

Directions from the Kansai Int'l Airport to SPring-8

(1) You arrive at the international arrival lobby of the Kansai International Airport.

Arrival at the Kansai International Airport



(2) We recommend you exchange money to some Yen at the exchange service of Kansai airport.

(3) Take the express train "Haruka" from the Kansai Airport rail station and change to "Shin-Kansen" at Shin-Osaka station. You need to go to the "JR(Japan-Rail) Ticket Counter" at the Kansai Airport rail station. Then, buy a ticket to Aioi station. Just three words "Aioi, Haruka, Shin-Kansen" will take you to Aioi. The station staff speak English reasonably well. You can add for non-reserved or reserved seat and one-way if appropriate. It costs about 6000 yen. Credit card can be used. Haruka leaves every 30 minutes from Kansai Airport station.

Follow the sign "Railways" (1)



Follow the sign "Railways" (2)



Follow the sign "Railways" (3)



JR Ticket Office at the Kansai Airport station



Passenger gate of the JR Kansai Airport station

(4) It takes about 50 minutes to Shin-Osaka station. There are many platforms at Shin-Osaka, you have to go to the form (usually 20,21,22) which the Shin-Kansen to Aioi or Himeji leaves. The Shin-Osaka station is very confusing. The best way to find the platform is to ask to the station staff who can speak even poor English. Show your ticket, they will take you to the departure platform. Most difficult part of trip from KIX to SPring-8 is changing trains from Haruka to Shin-Kansen at the Shin-Osaka station.



Haruka (this one is bound for Kyoto via Shin-Osaka station)



Follow the sign of Shin-Kansen at the Shin-Osaka station

(5) There are three types for Shin-Kansen, Nozomi, Hikari and Kodama. Since not all trains stop at Aioi station, the choice of the Shin-Kansen is very important (all Kodama trains and some Hikari stop at Aioi). It takes 60-70 minutes from Shin-Osaka to Aioi. If you take Nozomi or non-stopped Hikari, please get off at Himeji Station and change to Kodama or some Hikari stop at Aioi.

Sign of Himeji Station



(6) As you arrive at Aioi station, please head to the bus terminal to take the bus to SPring-8. The bus terminal is located on the South side of the Station. Every bus to SPring-8 shows "SPring-8" at the front of the bus. Just in case, please ask to the driver whether the bus goes to SPring-8. It takes 40-50 min. to SPring-8. For schedule of train and bus, please see

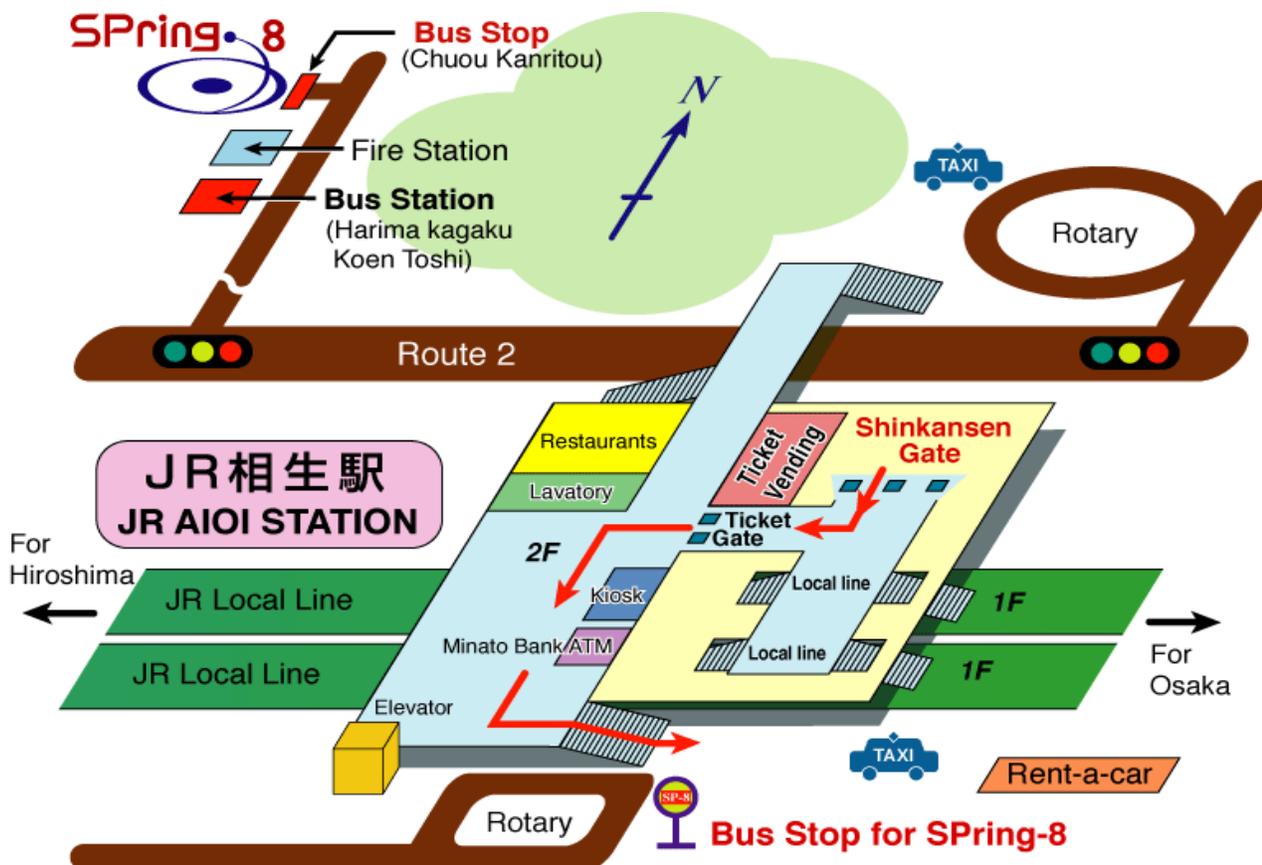
http://www.spring8.or.jp/en/about_us/access/

(you can also find a link to general Shin-Kansen schedule there)

Sign of Aioi Station



Aioi Station Map



(7) For the bus from Aioi St. to Spring-8, the cost is now 710 yen. Please make sure you have small changes before you take the bus at Aioi St. The bus has a bill exchange machine, but only 1000yen bill is available. You pay the fare when you get off. (Note: if you get on at the first stop, then you do not need to get anything. If it is not the first stop, then you should take some ticket when you get on, to indicate where you got on. (So how much you must pay. Generally Aioi St. is the first stop.) The prices appear on the board at the front of the bus.

If you missed the last bus to SPring-8, you can take a taxi from Aioi St. The cost will be 5,000yen - 6,000 yen. Please contact to the front desk of Guest House, if you are supposed to arrive later than 22:00. TEL 0791-58-0933 Please see http://www.spring8.or.jp/en/users/current_user/utility/guesthouse/ about the details for Guest House.

There is a reasonable Hotel "AIOI STATION HOTEL" next to Aioi St. <http://www2.ocn.ne.jp/~aioish/> or "TOYOKO INN" http://www.toyoko-inn.com/e_hotel/00162/index.html so you can also stay there and next morning take a bus to SPring-8.

Bus Route Map

