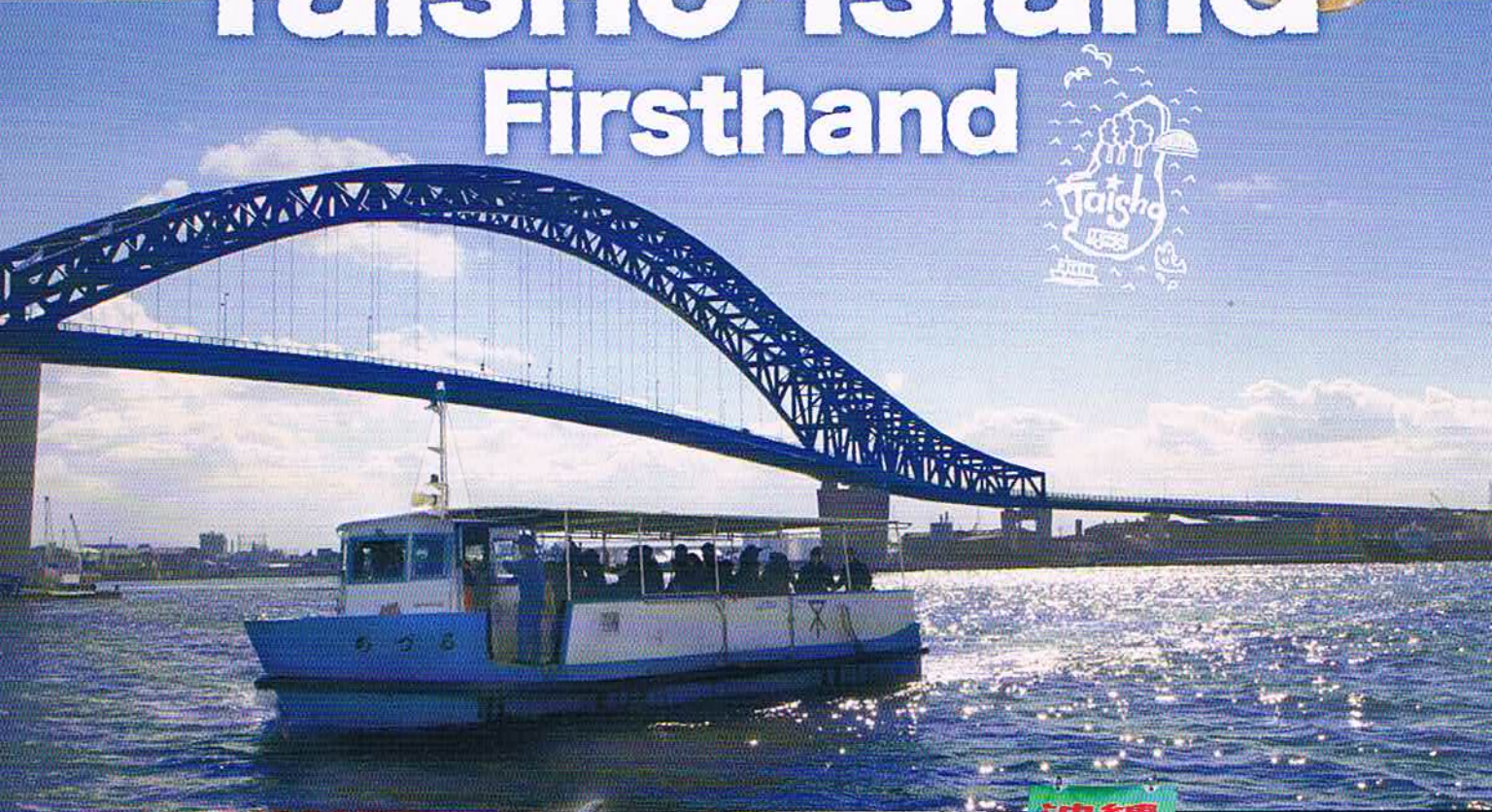




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# The Basics of Experiencing T



## Enjoy the concentrated course of Taisho Ward!

The first thing for beginners who want to get the most out of seeing the popular spots in Taisho Ward should cycle. Cycling will give you the freedom to enjoy mobility to its fullest. Feel the breeze and unevenness of the ground, and enjoy the downtown or bay areas!

### Course for viewing large-scale landmarks.

The harbor of Taisho Ward is surrounded by rivers and opens to the sea. Large-scale ships and cranes are active here. You will be blown away by the intense scale.

Time required: 3 hours

#### 1 Community center of Taisho ward



On the 2nd floor, you can rent a bike for 300 Yen a day (700Yen deposit). Bike numbers are limited, so check in advance.

● Open: 9:30-17:30  
Closed during the year-end and new-year's holidays  
Phone: 06-6553-5511

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#### 2 Chitose Wharf



It's like a ride at a theme park!



It's ok to bring your bike.

Ferries are essential for commuting to work or school. You can have a short cruise experience at Chitose Wharf, which has the longest route.

MAP▶B-2

## Get closer to Taisho Island!

Experience the large-scale landmarks such as bridges and cranes, traditional manufacturing, and the ways the waterside is used when going along and river bank. You may see the condensed version of Osaka, the water city.

Green Guardians that protect the Water City

#### A Kizu-gawa River floodgate



This is a huge arch for vessels to pass through. In an emergency, it folds and becomes a gate to prevent tidal waves from Osaka Bay. It protects not only Taisho Ward but also Osaka City.

Tide protection that is essential for a place open to the sea. The Arch type floodgate of Kizu-gawa River and the sliding door type of Sangenya are rare within the country.

MAP▶B-3



See for yourself how the harbor extends inland

#### B Taisho inner harbor



The Dug boat with lots of tires are the first welcoming ships coming from overseas to Osaka Harbor. They tug and push, perfectly docking and undocking ships every day.

Aboard ship, you can see Chishima Housing Complex and Mt. Showa. It means that the harbor is close to the town. The more ships there are the more birds there are floating in the water.

MAP▶C-2



# Taisho starts with cycling!

Thank you! **bike**

Cheap, light, and nimble, your bike is your best buddy.



## 3 Senbonmatsu Ohashi Bridge



LOOK AT THIS HUGE CURVE!

Get a view of manufacturing at the top.



To look across the ferry area crammed with numerous factories, climb to the top of Senbonmatsu Ohashi Bridge. Called the "Megane Bashi" ("Eye Glasses Bridge"), both of the ends are spiral shaped.

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## 4 Hirao Hondo-ri Shotengai (shopping street)



"Miyagi Hormone", received the original "Best Okinawan Menu" award and is popular for its light and tasty flavor.

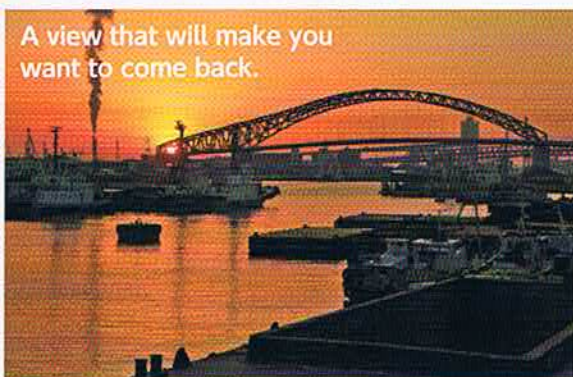


In contrast to the manufacturing area, this is the best shopping street getting an Okinawan taste in the Ward. The Eisa Festival, held every September, is the most popular event at Hirao Shotengai (shopping street).

Nowadays, "Okinawan" food, a mix of Okinawa and "Naniwa" (native Osaka) food, can be seen everywhere in the Ward, and tourists who come to enjoy the food are increasing. Come when you crave Okinawan food.

MAP▶C-3

## 5 Taisho inner harbor



A view that will make you want to come back.

Hashike Bridge like a movie's set.



Finish your journey with the trading base for many ships. The sunset is a photo opportunity. One of the best spots in Taisho.

MAP▶C-2

## Guides are your expert buddy of the waterside

Fan of many cranes  
Hideaki Izumi

Representative of the "Heartbeat Plan," which is involved in urban development of Osaka, the water city. He's the idea man who shares the comforts of the waterside to the public.



Kamome boat's captain  
Hiromi Nakano

He operates a small boat for 10 people. The intensity of the Doboku cruise that started in 2009 is popular among fans.

Thank you! **Ship**

Necessities for people living in Taisho Ward.



## D Shirinashi-gawa River floodgate

Returning to the blue gate to go back to daily life.



## C The group of factories led by Nakayama Steel Works



This is the main attraction of the Doboku cruise, which was the filming location of "Black Rain," starring Mr. Yusaku Matsuda. The nickname "Torikago," ("bird cage") is attributed to the outer frame of the inflatable tank.



Nakayama Steel Works is like navy ship island. Getting into the small boat to head there is like entering a fortress.

MAP▶D-2



There is cenotaph commemorating the victims who lost their lives during the construction of the large Shirinashi-gawa River floodgate.



Kizu-gawa River floodgate's partner is the blue Shirinashi-gawa River floodgate including the red Ajigawa River floodgate

in Minato Ward, there are only 3 of these in Japan.

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Looking from the sky, you can see the shape of Taisho Island surrounded by the sea and rivers.

With this map in hand, set off on a journey to experience the island.

※The information and maps are current as of March 7, 2014.

### Access

**How to get to JR and Subway Taisho Stations**

- Takes 11 minutes from Osaka Station by the JR Osaka Loop line
- Takes 8 minutes from Tennoji Station by the JR Osaka Loop line
- Takes 13 minutes from Universal City Station by the JR line (transfer at Nishikujo Station)
- Takes 6 minutes from Shinsaibashi Station by the subway Nagahori Tsurumi-ryokuchi Line

**Course for viewing large-scale landmarks.**

The map shows Taisho Ward with its characteristic shape, bounded by the Shin-nashi-gawa River to the north and the Kizu-gawa River to the south. Key landmarks include the Taisho Ward Office, Mt. Showa Chishima Park, and various wharves and bridges. A highlighted orange path starts at the 'START' point near the Taisho Ward Office and winds through the ward, passing through Chitose Wharf, Chitose Bridge, Chitose Wharf, Hashike Bridge, Taisho Inner harbor, Hirao, Hirao Hondo-ri Shotengai (shopping street), Minamiokajima, Daiun-bashi, Ofuna-bashi, and ending at Shin-Kizugawa Ohashi Bridge. The map also shows the JR Osaka Loop Line, various subway lines, and numerous smaller streets and landmarks like the Community center of Taisho ward, Chishima, and various chome areas.

