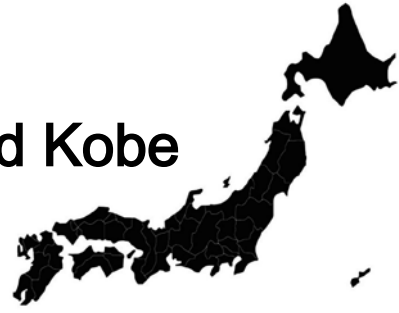




Sightseeing around Kobe



Kobe City:

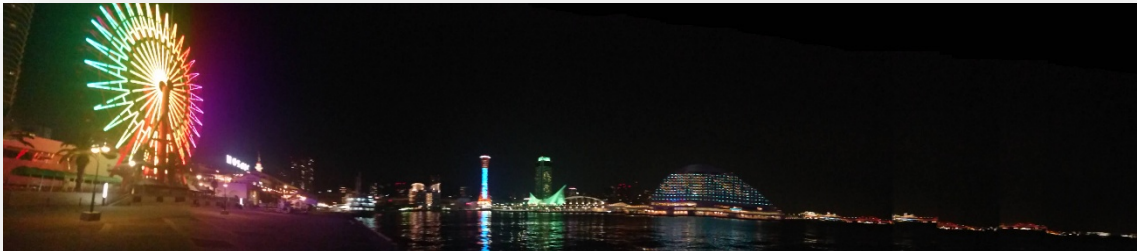


<http://plus.feel-kobe.jp>

<http://www.city.himeji.lg.jp/guide/castle/Kobe>



Weathercock House built in 1909



Night View of Kobe Port Area

Kobe was one of the cities opened to foreign countries in 1853 at the end of the national isolation in Shogun's era. In addition to its cosmopolitan feel, the city is famous for being the origin of Kobe beef (which is also the inspiration for the name of basketball player Kobe Bryant). Additional must-see attractions include Sake Breweries (located in the Nada District), the hot springs in Arima, and a few others noted below. As you will already be for IUS 2018, what reason is there not to explore such a unique city?



[Kobe City Bus Services \(Japanese Only\)](#)


Himeji Castle (World Helitage):



<http://www.city.himeji.lg.jp/guide/castle/>



Himeji Castle

Reachable in 37 min. by JR Rapid Service Train from  [Sannomiya](#)

Himeji Castle known as White Heron Castle was built in 1609, and is recognized as the most beautiful castle in Japan. Unlike other Japanese castles, it was never destroyed by war or natural disaster. The castle was renovated and re-opened in 2015.

Kyoto (World Helitage):



<https://kyoto.travel/de>



Katsura Rikyu



Kingaku-ji temple, September




Arashiyama, October

Reachable in 46 min. by JR Rapid Service Train from  [Sannomiya](#)

Kyoto has been the Imperial capital of Japan from 794 to 1868. Due to its rich histories, there are an incredible number of old but beautiful temples, shrines and other historical structures in addition to plenty of invaluable treasures.

We will not organize any sightseeing tour to Kyoto intentionally because a one-day visit is far too short. We recommend spending at least two days there.

Because late October to November is the best season for sightseeing in Kyoto, hotel booking is very competitive this time of year. Please make your schedule and reserve your hotel as soon as possible. If you are able to extend your stay in Japan, please also consider attending  [The 39nd Symposium on Ultrasonic Electronics \(USE2018\)](#), which will be held in Kyoto from Monday, October 29 to Wednesday October 31, 2018. The deadline for submitting a presentation title is July 23, 2018, and the deadline for submitting a two-page proceedings paper is August 15, 2018.



Following links might be useful for your planning.

[KYOTO CITY TOURISM ASSOCIATION](#)

[Kyoto Bus Tour](#)

[Suntory Yamazaki Whisky Distillery Tour](#)

Nara (World Helitage):

<https://narashikanko.or.jp/en/>



Horyu-ji temple, September



Toudai-ji temple, September

Reachable in 81min by Hanshin and Kintetsu Rapid Service Trains from [Sannomiya](#)

Nara was the Imperial capital of Japan from 710 to 784. During this period, the government tried to introduce advanced technologies and knowledge from China (Tang dynasty), and defended and supported Buddhism. There are plenty of historic treasures in Nara, including some of Japan's oldest and largest temples such as [Todai-ji](#), [Horyu-ji](#), [Yakushi-ji](#), and [Toshodai-ji](#).

[Sightseeing Bus in Nara Area](#)

Osaka:



Osaka Castle, September





Night view of Dotonbori area



Universal Studio Japan

Reachable in 20min by JR Rapid Service Train from  [Sannomiya](#)

Although Osaka has a long history from the mythological era of the Japanese Empire, it is now one of the most modern metropolises in Japan. It is filled with many cultural and historical sites such as museums, temples,  [castles](#), etc. Among them,  [Dotonbori](#) is quite unique. Japanese people often say that "eat in Osaka", showing that there are many restaurants as well as entertainment facilities.



- [Bus Tour in Osaka Area \(No. 1\)](#)
- [Bus Tour in Osaka Area \(No. 2\)](#)
- [Bus Tour in Osaka Area \(No. 3, Japanese Only\)](#)

Other Info:



- [Kansai Region Travel Guide - Kinki Region Travel Guide](#)
- [8 Tips for Travelling in Japan's Kansai Region](#)
- [Free Guide in Kyoto, Osaka, Nara, Kobe and other Kansai area, Japan](#)