

## Useful Information



### ● **Climate**

The average year-round temperature in Kobe is 17.1°C. Kobe's climate is characterized by comparatively mild winters and cool summers, not unlike a typical Mediterranean climate.

### ● **Electricity**

The electrical current is 100 volts AC, 50 cycles in Tokyo and eastern Japan and 60 cycles in western Japan including Kobe.

### ● **Currency Exchange**

Only Japanese yen (JPY) is accepted at regular stores and restaurants. Certain foreign currencies may be accepted at a limited number of hotels, restaurants and souvenir shops. You can exchange your currency to yen at foreign exchange banks and other authorized money exchangers on presentation of your passport.

### ● **Traveler's Checks and Credit Cards**

Traveler's checks are accepted only by leading banks and major hotels in principal cities, and the use of traveler's checks in Japan is not as popular as in some other countries. VISA, MasterCard, Diners Club, and American Express are widely accepted at hotels, department stores, shops, restaurants and nightclubs.

### ● **Tipping**

Tipping is not customary in Japan. At hotels and major restaurants a 10-15% service charge will be added.

