



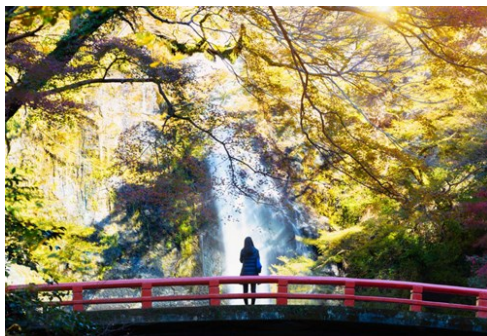
Osaka

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Sitting in the heart of the Kansai region is Osaka, the third-largest city in Japan. It could be the proximity to Korea, China, and the coast that has made it become known as the "Kitchen of Japan". Osaka's people have a true zest for life. They promote a casual ambience and are slightly, unconventionally boisterous. Osaka is regenerating, now recognising its past beauty and working hard to re-establish it. This stimulating city is now more than ever a must-see.

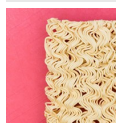


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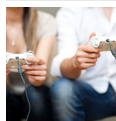
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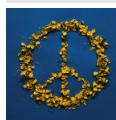
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THE CITY



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Osaka is predominantly divided into wards which are referred to as 'ku' in Japanese. Kita-ku, located in the North is primarily the business and commercial area. Minami-ku in the south is principally the shopping and entertainment hub of the city.

From the outset, Osaka seems like a futuristic city which is in part due to the impressive modern architecture that lines the streets. However, more recently, it has been looking back to its past - now restoring beautiful parks and public areas that showcase a long history of excellence and attention to detail.

The people of Osaka are often called "kuidaore," meaning that they become poor because of their extravagance in eating and drinking. Shopping and eating are certainly the preferred activities here.

DO & SEE



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There is plenty of diversity in Osaka and lots to do and see for everyone with an interest in Japanese history, modern technology and eccentric, up-and-coming trends.

Shinsaibashi is the most popular shopping area, Soemoncho is the entertainment district and Dotombori is packed with theatres and restaurants.

In the Uehommachi district, you will come across the Shin-Kabukiza Theatre and the famous National Bunra-ku Puppet Theatre. Further south is the Shinsekai ward, where you cannot miss the 103-metre Tsutenka-ku Tower, a recognised landmark of Osaka.

The National Museum of Art



This museum is not only impressive for its modern design on the outside, it also offers visitors other interesting things on the inside. It exhibits Japanese, as well as contemporary art from various artists from all over the world. Most of the exhibits are from the post-war era.

Photo: Library of Congress/Unsplash.com

Address: 4-2-55 Nakanoshima, Kita-ku, Osaka

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Higobashi
Opening hours: Tuesday-Thursday, Saturday-Sunday:
10.00-17.00, Friday: 10.00-19.00
Phone: +81 6 6447 4680
Internet: www.nmao.go.jp

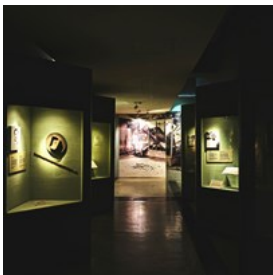
Osaka Castle



Osaka Castle is the city's most famous landmark. It was originally built in 1583 by the order of Hideyoshi Toyotomi but suffered several destructions throughout history. Rebuilt in 1931 with the external appearance created by Hideyoshi Toyotomi, the Japanese Government designated the main tower as a Registered Tangible Cultural Property years later, in 1997.

Photo: Jules Marvin Eguielos/Unsplash.com
Address: 1-1 Osakajo, Chuo-ku, Osaka
Phone: +81 6 6941 3044
Internet: www.osakacastle.net

Osaka Museum of History



The Osaka Museum of History lies just outside Osaka Castle Park. It aims to bring the city's history to life and features a multi-dimensional experience of the 1,400-year history of Osaka, with life-size reconstructions, scale models, and key photographs and movies. An entertaining and fun experience for young and old.

Photo: Shakib Uzzaman/Unsplash.com
Address: 1-32 Otemae, Chuo-ku, Osaka
Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday-Thursday: 09.30-17.00, Saturday-Sunday: 09.30-17.00
Phone: +81 6 6946 5728
Internet: www.mus-his.city.osaka.jp

Shin-umeda City Floating Garden



Shin Umeda City was completed in 1993 and has become one of Osaka's main points of orientation in the city. You can enjoy a great view over the city at the observatory on the 39th floor.

Photo: Shunsuke Ono/Unsplash.com
Address: 1-1-88 Oyodonaka, Kita-ku, Osaka
Phone: +81 6 6440 3855
Internet: www.skybldg.co.jp

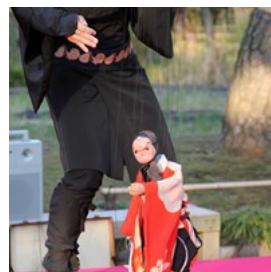
Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan



Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan is one of the biggest aquariums in the world, and has a great variety of fish, and even a few whale sharks. The Japanese word Kaiyukan, literally means "Playing in the Sea Pavilion".

Photo: Björn/Unsplash.com
Address: 1-1-10 Kaigandori, Osaka
Phone: +81 6 6576 5501
Internet: www.kaiyukan.com

The National Bunraku



In this theatre you can view the fascinating and unusual art form "bunraku", which is a Japanese puppet drama derived from the 17th-century. There are also English programs available and earphones for translations.

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Address: 1-12-10 Nippon-bashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka
Phone: +81 6 6212 2531

Internet: www.ntj.jac.go.jp

Osaka Municipal Museum of Art



The Osaka Municipal Museum of Art offers artwork from the country's finest contemporary artists. The museum has sculptures, paintings and calligraphy from both known established artists and skilled newcomers.

Photo: [tenpal/Pixabay.com](#)

Address: 1-82 Chausuyama-cho, Tennoji-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday: 09.30-17.00

Phone: +81 6 6771 4874

Internet: www.osaka-art-museum.jp

More Info: Last admission 30 minutes before closing

Sumiyoshi Taisha Shrine



The Samiyoshi Taisha Shrine is one of Japan's oldest shrines and it is registered as a National Treasure. Many events are staged at this

historical location. Every year on New Year's day, a large crowd gathers at the shrine to celebrate.

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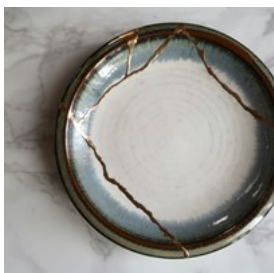
Address: 2-9-89 Sumiyoshi, Osaka

Public Transport: Sumiyoshi Taisha

Phone: +81 6 6672 0753

Internet: www.sumiyoshitaisha.net

The Museum of Oriental Ceramics



This museum is specialized in ceramics and almost three thousand items from China and Korea are displayed here. The

stylish museum has a world-class collection of oriental ceramics.

Photo: [Riho Kitagawa/Unsplash.com](#)

Address: 1-1-26 Nakanoshima, Kita-ku, Osaka

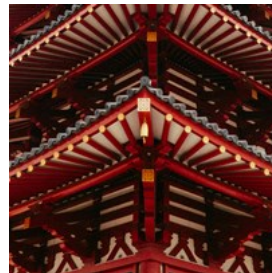
Public Transport: Metrostop: Yodoyabashi

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday: 9.30 -17.00

Phone: +81 6 6223 0055

Internet: www.moco.or.jp

Shitennoji Temple



Shitennoji Temple is the oldest officially administered temple in Japan. The temple was built by Prince Shotoku and had an important status in the city's trade history due to its location on the Bay. Throughout history, the temple has been reconstructed several times.

Photo: [Jessica Lam/Unsplash.com](#)

Address: 1-11-18 Shitennoji, Tennoji-ku, Osaka

Phone: +81 6 6771 0066

Internet: www.shitennoji.or.jp

Video Game Bar Space Station



This is a great place to go if you like playing video games while drinking since these two pleasures are combined at the Video Game Bar Space

Station. You can choose from game machines like Xbox, Super Nintendo, Genesis and many more.

Photo: [Minerva Studio / Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: 2-13-3 Nishi-shinsaibashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 20.00-02.00

Phone: +81 80 4151 6336

Dotonbori



Dotonbori is one of Osaka's most popular areas. You can find almost everything here; theatres, bars, nightclubs, cafés, restaurants, you name it. All day and night, entertainment guaranteed!

Photo: Crystal Jo/Unsplash.com
Address: Dotonbori, Osaka

Shinsaibashi



Another popular area is Shinsaibashi. This area features not only some of the best fashion stores in the world but also a great nightlife and local food.

Photo: Steven Tso/Unsplash.com
Address: Shinsaibashi, Osaka

Nanba Grand Kagetsu



If you're looking for some fun, the Nanba Grand neighborhood is your place to go. There is a multitude of entertainment centers, theaters, shops and you are guaranteed a fantastic vibe at this busy place.

Photo: Ramon Kagie/Unsplash.com
Address: 11-6 Nambasennichimae, Chuo-ku, Osaka
Phone: +81 6 6641 0888
Internet: www.yoshimoto.co.jp

Universal Studios Japan



The Universal Studios Japan is the Hollywood equivalent theme park with attraction from your favourite movies. This is a great place for a whole day of family fun with numerous restaurants, rides and shows.

Photo: Eyang Sabur/Pixabay.com
Address: 2-1-3 Sakurajima, Osaka
Phone: +81 5 7020 0606
Internet: www.usj.co.jp

Osaka Science Museum



This museum offers fun and education for the whole family. You can easily spend hours wandering through its exhibitions and permanent collections. If you're interested in life, the universe and everything in between you can learn more about our solar system in the planetarium hall or join the science show.

Photo: mos design/Unsplash.com
Address: 4-2-1 Nakanoshima Kita-ku, Osaka
Public Transport: Metro Stop: Higobashi Station
Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday: 09.30-17.00
Phone: +81 6 6444 5656
Internet: www.sci-museum.jp/files/pdf/english.pdf
More Info: Located on Nakanoshima Island, next to the National Museum of Art Osaka

Osaka International Peace Center



This museum aims to promote peace and gives information about Osaka in World War II. Historical documents and video installations depict

aerial assaults, attacks on Japan as well as the horrors of the atom bomb. Learn more about Osaka's recent past by visiting these exhibitions.

Photo: Engin Akyurt/Pixabay.com

Address: 2-1 Osakajo, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Morinomiya Station

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday: 9.30-17.00

Phone: +81 6 6947 7208

Internet: www.peace-osaka.or.jp

More Info: Located south of Osaka Castle Park

Kema Sakuranomiya Park



In Japan the cherry blossom or Sakura is celebrated for its beauty and symbolizes renewal, life as well as ephemerality. In this park

along the Okawa River you can watch the spectacle of about 5000 cherry trees blooming in early spring. The best time for picnics amongst the magnificent white and pink trees is late March or early April.

Photo: morn in japan/Pixabay.com

Address: Kema Sakuranomiya Park, Osaka

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Sakuranomiya Station

More Info: During blooming season trees are illuminated until 9pm

Tsutenkaku



Originally constructed in 1912 and rebuilt after WWII in 1956, the Tsutenkaku Tower stands 103 meters tall and gives you an outstanding view

of all of Osaka. When on top you can venture to step on the platform with a guide and safety belt to experience some exciting vertigo.

Photo: Marco Catullo/Pixabay.com

Address: 1-18-6 Ebisuhigashi, Naniwa-ku, Osaka

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Shin-Imamiya Station

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 9.00-21.00

Phone: +81 6 6641 9555

Internet: www.tsutenkaku.co.jp

Momofuku Ando Instant Ramen Museum



Have you ever wondered where this delicious and easy to make Ramen comes from? Then visit this Cup Noodle Museum and learn more about the

inventor and the history of the popular dish. As well as free audio guides, the place offers ramen workshops for the whole family.

Photo: Markus Winkler/Pixabay.com

Address: 8-25 Masumi-cho, Ikeda-shi, Osaka

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday-Sunday: 9.30-16.00

Phone: +81 7 2752 3484

Internet: www.instantramen-museum.jp/jp

Yamamoto Noh Theater



Experience one of the world's oldest theatrical forms - Noh - at the oldest operational theatre of its kind in Osaka. Opt for the "Kamigata Night"

programme to acquaint yourself with all of Kansai Region's traditional performing arts, such as the famed Kabuki, Bunraku Puppet Theatre, Rakugo, and, of course, Noh. The stylish theatre hosts shows in both English and Japanese (the latter are often accompanied by explanatory materials in English, Chinese and Korean), and offers visitors a unique opportunity to attend workshops conducted by professional artists.

Photo: sritakoset/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1-3-6 Tokuicho, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Phone: +81 6 6943 9454

Internet: www.noh-theater.com

Museum of Housing and Living



The exquisite museum offers visitors an immersive experience into Osaka's Edo (9th floor), Meiji (8th floor) and recent Showa

periods. Life-size recreations of Osaka's ancient streets and scale models are complete with multiple original artifacts dating back to the respective eras. One of the museum's main attractions is the opportunity to try on and be photographed in a traditional kimono against the backdrop of a historic Japanese street.

Photo: miya227/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6-4-20 Tenjimbashi, Kita-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 10am-5pm (last admission 4.30pm),
Tue closed

Phone: +81 6 6242 1170

Internet: www.konjyakukan.com

More Info: 8th Floor

Shinsekai



Crowned by the looming Tsutenkaku tower, the district of Shinsekai is one of the city's premier entertainment districts, with a slew of dining,

drinking and shopping options. It is also the best place in the city to try kushikatsu, a regional delicacy consisting of skewered and deep-fried meat and vegetables.

Photo: Robby McCullough/Unsplash.com

Address: Shinsekai

Hozenji Temple



Tucked away behind a busy street, just a few blocks away from Dotonbori canal, lies the tiny and quaint 17th century Buddhist temple,

Hozenji. It is a rare space of peace and tranquility in one of the city's busiest districts, and should not be missed.

Photo: feihong nam/Pixabay.com

Address: 1-2-16 Namba, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Phone: +81 6 6211 4152

Internet: www.hozenji.jp

DINING



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Due to its fertile land and close proximity to the sea, Osaka has always produced copious amounts of delicious, fresh ingredients. A particularly popular dish in Osaka is "Okonomiyaki", a Japanese-style pancake that often comes with a combination of meat, seafood or vegetables and is covered in one of many tasty sauces to accompany it. Take a seat in an Izakaya, (the Japanese version of a pub) and try "Takoyaki" - balls of fried wheat batter containing octopus.

La Baie



La Baie offers exceptional seafood and meat dishes with an imaginative, eclectic flair. They are recipients of a Michelin star, a 5-spoon and fork of the Michelin Guide Kyoto Osaka Kobe 2011. For dinner, men are requested to wear a jacket and women are expected to be dressed in formal attire.

Photo: cegoh/Pixabay

Address: Ritz-Carlton, 2-5-25 Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Osaka Station (Sakurabashi Exit)

Opening hours: Wed-Sun 11.30am-3pm/5.30pm-9pm, Mon & Tue Closed

Phone: +81 6 6343 7020

Internet: labaie.ritzcarltonosaka.com

Email: rc.osarz.restaurant.rsv@ritzcarlton.com

Gataro



Hidden under the Hankyu railway, this cozy and nostalgic izakaya restaurant is a popular haunt amongst the locals. Typically in these Japanese-style pub-restaurants they serve grilled fish prepared whilst you wait, and its highly recommended to give it a go. Unlike most Izakaya restaurants, Gataro has an English menu, although that is about the extent of the English here.

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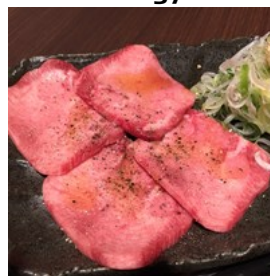
Address: 1-7-2 Shibata, Kita-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Daily 4pm-11pm

Phone: +81 6 6373 1484

Internet: www.t-cb.co.jp/gataro.php

Matsusakagyu Yakiniku M



Matsusakagyu Yakiniku M is a popular restaurant that offers traditional Japanese cuisine including one of the most exclusive and expensive cuts of meat in the world, Matsusaka beef. It may not be cheap, but it is without a doubt worth every penny. The staff are very friendly here at the Yokocho branch and guests have access to free WiFi.

Photo: lalah_jp/Pixabay.com

Address: 1-1-19 Namba, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-11pm

Phone: +81 6 6211 2917

Internet: www.matsusaka-projects.com/restaurant/yokocho/

Ichiran



The Ichiran chain of ramen restaurants are purported to be some of the best in the country and perhaps even further afield. So if you like noodles, this is the place for you. There are numerous variations to choose from, including the local favourite Tonkotsu Ramen which comes with a special sauce made in house.

Photo: Bon Vivant/Unsplash.com

Address: 7-18 Soemoncho, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +81 50 1808 2557

Internet: www.ichiran.co.jp

Email: pr@ichiran.co.jp

Endo Sushi



Touted as one of the best sushi restaurants in Osaka, Endo Sushi uses tried and tested methods of culinary mastery dating back to the early

1900s to create authentic and traditional Japanese cuisine. There are some interesting delicacies here at the Central Market branch such as horse mackerel and conger eel, so be sure to come with a sense of adventure.

Photo: ibmoon Kim/Unsplash.com

Address: 1-1-86 Noda, Fukushima-Ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6am-2pm, Sun Closed

Phone: +81 6 6469 7108

Internet: www.endo-sushi.com

Fukutaro



The main store of Fukutaro is considered to be a must-try in Osaka.

This is a great place to try okonomiyaki, a pancake-like dish often

topped with meat, fish, vegetables and a corresponding sauce to accompany it such as aonori or Japanese mayonnaise. There are numerous variations to choose from and if you can't decide, there is the grill-it-yourself option which is always fun.

Photo: ibmoon Kim/Unsplash.com

Address: 2-3-17 Sennichimae, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Namba Station

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5pm-11.30pm, Sat-Sun

Midday-11pm

Phone: +81 6 6359 2951

Internet: www.2951.jp

Splendido



Restaurant Splendido can be found at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. Here you can enjoy Italian dishes in a cosy atmosphere.

Photo: Samueles/Pixabay.com

Address: 2-5-25 Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 6.30am-9pm, Fri-Sat 6.30am-10pm

Phone: +81 6 6343 7020

Internet: splendido.ritzcarltonosaka.com

Email: rc.osarz.restaurant.rsv@ritzcarlton.com

Tsurutontan Soemoncho



Another outstanding noodle house in Osaka is the Soemoncho branch of Tsurutontan. Make sure you are hungry when you come here since the

portions are usually on the heavier side. The udon is a favourite as it is cooked to perfection, chewy and bursting full of flavour.

Photo: peaksignal/Pixabay.com

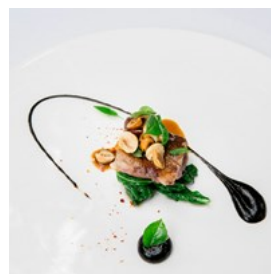
Address: 3-17 Soemoncho, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-6am, Fri-Sat 11am-8am

Phone: +81 6 6211 0021

Internet: www.tsurutontan.co.jp

Hajime



This classy restaurant equipped with not one but three Michelin stars has been described as 'mind-blowing', 'exceptional', 'artistic'

and 'delicious' by some of the most discerning critics in the game. Hajime is a great place to go if you want something extraordinary. Every dish here is a like a piece of art and every desert, a

dream come true.

Photo: Delightin Dee/Unsplash.com

Address: 1-9-11 Edobori, Nishi-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 5pm-11pm, Sun & Mon Closed

Phone: +81 6 6447 6688

Internet: www.hajime-artistes.com

Email: pr@hajime-artistes.com

Outback Steakhouse Umeda



If you are craving a juicy steak with a touch of Australian tanginess, head straight to Outback Steakhouse Umeda. This restaurant chain can be found in various places throughout Japan as well as the rest of the world. The best of Australian cuisine fits in very comfortably amongst the high class restaurants specialising in beef that the Japanese are known for.

Photo: Vera Davidova/Unsplash.com

Address: 1-6-20 Dojima, Kita-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5pm-10pm, Sat & Sun
11.30am-10pm

Phone: +81 6 6457 7121

Internet: www.outbacksteakhouse.co.jp

Email: info@outbacksteakhouse.co.jp

Fujiya 1935



This contemporary restaurant fuses the best of Japanese cuisine with the likes of Italian, Spanish and other well renowned European

cooking styles. The set menu changes regularly so it would be wise to check in advance what is being served on the day. The staff here are very friendly and the ambience is pleasant but take some time to pick out a nice outfit for this place as the dress code is rather strict.

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Address: 2-4-14 Yariyamachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka

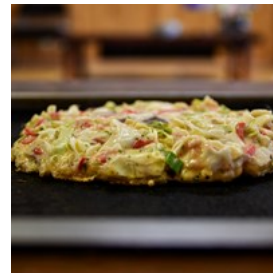
Public Transport: Metro Stop: Sakaisujihonmachi station

Opening hours: Mon-Sat Midday-1pm/6pm-8pm, Sun Closed

Phone: +81 6 6941 2483

Internet: www.fujiya1935-osaka.com

Okonomiyaki Mizuno



Osaka's oldest pancake house offers you a mouthwatering variety of traditional Japanese pancakes with different tantalising ingredients

and toppings. Mizuno has been serving up okonomiyaki pancakes for every taste and every meal of the day since 1945. Try the new yam yaki which goes extremely well with squid, shrimp, scallops or pork belly.

Photo: Pixabay

Address: 1 Chome-4-15 Dotonbori, Chuo Ward, Osaka

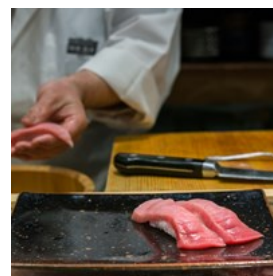
Public Transport: Metro Stop: Namba Station or Nihonbashi Station

Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm

Phone: +81 6 6212 6360

Internet: <https://mizuno.gorp.jp>

Harukoma Sushi



Located in Japan's longest shopping arcade Tenjinbashi-suji is the fabled Harukoma Sushi, recognisable if only by the line leading up to its

inconspicuous front door. Lines move fast however, and the superb quality of the sushi and sashimi served here are certainly worth the wait. Price to quality ratio is among the best in town. Be sure to try the unagi which is a local favourite.

Photo: GunnerL/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5-5-2 Tenjinbashi, Kita-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 11am-9.30pm, Tue Closed

Phone: +81 6 6351 4319

CAFÉS



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Osaka's streets are lined with captivating cafés, each offering a unique experience. Some embrace fantastical themes like anime, ninja lore, or the famous 'kawaii' culture, where vibrant colours and cuteness abound. Others focus on quality coffee and light bites, making them ideal spots for breakfast staples. A standout treat is the Japanese soufflé pancake, a tempting novelty that rivals the best and fluffiest American versions.

Planet 3rd



Planet 3rd is a cute, hip little café within the Hearton hotel which showcases some cool decor in a nice, light atmosphere. They serve a full American breakfast between 7am and noon and have free internet access.

Photo: fancycrave1/Pixabay.com

Address: 1-5-24 Nishishinsaibashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Shinsaibashi

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 7am-10pm, Fri & Sat 7am-11pm

Phone: +81 6 6282 5277

Internet: www.cafecompany.co.jp/brands/planet3rd/

Email: p3_shinsaibashi@cafecompany.co.jp

Rue d'Or



You can find the French Bistro Rue d'Or at the exquisite 5-star St. Regis hotel. Here you can enjoy a tasty croissant with a café au lait in the morning or a larger meal later in the day accompanied by a glass of red all the way from France. There is even a new selection of homemade ice creams and sorbets on offer that have been expertly crafted by the in-house deserts specialist.

Photo: Greg Montani/Pixabay.com

Address: 3-6-12 Honmachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka

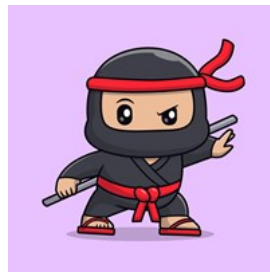
Opening hours: Daily 11.30am-2.30pm/6pm-10pm

Phone: +81 6 6105 5659

Internet: www.ruedor.stregisosaka.com

Email: restaurantreservations.osaka@stregis.com

Ninja Experience Cafe Osaka Dotonbori



Everyone has wished or at least wondered what is like to be a Ninja at some point in their life. At the Ninja Experience Cafe Osaka Dotonbori, the dream comes to life! This cafe is great for kids of all ages and grown ups are sure to join in with the exciting ninjitsu lessons where students learn how to use ancient Japanese weapons and techniques whilst dressed up as ninjas. There are several options available for groups and individual families including set menus and drinks packages.

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Address: 1-6-8 Namba, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm

Phone: +81 70 8989 2243

Internet: ninja-cafe.com

Email: info@ninja-cafe.com

LiLo Coffee Roasters



Praised as one of the best coffees that you can find in Osaka, the coffee beans at LiLo Coffee Roasters can be enjoyed in one of the three

branches throughout the city or you can take them home to have whenever the mood strikes. Load up the cup with milk and sugar for an unfathomably frothy cappuccino or savour the delicate roasted notes by brewing LiLo's carefully selected coffees black as is.

Photo: Mockup Graphics/Unsplash.com

Address: 1-10-28 Nishishinsaibashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka

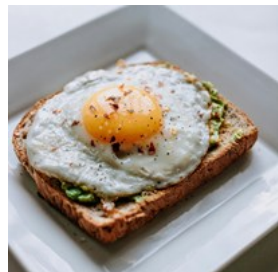
Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm

Phone: +81 6 6227 8666

Internet: coffee.liloinveve.com

Email: lilo.coffee@gmail.com

Melbourne Coffee, Craft & Cider



This Aussie style cafe away from the centre of Osaka is worth the pilgrimage if you are into large quantities of eggs, bacon, avocados and

tomatoes. There are of course other options available at Melbourne Coffee, Craft & Cider as the name would suggest. The cider and the coffee here comes in from down under and the fresh local produce used to fill up their freshly made toasties is clearly of a very high quality.

Photo: Ben Kolde/Unsplash.com

Address: 3-8-7 Minamisenba, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat & Sun 9am-3pm

Phone: +81 70 8950 7788

Internet: www.melbournecoffee.jp

Email: hello@melbournecoffee.jp

Micasadeco & Cafe Osaka



At Micasadeco & Cafe Osaka visitors can indulge in mouthwatering Japanese soufflé pancakes that are a favourite amongst

tourists and locals alike. The brunch menu here is vast but if you are into pancakes, look no further. Sweet, savoury, stuffed with cheese, doused in coconut custard...the options are endless.

Photo: Bhuwan Bansal/Unsplash.com

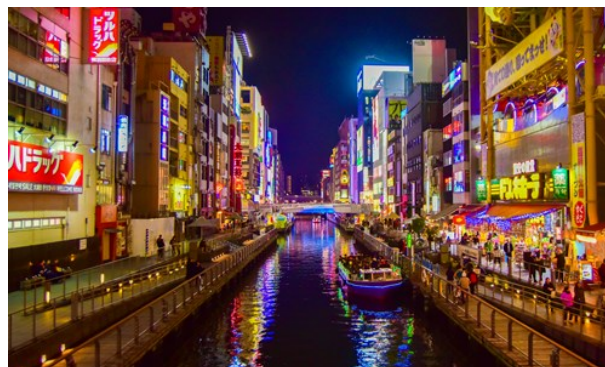
Address: 1-2-8 Saiwaicho, Naniwa-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat & Sun 9am-6pm

Phone: +81 6 6561 1191

Internet: micasadecoandcafe.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Juliana Barquero/Unsplash.com

Osaka's never-ending, lively bar scene generally revolves around specific wards. Minami attracts the young, hip clientele whilst Kita tends to cater to a more mature crowd. Music and an innovative mixture of bar-come-nightclub venues are on offer to suit most trends, persuasions and moods, equipped to entertain you until the early hours of the evening, whatever you may be looking for. "Kampai!"

Murphy's Irish Pub



Murphy's is a popular and well established Irish bar which attracts an eclectic mix of Japanese and Western clientele. For all sports enthusiasts, their 100 inch screen is the ideal way to watch international and domestic sports such as rugby and football. Private parties can also be organised ahead of time and Murphy's caters to all group sizes and budgets.

Photo: Andrea Mininni/Unsplash

Address: 1-5-2 Shinsaibashisuji, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Nagahoribashi

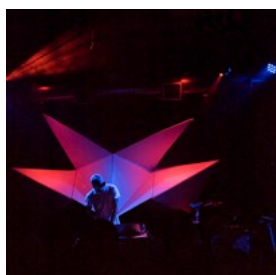
Opening hours: Tue-Thu & Sun 5pm-3am, Fri-Sat 5pm-5am, Mon Closed

Phone: +81 6 6245 3757

Internet: www.murphysosaka.com

Email: murphysbar@gmail.com

Club Joule



Club Joule is a Trance lovers' paradise. The club is very popular amongst the young but of course, seasoned ravers are more than welcome. Besides hard house, techno and trance you can also wind away to hip-hop and rap until the early morning at this massive neon-lit club.

Photo: Carl Nenzen Loven/Unsplash.com

Address: 2-11-7 Nishi-Shinsaibashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Fri & Sat 10pm-5am, Sun 3pm-10pm, Mon-Thu Closed

Phone: +81 6 6214 1223

Internet: club-joule.com

Email: info@club-joule.com

Royal Horse



This jazz club shows off the talents of some of the best musicians in the country and further afield. It is a great place to enjoy some of the best whiskeys and brandies of the area and the food menu, although not as comprehensive as some other restaurants in the area has a few local classics on offer that get the job done. The staff here are known to be friendly and the prices fairly reasonable considering the quality of the performances.

Photo: Jens Thekkeveettil/Unsplash.com

Address: 15-13 Toganochi, Kita-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5.30pm-Midnight, Sat & Sun Middyay-4pm/5.30pm-Midnight

Phone: +81 6 6312 8958

Internet: www.royal-horse.jp

Email: info@royal-horse.jp

St. Regis Bar



At the elegant and timeless St. Regis Bar you are bound to feel right at home. In a cosy environment reminiscent of New York in the early 20th Century, guests can enjoy a few drinks and something good to eat whilst listening to live music. There is also afternoon tea with Taneya during the summer months.

Photo: Mgg Vitthakorn/Unsplash.com

Address: 3-6-12 Hommachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Mon-Thu & Sun Middyay-11pm, Fri & Sat Middyay-Midnight

Phone: +81 6 6105 5659

Internet: www.stregisbar.stregisosaka.com

Email: restaurantreservations.osaka@stregis.com

The Blarney Stone



This unapologetically Irish Pub in the middle of Osaka is the ideal location for celebrating a night out on the town if Guinness is the tipple of preference. You can catch regular specials on the cocktail menu as well as live events such as 'Pool Night' and 'English Club'. We have opted for The Blarney Stone Umeda branch as there are a few more events taking place there but the Shinsabashi branch is just as epic.

Photo: Gerrie van der Walt/Unsplash.com
Address: 2-10-16 Sonezaki, Kita-ku, Osaka
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5pm-1am, Fri & Sat 5pm-3am
Phone: +81 6 6364 2001
Internet: www.the-blarney-stone.com
Email: the.blarneystone.umeda@outlook.com

Explosion



For those looking for an open-minded and foreigner friendly gay-bar, Explosion is the place to be. Drop in to find a dedicated party crowd having a good time on the dance-floor or hang out with some friends at the bar.

Photo: Pawel Czerwinski/Unsplash.com
Address: 8-23 Doyama-cho, Kita-ku, Osaka
Opening hours: Wed-Fri, Sun & Mon 8pm-4am, Sat 9pm-5am, Tue Closed
Phone: +81 6 6312 5003
Internet: explosion.osaka

Owl Osaka



Owl Osaka is your number one address for live music, events and performances. In the heart of the Umeda district, this venue dazzles with an outstanding concert hall and exciting acts. Check their website for upcoming events and keep an eye on the happy hours.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com
Address: 5-1 Kakudacho, Kita-ku, Osaka
Opening hours: Daily 8pm-5am
Phone: +81 6 6362 0822
Internet: www.owl-osaka.net
Email: info@owl-osaka.net

Pure Osaka



Spirits are high in this nighttime playground. The place is well known for its unending parties and satisfied customers. While the program features various events, you can also book the club for a private party. You will never see bored faces in this place, only pure, unadulterated elation.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2-3-12 Shinsaibashisuji, Chuo-ku, Osaka
Opening hours: Fri-Wed 10pm-5am, Thu Closed
Phone: +81 6 6214 6600
Internet: www.clubpure.com
Email: info@pure-osaka.com

Club Life



Hip Hop, Reggae, House, you name it. Club Life is a hot meeting point among the young party crowd. Here you can dance until the early morning hours,

share a story with some friends over drinks and meet new people. Prices are pretty reasonable and the owner, along with the rest of the staff are very attentive.

Photo: Daniel Ebersole/Unsplash.com

Address: 2-8-12 Higashishinsaibashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Daily 8pm-6am

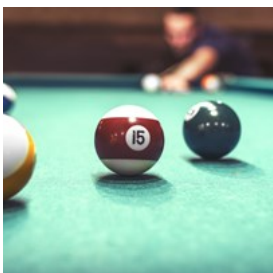
Phone: +81 6 6484 3264

Internet:

www.instagram.com/clublifofficial/?locale=es_ES%2F

Email: life.since2005@yahoo.com

Balabushka



For those with a hankering to shoot some pool or sling some darts, Balabushka is the spot. Here you can compete with friends as well as

strangers for primacy in one of the epic tournaments that take place regularly here long into the night. If and when you get tired, you can take a pew on the comfy sofas in the loft and enjoy a stiff drink with a side of nachos.

Photo: Denis Rozhnovsky/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2-9-5 Nishishinsaibashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka

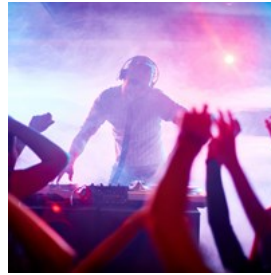
Public Transport: Metro Stop: Shinsaibashi Station

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 6pm-3am, Fri & Sat 6pm-5am

Phone: +81 6 6213 5056

Internet: balabushka.jimdo.com

Ghost



This hazy club blares out everything from R'n'B to Hip Hop to House, giving everyone the chance to move to their favourite beats. International

guests are warmly welcomed within and the staff will take good care of you. Note that the party usually starts late here, so best drop by around midnight.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2-17-3 Nishishinsaibashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Thu-Sun 10pm-5am, Mon-Wed Closed

Phone: +81 6 6214 0545

Internet: www.ghostosaka.com

Email: ghostultralounge@gmail.com

T.N.T. Craft Beer Pub and Bottle Shop



As the name suggests, this is the ultimate spot for Craft Beer. The modern interior expresses a DIY culture that will make you

immediately feel right at home. Tell the friendly staff your preferences and you will receive professional advice on your perfect match which can be drunk on site or as a take out.

Beer-enthusiasts won't want to miss sticking this pub on their travel itinerary.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1-2-5 Sanzenya Higashi, Taisho-ku, Osaka

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Taisho Station

Opening hours: Mon & Wed-Fri 6pm-Midnight, Sat-Sun

5pm-Midnight

Phone: +81 80 4242 2357

Email: tnt.craftbeerpub@gmail.com

Club Ammona



If you are looking for a more luxurious nightlife experience, check out this self proclaimed adult playground where the absurdly surreal can become real. Between live performances and theme parties at Club Ammona you can get beauty treatments, haircuts and even your nails done within. Give yourself a new look and drop directly into the action to show it off at its freshest.

Photo: VGstockstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2-3-22 Higashi Shinsaibashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11pm-6am, Fri & Sat 11pm-7am

Phone: +81 6 6211 3993

Internet: www.ammona.jp

Email: club@ammona.jp

Misono Building



The second and third floors of this somewhat dilapidated building in the Ura-Namba district hide some of the most unique and interesting bars in Osaka. The long narrow halls are lined on either side by tiny, intimate venues, many of which have an interesting theme such as retro video games and some of which hold live events such as quiz nights and theatrical performances.

Photo: Kyle Head/Unsplash.com

Address: 2-3-9 Sennichimae, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Phone: +81 6 6641 8733

SHOPPING



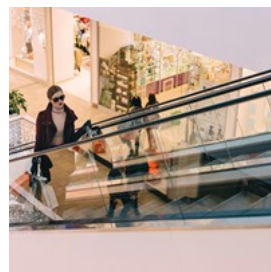
Curioso/Shutterstock.com

Osaka's shopping areas can be divided into four districts: Umeda, Namba, Shinsaibashi, and Tennoji.

Shinsaibashi is arguably the main shopping area where you will find the ever-popular Amerika-mura, displaying unabashedly American goods. This is the place where many young Japanese come to check out the latest trends or just hang out beneath the miniature Statue of Liberty.

Umeda has some of the city's largest department stores that cater to the masses. Namba (also known as Minami) has the best food culture and in the Tennoji district, you can find both priceless antiques and contemporary fashion.

Osaka Station City



The Osaka Station City is not only the main railway station in Umeda but also a popular haven for shoppers in and around Osaka. If you arrive to Osaka by train you can dive straight into the action and check out the many department stores, fashion centres and a cinema within. Take your time to stroll through the building, there is much to see.

Photo: freestocks/Unsplash.com

Address: 3-1-3 Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Osaka Station or Kitashinchi Station

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Phone: +81 6 6458 0212

Internet: osakastationcity.com

Hankyu Department Store



Japan's largest chain of department stores is based in the heart of the Umeda District at the Hankyu Terminal. The interior is particularly

impressive and modernised throughout, just as the other Hankyu stores across Japan. The brands on offer include both International and Japanese retailers such as GAP, Miyake, Nicole Farhi, Kenzo and Cerruti. If you go there, do not miss the food market on the two bottom floors which has become known for its high quality produce and service.

Photo: Artem Beliaikin/Unsplash.com

Address: 8-7 Kakuda-cho, Kita-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

Phone: +81 6 6361 1381

Internet: www.hankyu-dept.co.jp

Hep 5 Department Store



There are over 150 stores in the "hip" Hep 5 shopping mall in the Umeda district. Most of them are fashion retail shops that suit young

customers, but people of all ages can find something of interest at this department store. There is a Disney outlet and a Snoopy Town shop for the children, all kinds of clothing stores (some of them providing discounted items), a food hall and much more. The greatest attraction

in Hep 5 has to be the giant Ferris wheel sticking out of the middle of it from which you can get an outstanding view over the Umeda district of Osaka.

Photo: ISO10/Unsplash.com

Address: 5-15 Kakuda-cho, Osaka

Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm

Phone: +81 6 6313 0501

Internet: www.hepfive.jp

Flea Market at Ohatsu Tenjin Shrine



There are some 30 to 40 stalls worth a visit at the Ohatsu Tenjin Shrine in Umeda and they are often set up around the

temples. At this flea market held twice a month (1st and 3rd Friday of every month) you can find works of art, antiques and other such fine suitcase stuffers. While it may not be a large market, the items on sale here are usually of very high quality.

Photo: domeckopol/Pixabay.com

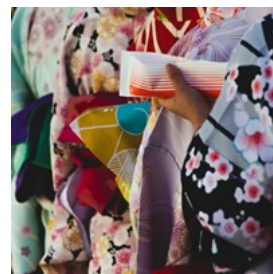
Address: 2-5-4 Sonezaki, Kita-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: 1st & 3rd Friday Every Month, 8am-4.30pm

Phone: +81 6 6311 0895

Internet: www.tuyutenjin.com

Shi-Tennoji Temple Market



The flea market at Shi-Tennoji Temple, known for interesting and unique Japanese crafts is held on the 21st and 22nd

of every month. Here you can dig out some bargains from a wide variety of second hand clothing or purchase a newly tailored kimono. There are also rare antiques and traditional Japanese food to sample.

Photo: Bruno Aguirre/Unsplash.com

Address: 1-11-18 Shitennoji, Tennoji-ku, Osaka
Public Transport: Metro Stop: Shitennojimae Station
Opening hours: 21st & 22nd Every Month, 8.30am-4pm

Osaka Municipal Central Market



This food market is known for its fresh produce which comes in the form of fish, meat, vegetables and everything in between.

The tuna auctions are a particular favourite amongst travellers here as they offer an exciting insight into the world of Japanese cuisine. The market was established in 1931 and has been one of the most popular spots in the country to pick up some quality produce of all shapes and sizes.

Photo: Noah Holm/Unsplash.com
Address: 1-1-86 Noda, Fukushima-ku, Osaka
Phone: +81 6 6469 7850
Internet: honjo-osaka.or.jp

Kintetsu Department Store



This mall situated in the Tennoji Ward showcases everything from clothing, cosmetics and food to electrical appliances, bedlinen and furniture.

Amongst international top brands there are also interesting traditional Japanese items such as kimonos and ceramics to be found. Up on the ninth floor of Kintetsu, an art gallery which hosts regular events and art exhibitions opens its doors to the public to show off the creative works of the city.

Photo: Janko Ferlič/Unsplash.com
Address: 1-1-43 Abenosuji, Abeno-ku, Osaka
Opening hours: Daily 10am-8.30pm
Phone: +81 6 6624 1111

Internet: www.d-kintetsu.co.jp
Email: net-pr@d-kintetsu.co.jp

Shinsaibashi



Perhaps the most popular area in Osaka for fashion and shopping as well as nightlife and good food is the Shinsaibashi district.

The beating heart of the Chuo Ward is lined with all sorts of shops and boutiques. It has been the retail capital of the city for over 300 years so it is definitely worth a visit for shopping purists.

Photo: Steven Tso/Unsplash.com
Address: Shinsaibashi, Osaka

Amerika Mura



This shopping area just to the West of the Shinsaibashi shopping district is a temple for fashionistas as well as those with a penchant for

vintage clothes, shoes and records. The shops here sell items of clothing that are inspired by American culture through the ages and feature a number of second hand shops where the bargain hunters roam. America Mura is also worth visiting at night as it turns into a vibrant location with loud music and good smells surrounding Sankaku Koen Park, the focal point of the area.

Photo: connel/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 Higashishinsaibashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka
Public Transport: Metro Stop: Shinsaibashi Station
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10.30am-6pm, Sat & Sun Closed

Yodobashi



For those in search of a new memory card, a back-up charging device or a fresh set of headphones, there's no better place than

Yodobashi Camera. Within this megastore you can pick up all kinds of electronic devices and services at low prices. In case you get hungry during your shopping tour there are also a number of sweet shops and gourmet eateries in the building.

Photo: Nomad_Soul/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1-1 Ofukacho, Kita-ku, Osaka

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Osaka Station or Umeda Station

Opening hours: Daily 9.30am-10pm

Phone: +81 6 4802 1010

Internet: www.yodobashi.com/ec/store/0081/

Email: info@yodobashi.com

Kuromon Ichiba



Kuromon Ichiba, otherwise known as the 'Black Gate' of the Enmyoji Temple is a huge marketplace that showcases the fishy

delicacies of Osaka. Some 150 shops offering fresh fruit, healthy vegetables and meat line the 580 metre-long arcade. There are also some restaurants in the area for those looking to try a slice of the action in the moment.

Photo: Cody Chan/Unsplash.com

Address: 2-4-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Nippombashi Station

Opening hours: Daily 8am-6pm

Phone: +81 6 6631 0007

Internet: www.kuromon.com

Email: office@kuromon.com

Nipponbashi



Down Sakaisuji Avenue you can find the anime paradise that is Nipponbashi. Better known as 'Den-Den Town', the district offers

collectibles in the form of mangas, comic books, movies, DVDs and a vast array of retro-gaming memorabilia. The prices are very reasonable considering the type of products on offer and some items are hard (nigh impossible) to come by in other areas of the world.

Photo: Lorenzo Herrera/Unsplash.com

Address: Nipponbashi, Naniwa-ku, Osaka

Abeno Harukas



The biggest skyscraper in Osaka also comprises one of the largest department stores in all of Japan.

Over some 100,000 square meters spaced out

in a 300 metre high tower, you can find stores from well-known brands as well as high quality interior design shops. Make your way up to the 60th floor and enjoy Osaka from above on the observation deck where the sweeping views of Osaka show the city off in a very different light.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com

Address: 1-1-43 Abenosuji, Abeno-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Daily 9am-10pm

Phone: +81 6 6621 0300

Internet: www.abenoharukas-300.jp

Grand Front Osaka



This shopping mall is a great stop for bargain hunters. Here you can get the latest fashion, high-end electronics and modern furniture all for an absolute steal. A number of restaurants and cafes provide refreshments after a long day of shopping. You won't leave this place empty handed.

Photo: Md Samir Sayek/Unsplash.com

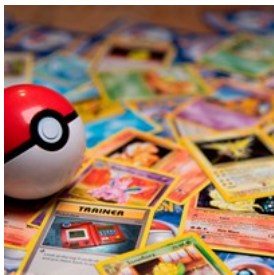
Address: 4-20 Ofukacho, Kita-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm

Phone: +81 6 6372 6300

Internet: www.grandfront-osaka.jp

Pokemon Center



This place will warm the hearts of all the retro gamers out there. The Pokemon Center dedicated to the friendly little pocket monsters is full of collectibles, memorabilia, Pokemon cards and everything in between. Kids and grown-up Poke-buffs will love this store. Step in and catch 'em all!

Photo: Thimo Pedersen/Unsplash.com

Address: 3-1-1 Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Osaka Station or Hanshin Umeda Station

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

Phone: +81 6 6346 6002

Internet: www.pokemon.co.jp

Whity



This underground shopping mall leads you directly to the main Osaka train station. Whity Umeda is an unusual place, displaying a number of colourful family fashion stores as well as cafes and restaurants full to the brim with sweet treats. Don't forget to bring comfy shoes as you will need a whole day to walk around the place.

Photo: MJTH/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4-2 Komatsubaracho, Kita-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +81 6 6312 5511

Internet: whity.osaka-chikagai.jp

Tenjinbashi Shopping Street



The longest shopping street in Osaka and all of Japan, Tenjinbashi stretches some 2.6km from the North to the South of the city and is a must-visit for all shopaholics and souvenir hunters. The arcade houses over 600 shops and stores, along with street food stalls, restaurants, pachinko parlours and much, much more. Here you can buy everything from Manga comics to Japanese knife sets as well as local delicacies such as teas and Bentos.

Photo: oneinchpunch/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1-1 Tenjinbashi, Kita-ku, Osaka

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Ogimachi Station, Tenjimbashisuji 6-chome or Minamimorimachi Station

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

Phone: +81 6 6352 6164

Internet: www.tenjin123.com

Lucua



This trendy shopping centre is a haven for shoppers that have an eye for upcoming fashion. Inside you can mingle with the hip locals whilst meandering through the ten floors of shops, sandwiched between two food halls which make up most of the top and bottom floors. Whether you're looking for something smart for the office, something to lounge in or a special bit of garb to go out in, you will find all you need at Lucua.

Photo: Axel Bueckert/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3-1-3 Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Daily 10.30am-8.30pm

Phone: +81 6 6151 1111

Internet: www.lucua.jp

Ota Road



Ota Road is Osaka's answer to Akihabara, an otaku culture paradise where lovers of contemporary Japanese pop culture can find merchandise and collectibles related to their favourite anime, manga and video games. There are also a number of arcades, hobby shops and cafes here which should not be missed.

Photo: Samuel Regan-Asante/Unsplash.com

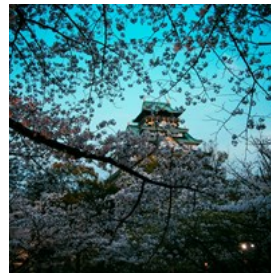
Address: Naniwa-ku, Osaka

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Best Time to Visit



Osaka is pleasantly temperate all year round but it is probably preferable to avoid the humidity and the heat of the summer months which can become uncomfortable. The city can also get quite crowded from June through August. The best times to go are the spring and autumn months when temperatures and crowds have subsided. Towards the end of March, the cherry blossoms come to life for one beautiful week until their delicate petals fall a week later at the start of April.

Photo: Michael Busch/Unsplash.com

Passport/Visa



For stays of up to 90 days, visitors that hold a valid passport from 67 countries including most of Europe, North America and Oceania as well as some countries in South Asia and South America are not required to apply for a visa before entering Japan. Upon arrival, you may be asked

to fill out a short visa application form on which you must state the planned length of your trip. Your passport must be valid for the entirety of your stay. For stays of longer than 90 days and for work or study visas, be sure to check the visa requirements specific to your country ahead of time.

Photo: Denise Jans/Unsplash.com

Kansai International Airport



Kansai International Airport is located 50 kilometres south of Osaka. One of the easiest ways to travel between Osaka and the airport is by train. You can also choose between different bus services and shuttles. Airport limousine buses go to more specific places and hotels in Osaka.

A journey to Osaka Station takes approximately one hour via train and around 40 minutes by bus or car. There are a lots of taxis outside the airport and several ride-hailing apps including JapanTaxi, Grab and Go that operate in the area.

There is also a high speed ferry service that takes you to Kobe Airport.

Photo: Sho K/Unsplash.com

Address: Kansai International Airport, Osaka

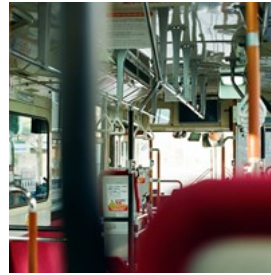
Opening hours: Daily 24hr

Phone: +81 7 2455 2500

Internet: www.kansai-airport.or.jp

Email: sc@kansai-airports.co.jp

Public transport



The subway provides the fastest and most efficient way of getting around Osaka. Lines operate from early in the morning until midnight. There are a number of travel passes for Osaka and the Kansai region available from the Osaka Info website. A one-day pass is valid for unlimited trips on subways, the tram line and city buses. Multiple Ride Cards can be used until their fare expires.

Photo: KIBOCK DO/Unsplash.com

Internet:

osaka-info.jp/en/information/ticket/travel-passes/index.html

Taxi



Taxis are a very convenient way of getting around Osaka as they are numerous and run through the day and night. You can call one via one of the many taxi companies in the city such as Toho Taxi Co, hail one in the street or use one of the ride-hailing apps such as Go, Uber or Grab to organise quick and easy transport.

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Phone: +81 6 6659 2523

Post



Osaka Central Post Office is the main post office in Osaka where you can go to send all types of mail and packages, either domestic or international.

The postal service in Japan is fairly uncomplicated and the staff are very helpful. Post boxes are red and stamps can be obtained online and printed out.

For express services, a separate form must be filled out in relation to the EMS (Express Mail Service) or you can contact one of the other international companies such as DHL and Federal Express.

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Address: 1-3-1 Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat & Sun 9am-6pm

Phone: +81 5 7000 3280

Internet: www.post.japanpost.jp

Pharmacy



Considering that Osaka is the third biggest city in Japan, you can easily find a pharmacy here. Medical care in Japan is considered some of the

best in the world and the Universal Healthcare system throughout the country ensures good health for all inhabitants.

Perhaps the largest and most comprehensive drugstore chain in Osaka is the Sugi Drugstore, which offers a wide array of OTC (Over the Counter) medicines as well as non-essential items.

Pharmacies in Japan are referred to as 'Yakkyoku' and stock prescription medicines that require the consent of a doctor for purchase.

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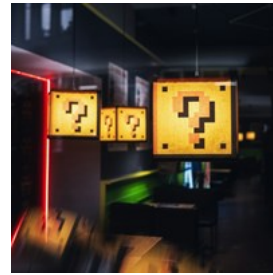
Address: 1-2-1 Dotonbori, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Opening hours: Daily 24hr

Phone: +81 6 6484 2645

Internet: www.drug-sugi.co.jp

Frequently Asked Questions



safe?

Is Osaka expensive?

Japan, on the whole, is an expensive country to visit and live in but Osaka is much more affordable than Tokyo. Is Osaka

Generally speaking, yes. Japan is a very safe country to visit, however, Osaka does have the highest crime rate in all of Japan. Try to stay out of the Kamagasaki district to avoid any unwanted attention.

What is Osaka known for?

Osaka is the second largest city in Japan and as such, has a very long and interesting history. It was once even the capital of the country before Tokyo was established. It is also home to the oldest Buddhist temple in Japan.

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Telephone



Country code: +81 Area code: 6

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Electricity



Voltage: 100 V
Frequency: 50/60 Hz
Power sockets: type A / B

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Population

City: 2,592,413 (2024)
Metropolitan Area: 18,967,000 (2024)

Currency

Japanese Yen (JPY)

Opening hours

General business hours are from 7.30am to 4.30pm and facilities are usually closed on Sundays.

Banks are open from Monday to Friday between 9am and 3pm. Times may vary depending on stores and banks.

Newspapers

The Japan Times: www.japantimes.co.jp
The Japan News: <https://japannews.yomiuri.co.jp>

Emergency numbers

Ambulance/Fire Brigade: 119
Police: 110

Tourist information

Visitors' Info Centre
5-16-1 Nishinakajima, Yodogawa-ku, Osaka
Open Daily: 8am–10pm
+81 6 6131 4550
osaka-info.jp



Awajimachi Dori	A4	Imashi Dori	A3 B3	MORIMACHI	C2
Azuchmachii Dori	A4	KAMIYAMACHO	B1	NAKANOCHO	D1
Bingomachi Dori	A4	KAWARAMACHI	B4	Ote Dori	C4
CHU-KU	C4	Kawaramachi Dori	A4	OTEMAE	C4
DISHOMACHI	B3	Kawasakibashi Bridge	D3	Sakaisuji Avenue	B3 B4
Doshomachi Dori	A3	KITA-KU	B1	Sankyubashi Suji Street	B4
Funakoshi Cho	C3	KITAHAMA	B3	Shimamachi	C3
Fushimimachi Dori	A3 B3	Kitahama Dori	A3 B3	Tanimachisuji Avenue	C2 C3 C4
Hanshin Expressway	B1 C1	KITASHIMACHI	A2	TEMMA	C3
Hanshin Expressway Loop Line	B3 B4	Komatsubaracho	A1	TENJINNISHIMACHI	C2
HIRANOMACHI	A3	KORAIBASHI	A3	TOKUIMACHI	C4
Hiranomachi Dori	A4	Koraibashi Dori	A3	TSURIGANECHO	C3
HOMACHI	A4	Minami Honmachi Dori	A4 B4	UCHIHOMMACHI	C4
IMABASHI	B3	MIYAKOJIMA-KU	D1	YODOYABASHI	A3