

KOBE



MEETING PLANNER'S GUIDE







KOBE



for Change Makers

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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.

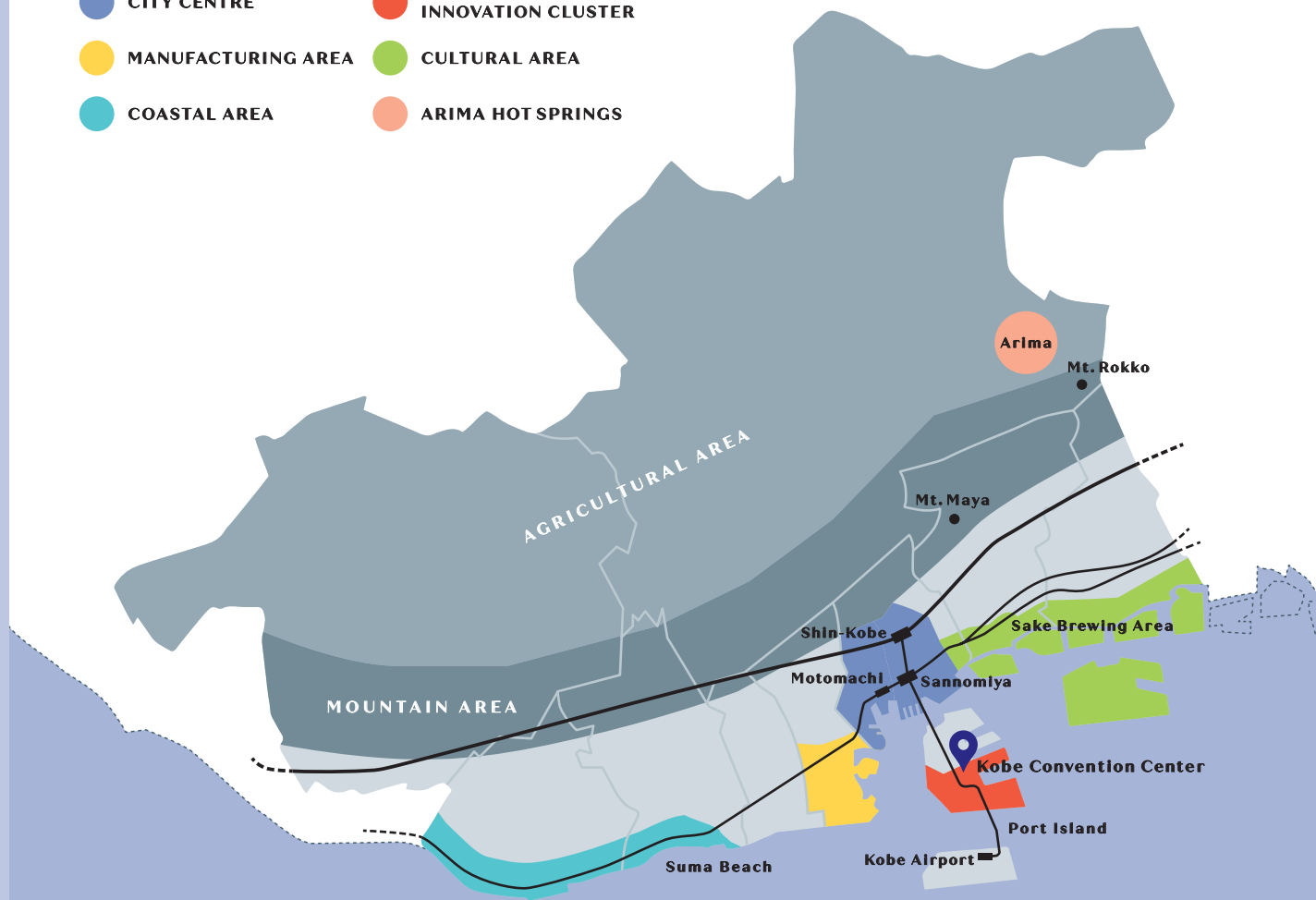
Total population 1,522,273 people
(As of January 2020)

International population 137 countries 49,369 people
(As of January 2020)

Area 557.01km²
(As of March 2020)

AREA MAP

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



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 KOBE



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

Asia'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

In 1868, Kobe became a major international trading port. Today, it is a cosmopolitan city, home to 1.5 million people from more than 130 countries, as well as global organisations and companies. It is fast becoming the city of choice for those attracted by its history, innovation and international mindset.



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



Increasing international organisation presence



Starting with the inauguration of the WHO Centre for Health Development (WHO Kobe Centre - WKC)*¹ in 1996, and the UNDRR*² chose Kobe as the location for its Japan office in 2007. In 2020, UNOPS*³ launched its first Global Innovation Centre (GIC Japan) in Asia in the city.

- *1 Established as an integral part of the WHO Headquarters, conducting research to achieve sustainable Universal Health Coverage (UHC).
- *2 United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction. Works on building an international disaster prevention cooperation system and supporting disaster prevention policies in each country.
- *3 United Nations Office for Project Services. Emergency support for conflict and disaster areas, promotion of innovation by investing in the private sector, etc.



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

1st Quality of life in Japan^{*4}

2nd Quality of life in Asia^{*4}

2nd Japan's international conference destination^{*5}

4th Location of choice for international company headquarters^{*6}

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 World 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 "SIP-KOBE"

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 launched the "SIP-KOBE Demonstration Training" service via social media, 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.

A futuristic medical research laboratory with robotic arms and blue lighting. The scene is dominated by a large, white, multi-jointed robotic arm with multiple camera lenses, positioned over a surgical table. The room is bathed in a cool blue light, with a large, multi-lensed surgical light fixture visible on the right. In the background, a monitor displays a 3D anatomical model of a heart. The overall atmosphere is high-tech and innovative.

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



MEDICAL CITY

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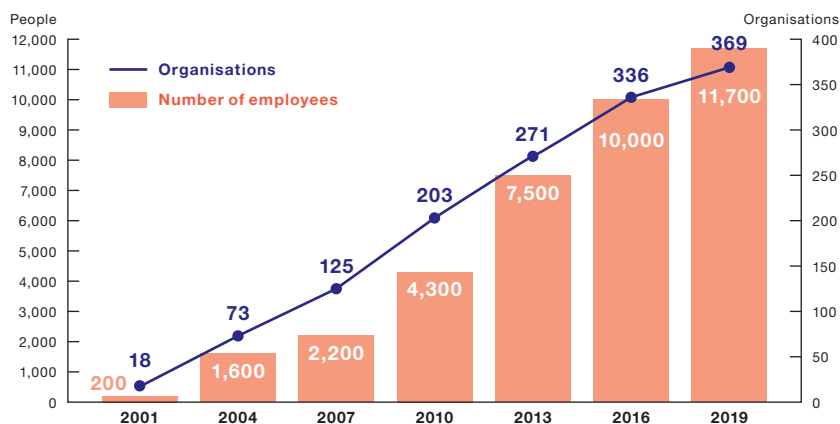
The devastation of the 1995 earthquake was the catalyst to reinvent Kobe as a centre for cutting-edge life science research. Transforming an island in the city harbour, it created one of the largest biomedical clusters in Asia. With universities, research institutes, hospitals, and biomedical companies 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 will change the world.



A hotbed for the future of medicine

Employing 11,700 people in around 370 organisations, including the large research institute RIKEN and highly-specialised hospitals, it continues to grow with a focus on cultivating future leaders.

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



Advanced medical care x technology from Kobe

Japan's first-ever produced surgical 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.

The world's most powerful supercomputer Fugaku

Leading the supercomputer performance ranking TOP500*, Fugaku will be available for shared use from 2021. Its unrivalled calculation speed has been utilised to help research and combat COVID-19.

*As of November 2020



Photo Credit : Courtesy of RIKEN

World's first transplantation of iPS photoreceptor cells

In 2020, Kobe City Eye Hospital performed the first transplant of iPS-developed retinal cells to treat a genetic eye disease. This has opened 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.



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"



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. Kobe has created a business base equipped with cutting-edge technology in the city's mountain region, and opened a co-creation lab that connects companies and creators. In addition to creating a place where people can work in a variety of new ways, there has been a focus on projects that address social issues such as population decline and ageing.



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*¹ based in Silicon Valley. In recognition of Kobe's achievements, in 2020 UNOPS opened GIC Japan, an "incubation" facility to work towards the SDGs*².

*¹ One of the world's leading active startup investment funds.

*² An innovation base that the United Nations is setting up in 15 locations around the world. Established in Kobe in November 2020 as the third base in the world and the first base in Asia.



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 90 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)



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 m²

Number of convention facilities

More than **60** of various sizes

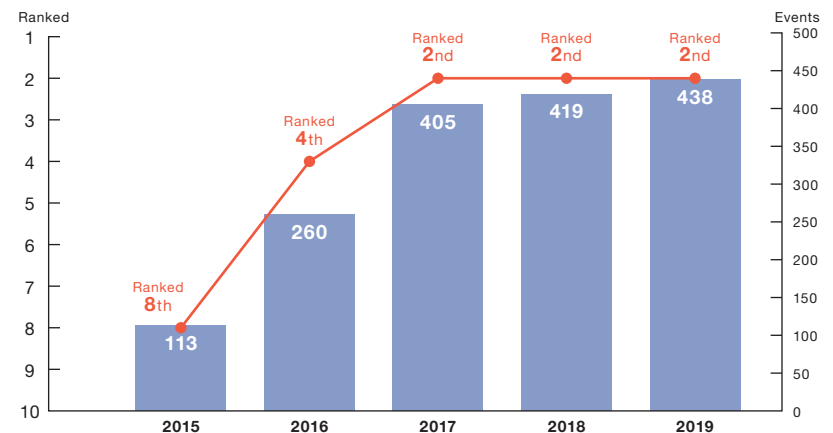
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Achievements

Number of international conferences held annually

More than **400** **2nd** 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
(General Manager, Internet Development Department,
Japan Network Information Center)



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 of Japanese Branch of ISPO
(Head Director of Hyogo Rehabilitation Center)

Successful hybrid conference during the global pandemic

JSIR 2020 (The 49th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Interventional Radiology)



August 25-27, 2020

Medical



1,918 pax

Kobe Portopia Hotel

(including online participants)

An academic conference on medical technology and interventional radiology (IVR) was held simultaneously on-site and online. We carried out a full range of online programmes, such as live broadcasts of presentations and discussions, and on-demand distribution allowed participants to watch recorded videos at a convenient time. On-site events were held under safe management and social distancing measures. Amid the turmoil of the COVID-19 pandemic, nearly 2,000 people participated in a pioneering approach that signalled the resumption of large-scale meetings and events in Kobe.

Comments from the organiser

We wanted to offer the opportunity for participants to attend online or in person, and the Kobe Portopia Hotel was able to successfully accommodate the size requirements. The hybrid model demonstrated our capability to deliver a successful conference and left a significant impression on our members.

Takamichi Murakami, Congress president of JSIR 2020
(Professor and Chairman, Department of Radiology,
Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine)



Significant events

		Participants
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
2009	2009 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA 2009)	1,200
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 (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
- In the case of Type B, there must be 20 or more participants from two or more countries including Japan
- For international sessions accompanying domestic conferences, there must be at least 20 people, of which at least 10 must be from outside Japan

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

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| <p>1 Subsidy for signboard production costs
(up to 30,000 JPY)</p> <p>2 Support for reception drinks
(up to 50,000 JPY)
* Sake barrel purchase assistance or Kobe wine
(up to 50 bottles)</p> <p>3 Congress bags
(up to 1,000)
* Using eco-friendly materials</p> <p>4 Participant souvenirs
(up to 200)
* Pin badges, etc.</p> <p>5 Sanitisation products
(up to 100)
* Alcohol gel, etc.</p> | <p>6 Sightseeing bus charter fee assistance
(up to 50,000 JPY)
* Limited to bus companies that have sales offices in Kobe.</p> <p>7 Provision of Kobe promotional videos and images
Public relations support for holding public lectures, etc.</p> <p>8 Tourist information / introduction to Japanese cultural experience volunteers
(flower arrangement, calligraphy, etc.)
* Limited to use in the venue</p> <p>9 Introduction of Kobe's unique experience programmes
* Approximately 20 original programmes are available</p> <p>10 City information pamphlets for sightseeing, eating and drinking, shopping, etc.</p> |
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*1 to 6 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



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

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

- Advice for holding conferences
- Venue suggestions
- 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 have support for holding hybrid conferences?

A. We can introduce you to online distribution specialists and create online distribution packages for 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.

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.



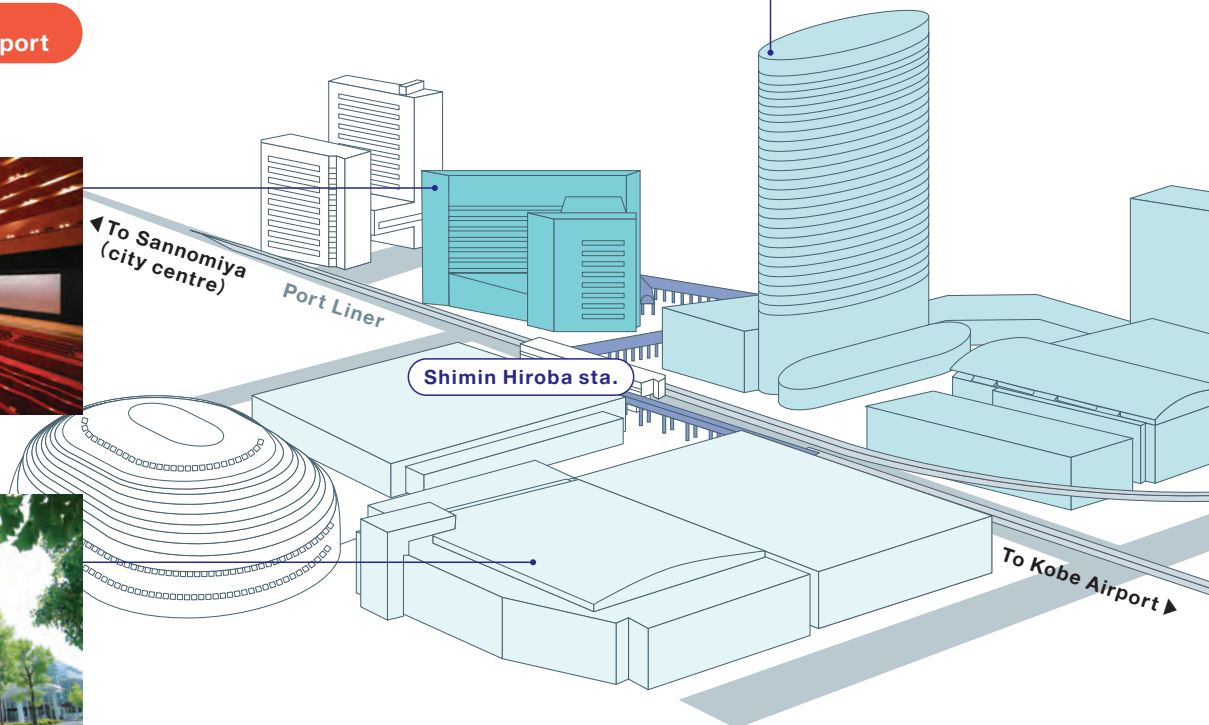
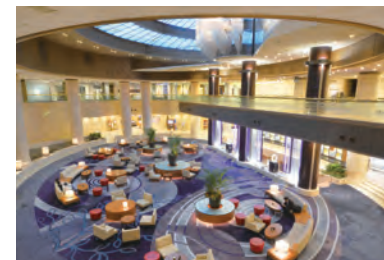
Kobe International Exhibition Hall

Kobe's largest exhibition hall with an exhibition space of 13,600m².



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/

Room	Area (m ²)	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/

	Room	Area (m ²)	Capacity	
			Classroom	Theatre
Hall 1	1F	3,000	—	—
	2F (Dividable into two)	3,000	1,500	3,000
	Multi-purpose Room	153	60	150
Hall 2	Convention Hall (Dividable into two)	3,800	2,000	4,000
	2A	340	180	300
	2B	124	90	100
	3A	450	270	400
	3B	145	90	120
Hall 3	Exhibition Hall	3,800	2,000	4,000

Kobe Portopia Hotel

+81-78-302-1123

 Port Island

www.portopia.co.jp/en/

	Room	Area (m ²)	Capacity			
			Classroom	Theatre	Reception	Banquet
South Building	Portopia Hall	—	610	1,702	—	—
	Ohwada (Dividable into two)	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
	Kairaku (Dividable into two)	1,190	800	1,200	1,200	800
	Waraku (Dividable into two)	377	280	400	300	230
Main Building	Ikuta	188	130	200	150	120
	Nunobiki	149	110	150	100	80
	Kitano / Kikusui	126	90	140	80	80

HOTEL VENUES

Facility	Room	Area (m ²)	Capacity				Remark
			Classroom	Theatre	Reception	Banquet	
 <p>ANA Crowne Plaza Kobe +81-78-291-1121 📍 Shin-Kobe www.anacrowneplaza-kobe.jp/en/ 🅅 🚌 🍴 📶 ♿ ❤️</p>	The Ballroom	1,947	1,100	2,000	2,200	900	Dividable into three
	Rosemary	257	160	340	210	150	
	Chamomile	208	140	260	170	110	
	Jasmine	212	140	260	170	110	
 <p>Hotel Okura Kobe +81-78-333-0111 📍 Motomachi www.kobe.hotelokura.co.jp/en/ 🅅 🚌 🍴 📶 ♿ ❤️</p>	Heian	2,100	880	3,000	3,000	1,200	Dividable into three
	Matsukaze	331	180	300	200	160	
	Akebono	248	147	220	150	120	
	Seiun	182	90	150	100	80	
 <p>Kobe Bay Sheraton Hotel & Towers +81-78-857-7000 📍 Rokko Island www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/osakb-kobe-bay-sheraton-hotel-and-towers 🅅 🚌 🍴 📶 ♿ ❤️</p>	Rokko	925	500	940	700	420	Dividable into three
	Kitano	187	80	154	100	80	
	Maya	170	70	132	90	70	
	Nunobiki	144	60	126	80	60	

Facility	Room	Area (m ²)	Capacity				Remark
			Classroom	Theatre	Reception	Banquet	
 ORIENTAL HOTEL +81-78-326-1501  Sannomiya www.orientalhotel.jp/en/ 	Royal Ballroom	227	136	273	180	160	Dividable into three
	Oriental room	227	136	273	180	160	Dividable into two
	Bamboo room	127	84	128	90	88	
	Terrace room	98	52	100	70	64	
 Hotel Crown Palais Kobe +81-78-362-1155  Kobe www.crownpalais.jp/kobe/en/ 	The Ballroom	656	360	540	700	360	Dividable into three
	Midtown	373	240	324	350	240	Dividable into two
	Square	239	132	180	220	120	
	Gallery	92	36	49	35	40	Dividable into two
 Kobe Meriken Park Oriental Hotel +81-78-325-8111  Motomachi www.kobe-orientalhotel.co.jp/english/ 	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
 La Suite Kobe Oceans Garden +81-78-381-7777  Sannomiya oceansgarden.jp/ 	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/



[Main room] Park Suite
 [Area] 210m² (Extendable to 280m²)
 [Capacity] Reception / 300 Banquet / 200

A stunning early Showa period villa, tucked away in a quiet city 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] 128m²
 [Capacity] Reception / 120 Banquet / 100

The Fukuju brewery, whose sake was chosen for the Nobel Prize banquet

The original wooden brewery has been transformed into a unique venue and 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/



[Main room] Shushinkan Hall
 [Area] 246m²
 [Capacity] Reception / 150 Banquet / 120

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 GEIHIKIN Former Guest House

+81-6-6371-4800

📍 Suma
www.vizcaya.jp/party/



[Main room] THE VIZCAYA GARDEN
 [Area] 176m²
 [Capacity] Reception / 130 Banquet / 126

A luxury 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/



[Main room] GRILL [Area] 467.36m²
 [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 out to the ocean.



KITANO CLUB sola

+81-78-222-5515

Kitano
www.sola-resort.com/party/en/



[Main room] Grace villa
 [Area] 416m²
 [Capacity] Reception / 300 Banquet / 140

Enchanting views and deluxe dining on a nighttime cruise

A cruise ship becomes a unique entertaining venue. Experience the magnificent scale of the Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge beautiful views of Kobe's cityscape while enjoying fine dining, including Kobe Beef.



* The photo is Concerto

Concerto / Luminous Kobe-2

+81-78-945-7601

Kobe
www.kobeconcerto.com/



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

* Concerto only: WiFi
 Luminous Kobe-2 only: Parking / Accessible

A tranquil 1,800-year-old shrine in an urban setting

Featuring an elegant space created through the harmony of traditional Japanese beauty and Western modernism, it is located in the centre of the city, a 5-minute walk from Sannomiya station.



Ikuta Shrine Hall

+81-78-391-8765

Sannomiya
ikutajinja-kaikan.jp/



[Main room] Fuji / Horai
 [Area] 346m²
 [Capacity] Reception / 400 Banquet / 250

OTHER VENUES

Exhibition spaces			
Area	Facility	Main room (capacity)	Website
Port Island	World Hall	8,000	www.kobe-spokyo.jp/world-kobe/
	Kobe Chamber of Commerce and Industry	468	www.kcci-convention.com/
	Xebec Hall	300	www.xebec.co.jp/xebec-hall/
	Nichii Gakkan Kobe Port Island Center	300	www.nichiigakkan.co.jp/service/kobe-pi/
Sannomiya	Kobe International House	2,022	www.kih.co.jp
	Sannomiya Convention Center	700	oneknot-scc.jp/
	Lasse Hall	560	www.lassehall.com
	Kobe Port Oasis	400	www.kobeportoasis.jp/
	KIITO Design and Creative Center Kobe	340	kiito.jp
	Sannomiya Training Center	156	f-road.co.jp/kenshu/
	Kobe Sanbo Hall	Exhibition space 1,308m ² (2F)	www.kobe-sanbo.net
	Kobe Port Terminal Hall	Exhibition space 1,000m ²	www.kobe-port-th.jp
Motomachi	Hyogo Prefectural Hall	360	www.hyogo-arts.or.jp
	Hyogo Prefectural Nojigiku Hall	360	www.hyogo-jinken.or.jp

Area	Facility	Main room (capacity)	Website
Motomachi	Kobe Educational Hall	230	www.kobekhall.com
	Hyogo Chuo Labor Center	210	www.hyogo-churou.com/
Shin-Kobe	Art Center of Kobe	1,100	www.art-center.jp/kobe
Kobe	Kobe Bunka Hall	Large Hall 2,043	www.kobe-bunka.jp/hall
	Kobe Shimbun Matsukata Hall	706	www.kobe-np.co.jp/matsukata
	Kobe Harborland Space Theater	400	www.kobeharborland.com
	Kobe Industrial Promotion Center	397	www.kobe-ipc.or.jp/
	Kobe Municipal Woman's Hall	280	kobe-fujin.jimdo.com/
Nagata	Pifule Hall	414	www.kobe-bunka.jp/facilities/pfle/
Rokko Island	Kobe Fashion Mart	1,584	www.kfm.or.jp/en/
Higashi-Nada	Higashinada Kumin Center Uhara Hall	650	www.kobe-bunka.jp/facilities/higashinada/
North / West Kobe	Village of Happiness KOBE	Hall 300	www.shiawasenomura.org/english/village_of_appiness_kobe.html
	UNITY	200	www.unity-kobe.jp

Hotel venues			
Area	Facility	Main room (capacity)	Website
Port Island	Hotel Pearl City Kobe	260	www.pearlcity.jp/kobe/en/
	Ariston Hotel Kobe	250	www.ariston.jp/kobe/en/
Sannomiya	Kobe Sannomiya Tokyu REI Hotel	220	www.tokyuhotelsjapan.com/global/kobesannomiya-r/
	Hotel Sunroute Sopra Kobe	150	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	Chisun Hotel Kobe	300	www.solarehotels.com/en/hotel/hyogo/chisunhotel-kobe/
	Hotel La Suite Kobe Harborland	70	global.l-s.jp/
Rokko Island	Hotel Plaza Kobe	300	www.hotelplazakobe.co.jp/language/en.html
Arima Hot Springs	Arima Grand Hotel	800	www.arima-gh.jp/english/index.html
	Hyoe Koyokaku	320	www.hyoe.co.jp/english/
	Gekkoen Korokan / Yugetsusanso	240	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	200	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	150	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/)
	Victorian House Reintei	80	A Western-style mansion, built in 1900, with Japanese touches, overlooking Kobe. (www.kitanorein.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/)
	Ocean Prince	345	Sailing-style boat which can be reserved for private use. (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	746	www.portopia.co.jp/en/
	Hotel Pearl City Kobe	381	www.pearlcity.jp/kobe/en/
	Ariston Hotel Kobe	121	www.ariston.jp/kobe/en/
Sannomiya	Kobe Sannomiya Union Hotel	307	www.unionhotel.jp/foreign/english.html
	Sotetsu Fresa Inn Kobe-Sannomiya	271	fresa-inn.jp/sannomiya/
	Kobe Luminous Hotel Sannomiya	257	www.luminous-hotel.co.jp/sannomiya/
	Kobe Sannomiya Tokyu REI Hotel	235	www.tokyuhotelsjapan.com/global/kobesannomiya-r/
	Hotel Monterey Kobe	231	www.hotelmonterey.co.jp/en/kobe/
	Hotel Sunroute Sopra Kobe	218	www.sopra-kobe.com/en/
	Hotel Monte Hermana Kobe Amalie	180	www.monte-hermana.jp/en/kobe/
	the b kobe	168	www.theb-hotels.com/en/theb/kobe/
	ORIENTAL HOTEL	116	www.orientalhotel.jp/en/
	Sanside Hotel	100	sanside.co.jp/
	HOTEL 1-2-3 Kobe	98	www.hotel123.co.jp.e.vg.hp.transer.com/kobe/
	Hotel Via Mare Kobe	95	www.h-viamare.co.jp/
	Hotel Piena Kobe	90	www.piena.co.jp/english/
	Kobe Tor Road Hotel Sanraku	77	sanraku.premierhotel-group.com/kobe/en/

Area	Facility	Number of rooms	Website
Sanno-miya	Kitagami Hotel	52	www.kitagamihotel.com/
Motomachi	Hotel Okura Kobe	475	www.kobe.hotelokura.co.jp/en/
	Kobe Meriken Park Oriental Hotel	323	www.kobe-orientalhotel.co.jp/english/
	Kobe PortTower Hotel	193	www.kobe-porttower-hotel.com/
	Kobe Motomachi Tokyu REI Hotel	191	www.tokyuhotelsjapan.com/global/kobemotomachi-r/
	Kobe Plaza Hotel	138	www.kobeplaza.com/en/
Shin-Kobe / Kitano	Kobe Plaza Hotel West	120	www.kobeplaza.com/west/en/
	Hotel La Suite Kobe Harborland	70	global.l-s.jp/
	ANA Crowne Plaza Kobe	593	www.anacrowneplaza-kobe.jp/en/
	Green Hill Hotel Urban	102	www.japanican.com/hotel/japan/kobe/green-hill-hotel-urban
	Hotel Kitano Plaza Rokko-so	49	www.rokkoso.com/?men=6
Kobe / Hyogo	Kobe Kitano Hotel	30	www.kobe-kitanohotel.co.jp/en/
	Hotel ISAGO Kobe	27	www.isago.co.jp/lg_en/
	PEANUTS HOTEL	18	www.peanutshotel.jp/en/
	Hotel Crown Palais Kobe	229	www.crownpalais.jp/kobe/en/
	Kobe Luminous Hotel Hyogoekimae	192	www.luminous-hotel.co.jp/kobe/
	Hotel Sunroute Sopra Kobe Annesso	174	www.sopra-kobe-annesso.com/en/

Area	Facility	Number of rooms	Website
Kobe / Hyogo	Kobe Minato Onsen REN	90	ren-onsen.jp/
	Kobe City Gardens Hotel	56	kobe-citygardens.com
	Kobe Harborland Onsen Manyo-Club	56	www.manyo.co.jp/kobe/eng/
Rokko Island	Kobe Bay Sheraton Hotel & Towers	270	www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/osakb-kobe-bay-sheraton-hotel-and-towers
	Hotel Plaza Kobe	139	www.hotelplazakobe.co.jp/languege/en.html
Suma	Kotobukiro Rinsuitei	53	www.kotobukirou.jp/
	Seapal Suma	45	www.seapalsuma.com/
	KAGETSU	7	www.suma-kagetsu.com/en/
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	www.hotel-fruitflower.jp/
	Minotani Green Sports Hotel	33	minotani.jp/
Mt. Rokko / Mt. Maya	Hotel de Maya	31	www.hotel-de-maya.com/
	Hotel Kobe Rokko Geihinkan	23	www.koberokko-geihinkan.jp/english.html

Area	Facility	Number of rooms	Website
Arima Hot Springs	Arima Grand Hotel	246	www.arima-gh.jp/english/index.html
	Hyoe Koyokaku	129	www.hyoe.co.jp/english/
	Arima Gyoen	77	en.arima-gyoen.co.jp/
	Arima Kirari	54	www.arima-view.com/
	Nakanobo Zuien	52	www.zuien.jp/en
	Hotel Kinzan	40	www.kinzan.co.jp/
	Gekkoen Yugetsusanso	40	www.gekkoen.co.jp/yuuetu/en/
	Kadonobo	39	www.kadonobou.com/
	Ginsuiso Choraku	37	choraku.com/
	Arima Royal Hotel	35	www.arimaroyal-h.com/
	Gekkoen Kourokan	33	www.gekkoen.co.jp/kourokan/en/
	SPA TERRACE Shisui	14	arima-shisui.com/

EXPERIENCES





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Immerse yourself in
Kobe's culture

FOOD

Unique gastronomy cultivated by
the local community

INNOVATION

Innovative manufacturing
ahead of its time

WELLBEING

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

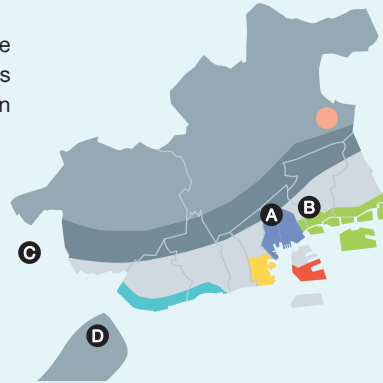
Incorporating a variety of foreign influences over its history as an international port city, Kobe has cultivated its own diverse food culture. Surrounded by abundant nature including the Seto inland sea and the rich agricultural landscape around it, the region is renowned for its high-quality products,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

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

Food

COASTAL AREA

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

🕒 2.5 hours 🧑 10 pax

Culture

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

🕒 3 hours 🧑 Negotiable

Team building

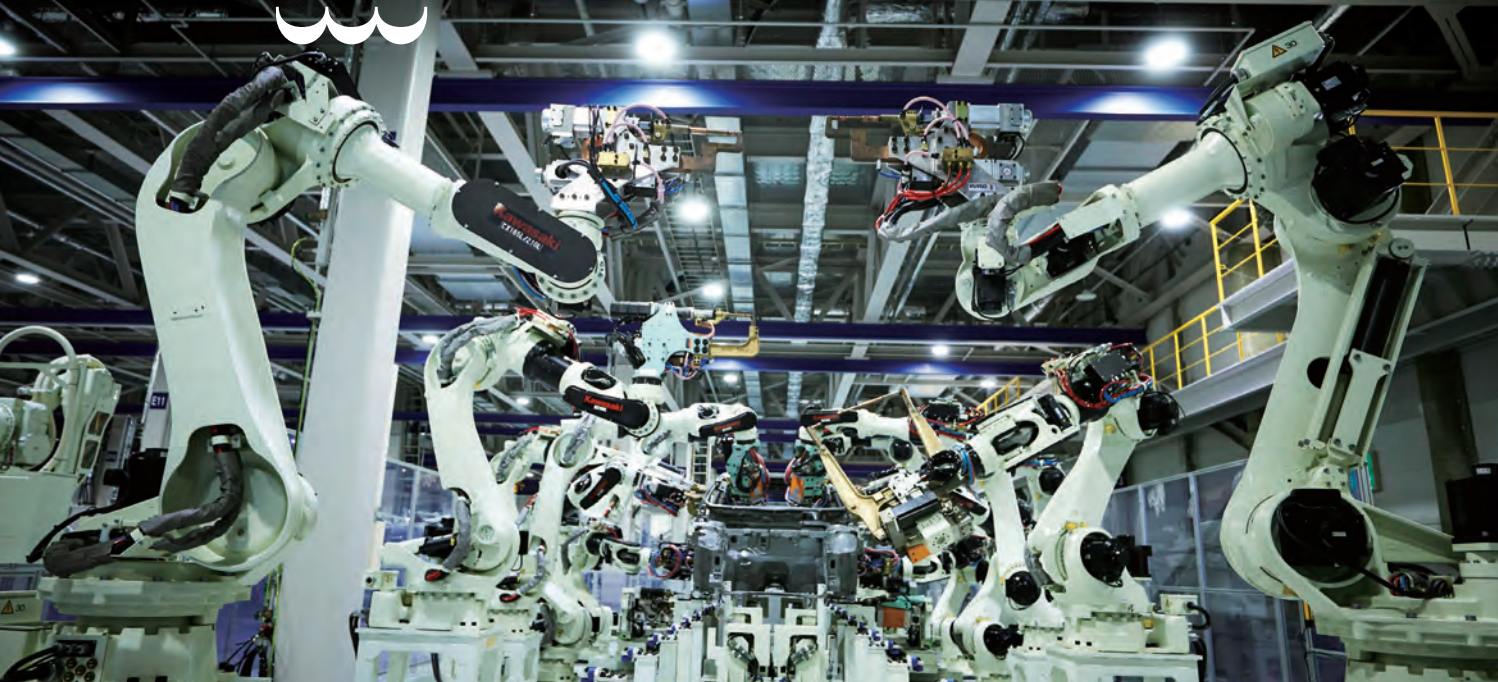


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INNOVATION



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, opened in 1998, holds the Guinness World Record for the longest suspension bridge linking Kobe with Awaji Island. 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/

COASTAL AREA

KCB

D Reach the top of the world's longest suspension bridge

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 / Kanshinteji Culture
🕒 1 hour 🧑‍🤝🧑 10 to 15 pax

● 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

🕒 1.5 hours 🧑 100 pax

Team building

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

🕒 3 hours 🧑 60 pax

Food

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

🕒 2 hours 🧑 10 pax

Food

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

🕒 2 hours 🧑 35 pax

Food

Culture

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5 Cook okonomiyaki at the birthplace of Japanese sauces KCB

Explore the Oliver Sauce factory, founded in 1923, before learning how to cook okonomiyaki from the leader of a prestigious cookery school.

Oliver Sauce

Food

🕒 3 hours 🧑 15 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

🕒 1.5 hours 🧑 40 pax

Culture

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/

Nature

6 Learn how to worship at a Shinto shrine KCB

Discover 1,800 years of history and the rituals of the Shinto religion at Ikuta Shrine. With private hire of the main worship hall available, enjoy gagaku, the musical art of the Japanese imperial court.

Ikuta Shrine

Culture

🕒 2 hours 🧑 40 pax

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/

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

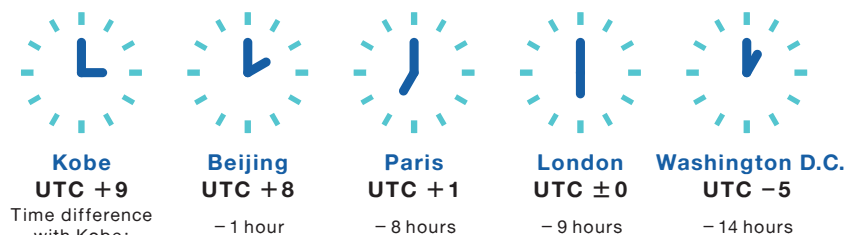
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Culture

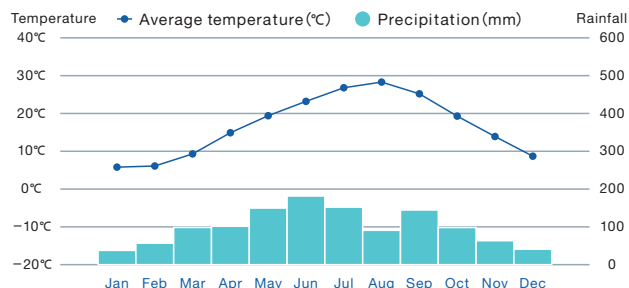


Basic information on Kobe

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 250 bases and more than 500 locations) in the city.

Major events

[Jan] Arima Onsen Irizome-shiki
 [Apr-May] Infiorata Kobe [May] Kobe Festival
 [Aug] Minato Kobe Marine Fireworks Festival
 [Sep] Kobe Chinatown's Mid-Autumn Festival
 [Oct] Kobe Jazz Street [Nov] Kobe Marathon
 [Dec] Kobe Luminarie

Transportation tickets that can be used in Kobe city

Kobe City Loop Bus 1-day pass

Fee: 680 JPY (adult)
 340 JPY (elementary school students and younger)

* Free for up to 2 accompanying children (1 to 6 years old) per adult

[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,
 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, KOBE Rapid Transit Railway
 Shinkaichi station, Port Liner Sannomiya station / Kobe Airport station
 * All-day pass for trains in the Kobe city area with a sightseeing coupon worth 750 JPY

Port Liner discount ticket (for groups)

* Please contact the Kobe Convention Bureau for details.

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, located 30-60 minutes from Kobe.
There are direct flights to and from more than 70 cities around the world.



From Kansai International Airport to Kobe

By ferry (Bay Shuttle)

Approx. 30min to Kobe Airport

One per hour, 16 per day

By airport bus

Approx. 60min to Sannomiya station

Two per hour, 24 per day

From Osaka (Itami) Airport to Kobe

By airport bus

Approx. 40min to Sannomiya station

28 per day

Within Japan

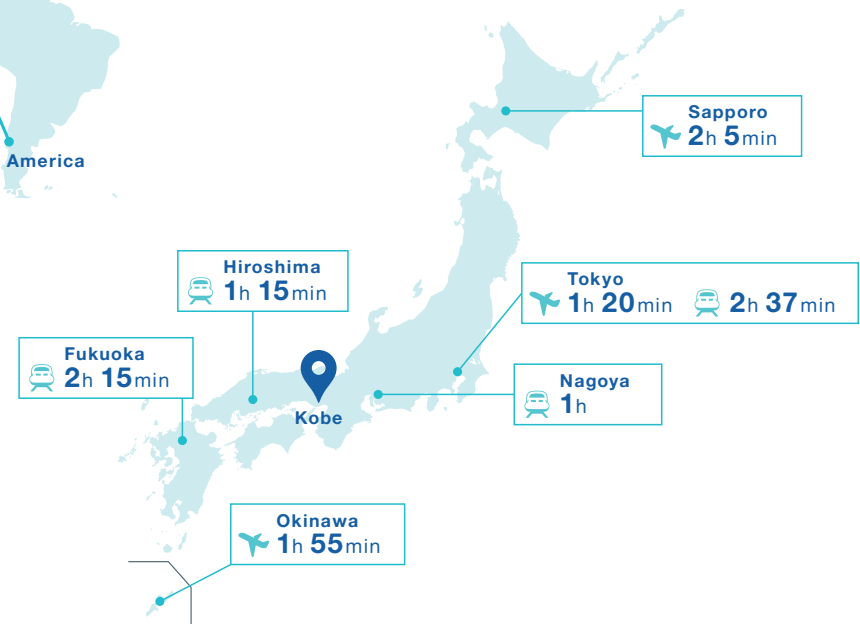
Shin-Kobe train station connects Kobe with other cities on the Shinkansen route. Kobe Airport is connected to more than 10 cities, including Tokyo.

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 above is the number of flights / trains during normal operation.
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