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The Hottest Spot in Kobe! Transforming Kobe's Waterfront



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Kobe's waterfront is undergoing an exciting transformation, from a warehouse district to a chic, vibrant neighborhood! With the grand opening of the GLION Arena Kobe, the waterfront area is set to become even more lively. Get ready to experience the new face of Kobe!

Grand Opening on Friday, April 4!

GLION Arena Kobe in TOTTEI PARK

Japan's first-ever entertainment area with an arena surrounded by the sea on three sides is finally here!



Highlights:

① A state-of-the-art arena with a capacity of 10,000, located within walking distance from the city center!



Further Details
(Multilanguage)→



② Over 100 events planned throughout the year, including sports games, concerts, and food festivals.

**EVENT: Turning Point 30:
Creating a New Beginning for 30 Days**

Dates: Friday, April 4 to Saturday, May 3

To celebrate the arena's first game, Kobe Port Tower and Meriken Park will be illuminated in the Kobe Storks' team color (green), and will be holding other exciting collaborative events!

Mt. Maya *Mairi* Festival



"**Maya Mairi**" is a tradition dating back to before the Edo period, where people would bring their horses to Mt. Maya's Tenjoji Temple and pray for good health and protection from disasters.

Enjoy lively festival music, catch rice cakes as they're thrown in the air (mochi-maki), and savor a special Mt. Maya hotpot dish (limited to 200 servings). Specialty products and souvenirs will also be available.

Date & Time: Saturday, March 29, 10:30AM~12:30PM
※Cancelled in case of storm or heavy rain warning issued by 7:00AM the day of.

Venue: Mt. Maya Tenjoji Temple (Mayasan-cho 2, Nada Ward), Kikuseidai

Admission: Free

Inquiries:
078-861-2684

Further Details (JPN)→



**Ride the Maya
View Line to
Mt. Maya!**

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Maya Cable Car, which began operations on January 6, 1925, there will be commemorative events starting Thursday, March 20.

With warmer spring weather on the way, this is a great time to take a short trip on the ropeway and cable car!

Inquiries: 078-861-2998
※Closed until Wednesday, March 19

Further Details (JPN)→



Enjoy a Special “Nighttime Museum” Experience!

Kobe City Museum is extending its open hours until 8PM every Friday and Saturday for a “Nighttime Museum” experience! Why not spend a relaxing weekend evening at the museum?



Open Hours: 9:30AM~5:30PM
(Open until 8PM on Fridays, Saturdays)

Special Exhibits and Collections: Fee required (free for SHS students and younger)

Event Details: Friday, March 21

- Map-themed plate making workshop
4:00PM~7:00PM
- NIGHT Fashion Show by Kobe Shoin University
5:00PM~7:00PM

Fee: Free

RSVP: First-come, first-served admission on day of.
(Registration starts 30 minutes before event)

Inquiries: 078-391-0035

Further Details
(JPN/ENG)→



Kobe Street Performances



Artists will be performing at various locations, showcasing their talents in street performances! Bring your family and friends and enjoy the performances together!

Date & Time: Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29, 5:30PM ~ 9:00PM

Venue: Sankita Street (north side of Hankyu Kobe-Sannomiya Station)

Fee: Free

Further Details (JPN)→



Providing More Accessible Service: Online and Sunday Consultation Windows for Moving Procedures

March and April are busy seasons for the ward office due to an influx of visitors coming to settle moving procedures. We recommend using the online application service, or going to the special service counters (open Sundays and designated weekdays at night) to fill out your paperwork. Further Details (JPN)→



⇒Residents moving OUT of Kobe can fill out paperwork online or via post.

⇒Paperwork can be filed at your ward/branch office on Sundays or Thursdays, during extended office hours for moving procedures and MyNumber card applications.

Moving Destination	Outside Kobe City	Within Kobe City	
		Different Ward	Same Ward
Paperwork	Moving-Out Notice	Resident Moving-In Notice	
Where to Submit	Ward Office/Branch Office of current address	Ward Office/Branch Office of new address	Ward Office/Branch Office of current address
Can submit online/by post	○	×	
Deadline to Submit:	Within 14 days before/after moving	Within 14 days after moving	

Date & Time:

- Sunday Service Window:

March 30 & April 6, 8:45AM~5:15PM

- Extended Weekday Service:
Every Thursday, until 7:45PM

Further Details (JPN)→



Location:

Ward or Branch Offices

⇒You can also check what procedures you have to do for moving out.

Further Details (JPN)→



⇒Issue your certificates at a convenience store!

With your MyNumber card, you can receive your Copy of Resident Record and other documents at a convenience store kiosk. Printing your documents at a convenience store saves you 150 yen compared to doing so at the ward office!

Must-Try Events!



Rokko Island Tulip Festival (Higashi Nada Ward)

Enjoy springtime on Rokko Island! About 30,000 tulips will be bursting with color, and visitors can take part in events such as flower popularity contests, stamp rallies, and sketch contests. The area is illuminated at night, creating a different atmosphere to walk through and enjoy.

Date & Time: Saturday, March 22 ~ Sunday, April 6,
10:00AM ~ 3:00PM

Venue: Rokko Island River Mall area

Admission: Free

Inquiries: 078-857-7375

Further
Details
(JPN)→



Dojo Sengari Sakura Festival (Kita Ward)

Sengari Reservoir Plaza will be open exclusively for the weekend to hold a cherry blossom festival! Picnic mats are available to rent free of charge, so visitors can enjoy *hanami* without needing to bring their own. Vendors will be selling rice cakes, *sekihan* (rice with red beans), pork miso soup and other food!



Date & Time: Saturday, April 5 ~ Sunday, April 6
10:00AM ~ 4:00PM

Venue: Sengari Reservoir Plaza (千苺貯水池広場)

Admission: Free

Inquiries: 078-985-2381

Further Details (JPN)→



KOBE JAZZ DAY (Chuo Ward)

Enjoy performances by professional jazz musicians and energetic student bands, right in the city center!

Date & Time: Sunday, April 6, 1:00PM ~ 5:00PM
(Cancelled in case of severe weather)

Venue: Kyu-Kyoryuchi (Former Foreign Settlement), in front of SMBC Kobe Branch Building

Admission: Free

Inquiries: 078-351-3597

Further Details (JPN)→

