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OSAKA

Osaka, whose population is over 8,830,000(as of Aug.1,2009) and area is 1,893 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: 10:00-22:30. (vary each month. enter 30min. before closing time) Admission: ¥700.

② HEP FIVE/HEP NAVIO (ヘップファイブ/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 Men's 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 10:00-20:00

Underground Shopping Mall (キタの地下街)

③ **Whity Umeda (ホワイトティウメダ)**: Expanding its underground market from most of the stations in Umeda conveniently located near terminal stations, and directly connected to shops, restaurants and entertainment. Open: 10:00-21:00, restaurants open: 10:00-22:00.

④ **Hankyu San Bangai (阪急三番街)**: One of the largest shopping areas in Osaka, with two floors above ground and two beneath filled with a variety of shops from cages to brand-name boutiques. Open: 10:00-21:00, restaurants open: 10:00-23:00(depend on shops).

⑤ **Diamor Osaka (ディアモール大阪)**: Natural light fills this underground mall. Brand-name stores and young fashion boutiques line Diamor Osaka's streets. Take a walk around the mall from JR Osaka Sta. to Kita-Shinchi Sta. Open: 10:00-21:00, restaurants open: 10:00-22:00.

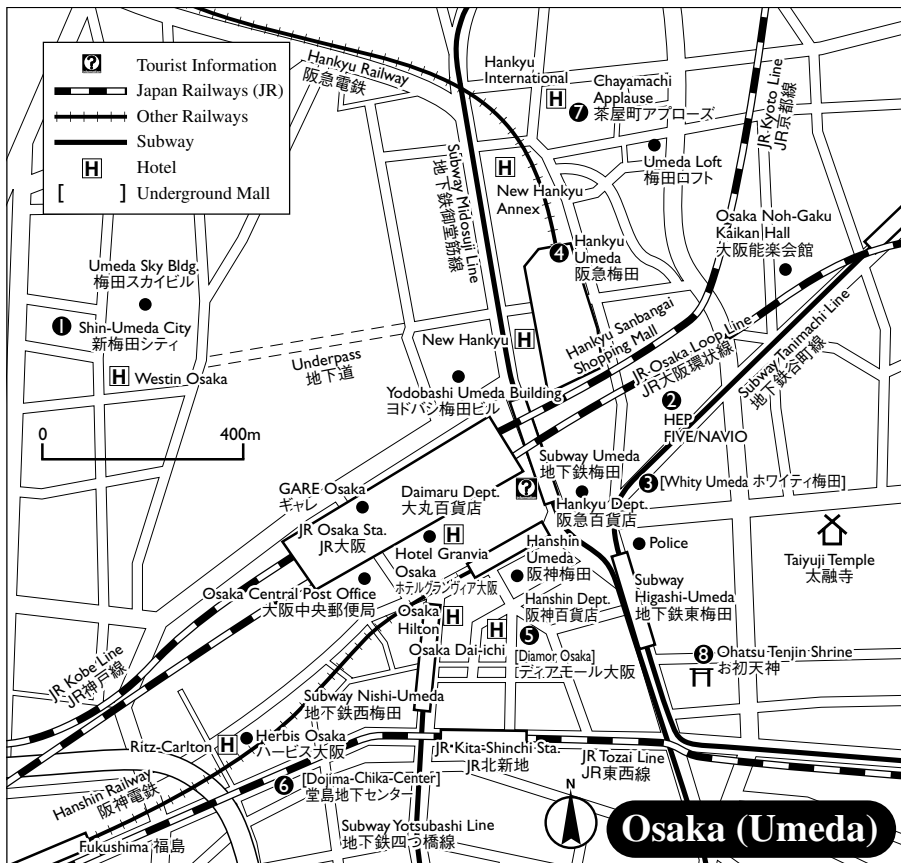
⑥ **Dojima Underground Shopping Center (ドージマ地下センター)**: “DOTICA” is always bustling with businessmen from Nishi-Umeda. Nice restaurants, bookstores and more are there. Open: 10:00-18:00 (Sat.), -20:00 (Mon.-Fri.) Sun. and national holidays depending on shops. Closed on 3rd. Sunday.

⑦ Chayamachi Area (茶屋町界隈)

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

⑧ Tsuyunoten Shrine or Ohatsu Tenjin Shrine (露天神社／お初天神)

A flea market is held on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. Open: 8:00-15:00. (depending on day and shops)



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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 shops and restaurants extending from Yotsubashi Sta. to Nagahoribashi Sta. (through Shinsaibashi Sta.). Open: 11:00-20:30 (Sun.) / -21:00, restaurants open: 11:00-22:00 (depend on shops).
Closed: Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and 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.

Osaka Shochikuza Theater (大阪松竹座)

It was rebuilt in 1997. as the center of the Kabuki renaissance in Osaka. Kabuki runs for a few months every year.

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.

The National Bunraku Theatre (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). called "Osaka's Kitchen". Some of stalls are closed on Sun.

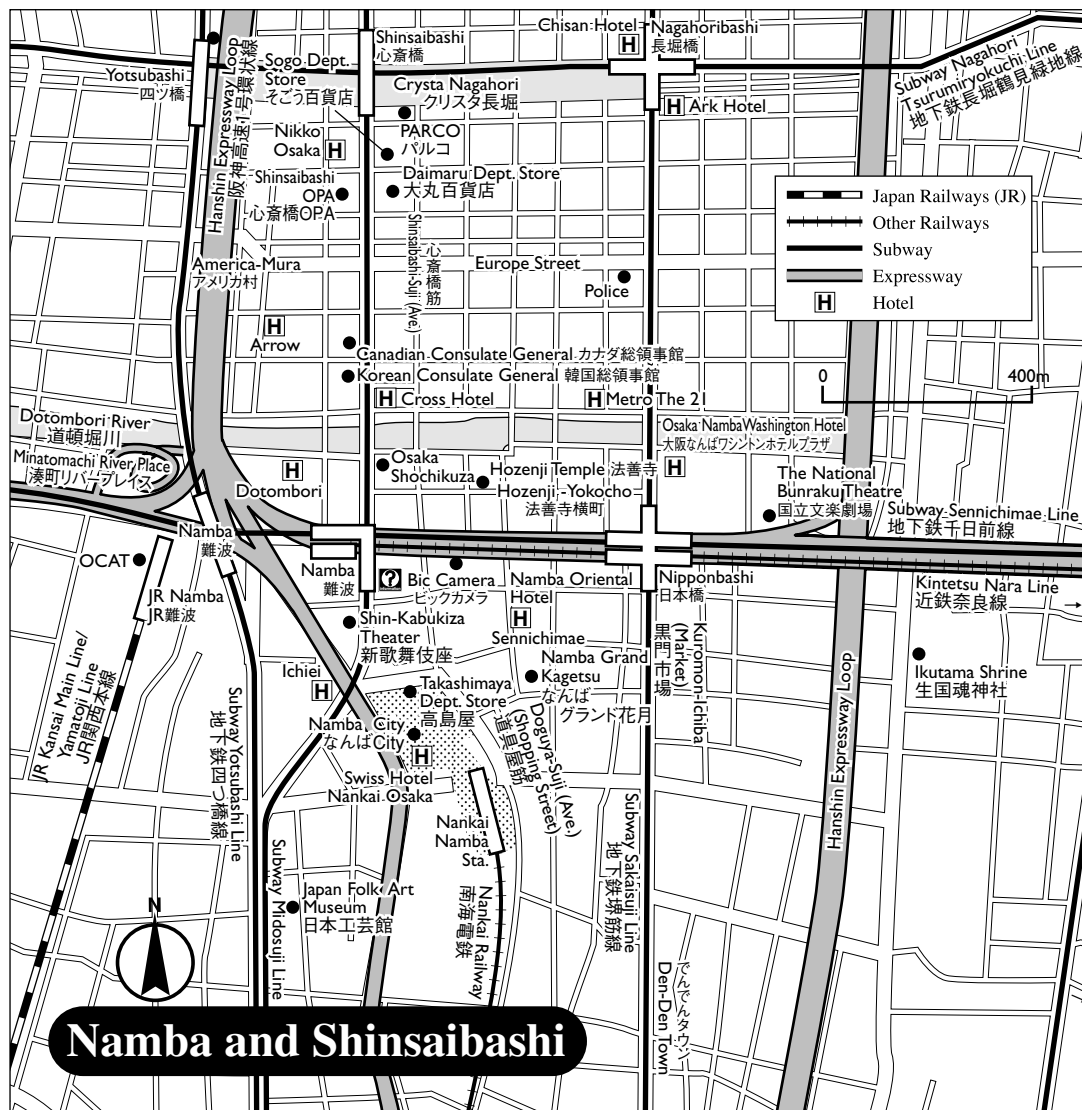
Sennichimae Doguya-Suji (千日前道具屋筋)

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. Miniature food imitations are popular souvenir items.

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: 10:00-20:00 (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.

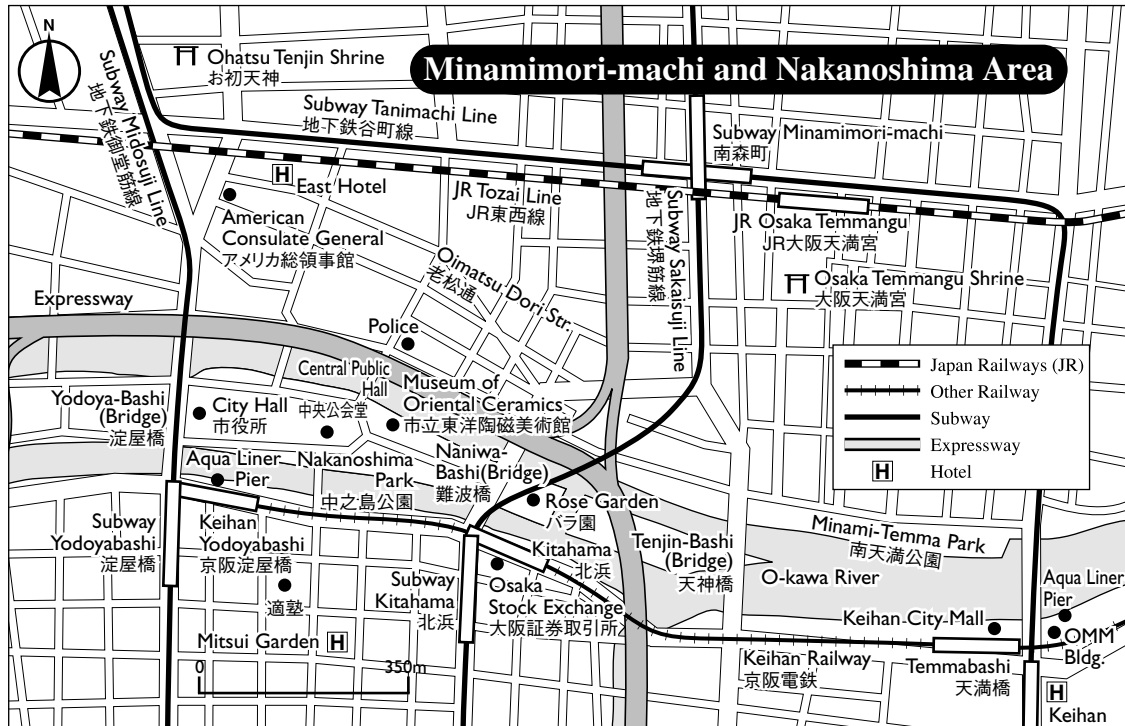
7-min. walk from subway Minamimori-machi Sta. Exit 4.

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.

The National Museum of Art, Osaka (NMAO) (国立国際美術館), a 10-min. walk from Subway Yotsubashi line Higobashi Sta. Exit 3, displays Japanese and foreign collection of modern art. The museum, which was originally built in Expo '70 Commemoration Park, Osaka in 1977, was relocated to the present site at Nakanoshima in 2004 and a completely new building was constructed to expand its collection. Open: 10:00-17:00 (enter by 16:30) Closed: Mon. (When Mon. falls on a national holiday, next day will be closed.) & Dec. 28-Jan. 4. Admission: ¥420 (regular exhibition).



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. Exit 1 or Kitahama Sta. Exit 1-26 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 by 16:30). Closed: Mon. (When Mon. falls on a national holiday, next day will be closed.) and the New Year's holiday. Admission: ¥500 (regular exhibition.)

**TOURIST INFORMATION****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
9:00-18:00; Closed on Dec. 31-Jan. 3

Osaka Visitors' Information Center, Umeda:

Midosuji exit of JR Osaka Station, Mido-suji Gate (south side), 3-1-2, 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:

1st fl., JR Tennoji Sta. Bldg. 10-45 Hidenincho, Tennoji-ku, Osaka City, Osaka Pref. Tel. (06)6774-3077
9:00-18:00; Closed on Dec. 31-Jan. 3

Osaka Visitors' Information Center Namba:

Nankai Terminal Bldg. 1F, 5-1-60, Nanba, Chuo-ku, Osaka City, Osaka Pref. Tel. (06)6631-9100
9:00-20:00

Japan Sightseeing Information Center:

1-19-16, Utsubohonmachi, Nishi-ku, Osaka City, Osaka Pref. Tel. (06)6225-3611
9:00-18:00

Kansai Tourist Information Center:

Arrival fl., 1st fl., Kansai International Airport Passenger Terminal Bldg., Osaka Tel. (072)456-6025
8:30-20:30 (Apr.-Oct.), 9:00-21:00 (Nov.-Mar.)



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JNTO Website

www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/essential/guideservice.html

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. or 15-min. walk from Tennoji Sta.

Open: 8:30-16:30 (8:30-16:00 Oct. to Mar.). enter 20min. before each closing time. (depend on exhibition). garden: 10:00-16:00 (enter by 15:30). Admission: ¥300

Tsutenkaku Tower (通天閣)

The observatory on top offers a splended view of downtown Osaka. A landmark in the **Shin-Sekai** (新世界) area.

Open: 9:00-21:00 (Latest entry 20:30) Admission: ¥600

Osaka Municipal Museum of Art (大阪市立美術館)

Over 8,000 works of Japanese and Chinese paintings, sculptures, and decorative art are displayed. Many of them are designated National Treasures and Important Cultural Properties.

Open: 9:30-17:00 (enter by 16:30), Closed: Mon. (when Mon. falls on a national holiday, next day will be closed.) and New Year's holiday. Admission: ¥300 (regular exhibition).

Spa World (スパワールド)

Visitors can be enjoyed hot spring, pool, sports gym, beauty treatment salon and so on.

Tel: (06)6631-0001

Open: 24hrs. (Depend on each equipment.)

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
(additional charge) ¥1,000 (about 23:00-5:00)

Tennoji Zoo (天王寺動物園)

A zoo located in Tennoji Park with 300 animal species including koalas and lesser pandas. Open: 9:30-17:00, -18:00 (Sat., Sun., and national holiday of May and Sep.) enter 1hr. before each closing time. Closed: Mon. (When Mon. falls on a national holiday, next day will be closed.) and Dec. 29-Jan. 1
Admission: ¥500

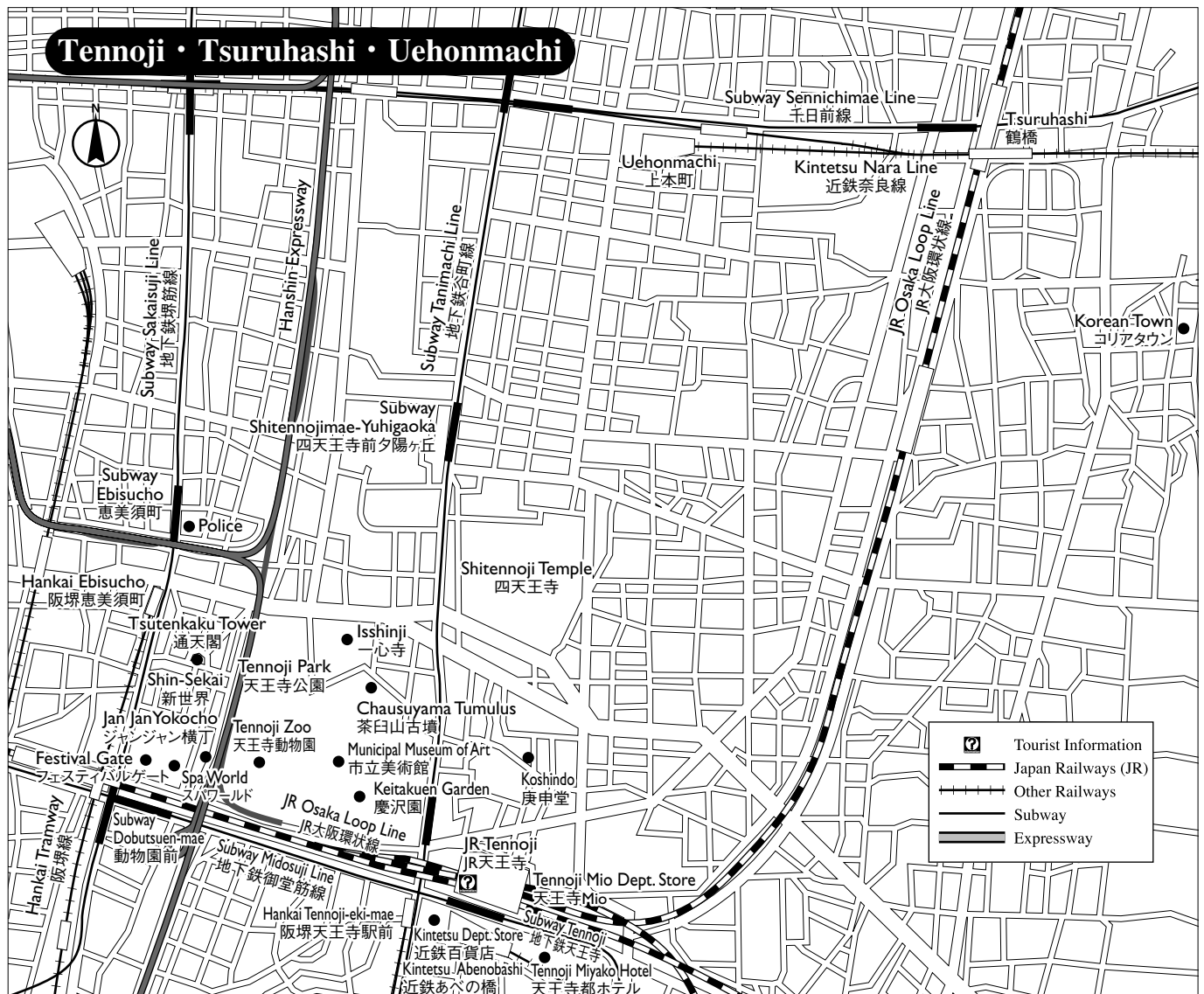
Keitakuen Garden (慶沢園)

A garden in Tennoji Park with a large landscape garden, combining the quiet harmony of water and greenery. Closed: Mon. (When Mon. falls on a national holiday, next day will be closed.) and New Years day.

Open: 9:30-17:00 (enter by 16:30) Admission: ¥150

Tsuruhashi and Uehonmachi (鶴橋・上本町)

The area of Tsuruhashi has been deeply related to Korea historically 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: 9:00-16:45. (enter by 16:00) Closed: Sat., Sun. and national holidays.

Osaka Castle (大阪城)

Osaka Castle, which stands in the middle of Osaka Castle Park, 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 Summer War of Osaka 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 (enter by 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 (enter by 16:30) Closed: Mon., the days after national holidays, the last day of every month and Dec. 28-Jan.4. Admission: ¥250

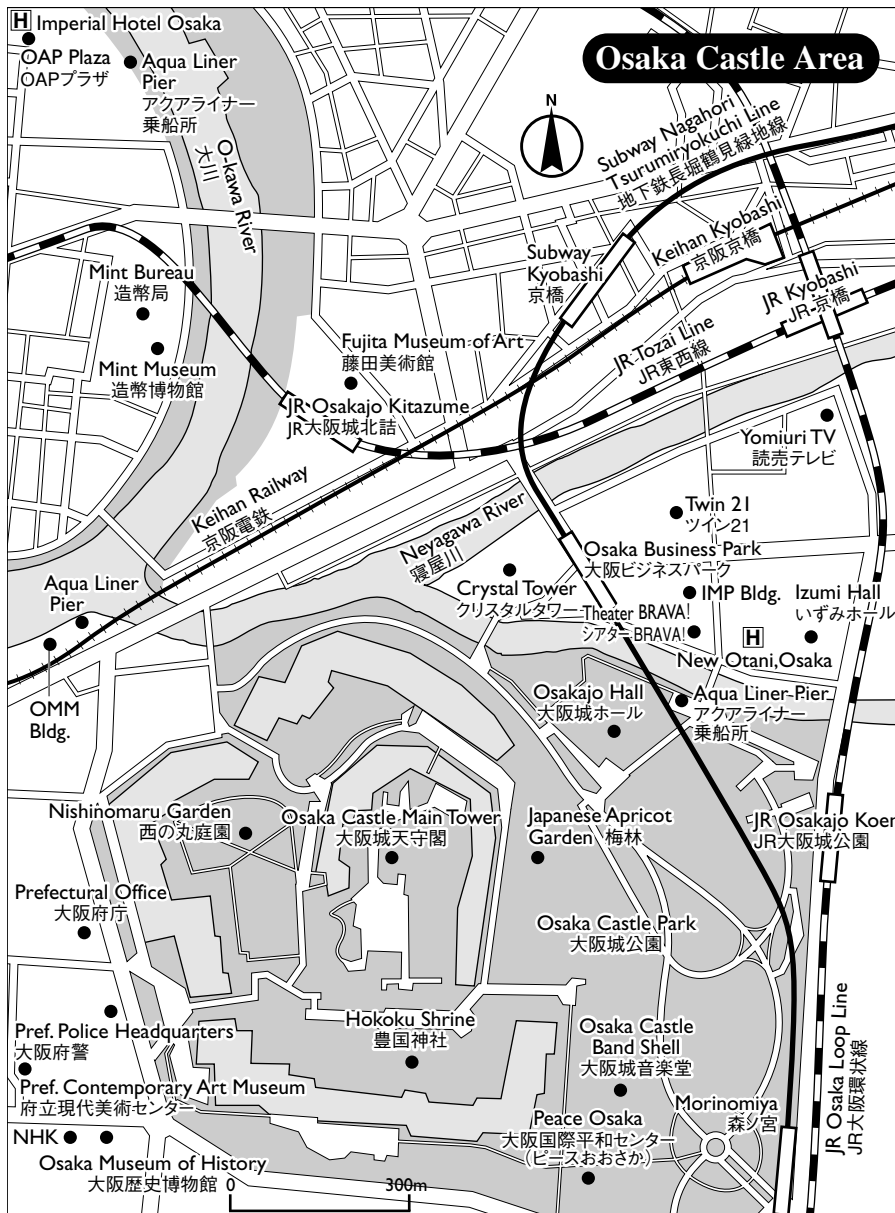
Osaka Museum of History (大阪歴史博物館)

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.

Open 9:30-17:00 (-20:00 Fri.), Closed:Tue. (When Tue. falls on a national holiday, next day will be closed.) and Dec. 28-Jan. 4. Admission: ¥600 (regular exhibition).

OBP (Osaka Business Park)

OBP includes office 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 (大阪港 天保山)**Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan (海遊館)**

Favorite attractions are two whalesharks and a sun fish. Open 10:00-20:00. (enter by 19:00) Closed: Depend on month. 5-min. walk from subway Osaka-ko Sta.

Admission: ¥2,000

Suntory Museum (サントリーミュージアム「天保山」)

A cultural complex including an art gallery, IMAX movie theater, museum, shops and restaurants.

Gallery Open: 10:30-19:30 (enter by 19:00)

IMAX theater Open: 11:00-20:00. Closed Mon. and Dec. 31
Admission: ¥1,000(IMAX theater) and depend on exhibitions (Galleries).

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 the **Tempozan Giant Wheel**. 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.

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

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

WTC Cosmotower, 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: 13:00-22:00(week day) 11:00-22:00(Sat., sun. and national holiday.) enter by 21:30. Admission: ¥800

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

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. Open: 11:00-20:00.

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: 10:00-17:00 (hours subject to seasonal variation)
Closed: Mon. (When Mon. falls on a national holiday, next day will be closed.) & New Year.

Admission: ¥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 18 attractions in total to enjoy. A few min. walk from Universal City Sta. on JR Yumesaki Line.

Tel: (06)6465-3000

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.)

Admission: ¥5,800 (One-day Studio Pass)

Universal Citywalk Osaka (ユニバーサル・シティウォーク大阪)

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

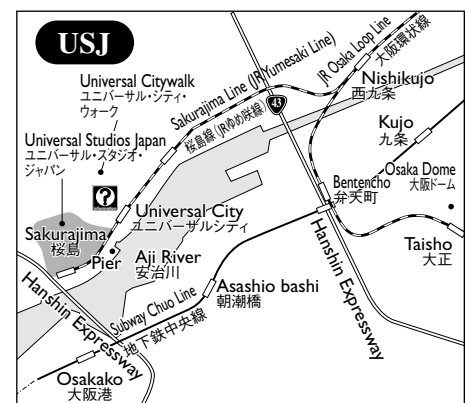
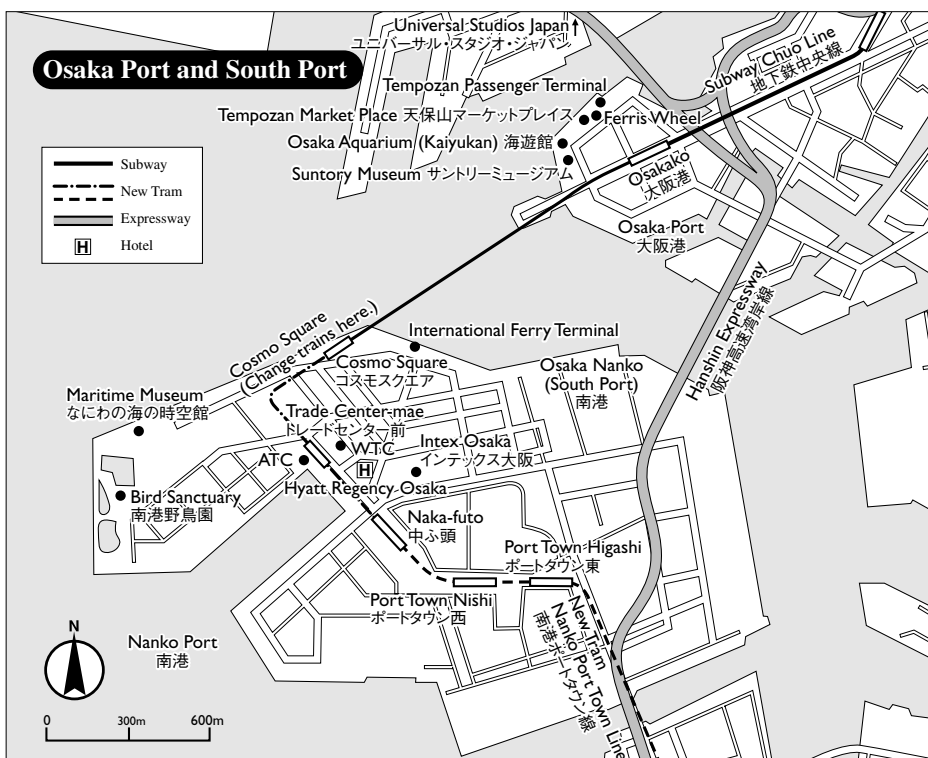
Kyocera Dome Osaka (京セラドーム大阪)

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.

45 min. Dome Tour. Reservation inquired. Tel: (06)6586-0106

Opening and closing time may change each day. Closed days may differ every month. Tour Admission: ¥1,000.

Access: 7-min. walk from JR Taisho Sta. next to Bentencho Sta. 3-min. or walk from subway 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)

The 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)

Spa Garden (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 by 21:00. (Depend on equipment.) Daily. Admission: ¥1,300 (¥700 after 17:00).

Expo '70 Commemoration Park (万博公園)

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

Open: 9:30-17:00 (enter by 16:30). Closed: Wed. (Jan., Jul., Aug., Sep. and Dec. when Wed. falls on a national holiday, next day will be closed.) Dec. 28-Jan. 1. Admission: ¥250

Museums

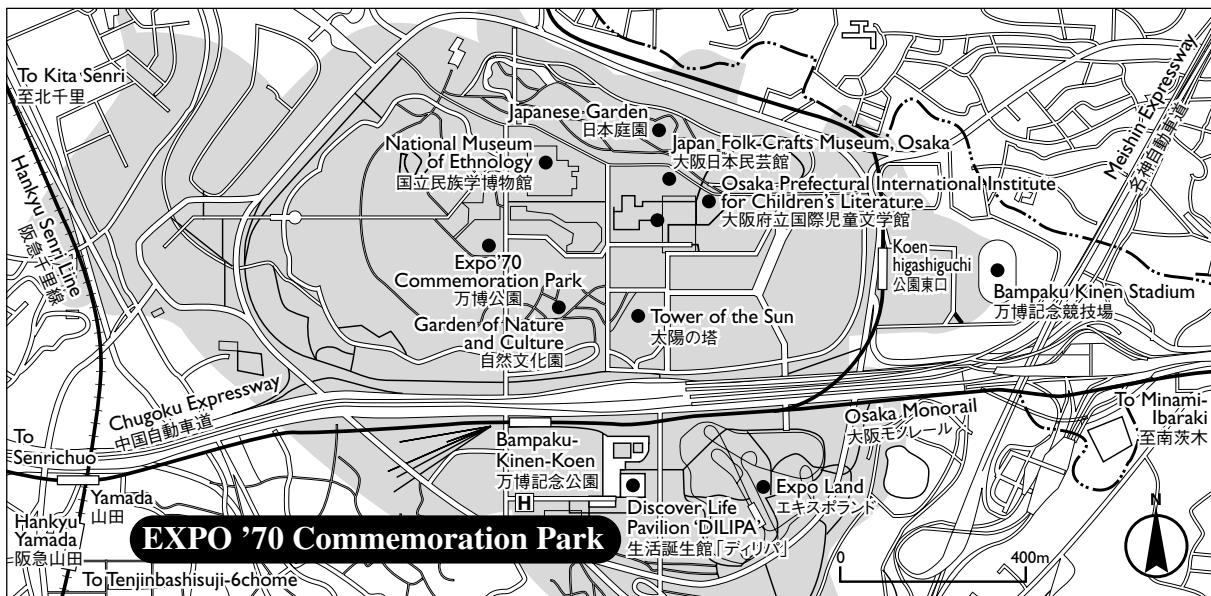
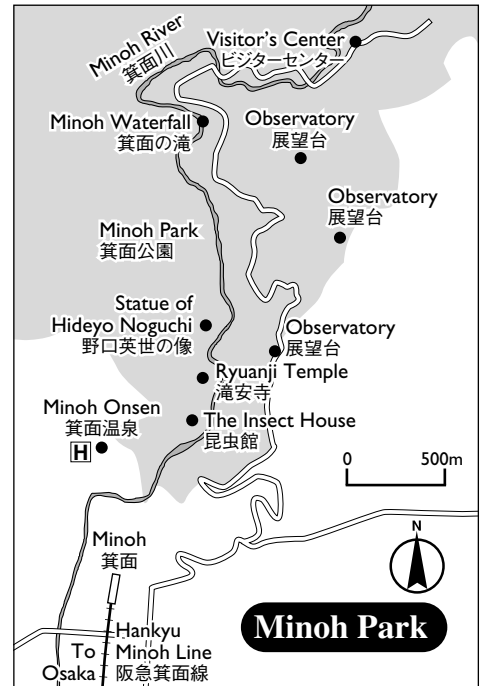
Open: 10:00-17:00 (enter by 16:30).

- **National Museum of Ethnology** (国立民族学博物館) Closed: Wed. (when Wed. falls on a national holiday, next day will be closed.) 3rd Mon. - Fri. of Feb. and Dec. 28-Jan. 4. Admission: ¥420
- **The Japan Folk Crafts Museum Osaka** (大阪日本民芸館) Closed: Wed. (except May 3.) Admission: ¥700.

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

International Institute for Children's Literature, Osaka (大阪府立国際児童文学館)

Open: 9:30-17:00. Closed: Wed. (when Wed. falls on a national holiday, next day will be closed.) & Dec. 28-Jan. 4. Also closed on the last day each month.



AROUND KANSAI AIRPORT

Rinku Town (りんくうタウン)

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 mall in Kansai. Open: 10:00-20:00 (except Aug.), 10:00-21:00 (Aug.). Restaurants open: 9:30-21:30. Open hours change by seasons. Closed: 3rd Thu. of Feb. 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 fish market where you can buy any seafood at less than half price. Open: 10:00-18:00. Closed: Wed.

Access: 20-min. walk or 7min. by taxi 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 (Enter by 16:00)

Closed: Mon. (except national holiday, Apr. 1-Apr. 15), Dec. 30-Jan. 4.

Access: 15-min. walk from Nankai Honsen Line Kishiwada Sta. or 5min walk from Takojizo Sta.

Admission: ¥300

Kishiwada Danjiri Hall (岸和田だんじり会館)

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

Open: 10:00-17:00 (enter by 16:00)

Closed: Mon. and Dec. 30-Jan. 4.

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

7-min. walk from Takojizo Sta.

Admission: ¥600



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