

Visiting Literary Landmarks along the Hanshin Railway Line

26 [Sumaura-Koen Station] Sumaura Park
The park is famous as a place where the Battle of Ichi-no-Tani, one of the fiercest battles of the Genpei War, was fought. It has historic spots such as Atsumori-zuka, a stone monument which is said to have been built as a memorial to Taira no Atsumori. The park, which is famous as a cherry blossom viewing spot, has been selected as one of 50 best flower viewing spots in Kobe.

27 [Maiko-Koen Station] Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall
Tel:078-783-7172
The facility is Japan's only museum built to commemorate Sun Yat-sen, a great Chinese revolutionist, statesman and philosopher. The facility, also known as Ijokaku, is a three-storied octagonal building originally built in 1915 as a villa by Wu Jintang, a Chinese merchant living in Kobe. Ijokaku was opened to the public as Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall in 1984 and was designated an important cultural property of Hyogo Prefecture in 1993.

28 [Maiko-Koen Station] Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge
Opened to service on April 5, 1998, Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge is the world's longest suspension bridge with a total length of 3,911 meters and a central span of 1,991 meters. The two main supporting towers rise about 300 meters above sea level. The bridge crosses the Akashi Strait, connecting Higashi Maiko-cho, Tarumi-ku, Kobe City with Iwaya, Awaji City. The bridge is popularly known as Pearl Bridge, as it looks like a beautiful string of pearls when it is light up at night.

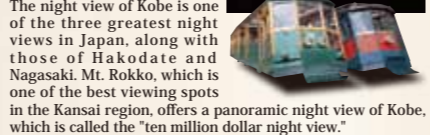
21 [Daikai Station] Nofuku Temple (Hyogo Daibutsu)
Nofuku Temple is depicted in *The Tale of the Heike*, a literary classic. It is also well known as a temple where Taira no Kiyomori shaved his head and entered the priesthood. The temple houses Hyogo Daibutsu, one of Japan's three traditional Great Buddhas in Japan.



22 [Daikai Station] Kiyomori-zuka Tomb & Biwa-zuka Pagoda
Kiyomori-zuka Tomb is said to have been built as a memorial to Taira no Kiyomori by Hojo Sadatoki when he was a regent of the Kamakura shogunate. Located next to the tomb is Biwa-zuka Pagoda. It came to be called as such, because the monument was believed to be connected with Taira no Tsunemasa, who was a good player of the *biwa*, a pear-shaped lute.

23 [Tsukimiyama Station] Suma Rikyu Park Tel:078-732-6688
Suma Rikyu Park is a huge urban park consisting of a main park area including a Western-style garden and a botanical garden area. The Park has a hill named Tsukimida, also well known as Tsukumi no Yama, or Moon Viewing Hill, where Ariwara no Yukihira missed Kyoto and his life there and healed his heart by viewing the moon. He was one of the real-life figures who inspired Murasaki Shikibu when she created the hero Hikaru Genji for *The Tale of Genji*. Meanwhile, the botanical garden area is located on the site of a mansion of the Okazaki family, which headed the Okazaki conglomerate, on which the conglomerate depicted in Toyoko Yamasaki's novel *Splendor of the Family* is said to have been modeled. Japanese-style rooms of the former mansion still remain in the Park.

17 [Mikage Station] Mt. Rokko
Tel:078-894-2210
Rokko Cable Car
Tel:078-861-5288
The night view of Kobe is one of the three greatest night views in Japan, along with those of Hakodate and Nagasaki. Mt. Rokko, which is one of the best viewing spots in the Kansai region, offers a panoramic night view of Kobe, which is called the "ten million dollar night view."

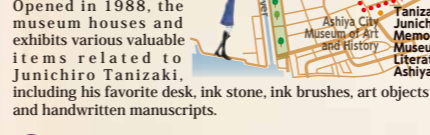


Kobe City Bus No. 16 connects Hanshin Mikage Station to Rokko Cable Shita Station.

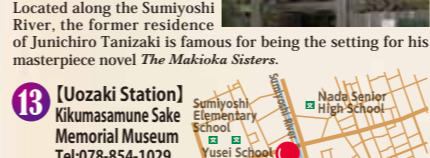
18 [Sannomiya Station] Kitano "Jinkan" Foreign Residence Area
Kitano is an area that has numerous foreign residences. Many of those residences have been designated National Important Cultural Properties. Visitors can feel as if they were back in the Meiji and Taisho periods when they visit traditional Western-style buildings in the area.



11 [Ashiya Station] Tanizaki Junichiro Memorial Museum of Literature, Ashiya
Tel:0797-23-5852
Opened in 1988, the museum houses and exhibits various valuable items related to Junichiro Tanizaki, including his favorite desk, ink stone, ink brushes, art objects and handwritten manuscripts.



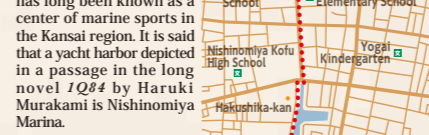
12 [Uozaki Station] Former residence of Junichiro Tanizaki "Ishoan"
Tel:078-842-0730
Located along the Sumiyoshi River, the former residence of Junichiro Tanizaki is famous for being the setting for his masterpiece novel *The Makino Sisters*.



13 [Uozaki Station] Kikumasa Sake Memorial Museum
Tel:078-854-1029
The museum exhibits 566 items related to sake brewing that have been designated important tangible folk-cultural properties by the Japanese government, allowing visitors to imagine how brewery workers worked in the old days. Visitors can also sample sake and buy sake products available only at the museum.



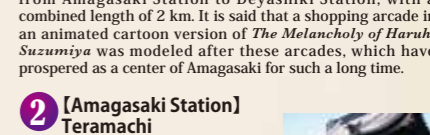
6 [Nishinomiya Station] Nishinomiya Marina
Opened in 1945, the marina has long been known as a center of marine sports in the Kansai region. It is said that a yacht harbor depicted in a passage in the long novel *1Q84* by Haruki Murakami is Nishinomiya Marina.



7 [Koroen Station] Ashihara Bridge
Shukugawa River is a 7-km long river that runs in a north-south direction. Ashihara Bridge is a small bridge that spans the river near its mouth. The bridge is famous as the one that appears in Haruki Murakami's essay *Afternoon in the Islets of Langerhans*.



1 [Amagasaki Station] Amagasaki Chuo Shopping Arcade & Sanwa Hondori Shopping Arcade
There are about 600 stores lining this extensive network of old classic shopping arcades covering the area stretching from Amagasaki Station to Deyashiki Station, with a combined length of 2 km. It is said that a shopping arcade in an animated cartoon version of *The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya* was modeled after these arcades, which have prospered as a center of Amagasaki for such a long time.



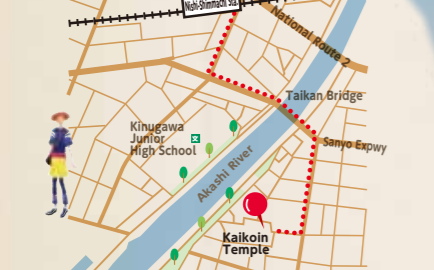
2 [Amagasaki Station] Teramachi
Located to the south west of Amagasaki Station, the Teramachi district has a concentration of Buddhist temples — 11 temples in total now. Although Teramachi is located in the center of the city, it is a special place where visitors can feel as if they were back in the Edo period.



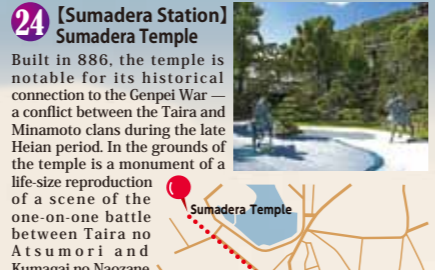
[Umeda Station], [Osaka-Namba Station] & Surrounding Areas
These two stations are respectively located in the centers of north and south Osaka. The areas surrounding the stations have various famous restaurants, shops and entertainment facilities.



29 [Nishi-Shimmachi Station] Kaikoin Temple
Kaikoin Temple, which was revived by Taira no Kiyomori, is the oldest Buddhist temple in Akashi City. The temple is regarded as being located on the site of Akashi no Nyudo's residence called "Hamabe no Yakata (beach residence)." Akashi no Nyudo was a fictitious person in the novel *The Tale of Genji*, who invited the hero Hikaru Genji to move to Akashi from Suma. In the grounds of the temple are various stone monuments, including a stone monument to Akashi no Nyudo, a stone monument to the pine tree on Akashi no Ura beach (a monument associated with Hikaru Genji) and a stone monument built as a memorial to Taira no Kiyomori, which has been designated a cultural property of Akashi City.



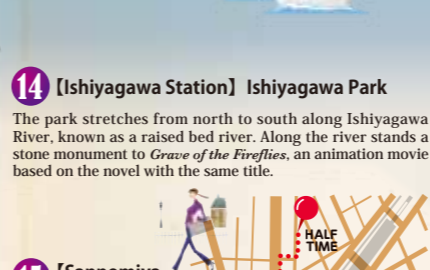
24 [Sumadera Station] Sumadera Temple
Built in 886, the temple is notable for its historical connection to the Genpei War — a conflict between the Taira and Minamoto clans during the late Heian period. In the grounds of the temple is a monument of a life-size reproduction of a scene of the one-on-one battle between Taira no Atsumori and Kumagai no Naozane. The treasure hall of the temple houses items related to the two clans, materials related to the Genpei War, Japan's oldest *ichigenkin*, one-stringed Japanese harp, and other various items.



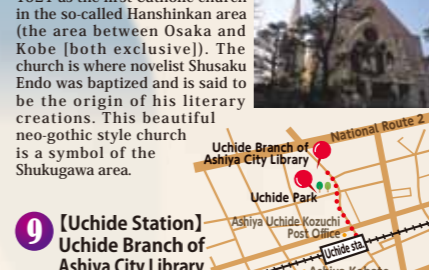
19 [Motomachi Station] The Former Foreign Settlement of Kobe & Nankinmachi (Chinatown)
The Former Foreign Settlement of Kobe is a district where Western foreigners were allowed to live during the late 19th century. The neighboring Nankinmachi is well known as one of the three biggest Chinatowns in Japan, along with those in Yokohama and Nagasaki.



14 [Ishiyagawa Station] Ishiyagawa Park
The park stretches from north to south along Ishiyagawa River, known as a raised bed river. Along the river stands a stone monument to *Grave of the Fireflies*, an animation movie based on the novel with the same title.



8 [Koroen Station] Catholic Shukugawa Church
The church was established in 1921 as the first Catholic church in the so-called Hanshinkan area (the area between Osaka and Kobe [both exclusive]). The church is where novelist Shusaku Endo was baptized and is said to be the origin of his literary creations. This beautiful neo-gothic style church is a symbol of the Shukugawa area.

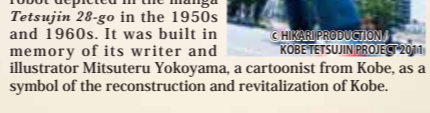


25 [Sumadera Station] Genkoji Temple
It has been said from ancient times that Hikaru Genji, the hero of Murasaki Shikibu's novel *The Tale of Genji*, lived humbly in this temple after moving to Suma from Kyoto. For this reason, Genkoji Temple used to be called Genjidera (Genji Temple).

※ *The Tale of the Heike* is a war epic based on historical facts. The novel *1Q84* has a scene in which a girl called Fukaeri recites a passage from *The Tale of the Heike*, in response to a request from a man called Tengu.



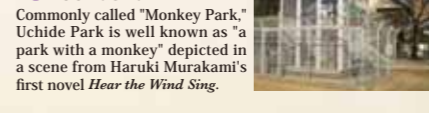
20 [Nishidai Station] Tetsujin 28-go Monument
The monument is an 18-meter actual-size replica of a popular robot depicted in the manga *Tetsujin 28-go* in the 1950s and 1960s. It was built in memory of its writer and illustrator Mitsuteru Yokoyama, a cartoonist from Kobe, as a symbol of the reconstruction and revitalization of Kobe.



15 [Sannomiya Station] Half Time
Tel:078-241-8957
Established in 1978, Half Time is an antique-style bar that was used as J's Bar in the movie *Hear the Wind Sing*.



9 [Uchide Station] Uchide Branch of Ashiya City Library
Tel:0797-38-7220
The library building, which used to belong to Itsumi Bank in the late Meiji period, was relocated to the current site from Osaka in 1930. The building is referred to as "Ashiya City Library (at that time)" in *Smerdyakov versus a Group of Subordinates* of Oda Nobunaga, a collection of essays by Haruki Murakami.



3 [Kujo Station] Ajigawa River
Ajigawa River is one of the tributaries of the lower reach of Kyu-Yodo River (former Yodo River) that runs through Osaka City from northeast to southwest. Ajigawa River is well known as a setting in *Muddy River*, a novel by Teru Miyamoto from Osaka. A monument bearing a passage from the novel is located near the river.

4 [Koshien Station] Hanshin Koshien Stadium
Tel:0798-47-1041
The Museum of Hanshin Koshien Stadium
Tel:0798-49-4509
As the mecca of high school baseball, the stadium has provided a setting for many manga such as *Dokaben* and *Touch*. It is said that a stadium depicted in *The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle*, a novel by Haruki Murakami, is Hanshin Koshien Stadium.

5 [Nishinomiya Station] Nishinomiya Shrine
Nishinomiya Shrine is the head shrine of all Ebisu shrines, or shrines dedicated to Ebisu, the god of good fortune. During Toka-Ebisu Festival, the shrine attracts more than one million visitors who wish to pray for business prosperity. The shrine is also depicted in *Henkyo Kinkyo (Remote Region, Short Distance)*, a travel essay by Haruki Murakami.

