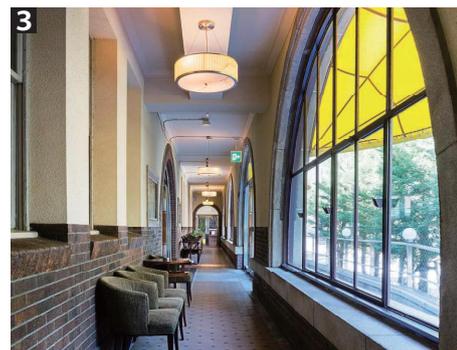
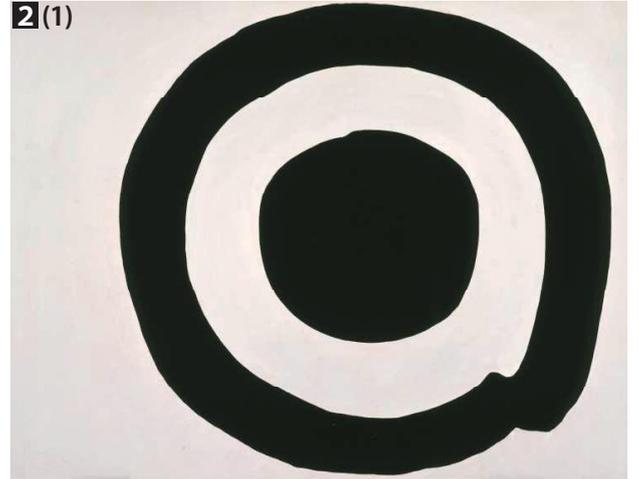


Literature, art, and fragrant sea breeze... Walking in Central and Southern Areas of Ashiya

MAP D ~ H-8

Top Cherry Blossom Spots
Yoko Green Space

In this area, there is a cultural zone consisting of Museum of Art and History, Tanizaki Junichiro Memorial Museum of Literature and Municipal Library. You can also find literary and artistic spots such as The Former Residence of Saika Tomita, Uchide Branch Library, etc. Closer to the sea, there are Grand Park with plenty of greenery, beautiful beaches and marina.



1 With its unique stonework still preserved, rejuvenated through renovation (Former Municipal Housing Miyazuka-cho) **2**(1) "Black and white circle", Jiro Yoshihara 1968 (Museum of Art and History collection) (2) A Portrait of Shunkin (Shunkin-sho) lacquer decorated books also on display (3) Tanizaki's Study (A replica in the Tanizaki Junichiro Memorial Museum of Literature) **3****4** Most of the retro modern features of its exterior have been preserved since it was first constructed. (Ashiya Monolith, The Former Ashiya Post Office Telephone Exchange) **5** Described in Yoko Ogawa's *Meena's March* as a building "with creepers climbing the walls and a Chinese decoration fitted on old-fashioned double doors", and referred to in Haruki Murakami's novel *Hear the Wind Sing* as an "old library". (Uchide Branch Library) **6****7** This building was once Junichiro Tanizaki's study and is currently open as an exhibition hall. (The Former Residence of Saika Tomita) **8** A beautiful white sandy bay, perfect for a walk (Shio-Ashiya Beach)

Ashiya city Central to South Area

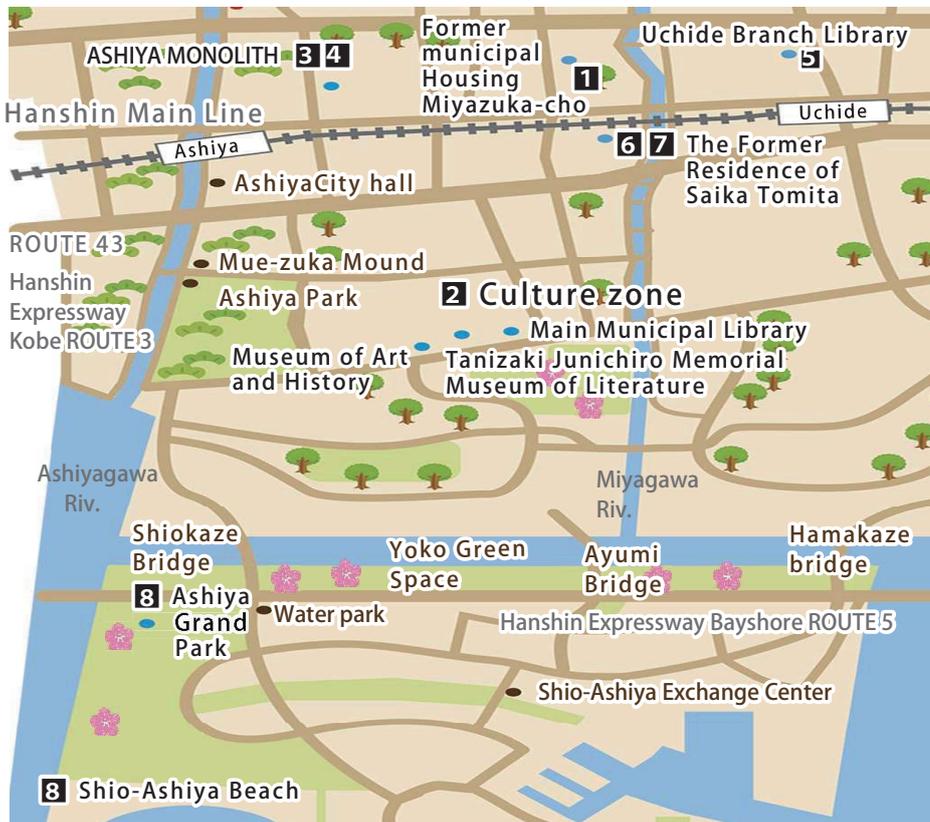
Area Map 2

Facility Information

Shio-Ashiya Exchange Center



Along Montebello Street you can find the International Exchange Center, the Shio-Ashiya Assembly Hall, and the Outdoor Exchange Plaza. These facilities are used to promote friendship and goodwill in the community as well as citizen's health. [MAP F-9](#)



1 Former Municipal Housing Miyazuka-cho [MAP F-5](#)

This is a two-story building constructed in 1952. It is a rarity to have a residence with stonework like this under city ownership. This Facility is made of Nikka stone, a variety of tuff, just like Oya stone used in the Former Residence of the Yamamuras (YODOKO Guest House).

[12-24 Miyazuka-cho / 8 min. on foot from JR Ashiya Sta. or 10 min. on foot from Hanshin Ashiya Sta.](#)

2 Culture zone [MAP EF-7](#)

(Main Municipal Library, Museum of Art and History, Tanizaki Junichiro Memorial Museum of Literature)

The adjacent cultural facilities of the Municipal Library, Museum of Art and History, Tanizaki Junichiro Memorial Museum of Literature are collectively known as a culture zone.

● Library: 0797-31-2301 / 12-5 Ise-cho / 9:30–19:00(Tue.-Fri.) 9:30-18:00(Sat.,Sun.,Nat'l Holiday) / Closed Mon. & 1st Tue. / 15 min. on foot from Hanshin Ashiya Sta.

● Museum of Art and History: 0797-38-5432 / 12-25 Ise-cho*

● Tanizaki Junichiro Memorial Museum of Literature: 0797-23-5852 / 12-15 Ise-cho*

*10:00–17:00 (Last entry 16:30), Closed Mon./ Entrance fee varies according to exhibit. Please enquire for more details.

3・4 ASHIYA MONOLITH [MAP E-5](#)

This building was originally constructed in 1929 as a Telephone Exchange. The retro and modern design of narrow hallways, connecting arches, and reliefs depicting lions etc. remains today, and is currently used as a restaurant. This building was registered as a National Tangible Cultural Property in 2017.

[Omasu-cho 5-23 / 7 min. on foot from JR Ashiya Sta. or 4 min. on foot from Hanshin Ashiya Sta.](#)

5 Uchide Branch Library [MAP G-5](#)

This building was constructed in Osaka as a bank during the Meiji period, then transferred to Ashiya and has been used to store art works. It currently serves as Uchide Branch Library. To the south of the building is the setting of the monkey park in Haruki Murakami's novel. This building was registered as a National Tangible Cultural Property in 2008.

[☎ 0797-38-7220 / 15-9 Uchidekozuchi-cho / Closed: Sun., Tue., public holidays / 4 min. on foot from Hanshin Uchide Sta.](#)

6・7 The Former Residence of Saika Tomita [MAP F-5](#)

Precious items and manuscripts by "Hyogo Prefecture's forefather of culture" and poet Saika Tomita are displayed here. Junichiro Tanizaki also lived here at one point, and the garden loved by him gives visitors a good old feeling of his ages.

[☎ 0797-38-2091 / 4-12 Miyagawa-cho / 10:00–16:00 / Open Wed. & Sun. / 10 min. on foot from Hanshin Uchide Sta.](#)

8 Ashiya Grand Park & Shio-Ashiya Beach [MAP DE-9・10](#)

In addition to large playground areas, sports facilities, barbecue grounds, there is also a beautiful white sandy beach. Visitors can enjoy the views of the vast ocean and the Rokko mountains in the opposite direction.

[☎ 0797-25-2023 / 1-1 Yoko-cho / Hankyu Bus "Ashiyashi Sogo-koen-mae" bus stop](#)