

Tanabe Gateway to Kumano

Tanabe City is the historic and present day gateway to Kumano, a key location for both land and ocean transportation routes. It is a sleepy coastal city with a population of around 65,000, the largest in the south of the Kii Peninsula. Tanabe Bay is to the west with mountains rising in the East. Across the bay to the south is the Shirahama resort area.

Fishing and agriculture focused on Ume and orange production are the major industries. The mountains inland from the coast are covered with terraced orchards.

Access: JR Trains run daily from Kyoto and Osaka (~2.5 hrs)

Kii-Tanabe Station Area

The station area is the center of the older part of the city. Next to the Kii-Tanabe station is the Tanabe Tourist Information Center. Most of the other main sites are to the south-west of the station. Busses for the Kumano Kodo leave from Bus Stop 2 in front of the station.

TANABE Tourist Information Center

Hours: 9:00~18:00 (Open year-round)



Travel Support Center

The KUMANO TRAVEL shop is dedicated to supporting visitors onsite. It is located within short walking distance from the Kii-Tanabe station and is run by bilingual English/Japanese speaking staff. Services include luggage storage, luggage shuttle, accommodation reservations, etc. Outdoor gear and local souvenirs are for sale.



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Tokei-jinja

Tokei-jinja Shrine was established in 419 A.D and derives from Kumano Hongu Taisha. Many imperial and aristocratic pilgrims paid homage here praying for safe passage into the realm of Kumano. Because the Kumano deities were manifested in Tokei-jinja Shrine, some pilgrims did not make the voyage into the heart of Kumano, but prayed here, subsequently worshipping the Kumano Sanzan from afar.



Ajikoji - Restaurant & Entertainment District

The entertainment area in front of the JR Kii-Tanabe station is called "Ajikoji" and is packed with over 200 restaurants and Japanese style pubs (Izakaya). Every alley is full of quaint places to eat and drink.



Tanabe is a safe place for non-Japanese speakers to fully experience delicious local cuisine in an authentic environment. Kanpai!

Restaurant Guide

Local seafood	Full meals	Higher-end traditional restaurant	English Menu	Rice bowl restaurants
Izakaya pub	Sushi	Udon & Soba noodles		
1 Ikeguchi 食べ処 いけ口	0739-25-2612	AM11:30~PM1:30 PM5:00~PM10:30	定休(月) Closes on Mon.	
2 Hachiko 料理の店 八幸	0739-24-5198	PM4:00~PM11:00	定休(月) Closes on Mon.	
3 Konoha 喰いもんや この葉	0739-26-8180	PM5:00~PM10:30	定休(月) Closes on Mon.	
4 Ichiyoshi 食べ処 一吉	0739-26-6811	PM5:00~AM3:30	定休なし Open all year	
5 Goemon 五右衛門 一門店	0739-24-9151	PM4:30~PM11:00	不定休 Variable holidays	
6 Wasabi 和さび	0739-25-7288	PM8:30~AM0:30	定休なし Open all year	
7 Tokkuri とっくり	0739-24-7952	PM5:00~PM10:30	定休(日) Closes on Sun.	
8 Ginchiro honten 銀ちろ本店	0739-22-3960	AM11:00~PM10:00 (Last Order PM9:00)	不定休 Variable holidays	
9 Ginchiro tounouchi 銀ちろ塔の内店	0739-24-8666	AM11:00~PM10:00 (Last Order PM9:00)	定休(水) Closes on Wed.	
10 Shinbe しんべ	0739-24-8845	PM5:00~PM10:30	定休(日) Closes on Sun.	
11 Yoshihisa 鮓・割烹 よしひさ	0739-25-1782	PM5:30~PM11:00	定休(火) Closes on Tue.	
12 Kanteki 紀州魚介庵かんでき	0739-26-1081	PM5:00~PM11:00	定休(水&第3木) Closed on Wed. & every 3rd Thu.	
13 Uogokoro 居酒屋 魚ごころ	0739-24-7822	PM5:30~PM11:00	定休(日) Closes on Sun.	
14 Tokuno 居酒屋 徳乃	0739-24-1871	PM5:00~PM11:00 (Last Order PM10:30)	定休(火) Closes on Tue.	
15 Tatsumi zushi 辰巳鮓	0739-25-4461	PM5:00~PM11:00	定休(日) Closes on Sun.	
16 Yoshii zushi 吉位寿司	0739-22-2995	PM5:00~PM10:00	定休(木) Closes on Thu.	
17 Horai zushi 宝来寿司	0739-22-0834	AM10:00~PM9:00	定休(月) Closes on Mon.	
18 Zen 旬彩居酒屋 膳	0739-26-8551	PM5:00~PM11:30 (Last Order PM11:00)	定休(木) Closes on Thu.	
19 Miyaji 味処 みや路	0739-26-3827	PM5:00~PM10:00	定休(日)&第3月 Closes on Sun. & every 3rd Mon.	
20 Yasuda 割烹 やすだ	0739-24-6250	AM11:30~PM1:30 (Res. booking essential) PM5:00~PM11:00	不定休 Variable holidays	
21 Ashibe honten 割烹 あしべ本店	0739-22-0005	PM12:00~PM9:00 (Res. booking essential)	不定休 Variable holidays	
22 Yebisu 割烹 やびす	0739-22-0886	PM5:00~PM9:00	不定休(主に日) Variable holidays(mostly Sun.)	
23 Sangen-jaya めはり本舗 三軒茶屋	0739-81-7707	AM11:00~PM2:00 PM5:00~PM8:00	定休(月) Closes on Mon.	
24 Akihei 割烹 秋平	0739-22-0234	AM11:00~PM9:30	定休(火) Closes on Tue.	

