

YOUR FUTURE,

A city that brings together people from around the world
who seek a creative, innovative lifestyle



PROFILE OF YOKOHAMA



INTRODUCTORY BROCHURE

Picture your future living here, working here, and playing here.
A city filled with exotic scenery and diverse cultures,
Yokohama is guaranteed to satisfy your curiosity.

YOUR YOKOHAMA



The City Called Yokohama

Yokohama, one of Japan's largest cities, became the country's first port to open for free trade in 1859. Since then, it has grown into a key gateway to the world and a richly diverse, cosmopolitan metropolis. Natural beauty in every season. A cityscape that intertwines exotic and urban architecture. A safe, comfortable living environment. Businesses, research labs, and universities boasting cutting-edge technologies. These and other charms come together in Yokohama.



A comfortable climate
with seasonal beauty

Summer



Yokohama Sparkling Twilight

Spring: Ooka River
Summer: Marine Park
Autumn: Sankeien Garden
Winter: Illumination in Minatomirai

Winter



Minatomirai & Mt. Fuji



Yamashita Park



Spring

Outside Yokohama Museum of Art



Autumn

With an average annual temperature of 15°C (59°F), Yokohama offers a comfortable climate throughout the year. Spring brings vibrant blossoms, then summer delights with refreshing sea breezes. In autumn, colored leaves festoon parks and streets, while the town glitters with illuminations in the winter months. With each season, Yokohama shows a different face.



Red Brick Warehouse



Yokohama Motomachi



Yokohama Stadium



Noge district



Yokohama Cosmoworld

Getting Out & About

Kicking back while savoring the scenery. Feeding your curiosity with cultural treasures and thrilling entertainment. Experiencing diverse cuisine in cosmopolitan restaurant districts. Yokohama offers many places to relax and have fun.



Yamashita Park



Yokohama Hakkeijima Sea Paradise



Yokohama Zoological Gardens "ZOORASIA"



Yokohama Chinatown



Yokohama Bay Bridge



Yokohama Air Cabin



*Garden Necklace
Yokohama*

Feast your eyes on the gorgeous flowers and greenery adorning streets, parks, and the bayside area.



*World Triathlon Championship Series and
Para Series Yokohama*

Top athletes from around the world race through the streets of Yokohama.



Yorunoyo Yokohama Cross Night Illumination

One of Japan's largest light shows leverages Yokohama's signature bayside scenery to offer a dynamic interplay of illumination and music.



Nick CAVE Kinetic Spinner Forest, 2016(recreated in 2020)
©Nick Cave Installation view of Yokohama Triennale 2020 Photo: OTSUKA Keita
Photo courtesy of Organizing Committee for Yokohama Triennale

Yokohama Triennale

Held once every three years, this international exhibition of contemporary art is one of Japan's finest.

Dance Dance Dance @YOKOHAMA

A triennial dance festival that numbers among the biggest in Japan.



Photo: 瀬戸秀美

**A Thrill-packed
Calendar**

Yokohama serves up excitement throughout the year with diverse events such as traditional Japanese festivals and international art shows and sports competitions.



Yokohama Marathon

Participants get to savor the city's scenery as they run past celebrated sights and along an expressway.



Yokohama Otomatsuri

One of the country's largest music festivals, staged every three years.



Yokohama Sparkling Twilight

A display of 3,000 fireworks, a ship parade, a marine rescue demonstration, and other entertainment provide delightful ways to experience the city's bayside setting.

Ookagawa Sakura Festival

Enjoy gazing upon the Ooka River, including at night, when the soft pink blossoms are illuminated by paper lanterns.



F Yamanashi 2h30m
Mt. Fuji

Seeing the sunrise from Japan's highest mountain makes for a memory that lasts a lifetime.



E Tokyo 25m
Tokyo Tower

Japan's capital offers a rich mix of history, technology, and culture such as animation and fashion.



D Toyama 1h
Owara Kaze-no-Bon 3h

An elegant traditional dance is performed to local folk music.



A Hokkaido 1h35m
Niseko

Superb snow makes this a perfect place to enjoy winter sports.



I Hiroshima 1h15m
Onomichi 3h

This area provides a beautiful panorama of a retro cityscape and the Seto Inland Sea.



H Osaka 1h
Tsutenbaku Tower 2h30m

A city for savoring stage comedy and gourmet treats such as takoyaki octopus balls.



G Kyoto 2h
Kiyomizu-dera Temple

Japan's ancient capital is home to many Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples registered as World Heritage sites.



C Miyagi 1h45m
Tanabata Festival 1h45m

A festival with over 400 years of history that festoons the city with dazzling colors.



B Aomori 1h20m
Nebuta Festival 4h30m

All sorts of massive floats create a stunning sight as they parade through the streets at night.



K Fukuoka 1h45m
Hakata 4h30m

Here you'll find Hakata ramen and many other local foods that will please your palate.



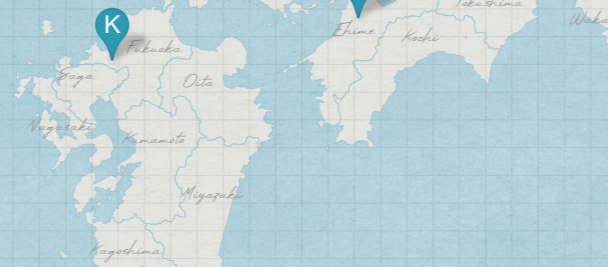
J Ehime 1h20m
Dogo Onsen 3h30m

Take a relaxing soak in one of Japan's three major historic hot springs, said to go back more than 3,000 years.



L Okinawa 2h20m
Kouri Beach

Islands embraced by exquisite coral reefs offer encounters with the distinctive culture of the ancient Ryukyu Kingdom.



Japan

Yokohama
Gateway to Japan and the World

Yokohama provides excellent rail, road, and air access. The Shinkansen bullet train directly links Yokohama with neighboring Tokyo and other major cities of Japan, while expressways take travelers all across the country. Haneda Airport is just a 30-minute bus or train ride away, making it easy to fly to destinations around Japan and the globe.

From Yokohama

By Airplane

By Train

By Bus

1 Haneda Airport (Tokyo International Airport) 24m
30m

International flights

19 countries

31 cities

Domestic flights

48 cities



2 Narita International Airport 2h
1h30m

International flights

30 countries

81 cities

Domestic flights

20 cities



Living in Yokohama

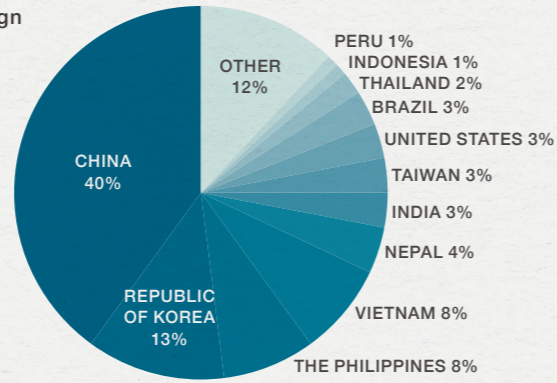
Yokohama strives to provide a safe and comfortable living environment supportive of all residents, including expats.

Foreign Population

Around 100,000 people from diverse countries and regions live in Yokohama.



Yokohama foreign population breakdown by nationality



Many people from across Asia live in Yokohama.

Education

Ten international schools help make it easier for expat families to raise children.



Healthcare

Various local hospitals offer multilingual support, and an NPO provides interpreting and medical information services to foreign patients.



Quality of Living survey Top4 in Asia

4th

Yokohama ranks 4th among Asian cities for its livability, offering top-notch education, healthcare, cleanliness, and more.

- 1 Singapore/Singapore
 - 2 Tokyo/Japan
 - 3 Kobe/Japan
 - 4 **Yokohama/Japan**
 - 5 Hong Kong/China
 - 6 Seoul/Republic of Korea
- *Mercer



Nurseries

1,100

More than 1,100 local nurseries provide reliable childcare services.

Parks

2,700

Some 2,700 parks of all sizes are available for people of all ages to take walks, play, and enjoy a wide range of experiences.

Train Stations

140

Yokohama's 140+ railway stations take you to all sorts of places across the city.

Hospitals

130

Everyday and emergency medical care is offered at over 130 hospitals.

Evacuation Centers

400

Yokohama has more than 400 community evacuation centers that serve as refuges during major disasters.

Clean Environment

3R

Clear-cut garbage separation rules and a commitment to preserving green spaces contribute to clean neighborhoods, streets, and air.

Support for Foreign Residents

Yokohama offers a wide range of multilingual consultation services, Japanese language classes, cross-cultural events, and other programs for helping foreign residents live here with peace of mind.

International Lounges



Foreign residents have access to multilingual information and consultation services regarding life in Yokohama. Also, there are eleven international lounges across the city that run Japanese language classes, dispatch volunteer interpreters, and provide opportunities for foreigners to get involved with the local community. Some locations also offer activities such as learning support for children, courses for families, classes on traditional Japanese culture, food-related exchange events, and programs for encouraging multicultural understanding.



Earth Plaza (Kanagawa Plaza for Global Citizenship)

This is a facility for people who strive for international understanding and world peace and who explore solutions for global issues. It also offers consultation on daily life, legal matters, and education.



Multilingual Support Center Kanagawa

This center refers users to organizations where they can receive information/advice on healthcare, insurance, welfare, childrearing, and other aspects of life in Japan. Service is provided in various languages over the phone and in person.



Kanagawa Labor Support Center

University professors, lawyers, and other specialists provide interpreter-assisted consultation on labor issues and workplace problems.



Consultation Corner for Foreign Workers (MHLW)

This service offers multilingual consultation (in person or by phone) on working conditions and other labor matters.



Daily Life Support Portal for Foreign Nationals (Immigration Services Agency)

Foreign residents and their supporters can access useful information on living in Japan.



Yokohama Foreign Residents Information Center



Foreign residents can receive consultation and information in eleven languages via the phone and in person.

1. Consultation: General information and consultation are available on various aspects of living in Japan, ranging from local Japanese language courses to referrals to specialized services.
2. Over-the-phone interpreting: This is offered to those who need to call city offices and other organizations to handle simple matters, such as asking basic questions and making appointments.
3. Interpreter dispatching: Volunteer interpreters are dispatched or referred to foreign residents to assist with interactions at government offices, etc. (Free, except for certain cases)
4. Specialized consultation: This service provides consultation on legal matters, administrative procedures, and education. (Free, appointment required)
Legal matters –Users can receive advice and on-site interpreting supported by professional legal services. Also, consultation sessions run by legal specialists are also offered from time to time.
Administrative procedures –Consultation is available on administrative matters such as visas, status of residence, international marriage/divorce, and bringing family members to Japan.
Education –Advice is given on education in general, higher education, and student life.
5. Document translation: English translation can be requested for family register copies/extracts, and certificates of residence issued by the City of Yokohama. (Fee required)

Multilingual support at ward offices

To facilitate communication between foreign residents and city staff, ward offices are equipped with multilingual voice/text translation systems and offer tablet-based video call interpreting services.



YOKE

(Yokohama Association for International Communications and Exchanges)



This organization promotes intercultural community building and international exchanges/cooperation. Specific activities include hosting Japanese language classes and dispatching volunteer interpreters.

Working in Yokohama

Yokohama is in the global spotlight as a growth city backed by a well-developed business environment.

An Economy on the Move

Since the opening of its port in 1859, Yokohama has formed connections across the world, evolving as a city that embraces diversity and provides different people with opportunities to shine. Many companies have rooted themselves in this outstanding business environment that boasts superb access and an abundant pool of talent. Numerous multinational corporations have chosen Yokohama as a base for their R&D activities. Today, the city continues to grow as a global business hub.

Minatomirai 21

Yokohama's signature business district is the city's largest. Located in a waterfront setting with the sky and sea as a backdrop, the area is endowed with abundant infrastructure and a beautifully designed cityscape. More and more major corporations and advanced research labs are setting up shop here.



Home of Advanced Technologies and Talent

Yokohama is second only to Tokyo in terms of the presence of academic and R&D institutions. Institutions produced outstanding talent, and many specialists and technical workers reside in the city. Yokohama and the surrounding area are also home to a large assortment of IT organizations, including research labs and globally renowned electronics manufacturers. More than 3,000 IT enterprises are located in the area.



International Businesspeople Making Their Mark

A large number of foreign nationals work in Yokohama in many fields ranging from technical and specialized industries such as manufacturing and R&D to service segments such as sales, hospitality, and dining. As a city whose creative power opens the door to new innovations in the era of globalization, Yokohama will continue to depend on professionals who connect Japan and the world.



Kannai Area

This area, studded with many historic buildings, spearheaded the city's growth after the port opened. It has become a center of urban functions such as finance, insurance, transport, and communication.



Yokohama Station Area

One of Japan's biggest train terminals, Yokohama Station serves two million passengers each day with nine lines run by six railway operators. The surrounding area features large shopping malls, hotels, and many office buildings, including facilities of IT firms and major corporations.



Employment Support for Expats

The Hello Work Yokohama employment service office provides consultation on job hunting and other employment needs, and has interpreters on staff to aid foreign nationals (English, Chinese, Portuguese, and Spanish are supported). It also hosts job events and seminars for expats.

Expat employment
service section



JETRO



Keihin Coastal Area

As a manufacturing hub, this district supported Japan's rapid economic growth in the postwar period. In today's globalizing economy, the area is being transformed into an internationally competitive manufacturing hub with a focus on advanced technologies, products, and research.



Shin-Yokohama

This area has attracted many IT companies and foreign-based firms with the very convenient access it provides as a stop on the Shinkansen bullet train network. Shopping malls, hotels, a stadium, hospitals, and other amenities also make it a nice place to live and work.



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