

# 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), all of which share the same mission: the conservation and utilization of cultural properties. Subsequently, International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region was established in October 2011 pursuant to an agreement signed between the Japanese government and UNESCO.

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

The Kyoto National Museum collects, preserves, manages, and displays cultural properties, while also conducting research and providing educational programs. The focus is on works 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 while also conducting research and providing education programs. The focus is 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 Institute for Cultural Properties, Tokyo

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 inst also advises and 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 safeguarding 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



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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 iLine) 15 min. from Keisei Ueno Station

### Visitor Information

Hours: 9:30a.m. ~ 5:00p.m. (Last entry 30 Min. before closing)  
Fridays during Special Exhibitions (Apr. - Dec.): Open until 8:00p.m.  
Weekends and Holidays (Apr. - Sept.) open until 6:00p.m.  
Closed: Mondays\*(\*Open if a national holiday falls on Monday. Closed on the following Tuesday instead)  
Dec. 24 - Jan. 1 for year-end holidays

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

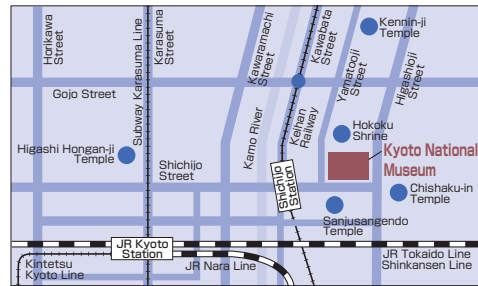


527 Chaya-cho, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto  
605-0931 Japan  
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<http://www.kyohaku.go.jp/>

## Visitor Information

Hours: 9:30-17:00  
Special Exhibition Hours: 9:30-18:00, extended to 20:00 on Fridays  
(Admission ends 30 minutes before closing)  
Closed on Mondays  
(When Monday is a national holiday, the museum remains open on Monday and closes the following Tuesday.)

## Access



**Transportation**  
By JR or Subway  
Get off at Kyoto Station. From bus platform D1 take City Bus #100 or from bus platform D2, take City Bus #206 or #208. Get off at "Hakubutsukan Sanjusangendo-mae" bus stop, in front of the museum.  
By Keihan Railway  
Get off at Shichijo Station. Walk east along Shichijo (Nanajo) Street for about seven minutes to the museum.  
By Kintetsu Railway  
Get off at Tanabashi Station and transfer to Keihan Railway. From Keihan Tanabashi Station take a Demachiyana-bound train to Shichijo Station. Walk east along Shichijo (Nanajo) Street for about seven minutes to the museum.  
By Hankyu Railway  
Get off at Kawaramachi Station. Walk east over the bridge to the Keihan Railway Gion Shijo Station. Take an Osaka-bound Keihan train to Shichijo Station. Walk east along Shichijo (Nanajo) Street for a about seven minutes to the museum.  
**Parking**  
The museum has limited parking at an hourly rate. Please use public transportation whenever possible.

Admission: General: 520 (410) yen  
University students: 260 (210) yen  
※Prices in parentheses are for groups of 20 or more  
※Free admission for high school students and younger children



# Nara National Museum

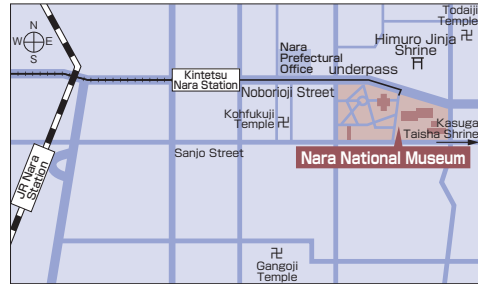


50 Noborioji-cho, Nara City  
Nara Prefecture 630-8213  
Phone: +81-742-22-7771  
<http://www.narahaku.go.jp/>

## Visitor Information

The Nara Buddhist Sculpture Hall is closed for renovation from September 8, 2014 to April 2016 (scheduled).  
Hours: 9:30-17:00 (Last admission is 30 minutes before closing)  
Open until 18:00: July 18-September 23 and March 1-11, 13, 14  
Open until 19:00: Fridays from the last Friday of April to September 18 (except for July 3, 10, 17), August 5-15, December 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 day after the holidays), New Year's Day (January 1)

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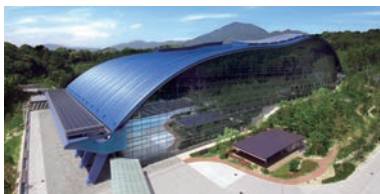


(Kintetsu Line) 15 min. from Kintetsu Nara Station  
(City Loop Bus) "Shinai Junkan" from JR or Kintetsu Nara Station to "Himuro Jinja / Kokuritsu Hakubutsukan" bus stop

Admissions: Adults: 520 (410) yen  
University Students: 260 (210) yen  
※( ) indicates prices for those in groups of 20 or more  
※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 older) 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 (the third Monday of September), Kansai Culture Day, On-Matsuri Festival Owatari-shiki parade, and Setsubun (February 3)



# Kyushu National Museum



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<http://www.kyuhaku.com/>

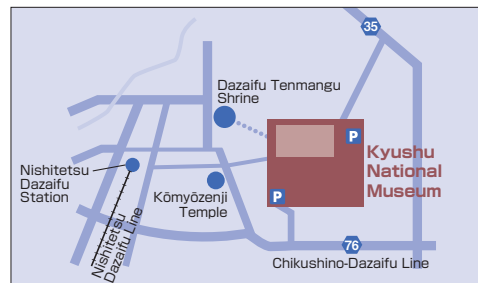
## Visitor Information

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 (Permanent 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  
※Free admission for individual with disability certificate and one caretaker  
※Free admission to the Cultural Exchange Exhibition (permanent exhibition) for individuals 70 years or older, under 18 years old, or who are high school students and below  
※Free admission to the Cultural Exchange Exhibition on International Museum Day (May 18 or the following day if it falls on Monday) and Respect for the Aged Day

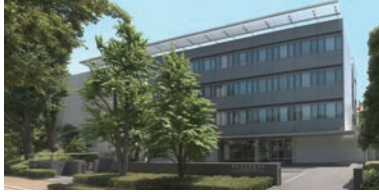
## Access



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 I.C. or Chikushino I.C. via Takao Intersection. By Fukuoka Urban Expressway, a 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. 11) take the bus to Dazaifu and get off at Nishitetsu Dazaifu Station (journey time is approximately 40 minutes). From the Station, it is approximately 10 minutes walk to the Museum.



# National Research Institute for Cultural Properties, Tokyo



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 15min. from the Koen  
 (Park) Exit of Ueno Station  
 (Ginza or Hibiya Tokyo Metro Line) 20 min. from Ueno Station  
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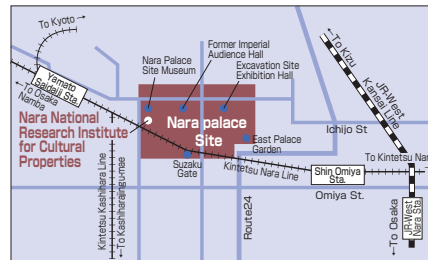
# Nara National Research Institute for Cultural Properties



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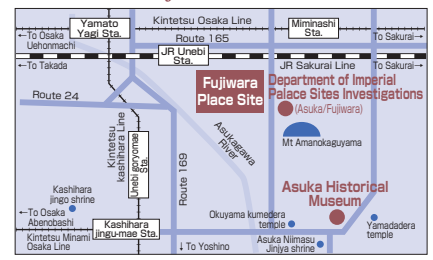
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### Nara facilities



(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 Niijochi 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

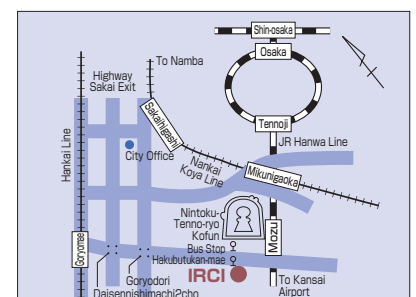


# International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IRCI)



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## Access



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