Marathon

## Transportation tickets that can be used in Kobe city

### Kobe 1-day loop bus ticket pass

Fee: 700 JPY (adult)  
350 JPY (elementary school students and younger)

\* Free for up to 2 accompanying children (1 to 6 years old) per adult  
\* 2-day pass available

[Sales location] Onboard, Kobe Information Center  
Sannomiya, Shin-Kobe station tourist information centre

### Kobe City Bus & Subway 1-day pass

Fee: 1,040 JPY

[Sales location] Subway station staff booth, subway shop (excludes Tanigami Station), subway commuter pass ticket office, Kobe Station square sales office, Kobe Electric Railway Minatogawa commuter pass sales office

### Kobe 1-Day Tour Coupon (Kobe area)

Fee: 1,000 JPY

[Sales location] Subway stations, Hankyu and Hanshin Sannomiya stations, Port Liner Sannomiya Station / Kobe Airport Station

\* Includes a sightseeing coupon that can be used once to gain admission to eligible facilities where the cost of admission is 800 JPY or less.

## Sites and apps that are convenient for your stay



### Official Travel Guide of Kobe

Introducing the latest information on Kobe as well as events, sightseeing spots, and sample itineraries.



### Japan Official Travel App

A comprehensive travel app that allows you to search everything from tourist spots to routes, ATMs to duty-free shops.



### Safety tips

A disaster information service app. Distributes disaster information such as earthquake early warnings, tsunami warnings, and special weather warnings in five languages.



iPhone



Android

## ACCESS TO KOBE

### From overseas

Kansai International Airport is 30–60 minutes from Kobe, with direct flights to approximately 50 cities worldwide. Kobe Airport, international since 2025, further enhances access.



#### From Kansai International Airport to Kobe

By ferry (Bay Shuttle)

**Approx. 30min to Kobe Airport**

16 per day

By airport bus

**Approx. 60min to Sannomiya Station**

39 per day

#### From Osaka (Itami) Airport to Kobe

By airport bus

**Approx. 40min to Sannomiya Station**

26 per day

### Within Japan

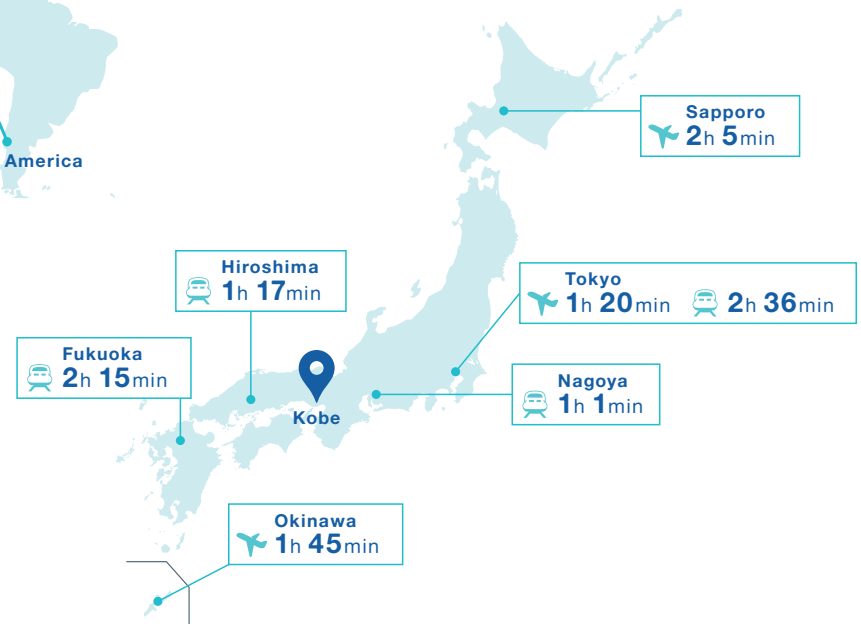
Shin-Kobe train station connects Kobe with other cities on the Shinkansen route. Kobe Airport is connected to more than 10 cities, including Tokyo.

#### From major Kansai cities to Sannomiya

**Approx. 20min by train from Osaka**

**Approx. 50min by train from Kyoto**

**Approx. 1h 20min by train from Nara**



\* The number of services and travel times may be subject to change. Please check with each company for details.



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