

Tokyo-Sendai-Kyoto-Osaka-Hiroshima

Heavenly Ryan/Chad Tourism Escapade Fun-Guide

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by the Japan Rail Pass

- Shinkansen
- Regular Trains



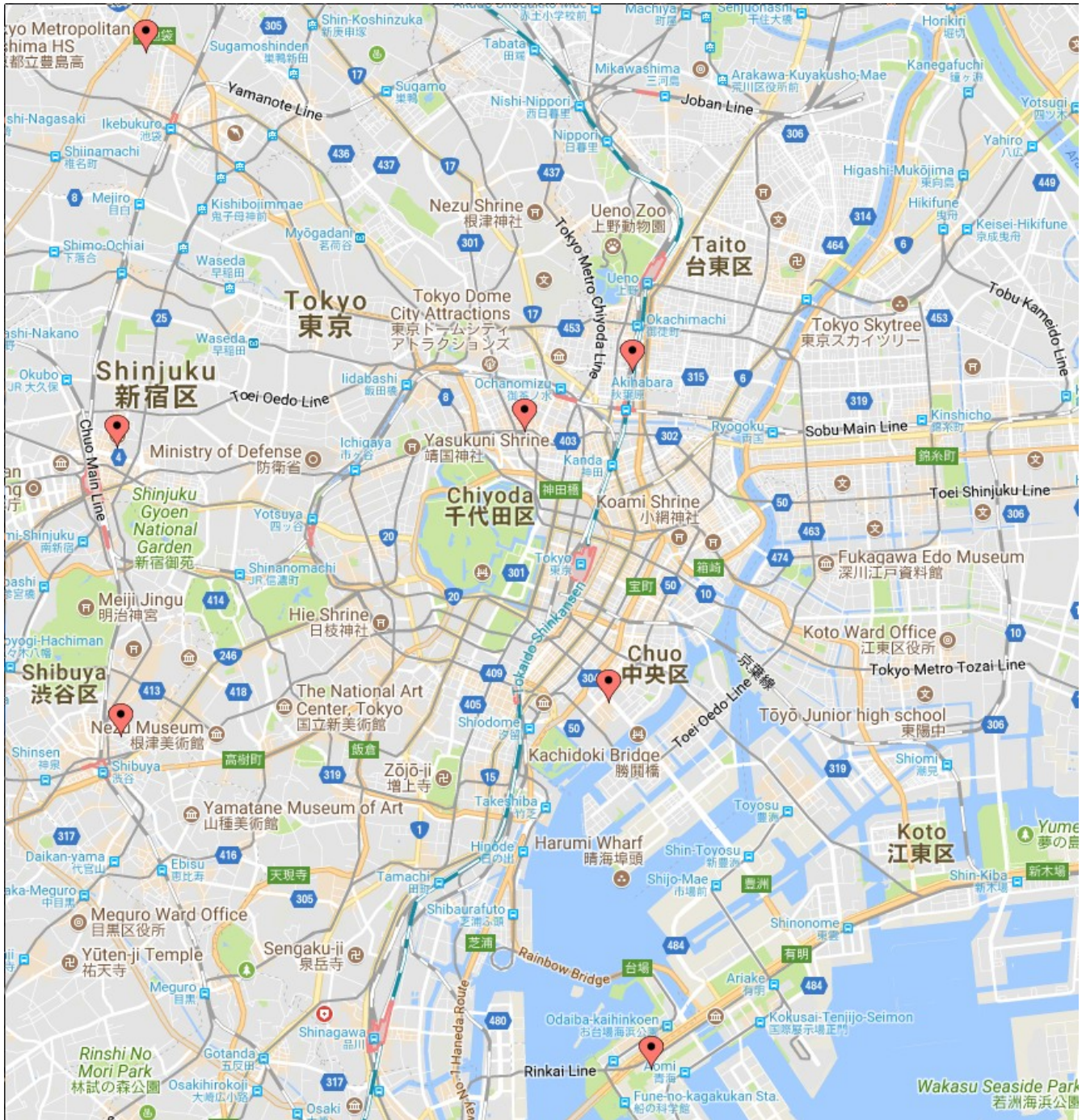
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Basic Daily Activity Schedule:

- **Tokyo**
 - Arrive: Sunday 10-22 (1435 on Delta Flight 7)
 - Depart: Tuesday 10-24
- **Sendai**
 - Arrive: Tuesday 10-24
 - Depart: Wednesday 10-25
- **Kyoto**
 - Arrive: Wednesday 10-25 (1145 on Shinkansen Yamabiko 204)
 - Depart: Thursday 10-26 (0800 on Shinkansen Hikari 493)
- **Osaka**
 - Arrive: Thursday 10-26 (0812 on Shinkansen Hikari 493)
 - Depart: Friday 10-27 (0812 on Shinkansen Hikari 493)
- **Hiroshima**
 - Arrive: Friday 10-27 (0956 on Shinkansen Hikari 493)
 - Depart: Saturday 10-28 (0613 on Shinkansen)

Tokyo: Overview



Tokyo activity overview:

Airport:

- buy PASMO cards (10 minutes)
- buy JR passes (20 minutes)

Shibuya: (30 minutes from airport)

- hug Hachiko statue (10 minutes)
- walk through Shibuya scramble intersection (10 minutes)

Shinjuku: (15 minutes from Shibuya)

- Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building for sightseeing (~1 hour)

Jimbocho: (20 minutes from anywhere except Akibahara, which is closer)

- Hotel Villa Fontaine Kudanshita
- Tokyo Dome (theme park) (1-2 hours)
- Yasukuni Shrine (1-3 hours)

Odaiba: (30-45 minutes from anywhere except Tsukiji)

- Tokyo Trick Art Museum (1-2 hours)
- Robo Stage (1-2 hours)
- History Garage (1-2 hours)
- National Museum of Emerging Science and Technology (1-3 hours)
- Tokyo Sewerage Museum Rainbow (1-2 hours)
- Tokyo Water Science Museum (1-2 hours)
- Museum Ship Sooya (1-2 hours)
- Tokyo Museum (1-3 hours)
- See the Gundam statue (15 minutes)

Tsukiji: (30-40 minutes from Jimbocho)

- Fish market (early) (1 hour)
- Morning sumo practice (early, call the day before) (30 minutes to 1 hour)

Ikebukuro: (20 minutes from Shibuya)

- Sunshine City (1-3 hours)

Akibahara: (10-15 minutes from Jimbocho) (expect to spend 5+ hours here)

- Akibahara@BEEP
- Tokyo Super Potato
- Kagaya
- Electronics supermarket
- Pachinko?

Suggested Tokyo timeline:

Start time	End time	Activity
Sunday 14:30	Sunday 15:30	Customs
Sunday 15:30	Sunday 15:45	Buy PASMO
Sunday 15:45	Sunday 16:30	Travel to Shibuya
Sunday 16:30	Sunday 16:45	Hug Hachiko statue
Sunday 16:45	Sunday 17:00	Shibuya scramble intersection
Sunday 17:00	Sunday 18:00	Dinner in Shibuya
Sunday 18:00	Sunday 21:00	Kagaya (might require reservations) <i>or</i> Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building <i>or</i> Sunshine City <i>or</i> Tokyo Dome
Sunday 21:00		Check into hotel in Jimbocho
Monday 06:00	Monday 06:30	Wake up, prepare for day
Monday 06:30	Monday 07:15	Get breakfast in Jimbocho area
Monday 07:15	Monday 07:35	Travel to Arashio-beya or Tsukiji area
Monday 07:35	Monday 09:00	Watch sumo practice or fish market
Monday 09:00	Monday 09:30	Travel to next location
Monday 09:30	Monday 12:00	Yasukuni shrine <i>or</i> Odaiba museums <i>or</i> Ueno zoo

Monday 12:00	Monday 13:00	Find lunch in current location
Monday 13:00	Monday 13:30	Travel to next location (if moving)
Monday 13:30	Monday 17:00	Odaiba museums <i>or</i> Akibahara activities <i>or</i> Ueno zoo
Monday 17:00	Monday 17:30	Travel to Akihabara
Monday 17:30	Monday 21:30	Explore Akihabara, dinner, etc.
Monday 21:30	Monday 21:45	Return to hotel
Tuesday 06:00	Tuesday 06:30	Wake up, check out of hotel
Tuesday 06:30	Tuesday 07:00	Travel to Tokyo station
Tuesday 07:00	Tuesday 07:30	Find Hayabusa 3 shinkansen train to Sendai/Shin-Aomori

Tokyo food:

Jimbocho:

Bondi Jinbocho: Japanese Curry

11am-10:30pm

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see the special yelp directions for how to get in:

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and the next few...

go in the building, to the back, climb some stairs

- **Udon Maruka: Udon**

11am-7:30pm

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- The line moves quickly
- Outside: https://s3-media3.fl.yelpcdn.com/bphoto/1KPt6firGDwzER30mWxJ_A/o.jpg

- **Sol Amigo Jimbocho: Mexican/Gastropubs/Izakaya**

5pm-12am

unknown price, not brutally expensive

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- fairly obviously marked with a cactus

- **Sabouru 2: Cafes/Burgers**

9am-10pm

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- one side of a building, lit neon sign outside

- **Ramen Jiro Jimbocho: Ramen**

11am-5pm, closed Sunday

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- Yellow sign and awning... "ra-men + ni character + one I don't recognize"

- **imoyanichoumetendon: Tempura**

11am-8pm, closed Sunday

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- Outside has white sign, the bottom part says in hiragana "imoya"

- **Doutor Jimbocho Ekimae: Coffee & Tea, Cafes**

7am-10pm; Sunday 8am-8pm

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- fuck this stupid little coffee shop, I didn't realize what it was.
- only use if desperate

- **Denny's!**

- **Matsuya Kandasudacho: Gyudon, Japanese Curry, Canteen**

4am-3am

A good walk east of Jimbocho station; maybe 10-15 minutes

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- looks like it's on the street; no pictures seen

- **Higekan (Sushi)**

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- small tan building; five white sheets over the door, only the middle one has markings
- small bench to the left of the door

Shinjuku:

- **Shinjuku Kappo Nakajima (Japanese)**

11:30am-2pm, 5:30-9:30pm, closed Sundays

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- street level entry
- head downstairs to the right of the boxed sign
- a restaurant dedicated to sardines?

- **Ichiran Shinjuku Chuo Higashiguchi (Ramen)**

24 hours

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- red sign, inside it says "ICHIRAN" and "24 hours"

- possibly long line

- **Uogashi Nihon Ichi Shinjuku Nishigashi (Sushi Bars)**

11am-11pm

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- white sign

- it says "STANDING SUSHI BAR" in english below

- **Tsurutontan Shinjuku (Udon, Sukiyaki, Izakaya)**

11am-8pm

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- has horsemeat sashimi!!

- sometimes live music

- "look for the little sheep logo" and it is right downstairs

- green circle logo with sheep in it, sheep has blue bowtie

- **Teuchi Soba Watanabe Nishishinjuku (Soba, Tempura)**

11am-9pm

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- small black fence outlines the place

- the door has five white sheets hanging; leftmost has kanji on it

Shibuya:

- **Ichiran Shibuya (Ramen)**

24 hours

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- basement level of very tall and narrow glass building with mirrored windows

- red sign points down; says "ICHIRAN"

- **Toritake Sou Honten (Yakitori, Unagi, Izakaya)**

2 yen signs

12pm-12:30am, 2pm-12:30am (Sat/Sun)

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- corner of a building; white background, "toritake" with red penguin on black kanji

- **Katsudonya Zuichou (Donburi)**

11:30am-8pm

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- red brick building with outdoor staircase

- it is inside on the first floor

- they only make katsudon, that is it

- **Uogashi Nihon-ichi Tachigui Sushi Shibuya Sentaa-gai (Sushi bars, standing)**

2 yen signs

11:30am-11:30pm

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- small building, to the left of burger king (as of June)

- square white sign on gold background

- standing sushi bar

Ikebukuro:

- **Ichiran Ikebukuro (Ramen)**

24 hours

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- green text on red sign
- vending machine ordering

- Tachigui Midori Echika Ikebukuro (Sushi bars)

11am-11pm

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- "Echika is an underground shopping corridor similar to what you may see in Seoul, but this one is in the northwest side of the busy Ikebukuro station."
- "This place was hard to find. It's underground where the subway is. Look for the area called "Echika." I think it's the name of an underground shopping area next to Ikebukuro Station. If I remember correctly, try look for the C6 exit and the restaurant is in that area. It's not big, should keep your eyes open. We went around 1-2pm and there was a line of about 10 people already. Luckily, there were some seats to sit on while waiting. The wait didn't take that long."

- Owl Park Owl Cafe Ikebukuro (Themed Cafes)

11am-8pm

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- "owl and hedgehog cafe" on second floor of building
- I don't know that they have food here

- Ootoya Ikebukurohigashi (Cafeteria, Canteen)

7am-11pm

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- square blue sign
- says "OOTOYA"

Tsukiji:

- **Sushi Katsura (Sushi)**

11:30am-2pm, 5pm-11pm; closed Sunday

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- Ate here with Emily, still remember it

Akihabara:

- **Marugo: Tonkatsu**

11:30am-3pm, 5pm-8pm

two yen signs

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- tiny two-tone two-story building with "GO" character in a circle on the sign... get it yet???

- **Akiba Fukurou (Owl Cafe)**

1pm-6pm

requires reservation

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I don't think there's any food here.

Only 5 star reviews (38 of them)

- **Tendon Tenya Suehirocho (Soba, Tempura)**

11am-11pm

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- white sign with yellow border lights

- "TEMPURA TENDON TENYA" in english at bottom of sign

- **Tsukiji Gindako Don Quixote Akihabara (Takoyaki)**

10am-11pm

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- order at the counter
- red stall, white kandi text; "GINDAKO" in English

- **Akiba (Udon, Soba)**

6:30am-3pm

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- wooden sign on ground, glass doors
- five blue banners over door: 'soba udon' in hiragana

- **Toritsunetsuzandou (Oyakodon)**

lunch, at least?

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- no information about this place really

- **Cure Maid Cafe (Cafes)**

11am-8pm, Sunday 11am-7pm

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- on the 6th floor of a building labeled "Gee!STORE"
- orange outlined sign

- **Tankiyo (Yakiniku)**

5:30pm-11pm

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- grilled cow's tongue?
 - tan bricks, brown door
- ta-n then kanji I don't recognize

Odaiba:

- Gonpachi Odaiba (Soba, Izakaya, Kushikatsu)

11:30am-3:30am

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- very wooden interior, dark colored
- entrance against white wall
- probably inside of a mall or something like this?

- Yoshimarusuisan (Conveyor belt sushi)

11am-11pm

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- likely to be in the same mall as the place above
- a big black anime bear thing is outside
- english "yoshimaru" on door?

- Cafe de Miki with Hello Kitty Diversity Tokyo Plaza (Themed Cafes)

10am-9pm

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- the Hello Kitty should be obvious
- in some kind of mall or building

- Niwatoriaji-za Diversity Tokyo Plaza Store (Yakiniku, Yakitori)

11am-11pm

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- inside a mall or something

- hard to read kanji, I can only read "ri ma" in the middle of the sign

- **Zigi (Sushi)**

7am-10:30am, 11:30am-2pm, 5:30pm-9:30pm

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- inside a building of some sort

- stone pillar with black "ZIGI" on a sign

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Hotel Satoh Tokyo

The building is dark colored and narrow. The windows appear to be rounded squares, almost like a space capsule.

It has a sign, a small one, with 'hotel satou tokyo' written in katakana and kanji.

<http://www.hotel-satoh.co.jp/>

Sendai

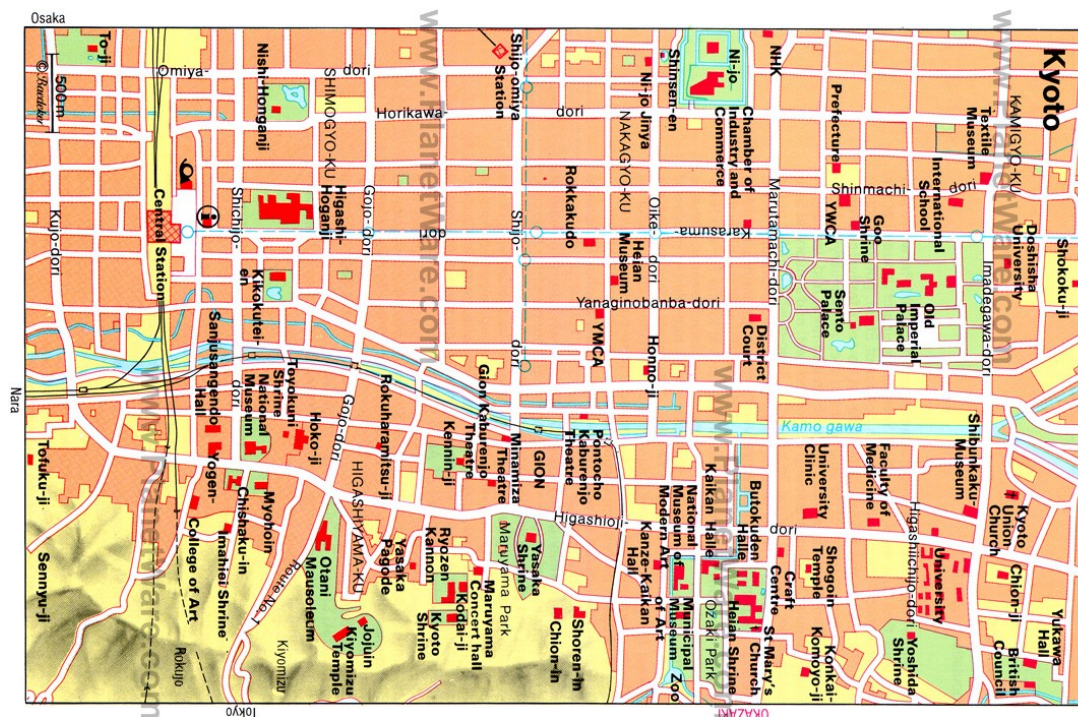
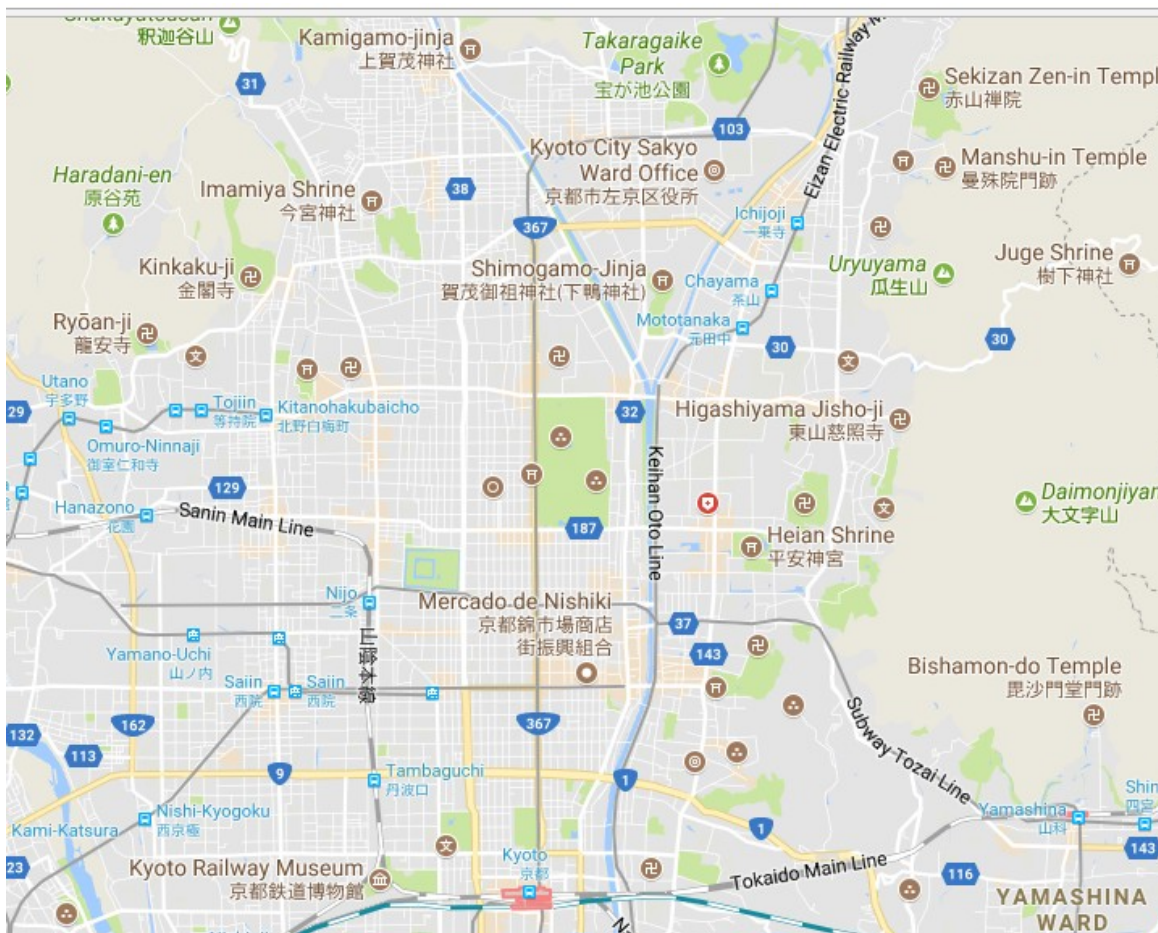
According to plan, we arrive at 9:12.

List of things to do:

- **Zuihouden (1-2 hours)**
 - some kind of museum with mausoleums and stairs
 - 9am-4:30pm
 - 550 yen per admission
- **Aoba (Sendai) Castle (1-3 hours)**
 - 9am-5pm
 - 700 yen per admission (500 with online coupon... don't know how to get it)
 - great views of the city
- **Sendai Umimo-Mori Aquarium (1-2 hours)**
 - 9am-18:30pm
 - 2100 yen per admission
 - doesn't look particularly large, but probably still cool
- **Aoba-dori street (1-2 hours)**
 - "Beautiful streets lined with Japanese Zelkova trees"
 - Probably some neat shops to walk around. But this is a place to explore.
- **Sunmall Ichibancho (1-2 hours)**
 - If you are interested in shopping or maybe finding a weird shirt, this could be worthwhile.
 - Lots of shops in a big mall-type atmosphere. Another place good for exploring.
- **Naruko Gorge (4-6 hours, maybe the whole day)**
 - This is a "stunning autumn leaves spot", and we will be there at the right time
 - There are two hikes we could do, although one may be closed.
 - This is outside Sendai, so this takes extra planning, and depends on the weather.
 - How to get there:
 - Get to Furokawa Station on any shinkansen. The morning train we are planning to take does not stop here so we have to transfer trains and continue north. If going straight there, consider the Hayabusa 49 if you can find it fast enough at 9:16 or the Hayabusa 101 at 9:36.
 - Next take the JR Rikuu-East to Naruko-Onsen station.
 - The whole trip should take about 80 minutes.
 - Once at Naruko-Onsen station, check out the map on the next page and explore.

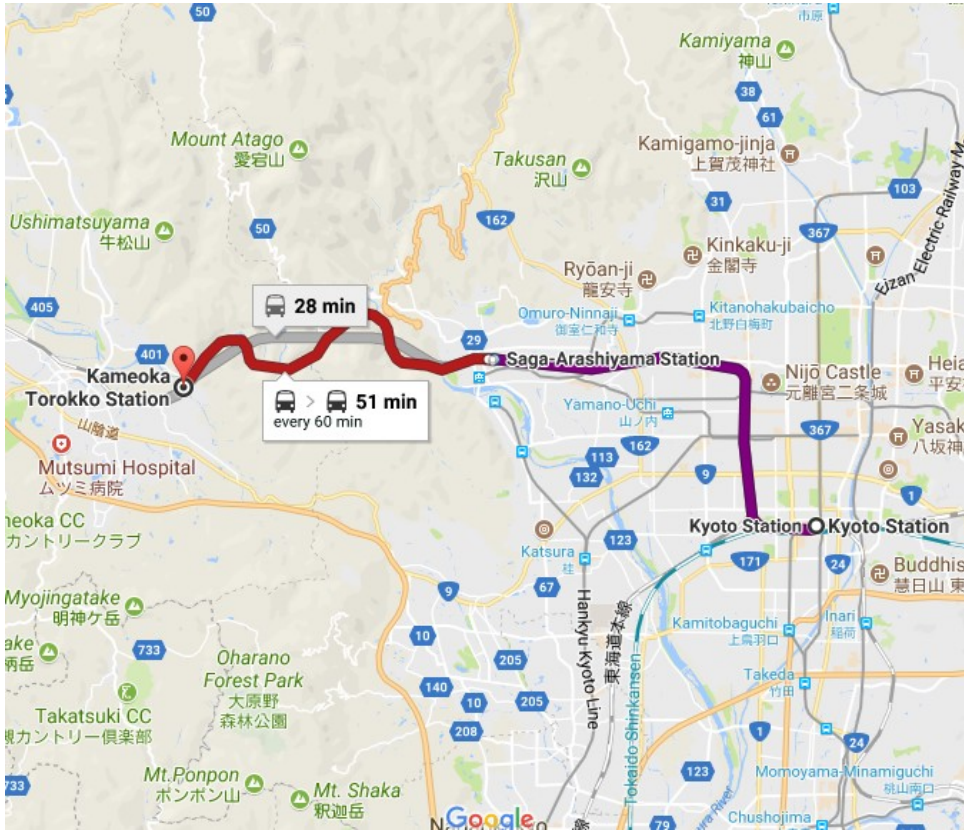
In order to get to Kyoto at a reasonable time, aim to catch the Hayabusa 2 at 6:36 southbound from Sendai to Tokyo, which arrives at 8:07. Alternately use the plan for Kyoto and take the earlier and slower Yamabiko 204.

Kyoto: Overview



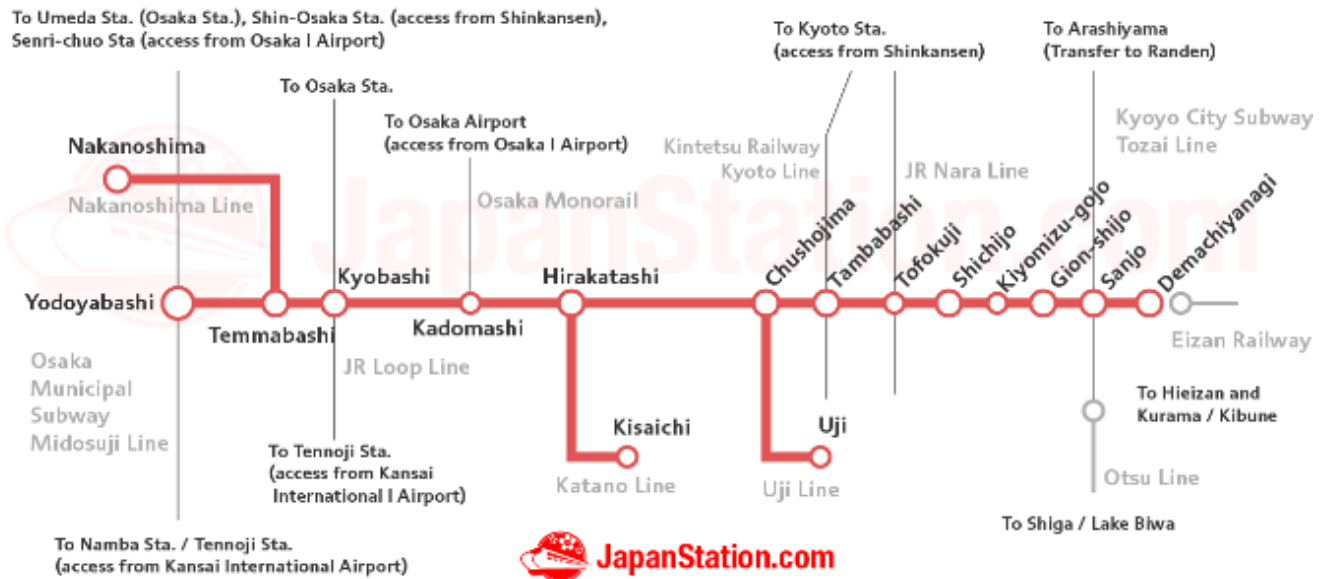
Kyoto: Sagano Scenic Railway (2 hours)

25 minute train ride, departs hourly 9am-5pm from Saga-Arashiyama station. Short walk from there to return trains at Umahori station.



Kyoto: Mt. Hiei (4+ hours)

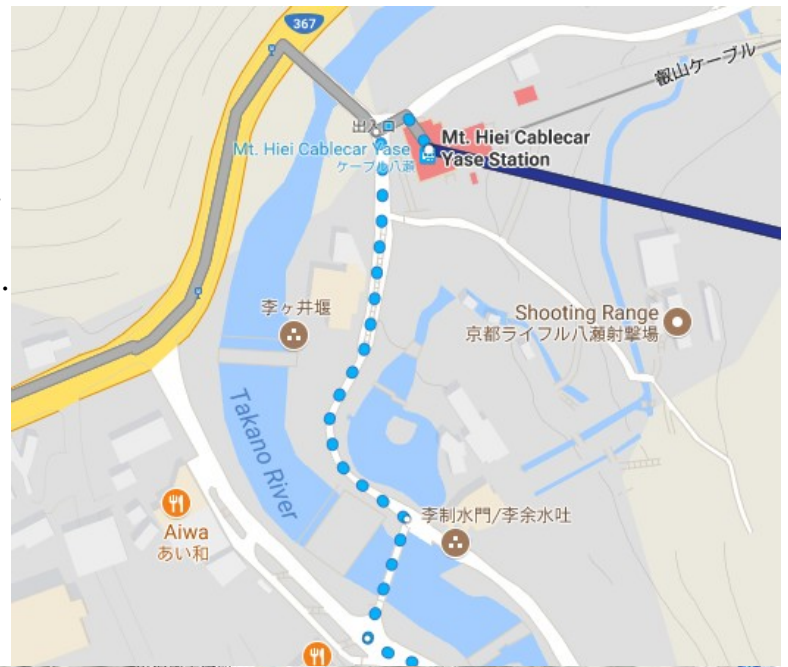
Mt. Hiei is about 1 hours NE of town, and can be accessed through a combination of trains and cable cars or hiking trails. To directly ascend via cable car, take the Keihan Main Line from Shichijo Station to Demachiyanagi, then the Eizan Main Line to Yasaheiezanguchi.



Kyoto: Mt. Hiei (cont.)

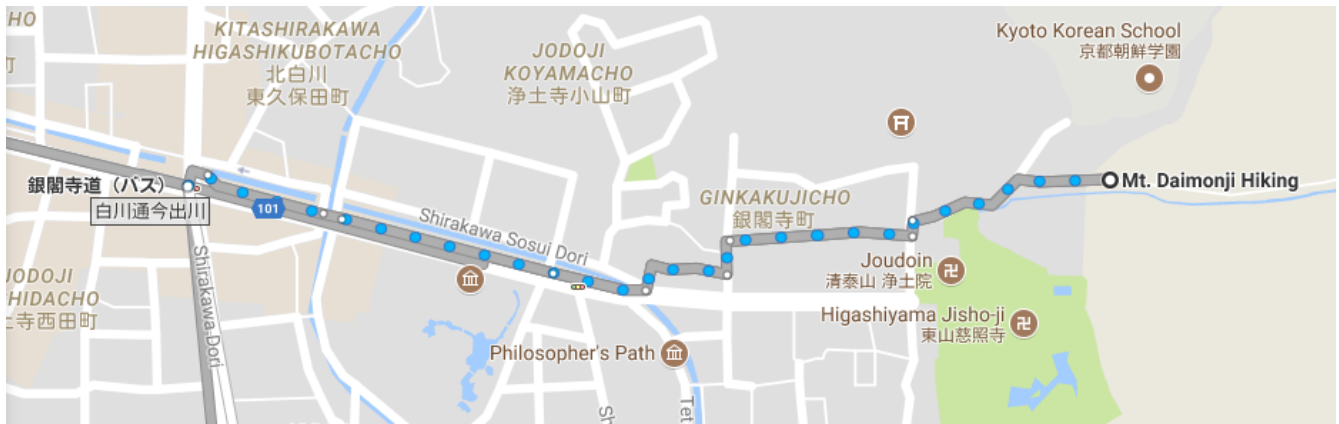
At the top of the cable car is a series of trails. The following topo map suggests it's possible to hike all the way down from here.

Assuming the south end of this is at the Mt. Daimonji trailhead, the following page contains a detail map of this area.



Kyoto: Mt. Hiei (cont.)

The indicated bus route connects to the Karasuma subway line, shown on the map.



Kyoto: Food Near Kyoto Station

1. Sushi no Musashi (寿しのむさし)
Conveyor-belt Sushi
下京区東塩小路高倉町 8-3
Kyoto, 京都府 〒600-8214

Storefront on south side of station, obviously sushi. "Musashi" clearly visible on sign.

2. KYO-CHABANA Kyoto Ekimae (京ちやばな 京都駅前店)
Soba/Okonomiyaki
下京区木津屋橋通烏丸西入東塩小路町 578
まつやビル 1F
下京区, 京都府 〒600-8216

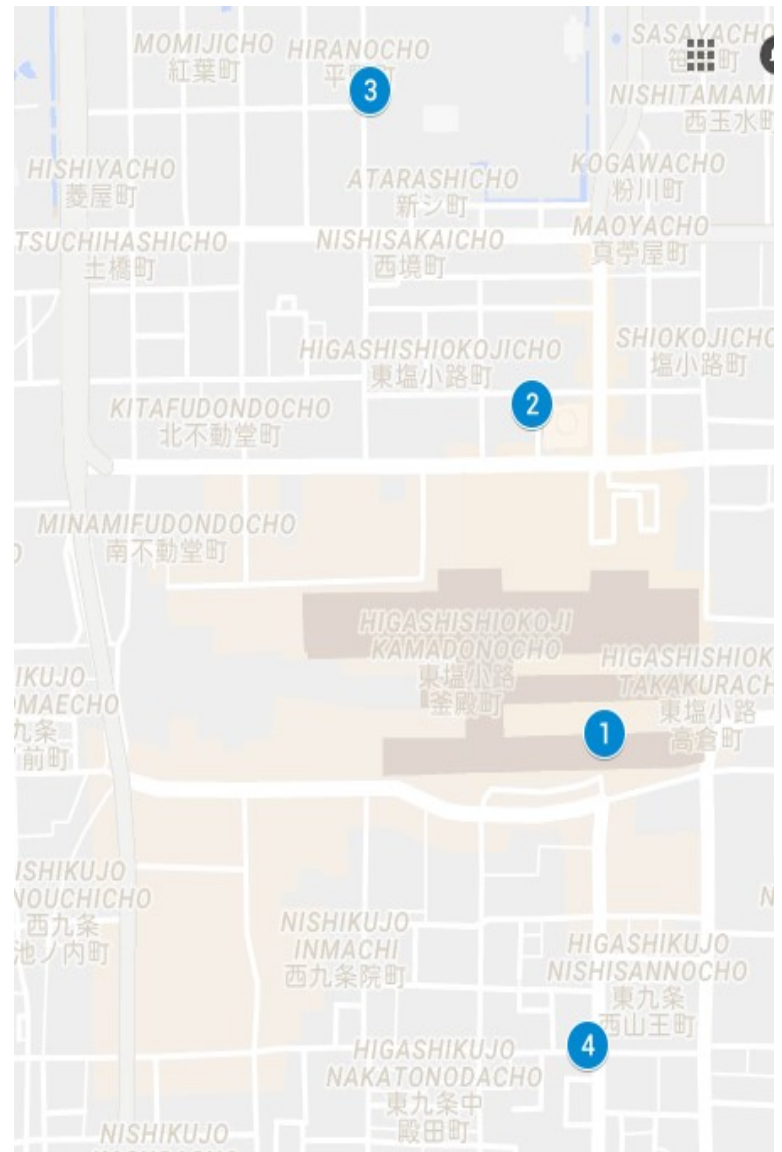
||=\n=||\n||= pattern on door, menu board outside with English.

3. SHIBARAKU Cafe (シバラクカフェ)
Brunch-ish food/coffee
下京区平野町 764-16
Kyoto, 京都府 〒600-8306

Rustic wooden corner storefront, "SHIBA RAKU cafe" in romaji on door.

4. Curry House CoCo Ichibanya(カレーハウスC o C o壱番屋)
Japanese Curry
南区東九条上殿田町 1
Kyoto, 京都府 〒601-8002

Sign: COCO Banner: "Coco-chi Curry We Have Menu in English"



Kyoto: Food Near Kameoka Torokko Station

1. Sushidokoro Sakura (鮨処さくら)
Sushi
篠町馬堀駅前 2-6-11
Kameoka, 京都府 〒621-0828

Sit-down sushi restaurant, sign outside.

2. Gyuraku (牛楽)

Steak

Only interior photos online, no English info. Big sign with cow.



Kyoto: Food Near Mt. Hiei

1. Tsurukisobahieizan (鶴喜そば比叡山店)

Soba

坂本本町 4220

Otsu, 滋賀県 〒520-0116

Basement of either the hotel (easternmost building) or souvenir shop (westernmost building) in this complex.

2. Cafe de Paris (カフェドパリ)

Japanese-style Western Cafe Food

左京区修学院尺羅ヶ谷四明ヶ嶽 4

Kyoto, 京都府 〒606-0000

Part of Garden Museum complex, southern side.



Kyoto: Hotel

Our hotel in Kyoto is immediately northwest of the Kyoto train station. (also visible on the food map)



Osaka: Overview

The Shinkansen stops in Shin-Osaka station, north of this piece of pinterest folk art.



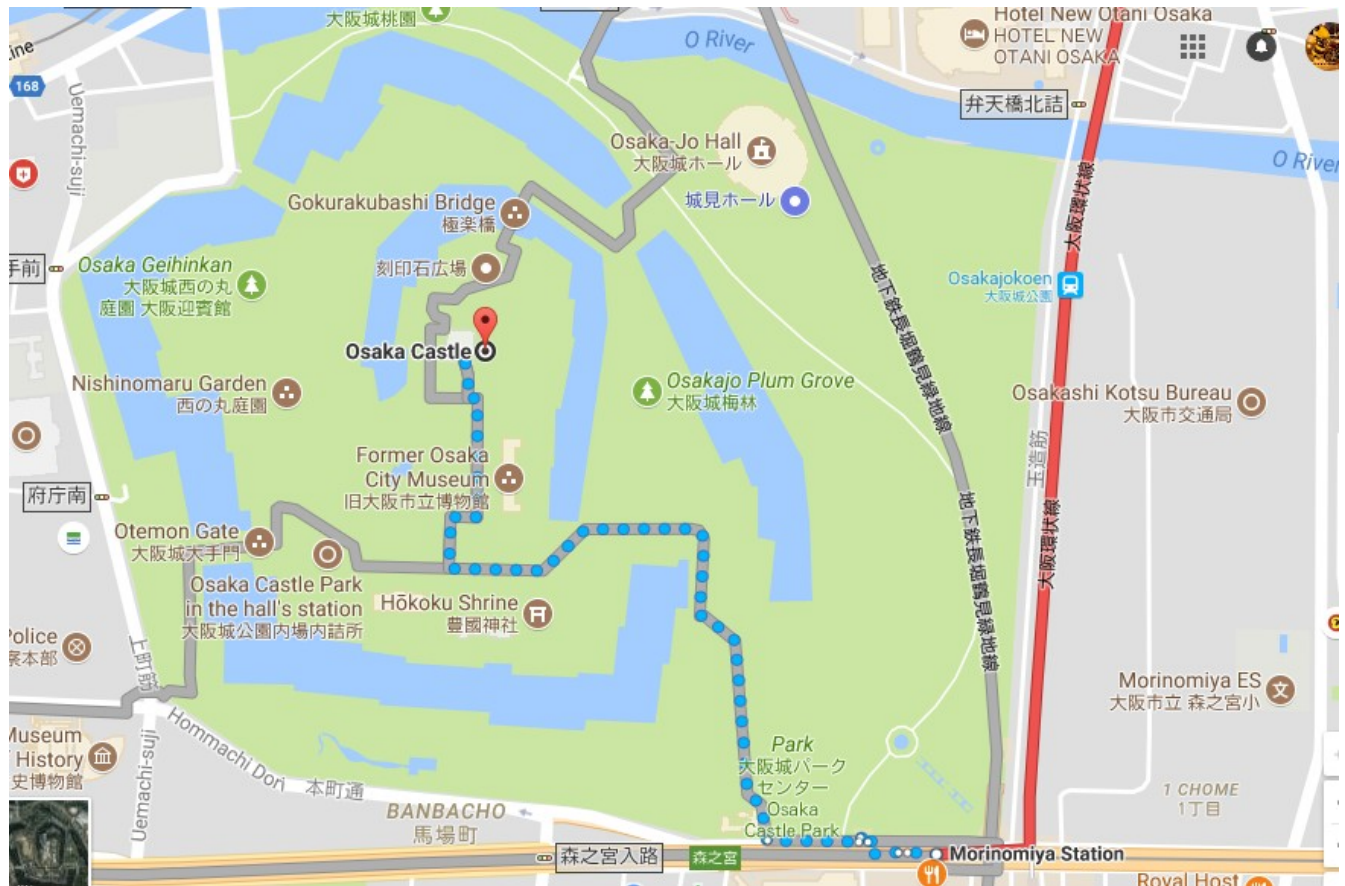
Osaka: Overview (cont.)



Hotel: Near shinsaibashi station 20mins south on the red line from shin-osaka

Osaka: Osaka Castle (2+ hours)

Get off at morinomiya station and enjoy this thing:



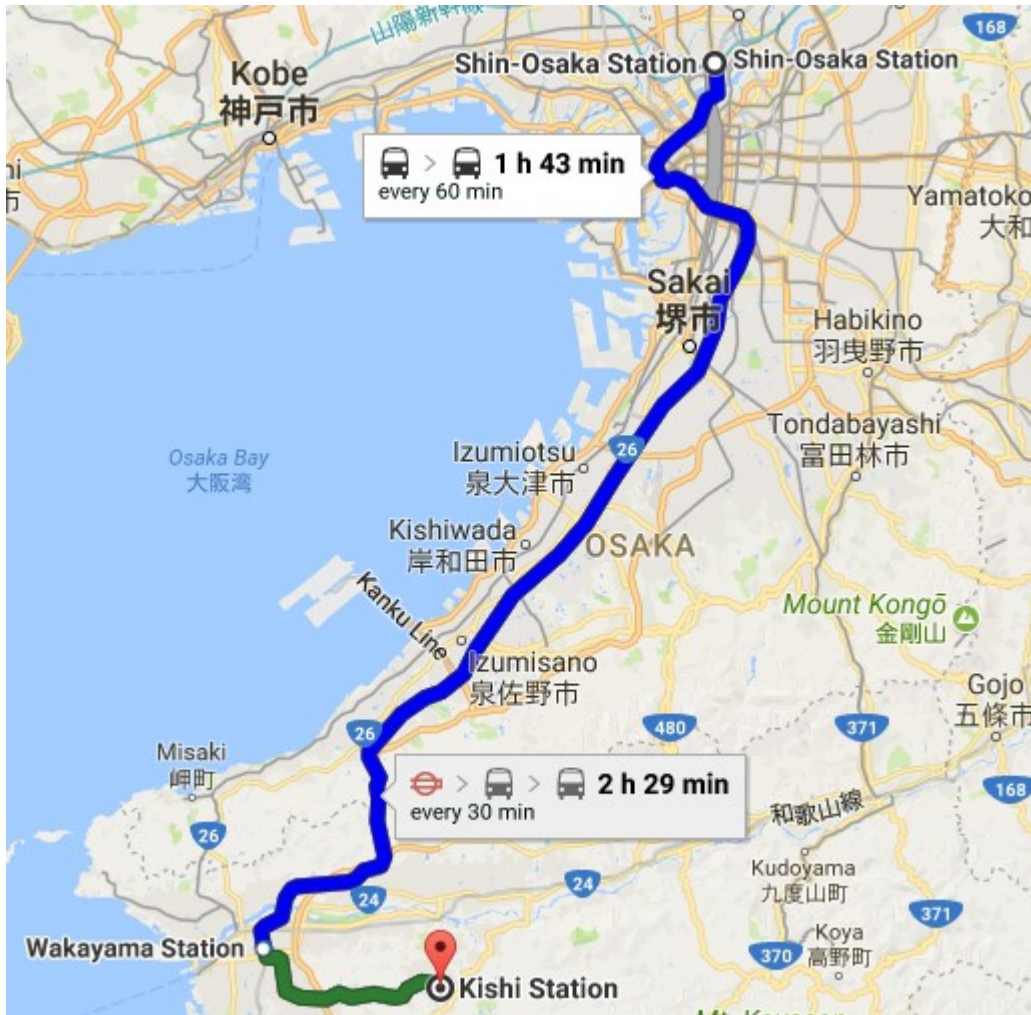
Osaka: Minoo Park (4+ hours)

From Shin-Osaka station, take the subway south to Osaka Station. Walk East over the highway to the adjacent Umeda station and take the Hankyu-Takarazuka line to Ishibashi. Transfer to the Minoo line there. Take this to Minoo station. Walk to falls?



Osaka: Super Station Master (5 hours)

Take the Kuroshio line from Shin-Osaka to Wakayama station (1 hour, JR pass covered).
Take the Wakayama Dentetsu-Kishigawa line to Kishi station (30 mins, possibly not JR pass covered).
Pay our respects.



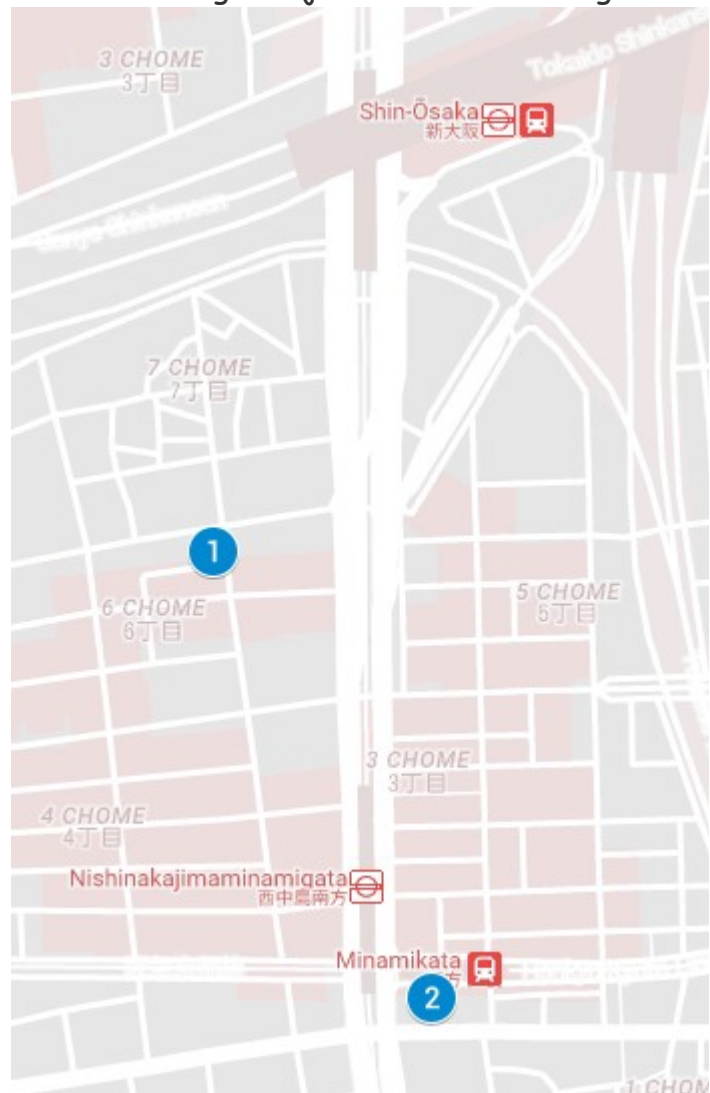
Osaka: Food Near Shin Osaka Station

1. Don-Don (ドンドン)
Korean BBQ
西中島 6 丁目 3-32
第 2 新大阪ビル 1F
大阪市 淀川区, 大阪府 〒532-0011

Romaji sign that says "DoN DoN" next to door.

2. Jinruiminamenrui (人類みな麺類)
Ramen
西中島 1 丁目 12-15
大阪市 淀川区, 大阪府 〒532-0011

Looks like the corner of the white brick building was just removed and a glass double door was installed.



Osaka: Food Near Kishi Station

1. 居酒屋ふくじゅ草
貴志川町 神戸 767-2
Kinokawa, 和歌山県 〒640-0413
2. ほたる茶屋
貴志川町 神戸 767-2
Kinokawa, 和歌山県 〒640-0413

Both of these occupy the southern end of the same 2-story building south of the train station.



Osaka: Capsule Hotel (Capsule Hotel B&s Eco-Cube)

Quick walk from Shinsaibashi station (20 mins south of Shin Osaka on the metro).



Hiroshima

See and Do

1. Fukumachi Elementary School Museum
2. Former Bank of Japan
3. Former Hiroshima Mitsui Bank
4. Pre-Bomb House
5. Hiroshima Castle
6. Gokoku Shrine
7. Hiroshima Children's Museum
8. Hiroshima Museum of Art
9. Hiroshima City Manga Library
10. Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art
11. Hiroshima Prefectural Museum of Art
12. Shukkeien
13. Family Pool
14. Shimizu Theater
15. Nippon Rent-a-Car (Bicycle Rentals)

Buy

1. Best Denki
2. Deodeo
3. Deodeo Neverland
4. Fukuya
5. PARCO
6. SOGO
7. Sunmall
8. Tokyu Hands

Eat

1. Jiblet Import Foods
2. Jononji Mura
3. Okonji Monogatari
4. Ekiuae Hiroba
5. Organ-za
6. Sankanou
7. Tachikoma
8. Cusco Cafe
9. J Cafe
10. Kuroubutaya
11. Nanak
12. No-no Budou
13. Roopaji
14. Shichida Life Cafe
15. Spicy Bar Lali's
16. Creative Sushi Noou
17. Kanawa (Oyster Boat)
18. Shabuchin Shabu Shabu
19. Sumojaya Takabayama

Drink

1. Barcos
2. Kemyb's
3. Kemyb's A.M.
4. Kulcha
5. Mac Bar
6. Molly Malone's
7. Mugen 5610
8. Plum Garden
9. Sacred Spirits
10. The Shack
11. Club Quattro
12. (See Buy: PARCO) Hiroshima Beer Garden (See Buy: Fukuya)

Sleep

1. Aster Plaza
2. K's House
3. Hana Hostel
4. I-Hoppers Trad Guesthouse
5. Business Ryokan Sansui
6. Capsule Inn Hiroshima
7. Hiroshima Town Hotel
8. Minshuku Ikedaya
9. Hotel Active!
10. Chisun Hotel
11. Comfort Hotel Hiroshima
12. Dormy Inn
13. Hiroshima Grand Intelligent Hotel
14. Hiroshima Intelligent Hotel Annex
15. Toyoko Inn Heiwa Odori
16. Via Inn
17. Aoi Ryokan
18. ANA Crowne Plaza Hiroshima
19. Hotel Granvia Hiroshima
20. Hotel Sunroute Hiroshima
21. Rihiga Royal Hiroshima

Contact

1. Apreco
 2. Futaba@Cafe
 3. Futaba@Cafe
 4. Global Lounge
 5. Hiroshima International Center
- Hiroden tram station
 ASTRAM station (underground)

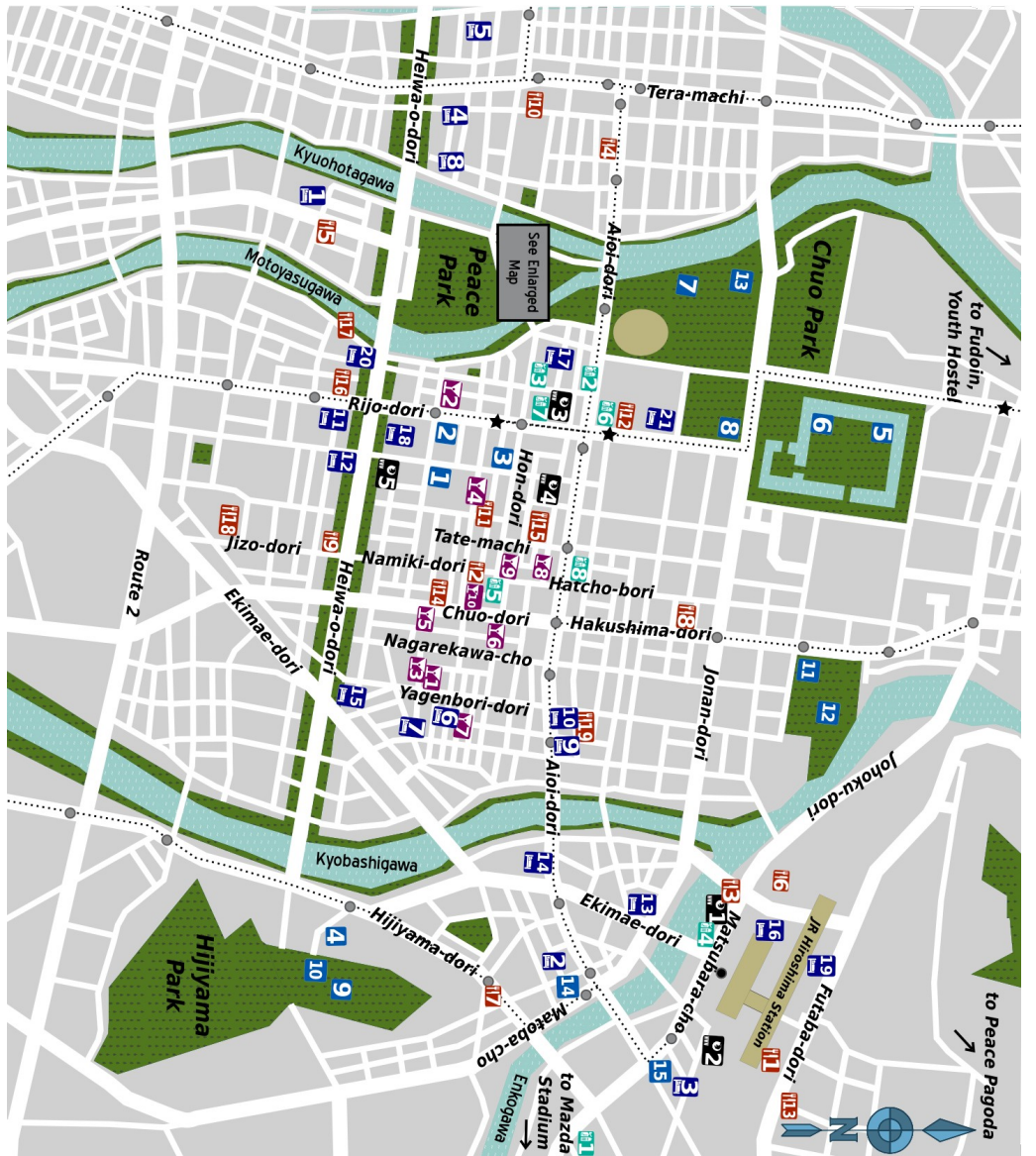
Hiroshima: Overview

Here is a tourist map from WikiTravel.

Peace park inset is on peace park page.

We arrive at 0956 at Hiroshima Station (near 1 and 16 on map)

From there we can walk or take the trolley to the Peace Park/Hiroshima Castle area.



Hiroshima: Peace Park (4+ Hours)

Only a few miles' walk from the station and there's a trolley (dotted lines on map) if we're feeling lazy.

Peace Memorial Park

1. A-Bomb Dome
2. Hypocenter
3. Children's Peace Monument
4. Memorial Tower to the Mobilized Students
5. Monument in Memory of the Korean Victims of the A-Bomb
6. Peace Bell
7. Atomic Bomb Memorial Mound
8. Rest House (formerly Taishoya Kimono Shop)
9. Cenotaph for the A-Bomb Victims
10. Flame of Peace
11. Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims
12. Peace Memorial Museum
13. International Conference Center
14. Fountain of Prayer
15. Statue of Mother and Child in the Storm
16. Gates of Peace
17. Honkawa Elementary School Peace Museum



Hiroshima: Hiroshima Castle (1+ hours)

This is a reconstructed castle containing a museum of antebellum local history. Open 0900-1800, 360 yen fee. Entrances on south and east sides.

Hiroshima: Hiroshima Museum of Art (1+ Hours)

Immediately south of Hiroshima Castle, entrance to the south. 0900-1700

Hiroshima: Suspended Monorail (3 Hours)

Take the Sanyo Line east from Hiroshima station to Midoriguchi Station. Pay the fare and transfer to the Skyrail.

Food: Suspended Monorail

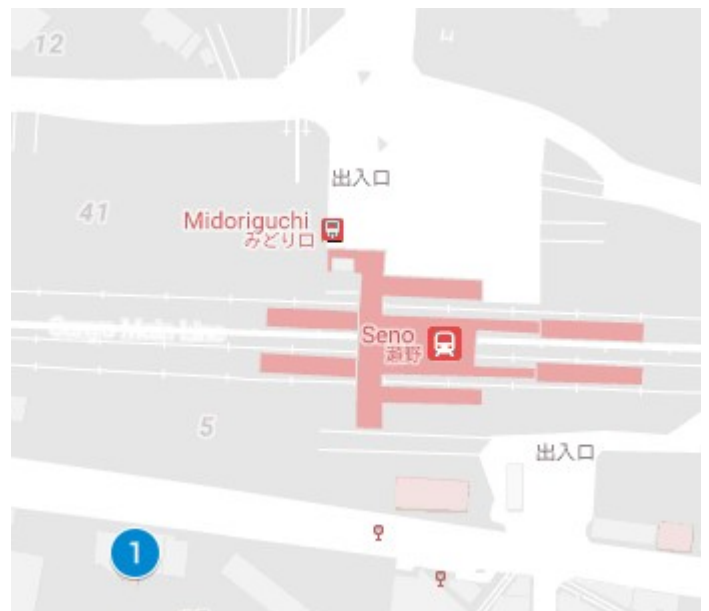
1. 喜作

Sushi Bar

瀬野 1 丁目 15-35

広島市 安芸区, 広島県 〒739-0311

Directly southwest of train station/skyrail origin. Name on sign for parking lot.



Food: Peace Park Area

1. Okonomiyaki Nagataya (お好み焼 長田屋)
Okonomiyaki
中区大手町 1-7-19 1F
Hiroshima, 広島県 〒730-0051

Name on banner/sign with small romaji in lower-right. Rustic-ish wood-ish building.

2. Ekohiiki (エコヒーキ)
Seafood, Izakaya, Okonomiyaki
中区大手町 1-7-20
Hiroshima, 広島県 〒730-0051

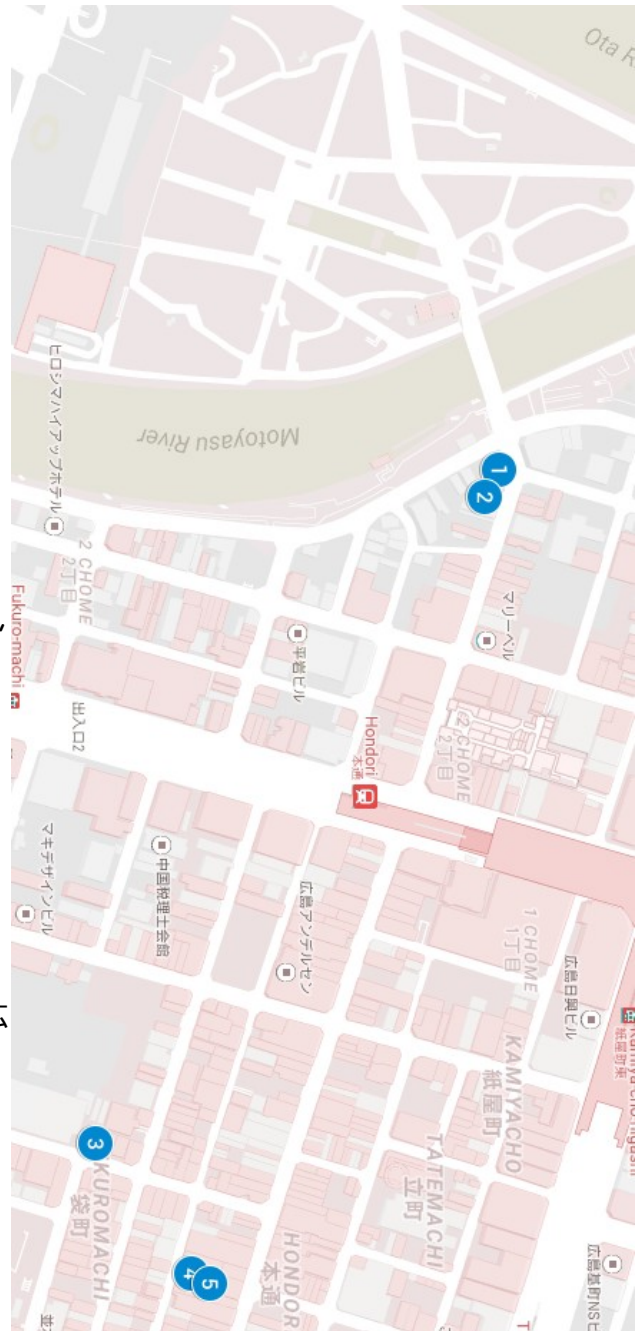
Name on big sign, inset wooden facade, advertises seafood.

3. Graffity (グラフィティ)
Mexican Food
袋町 6-4
広島市 中区, 広島県 〒730-0036

Up the little metal stairs; little sign with the name of the place.

4. Shabuyō Hiroshima Hondōri (しゃぶ葉 広島本通店)
Sukiyaki ("if you love shabu-shabu [hotpot] go here")
中区本通 9-28
Hiroshima, 広島県 〒730-0035

Arch with sign spelled "syabu-yo"



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Hiroshima: Hotel



Getting to Kyoto: (without using the forbidden NOZOMI and MIZUHO trains)
 *** the Yamabiko 204 is a "tohoku shinkansen" on the JR-East website ***

Time	Route
06:24	SENDAI(MIYAGI/JR)  [Departure track No.13] Station timetable Add to favorite
[132 Min]	 SHINKANSEN YAMABIKO 204 Train timetable Interval timetable
08:36 09:03	TOKYO  [Arrival track No.22 / Departure track No.14] Station timetable Add to favorite
[162 Min]	 SHINKANSEN HIKARI 465 Train timetable Interval timetable
11:45	KYOTO  [Arrival track No.14] Add to favorite

Sendai	06:24
Shiroishizao	
Fukushima	06:46
Koriyama	07:04
Shin-Shirakawa	07:16
Nasushiobara	07:27
Utsunomiya	07:42
Oyama	07:53
Omiya	08:11
Ueno	08:31
Tokyo	08:36

Stations		H
Tokyo	東京	903
Shinagawa	品川	910
Shin-Yokohama	新横浜	922
Odawara	小田原	✓
Atami	熱海	✓
Mishima	三島	948
Shin-Fuji	新富士	✓
Shizuoka	静岡	1010
Kakegawa	掛川	✓
Hamamatsu	浜松	1036
Toyohashi	豊橋	✓
Mikawa-Anjo	三河安城	✓
Nagoya	名古屋	1109
Gifu-Hashima	岐阜羽島	✓
Maibara	米原	✓
Kyoto	京都	1146
Shin-Osaka	新大阪	1202
Shin-Kobe	新神戸	1215
Nishi-Akashi	西明石	1231
Himeji	姫路	1246
Aoi	相生	1303
Okayama	岡山	1319
Shin-Kurashiki	新倉敷	✓
Fukuyama	福山	✓
Shin-Onomichi	新尾道	✓
Mihara	三原	✓
Higashi-Hiroshima	東広島	✓

Getting to Osaka:

Osaka is one stop down the line from Kyoto.

Getting to Hiroshima:

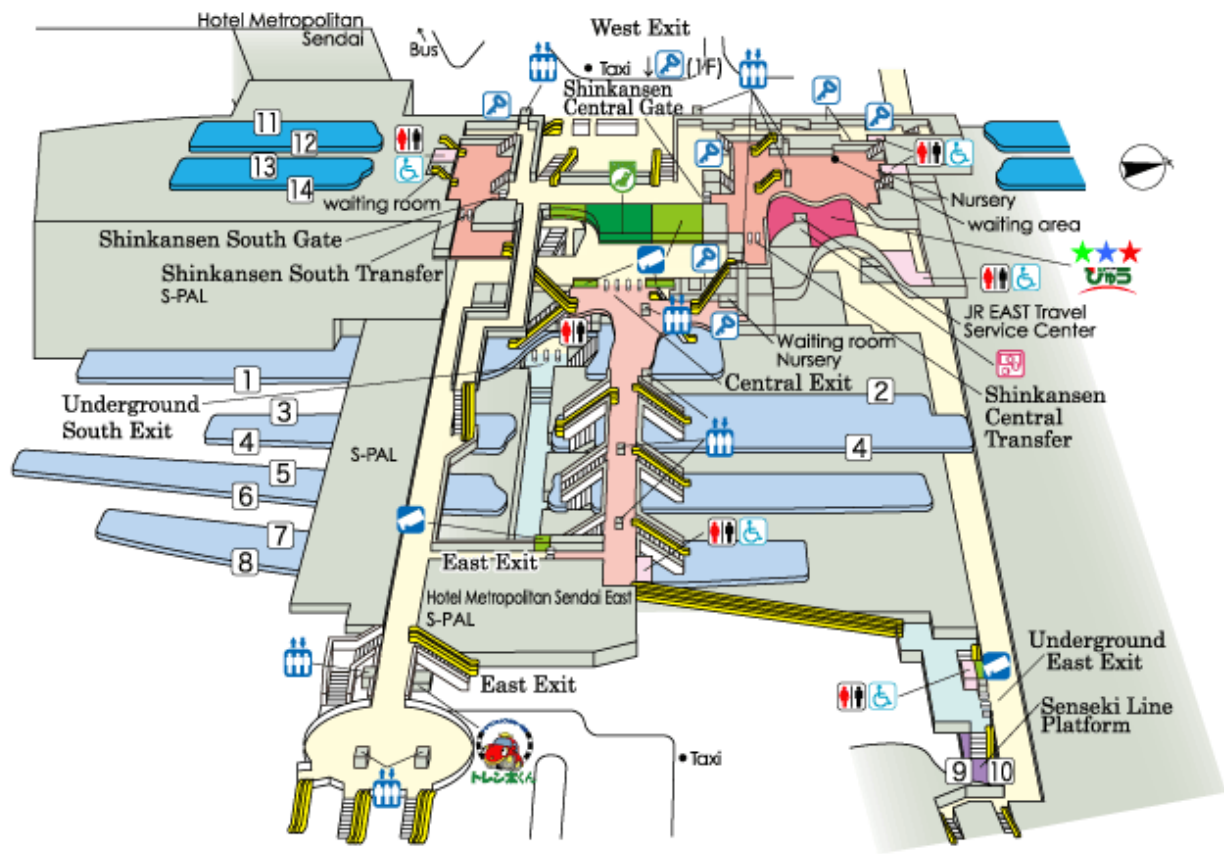
Hiroshima is end-of-line for the 493.

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[12 Min]	 SHINKANSEN HIKARI 493 Train timetable Interval timetable
08:12	SHIN-OSAKA [Arrival track No.21] Add to favorite

Time	Route
08:14	SHIN-OSAKA [Departure track No.21] Station timetable Add to favorite
[102 Min]	 SHINKANSEN HIKARI 493 Train timetable Interval timetable
09:56	HIROSHIMA [Arrival track No.12] Add to favorite

Stations		H
		493
Tokyo	東京	Lv.
Shinagawa	品川	Lv.
Shin-Yokohama	横浜	Lv.
Odawara	小田原	Lv.
Atami	熱海	Lv.
Mishima	三島	Lv.
Shin-Fuji	新富士	Lv.
Shizuoka	静岡	Lv.
Kakegawa	掛川	Lv.
Hamamatsu	浜松	Lv.
Toyohashi	豊橋	Lv.
Mikawa-Anjo	米原	Lv.
Nagoya	名古屋	Lv.
Gifu-Hashima	岐阜羽島	Lv.
Maibara	米原	Lv.
Kyoto	京都	Lv.
Shin-Osaka	新大阪	Lv.
Shin-Kobe	新神戸	Lv.
Nishi-Akashi	西明石	Lv.
Himeji	姫路	Lv.
Aoi	相生	Lv.
Okayama	岡山	Lv.
Shin-Kurashiki	新倉敷	Lv.
Fukuyama	福山	Lv.
Shin-Onomichi	新尾道	Lv.
Mihara	三原	Lv.
Higashi-Hiroshima	広島東	Lv.
Hiroshima	広島	Lv.
Shin-Iwakuni	新岩国	Lv.
Tokuyama	徳山	Lv.
Shin-Yamaguchi	新山口	Lv.
Asa	厚狭	Lv.
Shin-Shimonoseki	新下関	Lv.
Kokura	小倉	Lv.
Hakata(Fukuoka)	博多(福岡)	Ar.
Kumamoto	熊本	Ar.
Kagoshima-Chuo	鹿児島中央	Ar.

Sendai rail station map:



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Platform Guidance

1-6 Tohoku Line

Senseki-Tohoku Line

Joban Line

Sendai Airport Transit

7 8 Senzan Line

9 10 Senseki Line

11 12 13 14 Tohoku, Akita, Hokkaido Shinkansen

Kyoto rail station map

