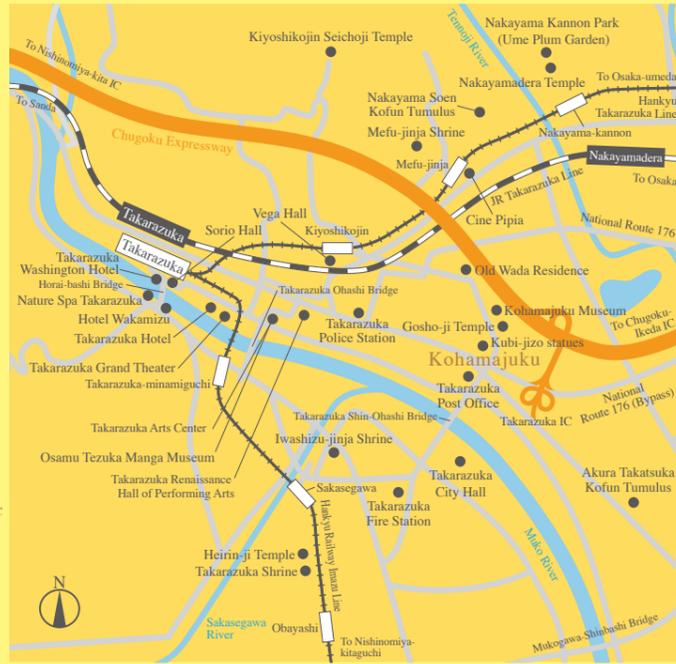


Takarazuka Tourist Map

Takarazuka Map



City Center (Enlarged View)



TAKARAZUKA

SIGHTSEEING GUIDEBOOK

← VISIT TAKARAZUKA TO FIND YOUR DREAMS →



Let's go out to
explore your special dream!

Dream

What's your plan for today?

Getting enchanted by a gorgeous show or visiting a historical power spot?

Enjoying the exciting world of art and

easing your travel fatigue at an onsen hot spring?

Or, you might just take a ten-minute train ride to get refreshed in the great nature.

Every time you visit and stroll around,

you will experience a dream-like moment, discovering new things.

That is the magic of Takarazuka.

Come find your own exciting "dream."

Now, it's time to start your journey.



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Encounter with excitement

Takarazuka Revue

Takarazuka Revue



Takarazuka Grand Theater and Muko River

.....
Finally, I'm on my way, with a ticket in my hand, to the theater that I've always wanted to visit.
Feeling so excited, I walk through the Hana-no-michi (Flower Street) to the theater.
.....
A world of gorgeous dreams is now only a minute away.
.....



Takarazuka Revue

Extravagant and fantastic world of beautiful dreams

The Takarazuka Revue is one of the few all-female theater companies in the world. The company introduced a "revue" into Japan for the first time and has continued to open up new horizons during its over 100 years of history. The Takarazuka Revue offers a bright and fantastic world that can only be created by the company. The gorgeous stage and allure of the performers, or a breathtaking musical production and exciting revue, take you into a beautiful world of dreams. Why not join us to enjoy the one and only world of the Takarazuka Revue?



Highlights of the Takarazuka Revue Stage



← LINE DANCE →

First performed in the revue *Mon Paris* produced in 1927. Also called the "Rocket," a chorus line dance is the symbol of the Takarazuka Revue.



← DUET DANCE →

Mainly a duet dance featuring an *otoko yaku* (male-role performer) and *musume yaku* (female-role performer) pair. In particular, the romantic dance performed by the top star and the top musume yaku has fascinating appeal unique to the Takarazuka Revue.



← OKAIDAN (GRAND STAIRCASE) →

The large set of stairs that covers the entire width of the stage, on which the performers descend in the finale of the show. It is extremely difficult to dance and sing on the stairs, measuring about 4 meters in total height, with a depth of only 23 cm for each step!



← COSTUMES →

Colorful costumes are one of the charms of the Takarazuka Revue. Special in-house staff members produce costumes, carefully examining the details of the show, including the effect of the lighting and performers' positions on the stage.

Takarazuka Grand Theater

The home of the Takarazuka Revue takes you into an elegant world of dreams.

The Takarazuka Grand Theater opened in 1924 based on the concept “For the entertainment of the public” developed by Ichizo Kobayashi, the founder of Takarazuka Revue. The existing theater building was built in 1993. It is a so-to-speak “dream studio” that includes not only theaters but also rehearsal rooms and studios of stage settings / properties and costumes. To enjoy the stage performances given throughout the year, many people come to the theater from both Japan and abroad. Explore the unique world of the Takarazuka Revue at a theater equipped with a variety of restaurants and shops.



In the spacious lobby, visitors are enchanted by the music played by the self-playing grand piano, sparkling chandeliers, and a gorgeous red carpet, all of which help create an extravagant world of dreams.



The theater has a seating capacity of 2,550 on two levels, one of the largest among theaters in Japan. The seats are arranged in a zigzag pattern so that every seat offers a good view of the stage.

Address: 1-1-57 Sakae-machi, Takarazuka City
 Access: Approx. 10 min walk from JR / Hankyu Takarazuka Station
 Hours: 10:00 to 18:00
 Closed: Mondays
 Inquiry: Takarazuka Revue Information Center at Takarazuka Grand Theater Tel. 0570-00-5100
 *The phone number cannot be reached by some mobile phones, IP phones, etc.

Popular Spots at Takarazuka Grand Theater



Takarazuka Revue Hall of Fame

Exhibits spotlight former Takarazuka Revue Company actors and crew members who have significantly contributed to the Company's development, presenting their work alongside associated objects. The display of stage costumes and props from recent performances powerfully demonstrates the unique appeal of the Takarazuka Revue.

Hours: 10:00 to 17:00 (on days with one performance)
 9:30 to 17:00 (on days with two performances)
 (Last admission is 15 min before closing.)
 Closed: On days with no performances
 Admission: 500 yen (elementary school students and up)
 Inquiry: Takarazuka Revue Information Center at Takarazuka Grand Theater
 Tel. 0570-00-5100



Stage Studio

Why not have a memorial photo taken at this popular studio, wearing the same stage costume (a replica) as that of a star of the Takarazuka Revue? We also recommend a quick photo shooting with your favorite star (composite picture).

Hours: 10:00 to 17:00 (on days with one performance)
 9:30 until the end of intermission of second show (on days with two performances)(Last admission: 30 min before the closing time)
 Closed: On days with no performances
 Fee: Course with stage makeup: 17,500 yen and up (Booking required)
 Course without stage makeup: 7,000 yen and up (No booking required)
 Inquiry: Salon de Takarazuka Stage Studio Tel. 0797-85-6758



Revue Shop I

You can purchase a variety of sweets, including the unique confections that can be only found here and sweets in a special package with a design related to the on-going performance. In addition, special Ningyo-yaki (waffle-like cakes) are baked just before your eyes as you order.

Hours: 10:00 to 17:00 (on days with one performance)
 9:30 to 18:30 (on days with two performances)
 Closed: On days with no performances
 Inquiry: Takarazuka Revue Information Center at Takarazuka Grand Theater
 Tel. 0570-00-5100



Takarazuka Revue Post Office

To find the post office, look for a red postal mailbox on the first floor of the Takarazuka Grand Theater. Drop a letter into this mailbox and have the special Takarazuka Revue postmark stamped on it, in memory of your visit to the theater.

Hours: 10:00 to 17:00 (on days with one performance)
 9:30 to 18:30 (on days with two performances)
 Closed: On days with no performances
 Inquiry: Takarazuka Revue Information Center at Takarazuka Grand Theater
 Tel. 0570-00-5100



Restaurant Ferie

This western-style restaurant offers different dishes and desserts, including special menu items inspired by the Takarazuka Revue and the performance being given at that time. Come savor your favorite dishes and desserts in a leisurely atmosphere.

Hours: 11:00 to 17:00 (on days with one performance)
 10:00 to the end of the intermission of the second performance
 (on days with two performances)
 Closed: On days with no performances
 Inquiry: Takarazuka Revue Information Center at Takarazuka Grand Theater
 Tel. 0570-00-5100



Gelato Shop Bonheur

At this stand-up cafe, you can enjoy soothing gelato while watching the CS channel “Takarazuka Sky Stage” on the monitors mounted on the wall inside the shop.

Hours: 11:00 to 17:00 (on days with one performance)
 10:00 to the end of the intermission of the second performance
 (on days with two performances)
 Closed: On days with no performances
 Inquiry: Takarazuka Revue Information Center at Takarazuka Grand Theater
 Tel. 0570-00-5100

Longing for relaxation



Takedao Bridge and Muko River

Takarazuka Onsen

Relax easily in an onsen conveniently located in the city.

Takarazuka Onsen is a hot spring destination not far from Osaka and Kobe. Although situated in the center of the city, it boasts beautiful scenery where you can view Muko River below your eyes and a picturesque mountain range. Nature Spa Takarazuka is a day-use onsen facility characterized by its unique building with an exposed concrete exterior. At this Spa, you can enjoy both cloudy brown “gold” spring water and clear “silver” spring water. The Spa also offers beauty treatment, bedrock bathing, and popular fitness programs.

Nature Spa Takarazuka
 Address: 9-33 Yumoto-cho, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-84-7993
 Access: Approx. 5 min walk from JR / Hankyu Takarazuka Station
 Hours: 9:30 to 22:00 weekdays
 9:30 to 21:00 Sat, Sun, and holidays
 Closed: Thursdays
 Admission: 1,040 yen for women; 840 yen for men



Nature Spa Takarazuka

Takedao Onsen

Get refreshed at a secluded onsen, hearing the comfortable murmur of the wind in the leaves and the sound of the stream.

From the center of the city, it takes only 10 minutes by the JR Takarazuka line to Takedao Onsen. Located in the northern part of the city, it has a secluded atmosphere, surrounded by the beauty of each season. Unlike most other hot springs in the Kansai region, its spring water contains radon, which is expected to make the skin beautiful. Come visit this hidden onsen to relax and enjoy the sound of the Muko River flowing by and the beauty of the valley.

Inquiry about Takarazuka Onsen and Takedao Onsen
 Takarazuka Onsen Ryokan Association
 Address: Green Court Alan #306, 2-12-11 Minamiguchi, Takarazuka City
 Tel. 0797-73-2051

Inquiries about Koyokan Bettei Azalée
 1-47 Tamase Izuriha, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-91-0131

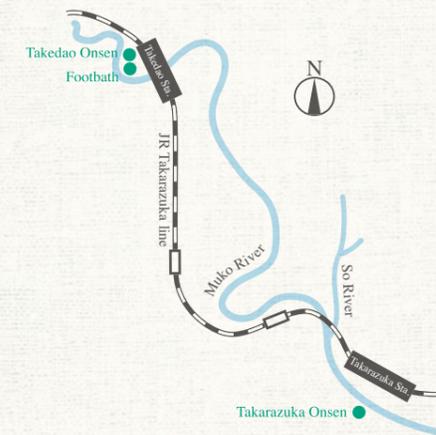


Koyokan Bettei Azalée



.....
 I'm going on a short getaway to unwind. Which onsen hot spring should I choose for today?
 A secluded onsen surrounded by mother nature, or an urban onsen enjoyable like a relaxation spa?

◎ ACCESS



Footbath at Takedao Onsen

There is a free hot-spring footbath at Takedao Onsen. Give it a try to relieve your fatigue after hiking.

Access: Approx. 5 min walk from JR Takedao Station



Osamu Tezuka Manga Museum

Arts

Look for dreams and adventures

Art

Today, I'm going to visit a museum to meet with my favorite cartoon characters.
Let's go on a journey to a fantastic world full of future dreams and hopes.



Osamu Tezuka Manga Museum

Enjoy the works of Osamu Tezuka, created based on a love for nature and respect for life.

This museum commemorates Osamu Tezuka, a famous Japanese cartoonist, who spent about 20 years of his life, from age 5 to 24, in Takarazuka. The museum offers a great opportunity to learn about his works and thoughts. It incorporates a library, where you can read his manga works; the Atom Vision video room, which shows original animated films; and an animation workshop studio, where you can create your own animation while looking at the desk on which Tezuka drew his manga works.

Address: 7-65 Mukogawa-cho, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-81-2970
 Access: Approx. 10 min walk from JR / Hankyu Takarazuka Station
 Hours: 9:30 to 17:00 (Last admission: 16:30)
 Closed: Mondays (except holidays); year-end holidays; unscheduled closures
 Admission: 700 yen for adults, 300 yen for junior high / high school students, 100 yen for elementary school students

Takarazuka Arts Center

Anybody can visit the Arts Center anytime to enjoy arts, read books, and just stroll around.

This complex facility offers a wide variety of opportunities to experience arts and culture. The Center comprises a center area to enjoy culture and arts and a garden area to relax in nature. It also has a main gallery for various exhibitions and an atelier area for creative workshops. Why not visit the Center to enjoy arts and nature casually and enhance your creativity?

Address: 7-64 Mukogawa-cho, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-62-6800
 Access: Approx. 13 min walk from JR / Hankyu Takarazuka Station
 Approx. 7 min walk from Takarazuka-minamiguchi Station on the Hankyu Imazu Line
 Hours: 10:00 to 18:00; Main Garden: 10:00 to 17:00
 Closed: Wednesdays, year-end / new year holidays (may be temporarily closed on other days)
 Admission: Varies according to the exhibition. The main garden and the public space in the Center are open to the public free of charge.



Takarazuka Bunkasozokan

(Former home of the Takarazuka Music School)

Takarazuka Bunkasozokan (Takarazuka Renaissance Hall of Performing Arts) is a modernistic building designated as a Heritage of Industrial Modernization. Today, local citizens use it as a venue for performing arts activities. The Sumire Museum on the second floor is a great place to learn more about the Takarazuka Music School and Takarazuka Revue.

Address: 6-12 Mukogawa-cho, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-87-1136
 Access: Approx. 10 min walk from Hankyu Takarazuka-minamiguchi Station
 Closed: Wednesdays (except national holidays), year-end / new year holidays
 NB: From April 2024, weekly closures will be on Mondays (except holidays).



Cine Pipia

This is the only movie theater in Takarazuka, which used to be the home to a film production studio. While basking in the afterglow of the film, you can read books and pamphlets related to classic movies in the lobby. Every year, in fall, the Takarazuka Film Festival is held at Cine Pipia.

Address: 5F Pipia Mefu, 2-5-1 Mefu, Takarazuka City
 Tel. 0797-87-3565
 Access: Approx. 1 min walk from Hankyu Mefu-jinja Station



Takarazuka Vega Hall

Built in 1980, this dedicated music hall enjoys an excellent reputation with musicians around the world for its acoustics and sophisticated atmosphere.

Address: 1-2-18 Kiyoshikojin, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-84-6192
 Access: Approx. 1 min walk from Hankyu Kiyoshikojin Station
 Closed: Wednesdays (except national holidays), year-end / new year holidays

Be thrilled with activities

Recreation

Recreation



Second Mukogawa Bridge



.....
I pass through the dark tunnel, feeling excited and wondering what awaits me ahead.
.....

.....
What a thrill to walk on the bridge over the Muko River!
.....

.....
I can't wait to come back with my friend next time.
.....

Hiking

Enjoy a popular hiking course along an abandoned railway line, walking on the old railroad ties, over iron bridges and through long tunnels.

The hiking course along the abandoned JR Fukuchiyama line is known for its beautiful views of the valley. There still remain railroad ties, iron bridges, and tunnels in the area. The abandoned line of approximately 4.7 km from Takedao to Namaze, Nishinomiya City, is now open to the public to be used on their own responsibility for hiking. Remember to bring a flashlight to go through dark tunnels in which there are no lights now. However, the course is flat, so anybody, from children to the elderly, can walk with no difficulty. You can enjoy the scenery of each season: cherry blossoms in spring, fresh green leaves in early summer, and red leaves in fall.

Address: Nagaosan, Kirihata, Takarazuka City
Access: Approx. 8 min walk from JR Takedao Station



Hanshin Racecourse

Marvel at the beauty of racehorses and enjoy a day out with the whole family

Races staged here include the season-opener Oka Sho in April, one of the five Japanese Classics horse racing fans keenly look forward to every year. Another highlight is the Takarazuka Kinen in June, showcasing all the current star horses. The racecourse is a popular family destination as well, with a children's playground and pony riding.

Address: 1-1 Komano-cho, Takarazuka City Tel. 0798-51-7151
Access: Approx. 5 min walk from Hankyu Nigawa Station



Golf Clubs

The first golf club in Takarazuka was established in 1926 in the Taisho period. All of the ten golf clubs currently operating in the city are situated close to the downtown area. Many golfers come from various regions in Japan to stay at Takarazuka Onsen and play at these golf clubs known for their rich variation in course layout.

For the addresses and phone numbers of the golf clubs in the city, see p. 26 in this guidebook.



Takarazuka Shizen no Ie(Nature House)

Outdoor activities available here include an admission-free adventure course; mess-tin cooking; and nature observation, which can all be enjoyed while immersed in the rich natural landscape of Nishitani in Takarazuka City. The facility also hosts events for observing wildlife, barbecues serving vegetables from the local Nishitani area, and other programs featuring local assets. Information about current and upcoming events can be found on its website.

Address: 1 Oharano Matsuo, Takarazuka City (during business hours only)
Tel. 0797-91-0303
Open: Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, holidays.
Close: December through February.
Hours: 10:00 to 16:00
URL: <https://takarazuka-shizennoie.com/>
Inquiries can be made on the website during closures.



Takarazuka Kart Field

Visitors can race their own karts or rent one on site. To ride, you must be aged 8 or older and be 130 cm or taller. Junior Racing Schools are available on weekdays. (Please book at least one day in advance.)

Address: 15-329 Kawano Nagaoyama, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-84-9113
Hours: 9:00 to 19:00, closed Fridays
Admission: 1,100 yen plus 110 yen per lap (165 yen for Advanced)
NB: Closes at 19:00 during January and February.



Sengari Reservoir



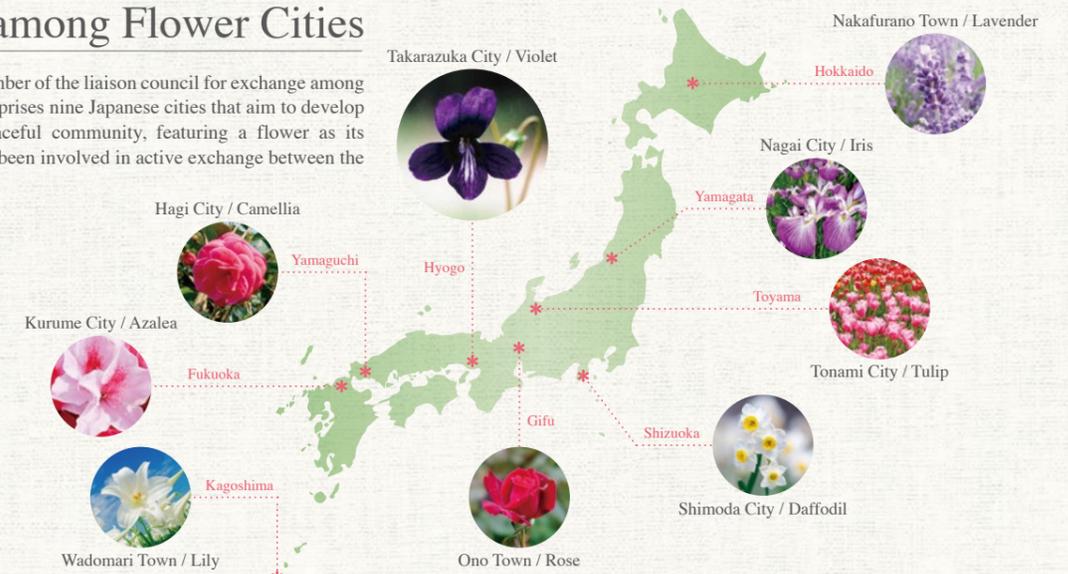
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 If you head a little further from the city center, you'll
 be surrounded by lush green and colorful nature.

 This is one of the reasons I love Takarazuka.

 Why not go out to enjoy seasonal flowers?

Exchange among Flower Cities

Takarazuka City is a member of the liaison council for exchange among flower cities, which comprises nine Japanese cities that aim to develop as an energetic but peaceful community, featuring a flower as its symbol. Takarazuka has been involved in active exchange between the member cities.



Seasonal Recommended Spots



Hana-no-michi

Cherry blossoms

The *Hana-no-michi* (flower street) is known as a place to enjoy seasonal flowers and of course, one of the best cherry blossom spots in Takarazuka. Many people come in Spring to view about 100 cherry trees in full bloom.

Address: 1 Sakae-machi, Takarazuka City
 Average blooming time: Between late March and early April



Takedao

Autumn leaves

Takedao is popular as one of the best autumn leaf viewing spots in Takarazuka. In fall, the valley along the Muko River becomes full of gorgeous red, yellow, and orange leaves.

Address: Nagoasan, Kirihata, Takarazuka City
 Best time to see: From the middle to end of November



Takarazuka Nishitanino-mori Park

This park features the abundant nature of *sato-yama* (country-side forests). You can enjoy the beautiful nature on an approximately two-hour hike on hiking trails that connect two large valleys in the park.

Address: 14-1 Hoyodani, Sakaino, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-91-1630
 Access: Take the Hankyu Bus from JR Takedao Station, get off at Nishitaninomori koen-guchi stop, and walk approx. 10 min. in the direction of the park.
 Hours: 9:00-17:00
 Closed: Mondays (Tuesday when Monday is a national holiday) and year-end / new year holidays



Aiai Park

Built to reproduce an English country town in the 17th century, this park opened as a place for information sharing on flowers and greenery. It comprises popular shops, cafe restaurants, and a library.

Address: 2-2-1 Yamamoto-higashi, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-82-3570
 Access: Approx. 5 min. walk from Hankyu Yamamoto Station
 Hours: 10:00-17:30
 Closed: Year-end / new year holidays



Monument Commemorating Kitsugidayu

The Nagao area is one of Japan's major garden-tree-producing areas, with more than 1,000 years of history. One of the originators, Sakanoue no Yoriyasu, was given the name *Kitsugidayu* ("master grafter") by Toyotomi Hideyoshi, a feudal warlord. This monument was built to commemorate his achievements.

Address: 1 Yamamoto-higashi, Takarazuka City
 Access: Approx. 1 min walk from Hankyu Yamamoto Station



Takarazuka Dahlia-en

This dahlia garden is located in the Kamisatori area, one of the largest cultivation areas of dahlia in Japan. In its best season, the park is filled with about 100,000 flowers of 300 species of dahlia.

Address: 16-1 Ogakiuchi, Kamisatori, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-91-0003
 Access: Take the Hankyu Bus from JR Takedao Station and get off at Kamisatori stop.
 Open: Mid July to early August; early October to early November
 Hours: 9:00-16:00 (Last entry: 15:30)
 Admission: 200 yen for adults, 100 yen for children



Takarazuka Nagatani Botan-en

Open from late April to late May (may vary depending on blooming time), this garden exhibits tree peonies from fourteen different locations in Japan, including those from Takarazuka.

Address: 29 Nagatani-monbata, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-91-1616
 Access: Take the Hankyu Bus from JR Takedao Station, get off at Nagatani kominkan-mae stop, and walk approx. 7 min. in the direction of the park.
 Open: late April to late May
 Hours: 9:00-17:00 (Admission is until 16:30)
 Admission: 300 yen for adults, 100 yen for elementary / junior high school students, free for children under elementary school age



Nishitani Yume-ichiba

(Nishitani Dream Market)

Attached to a complex facility for promoting local exchange, this market sells fresh local farm products and processed food.

Address: 1-1 Sumiya, Oharano, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-91-1638
 Access: From JR Takedao Station, take a Hankyu Bus to Nishitani Yume Plaza stop, which directly serves the venue.
 Hours: 10:00-16:00
 Closed: Mondays, year-end / new year holidays



History
Imagine the past

History

.....
To calm down and relax, I'm visiting a historical power spot.
.....
I wish everybody would be happy. Has my wish been granted?
.....



Nakayamadera Temple

Many people visit this first sacred site in Japan dedicated to the Kannon bodhisattva to pray or offer gratitude for a safe and healthy childbirth.

Nakayama-dera is traditionally believed to have been commissioned by Prince Shotoku (574-622) as the country's first place of worship dedicated to the Bodhisattva Guanyin (Kannon in Japanese). Today the temple is especially popular with worshippers seeking safe and healthy childbirth, and it is always busy with families visiting to offer prayers and gratitude. It is the twenty-fourth temple on the Saigoku Kannon Pilgrimage route, and in 2019 it was listed as a Japan Heritage by the national government. The temple's principal object of worship is an eleven-headed Guanyin statue designated as an Important Cultural Property. The west side of the temple grounds include Nakayama Kannon Park, planted with 1,000 plum trees with blossoms ranging from white to deep pink, which can be appreciated as early as late February.

Address: 2-11-1 Nakayamadera, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-87-0024
Access: Approx. 1 min walk from Hankyu Nakayama-kannon Station



Five-storied pagoda at Nakayamadera Temple



Daiganto pagoda at Nakayama-dera Temple



Ichibuun Jizoson (so-called "Mizukake Jizo") statue at Kiyoshikoin Seichoji Temple

Kiyoshikoin Seichoji Temple

A famous temple of the kitchen god, known affectionately as "Kojin-san"

This temple is well-known throughout the nation as the home to the god of fire and the kitchen. In the temple grounds, you can see the fire tongs serving as talismans in various sizes, which were dedicated to the temple. A festival is held on the 1st, 27th and 28th of every month, attracting many visitors. The gently sloping approach to the temple grounds is lined with about 100 stores, including souvenir shops, antique stores, and restaurants, in a good old atmosphere of a temple town.

Address: 1 Kiyoshi, Maitani, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-86-6641
Access: Approx. 15 min walk from Hankyu Kiyoshikoin Station

Kiyoshikoin Seichoji Museum of History and Art Tel. 0797-86-6641
Hours: 9:30-16:30
Closed: Year-end / new year holidays, mid-August, during the period for changing the exhibited works
Admission: Free





Kohamajuku

Kohamajuku, a post-station town, has various kinds of appeal with an atmosphere of the past.

The Kohama district developed as a temple town built around Goshoji Temple in the Sengoku period (period of warring states) in the 15th century. In the Edo period (1603 -1867), it thrived as a post-station town that connected the Arima-kaido, Nishinomiya-kaido and Kyo-fushimi-kaido routes. It was also known as a town of carpenters and plasterers and of sake brewing. Located in an area that retains the atmosphere of those days, the Kohamajuku Museum displays various historical materials.

Address: 5-6-9 Kohama, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-81-3655
 Access: Take the Hanshin Bus from JR / Hankyu Takarazuka Station, get off at Kohama stop, and walk 5 min. in the direction of the town.
 Hours: 10:00-15:00
 Closed: Mondays, Tuesdays, Dec 28 to Jan 4. Unscheduled closures for occasional maintenance
 Admission: Free



Hazu Stone Works

A group of stone works moved from the Konpukuji Temple that submerged when the Sengari Reservoir was constructed

A group of stone works are situated at the western edge of the grounds of Hazu Hachiman-jinja Shrine. These artworks were originally located at Konpukuji Temple, which stood on a slope in the eastern part of the shrine grounds. They were moved to the current location because the area was submerged under water when a reservoir was constructed. The stele located in the center of the artworks is about 4 meters tall, the second tallest in Japan. The stele and the two stone pagodas situated on its left and right sides are designated as a cultural property of Hyogo Prefecture.

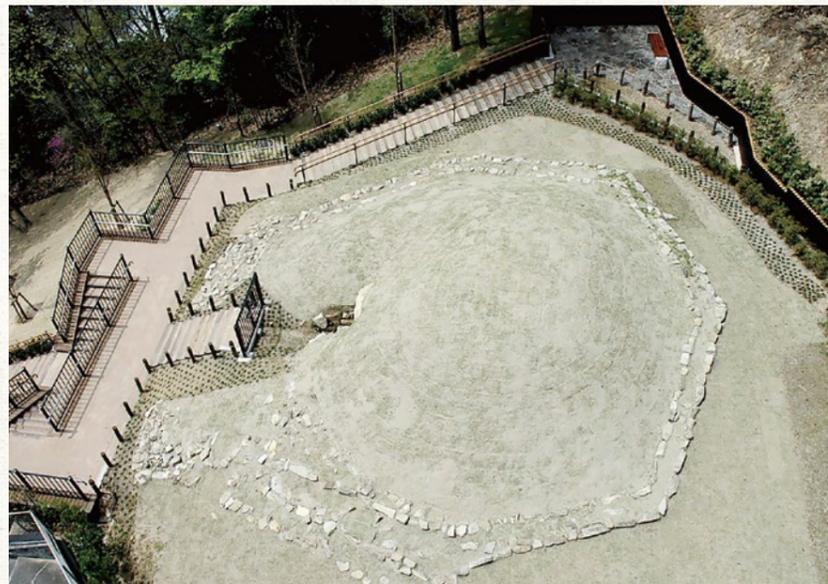
Address: 1 Tanida-higashigakari, Hazu, Takarazuka City
 Access: From JR Takedao Station, take a Hankyu Bus to Hazu stop, which is about a 3 min walk from the site.

Nakayama Soen Kofun Tumulus

Very rare octagonal tumulus constructed in the Asuka period

This is an ancient burial mound that is believed to have been built in the mid-7th century in the Asuka period. The extremely rare octagonal grave mound, common to the tombs of Japanese emperors in those days, is a very important material in the research of the change in tumulus structure. It is designated as a national historic site.

Address: 12-298 Nakayamasoen, Takarazuka City
 Access: Approx. 8 min walk from Hankyu Mefu-jinja Station



Nakasuji Hachiman-jinja Shrine

The main hall with a hiwadabuki (Japanese cypress hinoki bark shingles) roof was built in the Muromachi period.

The *honden* (main hall), which is thought to have been constructed in the Muromachi period (1336-1573), is designated as a national important cultural property. Although it collapsed in the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake in 1995, most of its parts were luckily saved. The building was repaired in the following year using those parts.

Address: 2-6-3 Nakasuji, Takarazuka City
 Access: Approx. 7 min walk from JR Nakayamadara Station



Check here for information on other cultural properties.

Takarazuka Cultural Heritage Walking Map



Takarazuka Archeological and Historical Sites Map

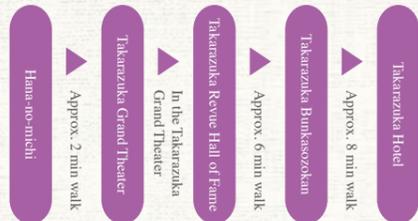


Looking for a new encounter



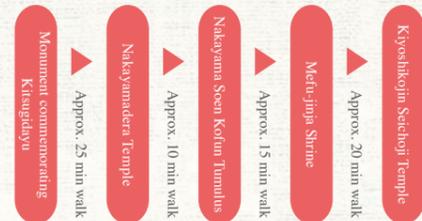
Enjoying the fullest of the Takarazuka Revue

Take the Hana no Michi to Takarazuka Grand Theater, where shows packed with dreams and amazement await. Stay immersed in the magic of Takarazuka shows even after the curtains come down by visiting Takarazuka Revue-themed attractions and shops; Takarazuka Renaissance Hall of Performing Arts; and Takarazuka Hotel.



Visiting historical sites

Many temples and shrines with a long history and various historic sites are dotted along the Saikoku Kannon Pilgrimage, which goes through the city. You can imagine the past while enjoying a leisurely stroll on a flat route with less ups and downs.



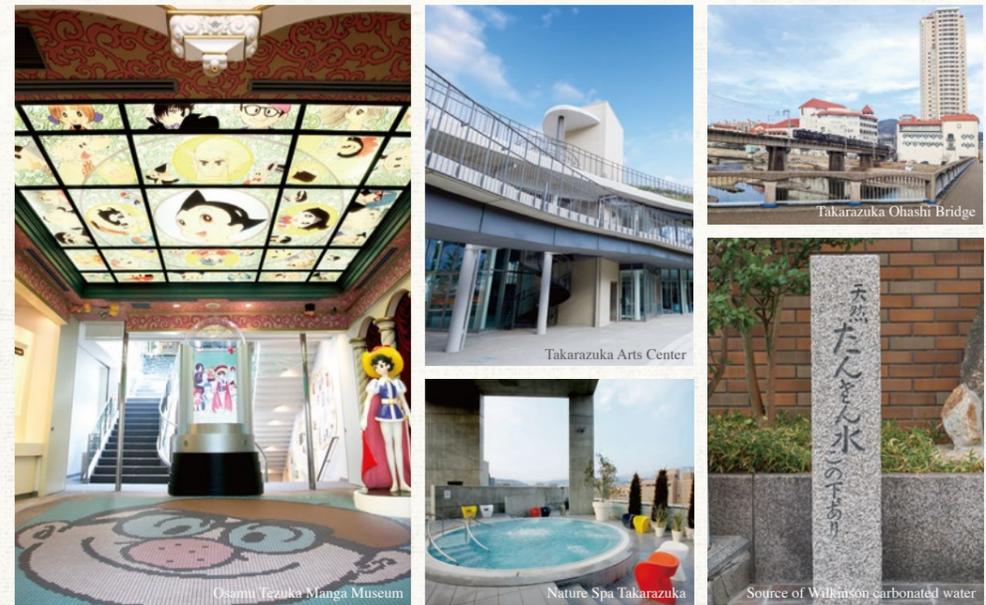
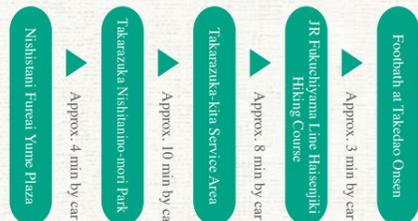
Model Course

Famous tourist spots, historical sites, or an area surrounded by nature -
What encounter is waiting for me today?



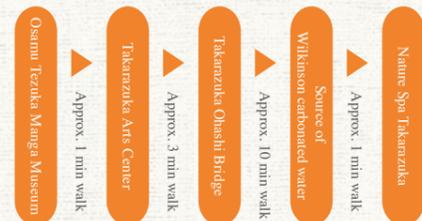
Hiking in nature

Purchase locally grown fresh vegetables at the farmers' market in the Nishitani area or specialty products at the Takarazuka-kita Service Area, which is known for its modern building. You can also relieve your fatigue in a hot-spring footbath after enjoying a hike along the abandoned railroad line with an unusual atmosphere. This route is perfect for those who want to enjoy nature and relaxation.



Sightseeing promenade

Enjoy arts at the Osamu Tezuka Manga Museum and Takarazuka Arts Center, which are located very close to each other. Then walk over the Muko River to visit the source of Wilkinson carbonated water, and relax at Nature Spa Takarazuka. These spots are all situated within walking distance from one another, so take your time and enjoy your visit.



Enjoy four seasons

Events



Events

FOUR SEASONS CALENDAR

Spring	Summer
<p>Early April: <i>Oka Sho</i> race (JRA Hanshin Racecourse)</p> <p>Early April: Takarazuka Garden Tree Festival (Yamamoto Shin-ike Park)</p> <p>Early April: Kohamajuku Festival (Kohamajuku)</p> <p>April 27 and 28: Great Spring Festival of the Three Treasures of Kojin (Kiyoshikojin Seichoji Temple)</p>	<p>Late June: <i>Takarazuka Kinen</i> race (JRA Hanshin Racecourse)</p> <p>June: Takarazuka Vega Music Competition preliminary round (Vega Hall, held every other year)</p> <p>Mid-July to early August: Takarazuka Dahlia Garden summer opening (Nishitani, Kamisasori)</p> <p>Late July: Takarazuka International Chamber Chorus Contest (Vega Hall)</p> <p>August 9: <i>Hoshikudari</i> (falling star) Festival (Nakayamadera Temple)</p>
Winter	Autumn
<p>Late December: Takarazuka Half Marathon Meet</p> <p>Early January: New Year's Shrine Visit (Kiyoshikojin Seichoji Temple, Nakayamadera Temple, etc.)</p> <p>January 27 and 28: The Year's First Great Festival of the Three Treasures of Kojin (Kiyoshikojin Seichoji Temple)</p> <p>Setsubun day in February: Setsubun Festival (Nakayamadera Temple)</p> <p>First Sun. of March: Ume Plum Festival (Nakayamadera Temple)</p>	<p>Early September: Takarazuka Vega Music Competition final round (Vega Hall, held every other year)</p> <p>Early October: Takarazuka Garden Tree Festival (Yamamoto Shin-ike Park / Aiai Park)</p> <p>Early October to early November: Takarazuka Dahlia Garden autumn opening (Nishitani, Kamisasori)</p> <p>Third Sat. and Sun. of October: Dahlia Flower Festival (Nishitani / Kamisasori)</p> <p>Early November: Takarazuka Film Festival (Cine Pipia)</p> <p>November to December: Nishitani Harvest Festival (at Nishitani Community Center Fureai Yume Plaza)</p> <p>November: Takarazukashi-ten and Takarazuka Geijutsu-ten art exhibitions (Takarazuka Arts Center)</p>

Attractive Events in Four Seasons



Takarazuka Garden Tree Festival

Takarazuka Garden Tree Festival fair held at Yamamoto Shin-ike Park in April and early October. In-season flowering plants, garden plants, and gardening supplies are on sale, and hands-on events also attract crowds. Autumn dates include horticultural competitions, where various prizes—such as the prestigious Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Prize—are awarded to the best ornamental plants grown in the prefecture.

Takarazuka City Hall Agricultural Administration Division Tel. 0797-77-2036



Takarazukashi-ten and Takarazuka Geijutsu-ten

Both are long-established art exhibitions. Takarazukashi-ten is an open submission exhibition showcasing works in the seven categories of painting; sculpture and three-dimensional art; photography; design; calligraphy; studio craft; and Japanese painting. Takarazuka Geijutsu-ten presents works by members of the artist association Takarazukashi Bunka Renmei.

Takarazuka Foundation for Culture Promotion Tel. 0797-85-8844



Dahlia Flower Festival (Nishitani / Kamisasori)

On the third Saturday and Sunday in October every year, this flower festival is held at the Takarazuka Dahlia-en, filled with over 100,000 flowers of 300 species of dahlia. Visitors can enjoy food booths and purchase at the site the fresh vegetables and fruits grown in the Nishitani area.

Sasori Engei Association (Takarazuka Dahlia Garden) Tel. 0797-91-0003



Takarazuka Half Marathon Meet

This event held in late December every year includes a half marathon, quarter marathon, and 3-k run/walk for families. Many runners come to participate in one of the last running events of the year from all over the country to enjoy a special running experience through the city of the Takarazuka Revue.

Takarazuka Half Marathon Meet Executive Committee Tel. 0797-77-9117 (Sports Promotion Section, Takarazuka Municipal Office)



Takarazuka International Chamber Chorus Contest

This is one of the world's leading contests dedicated to chamber choir groups with a small number of members, which is held at the Vega hall, a classical-focused concert hall equipped with a pipe organ. Many chorus groups come from around the world to compete, using excellent techniques and beautiful harmonies.

Vega Hall Tel. 0797-84-6192



Takarazuka Film Festival

Takarazuka used to be the home to a film production studio. This film festival is held every year, in fall, aiming to rediscover the appeal of the films produced in the studio and create a new culture of visual images. Come and participate in the festival under the motto of "Takarazuka Cinema Renaissance!"

Takarazuka Film Festival Executive Committee Tel. 0797-87-3565 (Cine Pipia)



Accommodation

Hotel

Local Specialties

Specialty Goods



Takarazuka Hotel

Since relocating and reopening on June 21, 2020, situated immediately to the west of Takarazuka Grand Theater. As befitting the Theater's official hotel, the establishment has a permanent gallery devoted to all things Takarazuka Revue.

Address: 1-1-33 Sakae-machi, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-87-1151
Access: Approx. 4 min walk from Hankyu Takarazuka Station



Takarazuka Washington Hotel

Situated opposite Hankyu Takarazuka Station, this highly popular hotel offers excellent train access as well as the luxury of its own in-house hot spring bath, Takarazuka Onsen, open to guests. On the second floor is the Japanese restaurant Shimaya, a culinary gem serving fare by a master chef who was awarded the Medal with Yellow Ribbon. Guest rooms facing the Muko River (Mukogawa) command picturesque views.

Address: 2-2-2 Sakae-machi, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-87-1771
Access: Near Hankyu Takarazuka Station



Hotel Wakamizu

This hotel boasts a great view of the Muko River down below, featuring mostly traditional Japanese style rooms. On the other side of the river is the Takarazuka Grand Theater. The hotel has good accessibility from the center of Osaka and Kobe. It is worth your while to visit this Japanese-style resort hotel to enjoy a high-quality onsen hot spring and sophisticated cuisine.

Address: 9-25 Yumoto-cho, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-86-0151
Access: Approx. 3 min walk from Hankyu Takarazuka Station



Koyokan Bettei Azalée

A luxury hot spring hotel situated 10 minutes by train from JR Takarazuka Station, this establishment consists of standalone guest rooms and facilities spread across the lush natural landscape of Takedao. All guest rooms have semi-open-air baths, and fine dining is offered by the chef of the acclaimed Kyoto Kakyō Group of restaurants.

Address: 1-47 Izuriha, Tamase, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-91-0131
Access: Approx. 5 min walk from JR Takedao Station (Complimentary shuttle bus service available)

Takarazuka Inn

Address: 1-1-4 Tsukimiyama, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-86-4101
Access: Approx. 5 min walk from JR / Hankyu Takarazuka Station

Hotel Current Takarazuka

Address: 1F Current Takarazuka, 3-14 Miyano-cho, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-87-4466
Access: Approx. 7 min walk from JR / Hankyu Takarazuka Station

Ladies' Hotel Puchi House

Address: 3-15 Mukogawa-cho, Takarazuka City Tel. 0797-84-8753
Access: Approx. 7 min walk from Hankyu Takarazuka-minamiguchi Station



Otome-mochi

This is a traditional Japanese confection created in tribute to the performers of the Takarazuka Revue, especially Otome Amatsu, one of the top stars in its early history. Many people love its simple taste and texture.



Takara monaka

Since its foundation in 1909 in the Meiji period, this shop has devoted itself to creating monaka (azuki bean paste filling sandwiched between two thin crisp shells). The Takara monaka is a cute, bite-size monaka full of sweet savory paste made from large Dainagon azuki beans.



Tansan senbei

Tansan senbei crackers have been always popular as a souvenir of Takarazuka, which developed as an onsen resort. Since the foundation of the shop in 1897 in the Meiji period, this Japanese confectionery has been loved by both visitors and locals.



Kinpukurin

This Japanese sweet is slightly larger than a typical Japanese confection. It is carefully made by covering a large chestnut and premium *tokachi* azuki beans with a rich flavored dough made of egg yolk, white kidney beans, and chestnuts.



Sansho Konbu

Since its foundation in 1926, Sanshouya Honke has been producing richly flavored *tsukudami* (salty-sweet preserved food). The *Sansho Konbu* is made by separately cooking wild *konbu* seaweed harvested in Hokkaido and Japanese *sansho* pepper and mixing them together. This traditional Japanese food with a refreshing aroma and taste is a must to try.



Kiyoshikojin Manju

This brown sugar manju bun is said to have been created using azuki beans of Hokkaido in the northern part of Japan and brown sugar of Hateruma Island in its southernmost part, which are brought together by Kojin-san, the god of the kitchen. Enjoy its taste and the special story associated with the sweet.



Le Mans Sandwich

Since its founding in 1964, Le Mans has been making a popular egg sandwich using special mayonnaise. Savor this substantial sandwich with exquisitely scrambled eggs.



Takarazuka bath salts

With Takarazuka bath salts, you can easily enjoy Takarazuka Onsen at your home. There are two types: Takarazuka no Yu, which reproduces reddish brown hot spring water, and Otome no Yu, which creates violet-colored hot spring water.



Takarazuka Violet Mist

This is a skin lotion including hot spring water collected at the source of Takarazuka Onsen. It keeps your skin moisturized and offers a relaxing experience with its soft violet aroma.

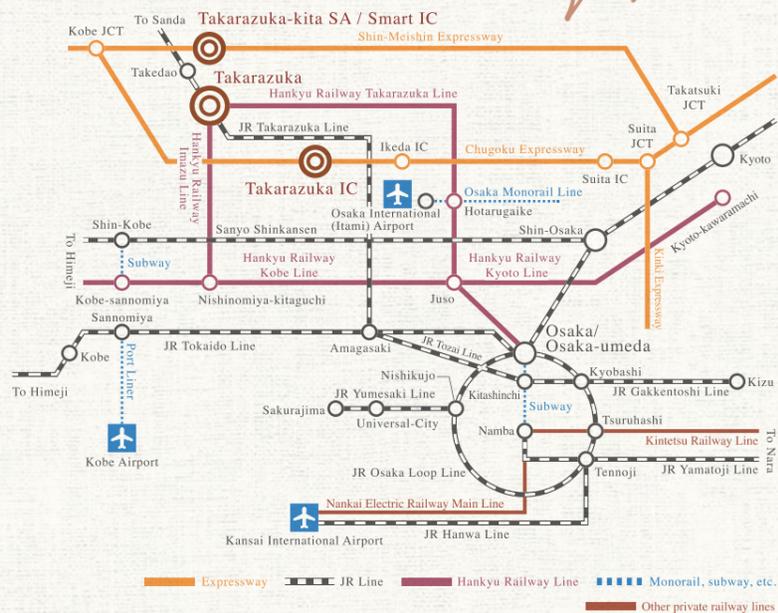
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Access



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Information

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Takarazuka Revue

Takarazuka Revue Information Center Tel. 0570-00-5100
[Takarazuka Grand Theater]

Public Transport

JR West Customer Center Tel. 0570-00-2486
Hankyu Railway Information Center Tel. 0570-089-500
Hankyu Bus Tel. 0797-87-6601
Hanshin Bus Tel. 06-6416-1351
Hankyu Taxi Tel. 0570-066-089

Golf Courses

Takarazuka Golf Club Tel. 0797-71-2251
● 1391-1 Fukatani, Kurando, Takarazuka City
Takarazuka Classic Golf Club Tel. 0797-86-6261
● 19 Sakurakoba, Kirihata, Takarazuka City
Takarazuka Kogen Golf Club Tel. 0797-88-5353
● 14 Nagaosan, Kirihata, Takarazuka City
HIBARI GOLF Tel. 072-758-3333
● 2-10-11 Hibarigaoka-yamate, Takarazuka City
Asahi International Takarazuka Country Club Tel. 0797-91-0301
● 4-12 Otani, Shimosasori, Takarazuka City
Atogohara Golf Club Tel. 072-759-3444
● 5-3 Nagaosan, Kirihata, Takarazuka City
Daitakarazuka Golf Club Tel. 0797-91-1361
● 19 Nagaosan, Kirihata, Takarazuka City
Shintakarazuka Country Club Tel. 0797-91-0241
● 1-2 Kenmi, Kirihata, Takarazuka City
Takarazuka Keyaki Hill Country Club Tel. 072-799-1177
● 19-14 Nagaosan, Kirihata, Takarazuka City
Taiheiyo Club Takarazuka Course Tel. 0797-91-1001
● 7-2 Hanaori, Shibatsuji-shinden, Takarazuka City

Tourist Information on the Surrounding Areas of Takarazuka

Nishinomiya Tourism Association Tel. 0798-31-7821
Itami Tourism Products Gallery Tel. 072-770-7060
Kawanishi-shi Tourism Association Tel. 072-740-1161
Ashiya Tourism Association Tel. 0797-38-2033
Sanda City Tourism Information (Kippy Navi) Tel. 079-563-0039
Inagawa-cho Tourism Association Tel. 072-766-8707
Amagasaki Tourist Information Center Tel. 06-6409-4634
Arima Onsen Tourist General Information Center Tel. 078-904-0708
Information Kobe Tel. 078-241-1050
Himeji Kanko Navi Port Tel. 079-287-0003
Hyogo Tourism Bureau Tel. 078-361-7661

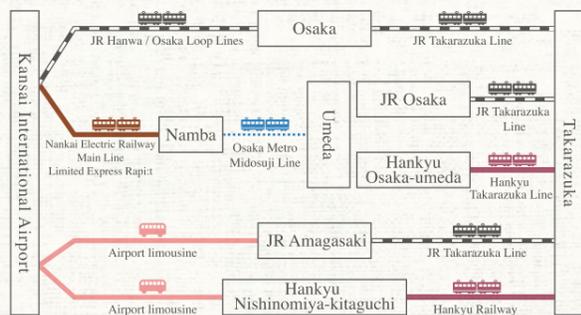
Tourist Spots

Kiyoshikojin Seichoji Temple Tel. 0797-86-6641
● 1 Kiyoshi, Maitani, Takarazuka City
Nakayamadera Temple Tel. 0797-87-0024
● 2-11-1 Nakayamadera, Takarazuka City
Nature Spa Takarazuka Tel. 0797-84-7993
● 9-33 Yumoto-cho, Takarazuka City
Meito Takaranoyu (Day-use Onsen) Tel. 0797-82-1126
● 3-3-1 Nakasuji, Takarazuka City
Osamu Tezuka Manga Museum Tel. 0797-81-2970
● 7-65 Mukogawa-cho, Takarazuka City
Takarazuka Bunkasozokan (Takarazuka Renaissance Hall of Performing Arts) Tel. 0797-87-1136
● 6-12 Mukogawa-cho, Takarazuka City
Takarazuka Arts Center Tel. 0797-62-6800
● 7-64 Mukogawa-cho, Takarazuka City
Takarazuka Vega Hall Tel. 0797-84-6192
● 1-2-18 Kiyoshikojin, Takarazuka City
Takarazuka Sorio Hall (Rekishu Kaido i Center) Tel. 0797-81-8200
● 3F Sorio 1, 2-1-1 Sakae-machi, Takarazuka City
Offers information about Rekishu Kaido and cultural attractions in the city
Cine Pipia Tel. 0797-87-3565
● 5F Pipia Mefu, 2-5-1 Mefu, Takarazuka City
Aiai Park Tel. 0797-82-3570
● 2-2-1 Yamamoto-higashi, Takarazuka City
Takarazuka City Yamamoto Engei Ryutsu Center (Gardening Center) Tel. 0797-88-2333
● 1-13-14 Yamamoto-naka, Takarazuka City
Takarazuka Nishitanino-mori Park Tel. 0797-91-1630
● 14-1 Hoyodani, Sakaino, Takarazuka City
Takarazuka Shizen no Ie (Nature House) Tel. 0797-91-0303
● 1 Oharano Matsuo, Takarazuka City (during business hours only)
Hanshin Racecourse Tel. 0798-51-7151
● 1-1 Komano-cho, Takarazuka City
Takarazuka Kart Field Tel. 0797-84-9113
● 15-329 Nagayama, Kawamo, Takarazuka City
Takarazuka-kita Service Area Tel. 0797-83-5601
● 1-125 Okunoyaki, Tamase, Takarazuka City

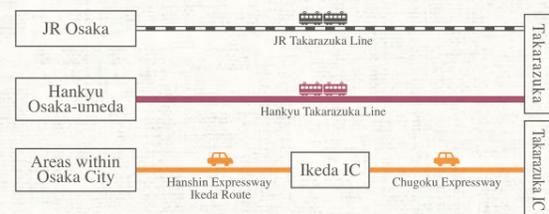
Routes from Various Areas

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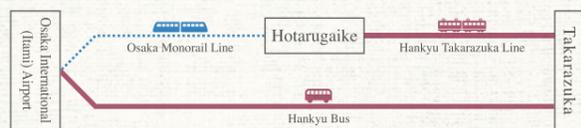
■ From Kansai International Airport ▶▶▶ Approx. 90 min



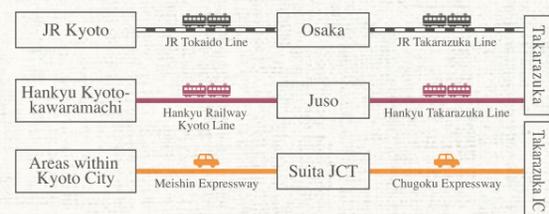
■ From Osaka ▶▶▶ Approx. 30 min



■ From Osaka International (Itami) Airport ▶▶▶ Approx. 35 min



■ From Kyoto ▶▶▶ Approx. 60 min by train, 40 min by car



■ From Kobe Airport ▶▶▶ Approx. 60 min



■ From Kobe ▶▶▶ Approx. 30 min



■ From Universal-City ▶▶▶ Approx. 40 min



Takarazuka City Sightseeing Information
Takarazuka International Tourism Association Website



I hope that this guidebook will not only provide people with information about many tourist spots and local specialties of Takarazuka City but also convey its energetic but elegant atmosphere, which has remained unchanged through many years, from the time when manga master Osamu Tezuka was a child to when I was living in the city to the present day.

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