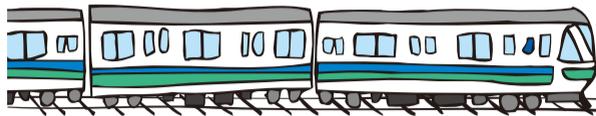


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Trip along the Subway Kaigan Line

PR Specialist Louise finding and bringing you the attractions along the line



Vol.6 To the home of Kobe sports

When thinking about sports in Kobe, many people think of games such as football and rugby. In this final trip on the Subway Kaigan Line, I visit Noevir Stadium Kobe, home of football and rugby in Kobe.

See games from up close at Noevir Stadium Kobe

Noevir Stadium Kobe is a large ball-game only stadium which can house up to 30,000 people. As there is no running track, you can see the games up close with a minimum distance of only around 6 metres between the pitch and the stands! Also, it only takes about 10 minutes from Sannomiya to the nearby Misakikoen station, and 5 minutes' walk from there to the conveniently located stadium.



Wing Homes Stadium Kobe? Noevir

The official name of this stadium, which was built in 2002 for the FIFA World Cup is "Kobe Wing Stadium", but due to naming rights was called Homes Stadium Kobe from 2007 to 2013. It is now known as Noevir Stadium Kobe.

Take a free stadium tour!

See places not usually open to the public such as the players' locker rooms and the pitch side in this tour. You can also see the seat that David Beckham sat in when he watched the 2002 World Cup here! Go along and see for yourself.



I felt like a VIP touring the stadium!

Dates April 22, May 6 & 27, June 10 & 24 (Sat) every 30 mins between 11am and 2:30pm. No reservation required
Children participating on Sat May 6 will be entered in a draw to win great prizes



KOBE'S FOOTBALL TEAM, VISSLER KOBE

Vissel Kobe was set up in 1995, with its name being a mix of the words "victory" and "vessel". It is a J League club proud of its home city Kobe, and even incorporated the shape of the landmark Mt. Rokko into its logo. I went to see the match on March 4, and could really feel the supporters' love for Kobe through their cheering, waving big flags, and singing songs. Japanese football supporters garnered worldwide attention for their good behavior in the 2014 World Cup when it was



I supported Vissel too!

noticed that they were clearing up after themselves, and the Vissel fans are just as respectful: politely clapping for the opposing team as they came out on the pitch.

See Vissel Kobe and INAC Kobe for free

⚽ Vissel Kobe Citizen Support Day

Date Sat May 20 from 7pm
Apply Send details* (5 people or less) by return postcard to Rakuten Football Club (1-2-1 Misaki-cho, 652-0855). Must arrive by Mon 8 May. Lottery

⚽ INAC Kobe Citizen Family Support Day

Date Sun May 21 from 1pm
Apply Send details* (5 people or less, inc at least 1 child) by return postcard to City Sports Education Association (5-1-14-55 Hamabe-dori, 651-0083). Must be stamped by Sun 7 May. Lottery

*Details: Addresses, names, ages (students: include year and school name) and phone numbers of all participants

Quick Japanese

This time, we will look at the team slogan's "yojijukugo", or four character idiom.

Itchi danketsu
一致団結

It means "Unity", and represents the strong bonds between everyone involved with the team, known as the "Vissel Family". It ties in with the slogan's subtitle "One Team, One Family, One Dream".

Venue for the Rugby World Cup 2019

Noevir Stadium Kobe is also the venue for rugby matches, as the home stadium of the Kobelco Steelers. It will be one of the host venues for the Rugby World Cup to be held in Japan in 2019.



Although I come from the U.K., the home of football and rugby, I had never actually seen a live match before now. Being able to see the game close up, and feeling the buzzing atmosphere of the enthusiastic supporters added a whole new layer of enjoyment that can't be experienced watching on TV. Even if you've never seen live sports before, I'm sure you will join in the excitement at Noevir Stadium Kobe.



Due to space constraints and for relevance, this English version does not exactly follow the original Japanese.

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