

INVITATION TO K O B E

A PREMIER DESTINATION



Welcome to the Port of Kobe

Located between the mountains and the sea, the Port of Kobe has flourished as a hub for international sea transportation since the Middle Ages. Known as one of the most beautiful ports in the world, the Port of Kobe opened in 1868 and became the first port in Japan to start an international ocean liner service in 1893. Today, Kobe is a cosmopolitan and diverse city that combines the richness of nature and the city. The Port of Kobe is also the gateway to the world-famous Seto Inland Sea cruises, making it an ideal turnaround port. Please enjoy a fascinating trip from the Port of Kobe.



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Twilight view of Kobe Port from your ship

An Ideal Port for Turnaround

The Port of Kobe is located in the Kansai area with easy and quick access to several airports and train stations. Kansai International Airport, located in Osaka, is just 30 minutes away by high-speed boat and 60 minutes away by bus. Kobe Airport is much closer, taking only 15 minutes by train from the Port Terminal Station to the Kobe Airport Station, which is connected to the airport building.

For travelers using trains, Shin-Kobe Station, the bullet train station, is just 20 minutes away from the port, and various local railroad lines have stations in central Kobe, all accessible within 10 minutes from the port.

This transportation network ensures easy access to Kobe for all travelers visiting Kobe, whether by air, land, or sea. Kobe is an ideal port for turnaround and your guests will be delighted to start their cruise from the Port of Kobe.





Gateway to Seto Inland Sea

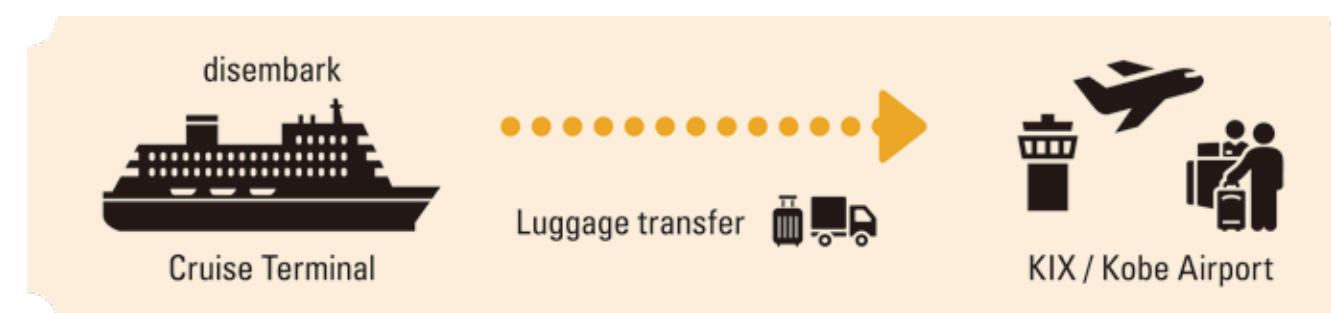
Seto Inland Sea in western Japan is a calm and beautiful sea stretching approximately 400 kilometers. The sea is home to over 700 large and small islands and 35 local ports, providing quick access to several World Heritage Sites such as Itsukushima Shrine (Hiroshima Pref.). In addition to magnificent views of the islands, the Setouchi Cruise also offers exciting experiences of going under 5 large bridges. Thanks to its location, the Port of Kobe acts as the gateway to the spectacular Seto Inland Sea.



KOBE PORTER

Kobe Porter is a special luggage transportation service provided to guests traveling to and from the Port of Kobe. When leaving the ship, luggage can be transported to counters at either Kansai International Airport or Kobe Airport from the cruise terminal (Port Terminal). This service can be provided on the same day, depending on the guest's disembarkation time and flight departure time. For those who wish to have their luggage transported from the airport counter to the Port Terminal counter, this service is also available. If the guests wish to keep the luggage temporarily, this service is also available according to their schedule. Please contact us for details.

*All luggage must go through customs



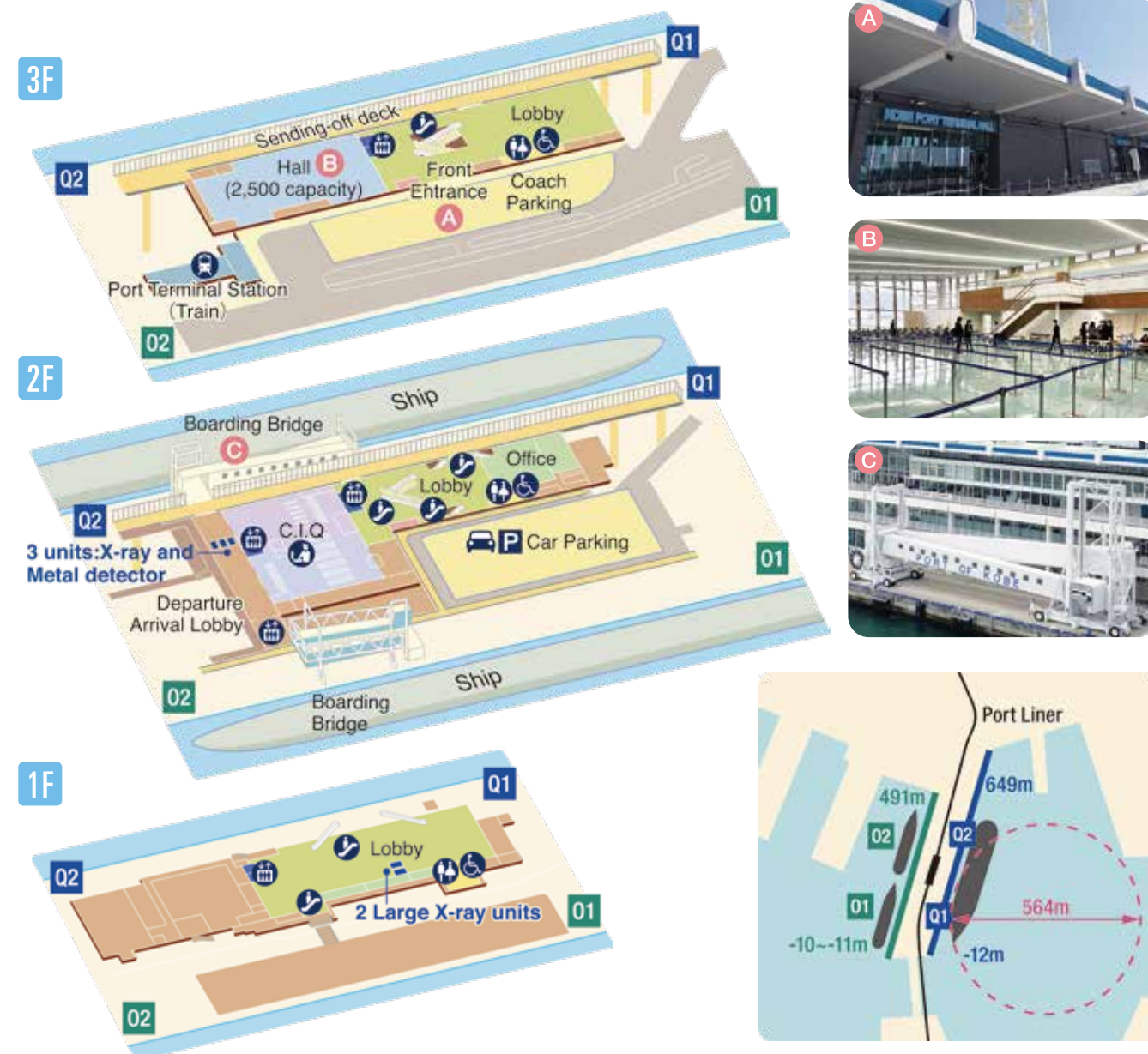
KOBE Airport to Become an International Airport

Kobe Airport will start accepting international charter flights in 2025 and scheduled international flights in 2030.



Kobe Port Terminal

Both Kobe Port Terminal and Kobe Airport are connected to train stations, offering an easy and smooth move between the cruise terminal and the airport. This is one of the reasons why Kobe is an ideal turnaround port.



Naka Pier Cruise Terminal

Naka Pier Cruise Terminal is located close to Kobe's landmark and shopping district. Guests arriving at Naka Pier Cruise Terminal will find it very convenient to enjoy dining and shopping in Kobe.





What to Do in KOBE

There are so many ways to enjoy your stay in KOBE. Here are some activities you must try. Both terminals are very close to KOBE's downtown area and waterfront area, so that you can enjoy local dining, shopping, and getting around the city.



A KOBE Beef

KOBE Beef is renowned for its superior flavor, tenderness, and its marbled texture. One of the highest ranked beef in Japan, you will not want to miss the opportunity to try the genuine melt-in-your-mouth KOBE Beef while you are staying in KOBE.

B Sake

Nadagogo is an area in Kobe and Nishinomiya where there are many sake breweries. Together, they manufacture about a quarter of all the sake made in Japan. A great way to enjoy Kobe's sake is to try sake tasting experiences provided by the sake breweries.

C Pearls

Kobe is the center of pearl processing and about 70% of all the cultured pearls in the world is produced here. That is why many pearl companies are based in Kobe.

Proximity to Other Destinations (incl. World Heritage Sites)

Kobe is within easy reach of many unique destinations, such as Kyoto, Nara, and Himeji, each home to World Heritage sites.



Kyoto



Nara



Himeji Castle



Recommended Destinations



A Arima Hot Spring

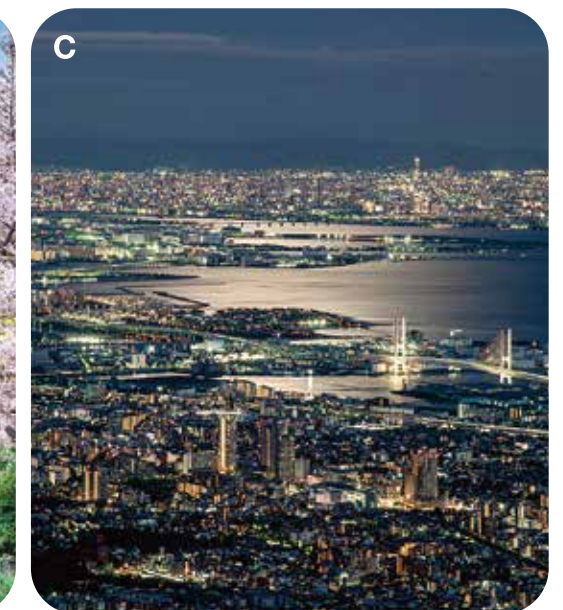
One of the oldest hot springs in Japan, Arima Hot Spring is only about 30 minutes from the cruise terminal by taxi. Visit here to get a taste of the authentic townscape and Geiko (Geisha) culture.

B Cherry Blossoms

Cherry blossoms are in bloom all around Kobe from the end of March to early April.

C Night Views

With tall mountains close to the center of the city, there are many places to enjoy night views in KOBE. It is a great way to enjoy your overnight call.





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