

PG-505


Japan National Tourist Organization
JNTO Website : <http://www.jnto.go.jp>

Tourist Information Center (TIC)

Tokyo Office: Tel. (03) 3201-3331



"YOKOSO" means "welcome"

OSAKA

Osaka, whose population is 8.8 million and area is 1,892 square kilometers, has been famous as a commercial city since the 16th century. It has also played a great role as a prefecture in hosting many international events. The opening of Kansai International

Airport and the continuously developing transportation networks have made Osaka even more accessible to visitors. Thus Osaka has become "the place" to meet people from all over the world.

OSAKA/UMEDA (KITA)

① Shin-Umeda City (新梅田シティ)

The Floating Garden Observatory (空中庭園) is a landmark of Osaka's Kita area. From the observatory, you can see all of Osaka and beyond to Awaji Island. The popular Takimi Koji underground market has a retro ambience that dates back to the 1920s. Tel: (06) 6440-3855. Open Daily 10:00-22:30 Admission: ¥700

② HEP FIVE/HEP NAVIO (ハップファイブ/ナビオ)

The very popular "FIVE" is known for its usual urban-center red Ferris wheel with views of downtown buildings, Osaka harbor and Ikoma Mountain. Inside, there are many shops for young people. "NAVIO" has distinguished fashion shops on each floor as well as a popular place for movies and gourmet. HEP FIVE: Open 11:00-21:00, restaurants and amusements open 11:00-23:00 HEP NAVIO: Open 11:00-20:00, restaurants open 11:00-22:30.

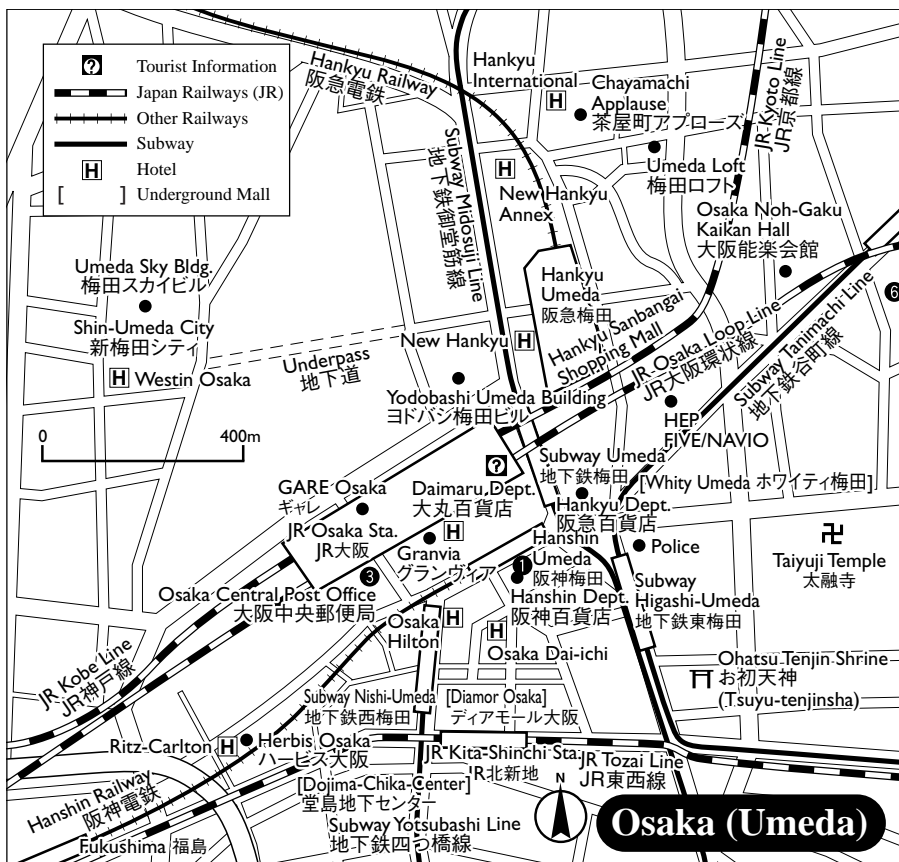
③ Underground Shopping Mall (キタの地下街)

④ Chayamachi neighborhood (茶屋町界隈)

The high-rise complex, Chayamachi Applause includes Umeda Koma Theater and Theater Drama City. Nearby, there are many shops popular with young people such as Umeda Loft Department Store and more.

⑤ Ohatsu Tenjin Shrine (お初天神)

A flea market is held on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. (Open Summer: 7:00-15:00, Winter: 8:00-17:00)



NAMBA and SHINSAIBASHI (MINAMI)

Dotombori (道頓堀)

Osaka's most famous district glittering with colorful neon signs and extravagant restaurant decorations.

Crysta Nagahori (クリスタ長堀)

An underground arcade of 100 shops and restaurants extending from Yotsubashi Sta. to Nagahoribashi Sta. (through Shinsaibashi Sta.). Open: 11:30-20:30 (shops) and 11:00-22:00 (restaurants).

Closed on the 3rd Mon. of Feb.

America-Mura (アメリカ村)

A district featuring many US import shops, used clothing shops and flea markets. Murals and a statue of liberty on the top of a building attract many shoppers.

Shinsaibashi-Suji (心齋橋筋)

A district characterized by the contrast between many old shops and modern department stores such as Daimaru and PARCO.

Shochikuza (松竹座)

Tel: (06)6214-2211

Kabuki theater rebuilt in 1996 as the center of the Kabuki renaissance in Osaka. New performance monthly.

Hozenji-Yokocho (法善寺横丁)

A district known for the 70 quaint restaurants which line its cobblestone streets. **Hozenji Temple (法善寺)** is situated in this district.

National Bunraku Theater (国立文楽劇場)

Tel: (06)6212-2531

National puppet theater where traditional plays are performed. New performances monthly.

Sennichimae (千日前)

A concentration of Japanese vaudeville ("yose") and movie theaters.

Kuromon-Ichiba (黒門市場)

A 580 meter-long market for fish, fruit, vegetables and other foods opened since the mid-Taisho Period (1912-1926). Many stalls are closed on Sun.

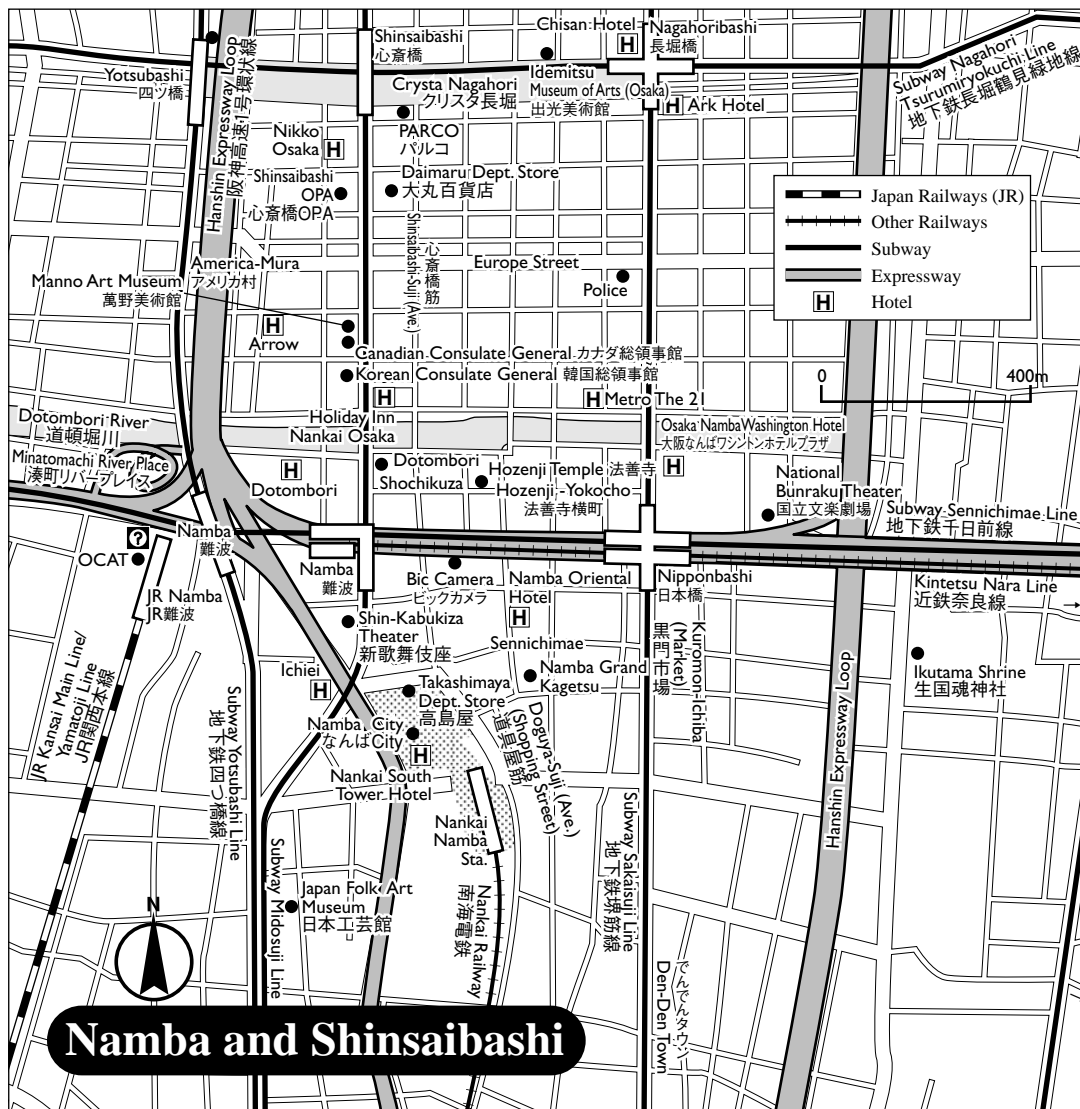
Doguya-Suji (道具屋筋)

A narrow street with many shops dealing in equipment and utensils used in restaurants or coffee shops. Restaurant owners come here to buy plastic models of dishes used to display their menus in the window.

Den-Den Town (でんでんタウン)

A shopping area specializing in electrical goods. It has 300 shops, some of which are Tax Free where you can get an exemption by showing your passport when you pay. Some shops sell cameras and watches.

Open: 10:00-19:00 (most shops).



MINAMIMORI-MACHI and NAKANOSHIMA AREA

Osaka Temmangu Shrine(大阪天満宮)

It was founded in 949 in honor of Michizane Sugawara, a noted scholar of Chinese literature. Tenjin festival, which is the largest festival in Osaka, is held on Jul. 24 and 25.

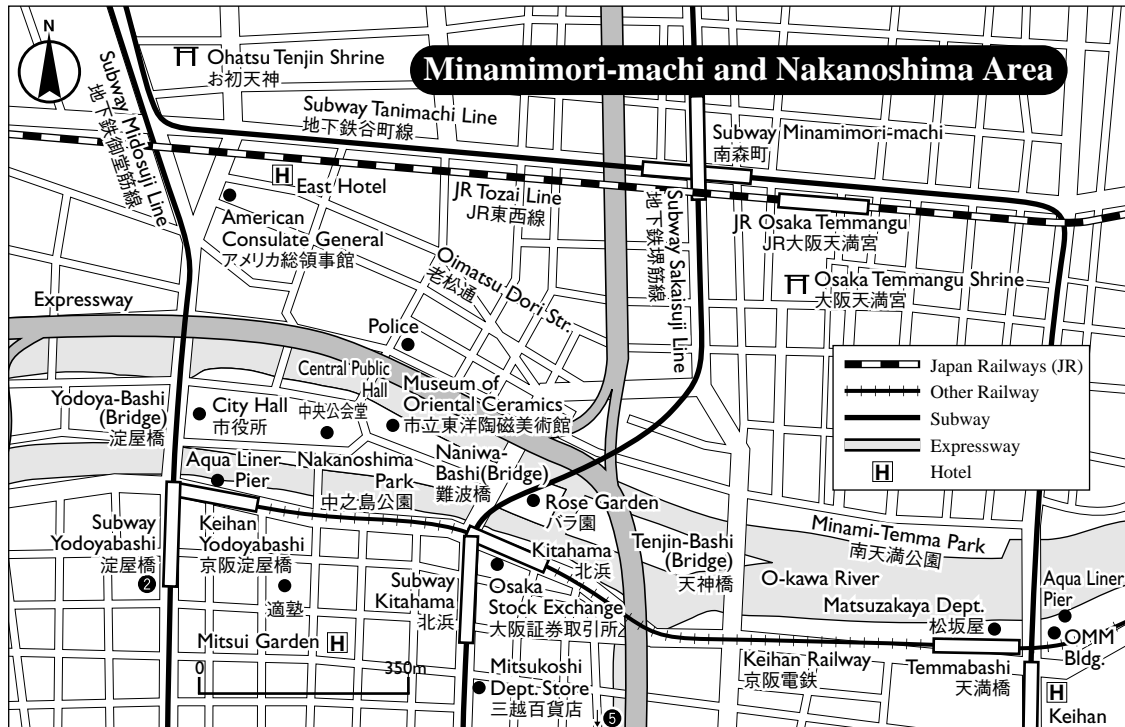
7-min. walk from subway Minamimori-machi Sta. Exit 4.

5-min. walk from JR Osaka Temmangu Sta. Exit 3.

Nakanoshima Park(中之島公園)

This park with its large European-style rose garden, the oldest in Osaka, is bordered by two rivers.

Osaka Excursion Pass (大阪周遊パス) is a sightseeing card that offers unlimited use of trains and buses in Osaka City and neighboring areas, as well as free admission to 24 popular sightseeing facilities, which is valid for one day. Other concessions are also available at 15 sightseeing facilities and approx. 200 restaurants and shops. Enjoy Osaka and save your money with an Excursion Pass! More information is available at Tourist Information Offices.



The Museum of Oriental Ceramics, Osaka (MOC Osaka) (大阪市立東洋陶磁美術館), a 5-min. walk from Yodoyabashi Sta. or Kitahama Sta. of both the Keihan Line and subway, was founded in 1982 with the donation of the famous Ataka Collection of ceramics. The museum is known worldwide for its extensive collection of Korean and Japanese ceramics including the celadon. It is one of the must-see spots for museum goers. Open: 9:30-17:00 (enter before 16:30). Closed on Monday and the New Year's holiday. Admission: ¥1,200.



Goodwill Guide Groups like the following offer tourists from overseas local tours guided in English or other languages. The guides are registered with JNTO and display the badge shown. As they are volunteers, there is no charge for their service. You are only expected to pay for their transportation, admission to tourist facilities if you visit any and their meals if you eat with them.

Osaka Temma Yomiuri SGG Club

We can take you around at your request.

Apply to Ms. Hirouchi (phone / fax: 06-6876-1772, mobile: 090-1155-6259, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.) or e-mail (hirouchi@pisces.plala.or.jp).

Osaka SGG Club

We can take you around at your request.

Apply in advance to Osaka Visitors' Information Center Namba on the 1st floor, OCAT Building (Tel : 06-6635-3143, Fax : 06-6635-3144)
e-mail: osakasgg@mbox.inet-osaka.or.jp



TOURIST INFORMATION

("i" Tourist Information Offices)

Osaka Visitors' Information Center Shin-Osaka:

3rd fl., JR Shin-Osaka Station, 5-16-1 Nishi-nakajima, Yodogawa-ku, Osaka City, Osaka Pref. Tel. (06)6305-3311
8:00-20:00; Closed on Dec. 31-Jan. 3

Osaka Visitors' Information Center Umeda:

Midosuji exit of JR Osaka Station, 3-1 Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka City, Osaka Pref. Tel. (06)6345-2189
8:00-20:00; Closed on Dec. 31-Jan. 3

Osaka Visitors' Information Center Tennoji:

1F., JR Tennoji Sta. Bldg. Tel. (06)6774-3077
8:00-20:00; Closed on Dec. 31-Jan. 3

Osaka Visitors' Information Center Namba:

1F., OCAT Bldg. near JR Namba Sta. Tel. (06)6643-2125
8:00-20:00; Closed on Dec. 31-Jan. 3

Osaka Visitors' Information Center Universal City:

Universal City Walk near JR Universal City Sta. Tel. (06)4804-3824
9:00-20:00(Mon.-Fri., Sun.),-21:00 (Sat. and the day before public holiday) Closed on the day when USJ is closed.

Kansai Tourist Information Center:

1st fl., Kansai International Airport Passenger Terminal Bldg., Sennan-gun, Osaka 549-0011 Tel. (0724)56-6025
9:00-21:00

TENNOJI

Shitennoji Temple (四天王寺)

A non-sectarian Buddhist temple founded by Prince Shotoku.
 A flea market is held on the 21st & 22nd day of each month
 9:00-16:00
 5-min. walk from subway Shitennoji-mae Yuhigaoka Sta. Exit 4.
 10-min. walk from Tennoji Sta. North Exit.
 Open: 8:30-16:30 (8:30-16:00 Oct. to Mar.)

Tsutenkaku Tower (通天閣)

Modeled after the Eiffel Tower in Paris, and known as the
 "Eiffel Tower of Naniwa", the observatory on top offers a
 splendid view of downtown Osaka. A landmark in the **Shin-
 Sekai (新世界)** area.
 Open: 10:00-18:30 (-20:30 from Jul. 21 to Aug. 31)
 Admission: ¥600

Festivalgate (フェスティバルゲート)

Indoor-outdoor amusement park, amusement space, shops,
 restaurants, movie theaters and others.
 Open: Amusements 10:00-22:00
 Shops 10:00-20:00
 Restaurants 10:00-23:00

Entry admission is free, and prepaid cards for amusements
 are available.

Spa World (スパワールド)

Tel: (06)6631-0001
 Open: 10:00 - next morning 8:45

Admission: weekday ¥2,400 (for 3 hours)
 ¥2,700 (one-day pass)
 Sat., Sun., & holidays ¥2,700 (for 3 hours)
 ¥3,000 (one-day pass)
 A late-night rate ¥1,000 (0:00-5:00)
 (additional charge)

Tennoji Zoo (天王寺動物園)

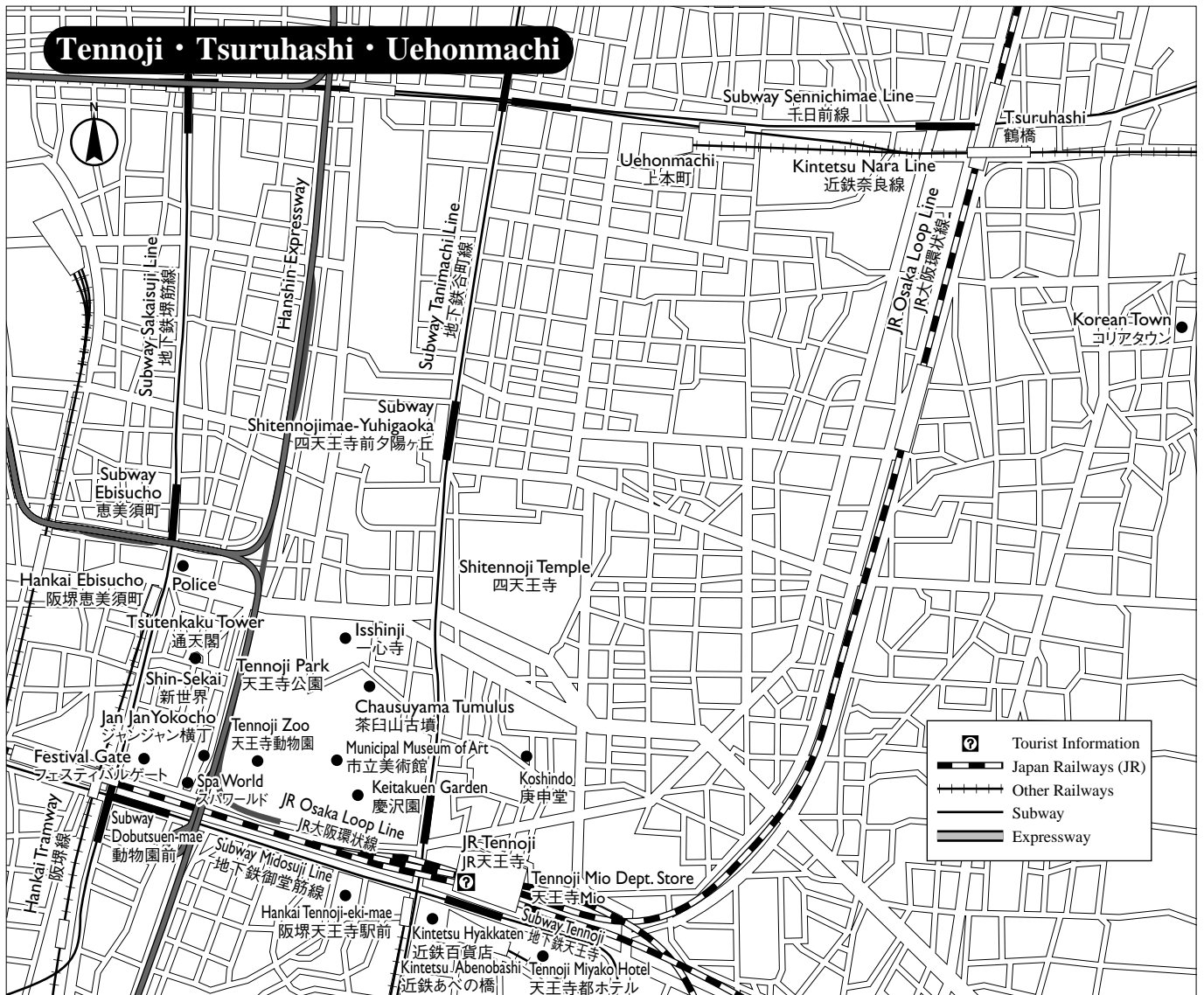
A zoo located in Tennoji Park with 307 animal species includ-
 ing koalas and lesser pandas. Open 9:30-17:00. Closed on
 Mon. Admission: ¥500

Keitakuen Garden (慶沢園)

A garden in Tennoji Park with a large landscape garden, combin-
 ing the quiet harmony of water and greenery. Closed on
 Mon.
 Open: 9:30-17:00 (time will be extended depending on the
 season) Admission: ¥150

Tsuruhashi and Uehonmachi (鶴橋・上本町)

The area of Tsuruhashi has been deeply related to Korea his-
 torically and is called Korean Town or the International
 Market. You'll find all sorts of things Korean here, from food
 to clothing to the language itself. The shops and restaurants,
 selling Kushikatsu, Okonomiyaki, Takoyaki and Sushi, as well
 as Korean food, offer a lively and colorful atmosphere.
 Everyday is like a festival here. Uehonmachi is located east of
 the historical town of Uehonmachi Daichi Heights, and has a
 terminal station for trains going to the areas of Ise-Shima and
 Nara.



OSAKA CASTLE AREA

Mint Bureau (造幣局)

A part of its garden is open to the public during the cherry blossom season, and many people enjoy strolling down the pathways shaded by the blossoms (called "Torinuke" in Japanese).

Mint Museum (造幣博物館)

Tel: (06)6351-8509

Open: 9:00-16:00. Closed: Sat., Sun. and national holidays.

Osaka Castle (大阪城)

Osaka Castle, the symbol of Osaka, stands in the middle of Osaka Castle Park. The Kanji characters for Osaka Castle can be read to mean "great prosperity". This is an expression of how this beautiful castle is thought of as the symbol of the spirit of this great, commercial city of Osaka. Inside the Castle tower are displays of a number of historically significant artifacts including the "Folding Screen" of the Osaka Summer Campaign" and a diorama of the life of Hideyoshi Toyotomi. The Castle tower also offers superb views of the city of Osaka. The Yagura (turret) and gigantic stone walls remain as they were in the Tokugawa Era. They are awe-inspiring for their grandeur and history.

Open: 9:00-17:00 (last admission 16:30). Closed: Dec.28 - Jan. 1. Admission: ¥600.

Osaka International Peace Center (ピースおおさか)

Tel: (06)6947-7208

A facility for teaching future generations about war tragedies and

the importance of peace. The building portrays "coexistence of diversity" which is the very base for peace. "Telling exhibits" are on display.

Open: 9:30-17:00 (last admission 16:30) Closed: Mon., the days after national holidays, the last day of every month. Admission: ¥250

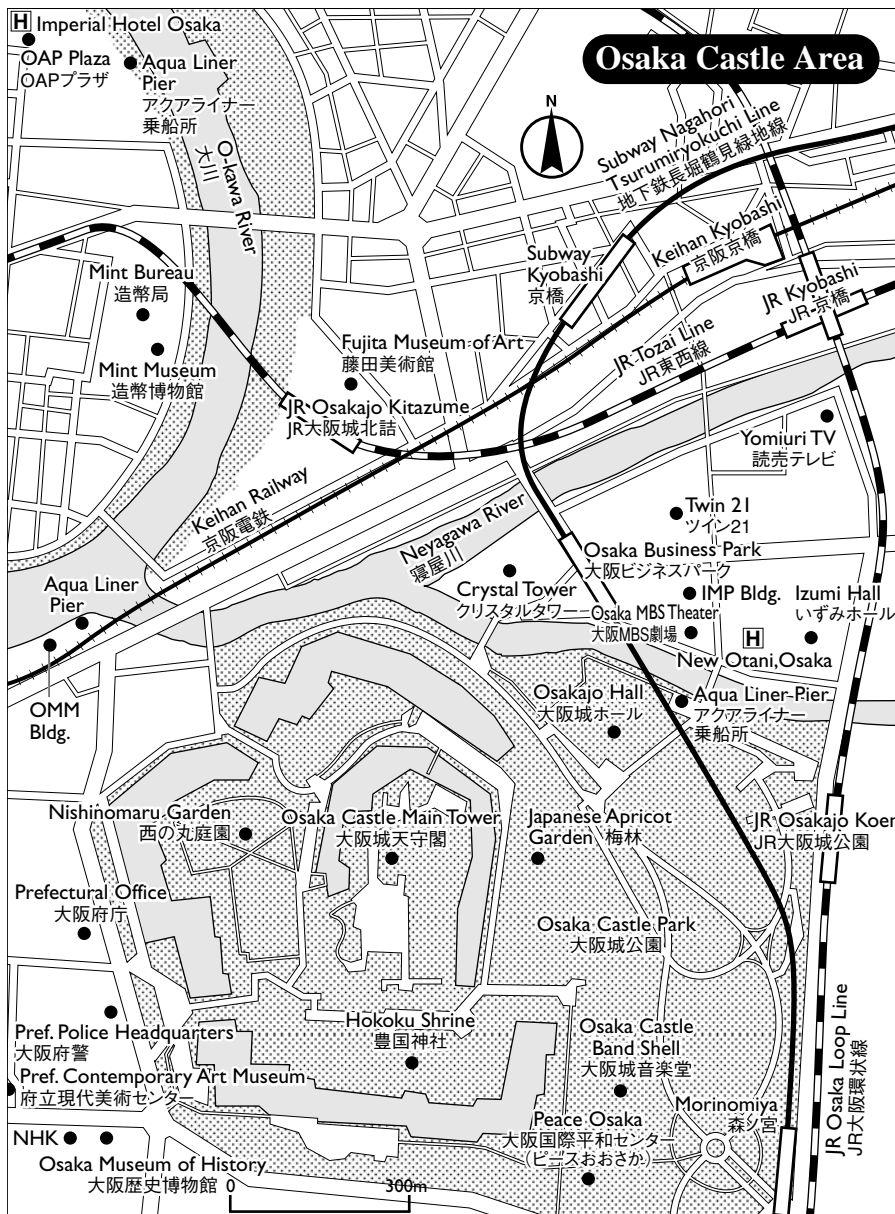
Osaka Museum of History (大阪歴史博物館)

On the 10th floor of the museum, you will find yourself in Naniwanomiya Palace, which is Japan's oldest capital. The museum is designed to let visitors experience the 1500 year history of Osaka in multi-dimension. On each floor of the building you can experience a different period of the history of Osaka, for example, the ancient Naniwazu, the modern period when the city was called "the country's market place" and also the great city of Osaka-rich and prosperous with modern industries.

Tel: (06) 6946-5728 Open 9:30-17:00 (-20:00 Fri.), Closed Tue. (Wed. if Tue. is holiday)

OBP (Osaka Business Park)

OBP includes offices buildings, an excellent hotel and concert halls. Osaka-jo Hall has been a venue for sports events, modern ballet and performances by well-known singers. The best sites for appreciating cherry blossoms along the Okawa River are the area around OAP (Osaka Amenity Park) with fine hotels and brand-name shops, and the Mint bureau.



BAY AREA

Osaka Port or Tempozan (天保山)**Osaka Aquarium (Kaiyukan) (海遊館)**

Favorite attractions are a whaleshark and a sun fish. 10:00-20:00. Tel. (06) 6576-5501
5-min. walk from subway Osaka-ko Sta. Exit 1.
Admission: ¥2,000

Suntory Museum (サントリーミュージアム)

Tel: (06)6577-0001
A cultural complex including an art gallery, IMAX movie theater, museum, shops and restaurants.
Gallery Open: 10:30-19:30
IMAX theater Open: 11:00-20:00
Admission: ¥1,000 (Closed irregularly)

Tempozan Market Place (天保山マーケットプレイス)

A building featuring a variety of shops and restaurants. Also there is a **Tempozan Giant Wheel**, the largest Ferris wheel in the world. You can enjoy a panoramic view of Osaka Bay, the Ikoma mountains to the east, Akashi Kaikyo Bridge to the west, Kansai International Airport to the south, and the Mt. Rokko range to the north. Tel (06) 6576-6222.

The above are all located in **Tempozan Harbor Village (天保山ハーバービレッジ)**.

South Port or Nanko (南港)**World Trade Center (WTC)(WTC コスモタワー)**

Tel: (06)6615-6000
WTC Cosmotower, some 256 meters high, is Western Japan's tallest tower providing a variety of trade, information, and other business facilities on its upper floors. It also features an observatory on the 55th fl. Open: 10:00-22:00
Admission: ¥800

Asia-Pacific Trade Center (ATC) (アジア太平洋トレードセンター)

Tel: (06)6615-5000 International wholesale market. Business consultation service available.

ATC Town Outlet MARE (ATCタウンアウトレットMARE)

On the west of ATC, many commodities from Japan and other countries are on display at the ITM ward. On the 4th, 5th and 6th floors of the ward there are more than 70 outlets of shops selling clothes and other goods.

Intex Osaka (インテックス大阪)

One of Japan's largest trade fair centers at which various events are staged monthly.
The above are located in **Cosmo Square (コスモスクエア)**.

Osaka Maritime Museum (なにわの海の時空館)

This is a museum where you can enjoy learning the relationship of people and the sea, ships, and ports by looking at the world's maritime exchange and the maritime exchange history of Osaka, the city that developed to become an important city for sea transportation.

Open: 10:00-18:00 Closed: Mon.

Entrance Fee: ¥600 (additional fee may be charged in some sections)

Universal Studios Japan™ (USJ) (ユニバーサル・スタジオ・ジャパン)

America's movie theme park Universal Studios., which has achieved considerable success in Hollywood and Florida, established its first park outside the United States in Osaka. Universal Studios Japan has 9 entertainment zones featuring 19 attractions in total to enjoy. 4-min. walk from USJ Sta. on the JR Yumesaki Line.

Tel: (06)4790-7000

Opening and closing time may change each day. Please check in advance.

Open Days: Basically everyday.

(Closing days may differ every month. Please check in advance.)

Entrance Fee: ¥5,500

Universal City Walk (ユニバーサルシティウォーク)

This shopping mall is eclectic mix of entertainment, fun, fine dining and specialty shops. Tel: (06) 6464-3080.

Osaka Dome (大阪ドーム)

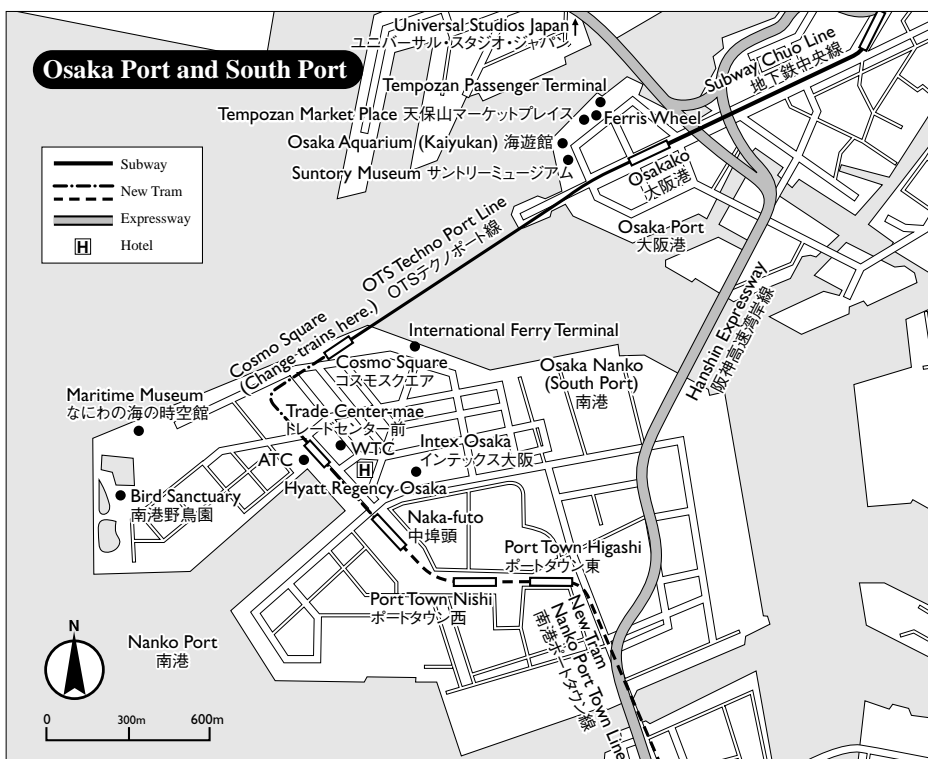
Tel: (06)6586-0106. It is well known as a home to a professional baseball team, Osaka Kintetsu Buffaloes.

A multi-purpose, all-weather stadium for baseball games and concerts. There are shops, attractions, beer halls, and a computer game center. Its shape is like a UFO.

1-hr. Tour Reservation. Tel: (06)6586-1530

Closed: the 3rd Mon. of each month. Tour Admisson: ¥1,000 (Adults) ¥500 (Children)

Access: 6-min. walk from JR Taisho Sta. next to Bentencho Sta. 3-min. walk from subway Osaka Dome-mae Chiyosaki Sta.



MINOH QUASI-NATIONAL PARK AND EXPO '70 COMMEMORATION PARK

Minoh Quasi-National Park (箕面国定公園)

Minoh Park (箕面公園)

A quasi-national park known for its impressive waterfall. The nearest station is Minoh Sta. on the Hankyu Minoh Line.

Minoh Onsen (箕面温泉)

Minoh hot springs and pools adjacent to Minoh Kanko Hotel. The high-quality spring water contains salts, sodium bicarbonate, and boric acid. Open: 10:00-22:00 (enter before 21:00) daily. Admission: ¥1,300 (¥700 after 17:00).

- Indoor swimming pool. Open: 10:00-21:00 (enter before 20:30). On Mon. to Sat. 10:00-17:00 (enter before 16:30) on Sun. and national holidays. Admission ¥1,000. Outdoor pools have two 10-meter-high and 105-meter-long slides named "Water Sliders". Open: 10:00-18:00 (enter before 17:00). Summer only. Admission: ¥1,400 (¥1,900 Sun. and national holidays).

Expo '70 Commemoration Park (万博公園) (Closed on Wed.)

Japanese Garden (日本庭園) and Garden of Nature and Culture (自然文化園).

Open: 9:30-17:00 (enter before 16:00) Nov.-Apr. 9:30-18:00 (enter before 17:00) May-Oct. Admission: ¥250

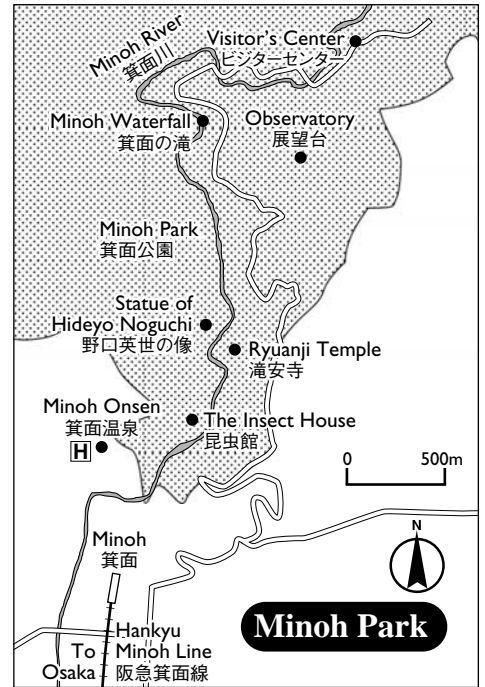
Museums

Open: 10:00-17:00 (last admission 16:30)

- **National Museum of Ethnology (国立民族学博物館)**
Admission: ¥420
- **Japan Folk Crafts Museum, Osaka (大阪日本民芸館)**
Admission: ¥700. (Open only when a special exhibition is held)
- **The National Museum of Art, Osaka (国立国際美術館)**
Admission: ¥420

Note: Admission fees of each museum will be higher than indicated when special exhibitions are held.

Osaka Prefectural International Institute for Children's Literature (大阪府立国際児童文学館) Tel: (06)6876-8800

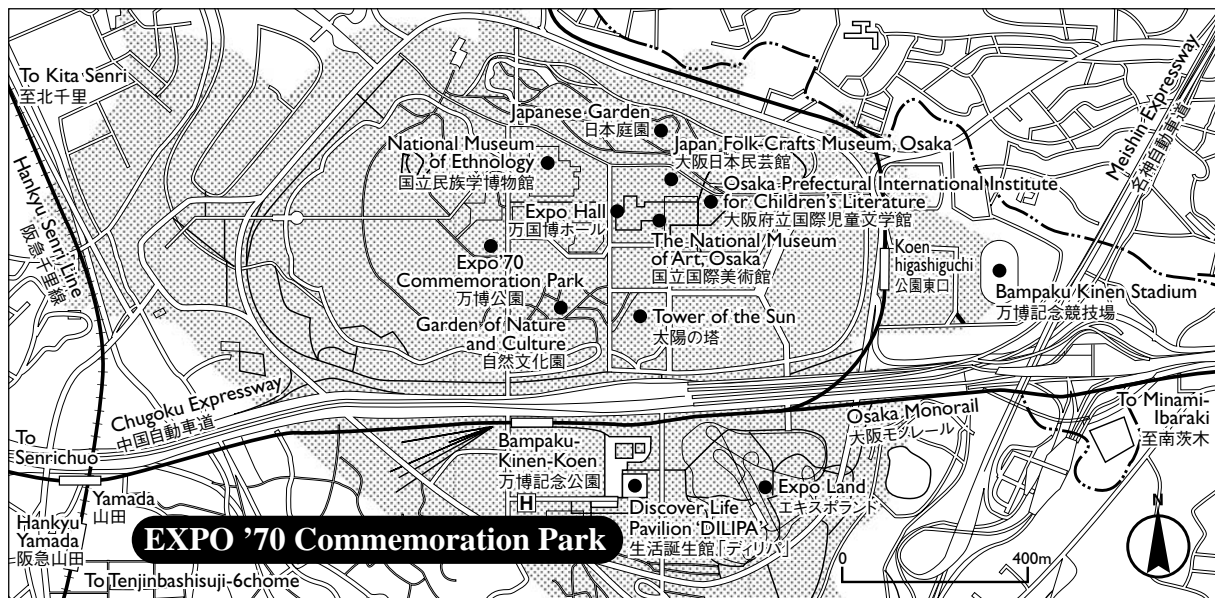


Expo Land (エキスポランド)

An amusement park.

Open: 9:45-17:30 (Mar. 20-Oct. 31), 9:45-17:00 (Nov. 1st-Mar. 19), 9:45-21:00 (Aug. 1st-Sep. 1st). Closed: Wed. Admission: ¥1,100 (adults) ¥600 (children), Mar.16 - Jun.10 (Spring price. Period changes by year) ¥1,300 (adults) ¥700 (children)

The nearest station is Bampaku-Kinen-Koen Sta. on Osaka Monorail.



AROUND KANSAI AIRPORT

Rinku Town (りんくうタウン)

Rinku PAPARA (りんくうパパラ) Tel: (0724)60-1502

Rinku Park (りんくう公園) and Wonder Park (遊園地)
Open: 10:00-20:00

Rinku Papillio (りんくうパピリオ)
Tel: (0724)69-7701

A business facilities space containing a post office, ATM corner, shops, restaurants, JR and Nankai Rinku Town Station. About a 10-min. walk takes you to **Marble Beach (マーブルビーチ)**.

Rinku Premium Outlets (りんくうプレミアムアウトレット)
One of the largest outlets malls in Kansai, RPO accommo-

dates 120 shops. Open: 10:00-21:00 (10:00-18:00 Dec. 30 & 31, 11:00-18:00 Jan. 1-3) Closed: Feb. 21. Access: 6-min. walk from Rinku Town Sta.

Izumisano (泉佐野)

Izumisano Aozora Ichiba (泉佐野青空市場)

100-meter-long large-scale open-air fish market where you can buy any seafood at less than half price. Open: 10:00-18:00, Mon. to Sat. 8:00-18:00 Sun.

Closed: Wed.

Access: 10-min. walk from Nankai Izumisano Sta.

Kishiwada (岸和田)

Kishiwada Castle (岸和田城)

This is said to be the original castle, although its donjon was reconstructed after it was destroyed by fire caused by lightning. The garden features a unique rock garden.

Open: 10:00-17:00 (last admission 16:00)

Closed: Mon. (Open if Mon. falls on a national holiday)

Access: 10-min. walk from Nankai Kishiwada Sta. or Takojizo Sta.

Admission: ¥200

Danjiri Kaikan (だんじり会館)

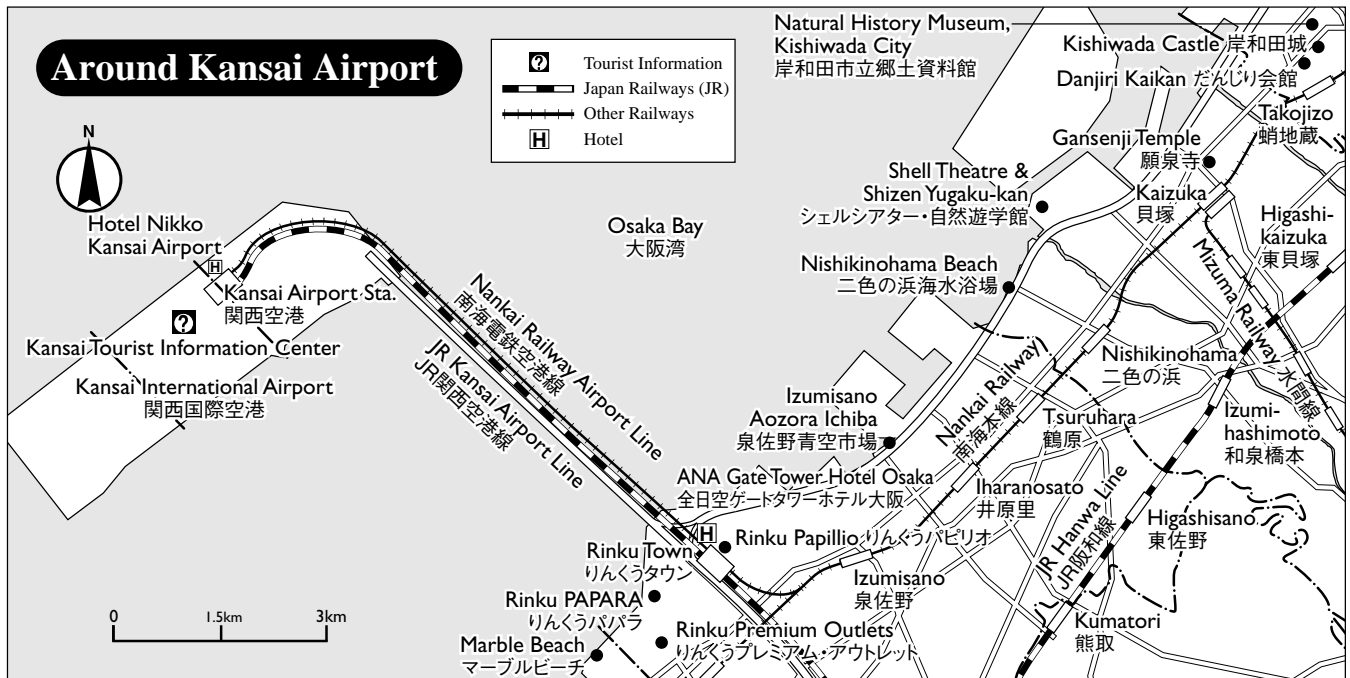
An exhibition hall for the Danjiri Festival. Information available through a film, computers, old books and others.

Open: 10:00-17:00 (last admission 16:00)

Closed: Mon. (Open if Mon. falls on a national holiday.)

Access: 10-min. walk from Nankai Kishiwada Sta. or Takojizo Sta.

Admission: ¥600



W **The Welcome Inns** comprise a range of accommodations from hotels, business hotels, ryokan, minshuku and pensions to youth hostels. Most of them have guest rooms the charge for which is a modest ¥8,000 or less per night for a single room.

Reservation for Welcome Inns is available through International Tourism Center of Japan (ITCJ).

Reservation before your departure for Japan

Visit ITCJ's website at <http://www.itcj.or.jp> or JNTO's at <http://www.jnto.go.jp>. Also your request by mail, fax or e-mail is accepted and processed at ITCJ's head office. To make a reservation, simply complete the Reservation Request Form available from your nearest JNTO offices and send it to the head office at least one week ahead by e-mail or fax, or three weeks ahead of your departure from home by mail. Confirmed flight booking required for application. Especially for your first night in Japan, we accept the reservation request only when you have a firm booking on a flight arriving in Japan by no later than 7:00 p.m.

Reservation after your arrival in Japan

To take advantage of our service, you must appear in person at any of the Welcome Inn reservation counters located at the Tourist Information Centers (TICs) operated by JNTO (in Tokyo) or ITCJ (at Narita Airport and Kansai Airport).

Welcome Inn Reservation Center

c/o International Tourism Center of Japan

9th Fl., Kanda Urban Bldg., 2-4-2, Kanda Tsukasacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0048

Tel:03-3252-1717 Fax:03-3252-1521

Home Visit System

Visit a Japanese Home in Osaka

The Home Visit System offers overseas visitors a chance to visit a Japanese family at home and have a glance at Japanese customs and lifestyle. In general, you are invited in the evening time for tea. The families are volunteers who enjoy making international friends. The Home Visit System, operating in 13 cities, is organized by each respective local authority or local-authority-affiliated non-profit organization. For arrangements in Osaka, contact the following office.

Osaka Visitors' Information Center, Shin-Osaka

3F JR Shin-Osaka Sta., 5-16-1 Nishi-nakajima, Yodogawa-ku 532-0011 Tel.(06)6305-3311

Open: 8:00-20:00 Closed: Dec. 31st.-Jan. 3rd.

Osaka Visitors' Information Center, Umeda

JR Osaka Sta., Mido-suji Exit, 3-1 Umeda, Kita-Ku, Osaka 530-0001 Tel.(06)6345-2189

Open: 8:00-20:00 Closed: Dec. 31st.-Jan. 3rd.

Osaka Visitors' Information Center, Tennoji

JR Tennoji Sta. Bldg. 1F, 10-45 Hideincho, Tennoji-Ku, Osaka 543-0055 Tel.(06)6774-3077

Open: 8:00-20:00 Closed: Dec. 31st.-Jan. 3rd.

Osaka Visitors' Information Center, Namba

OCAT Bldg. 1F, 1-4-1 Minatomachi, Naniwa-Ku, Osaka 556-0017 Tel.(06)6643-2125

Open: 8:00-20:00 Closed: Dec. 31st.-Jan. 3rd.

Osaka Visitors' Information Center Universal City:

Universal City Walk, near JR Universal City Sta. Tel.(06)4804-3824

Open: 9:00-20:00 (Mon.-Fri., Sun.), -21:00(Sat. and the day before public holiday) Closed on the day when USJ is closed.

URL <http://www.tourism.city.osaka.jp/>

All information contained in this leaflet is based on data as of November 2002. Transportation schedules, fares and accommodation charges are subject to change. Check with organizations concerned for updated information.