

I Outline of the National Institutes for Cultural Heritage

The Independent Administrative Institution (IAI) National Institutes for Cultural Heritage was formed in April of 2007 through the merging of the IAI National Museums (Tokyo National Museum, Kyoto National Museum, Nara National Museum and Kyushu National Museum) and the IAI National Research Institutes for Cultural Properties (National Research Institute for Cultural Properties, Tokyo and Nara National Research Institute for Cultural Properties), which share the same mission: the conservation and utilization of cultural properties.

Japan's cultural properties are the precious assets of the Japanese people. In order to preserve and utilize these properties more effectively and efficiently under unified management, each of the seven existing institutions plays the following roles.

Tokyo National Museum

As Japan's representative museum in the humanities field, Tokyo National Museum collects, preserves, manages and displays cultural properties from across Japan and other Asian regions, while also conducting research and providing educational programs.

Kyoto National Museum

Kyoto National Museum collects, preserves, manages, and displays cultural properties, while also conducting research and providing educational programs. The focus is on properties from the Heian period to the Edo period, a time when Kyoto was the capital of Japan.

Nara National Museum

Nara National Museum collects, preserves, manages and displays cultural properties, while also conducting research and providing educational programs. The focus is on Buddhist art and the cultural properties of Nara.

Kyushu National Museum

Kyushu National Museum collects, preserves, manages and displays cultural properties, while also conducting research and providing educational programs. The focus is on cultural assets related to Japan's cultural exchanges with other Asian regions.

National Research Institute for Cultural Properties, Tokyo

The National Research Institute for Cultural Properties, Tokyo, conducts research on Japanese cultural properties, utilizing a variety of basic, advanced and practical methods. In addition to actively publicizing and utilizing the results of this research, as an International Center for Cooperation, the institute also facilitates global research into the protection of cultural properties.

Nara National Research Institute for Cultural Properties

Located near the Nara Palace site, the Nara National Research Institute for Cultural Properties is engaged in excavation and research projects related to the conservation and utilization of cultural heritage such as sites, buildings and gardens as well as cultural properties preserved at major temples and shrines in the Nara and Kinki regions. The institute also advises and cooperates with research projects conducted across Japan.

International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region

We facilitate research for the safeguarding of endangered intangible cultural heritage (ICH) in the Asia-Pacific region, and collect and disseminate information relating to international trends in the safeguarding of ICH.



Tokyo National Museum



13-9 Ueno Park, Taito-ku, Tokyo, 110-8712
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<http://www.tnm.jp/>

Access



(JR Line) 10 min. from Ueno or Uguisudani Station
(Ginza or Hibiya Tokyo Metro Line) 15 min. from Ueno Station
(Chiyoda Tokyo Metro Line) 15 min. from Nezu Station
(Keisei Line) 15 min. from Keisei Ueno Station

Visitor Information

Hours: 9:30-17:00 (Last admission 30 minutes before closing)
Open until 20:00 on Fridays during special exhibition periods from March 28 to December.
Open until 18:00 on Saturdays, Sundays, and National Holidays from March 29 to December 7.
Closed: Mondays (except for National Holidays which fall on Mondays, in which case the museum is open on the holiday and closed the following Tuesday) and during the year-end holidays (December 24-January 1)

Admission: Adults: 620 (520) yen
University Students: 410 (310) yen
※ () indicate prices for those in groups of 20 or more.
※ Additional charge is required for special exhibitions.
※ Persons with disabilities and one accompanying person are admitted free.
※ Persons over 70 and under 18 are admitted free to regular exhibitions.
※ Admission to regular exhibitions is free on International Museum Day (May 18 or the following day if it falls on a Monday) and the Respect for the Aged Day (the third Monday of September).

Kyoto National Museum



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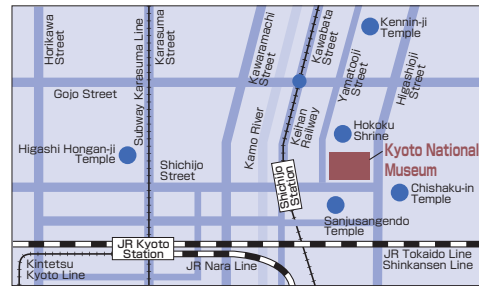
Visitor Information

The Heisei Chishinkan Wing (new Collections Hall) is set to open on September 13, 2014.

Hours: 9:30-17:00 (last admission 30 minutes before closing)
(Open until 18:00, and until 20:00 on Fridays, during special exhibition periods)

Closed on Mondays (except for National Holidays which fall on Mondays, in which case the museum is open on the holiday and closed the following Tuesday), and during the New Year period

Access



(City Bus from JR, Subway, or Kintetsu Kyoto Station) 1 min. from "Hakubutsukan Sanjusangendo-mae" stop on #206 or #208 line (Keihan Line) 7 min. from Shichijo Station

Admission: Adults: 520 (410) yen

University students: 260 (210) yen

※() indicate prices for those in groups of 20 or more

※Free admission for high school students and younger children

※There is a charge for use of the car parking facilities. We recommend using public transport to travel to the Museum.

Nara National Museum



50 Noborioji-cho, Nara City
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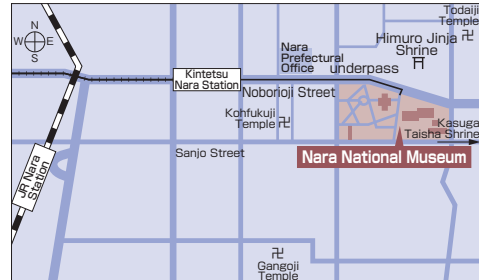
Visitor Information

The Nara Buddhist Sculpture Hall & Ritual Bronzes Gallery will be temporarily closed from September 8, 2014.

Hours: 9:30-17:00 (Last admission 30 minutes before closing)
Open until 18:00: July 19-September 15 and March 1-14
Open until 19:00: Fridays from the last Friday in April to the last Friday in October, August 5-14, December 14 and 17, the fourth Saturday of January, February 3, and March 12
Open 9:00-18:00 during the Shōsō-in Treasures exhibition period (open until 19:00 on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and National Holidays)

Closed: Mondays (except when National Holidays fall on Mondays, in which case the museum is open on the holiday and closed the following day), New Year's Day (January 1)

Access



(Kintetsu Line) 15 min. from Kintetsu Nara Station
(City Loop Bus) "Shinai Junkan" from JR or Kintetsu Nara Station, to "Himuro Jinja / Kokuritsu Hakubutsukan" stop

Admissions: Adults: 520 (410) yen

University Students: 260 (210) yen

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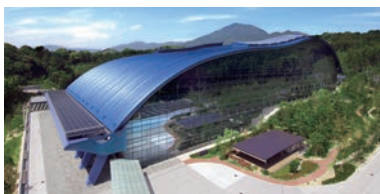
※An additional charge is required for special exhibitions

※Free admission (to all exhibitions) for disabled pass holders and one assistant

※Free admission (to masterpiece exhibitions) for seniors (70+) and children (under 17 or high school students)

※Free admission to masterpiece exhibitions on Children's Day (May 5), International Museum Day (May 18 or the following day if it falls on a Monday), Respect for the Aged Day (third Monday of September), Kansai Culture Day, On-Matsuri Festival Owatari-shiki parade, and Setsubun (February 3)

Kyushu National Museum



4-7-2, Ishizaka, Dazaifu City, Fukuoka
Prefecture, 818-0118
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<http://www.kyuhaku.com/>

Visitor Information

Hours: 9:30-17:00 (Last admission at 16:30)

Closed on Mondays (except for National Holidays that fall on Mondays, in which case the museum is open on the holiday and closed the following Tuesday), and during the Year-end holidays

The Cultural Exchange Exhibition room (regular exhibition)

Admission: Adults: 430 (220) yen

University students: 130 (70) yen

※() indicate group prices (for paying visitors in groups of 20 or more)

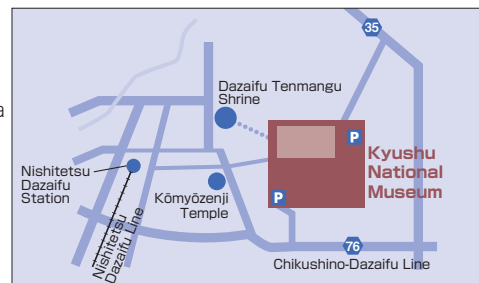
※An additional charge is required for special exhibitions

※Persons with disabilities and one accompanying person are admitted free

※Persons 70 years or older, persons under 18 years, and school students (up to and including high school) are admitted free to Cultural Exchange Exhibition.

※Admission to Cultural Exchange Exhibition is free on International Museum Day (May 18 or the following day if it falls on a Monday) and Respect for the Aged Day

Access



By rail: Nishitetsu rail line: From Nishitetsu Fukuoka (Tenjin) Station, take the Nishitetsu Tenjin Omuta Line to Nishitetsu Futsukaichi Station (approximately 13 minutes on the Limited Express, 17 minutes on an Express train), and transfer to the Nishitetsu Dazaifu Line (approximately 5 minutes) and get off at Nishitetsu Dazaifu Station. Approximately 10 minutes walk from Nishitetsu Dazaifu Station. *Please note that no extra charge is required for taking the Limited Express or Express train.

JR rail line: From JR Hakata Station, take the JR Kagoshima Chuo Line (approximately 15 minutes on the Rapid train) and get off at JR Futsukaichi Station. To get to Nishitetsu Futsukaichi Station it is approximately 12 minutes walk or 5 minutes by bus. Take the Nishitetsu Dazaifu Line and get off at Nishitetsu Dazaifu Station.

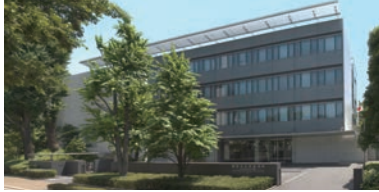
By car: By Kyushu Expressway, approximately 20 minutes drive from either Dazaifu IC, or Chikushino IC, via Takao Intersection. By Fukuoka Urban Expressway, approximately 20 minutes drive from Mizuki exit via Takao Intersection

By taxi: Approximately 15 minutes from JR Futsukaichi Station, or 30 minutes from Fukuoka Airport.

By Nishitetsu bus: From Hakata Bus Terminal (Bus Stop No. 13), take the bus to Dazaifu and get off at Nishitetsu Dazaifu Station (journey time is approximately 42 minutes). From the Station, it is approximately 10 minutes walk to the Museum.



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 15min. from the Koen (Park) Exit of Ueno Station
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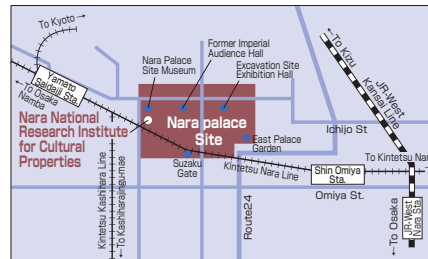
Nara National Research Institute for Cultural Properties



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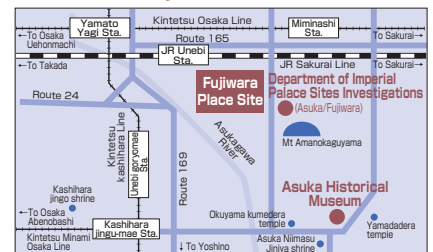
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Nara facilities



(Kintetsu Line) 10 min. from Yamato Saidaiji Station to the institute and the Nara Palace Site Museum
 (Nara Kotsu Bus from JR and Kintetsu Nara Stations) 3 min. from Nijocho stop to the Nara Palace Site Museum

Asuka and Fujiwara sites



(Kintetsu Line) 20 min. by taxi from Yamato Yagi Station to the institute 20 min. by taxi from Kashihara Jingu Mae Station to the Asuka Historical Museum
 From either Kintetsu Kashihara Jingu Mae Station or Kintetsu Asuka Station, take the Kame Bus and get off at the Asuka Historical Museum stop.
 From JR/Kintetsu Sakurai Station, take the Nara Kotsu Bus and get off at the Asuka Historical Museum stop.

Visitor Information

● Nara Palace Site Museum

Hours: 9:00-16:30 (Admission free; last admission at 16:00)
 Closed: Mondays (except when National Holidays fall on Mondays, in which case the museum is open on the holiday and closed the following day instead) and over the New Year period
 Note: Free guided tours by volunteers available
 Phone: 0742-30-6735 (Collaboration Promotion Division)

● Exhibition Room of Fujiwara Palace Site

Hours: 9:00-16:30 (Free admission)
 Closed: During the New Year period and exhibition renewal periods
 Phone: 0744-24-1122 Department of Imperial Palace Sites Investigations (Asuka and Fujiwara)

● Asuka Historical Museum

Hours: 9:00-16:30 (Last admission at 16:00)
 Closed: Mondays (except when National Holidays fall on Mondays, in which case the museum is open on the holiday and closed the following day) and over the New Year period
 Admissions: Adults: 270 (170) yen
 University Students: 130 (60) yen
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 ※ An additional charge is required for special exhibitions
 ※ Persons with disabilities and one accompanying person are admitted free
 ※ Persons under 18 years, and school students (up to and including high school) are admitted free to regular exhibitions
 Note: Guides available (free of charge, reservations required)
 Phone: 0744-54-3561 Asuka Historical Museum

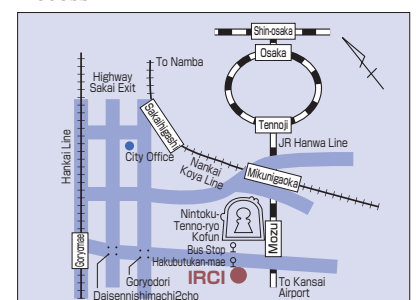


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Access



● (JR Hanwa Line) 6 min. from Mozu Station
 (Nankai Bus) 4 min. from Sakaishi Hakubutsukanmae