



Raining? No problem! Hanshin Racecourse – the largest clockwise racecourse in Japan

Hanshin Racecourse: home to the Oka Sho, the curtain raiser in the classic racing season; the Takarazuka Kinen, named the “dream race” in a poll of fans; and the Japan Cup Dirt, an important international race. And now, after a major refurbishment in 2006, Hanshin is reborn with a new outer course, making it one of the biggest racecourses in Japan. A turf course with a total length of 2,113.2 meters, an outer course with a home stretch of 476.3 meters and a steep slope with a gradient of approximately 1.5% coming up to the finishing post awaits the runners on this course. One of its most famous features is the massive roof covering the parade ring and stand, allowing spectators to enjoy the races in comfort even in imperfect weather.



Reserved seating

With wall to wall glass and air-conditioning, the stand is a pleasant place to spend a day at the races. Each table in the reserved seating area is fitted with a compact TV, allowing you to enjoy the races at your own pace.

Centaur garden

The park extending to the east of the stand contains a fountain, flower borders and a green terrarium.



Parade Ring

A theater-style parade ring protected by a massive roof.

Hanshin Racecourse Area Guide

Takarazuka Grand Theater

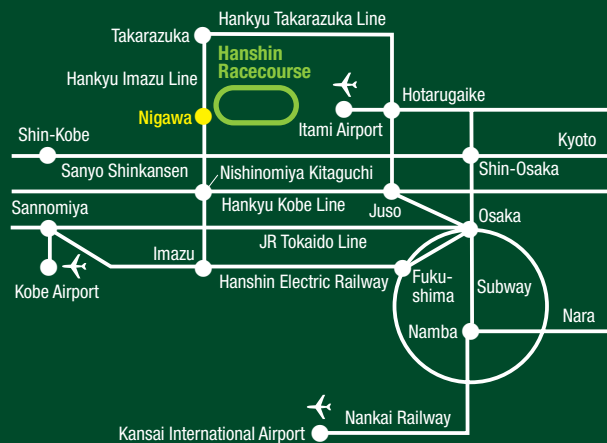
Fully refurbished in 1993, the theater now employs cutting-edge technology in its stage effects, further adding to the magic of its spectacular shows. The five Takarazuka troupes (Flower, Moon, Snow, Star and Cosmos) take turns to perform, their beauty and allure transcending age or gender.



Arima Spa

Tucked away in the mountains behind Kobe, Arima Spa is one of Japan's three oldest hot spring resorts. Said to have been visited by many noted figures in the past, including the Nara priest Gyoki Bosatsu, Ninsai Shonin and Toyotomi Hideyoshi. Arima has two distinct types of spring water: the “Kinsen” (gold) spring, a combination of iron and salt minerals, and a colorless “Ginsen” (silver) spring. The atmospheric old town is also great for leisurely walks.

Hankyu Nishinomiya Gardens
The largest shopping center in western Japan, boasting no fewer than 268 stores on a vast site measuring some 70,000 square meters. Directly linked to Hankyu Nishinomiya Kitaguchi Station, three stations from Hanshin Racecourse. The perfect place to shop or go for a meal on your way home from the races.



 **JRA Hanshin Racecourse**
<http://japanracing.jp/>

(Transport) 5 minutes on foot by underpass from Nigawa Station on the Hankyu Imazu Line

(Admission) 200 yen (free for under 15's)

(Gates open) 09:00 (subject to change depending on congestion levels, etc.)



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Double-screen multi Turf Vision installed in 2009. Thanks to high definition video images, we can show thrilling race scenes and parade ring footage, odds board and other information on multiple screens.

Stand

Plenty of facilities in this unique stand



Betting points
Walls lined with automatic bet vendors and payout machines. This makes it easy to place your bets and collect your winnings.

Information



At the information desks, you will find guides of the stand as well as betting guides in various languages (English, Chinese, Korean). Please feel free to drop in.
Location: Stand West Wing 2F and elsewhere.

Horseracing i-spots

You can connect to the Internet or access JRA-VAN using the PCs provided. Or if you prefer, you can also use your own laptop or PDA for Internet connection. Fee for use: 500 yen (* as of 2009).



Food plazas

A wide selection of fast food outlets offering a quick bite. There are also restaurants on each floor serving three course meals.



Turfy shop

This is the place for buying souvenirs, including Hanshin Racecourse original goods and cuddly toys.

Stand Floor Guide

6 F	Reserved seating, restaurants
5 F	Reserved seating, restaurants and shops
4 F	Reserved seating, information, restaurants and shops
3 F	Unreserved seating, senior seating, terrace, food plaza, restaurants and shops, information
2 F	Unreserved seating, senior seating, Parade Ring, food plaza, restaurants and shops, general information
1 F	Unreserved seating, food plaza, shops, Turfy shop

*The whole of the stand is a no-smoking area. Smokers are requested to use the smoking rooms and smoking areas. When smoking outside the stand, please use areas where ashtrays are provided.



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Home of the Oka Sho and other GI races



Oka Sho	
Oka Sho (GI)	1,600m/Turf/3-year-old fillies
Takarazuka Kinen (GI)	2,200m/Turf/3-year-olds and up
Japan Cup Dirt (GI)	1,800m/Dirt/3-year-olds and up
Hanshin Juvenile Fillies (GI)	1,600m/Turf/2-year-old fillies

Facilities around the stand



Pony ride



Forest train



Lucky shoe spot

Parade Ring



This is where you can check the condition of the runners at close quarters.

Sky Park



Sky Park, a haven of green, extends to the east of the stand. The Park includes a stage, where character shows and other events are held on race meet days.

Spaces for both adults and children to enjoy at leisure

Plenty of space for you to relax between races and have a picnic. There are lots of attractions for children, too, including play areas and pony or horse rides.
Go down the stairs to the right of the main entrance, and you will find a "Lucky Shoe Spot" with hoofprints of famous horses imprinted in the floor. Try touching one – it may just bring you luck! If you believe in lucky charms, this is the place for you!