

Listen to simultaneous interpretation on your own smartphone!

Enjoy Osaka with POCKETALK for Tours!



The AI simultaneous interpretation service POCKETALK for Tours translates the guide's Japanese into multiple languages. No software installation is required, making it easy for first-time users. Simply scan the 2D code using your smartphone or any internet-connected device!

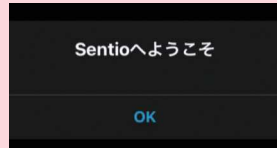
Please bring your own earphones!



How to Use



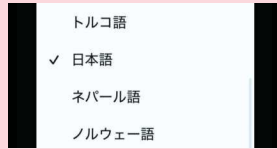
1 Scan the 2D code provided by the guide with your device.



2 When "Welcome to Sentio" appears, tap "OK."



3 Tap the icon at the bottom left to unmute (tap again to mute). Next, tap the "Language Button."



4 Select your language. (The default is set to your smartphone's system language. If the system language is English, the display will also be in English.)



5 The "AA" bar at the bottom right lets you change the text size.

Fare

Please visit our website for the detailed schedule.

Adults: **¥4,500** | Students: **¥3,000**

Children (elementary school age): **¥2,000**

*Student rates apply to junior high, high school, university, and vocational school students. Please bring your student ID. For children under elementary school age, the child rate of 2,000 yen applies if a separate seat is required, or if there is more than one child per adult.

- Please check in at the pier at least 15 minutes before the departure time.
- Please refrain from bringing in outside food and drinks, except for water bottles.
- Only food and drinks purchased at Tugboat Taisho may be brought on board.

- Food and drinks are also available for purchase on board.
- No smoking on board.
- There is one restroom on board.
- Information and prices listed are current as of February 1, 2026.
- All prices shown include tax.

Reservations can be made starting at 9:00 am on the same date three months prior to the boarding date.

Reservations and inquiries

Ipponmatsu Shipping Co., Ltd. ☎050-1807-4118 (9:00 am to 5:00 pm)
<https://www.ipponmatsu.co.jp/>

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Take a journey

The definitive Osaka sightseeing experience!

落語家と行く なにわ探検クルーズ 大阪観光の決定版!



Naniwa Exploration Cruise



This is the real Osaka! You've never seen Osaka like this before.

Explore Osaka's waterways as you enjoy lighthearted, engaging narration by a rakugo storyteller. So many of Osaka's famous sights can be seen from the river!



with a rakugo storyteller



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Take a journey Naniwa Exploration Cruise with a rakugo storyteller

Welcome to Osaka, the City of Water, full of laughter!
Join us for a fun boat trip through Osaka's rivers and bridges, exploring its past, present, and future!

Start! Yumesaki Line Course
(Duration: about 100 min.)

Please note the boarding point for the 10:00 am cruise!

Departure:
Universal City Port
Arrival:
Minatomachi Pier



Start! River Loop Line Course
(Duration: about 100 min.)

Departure & Arrival
at Tugboat Taisho



★ Getting to Tugboat Taisho

- About 3 min. on foot from JR Taisho Station
- About 3 min. on foot from Taisho Station or about 5 min. on foot from Dome-mae Chiyozaki Station on the Osaka Metro Nagahori Tsurumi-yokuchi Line
- About 5 min. on foot from Dome-mae Station on the Hanshin Namba Line



Enjoy the unique scenery on rainy days!



Naniwa Exploration Cruise Trivia 1

Our state-of-the-art passenger boats, "Kirari" and "Hotaru," are packed with amazing features!

They are equipped with numerous functions perfectly suited for river sightseeing in Osaka City, such as passing under low bridges and allowing passengers to feel the river breeze.

No.1 Ballast adjustment just like a submarine!

Just like a submarine, river water is taken into tanks at the bottom of the boat to adjust the vessel's height in the water so it can pass under low bridges.

No.2 Glass roof!

Slides back for a fully open experience!

No.3 Elevating cabin system!

The side windows open and close by raising or lowering the cabin! This changes the view from inside the boat.

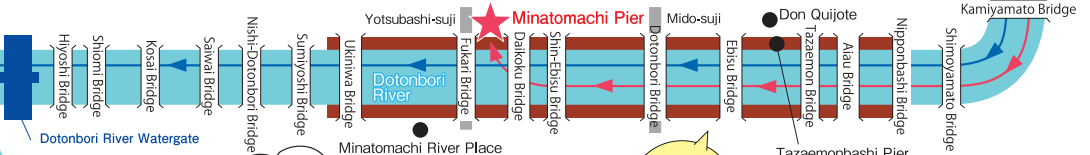
*Depending on the weather and tide levels on the day of operation, you may not be able to experience all of these features.
*Depending on the vessel's condition, the cruise may be operated using an alternative open-type boat.

*Depending on watergate operating hours, river construction, or river events, the course may be changed to one that does not pass through the Dotonbori River.



It extends high up, creating a sense of openness!!

It becomes this low and flat!



Taisho Station

Photo Spot



We, Rakugo storytellers, will provide an entertaining guide to Osaka's history and culture.

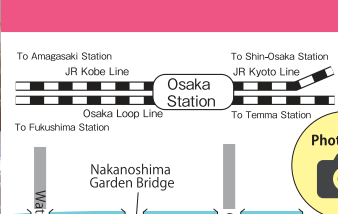


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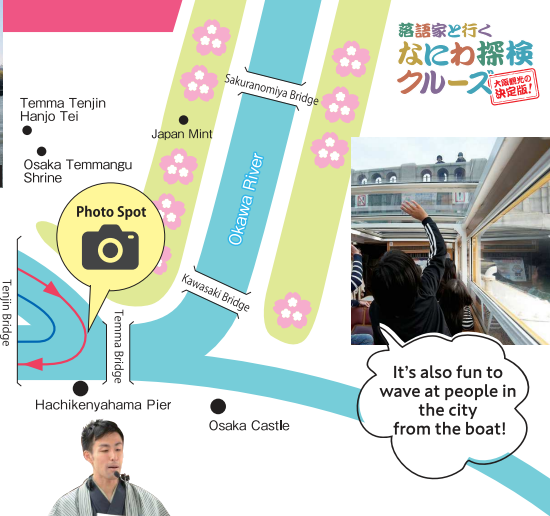


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落語家と行く
なにわ探検
クルーズ
大船出の快足船!



It's also fun to wave at people in the city from the boat!

Naniwa Exploration Cruise Trivia 2

Watergates serve multiple roles, such as improving water quality and preventing storm surges.

The watergates located on the upstream Higashiyokobori River and downstream Dotonbori River perform a variety of functions, including introducing clean water to improve water quality, protecting against storm surges, controlling water levels, and providing a lock system for vessel navigation.



How the lock system works

(when the water level is higher on the other side of the gate)

