

## "A Day in Osaka"

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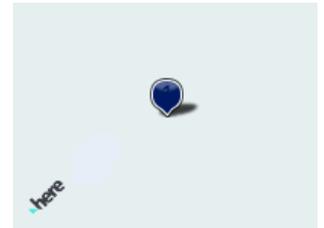


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### Osaka International Peace Center

"A Message of Peace for Future Generations"

Located close to Osaka Castle, the Osaka International Peace Center opened on International Peace Day, September 11, 1991, with the aim of preserving the memory of wartime misery and transmitting a message of peace to future generations. The center exhibits a large variety of historical items, including a reproduction of a one-ton bomb dropped by the U.S. Air Force on Osaka during World War II. The displays comprise both actual artifacts and reproductions.



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📍 2-1 Osaka-jo, Osaka



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### Tsūtenkaku

"A Symbol of The City"

Ask Osakans what more than anything else symbolizes their city and the majority will tell you with pride that it is the Tsutenkaku Tower. Although the original tower, which was built in 1912, was destroyed in 1943, it was rebuilt in its present form in 1956. At 103 meters tall, the present tower offers a superb view of the whole of the city from the observation platform. The tower is actually located in the old downtown area and is surrounded by 'stand-and-eat' stalls and inexpensive clothing stores.



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### Osaka Tennoji Zoo

"Animals in Natural Surroundings"

The zoo is located in Tennoji Park, southwest of the Shitenno-ji Temple, one of the oldest Buddhist temples in Japan. The park also has a circular garden called Keitakuen. The Tennoji Zoo, opened in 1915, houses 1,401 animals, including koalas, pandas, kiwis, reptiles, birds, mammals and a Tasmanian devil, which you cannot find in any other zoo in Japan. There is also a separate bird sanctuary, a reptile house that duplicates a natural environment and a hippopotamus. Pamphlets in English will help you find your way around this wonderful facility. Admission is free for junior high school students and younger than that.



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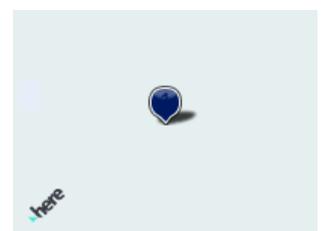


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### Universal Studios Japan

"A Movie Theme Park"

Riddled with an array of rides and attractions, Universal Studios Japan brings the world of movies to life. The theme park is the third in the Universal Studios' family and the first opened outside of the United States. Here, the Wizarding World of Harry Potter recreates J.K. Rowling's fictional world, inviting visitors to cast their own spells and sip on butter beer. Other timeless attractions include a ride though Jurassic Park,



virtual roller-coasters and movie sets that offer a glimpse into what goes into the making of onscreen magic. Spread across its gargantuan expanse is a troupe of themed attractions inspired by the cities of New York, San Francisco and much-favored characters like Hello Kitty and Minions. Complete with a range of movie-themed restaurants, Universal Studios Japan appeals to adults and children alike.

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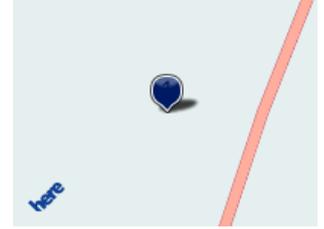


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## Sumiyoshi Taisha Shrine

"One of Japan's Most Famous Shrines"

Sumiyoshi Taisha is one of the most famous shrines in Japan—so much so that shrines with similar names can be found all over the country. This shrine has a very long history and is widely venerated as the home of the guardian deity of sailors. Passing under the enormous archway gate, you come to the taiko bashi, or "drum bridge," for which the shrine is especially renowned. The bridge gets packed with masses of people on New Year's Day and other celebrations. Events are staged at the shrine all year round; New Year's and summer festivals are the most important ones.



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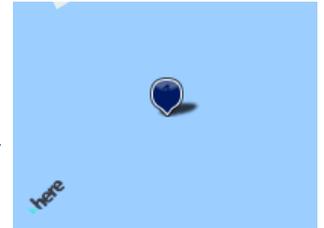


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## Osaka Aquarium

"Oceans of Fun"

One of the most visited attractions in the city, the Osaka Aquarium is a must on the city itinerary. The natural environments of the Pacific "Ring of Fire," the volcanic perimeter which surrounds the Pacific Ocean, have been recreated in 14 separate exhibits and populated with over 35,000 specimens representing over 380 species in the aquarium. Located in the harbor area of the city, the aquarium is centered on a huge nine-meter (27 feet) deep-water tank, which represents the Pacific Ocean. A range of animals from otters, seals, and sea lions among others are also a part of different exhibits here. The opening hours are seasonal so it is advised to check them well in advance.



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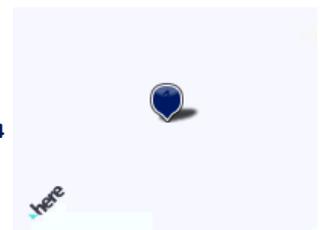
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## National Museum of Ethnology

"Fascinating Displays About World Cultures"

The National Museum of Ethnology, or "Minpaku," was established in 1974 to provide the general public with in-depth information on people, societies and cultures throughout of the world. The museum also serves as a research institute for ethnological studies, drawing scholars from universities and academic institutions in Japan and other countries. In addition to its permanent displays, the museum regularly mounts special exhibits on various themes or topics. The museum's collection of ethnological artifacts presently numbers more than 220,000 and is increasing annually.



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