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KANSAI, JAPAN

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Major Famous Places in Kansai

Osaka Prefecture, Osaka City, Sakai City, Kyoto Prefecture, Kyoto City, Hyogo Prefecture, Kobe City, Nara Prefecture, Shiga Prefecture, Wakayama Prefecture, Mie Prefecture, Fukui Prefecture, Tottori Prefecture, Tokushima Prefecture

Check out places that are just full of Kansai charms!

(The travel times are from Osaka Station, not including train transfer times.)







- Osaka Station——Tottori Station——Tottori Sand Dunes (JR Limited Express Super Hakuto - City Bus) ¥7,600
- Osaka Station-——-Kinosakionsen Station (JR Limited Express Kounotori)

¥5,700

- (JR Special Rapid Service - City Bus)
- 4 Osaka Station JR Express Bus Terminal——Naruto Koen-guchi (JR Express Bus Awa Express)
- 5 Osaka Station- -Shin-Osaka Station--Okayama Station (JR Kyoto Line - Shinkansen - JR Limited Express Nampu) ¥10,340







about 1 hour





Kvoto



Kyoto

Nara Station

Shiga

Taisha

about 40 minutes

Nara Park

about 1 hour



Hikone Castle

about **1.5** hours



HOKKAIDO

¥5.680

- Osaka Station- Sannomiya Station- -Minato Motomachi Station
- (JR Special Rapid Service Kobe Municipal Subway about 10 minute walk) ¥620
- (JR Osaka Loop Line Outer Loop about 20 minute walk) ¥160
- (JR Osaka Loop Line Inner Loop - JR Limited Express Haruka) ¥2.400
- (JR Osaka Loop Line Inner Loop - JR Hanwa Line - about 5 minute walk)
- (JR Limited Express Thunderbird - City Bus) ¥7.480
- ¥1.980 (JR Special Rapid Service - about 15 minute walk)
- (JR Special Rapid Service - JR Nara Line - about 5 minute walk) ¥860
- Osaka Station-——Nara Station-——Todaijidaibutsuden-kasugataisha-mae (JR Yamatoji Line Rapid Service - City Bus) ¥1,030
- (walk - Osaka Metro - walk - Kintetsu Limited Express - City Bus) ¥4.060
- Osaka Station-——Tennoji Station-——Kii-Katsuura Station ----Nachi-no-Taki-mae (JR Osaka Loop Line Inner Loop – JR Limited Express Kuroshio – City Bus) ¥7.650
- (JR Osaka Loop Line Inner Loop - JR Limited Express Kuroshio - City Bus)







Mie

Ise Jingu

about 2 hours

THE EXCITING KANSAI The KANSAI contains the real undiscovered Japan.

Visit the undiscovered Kansai attractions that will enchant you.



In addition to the key cities like Osaka, Kyoto, Kobe and Nara, the Kansai region has many other appealing destinations. There, you can experience

the traditions, myths, artistic and food cultures, etc. that local people have been fostering and promoting over a long period of history. Make little side trips to stay there and enjoy hands-on experiences and local specialties as well as to find out something new and different. We hope you will know more about Japan. Here are eight

locations of charm to invite you and excite you.





Kanazawa





Kansai's four big cities ingrained in traditions and cultures

Osaka

Thanks to its water transportation system, the water capital progressed economically and became a gateway, both domestic and international, and a big commercial town.



In the Kansai region with some former capitals for longer than 1000 years, various things traditional and cultural are still preserved. In the ancient capital Kyoto and mercantile city Osaka as well as another ancient capital Nara and port town Kobe, you can relish the charms of Kansai. As tourist destinations, they have lots of attractions to draw many people.

Kobe

For its trade-oriented economy from old times, the port town is also famous for trendy appeals blended sophisticatedly with things Western.







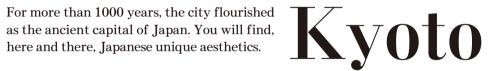








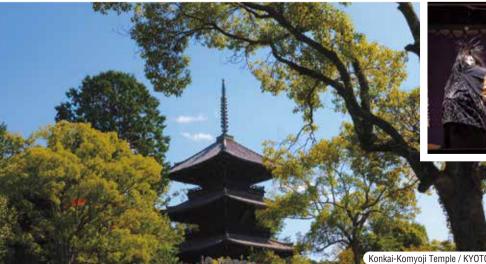






Being an eighth-century capital full of historical and romantic elements, the city preserves many world-class Buddhist buildings and other cultural assets.

Nara



















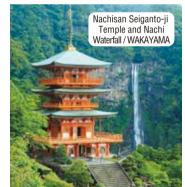
KII PENINSULA

Wakayama / Nara / Mie



Kumano Kodo for religious pilgrimage to spiritual roots

This peninsula has some of Japan's spiritual places. The pilgrimage route Kumano Kodo leads to Kumano Hongu Taisha shrine, which lots of people visited for salvation. Why don't you follow the footsteps of ancient pilgrims to experience the mystical force?





Daimonzaka Slope / WAKAYAMA

Koyasan / WAKAYAMA







ISE and NARA

Nara / Mie

Ama Hut Hachiman / MIE

Historical and romantic trips in mythical and ancient worlds

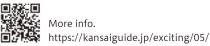
The area includes sites from Ise, where the highest Shinto shrine Ise Jingu is located, to Nara, where you will find a large number of venerable Buddhist temples. Follow in the steps in mythical, ancient and medieval ages. Many other things historical are ancient tombs, sumo wrestling, sake, female divers, etc.



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WEST BANK of LAKE BIWA and HOKURIKU Shiga / Fukui

EAST BANK OF LAKE BIWA and MIE Shiga / Mie/ Fukui

Take your time for waterscape with many lakes and mountains

Japan's largest lake Biwa and the mountains west of the lake provide people with plenty of spring water. Water has been backing up sake brewing and fermented food. The lakes and mountains are still important for religious pilgrimage. Experience the magnificent view of Lake Biwa and local people's life.









Trip to the ancient samurai land and current craftsmanship sites

Close to Kyoto, lots of samurai warriors came and went. Some ninja communities are still known and conserved. Armor, ceramics, Japanese paper, knives and other traditional crafts were developed and currently glasses and other modern goods are produced. Enjoy the craftmanship country with a long period of history.



















HARIMA

Hyogo

Look at the elegant Himeji Castle and down the road to Kvoto

Now 400 years old, the castle is still graceful. Also known as the Egret Castle, the fortress protected the strategic spot for its roads to the capital and the sea routes to the port. Along the highroads where samurai warriors swaggered about, swordsmiths and sake brewers boosted their business. Experience rich culture of the country.

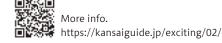












AWAJISLAND and TOKUSHIMA Hyogo / Tokushima / Wakayama



Cross the bridge onto the island from which Japan was born

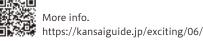
According to legend, Japan was built, starting with the birth of Awaji Island. The surrounding waters get whirled and the landscape changes face dramatically. The world's longest suspension bridge serves to connect the main island with Shikoku. Joruri, the Japanese-style puppet play, was also handed on to the next generations. Get to Japan's first-born island















TAMBA

Hyogo / Kyoto



Take an excursion for the land of harvest

This country is blessed with Mother Nature for agricultural activities. Crops with the name "Tamba" are available even today. Kyotamba served the ancient capital with its produce and lumbers, whereas the castle town Tamba–Sasayama was prosperous for transport. You will find prototypic Japanese landscape also for soothing and bountiful nature.







Hohokabe Shrine Gion Festival / HYOGO

SAN-IN COAST

Tottori / Hyogo / Kyoto

Go for an outing to the shoreline's beauty and bounties

With the highland just close the sea and the intricate terrain, the landscape looks beautiful. It includes a large dune. The harvest from the sea makes for a fishing industry and a unique cuisine culture. Peaceful life continues with spectacular nature. Join us for quiet hours and days.

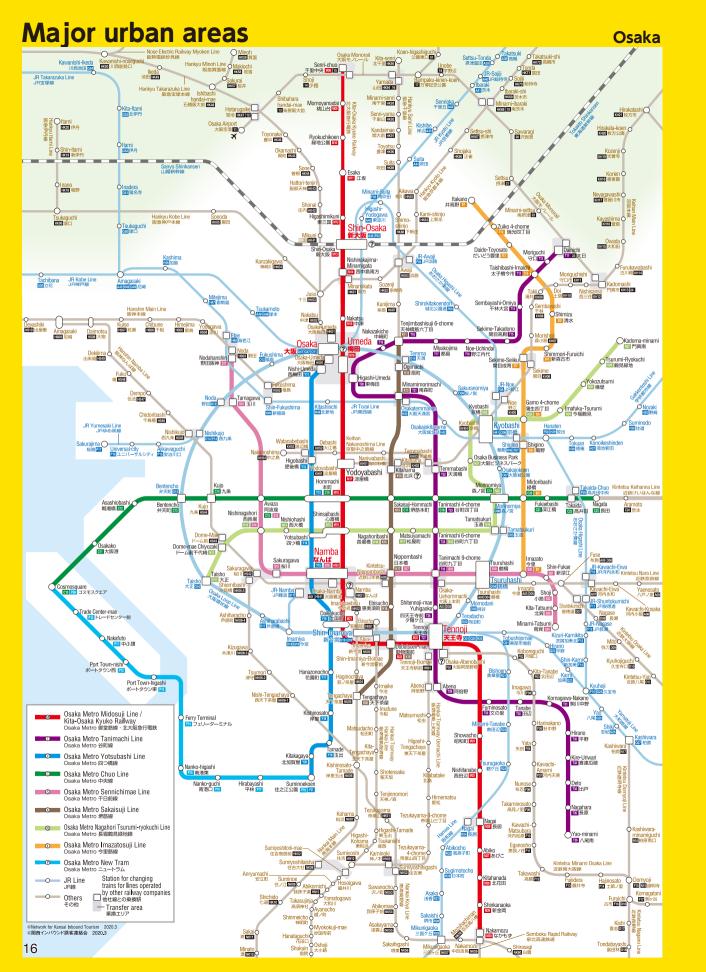


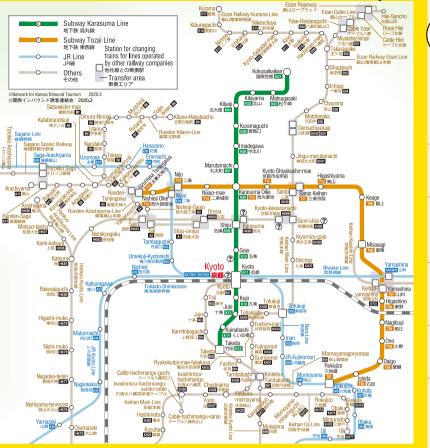
















OSAKA

Kyoto

▶ Kansai Tourist Information Center Kansai International Airport

Central 1F, Terminal 1 Building, Kansai International Airport Hours 07:00 - 22:00 Open daily Tel. 072-456-6160

▶ Osaka Metro & City Bus Information & Inquiries Hotline

Hours 08:00 - 21:00 Open daily Tel. 06-6582-1400 * Telephone enquiries only

▶ Tourist Information OSAKA

Travel Service Center OSAKA, Central Concourse, 1F, JR Osaka Station Hours 07:00 - 23:00 Open daily Ticket sales 08:00 - 22:00

▶ Tourist Information NAMBA

1F. Nankai Namba Station 09:00 - 20:00 *10:00 - 18:00 on Dec.31 - Jan.3

▶ Hankyu Tourist Center, OSAKA-UMEDA

1F, Hankyu Osaka-umeda Station Hours 08:00 - 17:00 Open daily

▶ Abeno Harukas Tourist Information Counter

3.5F, Wing Building, Kintetsu Dept. Store Closed on Jan. 1 Tel. 06-6625-2021

KYOTO

► Kyoto Tourist Information Center (Kyo Navi)

2F, Kyoto Station Building Hours 08:30 - 19:00 Open daily Tel. 075-343-0548

► Kansai Tourist Information Center Kyoto

3F, Kyoto Tower Hours 10:00 - 18:00 Open daily (Closed from Dec. 30 to Jan. 3) Tel. 075-341-0280

▶ Hankyu Tourist Information Center, Kyoto B1, Hankyu Kyoto-kawaramachi Station

Hours 08:30 - 17:00 Open daily

▶ Keihan Tourist Information Center. Gionshijo

B1 Keihan Gion-shiio Station Hours 09:30 - 18:30

KOBE

▶ Kobe Information Center

The South of JR Sannomiya Station East Gate, and downstairs of Port Liner Sannomiya Station Hours 09:00 - 19:00 (Dec. 31 - Jan. 2 09:00 - 15:00) Open daily Tel. 078-322-0220

Business hours may vary depending on the infection spread situation. For the latest information, visit the website or contact the local Information Center.

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Features of railways in Japan

- To board trains, you need to buy a paper ticket or an IC card with a sufficient balance of cash value added in advance.
- On some limited express trains, you must have a limited express ticket in addition to the regular boarding ticket.
- On some limited express trains, all seats are reserved. The seat number and car number are noted on the reserved seat ticket.

Buy a ticket (boarding ticket) or an IC card

There are two ways to buy tickets or IC cards: purchase from station staff at the window, or purchase using the ticket vending machines.

How to use the ticket vending machines

OBuying a ticket

- 1. Check the fare to the destination station on the fare schedule posted above the vending machines.
- 2. Put enough cash for this fare into the machine, and push the button indicating the fare to the destination. Don't forget to take any change for

OBuying an IC card (In case of ICOCA)

- 1. Messages will appear in English if you push the "English" button on the screen.
- 2. Push "IC card purchase" on the screen.
- 3. Insert 2,000 yen in cash. There is a deposit charge of 500 yen for the card. You can use the balance of 1,500 yen as e-money.
- * The deposit (500 yen) is returned when the card is returned.

Going through the ticket gate



In almost all stations, the ticket gates are automatic. You can go through them by inserting the paper ticket into the slot or passing the IC card over the reader

How to add value to your IC card (using a machine)

- 1. Insert your card into the card holder on the upper right part
- 2. Select the desired additional amount of value from the amounts displayed on the
- 3. Insert cash for the amount you
- 4. Take the card with the amount

The procedure may differ with the machine. Please ask the staff if you have any problems.



About IC cards

By adding enough cash value to the card for your rides in advance, you can ride trains, subways, buses, and certain other

means of transport with the IC card. It is very convenient, because you

simply pass it over the IC card

reader when boarding and

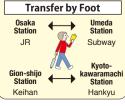
Go to the right platform for the train you want to ride

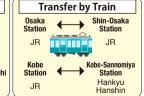
On the train information panel, etc., check the number of the platform for your train and the number of the boarding door, and stand in line at the corresponding place. When the train arrives, let all of the people exiting go out first, and then board in single file, in the same order as the line.

Check the time This sign displays at which the the train that will train you want to be arriving on the ride is scheduled platform next. Wait at the markers for the train car doors.

Transfer Trivia: Station Names

Stations with similar names may actually be far apart, and there are stations with different names that are within walking distance of each other.





Types of trains

Japanese trains have different designations depending on the railway company. They include "limited express," "rapid " and "express " In addition, even trains going in the same direction may stop at different stations. In the case of some limited express trains, you must pay an extra charge in addition to the regular fare. If you have any doubts, please check with the station staff.



Kansai Railway Transfer Guide (Basement Floor Map)

Osaka Area

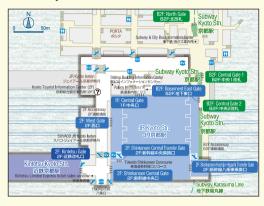
Osaka Metro: Umeda, Nishi-Umeda, Higashi-Umeda Stn., Hanshin: Osaka-Umeda Stn., Hankvu: Osaka-umeda Stn., JR-West: Osaka Stn., Kitashinchi Stn. Transfer Guide



Osaka Metro: Namba Stn., Kintetsu/Hanshin: Osaka-Namba Stn., Nankai: Namba Stn., JR-West: JR-Namba Stn. Transfer Guide Osaka-Namba Str 大阪難波駅

Kvoto Area

Subway: Kyoto Stn., Kintetsu: Kyoto Stn., JR-West: Kyoto Stn. Transfer Guide



Kobe Area

Subway: Sannomiya Stn., Sannomiya-Hanadokei-mae Stn., Hankvu: Kobe-Sannomiva Stn..

Hanshin: Kobe-Sannomiya Stn., Port Liner: Sannomiya Stn., JR-West: Sannomiva Stn. Transfer Guide



Legend

Tourist Information 観光案内所

Ticket gate Ш 改札.口

Escalators Tスカレータ-Elevators エレベーター

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Aboveground floor 地上階

> Underground passage 地下通路

Railway line 鉄道線(地上)

Railway line 鉄道線(地下

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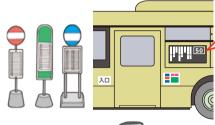


Features of Japanese buses

- To board a bus, you must have cash, a ticket, or an IC card. (IC cards cannot be used on some bus lines.)
- ●Do not attempt to pay the bus fare with big-denomination bills (5,000 or 10,000 yen). Some buses do not give change for fare payments. You can pay more smoothly if you prepare sufficient small change
- The fare schedule differs with the area and bus company. Some apply a uniform fare, and others, a zone-based fare. Similarly, passengers pay when boarding in some cases and when exiting in others.
- There are generally different service schedules for weekdays, Saturdays, and holidays. Make sure that you are not looking at the wrong schedule for the day in guestion.

Points when boarding buses

In bus boarding areas, the boarding spot (bus stop) varies with the destination. The bus line number is displayed above the driver's seat and on the side of the bus. Make sure that the bus you are boarding will go to your destination. One door is used only for boarding, and the other, only for exiting. The location (front or rear) depends on the bus.



Depending on the bus, the passengers pay either when boarding or when exiting. If a numbered ticket is dispensed when you board, take it. If you plan to pay the fare with an IC card, pass it over the reader when you board. If you pay with cash, first put the cash into the fare box and then the numbered ticket.



Points when exiting buses

When your bus stop is next, notify the driver of your intention to exit by pushing the exit button by your seat or on a railing. If passengers pay when they exit, check the fare for the number on the ticket you received when boarding. and prepare the amount of cash to pay it. When exiting, put the cash and numbered ticket into the fare box. If you are paying by IC card, hold it over the reader. Get off the bus slowly in order,, and keep your place in the line of passengers waiting to exit.



If no passenger pushes this will not stop at the next bus stop.

If a numbered ticket is dispensed, check the fare for the number on the ticket you have.

The number

displayed on

the front and

side of the bus

is the bus line





Features of taxicabs in Japan

- Cash and credit cards are accepted for payment of the fare. Some credit cards may not be accepted by some companies. Please check with the driver when boarding
- ●There is a flat fare for a ride up to a certain distance (e.g., 640 yen for the first 2 kilometers). You must pay this fare even if you ride for a shorter distance.
- In Japan, you do not have to tip the driver.

Points when boarding taxicabs

Many taxicabs are lined up waiting for customers in the vicinity of stations and by hotels, etc. You may also hail a taxicab going down the street. In Japan, taxicabs come in different automobile models and colors. They can be spotted by the light on the roof. If the light is on, it means the taxicab is empty.

The driver operates the taxicab doors, which open and close automatically. Normally, the passenger sits on the left side of the back seat. If there are many passengers, one may sit in the front seat, next to the driver. The door for the front seat is opened by hand.



The taxicah is empty if the light on top is lit.

This kind of sign is displayed at the taxicab boarding area.

The doors open automatically Do not try and open them vourself.



Points when exiting taxicabs

The fare is indicated on the meter. Once you pay it by cash or credit card, the door on the left side will automatically open. Do not open the door on the right side, from which it would be dangerous to exit. Get off the taxicab slowly and carefully. Before exiting, make sure vou do not forget anything.



The door also opens and closes automatically when exiting. Do not try and open it vourself.

Learn Japanese etiquette!



In public transport facilities

Avoid talking on a mobile phone or conversing in a loud voice on trains or buses.





In buffet service. take no more food than you can eat.

In Japan, you do not have to tip. It is not customary either for wait staff to accept tips.



Wash your whole body off before getting into the bath.



Do not put vour towel into the water in the bath.

Hot springs and

public baths





Restrooms

Do not get up on the toilet seat.



After using toilet paper, flush it down the toilet. Throw any other rubbish into the bin in the restroom.





Names and marks for restrooms

In Japan, the word used for restrooms may change. depending on the location and



The mark on signs indicating restrooms is generally as shown at left, but there are other types of marks as well.



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When a disaster strikes

Speak to Japanese

Talk to Japanese around you by using this support tool in case of a disaster.

By preparing pen and paper, you will be able to have smoother communication.

Enalish Should I stay here? Or should I evacuate?

Is there any risk of Tsunami around here? Was a tsunami alert issued?

May I follow you for a while?

What is being announced right now?

I am now going to -. Can I reach under the current conditions?

Can you please show me this site on vour smart phone?

Let's evacuate together. Please follow me.

You had better stay here for a while.

Please wait a minute, I will check the information.

Sorry, I can't tell you because I don't have any clear information yet.

分かる範囲で、お手伝いをお願いします。ただし、答えがご自 身も分からない場合は、はっきりとお伝えください。下段は、回 答の際に指を差してご利用ください。

話しかけられた日本人の方へ

日本語

ここで待機すべきですか? どこかに避難した方がいいですか?

このあたりで、津波がくるおそれはありますか? 津波警報は出ていますか?

しばらく、あなたに付いていって、 行動をともにしても良いですか?

今、どういうことがアナウンスされていますか?

私は○○に向かっています。 現在の状況で○○に行くことはできますか?

あなたのスマートフォンで、 このサイトを見せてもらえますか?

いっしょに避難しましょう。付いてきてください。

しばらくこの場で待機するのがよいです。

確かな情報を調べてみますので、 数分お待ちください。

私もまだ状況がよくわからず、 確かなことをお伝えできません。

website https://kansa

Check out

IC card type ticket with special benefits

Just touch the card at the ticket gate and vou're ready to go!

INE PASS



To be used for travel on JR, subways, private railways and buses.

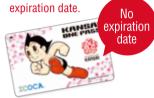
No need to buy a ticket every time you get on the train. The card is rechargeable.



You can use it any time because there is no

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KANSAI ONE PASS





Visit "KANSALONE PASS" site to see the

participating facilities and shops. You may receive discount services by showing KANSAI ONE PASS card.

> for deposit included. With Kansai Railway Network Map



Discount service at many facilities and shops by presenting the card.

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Safty Tips

Free applications for notification of emergency earthquake information. tsunami information, volcanic

eruption bulletins, and information on other meteorological phenomena





JAPAN OFFICIAL TRAVEL APP

Reliable information and navigation to support your travel in Japan





For your safe travel

Browse the following website for any news that may cause delays in transportation services in the Kansai area or

affect your

travel plans.





Emergency telephone number

Check contact information in advance so you can calmly take action in emergencies.

Telephone number to call an ambulance In case of illness or injury

Telephone number to call the police In case of crimes, accidents, etc.

Telephone numbers for notification of lost credit cards

Credit card companies

American Express 0120-020-120 MasterCard 00531-11-3886 Diners Club 0120-074-024 Visa Card 00531-11-1555 0120-794-082 UnionPay 0034-800-800-287



An app for conveniently enjoying travel in the Kansai area.









Main municipal stations

KANSAI Wi-Fi

KANSAI 30,000 Wi-Fi SPOT









Or search for the app in the app store.

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THE EXCITING KANSAI

Traveling in the New Normal

Enjoy traveling while avoiding transmission risks





Don't forget to check the safety protocols for the destination you plan to visit.



Wear a face mask to protect you and people around you.



Refrain from conversation in public transport.



Throughout your travels, always remember to wash your hands.



Skip places when they're crowded. Visit later to enjoy without the crowds.



Smile and nod rather than shaking hands.



Enjoy the food and drink more with less talk.



Practice social distancing for your own peace of mind.



Give yourself a boost with fresh air from outside.



Be a smart traveler. Begin the day with a health check.



Select your souvenirs with your eyes, not your hands.

Thank you for your consideration. Have a safe trip.

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