

Recommendations from Lance Ferguson, Kobe Convention Bureau

Restaurants

1. **Misono and Moriya (Kobe Beef)**

There are many places to get high-quality Kobe Beef in Kobe, and plenty of tourist traps. Misono and Moriya are two of the pioneers of Kobe Beef. Misono is the world's first teppanyaki style restaurant established in 1945 and Mouriya has been serving up Kobe beef for over 140 years. Both restaurants are located in the Sannomiya area in central Kobe and are a short walk from Sannomiya Station.

<https://misono.org/en/shop/kobe/>

<https://www.mouriya.co.jp/en/>

2. **Totenkaku (Chinese) (F.Bishop House location)**

With a large Chinese population and Japan's second largest Chinatown, Chinese cuisine is a staple of Kobe. Totenkaku is set in the 19th century F.Bishop House, one of the oldest Western-style houses in the city. Open since 1945, this restaurant is well-known for its Peking duck, which is regularly flown in from China.

<https://kobe-totenkaku.com/>

3. **Nishimura Coffee (Kitanozaka store)**

Opened in 1948, Nishimura is a timeless café that offers more than 20 different blends of coffee, all of which are roasted on-site. The original location is set in a German-style house, its distinct half-timbered exterior has helped to establish it as a well-known Kobe landmark.

However, the best location is the Kitanozaka store, which was originally only open to members. A short stroll up the hill you will enter the historic Kitano area where Western merchants and dignitaries settled in Kobe in the late 1800s. A treat for fans of Japanese and colonial architecture.

<https://kobe-nishimura.jp/nishimura/kitano/index.html> (Japanese only)

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Sites

1. Ikuta Shrine

Amongst the hustle and bustle of Sannomiya you can find the 1,800-year-old Ikuta Shrine. Said to have been constructed by the Empress Jingu at the beginning of the third century AD, its founding is noted in the [Chronicles of Japan](#). For the people of Kobe Ikuta Shrine is a symbol of resurrection. Battles were fought in and around the shrine grounds during the Genpei War (1180-1185), heavy flooding occurred in 1938, air raids threatened the shrine during World War II and it suffered considerable damage during the Great Hanshin Earthquake in 1995.

<https://ikutajinja.or.jp/> (Japanese only)

2. Nada Gogo Brewing District

Kobe is the largest producer and exporter of Sake in the world. There are 26 breweries operating in the Nada Gogo brewing district. A great way to experience the district is to visit a few of the breweries and their museums on foot and then finish your tour at the Nada Gogo Sakedokoro. Here you will find sake from every brewery in one location and the world's longest U-shaped counter. It is the perfect place to indulge in sake sets paired with local cuisine.

<http://www.nadagogo.ne.jp.e.agg.hp.transer.com/>

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3. Arima Onsen (hot springs)

Nestled amidst the picturesque mountains of Kobe, the Arima hot springs offer a tranquil and rejuvenating escape. With a history spanning over a thousand years, these hot springs are steeped in legend and revered for their therapeutic properties. Travelers and locals alike seek solace in the soothing mineral-rich waters. Arima has a variety of onsen baths, each with its unique allure, whether it be the iron-rich "gold" waters or the carbonated "silver" springs. Many of the traditional guesthouses in Arima offer hot spring and lunch deals for day trips.

<https://visit.arima-onsen.com/>