

# GP Kobe 2015 Travel Guide



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# Introduction

At first, we introduce the custom and tips for the first time.

## Shoes off and Shoes on

Like some other asian area, as Japan custom, there is a lot of rooms to put off your shoes such as restaurants etc.

Especially, if the rooms' floor are covered by tatami, you have to take your shoes off.

If you find steps and shoe shelf in front of the rooms, it is a sign and you should leave your shoes on the steps.



## No Tipping

There is no tipping in most situation in Japan – cabs, restaurants, personal care. To tip someone is actually a little insulting; the services you've asked for are covered by the price given, so why pay more? In many cases, the service provider will decline your offer.

## Smoking

In Japan, there are very limited space to smoking. Stores and restaurants will be separate smoking area and not. As entering, you should ask to take you smoking space.

In traffics such as buses or trains, smoking are not allowed. There may be smoking area at the edge of the platform.

## Wi-Fi

Getting a prepaid SIM card with local calling service is difficult in Japan. And also finding free Wi-Fi services around the city is difficult too. We suggest to rent a handy little wireless router, known as “pocket Wi-Fi” at airport.

## Emergency calls

If you are in the trouble, you can call police by “110” and ambulance service by “119”.

Calls are free of charge from any phone, including pay phones.

If you have no phones, ask the people near you as “Hyaku-Toe-Bang O’negai-shimasu” for 110 or “Hyaku-Jule-Cue-Bang O’negai-shimasu” for 119. The prior 110 is higher than 119.

And also, we introduce Makino-san’s phone number “090 9528 9903”, the Japan Regional Coordinator.

In conclusion, it is said that Japan has very low crime rate, but you should stay away the trouble resources or places.

## Japanese conversations

We introduce GP Chiba travel guide(

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B30pRthDjv2sWnBpaWdCR3pvLVIXcnU4VUtqQWttcUFIQnkw/view>) for guidance of Japanese expressions.

## TO

TO for the GP Kobe is Big Magic who has organized lots of Japanese GPs.

They has stores at Tokyo area, Nagoya and Osaka area and organizing own premier event branded by Star City Games.

<http://www.bigmagic.net/>

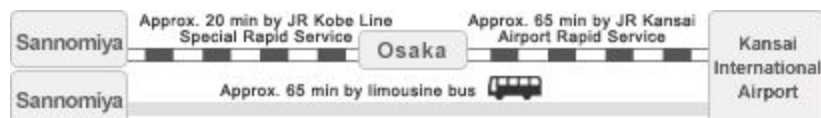
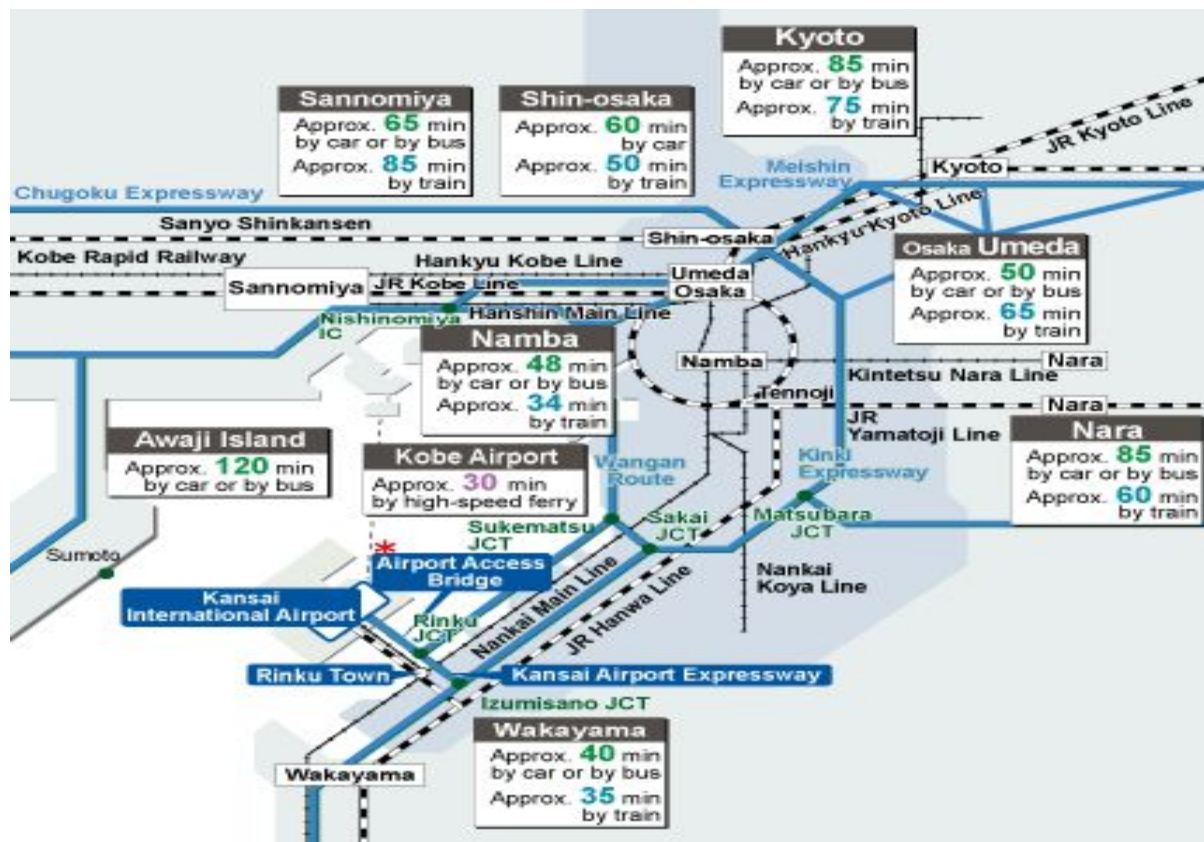
You can find also event information of GP Kobe from the Plains Walker banner at top of web page and the event page can be switched to ENG ver, click the button at right side.

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<http://www.bigmagic.net/gpkobe2015/english/>

## Transportation

### To the Kobe(Sannomiya) from Kansai International Airport



The fee is approximately 2000Yen and 70mins to 90 mins,

We recommend you that taking bus is better, it is easiest way to get to Sannomiya.

Bus have been departure from terminal 1, ticket counter should be located around right after pass through the immigration gate.

If you can not find it, feel free to talk service counter they speak English.

### To the Venue from Sannomiya Station.

Take Port Liner and get off at 市民広場(Shimin Hiroba) Station. Approximately 10 mins.

## the Staff hotel

東横INN神戸三ノ宮2(Toh'yoko Inn Kobe San'no miya 2)

Addr.: 〒651-0096 兵庫県神戸市中央区雲井通5-2-2

URL: <http://www.toyoko-inn.com/hotel/00123/>

This hotel is the same one as GP Kobe 2014's.

## from JR三ノ宮駅(San'no miya Station)

Get out the station from East Gate, and walk to right.

Turn to left the corner with convenience store and walk 5 min.



## to the Venue

Take Port Liner from San'no Miya Station and get off at 市民広場(Shimin Hiroba) station. It will cost 250 JP yen.





## Place to Visit

### 1. 神戸元町・南京町(Kobe Moto-machi, Kobe Nanking-machi)



It has been known as one of the biggest China Town in Japan and has been located east and west 200m, south and north 110m and more than 100 restaurant are there.

The landmark of entrance is Daimaru.

After the sun down, AZUMAYA and 長安門 are light up, here is popular as travel spot.

### 2. 北野異人館通り (Kitano Ijinkan Street)



This town had been constructed at 1887 that mixed Western Style and Japanese style house, as known Kitano Ijinkan Dori.

Also as known better filming location and some TV drama were recorded at there.

### 3. 神戸観光タクシーポートグループ(Kobe tourist's Taxi port group)

This is not tourist spot which is Tourist Service.

If you have no idea where to go, they consult a travel itinerary.

URL : <http://www.kobe-port.co.jp/kobe.html>

### 4. 姫路城(Himeji Castle)



This is registered on the World Heritage List that name is Himeji Castle.

It has been located at Himeji where one hour away from the venue, If you secure an extra days after the GP, I would recommend to go there because I think most famous place around there and some travel guide speaks English.

Available time : 9- 16

Fee:1000yen



# Food&Drink

## 1. REDROCK



This is Japanese traditional rice food.

Japan has a lots of rice food like curry, gyudon or etc but this is roast beef don where very very popular in Japan and lots of people wait to eat there at around ealy time.

We recommend you that going there at after 8pm otherwise you will have to wait for long hours.

Address

三宮店 : <http://tabelog.com/hyogo/A2801/A280101/28036998/>

元町店 : <http://tabelog.com/hyogo/A2801/A280102/28040274/>

## 2. 広重(Hiroshige)



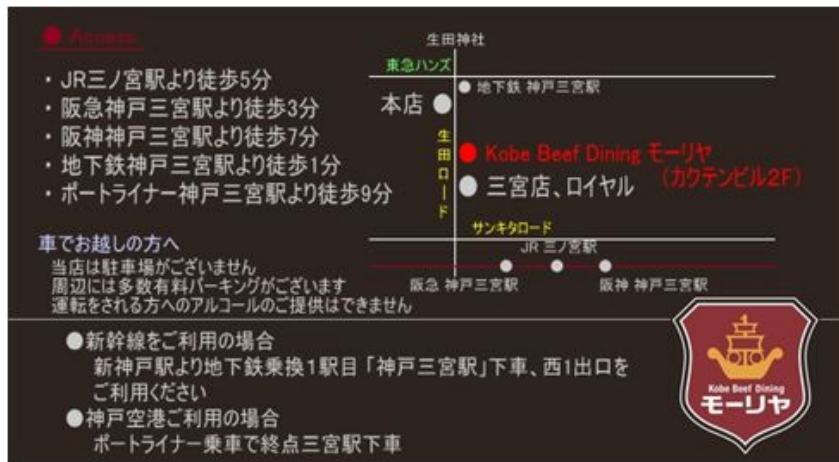
As you may know Gyu-don which is I think Japanese typical food.

Gyu-don is putting beef on rice but this restaurant's Gyu-don is Kobe beef.

Kobe beef has been known as one of the best beef in Japan.

Address : <http://tabelog.com/hyogo/A2801/A280101/28033392/>

### 3. 神戸ステーキレストラン モーリヤ(KOBE Steak Restaurant Mouriya)



This is Kobe beef steak restaurant.

Several years ago, this restaurant's meal voucher were awarded for the winner as a prize of MTG event.

Address : <http://www.mouriya.co.jp/>

### 4. にほとりや 北野坂店(Niwatoriya Kitanosaka-ten)



We described several beef restaurants on here so the next is Chicken place.

This is YAKITORI restaurant and lots of Sake, if you like rice wine and chicken, here will make you very satisfy.

Address : <http://tabelog.com/hyogo/A2801/A280101/28007381/>