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Kyoto Tamba
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Explore the nature and culture of Kyoto Tamba, and immerse yourself in **new experiences!**

Charms of Kyoto Tamba!



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Please find useful information and suggested itineraries inside to experience the charms of Kyoto Tamba.



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Popular sightseeing spots and activities

Kameoka

Kyotamba

Welcome to Kameoka, a land of good fortune!

With its harmonious combination of history, culture and nature,

Kameoka is known as the “okuzashiki (annex) of Kyoto.”

Located only 20 minutes train ride from JR Kyoto Station,

it is a great place to relax and savor seasonal tastes.

Enjoy all the excitement of finding something new!

PLAY

Hozugawa River Boat Ride

This 16-kilometer, 2-hour boat ride the Hozu River, where the wealthy merchant Ryoi Suminokura built a boat transportation system in 1606 to transport rice, vegetables, firewood, and charcoal to Kyoto, offers beautiful views of the river.

ADD 2 Shimo-nakajima, Hozu-cho, Kameoka City



Hozugawa River Rafting

Raft down the rapids of the Hozugawa River which winds through the beautiful Hozukyo Ravine.

Kototaki Falls

The white threads that make up this waterfall resemble the 13 strings of the koto, a traditional Japanese musical instrument. The gentle sound of the waterfall is a melody played by the koto.

ADD Ichimori, Kyotamba Town, Funai-gun

TAMBA WINE HOUSE

Vineyard and winery tours available for a fee. This winery includes a restaurant serving good fresh local food and a shop selling a variety of wine goods.

ADD Toyota, Kyotamba Town, Funai-gun



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Izumo Daijingu Shrine

Established in 709, this primary shrine of the Tango Province, also known as the original Izumo Shrine, is mentioned in the 14th-century text of Tsurezuregusa (Essays in Idleness). Blessings from the gods of this shrine are longevity, marriage luck and wealth.

ADD Izumo-mubanchi, Chitose, Chitose-cho, Kameoka City



KAMEOKA

Yunohana Onsen
Hot Spring



It is said that medieval samurai warriors used to bathe in this hot spring after battles to heal their sword wounds. Accessible in 30 minutes by car from Kyoto City, Yunohana Onsen is a quiet hot spring resort in beautiful natural surroundings, where you can relax and unwind at a cozy, comfortable ryokan (traditional Japanese inn) away from city bustle.



Ashiu Forest

This primeval forest is said to hold 70 percent of all plant and animal species found in Japan. You will be fascinated by the beauty of its nature, which is almost divine. Guided hikes and special events are available.

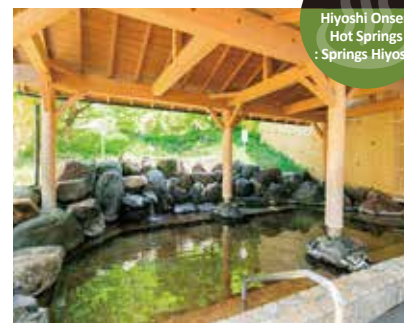
ADD Ashiu, Miyama-cho, Nantan City



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Hiyoshi Onsen
Hot Springs
: Springs Hiyoshi



Springs Hiyoshi is a spa and relaxation complex containing natural hot spring baths, bedrock baths, foot baths and swimming pools. The grounds also include one of Japan's largest indoor air playground facilities, camping, restaurants, and a souvenir shop.

ADD 8 Nakamiyano-mukai, Hiyoshi-cho, Nantan City



NANTAN

Rurikei Onsen
Hot Spring



A spa resort centered on natural radon hot spring baths, including a “Bade Zone,” where swimsuits are required, outdoor baths, and themed relaxation rooms where you can refresh your mind and body. Korean herbal steam baths and bedrock baths are also great for relaxation, fatigue relief, and immune system boost.

ADD 1-14 Hirotani Okawachi, Sonobe-cho, Nantan City

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Sagano Romantic Train

This scenic train runs through the Hozukyo Ravine, giving passengers great views on both sides of the train: the beautiful waters of the Hozugawa River and seasonal colors of the forested ravine.

ADD Saga-tenryuji-kurumamichi-cho, Ukyo-ku, Kyoto City



Kyoto Tamba is a gourmet paradise.
Try out some of the traditional delicacies that locals have enjoyed throughout history!



Botan-nabe (wild boar hot pot stew)



Gibier (wild deer/boar meat) dishes



Soba (Japanese buckwheat noodles) dishes



Kyo-jidori (free-range local breed chicken) dishes



Ayu sweetfish dishes

Explore the spiritual home of the Japanese.

In Nantan City, satoyama landscapes, or unspoiled landscapes of traditional Japanese farming villages, are still intact.

The beautiful nature of the Rurikei Ravine, the ancient breath of the Ashiu Forest and more.

Nantan is a healing and peaceful place, only 90 minutes away from Kyoto City.



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Miyama Kayabuki no Sato Thatched Village

The thatched village is the most visited attraction in Miyama. There are 39 houses with thatched roofs and almost the whole village is carefully maintained as a cultural heritage site.

ADD Miyamacho Kita, Nantan City



Rurikei Ravine

Surrounded by relatively gentle mountains, this ravine holds a range of amazing waterfalls and rock formations in beautiful nature.

ADD Hirotani Okawachi, Sonobe-cho, Nantan City



Kyoto Tamba Sports Park

This park includes various sports facilities, aquatic centers, an astronomical observatory and lodging facilities.

ADD 110-7 Sone-kuzure-shimodai, Kyotamba Town, Funai-gun

The Kyoto-Tamba area is rich in natural environment and scenery such as abundant satoyama, traditional architecture, and traditional local culture.

Please enjoy a variety of experiences in nature, history, culture, and sports.

TRADITIONAL EXPERIENCES

Kameoka
City

Natural Whetstone and Hone Museum

Kameoka is a sanctuary of natural whetstones and hones, blessed by ancient crustal movements. Their high quality Tamba Aoto and Awasedo stones have supported Japanese culture, including Japanese cuisine, swords, and architecture, with their exquisite sharpening ability. The museum exhibits natural whetstones from all over Japan and the world (admission is free). They offer many hands-on activities in English including a special guided tour, knife sharpening class and a personal whetstone creation experience.



Nantan
City

Kintsugi Class

Kintsugi is an ancient Japanese repair technique in which cracks or chips in pottery are repaired with lacquer and beautifully decorated with powdered gold or silver. At urujiyu, visitors can try a one-day Kintsugi experience (from ¥11,000; English instruction provided) using the most natural lacquer made by removing only impurities from the sap of lacquer trees. Why not spend your time doing a relaxing kintsugi in a quiet old Japanese house?



ACTIVITIES

Kameoka
City

SANGA STADIUM by KYOCERA

Located right next to JR Kameoka Station for easy access, it is a ball field dedicated to soccer, rugby, American football, and other sports. The difference in height between the pitch and the stands is only 1.2 meters, allowing visitors to enjoy watching powerful games at a close distance from the players. There is also an indoor climbing facility that meets international standards, an e-sports facility, and a free footbath facility.



Nantan
City

Explore Kyoto's countryside Miyama by E-bike

Surrounded by beautiful mountains, Miyama is a perfect place for cycling. The roads are mostly smooth with gentle slopes, so you can enjoy a comfortable ride without worrying about steep hills. Want to explore with less effort? E-bikes make cycling even easier, so you can travel farther and enjoy more of Miyama's stunning scenery! E-bike rentals available from April to November (not available in winter). Please check the website for details.



LODGING

Nantan
City

NIPPONIA MIYAMA TSURUGAOKA Mountain Village (Old private house hotel)

The Tsurugaoka area of Miyama-cho still retains the original landscape of old Japan. The hotel is a decentralized old private house hotel where old private houses with cedar bark and thatched roofs, which symbolize this area, have been renovated and their facilities are scattered throughout the area, as if the entire area were a hotel. Visitors can relax in one of the old private homes, interact with local residents, and experience the culture and lifestyle of the area through traditional food, making shimenawa (sacred straw ropes), and other activities.



Nantan
City

Springs Hiyoshi (Camping)

Located directly below Hiyoshi Dam, this leisure facility offers natural hot springs and camping. There is a large open space, natural hot spring, heated swimming pool, restaurant, BBQ, etc., and one of the largest indoor air playgrounds in Japan. There is also a campground and BBQ in collaboration with outdoor manufacturer "DOD," so you can stay overnight or have a one-day BBQ with nothing to bring.



Nantan
City

Rurikei Hot Spring (Glamping)

This is a glamping facility where you can enjoy the outdoors in comfort with nothing extra. The tents are equipped with beds, refrigerators, and other amenities for a comfortable stay. You can also enjoy activities such as fantastic illuminations in harmony with nature and the Rurikei ATV experience. Please enjoy an extraordinary time in the great outdoors.



Kameoka
City

Kameoka Festival

Traditional autumn festival passed down under the patronage of lords of Kameoka

The "hikiyama" and "kakiyama" festival floats, often described as "mobile art museums," are adorned with exquisite craftworks, adding splendid colors to the streets of the castle town. The highlights of this annual autumn festival, held from October 24th through October 25th, are a parade of the gorgeous festival floats on the last day and the two evenings preceding to the parade called yoiyama (eve of the parade) and yoiyoiyama (eve of the eve of the parade). The festival is a designated Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Kyoto.

Kameoka
City

The Saeki Lantern Festival and Ningyo Joruri Puppet Show

Inheriting traditions and culture

As part of the annual The Saeki Lantern Festival and Ningyo Joruri Puppet Show held on August 14th, ningyo joruri, a Japanese traditional puppet theater,



is performed to gidayu-bushi narrative chants accompanied by shamisen music on a mobile stage called "dai toro." Along with the rare Shinto rituals of "taiko gake," where a portable shrine and a taiko drum clash, and "toro oi," or lantern chasing, the puppetry is a designated Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Japan.

Kameoka
City

Kameoka Mitsuhide Festival

This annual spring festival, the largest of its kind in the city, is held on May 3rd to commemorate the virtue of AKECHI Mitsuhide, a 16th century lord of Kameoka. It features a parade of people dressed in samurai warrior costume with a central focus on Mitsuhide walking down the streets of the castle town.



Nantan
City

Tawara no Onda

Early summer Shinto ritual, a comic play between Sakutaro and Sakujiro

In this Shinto ritual, held every year on May 3rd, the whole year's process of rice cultivation from planting seedlings through harvesting is interpreted by performers in a comedy. This is to pray for good harvest for the year before the actual rice planting season begins. This ritual, also called "Ondaue," is the only thing in its kind in Japan, performing the whole process of rice cultivation, and is a designated Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Japan.



Kyotamba
Town

Wachi Ningyo Joruri Puppet Show

"Chorogoe Setsugino Homare," a signature play based on this region's dictated oral tradition

With its origins dating back to the late Edo period (1789-1853), the Watch puppetry is a traditional art form played out by the beautifully integrated 3-part performance of the tayu chanter, the shamisen player and puppeteers. It is a designated Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Kyoto.



Kyotamba
Town

Wachi Daiko Drum

Originating from an episode of Shuten-doji ogre from the Otogi-zoshi narratives

In mid Heian Period (986-1086), on his way to subdue the ogre of Mt. Oeyama, the warlord Miyamoto no Yorimitsu took shelter from the rain at Fujinomori Shrine in Kyotamba Town. To pray for his success in the battle, a performance of Taiko drums was offered by local villagers. The sacred drum performance has been continued by the locals ever since.



Learn about the food and food culture of Kyoto Tamba

Gastronomy tourism

Kyoto Tamba has long supported Kyoto's kitchens by taking advantage of the agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and livestock products nurtured by its rich natural environment. In addition, many local specialties are produced using high quality ingredients. Why not enjoy a food sightseeing tour to enjoy Kyoto Tamba's delicious food and experience its food culture?

TAMBA WINE HOUSE

Visitors are invited to visit this winery's vineyard on their winery tour (for a fee). At the end of the tour, you can taste some of their wine. The winery includes a nice restaurant serving delicious dishes prepared with fresh local ingredients that go well with wine.



Chourou

Located at the foot of Mt. Chorogatake, this craft brewery makes high-quality sake from selected local ingredients. The brewery is open to the public. Sake tasting is also available.



Oishi Shuzo, Sake no Yakata

Sake is brewed using traditional methods. At the Kameoka brewery, visitors can tour three of the old brewing breweries, taste sake, and buy sake (sake tasting and tours are free). At the Japanese-style teahouse, which was renovated from an old rice mill, visitors can enjoy amazake (sweet sake), green powdered tea, and red bean soup with red beans from Tamba (for a fee).



Tanzan Shuzo

At this sake brewery, located in an old town near Kameyama Castle, visitors can sample sake while watching a video of the production process at the entrance of the brewery.



Takeoka Syoyu

This traditional soy sauce maker produces naturally brewed shoyu soy sauce, with an interesting new method added to their tradition: playing Mozart to their soy sauce, believing the sound waves of classical music facilitate the fermentation process.



[Notes] 1. No foreign-language tour support is provided.
2. Advance reservations are required for tours. Please check our website for details.

Taste the specialties of Kyoto Tamba

Roadside station "Galleria Kameoka"

Opening Hours : 9:00–22:00 ("Atrio" closes at 17:00.)
Closed : Year-end and New Year holidays, the 4th Thursdays (except when it is a national holiday, in which case closed the following Friday)
Address : 1-1 Takarakubo, Amarube-cho, Kameoka City

Roadside station "Kyoto Shinkoetsu Mura"

Opening Hours : 9:00–18:00 (hours vary for each shop)
Closed : Year-end and New Year holidays, Mondays (except when it is a national holiday.)
Address : 15-3 Sogadani-nawate, Sonobe-cho, Nantan City

Roadside station "Furatto Miyama"

Opening Hours : (April–June) Weekdays : 9:00–17:00, Weekends/Holidays : 9:00–18:00
(July–September) 9:00–18:00
(October–March) 9:00–17:00
Closed : The second Wednesday of December
Every Wednesday of January and February
New year holiday season
Address : 23 Agake-shimo, Miyama-cho, Nantan City

Roadside station "Springs Hiyoshi"

Opening Hours : 10:00–18:00 (hours vary for each shop)
Closed : Wednesdays
(However, if the day falls on a national holiday, there will be a substitute closing day. Please check the website for other closing days.)
Address : 8 Nakamiyano-mukai, Hiyoshi-cho, Nantan City

Roadside station "Nagomi"

Opening Hours : 8:30–18:30 (November–March closes at 18:00.) (Varies by store)
Closed : Tuesdays (except when it is a national holiday.)
Address : 11 Sakabara-kamimojiri, Kyotamba Town

Roadside station "Tamba Markeds"

Opening Hours : 9:00–20:00 (Varies by store)
Open every day (Varies by store)
Address : 3-5 Shuchi-shikishiden, Kyotamba Town

Roadside station "Mizuho no Sato, Sarabiki"

Opening Hours : 9:00–18:00 (May be shortened in winter)
Closed : Year-end and New Year holidays, the 2nd and 4th Thursdays
Address : 10-1 Oboso-yasumiishi, Kyotamba Town

Roadside station "Kyotamba Ajimu no Sato"

Opening Hours : 6:00–21:00 (vary according to season)
Open every day
Address : 65-1 Sone-fukashino, Kyotamba Town

[Notes] 1. Hours may change without notice. Please contact each merchant to confirm their hours.
2. Each Roadside Station, provides 24-hour access to public toilets, parking lots and public phones.

Spring Flowers

A Ikimi Tenmangu Shrine (Nantan City)

Ume plum blossoms, the favorite flower of this shrine's deity Sugawara-no-Michizane.

About 5 minutes' drive from Kyoto Jukan Expressway Sonobe I.C.



B Ohno Dam Park (Nantan City)

The beauty of cherry blossoms in spring, in no way inferior to that of red leaves in autumn.

About 20 minutes' drive from Kyoto Jukan Expressway Kyotamba Wachi I.C.



C Nanatani-gawa River (Kameoka City)

Many people enjoy a leisurely walk alongside the gentle stream of the Nanatani-gawa River under cherry trees.

Take a Kameoka City Furusato Bus (Kawahigashi route) at JR Kameoka Sta. and get off at the Nanatanigawa bus stop. The river is about one minute' walk away from the bus stop.



Summer Flowers

D Home of bellflowers (Kameoka City)



In early summer, this garden is filled with blooming kikyo (Japanese bellflowers) and ajisai (hydrangea). Located nearby is Kokushoji Temple, which is associated with Lord AKECHI Mitsuhide.

About 13 minutes' drive from Kyoto Jukan Expressway Kameoka I.C.

E Hiranosawa-ike Pond (Kameoka City)



This pond, known as an important stop on the migratory path of water birds, is one of the most popular birdwatching sites in Kyoto. It is also the only natural habitat of onibas, or gorgon plant, in Kyoto.

About 10 minutes' drive from Kyoto Jukan Expressway Chiyokawa I.C.

Autumn Flowers

F Kyoto Tamba/Kameoka Yume Cosmos Garden (Kameoka City)

This 4.2-ha. (10-ac.) garden, one of largest cosmos flower gardens in the Kansai area, boasts 8 million cosmos shrubs of 20 varieties. When in full bloom, they dance and sway gracefully in response to the wind.

About 2 minutes' drive from Kyoto Jukan Expressway Kameoka I.C.



G Higanbana no Sato (Kameoka City)

Around mid to late September, this scenic spot for higanbana, or red spider lily, attracts many people, including photography enthusiasts, to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the bright red flowers against the green and golden rice paddies.

About 5 minutes' drive from Kyoto Jukan Expressway Kameoka I.C.



Autumn leaves in Kyoto Tamba

Kyoto Tamba has many hidden scenic spots for autumn leaves. At some spots, the trees are light up at night.



H Izumo Daijingu Shrine (Kameoka City)

About 15 minutes' drive from Kyoto Jukan Expressway Chiyokawa I.C.



I Kuwayama Jinja Shrine (Kameoka City)

About 10 minutes' drive from Kyoto Jukan Expressway Kameoka I.C.



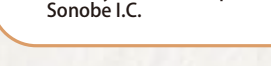
J Jinzouji Temple (Kameoka City)

About 10 minutes' drive from Kyoto Jukan Expressway Kameoka I.C.



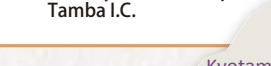
K Rurikei Ravine (Nantan City)

About 30 minutes' drive from Kyoto Jukan Expressway Sonobe I.C.



L Kute Jinja shrine (Kyotamba Town)

About 5 minutes' drive from Kyoto Jukan Expressway Tamba I.C.



M Gyokuunji Temple (Kyotamba Town)

About 5 minutes' drive from Kyoto Jukan Expressway Tamba I.C.



Colors in Winter

The fantasy of lights brightens up the winter of Kyoto Tamba.

N Kyoto Illumination SYNESTHESIA HILLS (Nantan City)



SYNESTHESIA HILLS is one of the largest illuminations in the Kansai region, with a theme of synaesthesia, and can be enjoyed throughout the year.

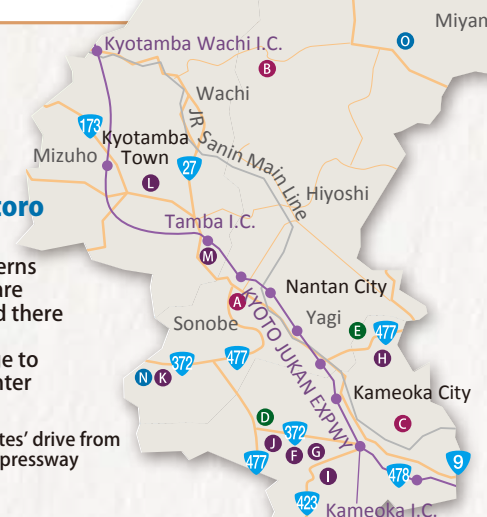
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O Miyama Thatched village, Yukitoro (Nantan City)

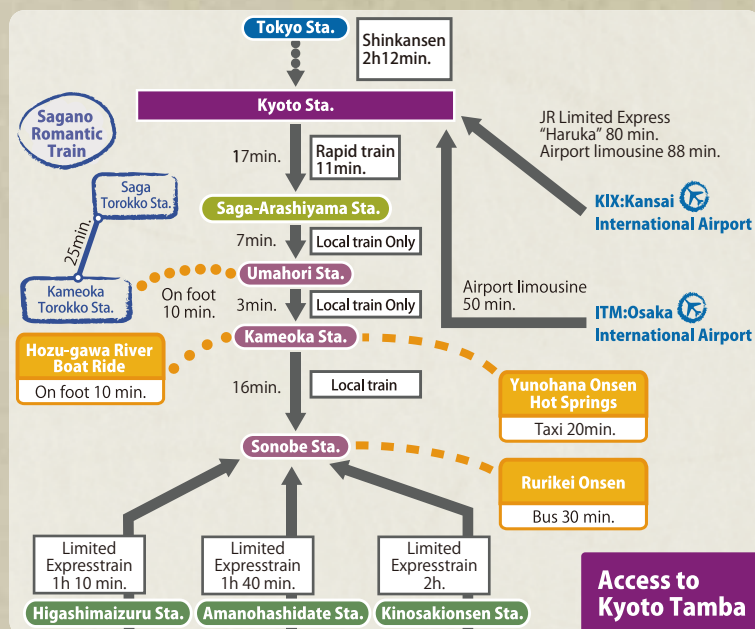
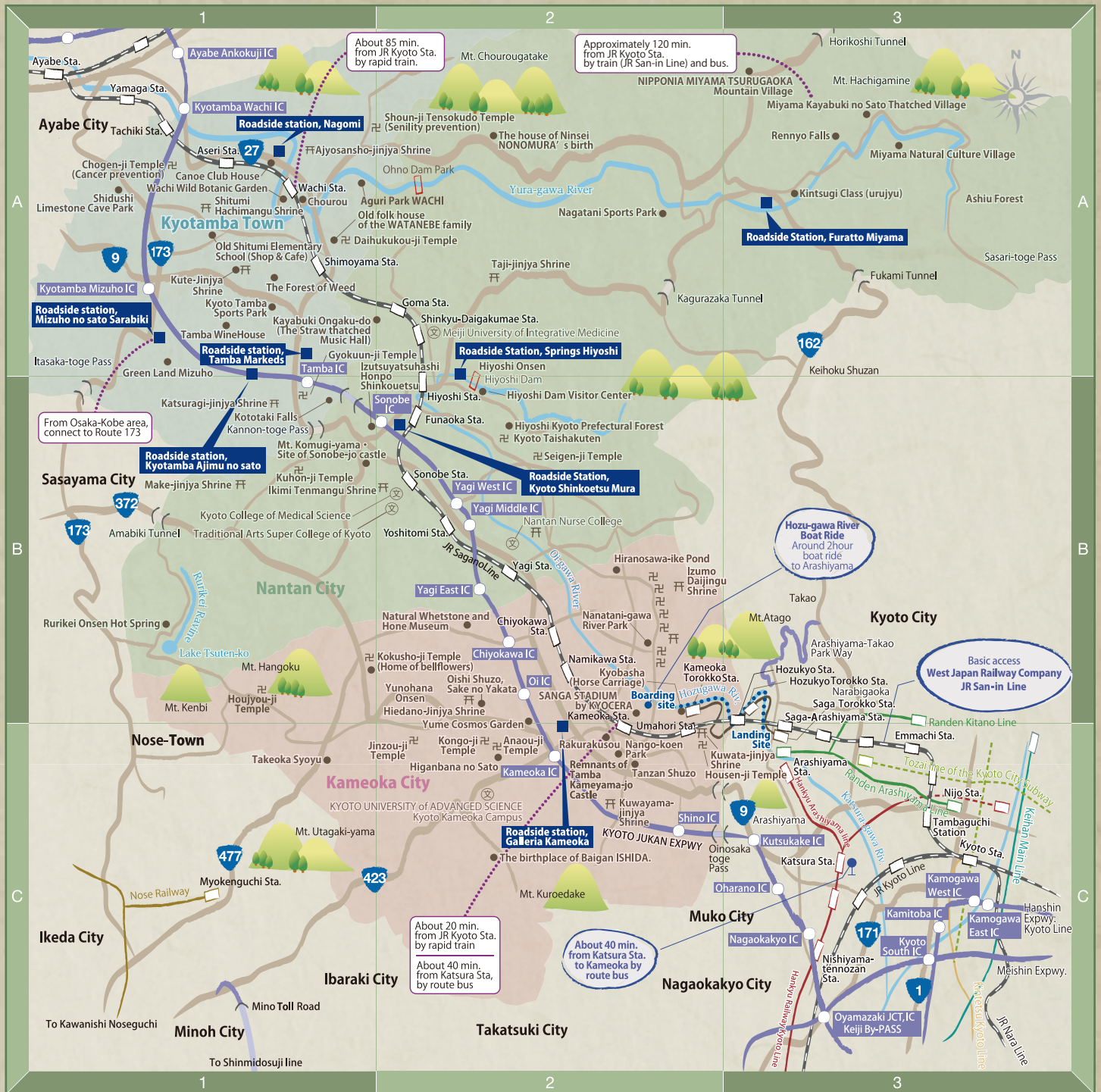


About 300 lanterns made of snow are placed here and there in the Miyama Thatched Village to light up the winter nights.

About 50 minutes' drive from Kyoto Expressway Sonobe I.C.



Kyoto Tamba Access Map



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