

Rokunomiya Shrine (6th Shrine)



Dedicated deities: Amatsuhikone-no-mikoto/Emperor Ojin
 This shrine was once located in front of Kusunoki-dera Temple. When the Kusunoki Higher Elementary School was built in December 1909, the deity was relocated to the inner shrine of Hachinomiya Shrine (8th Shrine) and enshrined together with its deity. From ancient times, many people in their unlucky age visit this shrine constantly.



Access: Approx. 3 min. walk from "Okurayama" bus stop (Yamate Line)
 Near East Exit No. 2 at Subway "Okurayama" Station



Shichinomiya Shrine (7th Shrine)



Dedicated deity: Onamuchi-no-mikoto
 It is believed that Onamuchi-no-mikoto opened up the Hyogo area and was worshiped by Taira no Kiyomori, a Japanese military leader of the late Heian period, at the time of the repair of Owadanotomari Port. Onamuchi-no-mikoto is a god of safe voyage, land development, marriage, and exorcism.



Access: Near Shichinomiya bus stop (Routes No. 3 and 96)



Hachinomiya Shrine (8th Shrine)



Dedicated deities: Kumanokusubi-no-mikoto/Susanoo-no-mikoto
 This shrine was initially located near a former police station on Kusunoki Street. It was moved to its present location (southeast of Mt. Okura) when the former Kobe City hall was built there in 1909. It is worshiped as a guardian for exorcism.



Access: Approx. 3 min. walk from "Okurayama" bus stop (Yamate Line)
 Near East Exit No. 2 at Subway "Okurayama" Station



Only the bus routes used for visiting the Eight Shrines are shown.
 For information on other routes, see the City Bus and Subway guidebook, which is distributed for free at subway stations, etc.

一 Ichinomiya Shrine (1st Shrine) Tel: 078-221-1281	二 Ninomiya Shrine (2nd Shrine) Tel: 078-221-4786	三 Sannomiya Shrine (3rd Shrine) Tel: 078-331-2873
四 Yonomiya Shrine (4th Shrine) Tel: 078-382-0438	五 Gonomiya Shrine (5th Shrine) Tel: 078-361-1374	六 Rokunomiya Shrine (6th Shrine) Deity enshrined together with Hachinomiya Shrine's deity
七 Shichinomiya Shrine (7th Shrine) Tel: 078-671-3338	八 Hachinomiya Shrine (8th Shrine) Tel: 078-341-6920	

[Instructions] Have shrine seals affixed by 5:00 p.m. (subject to fee).
 Scan the 2D code below the map of each shrine to gain access to the Makoto Tanabe's video explanation.
 (Any communication charges must be paid by the customer.)

Gonomiya Shrine (5th Shrine)



Dedicated deity: Amenoohohi-no-mikoto
Amenohohi-no-mikoto is believed to be a god who was invited from Amenoohohi-jinja Shrine, which was located in Izumo Province (present-day Shimane Prefecture), and endeavored to develop and administer the nation as a servant of Amaterasu-omikami.



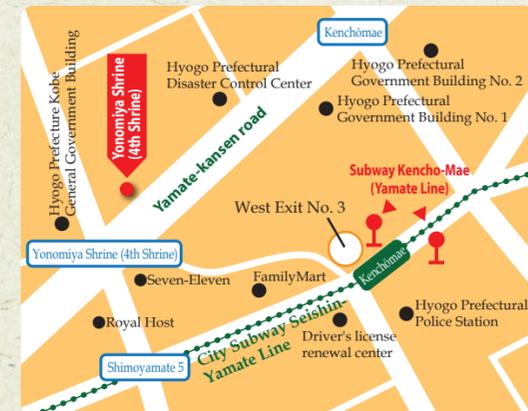
Access Approx. 5 min. walk from "Gonomiyacho" bus stop (Route No. 7)

Note: When no one is at the shrine office, affix the seal in front of the front shrine or have the seal affixed at the shrine office of Gion Shrine (078-361-3450), located approximately 500 meters to the west.

Yonomiya Shrine (4th Shrine)



Dedicated deity: Ichikishimahime-no-mikoto
Ichikishimahime-no-mikoto is believed to be a god who was invited from Miyajima in Hiroshima Prefecture and has been worshiped as a guard of Hanakuma's unlucky direction ever since Araki Murashige, a feudal lord in the age of provincial wars, built Hanakuma Castle on the order of Oda Nobunaga, a powerful feudal lord in the age of provincial wars. This god, also known as a god of the performing arts, is worshiped by many performers, and was once called a guard of local Hanakuma geisha.



Access Approx. 3 min. walk from "Subway Kencho-Mae" bus stop (Yamate Line)
Approx. 3 min. walk from West Exit No. 3 at Subway "Kenchōmae" Station

Sannomiya Shrine (3rd Shrine)



Dedicated deity: Takitsuhime-no-mikoto
Takitsuhime-no-mikoto is believed to be a god who was invited from Munakata-taisha Shrine, located in Fukuoka Prefecture. In the Edo period, this god was devoutly worshiped by the domain lord of Amagasaki. When the port of Hyogo (present-day port of Kobe) was opened, the Kobe Incident occurred in front of this shrine. Legend has it that once a year, this god meets his old brother, a god who is enshrined in Ninomiya Shrine (2nd Shrine).



Access Near "Sannomiya Shrine" bus stop (Routes No. 2 and 92)
Approx. 2 min. walk from "Motomachi 1-chome" bus stop (Routes No. 2 and 92)
Approx. 3 min. walk from "Sannomiya 2-chome" bus stop (Route No. 7)

Ninomiya Shrine (2nd Shrine)



Dedicated deities: Amenooshihomimi-no-mikoto/Emperor Ojin
It is believed that Amenooshihomimi-no-mikoto is a god who made efforts to ensure a good harvest in Japan by order of Amaterasu-omikami.

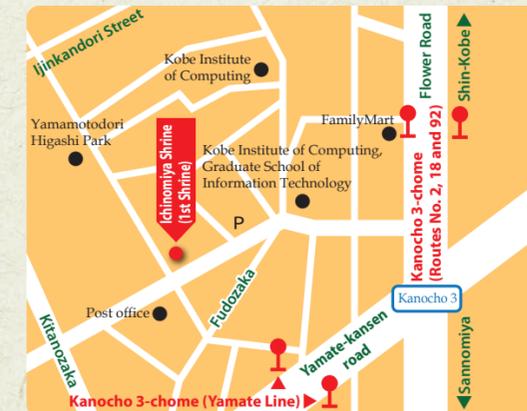


Access Approx. 5 min. walk from "Kanocho 3-chome" bus stop (Yamate Line Routes No. 2, 18 and 92)

Ichinomiya Shrine (1st Shrine)



Dedicated deity: Tagorihime-no-mikoto
Tagorihime-no-mikoto is believed to be a god who was invited from Munakata-taisha Shrine, located in Fukuoka Prefecture, and an empress of Okuninushi-no-mikoto. She is worshiped as a guardian of creation & prosperity, sailing & traffic safety, and exorcism.



Access Approx. 3 min. walk from "Kanocho 3-chome" bus stop (Yamate Line Routes No. 2, 18 and 92)

Pilgrimage to the Eight Shrines in Kobe

By Makoto Tanabe

There are eight shrines—from first to eighth—to the east of the former urban area of Kobe, an area broadly under the protection of Ikuta-jinja Shrine. The shrines are called subordinate shrines of Ikuta-jinja Shrine. Three female deities and five male deities, who were born when Amaterasu-omikami and Susanoo-no-mikoto exchanged a jewel and a sword with each other, are each enshrined in one of the eight shrines. Originally, Ichinomiya (1st), Ninomiya (2nd), Sannomiya (3rd), Yonomiya (4th), Gonomiya (5th), Rokunomiya (6th), Shichinomiya (7th) and Hachinomiya (8th) shrines were worshiped in Kitano, Ikuta (or the whole of Fukuyasu), Kanbe, Hanakuma, Okuhirano, Sakamoto, Hyogotsu-Kitahama and Sakamoto Villages, respectively, as village shrines. There is also a legend that the Eight Shrines were numbered from 1st to 8th in the order in which Empress Jingu visited them on the way from Kyushu. Since ancient times, it has been a custom to visit the Eight Shrines on the day before the calendric beginning of spring to drive out evil spirits and pray for good fortune, and many people still make a pilgrimage to the Eight Shrines and collect shrine seals.

