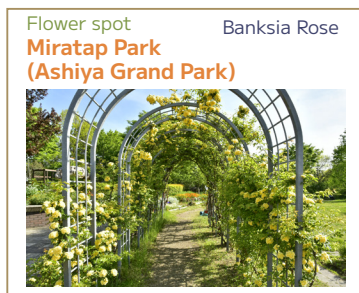


Ashiya, "to become the world's cleanest, safest and most beautiful city"

Ashiya is an easily accessible city rich in nature - an "International Cultural Residential City". The entire city and Ashiyagawa River are designated Protected Landscape Areas.

Since 2016, regulations for outdoor advertising unify the city's landscape. Ashiya aims to become the first electric poll free city in Japan, starting with the Cherry Blossom streets.



These areas of Ashiya are having the electric poles removed: 1. Rokurokuso-cho, 2. Yamate-kansen, 3. Minami-Ashiyahama District

City Emblem · City Tree · City Flower

Origins of City Emblem



The city's emblem dates from March 31st 1922 (Taisho 11) when the city was known as Seido Village. It was described as "a place of scenic beauty, with a mountain backdrop, facing the sea". Ashiya is comprised of 4 Seido Villages - Ashiya, Uchide, Sanjo and Tsuji. Harmony, peace and flourishing development are depicted in the emblem.

City Tree & City Flower

In 1970 (Showa 45), the Japanese black pine became the city tree due to its shape and resistance to pests. The beautiful azalea became the city flower.

Japanese black pine can be seen along the banks of Ashiyagawa River, and Azalea blooms on Mt. Shiroyama in April.

- 1** Japanese Black Pine
- 2** Azalea (Rhododendron Reticulatum D.Don)



Ashiya's 3 major festivals

Cherry Blossom Festival, Ashiya Summer Carnival, and Ashiya Autumn Festival all attract large crowds.



- 1) Cherry Blossom Festival (early April): Held along Ashiyagawa River. Visitors enjoy picnicking under the blossoms, the stage performances and festival stalls.
- 2) Cherry blossoms are lit up in the evening which creates a different atmosphere.
- 3) Ashiya Summer Carnival (middle or end of July): Held in Miratap Park (Ashiya Grand Park) and Shio-Ashiya Beach. There is a fireworks display in the evening.
- 4) Ashiya Autumn Festival (early October): Danjiri (large wooden cart) procession and events are held.

Introduction to Ashiya City

Conveniently located between the cities of Osaka and Kobe, Ashiya is blessed with beautiful rivers, a sea view and the rich verdure of Mt. Rokko. Full of nature, this green city allows its residents to enjoy the pleasures of seasonal changes.

This guide book introduces you to the beauty and charm of Ashiya City, and recommends places to visit.

Discover and experience Ashiya's charm.



■ Montebello City

Montebello City is located in California, USA. Montebello and Ashiya signed a sister city agreement on May 24, 1961. Both cities are committed to strengthening their mutual ties.

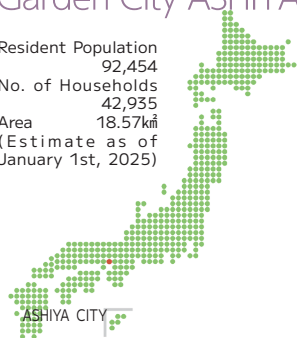
■ Shio-Ashiya Exchange Center

As the hub of international exchange and regional activities in Ashiya City, Shio-Ashiya Exchange Center holds language classes and various events.

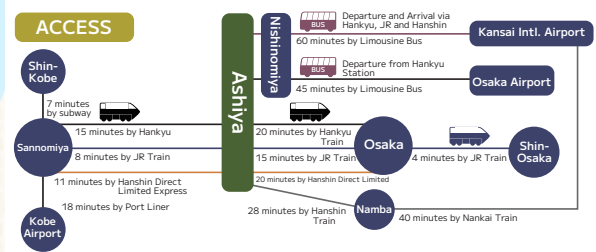


Garden City ASHIYA

Resident Population
92,454
No. of Households
42,935
Area
18.57km²
(Estimate as of
January 1st, 2025)



South of Ashiya is the Bay of Osaka with the Rokko mountain range to the north. Throughout the seasons Ashiya is covered with the vibrant colors of nature, and has been designated a "City of International Culture with Good Residential Environment".



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Ashiya City manages various SNS accounts



Ashiya City Official Website



Sharing up to date and local
information about Ashiya



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