

Ama is a real slice of Japan, located just 7 minutes from Osaka.

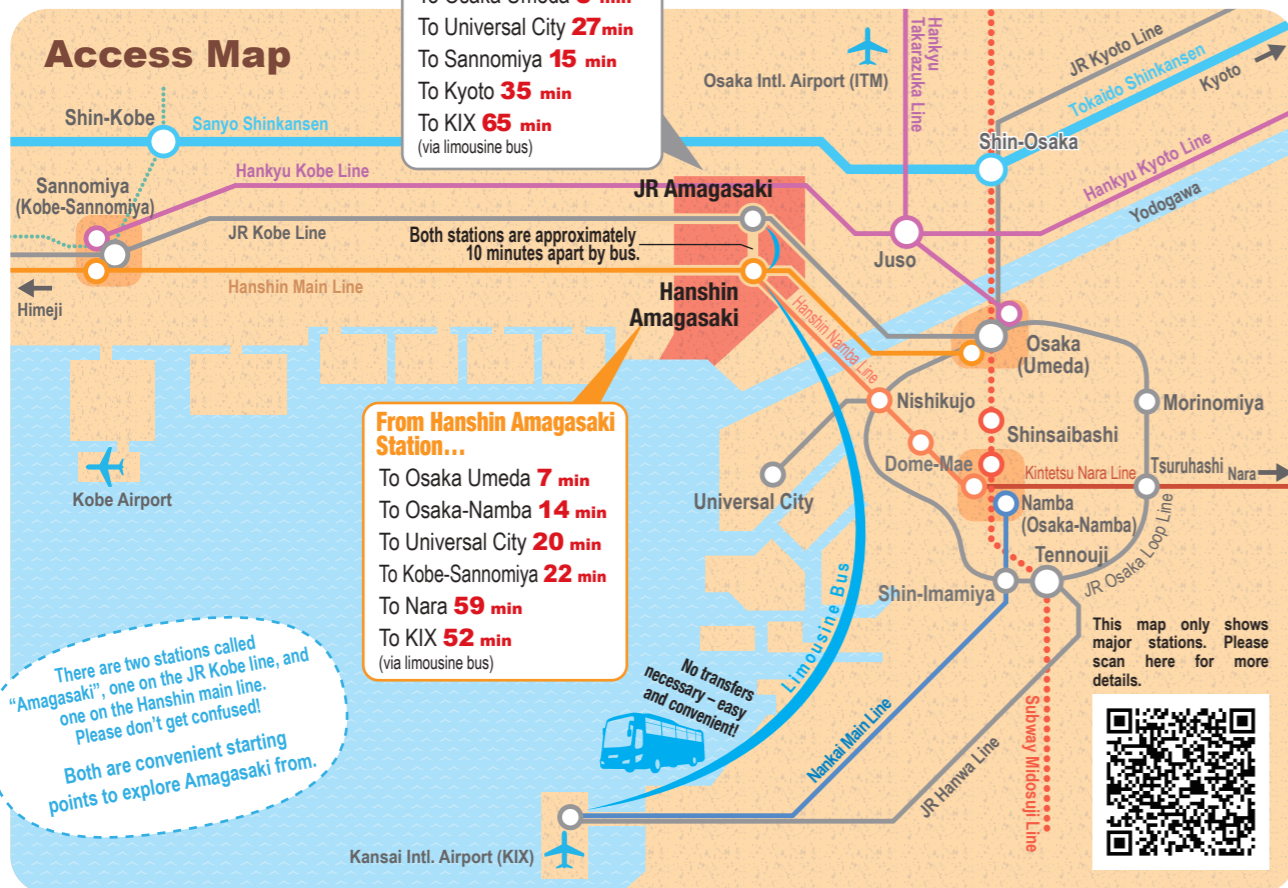
Ama is easily accessed from Umeda, Namba, Universal City, and Kansai International Airport. It's an area that is often overlooked, and isn't often featured in guidebooks, but allows visitors to experience the real Japan.



From JR Amagasaki Station...
 To Osaka Umeda **5 min**
 To Universal City **27 min**
 To Sannomiya **15 min**
 To Kyoto **35 min**
 To KIX **65 min**
 (via limousine bus)

From Hanshin Amagasaki Station...
 To Osaka Umeda **7 min**
 To Osaka-Namba **14 min**
 To Universal City **20 min**
 To Kobe-Sannomiya **22 min**
 To Nara **59 min**
 To KIX **52 min**
 (via limousine bus)

Access Map



There are two stations called "Amagasaki", one on the JR Kobe line, and one on the Hanshin main line. Please don't get confused! Both are convenient starting points to explore Amagasaki from.

Unlimited whole day use of Hanshin Railway. HANSHIN TOURIST PASS



For just ¥500 per ticket, tourists can have unlimited use of the Hanshin and Kobe Rapid Transit Railways for a whole day. This price also includes a free guidebook introducing areas along the line, along with discount coupons. The ticket can be used for sightseeing around Amagasaki, as well as Umeda, Osaka Namba, and Kobe. You can also use it to experience the sake brewery districts of Nishinomiya and Nada, Ashiya – famous for its confectionary stores, and much more!

Where to buy:

Hanshin Railway service counter (within Hanshin Kobe Sannomiya Station), Hankyu Tourist Center Osaka Umeda (within Hankyu Umeda Station), Kansai Tourist Information Center (1st floor, terminal 1, Kansai Intl. Airport) etc.

Please note:

- This ticket is only available for foreign tourists.
- You must present your short-term stay visa upon purchase.
- 1 ticket per person.
- No refunds.

¥500
Only available to foreign tourists

More details can be found here



Guidebook to Amagasaki: Just 7 minutes from Osaka!

English FREE

Welcome to AMAGASAKI

尼崎一家

のおもてなし

Hospitality from the Amagasaki family

It's one of the friendliest cities in Japan, given the nickname "Ama" by locals. We'll introduce you to Amagasaki through one local family.



Food

Down-to-earth local restaurants

If you're going out for dinner with friends or family, why not try one of these famous, cheap restaurants as selected by the Amagasaki family?

I recommend the fried rice!



Ai Amagasaki (22)
The daughter of the family. An office worker who uses the Hanshin Railway to commute to her job in Osaka Namba.

Japan's oldest operating Chinese noodle restaurant!

1 Daikan Honten MAP 1 A-3

In operation for 103 years, this restaurant is thought to be the oldest operating Chinese noodle restaurant in Japan. Famous for its soy sauce, rich soups made from chicken and pork bones, and its delicious homemade egg noodles, this restaurant provides all of its guests with a special experience. We recommend the special fried rice set meal. Chinese and Korean language menus available.
●3-29 Kanda Naka-dori, Amagasaki ☎06-6411-9583
🕒11:30-21:00, closed Wednesdays
(Open public holidays but closed following day)

Try out the delicious egg noodles and soup!
Chinese Soba ¥850



8 pieces of nigiri sushi + side dish inc. red miso soup + free drink ¥1500 (only available evenings)

Fresh, downtown sushi!

2 Ama Zushi MAP 1 A-3

Popular with the locals at night, this restaurant features freshly made sushi crafted by the head chef Mr. Nishiyama. In addition to its downtown atmosphere, there are also menu items available from Mr. Nishiyama's hometown of Kagoshima.
●3-27 Kanda Kita-dori, Amagasaki
☎06-6413-9151
🕒11:00-14:00/17:00-23:00, closed Wednesdays



The atmosphere is purrfect!



Ama (?)
A cat that Ai adopted. Spends his days strolling around the shopping districts and back-alleys, knows everything that's happening in the city.



Fried skewer variety plate ¥480, spring onion & chicken skewers (1) ¥170, sake (large) ¥540 etc.

Over 100 menu items available at a reasonable price!

3 Gonbei Amagasaki Store MAP 1 A-3

Using seasonal ingredients purchased direct from Amagasaki's wholesalers market, this izakaya (Japanese tavern) offers cheap and tasty cuisine. With over 100 menu items available, including fried skewers, sashimi, and sushi, you'll never be stuck for choice! All seats are private booths, making for a relaxing atmosphere. English, Chinese, and Korean menus available.
●2-18 Kanda Naka-dori, Amagasaki ☎06-6413-0550
🕒16:00-24:00 (12:00-23:30 on Sundays and public holidays) Open 365 days Credit cards ok!



Open late at night! An Italian restaurant that prides itself on its comfy atmosphere.

4 Ralipappa Café MAP 1 A-2

Located conveniently in the center of the city, this restaurant has a relaxed atmosphere that lets visitors escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life. It boasts entrees made from organic vegetables, generously sized servings of pizza and pasta, and an extensive menu. It's also open until 3 am, allowing patrons to enjoy either a quiet drink or a proper meal late at night.
●5-117 Showa Minami-dori, Amagasaki ☎06-6430-6886
🕒18:00-3:00 No set holidays Credit cards ok!



Enjoy the flavor of this home-style cuisine with a glass of sake

5 Shoh MAP 2

With an interior based around its expansive counter, this restaurant has a relaxed, at-home atmosphere. Its menu features home-style Korean cuisine and side dishes that match perfectly with the drinks on offer. The owner, Ms. Nakayama, greets all guests warmly and is fluent in Korean. The restaurant also has a supply of hard to find famous Dassai Sake, and an extensive list of other items on offer. Single diners warmly welcomed!
●1-7-5 Nagasu Hon-dori, Amagasaki ☎06-6482-0025
🕒16:00-22:00, closed Sundays and public holidays



Seasoned Korean vegetables ¥200, turban shell delicacy ¥400, steamed pork ¥580, etc.



Exquisite fruit sandwiches, filled with seasonal fruit

7 Coffee House Colombia MAP 1 B-2

This café offers freshly ground coffee and beautifully presented sandwiches from 8 am every morning. We recommend the fruit sandwiches, which are full of fresh, seasonal fruit and whipped cream. 9 varieties of sandwiches are on offer, including mixed sandwiches, toasted tuna sandwiches and more. They're all delicious!
●117 Tateya-cho, Amagasaki ☎06-6411-6752
🕒8:00-18:00, closed Thursdays



High quality Japanese black beef at surprisingly affordable prices!

6 Yakiniku Donya Yami-ichi Hanshin Amagasaki Store MAP 1 A-2

A yakiniku barbecue restaurant that offers carefully selected Japanese black beef at surprisingly cheap prices. In order to reduce prices, the restaurant purchases entire heads of cattle. As a special offer, customers who bring this pamphlet with them can order a special "Omotenashi Set (Hospitality Set Menu)". The menu includes 3 varieties of wagyu beef, including marinated rib beef, salad, rice, desert and 2 hours of unlimited drinks, for just 3000 yen per person.
●4-98 Kanda Kita-dori, Amagasaki
☎06-6411-1129 🕒17:00-23:15 No set holidays
Credit cards ok!



Omotenashi set only available to groups of 4 or more. Reservations must be made by 16:00. Please present this pamphlet upon entering.



Colorful mixed fruit sandwich set (persimmon, melon, banana etc.) ¥800



Take a stroll through "Snack city"

If you walk through downtown at night, you're sure to notice the neon "lounge" and "snack bar" signs. These establishments are a form of evening entertainment for men, where female staff members talk and drink with patrons. We understand it can be a bit nerve-racking to just enter one of these establishments suddenly! That's why we'd like to introduce you to "Lounge Yoshiko". Upon entering the door, the first thing you'll notice is the chic interior and the relaxed atmosphere. You can order a drink at the counter, or take a seat on one of the more private sofa-style seats in the back. Karaoke is also available. The mama-san, Yoshiko Sato, introduced her bar to us by saying "Our guests can choose to sing karaoke, enjoy chatting with our girls, or just relax." You can have fun singing karaoke in English, Chinese or Korean, or try speaking to the girls in Japanese. We hope you'll have the opportunity to fully enjoy Japan's nightlife culture! Lounge Yoshiko has created a "1-hour trial course" for foreign guests. With unlimited beer, whiskey, and karaoke for just ¥3000. Reserve beforehand, or bring this pamphlet with you. (Staff members only speak Japanese.)



8 Lounge Yoshiko MAP 1 A-3

●KT-2 Building 207, 4-58 Showa Minami-dori, Amagasaki
☎06-6418-8341
🕒21:00-2:00, closed Sundays/public holidays
No credit cards accepted

Food

Food that's perfect for eating on the go, or for an evening snack!

The phrase "There's always more room for snacks" is a universal phenomenon! Why not try these gourmet snacks you can eat on the go?



6 takoyaki for ¥300. Fried chicken karaage or horumon beef offal also available for takeout.

Piping-hot takoyaki that melts in the mouth

9 Quick Drinks Bar Shouya MAP 2

Close to JR Amagasaki Station, this eatery is popular with foreign tourists. Particularly popular are the steaming hot takoyaki octopus dumplings, made from a special batter that is extra fluffy. 7 types of sauces are available, but we recommend the soy and mayonnaise flavor. Venture inside if you want to try the full menu! (Staff only speak Japanese)
 ●1-7-1 Shioe, Amagasaki ☎06-6497-2515
 ☎17:00-23:00, closed Sundays



お持ち帰りコーナー



Great for a snack before dinner!

Misono Amagasaki (48)

The mother of the family. Used to work as a bank teller, but quit after marrying Akikazu who she met through her job. Raised two children, and now works part time at a store in a shopping district.



Full of strawberries, bananas and apples. All Fruit Parfait ¥650 (Strawberries may be substituted for pomelo depending on season)

More than 100 varieties of crepes available from just ¥200!

11 Lorient Crêpe MAP 1 A-2

A popular crepe store that has been operating for over 30 years. Their most popular offering are their chocolate crepes, but more than 100 varieties are on offer. Cooked to order, the combination of their freshly made crepes and whipped cream is to die for. English menu also available.
 ●5-181 Kanda Naka-dori, Amagasaki ☎06-6411-2998 ☎10:30-20:00, closed Thursdays

Over 800 pieces of this famous Amagasaki bread are sold daily!

10 Montparnasse MAP 1 B-4

This bakery and café can be found within Hanshin Amagasaki Station. In business for more than 40 years, this bakery has always been famous for its Russian "pirozhi" (a type of fried dumpling containing flavored boiled egg, beef mince and onion). On busy days 800-1000 of these dumplings alone are sold! You can eat them in the restaurant, or take them with you to enjoy.
 ●93 Higashi Misono-cho, Amagasaki ☎06-6413-3301 ☎Mon-Fri 7:30-19:30, Sat 7:30-19:00, Sundays/Public holidays 8:00-18:00 Open 365 days



These are perfect for souvenirs.



Pirozhi ¥160. May be sold out in the evenings.

Akikazu Amagasaki (55)

The father of the family. Works at a factory in Amagasaki and is a regular at a variety of bars and pubs. Boasts that he was famous for his drinking ability in his youth.



Ice green tea with Maccha just ¥100. Ok to drink in store.

More than 100 varieties of fragrant tea on offer

12 Nakamura-en MAP 1 A-3

In operation for over 120 years, this store specializes in Japanese green tea. Over 100 varieties are on offer, including unique blends containing high-quality Uji-cha from Kyoto, as well as easy to drink teabag varieties. Cans for storing tea, decorated with vividly colored Japanese paper, and other items suitable for souvenirs also available.

English, Chinese, and Korean instruction manuals available.
 ●3-45 Kanda Naka-dori, Amagasaki ☎06-6411-2320 ☎10:00-19:30 Open 365 days Credit cards ok!



This freshly fried tempura is delicious when eaten straight away!

The food here is great!

Crunchy tempura that stays delicious even when cool

13 Nisshin Tempura MAP 1 B-2

A locally run tempura store. Offers a variety of tempura including sardine, shrimp and pumpkin for between ¥60 and ¥150. The crunchy tempura batter has just a hint of sweetness to it. Delicious when freshly cooked or when cool. The squid tentacle tempura (¥300), cooked fresh in the evenings, is particularly popular.
 ●83 Tateya-cho, Amagasaki ☎06-6413-2952
 ☎10:00-18:00 No set holidays



Mitsukazu Amagasaki (17)

The son of the family. A high schooler who loves baseball. Has a hearty appetite and always likes to get a snack on his way home from practice.

A variety of colorful kimchi, made from fresh tomatoes and other vegetables

15 Fukunan Shouten MAP 1 A-2

A popular kimchi store located in the central shopping street. Over 30 varieties of kimchi available, including regular favorites like bok choy and cucumber, as well as rarer varieties including tomato, Chinese yam, and Japanese mustard spinach. Contain no preservatives. The rich flavor of this delicious, spicy kimchi is thanks to the homemade Yangnyeom Jang seasoned soy sauce.
 ●4-160 Kanda Naka-dori, Amagasaki ☎06-6413-8880 ☎10:00-19:00 Open 365 days

Slowly fermented bok choy kimchi (slow kimchi) is the most popular - 100g for ¥100



These red bean jam cakes make perfect souvenirs

16 Takaraya Yuki MAP 2

A local confectionery store loved by locals that has been operating in Amagasaki for over 87 years. Their famous dorayaki red bean jam cakes use azuki beans from Hokkaido and fresh eggs from Hiroshima. The flavor of the delicately sweet anko red bean paste sandwiched between moist castella cakes is truly delicious. Over 300 are sold daily. A variety of seasonal items are also available.
 ●1F Hanshin Department Store (inside Amagasaki Q's Mall), 1-3-1 Shioe, Amagasaki ☎06-6498-9546 ☎10:00-20:00 Opening hours same as Hanshin Department Store Credit cards ok!



"Mikoshi" Chestnut dorayaki - ¥185

Good for eating on the go

Niman-ou & Ogura Shouten

Taiyaki are a pancake-like confectionary shaped like fish, and are popular throughout Japan. They contain a variety of fillings, including azuki red bean jam and custard, chocolate, etc. Niman-ou is a taiyaki store located close to Hanshin Amagasaki Station, that sells taiyaki that are famous for being slightly crunchy on the outside, and soft and chewy in the center. On weekends and holidays they sell up to 5000 taiyaki per day. Along with traditional red bean jam taiyaki (¥70), custard taiyaki (¥90) are also popular. Due to their cheap price, customers often buy large amounts to give away as souvenirs.

Ogura Shouten — located within the shopping street — has been run by a husband and wife team for more than 56 years. They use cast iron molds to cook each taiyaki (¥100) individually, using a traditional style known as "icho-yaki". The combination of red bean jam paste and fragrant casing creates a truly delicious flavor. Why not munch on one while taking a stroll through Amagasaki?



17 Niman-ou MAP 1 A-4

●1-2-1 Kanda Naka-dori, Amagasaki ☎06-6412-5701 ☎10:00-21:00 No set holidays



18 Ogura Shouten MAP 1 A-2

●7-178 Showa Minami-dori, Amagasaki ☎None ☎10:00-16:00 (Only open while stocks last) Closed Mondays and Tuesdays, closed occasionally on Fridays.



You'll find fun throughout Amagasaki!

Since you've come all the way to Amagasaki, we hope you'll experience all the fun we have to offer. To help those who may be short on time, we've included estimated times for all the activities we introduce here.



Fun to watch, fun to bet on
Win the dream of Amagasaki

~2 hours

1 Amagasaki Boat Races MAP 3

The Amagasaki Boat Races are a form of public gambling in Japan, and consist of 6 boats performing 3 laps per race. You can choose to bet on who will be the winner, or who will come 1st, 2nd and 3rd for even higher dividends. Bets are placed in units of ¥100, and all you have to do is select your favorites on a betting card. There are 12 races per day, and demonstration races are performed beforehand, allowing you to try and pick out the strongest contestants from the way they handle their boats and the roar of their engines. The races are managed by the cities of Amagasaki and Itami, with all proceeds going towards public projects. There are also locally run food stalls within the area, selling a variety of tasty treats.

●199-1 Suimei-cho, Amagasaki ☎06-6419-3181 www.amagasaki.gr.jp
Entry Fee: ¥100

Please check dates and times beforehand. Foreign language pamphlets available.
*Minors must be accompanied by an adult, and may not purchase betting cards.



Choose your bets. Betting cards can be purchased from the vending machines or sales booths.



Viewing the races. The best seats are in the stands.

2 Amagasaki Sports Forest MAP 3

A multi-purpose sports facility that features an indoor pool and fitness equipment, as well as a ground golf (similar to miniature golf) course. In the summer you can take a dip in the outdoor pool "Amalago", and enjoy the River Ride waterslide — which is 13 meters tall and 109 meters in length — as well as the wave pool. Water depth is less than 1 meter, making it safe even for small children. An ice skating rink is open from October through to May, with skates sized between 15cm & 30cm available for rent.
●43 Ougimachi, Amagasaki ☎06-6412-1655 www.a-spo.com

Pool ☎9:00–17:30 (Mid July–Start of September)
Entry Fee: Adults ¥1300, Middle/High School ¥800, Elementary ¥700

Ice Skating ☎10:00–19:00 (October 1st–Start of May)
Entry Fee: Adults ¥1200, Middle/High School ¥800, Elementary ¥600



Refresh your mind and body
in an outdoor space
surrounded by greenery

Perfect for a
half-day trip



So much fun!

Access From Hanshin Deyashiki station: take the Hanshin Bus going to Amagasaki Sports Forest (Adults ¥210, Children ¥110)



These are so splendid!



Ohama Amagasaki (75)
The grandmother of the family. Was invited by her late husband, Heizaemon, to become a volunteer guide in Teramachi.

~30 minutes

Experience the works and character of the artist who supported the Gutai Group

3 Kazuo Shiraga Memorial Room MAP 1 A-4

Kazuo Shiraga (1924–2008) was known as a daring artist who used an unusual technique of hanging his body from ropes suspended from the ceiling and painting with his feet on canvases on the floor. He was a core member of the Gutai Group, which led the avant-garde art movement in postwar Japan. He is renowned throughout the world for his works, which also hang in the Centre Georges Pompidou in France. His painting style, which is said to have been influenced by the majestic style of the festivals held at the Kifune shrine in Amagasaki (see p.12), is rooted in his deep love for Amagasaki. This has led to him gifting many of his works to the city of Amagasaki. The memorial room — completed in 2013 — displays works and other materials that are owned by the city.

●4F Amagasaki Cultural Center, 2-7-16 Showa-dori, Amagasaki
☎06-6487-0806 ☎10:00–12:00/13:00–17:00 (Entry until 16:30)
Closed during exhibit changes Entry Fee: ¥200



"Kazuo Shiraga at work in his studio" 1963
Photo provided by: Amagasaki Cultural Center

The creation of a base to propel modern art forward

Ama-love art lab **A-Lab**

MAP 1 A-4



Ama-love art lab "A-Lab", a space for young artists to produce and present their works, opened in October 2015. It's possible to participate in workshops and exhibitions by the artists to truly experience the art for yourself.

●2-33-1 Nishi Nagasu-cho, Amagasaki
(Opening hours during exhibitions)
☎11:00–19:00
Saturdays/Sundays/Public holidays: 10:00–18:00
Closed Tuesdays
Free Entry
☎06-6489-6385 (Public Relations, Cultural & Foreign Affairs Division, Amagasaki City)



A 400-year-old slice of Amagasaki, just 5 minutes from the station

~1 hour

4 Teramachi MAP 1 B-3

Amagasaki castle was built in 1617 by the feudal lord Ujikane Toda, to protect the western side of Osaka castle. Teramachi (literally "temple town") began as a way to provide services for the town around the castle, by collecting all of the temples scattered around the castle in one place. 11 temples are situated in a space of just 3.9 hectares. Starting with structures that have remained in place for more than 400 years, such as Jouon-ji temple's pagoda (photo far left), more than 7 buildings in the area have been designated as Important Cultural Properties of Japan. The width of the roads and the blocks of lands remain almost the same as they were hundreds of years ago, allowing visitors to truly experience the atmosphere of a castle town. If you have time, why not take a stroll through the backstreets in the area?

5 World Moneybox Museum MAP 1 B-3

The World Moneybox Museum is run by the Amagasaki Shinkin Bank, and houses a collection of moneyboxes from around the world. The museum building itself was completed in the 1930s, and was originally the second bank building, still containing the original bank vault. The building has been featured on a number of TV shows, and was originally opened as a museum in 1984, featuring 600 items that were collected by an employee. Currently it houses over 13000 items from 62 countries around the world, and continues to expand its collection.

●3-93 Nishi-Honmachi Kita-dori, Amagasaki
☎06-6413-1163 ☎10:00–16:00
Closed Mondays/public holidays
(Open if public holiday falls on a weekend)
Free Entry

~1 hour

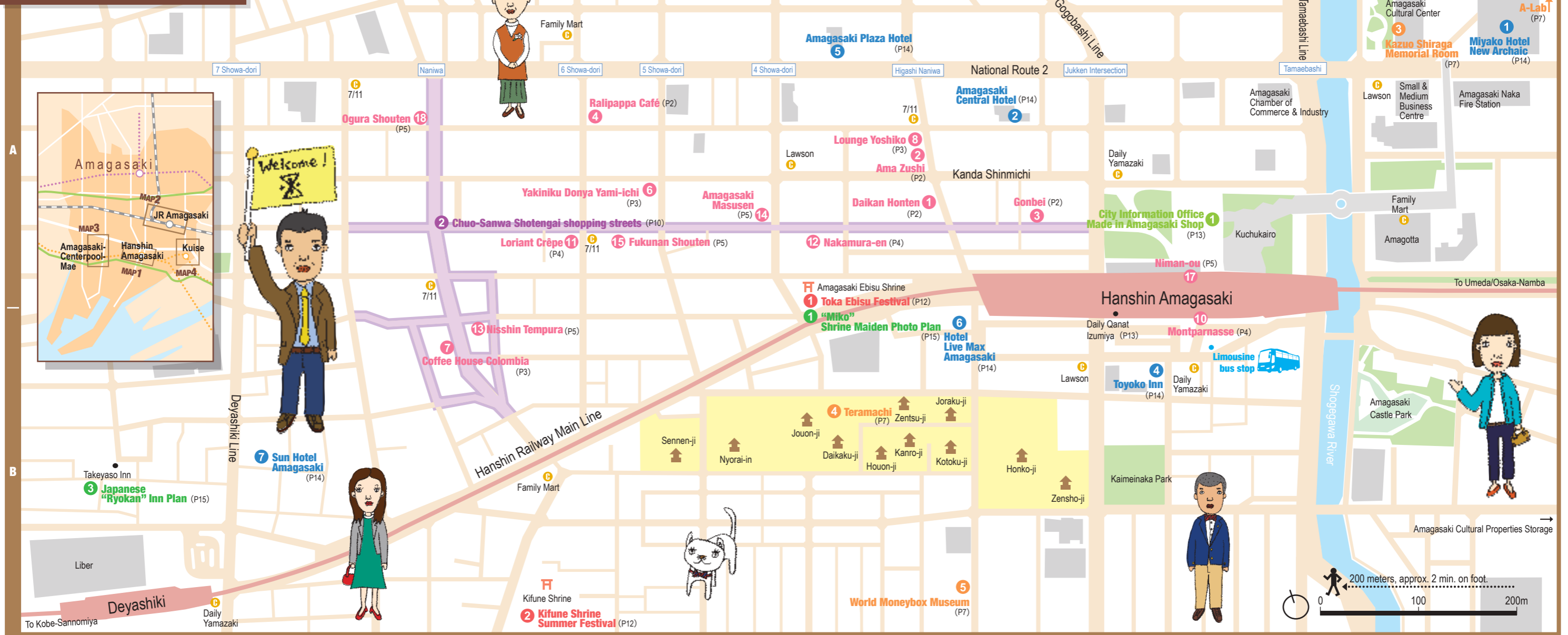


We might even have moneyboxes from your country!

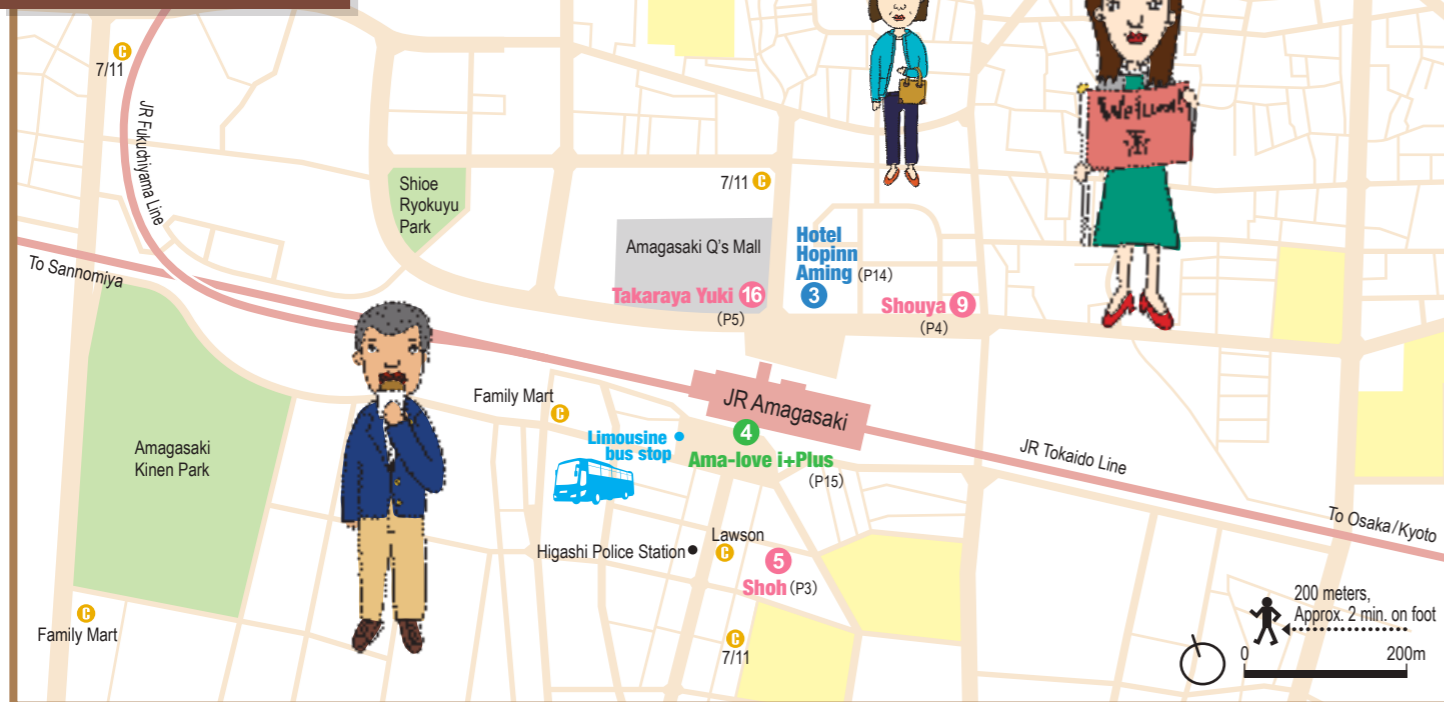


Understanding the true size of the world from a money box

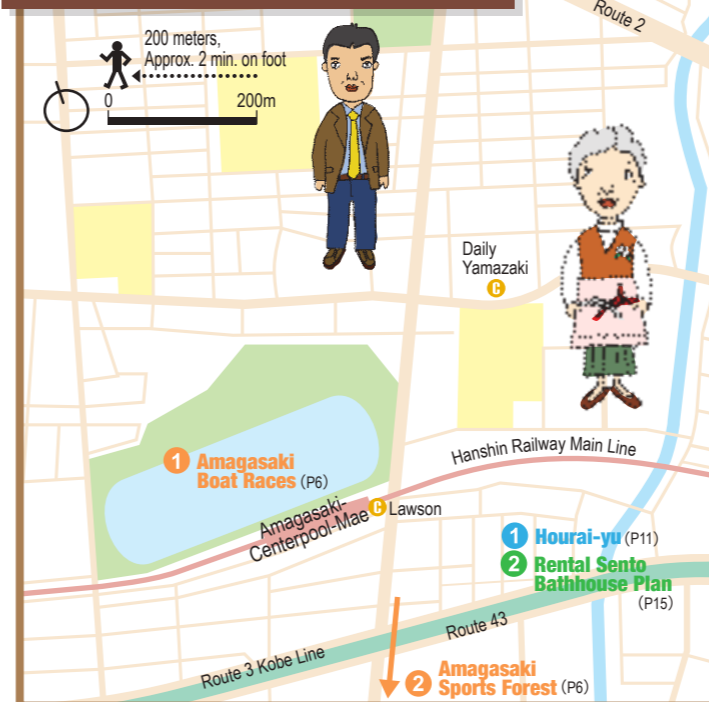
MAP 1 Shows Hanshin Amagasaki/Deyashiki Area



MAP 2 JR Amagasaki area



MAP 3 Amagasaki-Centerpool-Mae Area



MAP 4 Kuise Area



Ⓛ: Convenience Store

Taste the flavors of the market

1 Kuise Shotengai shopping street MAP 4

Kuise has been a downtown area of Amagasaki since olden times, and is filled with delicious items ready for tonight's dinner. At the Market Dining Hall you can eat meals made from freshly prepared sashimi direct from the fishmonger, or fried pork tonkatsu cutlets straight from the butcher. There are a variety of interesting shops on offer, including the Ama Salad juice bar, offering freshly squeezed juices featuring seasonal fruits and vegetables. Or you can try sake tasting at the Yamamoto Liquor Store. Kuise is only 2 stops away from Hanshin Amagasaki station on the Hanshin line, so why not drop by and check out this retro-styled gourmet shopping street?



5 minutes on foot from Hanshin Kuise station



Yamamoto Liquor Store, offering local Daikoku Masamune sake from Kobe



Kuise market offers a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, and other items



Ama Salad creates deliciously fresh juices full of nutrition



One popular menu item from the Market Dining Hall – "Sashimi Set Meal" ¥780

Shotengai
Shopping Streets

Amagasaki's shopping streets are great for shopping or dining

Experience all the variety that Ama's shopping streets have to offer, from fresh ingredients, to dining, clothing, and more. Shop like the locals do!



Upon exiting Amagasaki station you'll see the entrance, with a painting of Amagasaki castle above it



Sugawaraya is a bag store with heaps of variety



Sanwa Hondori Shotengai shopping street features many discount confectionery stores

It's great fun exploring the back streets!



A shopping heaven, with surprises everywhere! MAP 1

2 Chuo-Sanwa Shotengai shopping streets

Just west of Hanshin Amagasaki station is Japan's largest shopping street, featuring over 400 stores. It's an area known by the locals for its bargains, featuring a variety of pharmacies, confectionery stores, and 100 yen stores. The area is connected by arcades, making it ideal for shopping on rainy days, but be sure to take a look at the ceilings as well as the stores. They feature a variety of photo opportunities, including paintings of the seven gods of good luck by manga artist Sobe Amako, as well as mascot characters cheering on a local professional baseball team. The street also features video game arcades, and theatres.



The entrance makes it look almost like a theme park



Tenryu Shrine features an albino rat snake for prosperity in business



It's fun just chatting with the shop assistants!



Characters cheering on a local professional baseball team



The arcade features the seven gods of good luck, as drawn by the popular manga artist Sobe Amako, a local of Amagasaki

Sento
Bathhouses



Relax after your long journey at one of these wonderful sento bathhouses.

Ama features some of the top bathhouses in Japan. Relax in these expansive tubs while soaking in some Japanese culture. They're the perfect way to unwind, featuring natural hot spring water, and retro interiors.



A nostalgic atmosphere redolent of old-Japan

2 Daiichi Shikishima-yu MAP 4

Just a 5-minute walk from Hanshin Kuise station, one of this sento's distinguishing features is its unusual "Kara-hafu" entryway, reached by walking along a narrow alleyway. Built in 1923, Daiichi Shikishima-yu has a rich history. Upon entering you are greeted by Mrs. Isako Kuroki, who has been working at there for more than half a century. The baths themselves are small, but quiet, and you can enjoy gazing upon the tile mosaics on the walls, and relax to the scent of the bath salts, which are changed according to season. Why not try one of the relaxing retro massage machines after your bath?

● 1-25-5 Kuise Honmachi, Amagasaki ☎06-6481-7120
⌚ 14:45-23:00, closed Tuesdays
Adults ¥400, Elementary school children ¥160, Children 6 or under ¥60



A sento with an "at home" design MAP 3

1 Hourai-yu

This designer sento features a stylish black exterior that really stands out. The interior makes extensive use of wood to create a relaxing atmosphere, and the baths are simple and clean. The owner, Satomi Ina, says that her goal was to create a sento unlike anywhere else in the world. Its number one feature is its hot spring water that is piped up from 700 meters underground. A variety of beauty products are also on offer, including Riento spa cream (¥2000), and "Otome no Agari-yu" skin toner (¥500). You're sure to come out with beautiful, soft skin.
● 2-21-2 Doi-cho, Amagasaki ☎06-6411-0567
⌚ 15:00-23:30 (Open 12:00 on Sundays), closed Fridays
Adults ¥420, Elementary school children ¥160, Children 6 or under ¥60



A course on sento:

- Wash your entire body before entering the bath
- Tie up long hair so it doesn't enter the bath
- Do not wear towels inside the bath
- Ensure not to splash people nearby when washing your body
- Return all bathing goods and stools to their original places upon finishing
- Dry your body before entering the changing area to ensure the floor doesn't get wet

If you follow all these rules, you too will be a master of the sento! Towels, soap, and shampoo are also available for rent.

How to become a master of the sento



Festivals

Experience the passion of Ama at these local festivals!

Ama's festivals, held yearly at the local shrines, are a great way to experience Japan.



Held between the 9th and 11th of every January!

A festival to pray to Ebisu, the god of prosperity

1 Toka Ebisu Festival MAP 1 A-3

The first thing you'll notice about Amagasaki Ebisu Shrine is its gigantic 22-meter tall torii gate. In January, storeowners and businessmen from all around Amagasaki come to the shrine for the Toka Ebisu festival, in order to pray for success in business in the New Year. One custom is to purchase decorative stalks of bamboo, which are placed in one's home or workplace, and exchanged at the following years' festival. There is also a custom where money is stuck to a frozen tuna, with the hope that "Money will stick to you as skin sticks to your body".
 ●Amagasaki Ebisu Shrine, 3-82 Kanda-dori, Amagasaki
 ☎06-6411-3859 www.amaebisu.com



Festival held July 31, August 1 and 2 yearly

Shrine fighting Unique to Japan

2 Kifune Shrine Summer Festival MAP 1 B-2

Traditional Japanese portable shrines known as "danjiri" are owned by each town in Amagasaki, and passed down from generation to generation. They are taken to Kifune shrine once every summer for the summer festival. This festival is most famous for its shrine fights known as "Yama-awase", which attract hundreds of spectators every year. For the first two days the shrines are marched around their respective towns, with Yama-awase held on the 2nd of August. The nighttime stalls at the festival are another sight to behold.
 ●Kifune Shrine, 6-246 Nishi Honmachi, Amagasaki ☎06-6411-0170 kifunesan.jp



Held on the first Saturday and Sunday of every October

Mikoshi shrines are carried to pray for the happiness of the region

3 Kuise Kumano Mikoshi MAP 4

The god of Kuise Kumano Shrine is paraded around the local area for those who are unable to come to the shrine to pray. The god itself is placed on a frame known as a mikoshi. The shrine asks for volunteers every year for this event, with the chief priest Mr. Nakanishi saying that "I hope that people from all over the world can carry the shrine even for a short while to receive some of the god's power." As well as the "Large mikoshi" weighing approximately 1 ton, there is also a "Woman mikoshi" and a "Child mikoshi" to ensure that anyone can participate in this unusual festival.
 ●Kuise Kumano Shrine, 1-9-36 Kuise Honmachi, Amagasaki ☎06-6481-6903 www.kuise.com

Mukogawa Bon Festival Dance

Understanding the spirit of Japan through dance



Every year in August, parks and other open spaces throughout Japan are filled with music as Bon festival dances are held throughout Japan. The dance sees young and old alike don Yukata — a type of summer kimono — to dance to a particular rhythm known as "ondo". This spectacle is perfect for experiencing Japanese culture, with Amagasaki's largest Bon dance being held between August 23 and 25 at Mukogawa Kasenjiki Park (close to the east exit of Hanshin Mukogawa station). Festivities are held between 18:30-22:00. Why not join in and experience the real Japan?



Ama Secret Seasoning Set (from ¥2350)

"Wandafuru (wonderful) Brand Sauce" is the secret flavor used by pros when making takoyaki and deep-fried skewers. Hirota Ponzu sauce contains a blend of Japanese sudachi citrus juice, bonito fish stock and soy sauce, with a fresh flavor that matches a wide range of cuisine. The 3 bottle set that includes soy sauce, is the most popular.



Amagasaki Ankake Champon (¥550)

A special type of Amagasaki ramen with a thick soup, perfect for eating at home.

Great for a home-cooked flavor.



Souvenirs

Hi-no-de Mizuame (¥2200)

Mizuame is a special type of sweetener from Japan made from rice. Its comforting flavor is perfect in food, or in drinks like tea.



Tameiki 3 sec. (¥8640)

An unusual pen stand that allows pens to sink into it. Made using a highly accurate design by a local Amagasaki company.



Hot water bottle (¥1810)

One item that perfectly captures Amagasaki's industry is these high quality "Yutampo" hot water bottles.

1 Made in Amagasaki Shop MAP 1 A-4

A store specializing in everything made in Amagasaki, from rare seasonings to hot water bottles, high tech ball pens, and more. Situated within the park outside Hanshin Amagasaki station.
 ●1-1 Kanda Naka-dori, Amagasaki ☎10:00-18:00, closed Thursdays
 ☎06-6412-2086 Credit cards ok!



You can even find souvenirs in supermarkets and pharmacies.

If you're looking for souvenirs in a hurry, why not try one of Amagasaki's supermarkets or pharmacies? You might be able to find rare items that have already sold out in Namba or Umeda. The "Daily Qanat Izumiya" in the Amasta Amasen shopping center near Hanshin Amagasaki station is conveniently open until midnight, and is popular with people on their way home from work, with a wide variety of food items on sale. The large Q's Mall shopping center in front of JR Amagasaki station features a large supermarket and pharmacy, making it perfect for shopping after checking into your hotel.



Amagasaki Daily Qanat Izumiya (MAP 1 A-3)



A 100 yen store in the Chuo shopping street

Stay

Enjoy the quiet of Teramachi in the mornings, the bustling shopping streets in the afternoons, or the glittering city lights in the evenings. Why not stay overnight and experience the ever-changing cityscape of Amagasaki?

*All reference fees are calculated for a single adult. All service fees and taxes are included.

*The information published here is current as of February 2016.

*Prices for double and twin rooms are calculated for one person only.

② Amagasaki Central Hotel MAP 1 A-3

All rooms include a wireless network connection and your choice of pillow style, as well as a quick check-in service available from your second stay. The manager spends 250 nights a year staying here, to ensure the hotel continuously improves. Situated close to a shopping street.



●4-30 Showa Minami-dori, Amagasaki
☎06-6411-5000
Check-in: 15:00~ / Check-out: 11:00
Fees: Single ¥6800~ / Double ¥4900~ / Twin ¥6500~ / Carpark ¥500 per night (reservation required)
* Please enquire at the front counter regarding fees

④ Toyoko Inn Hanshin Amagasaki Ekimae MAP 1 B-3

Located conveniently close to a limousine bus stop bound for Kansai International Airport, and is just a 1-minute walk away from the west exit of Hanshin Amagasaki station. All rooms feature free Wi-Fi, and there is a free computer and printer in the lobby for guest use.



●19 Misono-cho, Amagasaki ☎06-6416-1045
Check-in: 16:00~ / Check-out: 10:00
Free Breakfast Service: 6:00-9:30
Fees: Single ¥6804~ / Twin ¥5022~ / Carpark ¥700 per night (reservation required)

⑥ Hotel Live Max Amagasaki MAP 1 B-3

Located just a 3-minute walk from the west exit of Hanshin Amagasaki station, this hotel is also close to Teramachi and shopping streets. We recommend making reservations early to take advantage of the discounts available. The front desk is only open until 23:00, so please ensure you check-in beforehand.



●119-1 Nishi Misono-cho, Amagasaki ☎06-6412-8001
Check-in: 15:00~ / Check-out: 10:00
Fees: Single ¥7000~ / Twin ¥5000~ / Carpark ¥1000 per night (first-come-first-served basis)

① Miyako Hotel New Archaic MAP 1 A-4

A landmark of Hanshin Amagasaki, towering 100 meters above the city. Features Japanese, Western, and Chinese restaurants.



The bar on the top level (Sky Bar TOP OF THE CRYSTAL) features glorious views of Osaka bay at night. All rooms include free Wi-Fi.

●2-7-1 Showa-dori, Amagasaki ☎06-6488-7777
Check-in: 14:00~ / Check-out: 11:00
Fees: Single ¥15444~ / Double ¥9504~ / Twin ¥13068~ / Carpark ¥500 per night



③ Hotel Hopinn Aming MAP 2

A JR West Hotels Group hotel, directly connected to JR Amagasaki station, this hotel is located just 5 minutes from Osaka Namba. Features 190 spacious rooms of 20m² or larger. The restaurant on the second floor provides everything from casual dining through to a party menu. Also boasts a store selling delicious cakes.



●1-4-1 Shioe, Amagasaki ☎06-6491-0002
Check-in: 15:00~ / Check-out: 11:00
Fees: Single ¥14040~ / Double ¥9720~ / Twin ¥9720~



⑤ Amagasaki Plaza Hotel MAP 1 A-3

A business hotel with reasonable set prices. Its pillow-lending corner, and free breakfast service allow you to relax your body and mind. Its homepage also includes information about nearby ramen restaurants.



●5-16-26 Higashi Naniwa-cho, Amagasaki ☎06-6483-1100
Check-in: 15:00~ / Check-out: 11:00
Free Breakfast service 6:30 to 9:00 (in the first floor tavern "Lantern")
Fees: Single ¥5000~ / Double ¥3900~ / Twin ¥4150~ / Carpark ¥800 per night (reservation required)



⑦ Sun Hotel Amagasaki MAP 1 B-1

Just a two-minute walk from Hanshin Deyashiki station, this hotel features a free Wi-Fi spot and a rental pillow rack on the first floor. Being able to choose the style of pillow right for you is sure to provide a restful night! Also includes a free breakfast service.



●1-26 Miyauchi-cho, Amagasaki ☎06-6417-1300
Check-in: 15:00~ / Check-out: 10:00
Free breakfast service: 6:00-9:00
Fees: Single ¥6700~ / Twin ¥6000~ / Carpark ¥800 per night (reservation required)



① "Miko" Shrine Maiden Photo Plan MAP 1 A-3

Miko are young women who work at shrines, and wear long, traditional garments that are commonly seen in Japanese anime. Why not take the opportunity try one on? You can take photos using your own camera or smartphone, and reservations can even be made the day prior.

¥1000 per person. Women only.
●Amagasaki Ebisu Shrine, 3-82 Kanda Naka-dori, Amagasaki
☎06-6411-3859 www.amaebisu.com

This is the first time I've done this!



Experience

Hands-on plans created by Ama, the city of hospitality. Create memories of a lifetime.

② Rental Sento Bathhouse MAP 3

Enjoy the luxury of the natural hot spring waters of Hourai-yu for 2 hours with this rental plan. Reservations are available on Fridays for groups of 20 or more, and must be made by the day prior. Adults ¥420, Elementary school children ¥160, Children 6 or under ¥60.

●Hourai-yu, 2-21-2 Doi-cho, Amagasaki
☎06-6411-0567
houraiyu@yahoo.co.jp
⌚15:00-23:30
Rental plan only available Fridays.



③ Japanese "Ryokan" Inn Plan MAP 1 B-1

Enjoy a stay in this 100-year-old traditional Japanese ryokan. The proprietress Kyoko Higuchi lived in Australia for 22 years before coming back to Japan, so English-speaking guests are more than welcome. Reservations can be made at www.takeyaso.com ¥4200-¥4900 per person per night (does not include meals).

●Takeyaso Inn
2-85 Miyauchi-cho, Amagasaki ☎06-6411-2525
Includes bar (reservations required)
Cash only

You can find everything to do in Ama here!



④ Amagasaki Tourist Bureau Ama-love i+Plus MAP 2

A tourist bureau dedicated to introducing Amagasaki's history, traditions, culture and industries, as well as outing spots and gourmet restaurants. Pamphlets and maps of areas and facilities throughout Amagasaki are available, and they can also help you with contacting and making reservations at places introduced in this pamphlet.

●1-1-1 Shioe, Amagasaki, within JR Amagasaki station (outside ticket gates)
⌚10:00-18:00, closed 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month
☎050-3772-5410 ama-kan.jp

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