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Osaka · 9-day itinerary

Canal-side evenings, castle park walks and neighbourhood food stops in Japan’s lively Kansai hub.

Where to stay

Namba · Umeda · Tennoji

Namba is handy for Dotonbori evenings and some Kansai Airport rail services; check which operator and station your hotel actually serves. Umeda suits shopping and regional rail connections, but the station area is large. Tennoji is another practical base with park and transport access. Compare room size, luggage storage, breakfast and the route from the correct station exit. Osaka and Shin-Osaka are different stations: match your booking to your arrival plans.

Check whether you need Osaka, Shin-Osaka or one of the Namba stations. Group Dotonbori and Shinsaibashi on foot and allow a full day for Nara.

Day 1

Morning · Osaka Castle Park and museum if desired

Afternoon · Nakanoshima river walk

Evening · Dinner near your hotel

Day 2

Morning · Kuromon Market and Namba

Afternoon · Shinsaibashi and Dotonbori canal

Evening · Try okonomiyaki or takoyaki

Day 3

Morning · Tennoji Park and Shitennō-ji

Afternoon · Shinsekai lanes and cafés

Evening · Dinner in Shinsekai

Day 4

Morning · Umeda Station district

Afternoon · Umeda Sky Building if visibility suits

Evening · Dinner in Umeda

Day 5

Morning · Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan if booked

Afternoon · Tempozan waterfront

Evening · Return to Namba for dinner

Day 6

Morning · Train to Nara

Afternoon · Nara Park and Tōdai-ji

Evening · Return to Osaka after a café break

Day 7

Morning · Sumiyoshi Taisha

Afternoon · Ride the tram or explore a nearby neighbourhood

Evening · Dinner around Tennoji

Day 8

Morning · Minoh Park walk if paths and weather permit

Afternoon · Return for cafés or shopping near Umeda

Evening · Dinner near your station

Day 9

Morning · Namba Yasaka Shrine

Afternoon · Last shopping around Namba

Evening · Early dinner before airport transfer

Before you go

Check opening days, tickets, local transport and last return services. Move an outing to another day if weather or closures affect the route.

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