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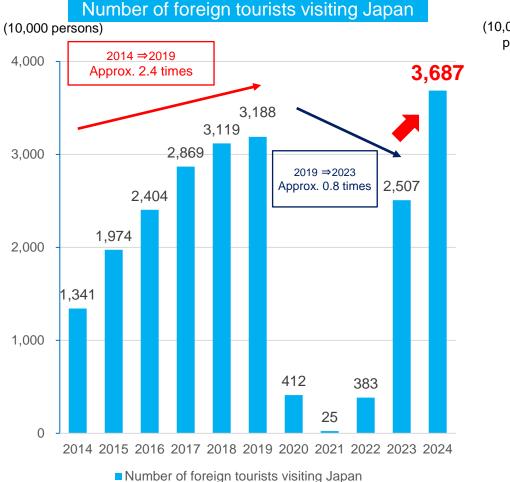
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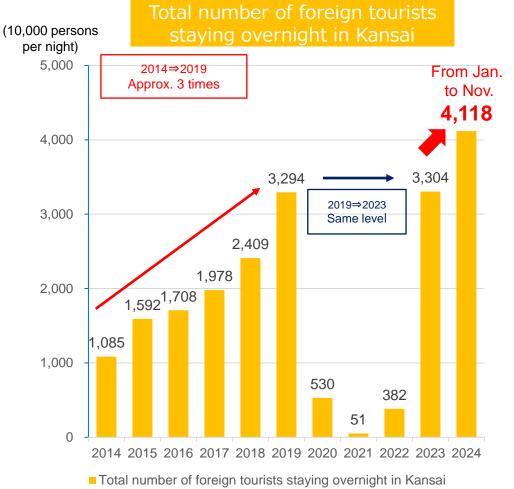
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Inbound Status (Number of Tourists)

- The number of foreign tourists visiting Japan in 2024 <u>reached approximately 36.87 million, exceeding the annual figure for 2019</u> (approximately 31.88 million), the highest ever, due to strong demand for visits to Japan and the recovery of air flights.
- <u>The total number of foreign tourists staying overnight in Kansai was approximately 41.18 million per night</u> from January to November 2024, exceeding the total number of last year, <u>the highest ever.</u>



Source: Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) "Statistics of Foreign Visitors to Japan" Japan Tourism Agency "Survey on Consumption Trends of Foreign Visitors to Japan"





Taking advantage of the opportunity presented by Expo 2025, we are working to <u>create an environment in which foreign tourists visiting</u> Japan can enjoy sightseeing in Kansai; including promoting the attractions of Kansai, <u>creating a stress-free environment</u> for tourists and their hosts, and preparing tools to enable them to enjoy sightseeing safely.

Kansai International Airport Tourism Promotion Booth





DIG THE LOCAL IN KANSAI https://kansaimap.stroly.com/en



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Provided as <u>a digital site for local governments</u>, <u>DMOs</u>, <u>tourism</u> <u>associations</u>, <u>and other organizations in western Japan</u>, <u>including</u> <u>the Kansai region</u>, <u>to promote the attractions of their respective</u> <u>regions and attract visitors</u> while building momentum for Expo 2025



Kansai Hands-Free Travel Project

"Hands-Free Travel" \Rightarrow A service that allows you to leave heavy baggage and delivers it to your destination such as your accommodation



Kansai International Airport has had no lost baggage incidents since its opening! (30 years!)

Experience on-time delivery of your baggage!

The information site is being developed progressively.

The service will be announced on trains in the Kansai region.

"Safety Information Card"

A leaflet compiling information about useful apps, websites, and other services to enjoy a safe and secure stay in Japan.

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Useful Tools for Foreign Tourists Visiting Japan in the Event of a Disaster

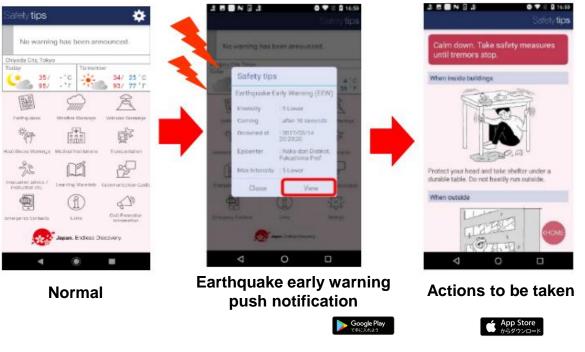


Push-enabled information alert app "Safety tips"

This app provides push notifications of emergency earthquake alerts, tsunami warnings, and special weather warnings in Japan, and also provides a collection of links to gather information needed in the event of a disaster, such as a response flowchart and a communication card. (15 languages available)

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Push notifications when an earthquake occurs





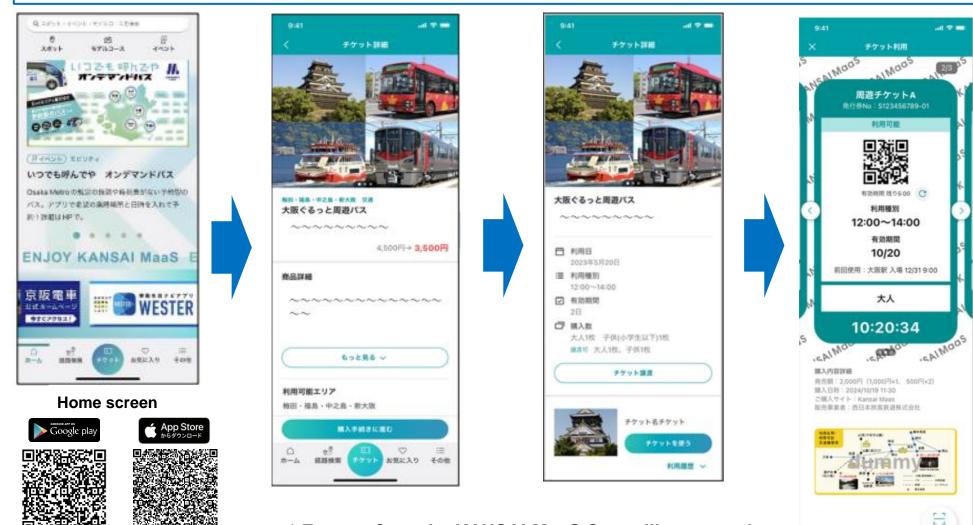




KANSAI MaaS QR Ticket Service



- KANSAI MaaS is an app that allows you to search, reserve, and pay for transportation throughout the Kansai region.
- The QR ticket service has started. QR compatible products will be added in due course.
- Transit will be possible with just one QR code, rendering transportation services more seamless.



* Excerpt from the KANSAI MaaS Council's press release

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