

Osaka's Gay Scene

Osaka has the largest gay scene in the region. The city's main gay bars and nightlife are located in Doyama district, near Umeda Station. Some venues limit access to Japanese only; others have policies based on specific themes. This is not an exhaustive list, nor have we personally verified these listings. For more complete information visit: www.travelgayasia.com/destination/gay-japan/

Bars

FrenZ FrenZY Rainbow Haven <https://www.frenz-frenzy.website/where>

8-14 Kamiyamacho, Kita, Osaka,

Long-standing and popular Osaka gay bar. It truly is the gayest, most colourful place in Osaka! Located underneath [MenZ-MenZY](#) the sexy men's underwear shop. The first shop in Japan specializing in the Andrew Christian brand. Hold on to your breath, you might get hot flashes. Lady GaGa once held an impromptu performance on the bar; a night here is guaranteed to be a fun and memorable evening!

weekday: 20:00 - 01:00 / 03:00 **weekend:** 20:00 - 05:00 / 01:00

venue: bar | **customers:** mostly gay

Grand Slam <http://www.grandslam-osaka.com/eng.php>

1F Dai-Ni Shoei Bldg, 6-14 Doyama, Kita, Osaka

Foreigner-friendly gay bar that hosts regular dance parties and events. Grand Slam is now in its 7th year. Located in the heart of Doyama gay scene. Open 7 nights a week.

weekday: 21:00 - 05:00 **weekend:** 21:00 - 05:00

venue: bar | **features:** bar, music, dancing

J's Osaka <http://www.cafe-jj.com/osaka/top.php>

B1F Pearl Leisure Bldg, 16-4 Doyama, Kita, Osaka

Well-established gay bar that has been in business for 17 years. Formerly "Cafe de Jumpin' Jumpin", J's Osaka has a welcoming atmosphere, good-looking staff and hosts regular special events. Drinks start from ¥800, and there is no cover charge. Open every night from 7pm.

weekday: from 19:00 **weekend:** from 19:00

venue: bar | **features:** bar, music, cafe | **customers:** LGBT mixed

Kuro <https://rainbowindex.com/venue/kuro>

OK Bldg, 16-6 Doyama, Kita, Osaka

The oldest gay bar in Osaka. Kuro is a traditional Japanese-style bar that attracts mostly mature Japanese men, although foreigners are welcome. Located off the main street near the entrance of Doyama gay district, on the inner righthand side of a small hallway – a bit difficult to find as the blue sign is written in Japanese.

weekday: 19:00 - 02:00 **weekend:** Sat 19:00 - 02:00

venue: bar | **features:** bar, music | **attracts:** all types

Saunas and Cruise Clubs

Hokuoukan <https://rainbowindex.com/venue/hokuoukan>

14-10 Doyama, Kita, Osaka

Large gay sauna in the heart of Osaka that has been around for 30 years. Facilities include locker room, bathrooms, sauna, steam room, cabins with TV, video room, and dark zones. Private rooms are on the top floors where you can stay overnight. Admission is based on age – the younger, the lower the fee (see Hokuoukan’s website). A valid photo ID is required. Attract men of all ages. Foreigners are welcome. Open 24 hours. Busiest at the weekend before 9pm.

weekday: 24 hours **weekend:** 24 hours

venue: sauna | **features:** steam room, sauna, relaxing cabins, dark room | **customers:** gay |

attracts: all types

Business Inn Royal Sauna <https://rainbowindex.com/venue/business-inn-royal-sauna>

1-2-4 Ebisu-higashi, Naniwa, Osaka

Foreigner-friendly gay sauna in Osaka. Business Inn Royal operates the same system as Hokuoukan. The sauna has the usual facilities, jacuzzi and a solarium. Private rooms are available, both in Japanese and Western style. Tends to attract a more mature guys (late 30’s upwards). Open 24 hours. Check the website for admission fees.

weekday: 24 hours **weekend:** 24 hours

venue: sauna | **features:** steam room, sauna, relaxing cabins | **customers:** gay | **attracts:** all types

RANGER <https://ranger-osaka.jimdofree.com/>

1 Chome-11-28 Nakatsu, Kita-ku, Osaka

Gay cruise club in Osaka, targeting short-haired, bearded, athletic and muscular guys in their 20’s and 30’s. Private cabins available. Management tell us that men with “long hair, slim or chubby figure and unmanly manner” will not be admitted. Open 4pm-5am. Take the Midosuji subway to Nakatsu Station (Exit 2). Walk toward the traffic lights, turn right just before 7-Eleven and take the first left. The club is the second townhouse to your left. No sign in front; just open the sliding door in front of the reception area. Nearest station: Nakatsu Station (Exit 2)

weekday: 16:00 - 05:00 **weekend:** 16:00 - 05:00

venue: cruise/fetish | **features:** shop, relaxing cabins, dark room | **customers:** gay | **attracts:** muscles

Otoko Banduke <https://rainbowindex.com/venue/otoko-banduke>

16-12 Doyama, Kita, Osaka

Small, local gay cruise club in the heart of Doyama gay district. The space is very limited but quite clean with one shower facility. Gets busy after 10pm with younger crowd. Walk into the small alley next to building where **K’s Hills** is located [Nakadori Bldg, 16-12 Doyama]; at the end, walk up the staircase to the top floor.

weekday: 16:00 - 05:00 **weekend:** 16:00 - 05:00

venue: cruise/fetish | **features:** relaxing cabins, dark room | **customers:** gay | **attracts:** all types