

# KOBE

MEETING PLANNERS GUIDE

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# Welcome to Kobe

Kobe is an international port city nestled below the beautiful Rokko mountain range and fronted by a tranquil blue inland sea, within the Seto Naikai National Park. People from 131 countries live here and provide Kobe with a colorful, vibrant and cosmopolitan character. As well as its sea port access, downtown Kobe is easily reached by air, road and rail. Kobe has its own domestic airport and the Kansai International Airport nearby. This is why Kobe has hosted more than 4,600 international conventions to date, and why it is one of Japan’s key convention cities. In 2013, the Japanese Government appointed Kobe as a ‘Global MICE Strategic City’ on behalf of the nation.

Having opened Japan’s very first purpose-built convention center back in 1981 Kobe offers an excellent selection of hotels on top of the many tourism attractions that make it a major travel destination. There are traditional Japanese industries, mountain and ocean leisure facilities, a biomedical science hub, unique venues, and an ancient geothermal hot-springs resort.

Kobe’s architecture features extraordinary feats of engineering such as man-made islands and the longest suspension bridge in the world. This has connected mainland Kobe to previously remote Awaji Island bringing an array of new resources to supplement Kobe’s already rich hospitality. Kobe has also been lauded consistently as one of the most eco-friendly and clean cities in the world.

As an officially appointed representative MICE city, Kobe is the easy and obvious choice to recommend to international organizers and planners looking to bring a meeting, incentive, convention or trade show to Japan.



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# Why Kobe ?

To ask “Why has Kobe gained its highly respected position as a convention city?” is to invite a simple response. Cosmopolitan Kobe already has a long history of international exchange and warm, friendly hospitality. It was the first city in Japan to build a set of dedicated, multi-purpose convention facilities as a bold and confident addition to its existing image as a popular tourism destination based on attractive sea and mountain resources. This page summarizes 3 reasons for Kobe’s success in attracting thousands of conventions.



## General Information (September 2016)

Population	Foreign residents	Area
1,536,837	44,485	557.02km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Sister Cities etc.</b>		
●Seattle (USA)		
●Marseille (France)		
●Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)		
●Riga (Latvia)		
●Brisbane (Australia)		
●Barcelona (Spain)		
●Incheon (Korea)		
●Tianjin (Friendship City) (China)		
●Philadelphia (Partnership City) (USA)		
●Daegu (Partnership City) (Korea)		
<b>Sister ports etc.</b>		
●Port of Seattle (USA)		
●Port of Rotterdam (the Netherlands)		
●Tianjin Port (Friendship Port) (China)		
<b>Climate</b>		
●Average temperature: 16.7 °C		
●Highest temperature: 35.6 °C		
●Lowest temperature: -0.2 °C		

## Generous Support based on Organiser Needs

Kobe has had years of experience learning exactly what Organisers need to make their MICE event a success. As such, a number of financial and in-kind support systems are in place combining generous public and private grants, plus various other types of subsidy and assistance. In addition to helping Organisers promote Kobe to their attendees, the Kobe Convention & Visitors Association (KCVA) serve as advisors, coordinators and facilitators of the support systems. The KCVA arranges public and local support (e.g. the involvement of the Mayor) and volunteer groups (e.g., interpreter guides), and introduces specialist agents and vendors where required.

## Easy International Access

Kobe’s location in mid-West Japan is ideal for international MICE delegates. It is easy to travel to and in the middle of Japan’s most popular tourism region. Downtown Kobe is only 60 minutes by road from Kansai International Airport. This major airport hub is also only 30 minutes away by high-speed ferry. Kobe is also served by the Shinkansen bullet train which brings domestic delegates from Tokyo in under 2 hours, 50 minutes. Indeed, any international delegates arriving through Tokyo can enjoy this exciting form of travel, or alternatively fly to Kobe’s own domestic airport. Local tourism spots are also well-served from downtown by multiple rail, subway and road options.

## Substantial Convention Capacity

Kobe has capacity for a wide-range of events in different scales and formats. Particularly in the Kobe Convention Center (KCC) located on Port Island just 10 minutes from downtown, several MICE facilities are gathered together. These are the International Conference Center, International Exhibition Halls, Portopia Hotel, World Hall (an arena), Kobe Chamber of Commerce and Industry Hall, and other meeting rooms. There are also more MICE facilities in the downtown area.



# Access

## Access from Overseas to Kobe

### Step 1 Fly to Kansai International Airport (KIX)

Kansai International Airport is Japan's first 24 hour airport, connecting to 68 cities with 1,115 flights per week. All directional signage is posted in four languages - Japanese, Chinese, Korean, and English. International delegates can easily find their way around.



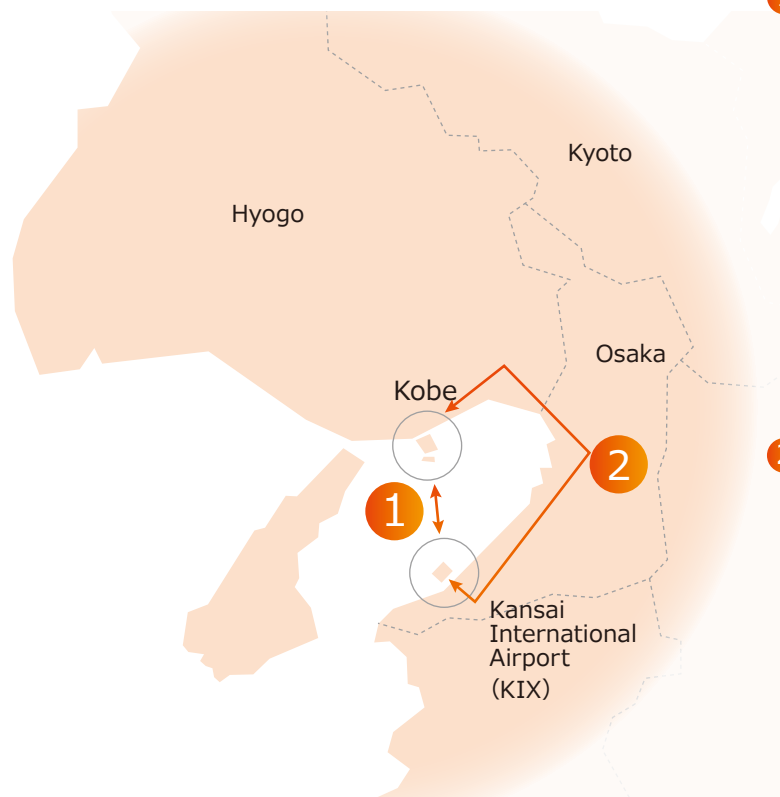
### Step 2 Transfer to Kobe by sea or road

There are two ways to come to Kobe. One is high-speed Bay Shuttle ferry and the other is Limousine Bus. In case of Bay Shuttle, only 30 min to Kobe.

#### 1 Bay Shuttle [30 min. transfer, 16 daily, 1 per hour]



#### 2 Limousine Bus [60 min. transfer, 3 per hour]



## Local Access to Kobe

### Shinkansen Bullet Trains

Shinkansen bullet trains stop at Shin-Kobe station every 15 min.



### Airplane

Kobe airport offers domestic flights from 6 major cities in Japan including Tokyo.





# About Kobe City

## Multicultural City

From ancient times Kobe developed as a trading window with China. Opening officially to the world in 1868, the port then became an international trade city, importing all the latest culture and industry from the West, and leading the way for Japan's nationwide modernization. With the exchange of people, goods and culture as its cornerstone, Kobe has nurtured a multi-cultural city in which the diverse architecture of Chinatown, its settlement of European-style villas, and Japan's first Islamic mosque all co-exist harmoniously.



## Global MICE Strategic City

Based on Kobe's strengths within the healthcare industry and as a destination to hold medical-related conventions, in 2013 the Japan Tourism Agency appointed Kobe as one of the nation's "Global MICE Strategic Cities". The city already has a uniquely cosmopolitan culture and is home to 43,000 foreigners from more than 130 countries. With Kobe also being a major container port, several multi-nationals have located their Japan offices here, including foreign pharmaceutical companies and international organizations such as the WHO Kobe Centre and International EMECS Center.



## Medical Industry City

The 'Kobe Medical Industry Development Project' was launched as a reconstruction project after the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake of 1995. The project has now attracted more than 310 medical-related companies to Kobe's Port Island and, together, these form Japan's largest medical cluster.

In addition, world-leading science and technology bases are located here including the "K" Supercomputer and Kobe Eye Centre (tentative name) where retinal regeneration therapy using iPS cells is being pioneered. Both these facilities are being utilized by a wide range of industries such as pharmaceutical and medical device development as well as for the environment and energy-related fields.



## Disaster Prevention and Reduction City

HAT Kobe was developed as part of the process to recover from the 1995 Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. It has been built in a new district east of the city center and is home to several international organizations related to disaster prevention such as the Japan Office of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) and the International Recovery Platform (IRP). Together these form an international research base to promote disaster prevention.

## Maritime Cultural City

Historically, port town Kobe has developed with trade as its core. Its town-planning has been guided by a 'Maritime Cultural City' concept and, as such, new towns Port Island and Rokko Island have been created. Together these position Kobe as a major connecting point between Japan and the world. In addition, new international networks are today being formed through the alliance of three local airports; Kansai International, Osaka International and Kobe Airport. Also in 2017, with Kobe Port welcoming the 150th anniversary of opening to the world, many commemorative events, including international conferences and a port-related 'Citizens Festa', are being planned.



## City of Design, Kobe

In 2008, Kobe was certified as a "City of Design" by UNESCO's Creative Cities Network and so aspires to become "a city that citizens want to always live in, a city that tourists want to visit, and a city that achieves sustainable development." From this fresh perspective, Kobe is reassessing local resources and attractions in order to refine and revitalize those that exist already and to create new ones. The "City of Design, Kobe" concept aims to enrich citizens' lives while working with them to do so.





# International Support Services

## What is the "Meet in Kobe" Program?

Kobe's Portopia Exposition of 1981, held on the newly opened Port Island, ushered in a new era for the city to transform itself into one of Japan's foremost MICE cities able to offer a variety of support services to international convention organizers. Over the following years of building a track record and learning what organizers need, Kobe Convention & Visitors Association (KCVA) launched its "Meet in Kobe" service package. This is a set of benefits for both MICE organizers and participants and one great reason to make first contact with the KCVA when considering Kobe as a destination.

### Services for Convention Organizers

- 1 Subsidy from Kobe City**  
This is a public subsidy using resources of the Portopia '81 Memorial Fund. The maximum amount possible is 5% of the total convention cost or up to JPY 5 million, whichever amount is smaller, for a category "A" international convention. (For a category "B" meeting, this amount is JPY 2 million).
- 2 Interest-Free Loan (for preparations)**  
This loan is intended to support the initial preparations of a convention. Applications can be made as early as 3 years prior to the convention's opening date (up to a maximum loan of JPY 3 million).
- 3 Organizer Site Inspection Expenses**  
Some of these expenses can be covered, namely, the cost of one-person's round-trip Shinkansen ticket between Tokyo and Shin-Kobe plus 1 hotel night with breakfast (at a 'Meet in Kobe' partner hotel) for one person.
- 4 On-Site Signboarding**  
Some signboard costs will be waived.
- 5 Complimentary Wine or Sake**  
Bottles of Kobe wine or locally-brewed Japanese sake, sufficient for the main toast, will be provided for the convention's welcome reception.
- 6 Complimentary 'Congress Bags'**  
Up to 500 non-woven bags or 100 paper bags will be provided free of charge.
- 7 A Souvenir of Kobe**  
A complimentary souvenir will be provided for each overseas participant.
- 8 Videos and Photos of Kobe**  
Promotional videos and images of Kobe available for loan (royalty-free).
- 9 KCVA Website Introduction**  
Your convention will be profiled on the Kobe Convention & Visitors Association website (in both English and Japanese). <http://www.kobe-convention.jp/>
- 10 Volunteer Interpreters**  
Volunteer staff with language skills can be introduced.
- 11 Support PR for Open Lectures**  
The KCVA will help promote open lectures to potential participants.
- 12 Complimentary Tourism Information**  
Information about local attractions and resources.
- 13 Subsidized Excursion Transport**  
Half of the cost for hiring chartered excursion buses will be subsidized (for up to 2 buses used to visit locations within the city area).
- 14 Promotions at Previous Convention**  
PR support to promote the future Kobe meeting to delegates attending a previous meeting of the same convention.

### Services for Convention Participants

- A 50% Discount on Port-Liner Rail Fare**  
The Port Liner trains link the convention center on Port Island with Downtown Kobe (Sannomiya). Discount tickets can be arranged by advance application for up to 3,000 attendees of an A-Type convention, or 1,000 for a B-Type convention.
- B 50% Discount on Rokko-Liner Rail Fare**  
The Rokko Liner trains link hotels and meeting facilities on Rokko Island with Downtown Kobe. Discount tickets can be arranged for up to 3,000 attendees of an A-Type convention, or 1,000 for a B-Type convention.
- C VIP Visitor Discount Coupons**  
These can be used to obtain discounts for admission to tourist attractions and souvenir shopping.
- D Free Guide Maps (Kobe City)**
- E Free Guide Maps (Kobe Convention Center area)**
- F On-Site Visitor Information Service**

5 Kobe wine / Japanese sake



10 Volunteer Interpreters



C VIP Coupons



D Kobe City Guide Maps

## Eligibility of Meet in Kobe

Conventions are categorized as either type "A" or type "B" based on the following five eligibility criteria. Services are different depending upon the category.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1 Held in Kobe</b></li><li><b>2 Organized by a nonprofit body</b></li><li><b>3 300 participants or more</b></li><li><b>4 Five or more participating countries (including Japan), and 100 or more overseas participants</b></li><li><b>5 Duration of three or more days</b></li></ol> | <div style="border-left: 2px solid black; border-right: 2px solid black; padding: 0 10px; margin: 0 10px;"><b>Type B</b> (fulfill 1 and 2)</div> <div style="border-left: 2px solid black; border-right: 2px solid black; padding: 0 10px; margin: 0 10px;"><b>type A</b> (must fulfill all 5 criteria)</div> |
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\*Definition of an international conference: it must involve two or more countries, including Japan, and have 20 or more participants.

\*In the case of an international session that is an integral part of a domestic conference, it must have a total of 20 or more participants, including 10 or more overseas participants.

### Procedures

- 1 Submission of applications**  
(These must be submitted by Organizer by Nov. 30th of the April to March fiscal year preceding the convention dates.)
- 2 Eligible applications approved**
- 3 Guidance and details for using services**
- 4 Services delivered / provided**

### Private Financial Support (Nakauchi Foundation)

The Tsutomu Nakauchi Foundation was established by a local entrepreneur and visionary who wanted to help attract more conventions to Kobe and Hyogo Prefecture. His foundation legacy provides financial subsidies to both international and domestic conferences held in the prefecture and to concurrently held exhibitions or trade fairs. This private fund can be combined with the public fund mentioned above, (Portopia '81 Memorial Fund). The Foundation also offers loans to assist a convention's preparations.

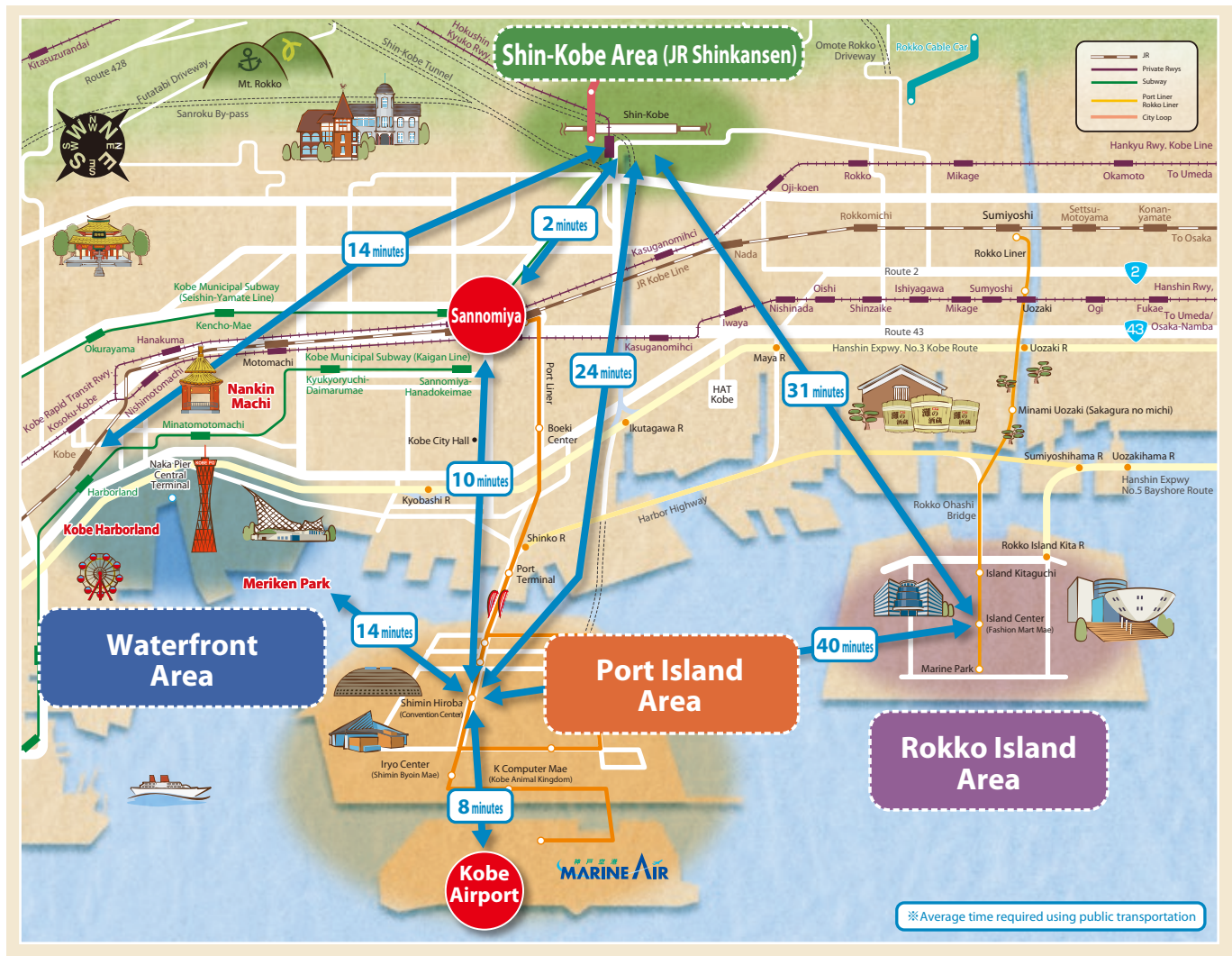
For further information,  
please contact Tsutomu Nakauchi Foundation.  
Tel.: +81-78-303-8111 (from overseas)



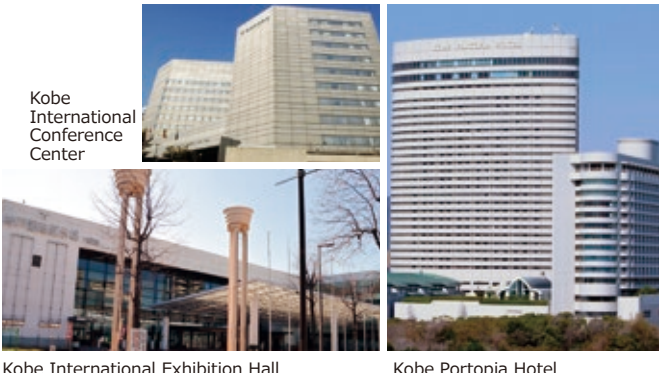


# MICE Facilities

## Four Popular Areas for MICE

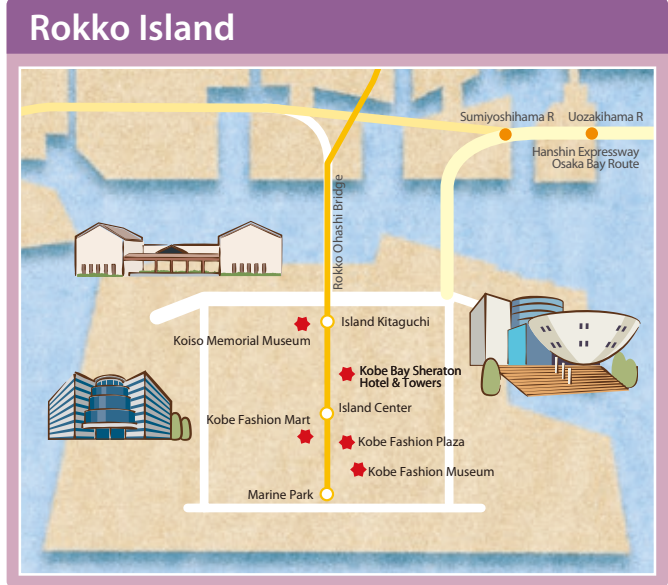
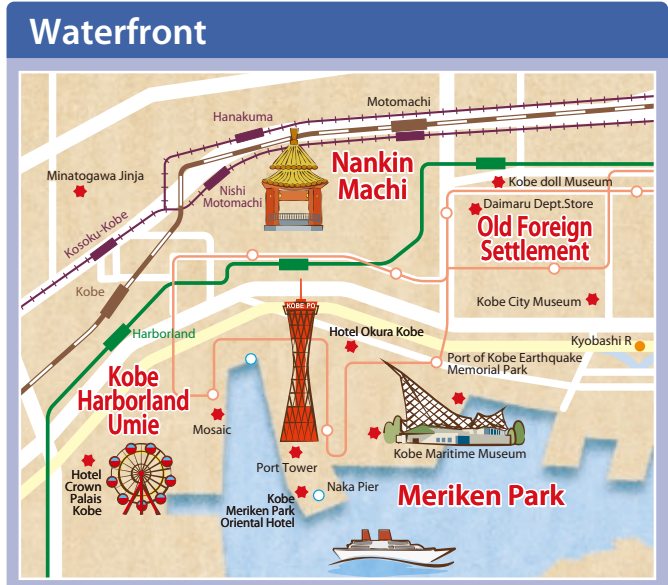
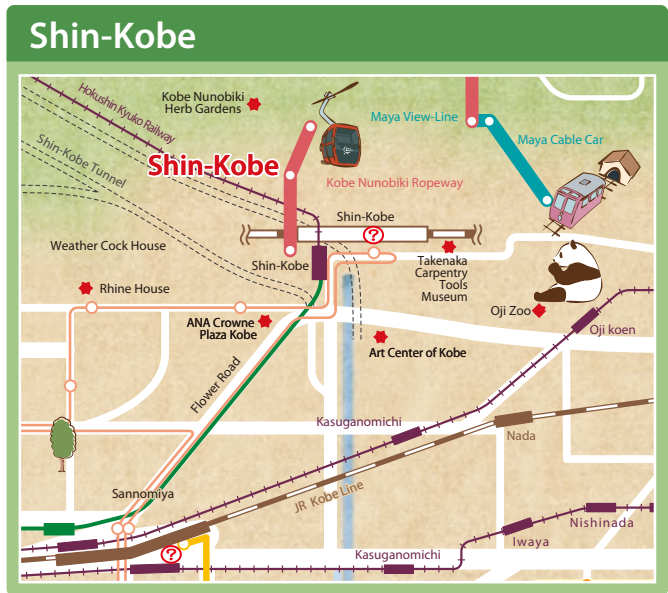


Port Island can be reached in just 8 minutes from Kobe Airport or 10 minutes from downtown Sannomiya by Port Liner train (or by road, via bridge and tunnel). Attendees arrive on the very doorstep of the Kobe Convention Center (KCC) which has an impressive list of international conferences held over the years. The island is also home to world-class research organizations including the RIKEN institute with its supercomputer (K computer) and over 300 medical businesses and organizations that form the "KOBE Biomedical Innovation Cluster."

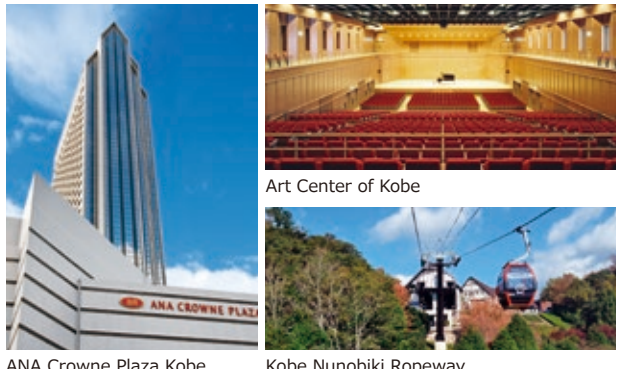


Kobe International Exhibition Hall

Kobe Portopia Hotel



This is the part of Kobe where the Shinkansen bullet train arrives (at Shin-Kobe Station), very close to the Sannomiya downtown area. Tourism attractions include the eclectic architectural styles of former residences built by the old foreign community, called 'Ijinkan'. Shin-Kobe is immediately below the impressive nature of the Rokko mountain range, and Nunobiki Waterfall, with access to the famous Arima onsen hot springs and vantage points for the spectacular "10 Million Dollar Night View" across Kobe.



ANA Crowne Plaza Kobe

Kobe Nunobiki Ropeway

Several stylish luxury hotels with unique architectural features are concentrated in the Waterfront Area. With conference rooms and halls in various different sizes this area is especially suitable for medium-sized conferences. After conference sessions, attendees can relax and party on a cruise ship or enjoy sightseeing around Nankinmachi (China town) or Motomachi (downtown).



Hotel Okura Kobe

Kobe Meriken Park Oriental Hotel

Hotel Crown Palais Kobe

The Rokko Island area has convention facilities numbering about 30 halls and meeting rooms with capacity to accommodate up to 6,000 delegates. The island is directly and easily accessible from Kansai International Airport by limousine bus. As Kobe is home to the very best Japanese sake (produced in nearby Nada district), post-convention events at local sake breweries are a very popular option for convention participants and deliver an authentic, uniquely Japan-style experience.



Kobe Bay Sheraton Hotel & Towers

Kobe Fashion Plaza



# MICE Facilities

## Kobe International Conference Center

P21 Map-①

Well furnished with a total of 21 rooms, including the Main Hall with capacity for 692 people and the International Conference Room with capacity for 360 people, the Kobe International Conference Center can comfortably accommodate various setups and group sizes. The center is directly connected to Shimin Hiroba (Convention Center) Station on the Port Liner via a covered walkway, enabling convention participants to travel comfortably even if it rains. Large-capacity LAN connectivity is also available in the Center. Well experienced staff will assist with your requests and support for the success of your convention.

●6-9-1, Minatojima-nakamachi, Chuo-ku  
TEL: +81-78-302-5200



Room Name	Area m <sup>2</sup>	Capacity (people)			Notes	Fee for all day use (Unit: yen)
		Classroom	Theater	Hollow-square		
Main Hall	575	—	692 (fixed seats)		5 waiting rooms, attached with Rehearsal Rooms	218,000 (Holiday287,000)
International Conference Room (301)	387	240	360	84	48 Gallery Seats available	271,000
Reception Hall	272	184	244	66	Available for parties (Buffet 100~150), exhibitions	144,000
302	66	VIP furniture (seats for 8 people with table)				35,000
303~307	40~42	17	28	18	—	22,000
401	130	64	124	40	401 and 402 can be connected (Max.: Theater 214 people)	71,000
402・403	99・100	44・52	102・104	32		54,000
404~406	62~64	28	52	20	—	35,000
407	42	18	34	16	—	22,000
501・502	233	148	212	54	—	128,000
503	82	40	84	24	—	54,000
504・505	90・95	40・49	84・100	30	Can be connected(Max.: Theater 186 people)	54,000

Fee for all rooms use (Unit: yen): 1,200,000

## Kobe International Exhibition Hall

P21 Map-②

The International Exhibition Halls have a total area of 13,600m<sup>2</sup>, with Hall No.1 Building (subtotal exhibition space: 6,000m<sup>2</sup>), Hall No.2 Building (exhibition space: 3,800m<sup>2</sup>), and Hall No.3 Building (exhibition space: 3,800m<sup>2</sup>). Hall No.2 Building has conference rooms with capacities ranging from 90 to 400 people on the second and third floors. With these facilities, the Kobe International Exhibition Halls can host various kinds of exhibitions, events and academic conferences that meet convention organizers' every need. It takes only eight minutes by Port Liner from Kobe Airport to the Kobe International Exhibition Halls, the closest exhibition facilities ever from an airport in Japan.

●6-11-1, Minatojima-nakamachi, Chuo-ku  
TEL: +81-78-302-1020



		Hall No.1 Building			Hall No.2 Building				Hall No.3 Building
		1st Floor	2nd Floor	Multi-purpose Room	Convention Hall	2A	2B	3A	3B
Area m <sup>2</sup>	Classroom	3,000	3,000	153	3,800	340	124	450	145
	Theater	—	1,500	60	2,000	180	90	270	90
Capacity (people)		—	3,000	150	4,000	300	100	400	120
Max. Floor Load t/m <sup>2</sup>		3	1	—	5	—	—	—	—
Height to Ceiling m		6	5	2.5	12	2.7	2.6	4	3
Floor Surfacing		Hard Epoxy	Vinyl sheeting lengths	—	Vinyl sheeting lengths	—	—	—	—
Load-in/out Access		2	EV2(3t,2t)	—	2	—	—	—	—
Secretariat Office m <sup>2</sup>		28	26,27(2 rooms)	—	128	—	—	—	—
Usage fee (9:00am~5:00pm)(Unit: yen)		Fee for all room use: 1,080,000			Fee for all room display use: 1,296,000 Fee for all room meeting use: 1,080,000				Fee for display use: 657,000 Fee for meeting use: 511,000



# MICE Facilities



## Kobe Portopia Hotel

P21Map-④⑤

The largest hotel in Kobe with 744 rooms accommodating 1,412 guests. Available for conventions of all sizes, it is equipped with PortopiaHall accommodating 1,702 people, 36 large and small banquet rooms, plus a direct covered walkway between the International Conference Center and Shimin Hiroba station.

- 6-10-1, Minatojima-nakamachi, Chuo-ku  
TEL: +81-78-302-1111  
[www.portopia.co.jp/en/](http://www.portopia.co.jp/en/)

Room Name	Area m	Capacity (people)			Notes
		Classroom	Theater	Meeting	
Portopia Hall	—	610	1,702	—	fixed seats
Ohwada	2,003	1,650	2,800	—	Can be partitioned into 1/3 and 2/3
Kairaku	1,190	800	1,200	—	Can be partitioned into 1/3 and 2/3
Waraku	377	280	400	—	Can be partitioned into 1/3 and 2/3
Rainbow	362	270	400	—	
Topaz	325	250	400	—	
Diamond	215	190	300	—	
Emerald	214	180	280	—	
Ikuta	188	130	200	—	
Sapphire	184	150	220	—	
Ruby	167	120	200	—	



## Hotel Pearl City Kobe

P21Map-⑦

The hotel is located in the heart of Port Island, and thereby has excellent access to Kobe Airport and convention facilities. This is a quiet location where our guests can relax yet not far from the downtown city center.

- 7-5-1, Minatojima-nakamachi, Chuo-ku  
TEL: +81-78-303-0100  
[www.pearlcity.jp/kobe](http://www.pearlcity.jp/kobe)

Room Name	Area m	Capacity (people)		
		Classroom	Theater	Meeting
Grand Pearl	326.0	130	260	72
Pearl	244.5	120	200	72
Emerald	99.5	40	60	40
Hagoromo / Suehiro	64.0	—	—	30
Hagoromo	32.0	—	—	12
Suehiro	32.0	—	—	12
Meeting Room 501	74.4	36	42	36
Meeting Room 502	121.6	66	80	58
Meeting Room 503	94.8	42	50	42
Meeting Room 505	94.5	42	50	40
Meeting Room 503 - 505	226.7	100	150	82



## Kobe Chamber of Commerce and Industry

P21Map-③

Offering a smart business-like atmosphere and well equipped with audio-visual and lighting systems, the Kobe Chamber of Commerce and Industry Building is a perfect venue for medium to large sized meetings for up to 500 attendees. Exhibitions can also be held in the Event Hall.

- 6-1, Minatojima-nakamachi, Chuo-ku  
TEL: +81-78-303-5804  
<http://kobe-cci.weebly.com/>

Room Name	Area m	Capacity (people)				Notes
		Classroom	Theater	Hollow-square	Hollow-square	
Shinsho Hall	451	264	468	102	—	2/1 Can be partitioned
Board Meeting Room	184	—	—	—	Double U-shape style 60	Stationary tables
Special Meeting Room A	92	—	—	—	Hollow square style 28	Stationary tables
Special Meeting Room B	46	—	—	—	Ship style 16	Stationary tables
Special Meeting Room C	58	—	—	—	Ship style 18	Stationary tables
First Meeting Room	92	45	84	36	—	Whole use available
Second Meeting Room	92	45	84	36	—	No.1 + No.2
Third Meeting Room	138	84	140	48	—	No.2 + No.3
Event Hall	480	—	—	—	—	No.1 + No.2 + No.3

Connected to the Internet  
Capacity (people) Hall:150; Other banquet rooms: 18-120



## Ariston Hotel Kobe

P21Map-⑧

"We are the nearest hotel to the sky, the sea and to people", a place where peace, science and advanced technology intersect. We are located in the town area of Kobe Port Island where we aim to be a permanently popular and much-loved hotel. There are six banquet halls large and small, including the Grand Ballroom with capacity for 250 people (max.).

- 6-1, Minatojima-nakamachi, Chuo-ku  
TEL: +81-78-303-5555  
HP [www.ariston.jp/kobe/](http://www.ariston.jp/kobe/)

Room Name	Area m	Capacity (people)		
		Classroom	Theater	Meeting
Valencia (2F)	364	180	250	—
Castilla (5F)	347	180	250	—
Port Is. (6F)	88	40	50	—
Rokko Is. (6F)	85	40	50	—
Andalucia (15F)	173	72	85	—
Barcelona (16F)	400	156	220	—



## World Hall

P21Map-⑥

A multipurpose hall with a 3,100m<sup>2</sup> arena and maximum capacity for 8,000 people.

Available for various events.

- Concerts, Fashion shows
- Large meetings, Receptions
- Tradeshows, Exhibitions
- International sports events
- Other

- 6-10-1, Minatojima-nakamachi, Chuo-ku  
TEL: +81-78-302-8781  
[www.kobe-spokyo.jp/world-kobe/](http://www.kobe-spokyo.jp/world-kobe/)

### Seats

- Spectator balcony Fixed seats:3,528 (2F, 3F)

- Arena floor Temporary seats:4,500  
Total : Approx.8,000

※The number of temporary seats varies depending on the stage setting.

### Arena

- Oblong 82.5mW×42.5mL
- Ceiling height Maximum approx. 30m
- Area 3,100m<sup>2</sup>
- Floor surface Wood floorboard (floor load 2 t / m<sup>2</sup>)

### Air conditioning

- Available both in spectator seats and Arena (charged)



## Nichii Gakkan Kobe Port Island Center

P21Map-⑨

The Nichii Gakkan Kobe Port Island Center is a purpose-built training center, located among the medical R&D community of the Kobe Biomedical Innovation Cluster. The center consists of various types of meeting room (the largest equipped with a simultaneous interpretation system) and includes safe, clean and functional campus-style accommodation on-site. Also including a large gym space, it is perfect for training seminars or international meetings related to the medical, welfare and fitness industries.

- 7-1-5, Minatojima-nakamachi, Chuo-ku  
TEL: +81-78-304-5991  
[www.nichiigakkan.co.jp/kobe\\_pi](http://www.nichiigakkan.co.jp/kobe_pi)

Room Name	Area m	Capacity (people)		
		Classroom	Theater	Meeting
Main Conference Room A	296	144	—	—
Main Conference Room B	296	144	—	—
Meeting Room 1	63	24	48	24
Meeting Room 2	61	24	48	24
Meeting Room 3	61	24	48	24
Meeting Room 4	63	24	48	24
Meeting Room 5	44	18	32	18
Meeting Room 6	44	18	32	18
Meeting Room 7	44	18	32	18
Meeting Room 8	46	18	32	18
Special Room 1	40	—	—	8
Special Room 2	14 Japanese tatami mat rooms	—	—	10
Gymnastic Hall	950	—	—	—



# MICE Facilities



## ANA Crowne Plaza Kobe P21Map-11

Justly proud of its superior access, the hotel is directly connected with Kobe's main rail gateway, JR Shin-Kobe Station and the Municipal Subway. There are 593 guestrooms offering a total capacity of 1,063 guests. There are also 16 rooms for banquets in various sizes, including a main banquet room furnished with the latest equipment, the Sky Banquet, and other meeting rooms.

- 1-3, Kitano-cho, Chuo-ku  
TEL: +81-78-291-1121  
[www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/gb/en/hyogo/osakb/hoteldetail](http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/gb/en/hyogo/osakb/hoteldetail)

Room Name	Area m	Capacity (people)		Notes
		Class room	Theater	
The Ballroom	1,947	1,100	2,000	Can be partitioned into 1/3 and 2/3 including foyer
Rosemary	257	160	340	
Chamomile	208	140	260	
Jasmine	212	140	260	
Lavender	171	100	200	
Melissa	102	60	120	
Linden	145	90	170	
Saffron	115	60	120	



## Hotel Crown Palais Kobe P20Map-16

Hotel Crown Palais Kobe is located at the gateway to the Kobe Harborland area. It has 12 banquet rooms of various sizes, including the Ballroom seating up to 540 people. These rooms can be used for a broad range of events including international conferences and celebratory occasions. We are all ready to welcome conference guests with high-quality services and warm-hearted hospitality.

- 1-3-5, Higashi-Kawasaki-cho, Chuo-ku  
TEL: +81-78-362-1155  
[www.crownpalais.jp/kobe/english/](http://www.crownpalais.jp/kobe/english/)

Room Name	Area m	Capacity (people)		Notes
		Class room	Theater	
The Ballroom	656	360	540	Can be partitioned
Midtown	373	216	324	Can be partitioned
Square	239	117	180	
Gallery	92	36	—	
Studio AB	64	30	45	
Studio C	68	30	45	



## Hotel Okura Kobe P20Map-13

The Hotel Okura is located in Meriken Park overlooking the ocean, adjacent to the new urban center of Kobe Harborland. The hotel features one of the largest banquet rooms in the city, and a simultaneous translation service is also available. There are 475 guest rooms, which can accommodate 966 people, as well as nine large and small banquet rooms.

- 2-1, Hatoba-cho, Chuo-ku  
TEL: +81-78-333-0111  
[www.okura.com/hotels/](http://www.okura.com/hotels/)

Room Name	Area m	Capacity (people)		Notes
		Class room	Theater	
Heian	2,100	880	3,000	Can be partitioned
Matsukaze	331	180	300	
Ariake	281	198	250	
Akebono	248	147	220	
Seiun	182	90	150	
Crystal	159	90	130	
Mayfair	182	90	150	
Asuka	99	42	100	
Starlight	145	54	80	



## La Suite Kobe Oceans Garden P21Map-17

With an ocean view of more than 270 degrees, the hall venue has a grand sense of openness. The venue is suitable for exhibitions, events (including small scale events and seminars) and can cater for various needs and purposes.

- 1-2, Shinko-cho, Chuo-ku  
TEL: +81-78-381-7777  
<https://oceansgarden.jp/>

Room Name	Area m	Capacity (people)		Notes
		Class room	Theater	
Oceans Hall	663	396	640	Can be partitioned into 4



## Kobe Meriken Park Oriental Hotel P20Map-15

Kobe Meriken Park Oriental Hotel is surrounded 270 degrees by the sea. It accommodates up to 930 guests and has 10 large and small banquet rooms, while a banquet hall reflects image of a luxury liner. Another with a terrace offers beautiful panoramas of the shining sea and night view of Kobe. It hosts various types of events such as conferences, business meetings, and parties. Free shuttle bus from JR Sannomiya Station to the hotel.

- 5-6, Hatobacho, Chuo-ku  
TEL: +81-78-325-8111  
[www.kobe-orientalhotel.co.jp/english/](http://www.kobe-orientalhotel.co.jp/english/)

Room Name	Area m	Capacity (people)		Notes
		Class room	Theater	
Zuiten (whole)	810	700	930	Can be partitioned
Kaio	342	130	180	
Tenku	210	78	108	
Ginga	190	100	140	Can be partitioned
Nagisa	125	70	100	
Tsubasa	91	48	70	
Akatsuki	67	36	50	
Misaki	65	36	50	
Subaru	50	27	40	
Sea's	185	—	—	



## Oriental Hotel P21Map-12

The Oriental Hotel stands proudly on the main street of the Kyukyo-ryuchi District, an area with a truly international ambience. The property features unique and open banquet rooms in various sizes, including banquet rooms with a water terrace. Such features bring business functions, international meetings, incentive events and reception parties an extra level of sophistication.

- 25, Kyomachi, Chuo-ku, Kobe  
TEL: +81-78-326-1500  
[www.orientalhotel.jp/en/](http://www.orientalhotel.jp/en/)

Room Name	Area m	Capacity (people)		Notes
		Class room	Theater	
Terrace room	89	54	90	
Bamboo room	122	72	144	Can be partitioned
Royal Ballroom	237	180	280	Can be partitioned
Oriental room	237	180	280	Can be partitioned



MICE Facilities



Kobe Bay Sheraton Hotel & Towers P21Map-14

Located in the center of Kobe's second man made Rokko Island, and features international class facilities and services. In addition to 270 guest rooms, accommodating 686 people, there are seven large and small banquet rooms. It also has the Sheraton Annex dedicated to meeting, seminars etc., as well as restaurants, bars, and a fitness club. Directly connected with Island Center Station serviced by the Rokko Liner trains, as well as an airport limousine bus service and a Universal Studio Japan direct bus, the hotel is convenient for sightseeing.

- 2-13, Koyochonaka, Higashinada-ku  
TEL: +81-78-857-7000  
www.sheraton-kobe.co.jp

Room Name	Area m	Capacity (people)			
		Seated	Buffet / Cocktail party	Class room	Theater
Rokko	925	520	700/1,000	620	940
Kitano	187	80	100/110	120	154
Maya	170	70	90/100	87	132
Nunobiki	144	60	80/90	78	126
Ajisai	72	30	40	36	50
Nojigiku	72	30	40	36	50
Urme	56	20	30	27	40



Kobe Fashion Mart P21Map-19

The Kobe Fashion Mart offers rental spaces for events and conferences, with a total floor area of approximately 5,280m<sup>2</sup>, accommodating a total of more than 5,000 people. The facility offers a wide range of rooms, including Atrium Plaza, a huge and spacious inner hall with vaulted ceiling, and a hall equipped with full sound system. The Kobe Fashion Mart can host a broad range of events such as exhibitions, closed door sales, lecture presentations, academic meetings, large-scale seminars, or small-scale meetings.

- 6-9, Koyocho-nakamachi, Higashinada-ku  
TEL: +81-78-857-8001  
www.kfm.or.jp/hall/

Room Name	Area m	Capacity (people)		
		Class room	Theater	
Atrium Plaza	2,100	1,176	1,584	
KFM Hall "IO"	707	480	712	
Convention Room	1	240	153	210
	2	130	72	108
	3	70	36	64
	4	91	45	70
Exhibition Space1	A	438	216	395
Total area 987m <sup>2</sup>	B	549	294	450
Exhibition Space2	A	432	216	395
Total area 980m <sup>2</sup>	B	548	294	450
Exhibition Space3	A	213	120	190
Total area 508m <sup>2</sup>	B	122	84	128
Exhibition Space4	C	173	102	144
	A	150	105	152
	B	123	90	110
	C	240	180	198

	Facilities	Hall capacity (people)	Other meeting rooms		Tel. (+81-78)	Address	Selling points/URL	P21 Map
			Number of rooms	Room capacity (people)				
Shin-Kobe and Sannomiya (downtown Kobe) areas	Art Center of Kobe	1,100	16	132~16	241-7477	7-1-13, Kumochibashi-dori, Chuo-ku	Opened in 2011 for large-scale conferences, academic meetings, seminars, etc. Located just in front of JR Shin-Kobe Station. Within walking distance from Sannomiya stations. www.art-center.jp/kobe	20
	Kobe International House	2,022	13	156~30	Hall:231-8162 Conference Room: 230-3196	8-1-6, Goko-dori, Chuo-ku	Very good transportation access. www.kih.co.jp	21
	Ikuta Shrine Hall	400	6	200~20	391-8765	1-2-1, Shimoyamate-dori, Chuo-ku	Located in central Sannomiya. Very good transportation access. www.ikutajinja.or.jp	22
	Hyogo Prefectural Agricultural Hall	500	8	180~20	333-5951	1, Kaigan-dori, Chuo-ku	Available for multi-purpose use. Venue setup conducted by Hall management. Very good transportation access. Within the Kyukyoryuchi (former foreign settlement) area.	23
	Kobe-shi Kinro Kaikan	500	23	120~12	232-1881	5-1-2, Kumoi-dori, Chuo-ku	Very good access to transportation. Reasonable fees.	24
	Kobe Sambo Hall	Exhibition space 1F 1,017m <sup>2</sup> (Large Hall) 2F 1,308m <sup>2</sup> (Large Hall)			251-3551	5-1-32, Hamabe-dori, Chuo-ku	Located in central Kobe. Draws many visitors thanks to good management and services. www.kobe-sanbo.net	25
	Design and Creative Center Kobe	500	6	100~10	325-2201	1-4, Onohama-cho, Chuo-ku	In addition to the multi-purpose hall and galleries (large, medium and small sizes), meeting rooms (large, medium and small sizes) are available. kiito.jp	26
	Kobe Port Terminal Hall	Exhibition space 1,000m <sup>2</sup>			391-7638	4-5, Shinko-cho, Chuo-ku	Exhibition hall with a view of the sea. www.kobe-port-th.jp	27
	Xebec Hall	300	1	80	303-5600	7-2-1, Minatojima-Nakamachi, Chuo-ku	Multi-purpose venue excellent for music events. Very good transportation access.	28

	Facilities	Hall capacity (people)	Other meeting rooms		Tel. (+81-78)	Address	Selling points/URL	P20-21 Map
			Number of rooms	Room capacity (people)				
Motomachi, Kobe and Harborland areas	Hyogo Prefectural Hall	360	26	144~6	321-2131	4-16-3, Shimoyamate-dori, Chuo-ku	Art galleries. Available also for meetings and parties. Parking space available. www.hyogo-arts.or.jp	28
	Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art Auditorium	156	3	36~30	332-7165	4-15-3, Shimoyamate-dori, Chuo-ku	Good transportation access. www.nosai-hyogo.or.jp/kaikan	29
	Hyogo Prefectural Nojigiku Hall	360	14	126~12	242-5355	4-22-15, Yamamoto-dori, Chuo-ku	Available for meetings and training courses. Close to Hyogo Prefectural Government Bldg. www.hyogo-jinken.or.jp	30
	Hyogo Chuo Labor Center	210	10	90~10	341-2271	6-3-28, Shimoyamate-dori, Chuo-ku	Available for meetings, training courses and parties. Satisfactory rating high. Housing a gallery. Close to Hyogo Prefectural Government Bldg. www.hyogo-churou.com/	31
	Hyogoken Shigaku Hall	300	12	135~12	331-6623	4-3-13, Kitanagasa-dori, Chuo-ku	Good transportation access. Quiet surroundings. Suited to meetings and conventions. www.hyogo-shigaku.or.jp	32
	Kobe Industrial Promotion Center	397	11	108~24	360-3200	1-8-4, Higashikawasaki-cho, Chuo-ku	There is also an exhibition hall. This is a venue with low-cost rates well-suited to small and medium-sized companies.	33
	Kobe Educational Hall	230	11	84~8	222-4111	4-10-5, Nakayamate-dori, Chuo-ku	Best venue for training courses and meetings. www.kobekhall.com	34
	Lasse Hall	560	10	200~20	291-1117	4-10-8, Nakayamate-dori, Chuo-ku	Available for large-scale international conventions, business meetings, parties, wedding, etc. www.lassehall.com	34
	Fugetsudo Hall	200	—	—	321-2391	3-3-10, Motomachi-dori, Chuo-ku	Very good transportation access. Within Motomachi shopping avenue. www.kobe-fugetsudo.co.jp	35
	Kobe Bunka Hall	Large Hall 2,043	Medium Hall 904		351-3535	4-2-2, Kusunoki-cho, Chuo-ku	Large hall suited to music. Medium hall, to plays. Very good transportation access. Opens seven days a week (except for facilities inspection days). http://www.kobe-bunka.jp/hall	36
JR Sumiyoshi Stn. area JR Nada Stn. area	Kobe Municipal Woman's Hall	300	8	50~20	351-0861	3-4-1, Tachibana-dori, Chuo-ku	Social education facility for cultural enrichment of women. www.kobe-fujin.or.jp	37
	Kobe Harborland Space Theater	400	3	30~15	360-3337	1-3-3, Higashi Kawasaki-cho, Chuo-ku	Located in the center of Harborland. Suited to various events. www.harborland.co.jp	38
	Kobe Shimbun Matsukata Hall	706	—	—	362-7111	1-5-7, Higashi Kawasaki-cho, Chuo-ku	Multi-purpose venue, though used mainly for music. www.kobe-np.co.jp/matsukata	39
	Minatogawa Shrine Nanko Hall	200	4	120~6	371-0005	3-1-1, Tamon-dori, Chuo-ku	Located on the premises of Minatogawa Shrine amid deep greenery. www.minatogawajinja.or.jp/nakou/	40
	Higashinada Kumin Center Uhara Hall	650	13	100~20	822-8333	5-1-16, Sumiyoshihigashi-machi, Higashinada-ku	Fit for full-scale music and plays. Available also for meetings, training courses and seminars. Very good transportation access. www.kobe-bunka.jp	41
	Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art AuditoriumI	250	3	150~100	262-0908	1-1-1, Wakinohamakaigan-dori, Chuo-ku	Multi-purpose hall mainly for art-related events. www.artm.pref.hyogo.jp	42

	Facilities	Hall capacity (people)	Other meeting rooms		Tel. (+81-78)	Address	Selling points/URL	P20-21 Map
			Number of rooms	Room capacity (people)				
Western Kobe	Pifule Hall	414	3	70~18	621-1120	4-2-15, Wakamatsu-cho, Nagata-ku	Very good transportation access. www.kobe-kinrou.jp/shisetsu/pifle	43
	UNITY	200	10	200~10	794-4970	1-1-1, Gakuennishi-machi, Nishi-ku	Sharing facility for five universities and a technology college near Gakuentoshi Stn. of Municipal Subway. A variety of extension lectures and language courses are held. www.unity-kobe.jp	44
Arima Onsen	Hotel Kinzan	180	1	~50	904-0701	1302-4, Arima-cho, Kita-ku	For one night stay with two meals, the guest is eligible for a special charge of ¥ 28,000 or up when participating in a meeting held in Kobe City (outside of the hotel). www.kinzan.co.jp	45
	Arima Grand Hotel	300	7	200~50	904-0181	1304-1, Arima-cho, Kita-ku	Large garden and tranquil surroundings. www.arima-gh.co.jp	46
	Arima Spa Hyoe Koyokaku	320	5	200~10	904-0501	1904, Arima-cho, Kita-ku	Largest bath in Arima with long history with open-air baths that boast a scenic view of nature. www.hyoe.co.jp	47
	Gekkoen Korokan / Yugetsusanso	240	5	200~10	903-2255	318, Arima-cho, Kita-ku	Traditional inn full of Japanese atmosphere with natural scenery for each of the four seasons. www.gekkoen.co.jp	48
Convention facilities of other hotels	Hotel Kitano Plaza Rokkoso	200	4	150~20	241-2451	1-1-14, Kitano-cho, Chuo-ku	Meeting rooms are available for a small number of participants. www.rokkoso.com	49
	Kobe Sannomiya Tokyu REI Hotel	220	2	50~30	291-0109	6-1-5, Kumoi-dori, Chuo-ku	Just in front of JR Sannomiya Stn. Various needs met in meetings, exhibitions, etc.	50
	Kobe Sannomiya Union Hotel	—	1	36	242-3000	2-1-10, Goko-dori, Chuo-ku	Available for client convenience and at very reasonable rates based on participant numbers and required usage period. Package pricing offered on a 300 Yen / per hour / per participant basis or a total of 8,230 Yen for 3 hours regardless of group size, etc. www.unionhotel.jp	51
	Kobe Plaza Hotel	—	3	50~10	332-1141	1-13-12, Motomachi-dori, Chuo-ku	Good transportation access. Located in front of JR Motomachi Stn. Three types of meeting rooms available for various purposes or group sizes. www.kobeplaza.com	52
	Hotel La Suite Kobe Harborland	120	5	64~8	371-1111	7-2, Hatoba-cho, Chuo-ku	Our banquet rooms facing the sea have a unique air of openness. www.l-s.jp	53





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# Unique Venues

Kobe, as a city with an especially wide variety of architectural styles, natural settings and tourism facilities, offers an eclectic selection of unusual locations for holding dinners, parties and receptions when the buildings are not being used for their primary purpose. Examples of such “unique venues” are Kobe’s sake breweries and museums which can make spaces available for hospitality purposes.

## Cruising



### Luminous Kobe-2

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- Passenger Capacity / 1,000
- Boarding Point / Naka Pier Passenger Terminal
- Luminous Cruising Co., Ltd.  
TEL: +81-78-333-8414  
FAX: +81-78-333-8414  
HP [www.luminouskobe.co.jp](http://www.luminouskobe.co.jp)

Restaurants / rooms	Area m	Capacity (people)
Salle de Mer	230	120
The Normandy	85	38
Restaurant Le Harve	275	90
Restaurant Le Caribe	365	230
Restaurant Le Seine	250	150
EL Diner	250	60
Lumiere	230	60



### Concerto

P20Map-55

- Passenger Capacity / 604
- Boarding Point / Kobe Harborland (in front of Mosaic)
- Kobe Cruiser Co., Ltd.  
TEL: +81-78-360-5600  
FAX: +81-78-360-5678  
HP [www.kobeconcerto.com](http://www.kobeconcerto.com)

Restaurants / rooms	Area m	Capacity (people)
Amethyst	145	40
Ruby	210	90
Pearl	155	80
Emerald	60	24
Sapphire	75	30
Diamond	260	130

※We offer a plan to take participants of conventions held in the Kobe International Conference Center to and from the Kobe Harborland. For details, please contact the Kobe Convention & Visitors Association.

## Night Views

### Kitano Club Sola

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Guests of 20 to 300 can be invited to daytime parties in a wide open “gallery of seasonal beauty of nature” or to gorgeous evening parties to enjoy the “10 Million-Dollar Night View.” The venue can help produce unique special events as the organizer wishes with decorations, flower arrangements, live music and lighting coordination.

rooms	Area m	Seated	Buffet
Monsoon villa	353	~90	~200
Grace villa	416	~140	~300
Mirage villa	252	~80	~100

- 1-5-4, Kitano-cho, Chuo-ku  
TEL: +81-78-222-5515  
HP [www.sola-resort.com/](http://www.sola-resort.com/)



## Amusement facilities

### Kobe Animal Kingdom

P21Map-60

In this Kingdom, created around the theme of “Harmony between animals, flowers, and humans”, visitors can spend a relaxing time with alpacas, toucans and various other animals, surrounded by colorful flowers in full bloom. The venue is available for post-convention parties of 100 guests and up to 1,000. On request (optional), a surprise welcome ceremony with a Bird Performance Show or cute alpacas can be arranged. Please feel free to contact the venue directly.

- Capacity/750pax (Seated) ,1000pax (Buffet)
- TEL: +81-78-302-8899  
HP [www.kobe-oukoku.com/](http://www.kobe-oukoku.com/)



### Suma Aqualife Park

P20Map-66

The Suma Aqualife Park, a municipal facility, has been popular among the people of Kobe since its opening in 1957. Visitors can watch sharks, rays and various other fish swimming calmly in the huge aquarium containing 1,200 tons of water. For banquets, the organiser can use the wide space in front of this aquarium on the first floor of the main building, the nearest facility from the park’s entrance.

- Capacity/100pax (Seated) ,150pax (Buffet)
- 1-3-5, Wakamiya-cho, Suma-ku  
TEL: +81-78-731-7301  
HP [sumasui.jp/](http://sumasui.jp/)



## Sake Breweries

### Kobe Shu-shin-kan Breweries

P21Map-58

These old wooden brewery buildings were renovated into a modern multipurpose hall Homeikura and a Japanese restaurant Sakabayashi. Homeikura, with good acoustics thanks to its high ceiling, is suited to hold recitals, parties, seminars, wedding parties, and various other events. Sakabayashi offers seasonal local fresh products, served with local premium sake and draft beer direct from the brewery. Guests are sure to feel in the good old days in a building that uses time-honored wood for pillars and beams.

- Capacity/120pax (Seated) ,180pax (Buffet)
- TEL: +81-78-841-1121  
HP [www.shushinkan.co.jp](http://www.shushinkan.co.jp)



### Sakuramasamune Museum Sakuraen

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Helpful video shorts explain the sake brewing process used in the old days. Rare brewing tools, classic advertisements and old sake bottles and brand labels are exhibited. The restaurant on-site offers delicacies such as crab dishes, served with unrefined sake straight from the brewery.

- Capacity/128pax (Seated)
- TEL: +81-78-436-3030  
HP [www.sakuramasamune.co.jp](http://www.sakuramasamune.co.jp)





# Unique Venues

## Historical Building

### Kobe City Sorakuen Garden

P20Map-65

Sorakuen Garden, designated by the Japanese Government as a Place of Scenic Beauty, is Kobe citizens' favorite haven of relaxation. The Sorakuen Hall, so designed as not to impair the scenic beauty of the garden, was built by the Kobe City Government to receive its important guests from around Japan and overseas. It is also used as a venue for conferences and various other special events sponsored or organized by the municipal government. On its first floor, there is a large hall for receptions and conferences as well as cloak and waiting rooms. On the second floor are Japanese-style tatami mat rooms, a large meeting room, etc. furnished in Japanese and West-ern-style.

- Capacity/200pax (Seated) ,300pax (Buffet)
- 5-3-1, Nakayamate-dori, Chuo-ku  
Kobe City Sorakuen TEL: +81-78-351-5155  
Kobe City Sorakuen Kaikan TEL: +81-78-341-1191  
HP [www.sorakuen.com/shisetsu.html](http://www.sorakuen.com/shisetsu.html)



### Ikuta Shrine Hall

P21Map-22

Ikuta Shrine has a history of over 1,800 years. The name of the Kobe area originated from Kanbe, the house assigned to preserve rituals of the God of Ikuta. The shrine was highly ranked within the pre-war Shinto shrine hierarchy. The Ikuta Shrine Hall on its precinct is available for meetings and parties in a quiet environment among the trees of the "Ikuta Woods," despite being located in the center of downtown Kobe.

- 1-2-1, Shimoyamate-dori, Chuo-ku  
TEL: +81-78-391-8765  
HP [www.ikutajinja.or.jp](http://www.ikutajinja.or.jp)

Room name	Area m	Capacity(people)		
		Meeting	Seated	Buffet
FUJI	173	50~100	Max60	Max100
HOURAI	173	100~180	Max100	Max150
KIKU	210	~180	Max100	Max160
UME	173	~180	Max100	Max160
MUKO	158	~150	Max60	Max100
NUNOBIKI	78	~40	Max30	Max40
CHOUSEI	43	~20	Max20	Max30



### Minatogawa Shrine Nanko Hall

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Minatogawa Shrine, one of Kobe's three popular shrines, is located within walking distance of railway stations on the JR, Hankyu, Hanshin, and Kobe Municipal Subway lines. The Nanko Hall, standing on the precinct of the shrine with its dark green trees, is available for meetings, exhibitions, and banquets for both small and large groups. Authentic Japanese Cuisine for informal parties, with all-you-can-drinks, start at JPY5,000 for up to 200 guests.

- 3-1-1, Tamon-dori, Chuo-ku  
TEL: +81-78-371-0005  
HP [www.minatogawajinja.or.jp/nankou/](http://www.minatogawajinja.or.jp/nankou/)

Room name	Area m	Capacity(people)		
		Meeting	Seated	Buffet
KIKUSUINOMA	288	~130	MAX120	MAX150
SEIUNNOMA	360	~180	MAX200	MAX250
UME	20	~12	MAX6	MAX10
UME / FUJI	40	~18	MAX14	MAX20
MATSU / FUJI / YURI	60	~30	MAX24	MAX30
YURI	18	~12	MAX6	MAX10

### the Hillside Kobe Kobe Geihinkan Restaurant Le Un Victorian House Reintei

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The guest house, housing Kobe Geihinkan Restaurant "Le Un" on its first floor, is a cultural heritage designated by the Hyogo Prefectural Government. It was built in 1919 by a wealthy Japanese trading merchant to receive important guests. The Hillside Kobe was designed by the world famous architect Tadao Ando, a Pritzker Architecture Prize laureate. The Kobe Kitano Geihinkan, Ijinkan or Victorian House Reintei, is a fine-featured white building. All these famous buildings serve as extraordinary venues for exclusive parties.



- VALUE MANAGEMENT GROUP  
(Reception desk of three venues common banquet)  
TEL: +81-120-075-390
- the Hillside Kobe  
●Capacity / 88pax (Seated) ,120pax (Buffet)  
[www.hillsiderokko.com/party/](http://www.hillsiderokko.com/party/)
- Kobe Geihinkan Restaurant Le Un  
●Capacity / 30~120pax (Seated) ,  
80~130pax (Buffet)  
[vizcaya.jp/party/](http://vizcaya.jp/party/)
- Victorian House Reintei  
●Capacity / 70pax (Seated) ,80pax (Buffet)  
[www.kitanorein.com/](http://www.kitanorein.com/)



### Yamanote Geihinkan Kobe

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This is a venue that can be fully chartered for private party events. It is only 1 minute walk from Sannomiya Station. Other types of event and meetings can also be held.

- 3-1-1 Nunobiki-cho,  
chuo-ku, Kobe  
TEL: 0120-480-222  
HP [www.tgn.co.jp/p-party/](http://www.tgn.co.jp/p-party/)

Room name	Area m	Capacity(people)		Notes
		Seated	Buffet	
Banquet room	206	Max 120	Max 150	Capacity depends on dining format



### Bayside Geihinkan Kobe

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This splendid villa-like property is a venue that is usually booked as a charter.

- 2-302-4 Hamabe-dori,  
chuo-ku, Kobe  
TEL: 0120-480-222  
HP [www.tgn.co.jp/p-party/](http://www.tgn.co.jp/p-party/)

Room name	Area m	Capacity(people)		Notes
		Seated	Buffet	
Banquet room	222	Max 150	Max 200	※Capacity depends on dining format



# Entertainment

In keeping with Kobe's highly cosmopolitan image (as home to people from 130 countries), the citizens enjoy and take part in an especially wide range of entertainment and artistic genres, both traditionally Japanese and those more international in origin. So whatever the type of event, venue or theme being planned, convention organisers have ample options to choose something that will impress, move and connect with their participants.

## Entertainments at welcome ceremonies and convention parties

### Samba

Samba is a famous feature of the Kobe citizens' festival in spring.



### Jazz Bands

Kobe is the birthplace of Jazz in Japan. There are big bands, combos etc. and a large number of house bands.



### Japanese Drums

A performance of large and small drums is amazingly spectacular.



### Koto (Japanese Harp)

Kimono-clad ladies playing the koto harp. The delicate sound of the strings is well suited to receptions. Performers are trained in the Ikuta School tradition and some play the one-string Suma Goto.



### Awa Dance

The energetic dance and a wide variety of music draws audiences into the dance spirit.



### Kobe City Fire Department Brass Band

Starting in 1952, this Brass Band provides welcome performances for foreign visitors outside of their regular engagements performing for fire-prevention related PR activities.



## For participants from overseas

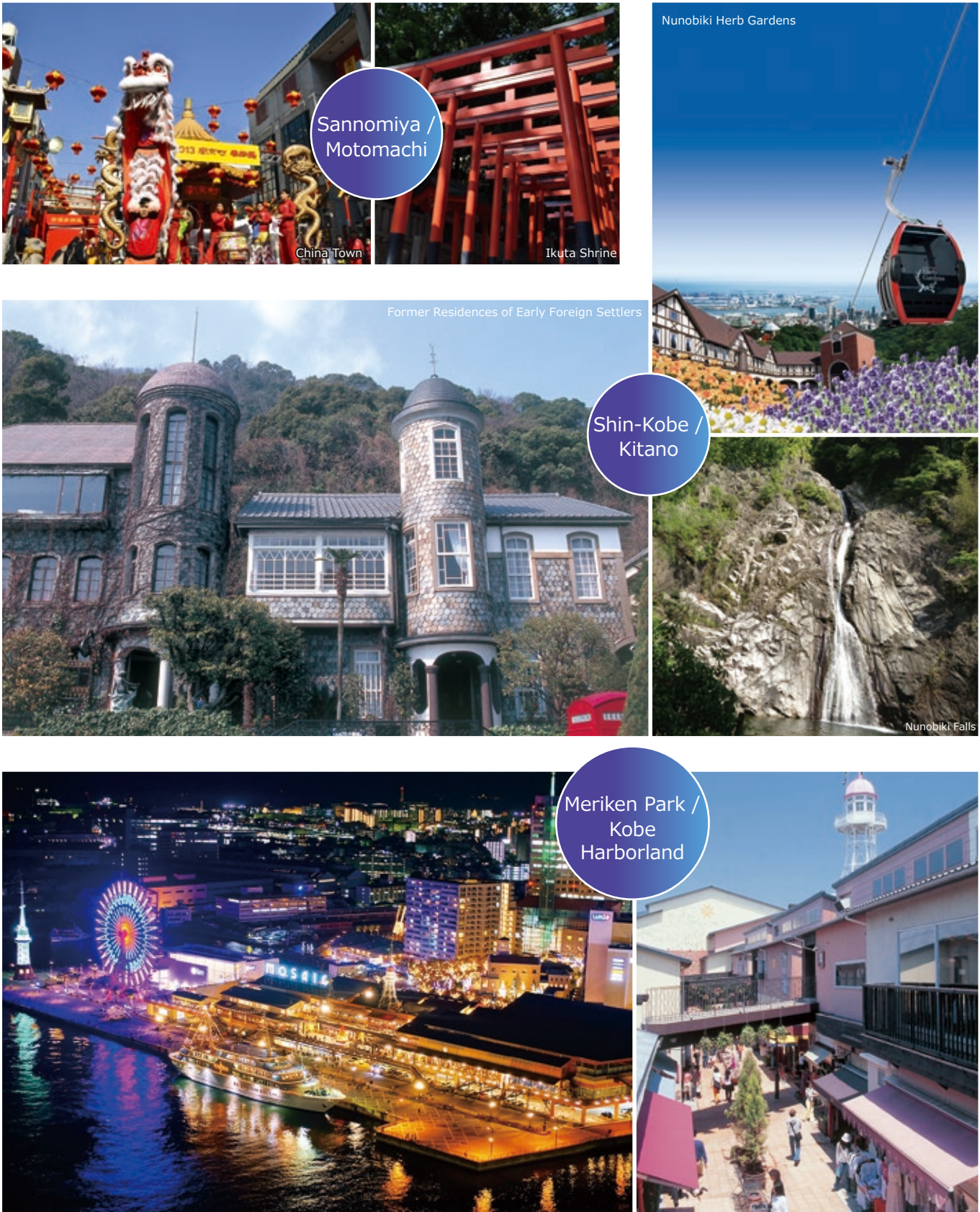
Guests to Kobe can try out for themselves the tea ceremony, flower arrangement, and other Japanese arts and culture.





# Sightseeing

Kobe which is located in central region of Japan is easy access from sightseeing sports in both western and eastern Japan. It is possible to plan various kind of excursion programs such as one day trip to UNESCO world heritage.





# Sightseeing



Himeji

Himeji Castle  
Courtesy: Himeji City



Kokoen Garden



Akashi Kaikyo National Government Park  
Courtesy: Awaji Island Tourism Guide

Awaji / Tokushima



Naruto Whirlpools



Tamba Pottery



Courtesy: Hiroshima Prefecture

Hiroshima



Atomic Bomb Dome



Okayama

Kurashiki



Okayama Korakuen



Nara



Yakushiji Temple (Mantoue)  
Courtesy: Nara City Tourist Association



Kyoto



Kiyomizu-dera Temple



Osaka



Osaka Castle

(C) Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau



Food

The world famous Kobe Beef has brought gourmet recognition to the city but Kobe is also well-known for its confectionary industry as well as wine and fruits produced in the mountainous areas, and some of the nation’s best sake brewed in the east part of the city, called Nada-ku.

Kobe Beef

The unique taste of Kobe Beef --- softness and pleasantness to the palette as well as the best matching of the taste and flavor of the fat are all combined --- The highest quality beef which charms the gourmets of the world.



Kobe Wine

Kobe wine is made from grape organically grown on land blessed with a mild climate and fertile soil. The taste and quality of Kobe Wine, made from 100% Kobe grapes, receives a high esteem even at the Monde Selection, a world-renowned consumer products test fair. Kobe Wine with mild taste and fruity flavor suits to all kinds of cuisine from Japanese to Western and Chinese.



Kobe Sweets

Kobe has produced a lot of pastry makes from cakes to chocolates after the introduction of Western culture. Various Kobe-brand pastries, unique to individual makers, are loved by citizens. In the Kitano area where a number of historic Ijinkan (foreigners’ residence) stand, you can find “Kitano Meister Garden” that attracts citizens and tourists for a demonstration by the pastry chef.



Kobe Fruits

Kobe is a sunny city and the Setouchi area is the most suitable in Japan to grow the highest grade of fruit due to low rain fall, with its climate called Japan’s Mediterranean. The highest sugar content and freshness of the fruit delivered to the dining table in the fastest possible time are the reason for the praise garnered by KOBE FRUITS.



Accommodation

Hotels and Budget Hotels

★ ★ are members of the ‘Meet in Kobe’ alliance

No. of facilities	69
No. of rooms	8,550

Port Island

Facility Name	Rooms	Tel(078)	URL
★Ariston Hotel Kobe	121	303-5555	www.ariston.jp/kobe/
★Kobe Portopia Hotel	744	302-1111	www.portopia.co.jp
★Hotel Pearl City Kobe	381	303-0100	www.pearlcity.co.jp/kobe

Shin-Kobe / Kitano

Facility Name	Rooms	Tel(078)	URL
★ANA Crowne Plaza Hotel Kobe	593	291-1121	www.anacrowneplaza-kobe.jp
Green Hill Hotel Kobe Urban	102	222-1221	gh-hotel.co.jp/urban
★Green Hill Hotel Kobe	160	222-0909	gh-hotel.co.jp/kobe
Kobe Kitano Hotel	30	271-3711	www.kobe-kitanohotel.co.jp
Hotel Isago Kobe	27	241-0135	www.isago.co.jp
★Hotel Kitano Plaza Rokkoso	49	241-2451	www.rokkoso.com
Minotani Green Sports Hotel	33	581-6000	minotani.jp

Sannomiya

Facility Name	Rooms	Tel(078)	URL
★Oriental Hotel	116	326-1500	www.orientalhotel.jp
Kitagami Hotel	55	391-8781	www.kitagamihotel.com
★Kobe Sannomiya Tokyu REI Hotel	235	291-0109	www.kobe-i.tokyuhotels.co.jp
★Kobe Sannomiya Union Hotel	307	242-3000	www.unionhotel.jp
Kobe Toa Road Hotel Sanraku	77	391-6691	www.sanraku.premierhotel-group.com/kobe/
the b' Kobe	168	333-4880	www.ishinhotels.com
Sanside Hotel	100	232-3331	www.sanside.co.jp
Sannomiya Terminal Hotel	190	291-0001	www.sth-hotel.co.jp
Daiichi Grand Hotel Kobe-Sannomiya	108	391-1111	www.dgh-kobesannomiya.com
Hotel Via Mare Kobe	95	321-0067	www.h-viamare.co.jp
★Hotel Sunroute Sopra Kobe	218	222-7500	www.sopra-kobe.com
Hotel Piena Kobe	90	241-1010	www.piena.co.jp
★Hotel Monterey Kobe	164	392-7111	www.hotelmonterey.co.jp/kobe
Hotel 1-2-3 Kobe	98	272-5000	www.hotel123.co.jp

Motomachi

Facility Name	Rooms	Tel(078)	URL
★Kobe Plaza Hotel	138	332-1141	www.kobepiazza.com
Kobe Porttower Hotel	193	371-8080	www.kobe-porttower-hotel.com
★Kobe Meriken Park Oriental Hotel	319	325-8111	www.kobe-orientalhotel.co.jp
Kobe Motomachi Tokyu REI Hotel	191	327-0109	www.kobemotomachi.rei.tokyuhotels.co.jp
★Hotel Okura Kobe	475	333-0111	www.kobe.hotelokura.co.jp
★Hotel La Suite Kobe Harborland	64	371-1111	www.l-s.jp

Kobe / Hyogo

Facility Name	Rooms	Tel(078)	URL
Kobe City Gardens Hotel	56	341-2944	www.kobe-citygardens.com
★Kobe Harborland Onsen Manyo Club	56	371-4126	www.manyo.co.jp/kobe
Kobe Minato Onsen REN	90	381-7000	https://ren-onsen.jp
Kobe Luminous Hotel	192	511-7700	www.luminous-hotel.co.jp
★Hotel Crown Palais Kobe	229	362-1155	www.crownpalais.jp/kobe

Rokko Island

Facility Name	Rooms	Tel(078)	URL
★Kobe Bay Sheraton Hotel & Towers	276	857-7000	www.sheraton-kobe.co.jp
★Hotel Plaza Kobe	138	846-5400	www.hotelplazakobe.co.jp

Suma / Harima Onsen

Facility Name	Rooms	Tel(078)	URL
Seapal Suma	45	731-6815	www.seapalsuma.com
Kotobukirou Rinsuitei	53	731-4351	www.kotobukirou.jp
Suma Kanko House Ajitoyado Kagetsu	7	731-3751	www.suma-kagetsu.com

Maiko

Facility Name	Rooms	Tel(078)	URL
Seaside Hotel Maiko Villa Kobe	247	706-7767	www.maikovilla.co.jp
Maiko Hotel	11	782-1155	www.maiko-hotel.co.jp

Seihokushin

Facility Name	Rooms	Tel(078)	URL
Kobe Seishin Oriental Hotel	184	992-8111	www.seishin-oh.co.jp
Hotel Fruit Flower	129	954-1002	fruit-flowerpark.jp

Mt. Rokko / Mt. Maya

Facility Name	Rooms	Tel(078)	URL
Hotel de Maya	31	862-0008	www.hotel-de-maya.com
Rokkosan Hotel	45	891-0301	www.653.co.jp

Arima Onsen

Facility Name	Rooms	Tel(078)	URL
★Arima Grand Hotel	237	904-0181	www.arima-gh.jp
Arima View Hotel Urara	63	904-2295	www.arima-view.com
Arima Royal Hotel	35	904-0541	www.arimaroyal-h.com
★Kinzan	40	904-0701	www.kinzan.co.jp
Ginsuiso Bekkan Choraku	37	904-0666	www.choraku.com
Gekkoen Korokan	33	903-2255	www.gekkoen.co.jp/korokan
Gekkoen Yugetsusanso	40	904-0366	www.gekkoen.co.jp/yuuetu
Kadonobou	39	904-0771	www.kadonobou.com
★Nakanobo Zui-en	52	904-0781	www.zuien.co.jp
Hyoe Koyokaku	129	904-0501	www.hyoe.co.jp
Mint Resort Inn Arima	18	903-0023	www.arimaspas.com/mint

Public Accommodations

Chuo-ku / Nada-ku

Facility Name	Rooms	Tel(078)	URL
Escale-Kobe	51	341-0112	www.jswa.or.jp/koube
Kobe Student Youth Center	12	851-2760	www.ksyc.jp
Palace Kobe	19	371-7800	www.palace-kobe.jp
Hyogo Kyosai Kaikan	29	222-2600	www.hk-kaikan.com/
Lasse Hall	15	291-1117	www.lassehall.com

Suma-ku / Tarumi-ku / Nishi-ku

Facility Name	Rooms	Tel(078)	URL
Humour Resort Group Taisanji Nadeshikonoyu	16	977-0261	www.nadeshikonoyu.com
Tanpopo-no-ie	22	743-8000	
Aozora Outdoor Activity Center	18	743-8000	www.shiawasenomura.org
Health Center Hiyodori	23	743-8000	
Main building & Lodge	49	743-8000	

Mt. Rokko

Facility Name	Rooms	Tel(078)	URL
YMCA Mt. Rokko	43	891-0050	www.osakaymca.jp/rokk/

Other Facilities in Kita-ku

Facility Name	Rooms	Tel(078)	URL
Kobe Seminar House	100	985-4391	www.pb-k.jp/kobeseminarhouse