





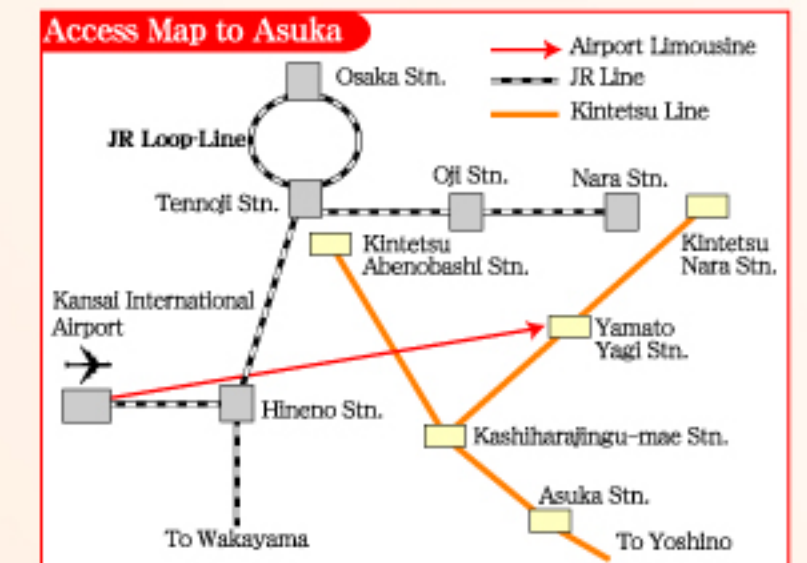
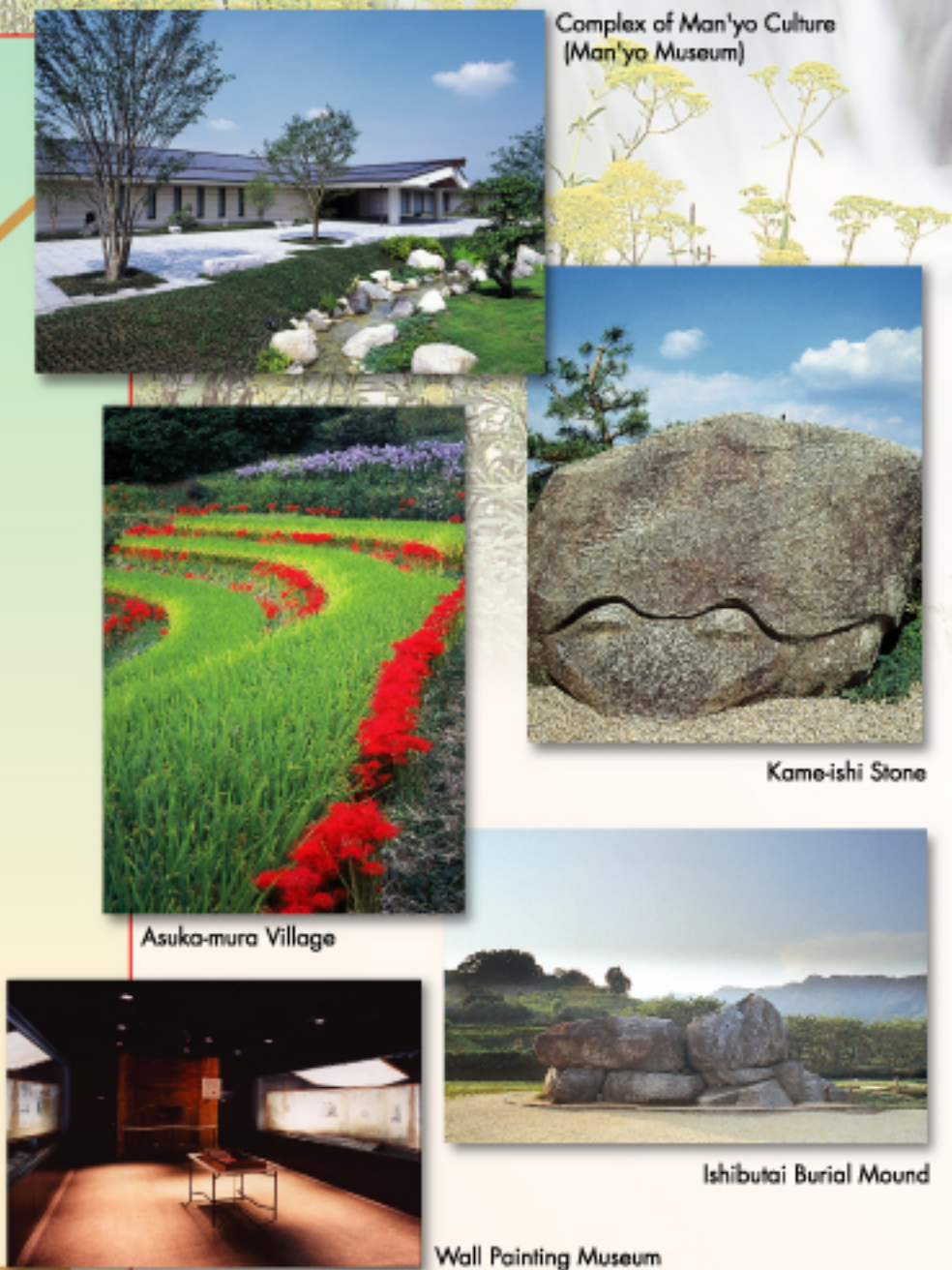
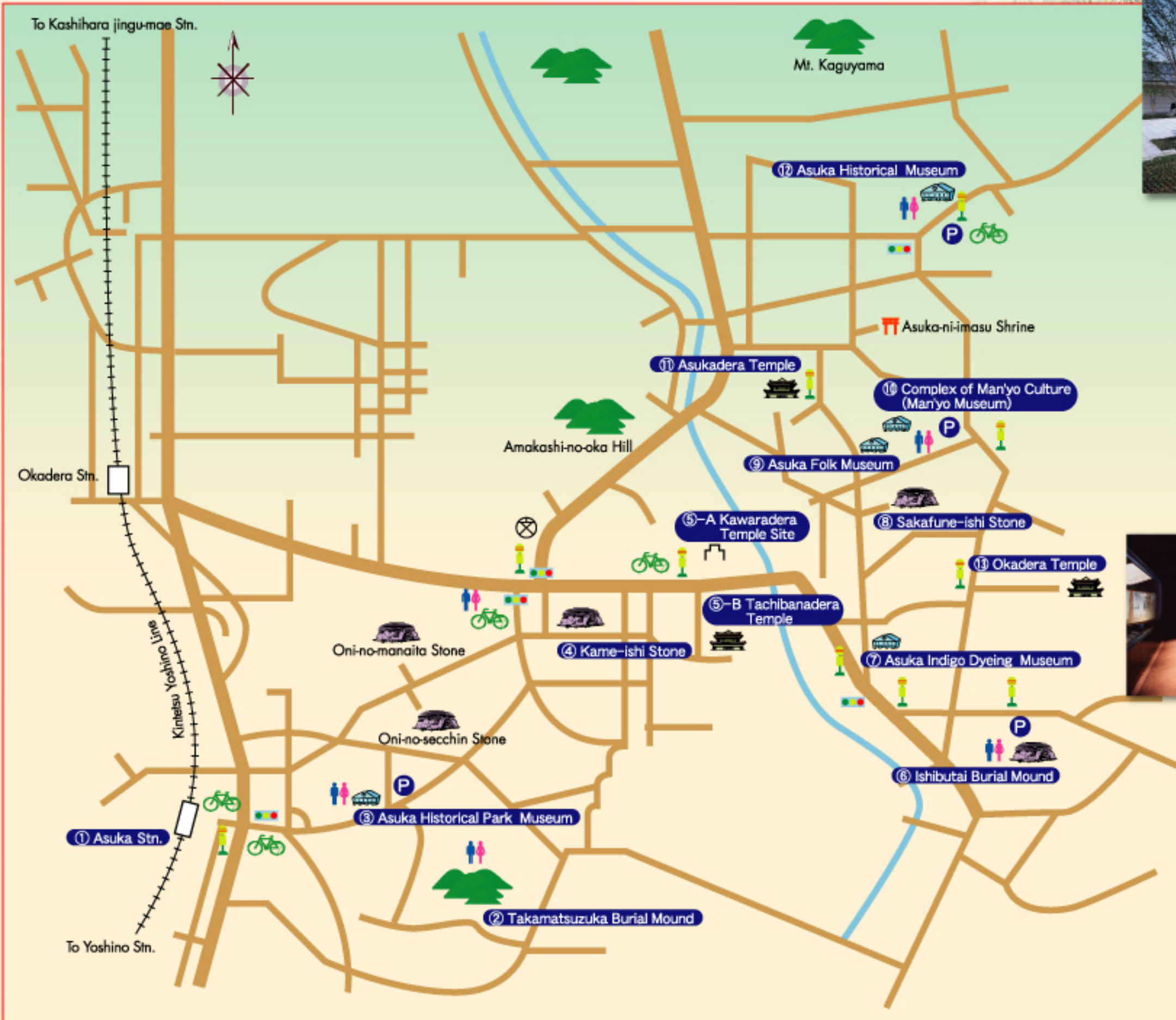


For Transit Passengers (Short Trip to Nara)

Asuka Historical National Government Park

-  Lavatory
-  Bus stop
-  Rent-a-cycle
-  Parking
-  School
-  Traffic signal



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1) This course incorporates a combination of walking, bus and taxi.

[Transportation in Asuka Village] The *Kame*-bus comes in handy and a one-day pass will set you back ¥650. The *Kame*-bus runs from Kintetsu Asuka Station to the east entrance of Kintetsu Kashihara-jingu-mae Station through Asuka Village every 30 minutes.

The numbered sightseeing spots on the map have bus stops.

② **Takamatsuzuka Burial Mound and Wall Painting Museum** [¥250] (20 minutes walk or 3 minutes bus ride from ①.) Since its excavation in 1972, this 7th century tomb has become famous for its beautiful wall paintings. Currently it is only possible to view the outside of the mound as the internal environment is strictly controlled by state of the art technology. However, in 1977 a Wall Painting Museum was constructed that displays faithful reproductions of the originals. ⇒ ③ **Asuka Historical Park Museum** [No Charge] (10 minutes walk from ②) The topographical map of Asuka on display is informative and useful for visitors to get their bearings. Vending machines for drinks and restrooms are also available. ⇒ ④ **Kame-ishi Stone (Tortoise Stone)** [No charge] (25 minutes walk from ③) The front of this stone seems to resemble the face of a laughing tortoise. One of a number of enigmatic stones unearthed around Asuka. ⇒ ⑤-A **Kawaradera Temple Site** [No Charge] ⑤-B **Tachibanadera Temple** [¥300] (10 minutes walk from ④) Tachibanadera Temple contains the *Nimenseki* Stone – carved with two human faces expressing good and evil. One of the aforementioned enigmatic stones. The Kawaradera Temple Site serves as a good place for lunch. ⇒ ⑥ **Ishibutai Burial Mound** [¥250] (20 minutes walk or 3 minutes bus ride from ⑤) This burial mound has the largest side-entrance-style stone chamber in Japan. Who was laid in this chamber remains unknown. Don't miss the reproduction stone coffin nearby. Several Japanese-style restaurants are located nearby. Tired walkers can return to the east entrance of Kintetsu Kashihara-jingu-mae Station from here by bus.

– If you wish to continue the tour –

《Walking from Ishibutai Burial Mound》

⑦ **Asuka Indigo Dyeing Museum** [No charge] (10 minutes walk from ⑥) Ancient indigo-dyed works, Asuka earthen-bells and photographs of Asuka's scenery are exhibited in a traditional house near to the Asuka Village Tourists Information Center. If you wish to have a go at indigo-dyeing, it is possible but you will have to reserve in advance. Please allocate about an hour for the dyeing. You can go back to the east entrance of Kintetsu Kashihara-jingu-mae Station from here by bus.

If you wish to continue the tour of Asuka, you can walk to the ⑩ **Complex of Man'yo Culture (Man'yo Museum)** [¥600] and ⑪ **Asukadera Temple** [¥300]. This is about a 10-minute walk from ⑦.

《Bus or taxi from Ishibutai Burial Mound》 Tired tourists can take a bus or taxi from the Ishibutai Burial Mound. ⑬ **Okadera Temple** [¥300] (4 minutes taxi ride or 6 minutes bus ride from ⑥) This temple's main statue of worship is the 4.8-meter Nyoirin-kannon (Buddhist God of Mercy), the tallest sedentary Buddhist statue in Japan. The elevation of this temple lends it some fine views of Asuka. ⇒ ⑩ **Complex of Man'yo Culture (Man'yo Museum)** [¥600] (10 minutes walk from ⑬) There are so many exhibits in this museum (including historical artifacts, reproductions of people's live in history and Japanese-style paintings based on the themes of the Man'yo-shu, an anthology of poetry edition in the 8th century) that you could spend a good half-day here. It's certainly a good place when it rains!

Try a *Kaki* (persimmon) cake at Café in Complex of Man'yo Culture. (¥600)

* All numbers above correspond with those on the map.

* 1 km (about 0.6 mile) = Approximately 15 minutes on foot

2) Sightseeing Taxi Course

— Enjoy the natural environment and beautiful scenery of Asuka.—

Take a sightseeing taxi from either Kintetsu Kashihara-jingu-mae Station or Asuka Station.

(Approximately. 5 hours)

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[Helpful Information]

《Wheelchair accessible facilities》

(1) **Takamatsuzuka Wall Painting Museum** – Get off a car at the parking lot and nearby is the barrier-free Asuka Historical Park Hall. The slope continues to the Wall Painting Museum. The interior of the museum is also barrier-free.

(2) **Complex of Man'yo Culture (Man'yo Museum)** – Barrier-free.

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[Access Guide from Kansai International Airport]

By JR & Kintetsu Train:

Kansai International Airport (by JR train) ⇒ Tennoji Station (Change trains from JR line to Kintetsu line) [Approx. 50 minutes]

Abenobashi Station (by Kintetsu train) ⇒ Kashihara-jingu-mae Station (Change trains from Kintetsu Minami-osaka Line to Kintetsu Yoshino Line) ⇒ Asuka Station [Approx. 45 minutes]

By Airport Limousine:

Kansai International Airport (by bus) ⇒ Yamato Yagi Station (Change from a bus to Kintetsu train) [Approx. 70 minutes / Every hour]

Kashihara-jingu-mae Station (Change trains from Kintetsu Kyoto Line to Kintetsu Yoshino Line) ⇒ Asuka Station [Approx. 10 minutes]

