



Dotonbori Lantern Festival

## A List of Annual Festivals in Minami

In Minami, which has a history of 400 years, a variety of festivals are held in each season. You will be fascinated with people in Minami through shopping districts by streets, temples, shrines, arts, jazz and festivals including dances.

In the fall of 2023, in front of Nankai Namba station will undergo a big makeover into a symbolic human-centered square. In 2025, the Osaka-Kansai Japan Expo will be held, so special events to liven it up are planned. Here, we would like to introduce what kinds of festivals are held in Minami.

[Please check the holding information on the website.](#)

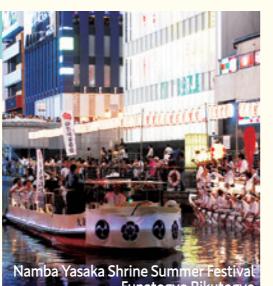


Entertainment Spring Summer Autumn

A festival is held at Dotonbori river, which is regarded as the origin of Minami, and this festival is unique to Minami. From the end of June to the beginning of July, the Kabuki actors board a ship floating on Dotonbori river, and send greetings to invite everyone to July Kabuki Program. This "Ship Boarding" is quite splendid. Dotonbori Lantern Festival is held in July and August, where you can feel Nanwa atmosphere. In this festival, over a thousand of lanterns along the walkway of Dotonbori illuminate the surface of the river. Please take a walk at "Tombori River Walk" after 19:00. Also, some festivals, where you can enjoy music, dances and food, will be held in spring (during golden week), Summer (July) and fall. A stage floating on Dotonbori river and the walkway will be venues of these festivals. Especially, Dotonbori River Festival in fall is one of the biggest festivals in Osaka, where entertainment of Osaka, such as traditional arts, comedy, food, jazz, and dances, including yosakoi dance, will gather.

Festival at Shrine and Temple Summer

You can enjoy unique summer festivals, feeling traditions of shrines and temples which have a deep connection with Minami. Namba Grand Shrine, Ikukunitama Shrine Ikutama Festival / Namba Yasaka Shrine Summer Festival Funatogyo Rikutogyo / Mitsu Hachiman Shrine Summer Festival / Naniwa Kozuji Shrine Grand Festival / Namba-Jinjya (Shrine) Himeji Festival / Imamiya Ebisu Shrine Children's Ebisu



Festival at Shopping Street Summer Autumn

In Minami, unique shopping districts are connected to each other like a huge network. From summer to fall, various festivals are held in a way that makes the most of each feature, so please check them in advance and join them. Every year, various festivals, such as Sennichimae "Minyan" Summer Festival, Hozenji Yokocho Festival, Dotonbori Bon-dance International, Kitchenware Street Festival, Ebisubashisuji Shopping Street Expo, Soemon-cho Summer Festival and Pounding Mochi Festival to ward off evil spirits with ghosts, are held.



Winter Festival Winter

Hoekago Procession is carrying on the tradition of Minami, the pleasure district, to the present day. It is the traditional event in which kabuki actors and other representatives from various fields ride in a palanquin in a procession to visit Taka Ebisu (Imamiya Ebisu Shrine).

Illumination Winter

In addition to lights and decoration along Midosuji street, illuminated objects will be displayed at commercial buildings in Minami area.



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There are also a wide variety of events that are fun, educational, and full of new discoveries.

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# WELCOME! OSAKA MINAMI MAP



Never wrong coming HERE!

We asked 100 Minami Merchants  
My favorite restaurant



Exquisite Hinai-jidori chicken  
Hidden yakitori spot in Ura-Namba

Traditional sushi handcrafted  
by a sushi master with 50 years  
of experience in Namba

Piping hot red bean paste you can't resist!  
Freshly grilled mochi in Aiaubashi

Everywhere is delicious!  
The famous food alley in Shinsaibashi

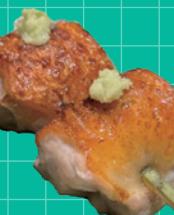
Osaka's soul food  
Unmissable kushikatsu from a famous spot

Heartwarming and nutritious  
Obanzai-style bar in Higashi-Shinsaibashi

Espuma style!  
Rich chicken broth ramen  
in Minamisemba

A luxurious moment in a calm, relaxing space  
Café-restaurant in Dobuike-suji

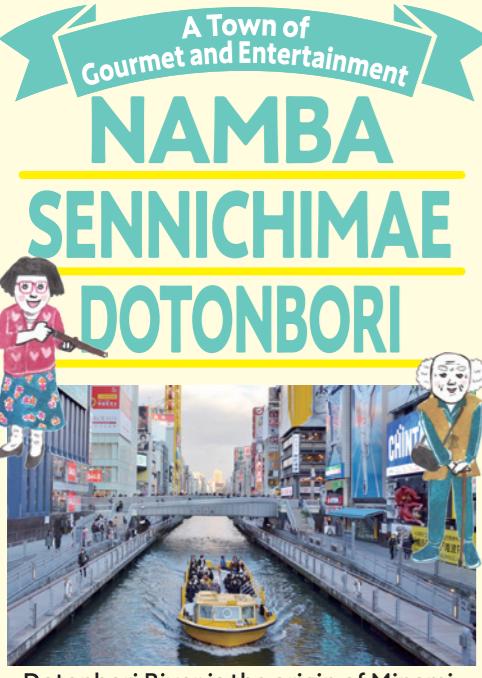
Chef's choice pasta is exquisite!  
A hidden wine bar in Nagahoribashi



Please use the convenient stations below to access to Osaka Minami.

(Kintetsu) Osaka Namba Station•Kintetsu Nipponbashi Station,  
(Hanshin) Osaka Namba Station, (Nankai) Namba Station  
(JR) JR Namba Station, (Each Metro Stations) Namba Station•Shinsaibashi Station•  
Nipponbashi Station•Nagahoribashi Station•Hommachi Station•Sakaisuji-Hommachi Station

NAMBA  
DOTONBORI  
SHINSAIBASHI  
AMERIKA MURA  
MINAMISEMBA



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The south side of this river is "THE OSAKA", since there are various shopping streets and great food & comedy.

You can never go wrong with here!

Highly recommended  
by a Minami merchant



For a Stall in Minami,  
leave it to me!

**Sushi Fukuyoshi Bekkan**

You can enjoy Japanese sake and  
sushi made by a sushi chef with  
50 years of experience here.  
The second floor can be booked  
out for a private party.

MAP C2

**Groomer's Recommendation**

**Aioimochi**

Freshly grilled red bean mochi at the storefront is amazing! Since it's open late, it's perfect for dropping by after dinner in Minami or after work!

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Highly recommended by a plastic company owner

MAP C1

Founded in 1928. A hot pot of sea urchin broth in a custom-made pot made of 18k gold is recommended. A view from a private room is also amazing.

Meiyouken

A photograph shows a large, shallow, round hot pot filled with a vibrant orange sea urchin broth. The pot sits on a dark, round base. In front of the pot, there's a white plate with various raw seafood items like salmon and scallops, along with some green vegetables.

A composite image featuring a cartoon illustration of a woman with brown hair, smiling and pointing towards the right side of the frame. To the right of the illustration is a photograph of a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a light-colored jacket, standing in front of a restaurant entrance. The restaurant has a chalkboard menu board with various items listed.

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The image is a composite of three parts. On the left, there is a cartoon-style portrait of a man with glasses and a thumbs-up gesture. In the center, the text "Highly recommended by a plastic company owner" is displayed in a green, sans-serif font. Below this, the name "Meiyouken" is written in a large, bold, yellow font. To the right, there is a photograph of a hot pot meal. The main focus is a large, round, glowing orange hot pot. In front of it, there is a plate of various seafood and vegetables, including what looks like scallops, shrimp, and leafy greens.

# A Town of Fashion & Culture

# **SHINSAIBASHI**

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# **AMERIKA MURA**



The east side of Midosuji is lined with luxury brand shops, where adults who know how to enjoy gather. And a new culture is born on the west side everyday.

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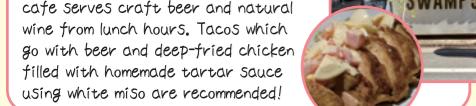


 Highly recommended  
by an advisor for inbound  
**Kushikatsu Daruma Shinsaibashi**

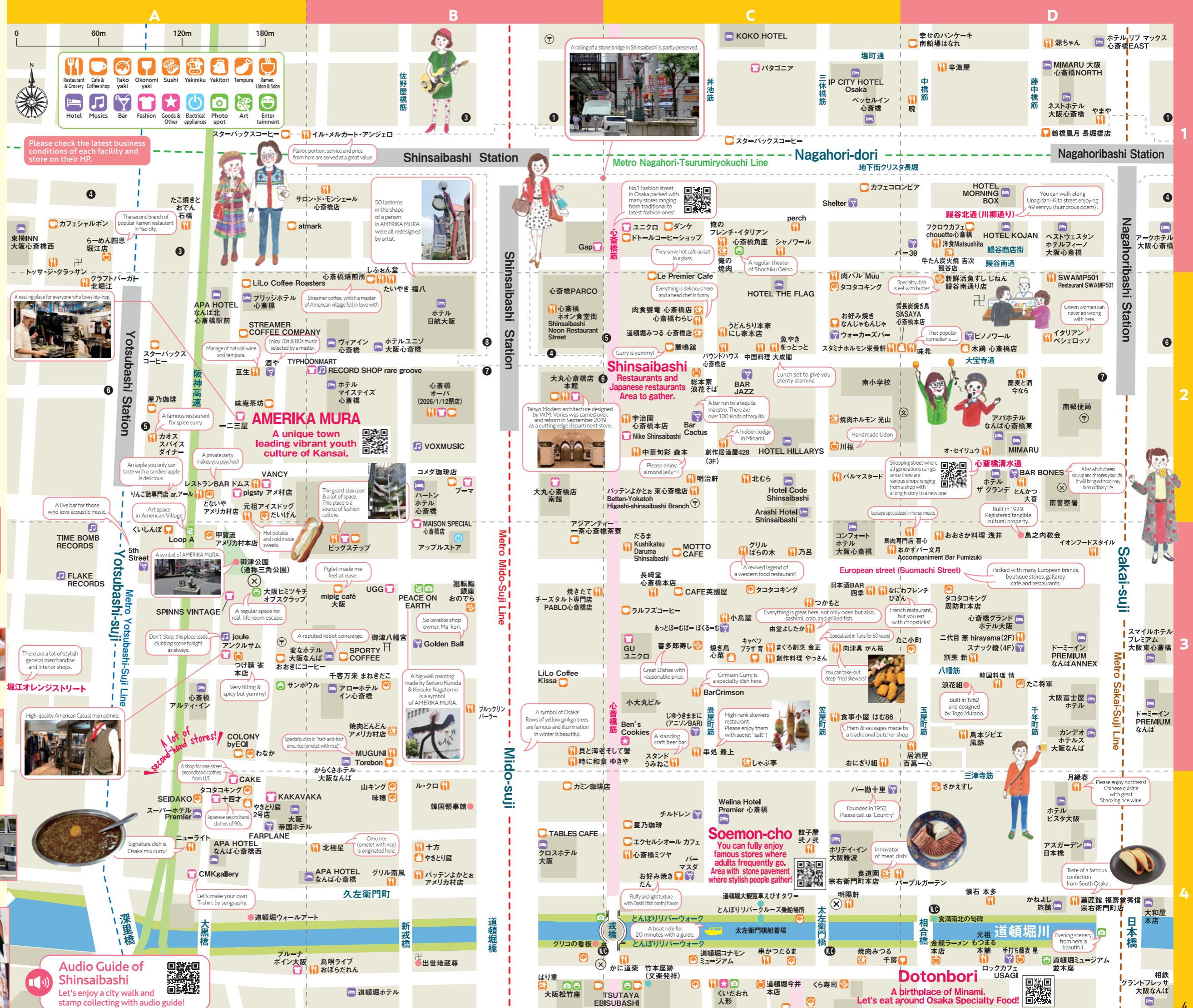
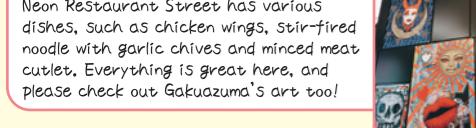


Highly recommended by a bartender of NOBU  
Restaurant SWAMP501

Here is an urban oasis. This dining



Highly recommended by a painter  
Shinsaibashi Neon Restaurant Street  
(Shinsaibashi PARCO B2F) **MAP B2**



# Minamisemba



Various artists who love Semba have carried on the good old days, and made this place comfortable.

You can never go wrong with here!  
**Highly recommended by a Minami merchant**

**Highly recommended by a female enthusiast of dietary education** Onigiri-ya TEMARIYA

Cute one-bite size Onigiri Shop. They do not use any additives nor preservatives. You can also drink limited sake!



**Highly recommended by a healthcare practitioner** Ramen MUGI to TORI

Chicken soup, whose form is called espuma (creamy foam), is rich and mellow. You will be addicted to this rich flavor, welcoming atmosphere for solo female customer!



**Designer's Recommendation** yokahu Blank

A caf during the day, then a French restaurant and bar at night. In a calm and quiet interior, just like the name suggests, it's a hidden spot where you can savor 'space' for your mind.



**Highly recommended by a producer** apartment#03

You can definitely be stylish by selection from the owner. You can find bargains such as sample products and accessories from a brand!



**Highly recommended by an owner of a specialty shop** Gokou Stand Bar

A relaxed wine bar that many women visit alone. Every small plate is delicious, making the wine go down easily. Choosing a base like oil or tomato, the chef prepares pasta that's truly exquisite!



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