



MinamiCon 30

7th – 9th March 2025

Novotel Hotel, Southampton

Wow! Where have the years gone? We have miraculously arrived at MinamiCon 30. Many of you who have been to MinamiCon would have seen the con in its many shapes and forms. What started as a single-day get-together in Portsmouth organised by the Minami Anime Club to celebrate the cuter side of anime became a weekend-long affair at the Novotel Hotel in Southampton, and we've made our home there since MinamiCon 3.

The very early days format of the events schedule was largely made up of video rooms, a games room, a dealers' room, and Saturday became synonymous with the one or two odd panels, a pub quiz, masquerade and karaoke. We had our first Friday party at MinamiCon 10, and the Matsuri became a thing at MinamiCon 12. As anime became more accessible through streaming services, we scaled back the video rooms and moved to more activity events, leaning on the community for ideas.

MinamiCon would not be where it is today without the strength of the community that supports it. Through our ***Evolution*** theme, we celebrate three decades of unforgettable memories and embrace the past, present, and future of Japanese anime, gaming, and geek culture. This year's theme embodies the ongoing transformation of fandom and the ever-expanding horizons of creativity that unite our community.

To commemorate our 30th year, we have some ***additional MinamiCon giveaways*** that you stand a chance of winning at the Matsuri through our Japanese lottery wheel - a ***Garapon***. So do make your way to the Matsuri to try your hand at winning some specially made merchandise for MinamiCon 30.

A quick guide to all the various events ongoing over the weekend is available at the end of this PR. Full descriptions are also available in our published calendar in [Google Calendar](#) or alternatively, you can also download the [iCal](#) version to add to your calendar. If you're a regular con-goer, please don't assume the timings are the same - we optimise the timings each year and often make adjustments.

We utilise the following spaces of the hotel area for the convention. Note that the event space constantly transforms over the weekend in the ground floor rooms as we enlarge spaces for bigger events like the matsuri and the masquerade.

- Ground Floor of the Novotel Hotel
- 5th Floor of the Novotel Hotel
- Games Room in the Ibis Hotel, diagonally opposite the entrance of the Novotel

New to the Con? Things You Need to Know

Registration

Show your proof of identity at the registration desk at the Novotel foyer to collect your membership badge and con pack – contained therein will be a conbook and a copy of the ‘What and Where’ guide with the schedule and a map of the con.

The following lists the forms of ID that will be accepted:

- A valid passport
- A current full/provisional driving license
- Credit/Debit Card
- Citizen Card
- Official Student or College Card
- ProveIT Age Card
- A Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- Recent bank statement showing your con registration address
- Recent utility/council bills showing your con registration address
- Rent Book
- NHS Medical Card
- Young Persons Railcard

The Registration Desk will be open from **12 pm – 5 pm on Friday**. If you arrive on Friday and the Registration Desk is no longer in the foyer, please head down the hallway on the left (past the bar) towards the Minami Matsuri, where you will find the desk has moved. If you arrive after the Registration Desk is closed, head up to Ops on the 5th floor instead.

Also, if you haven't already bought a T-shirt yet and would like to after seeing the beautiful artwork, we will be selling T-shirts at the Registration Desk or Con Ops (once the registration desk has closed).

Con Ops

Ops (convention headquarters) is located on the **5th floor** of the Novotel. If you have any general queries or have lost/found something within the con area that may belong to one of the other members, please report it to Ops. Ops will be open:

Friday 1 pm – 5 pm, 8 pm – 9:30 pm
Saturday 10 am – 5:30 pm, 8 pm – 9:30 pm
Sunday 10 am – 5 pm

Karaoke funtimes!

Because some of you can never get enough karaoke-ing, you can book a slot for you and your friends in a private karaoke room by reserving slots available all weekend. Just head to Con Ops to book your slot.

Photoshoot Room

We have a photoshoot room filled with props and set up for you to have photos taken of you in your wonderful cosplays, so bring your own photographer! The room will be open at different intervals during the con. Head to Con Ops to book your slot.

Masquerade

Transform from your everyday self into your cosplay persona for the cosplay Masquerade. It's time to showcase your ultimate transformation! [Sign up](#) now on the website and get in on the action.

If you're entering the masquerade, you must:

- **Submit your [online entry](#) on the website by MIDNIGHT on Friday**
- All entrants **MUST** attend the masquerade briefing at **3:30 pm on Saturday**.

Volunteer for Gophering

MinamiCon wouldn't be able to evolve and thrive without our dedicated team of hardworking gophers! Like the unsung heroes of adaptation, you'll help the convention run smoothly while the committee scrambles to keep up with the ever-changing chaos. If you want to be part of this vital step in our con's evolution, head to Con Ops to sign up—we'll be ready for you bright and early on Friday morning before the con begins!

If you need help at the convention...

... then please let a gopher or committee member know. They are here to help. No, really, I know that reads like sarcasm, but they're genuinely lovely, kind people. That also reads like sarcasm, I fear. Gophers and committee both have special badges – and if you cannot find one, Con Ops on the 5th floor (see above) can assist.

Information for Events

Bring & Buy

The Bring & Buy room is on the 5th floor of the Novotel and will be opened for shoppers during the following hours:

Saturday 10 am – 5 pm

Sunday 10 am – 1 pm

If there is anything that you want to sell at the con, you can bring it along to the con, and we will help sell it for you. You can download the [PDF Form](#) or [Microsoft Word Doc Form](#) from the website – please use your membership number, which will be printed on your badge. Note that the Con will take 10% of all bring and buy sales.

Due to space constraints, we will only accept a maximum of 10 manga items from any attendee (series sold as a set counts as one item for the set).

The Bring & Buy Room will be open during the following hours to receive items:

Friday 1 pm – 5 pm

Saturday 8:30 am – 9:45 am

You can collect takings and retrieve any leftover items on **Sunday from 1 pm – 4 pm**.

Cosplay Café

Drop into the Cosplay Café on **Sunday from 11:30 am** for some cake and tea or coffee at our charity café, served by our charming cosplay staff. Last orders will be taken at **2 pm**.

Dealers' Room

The Dealers' room will be open during the following hours:

Saturday 10 am – 5 pm

Sunday 10 am – 4 pm

Games Room

Head over to the Games Room run by the fantastic crew from **Tokonatsu** at the Ibis Hotel. This will run throughout the weekend, with plenty of games from Retro to the latest greatest! The Games Room will be open:

Friday 2 pm – 7 pm

Saturday 10 am – 5:30 pm, 8:30 pm – 10 pm

Sunday 10 am – 4 pm

Matsuri featuring Artists' Alley

On Friday from **5 pm**, you can wander around in our Matsuri for fun and games. Enjoy some food treats at the Matsuri and check out the artist stalls. Try your hand at the lottery and the raffle, and who knows what you might win. We will also be putting up some special prizes for matsuri game stalls - these will be announced at the matsuri.

Masquerade

Look out for the masquerade on Saturday, where impressive cosplayers strut the catwalk, followed by creative skits. The show starts at **5:30 pm!**

Kotatsu Lounge and the Retro-oke

On Sunday evening, the con winds down with the **Retro-oke from 8 pm** and the **Kotatsu Lounge from ~ 8:30 pm**. Join your friends for a great sing-along of out-of-tune 1980s favourites, then roast under a duvet or gather around a table whilst playing traditional board games.

Charity

Throughout the weekend, we will also be raising funds for our con charity, the **British Heart Foundation**, in memory of our former treasurer and friend, Ewan Chrystal. There will be several fund-raising activities at the con, including the charity auction, which runs immediately after the Masquerade.

See you soon!

MinamiCon Team

Friday	Dealers' Room / LE HARVE	Event Room 1 / CAEN	Event Room 2 / CHERBOURG	Event Room 3 / BAYEUX	Event Room 4 / DIEPPE	Event Room 5 / DEAUVILLE	Event Room 6 / ROUEN	Friday	
12pm - 1pm	CLOSED	Piñata Building (12pm - 1:45pm)	Chibi Beads (12pm - 1:45pm)	Adolescence Apocalypse: Magical Girls and Liminality (12pm - 12:45pm)	Pose like you mean it! (12pm - 12:45pm)	CLOSED	CLOSED		
1pm - 2pm				How to GM Tabletop RPGs (1pm - 2:15pm)	Yakuza: the truth behind the media (1pm - 2:15pm)	KaraKara Funtimes 01	Photoshoot Room* (1pm - 4:30pm)	1pm - 2pm	
2pm - 3pm			The anime time forgot 4 - Anime and lost media (2pm - 3:15pm)	Name That Tune: XXX Edition (2pm - 3:45pm)	A tour of the greatest pirates era of One Piece! (2:30pm - 3:45pm)	KaraKara Funtimes 02		2pm - 3pm	
3pm - 4pm			SETUP	SETUP	SETUP	SETUP		KaraKara Funtimes 03	3pm - 4pm
4pm - 5pm							KaraKara Funtimes 04		4pm - 5pm
5pm - 6pm			Minami Matsuri, featuring Artists' Alley (5pm - 8pm)				KaraKara Funtimes 05		5pm - 6pm
6pm - 7pm								CLOSED	6pm - 7pm
7pm - 8pm								7pm - 8pm	
8pm - 9pm	SETUP	SETUP	SETUP	SETUP	SETUP			8pm - 9pm	
9pm - 10pm	Panel of Games (9pm - 10:15pm)	Toothycat anime picks 2024/25 (8:30pm - 9:15pm)	So You Think You Know Your Fanfic? (8:30pm - 9:45pm)	Blood on the Clocktower (Signups advised) (9pm - 10:45pm)	Worldbuilding From Scratch! (8:30pm - 9:45pm)	KaraKara Funtimes 06	Photoshoot Room* (8:30pm - 9:30pm)	9pm - 10pm	
10pm - 11pm		'Everything But Anime' Quiz (9:30pm - 10:45pm)	The Alternative Anime Music Quiz (10pm - 11:15pm)	TTRPG Horror Stories (18+) (11pm - 11:45pm)	Bunraku? Funraku! (10pm - 11:15pm)	KaraKara Funtimes 07		10pm - 11pm	
11pm - 12am	Tengu Tunes - Silent Disco (10:30pm - 12:30am)	Fighting Game Roulette Evolution: Championship Edition (11pm - 12:45am)	Hyper Realistic Pokemon Trainer Simulation (18+) (11:30pm - 12:45am)	Seinen Spotlight (18+) (12am - 12:45am)	Return of Psychotronic Japan (11:30pm - 12:45am)	KaraKara Funtimes 08	CLOSED	11pm - 12am	
12am - 1am	CLOSED					KaraKara Funtimes 09		12am - 1am	
Saturday	Dealers' Room / LE HARVE	Event Room 1 / CAEN	Event Room 2 / CHERBOURG	Event Room 3 / BAYEUX	Event Room 4 / DIEPPE	Event Room 5 / DEAUVILLE	Event Room 6 / ROUEN	Saturday	
10am - 11am	Dealers' Room (10am - 5pm)	Cooking panel: Make a Mochi-mon (10am - 11:45am)	DisQuiz 7 (10am - 11:45am)	Otaku Parenting (10am - 10:45am)	Cel Painting Workshop (10am - 11:45am)	KaraKara Funtimes 10	Photoshoot Room* (10am - 1:30pm)	10am - 11am	
11am - 12pm				History of Tokusatsu: What Was Power Rangers? (11am - 11:45am)		KaraKara Funtimes 11		11am - 12pm	
12pm - 1pm			Anime for the Aged (12pm - 12:45pm)	30 Years of MinamiCon: The ULTIMATE Anime Quiz (12pm - 1:45pm)	Learn to Crochet (max 15) (12pm - 1:45pm)	Iron Artist (12pm - 12:45pm)		KaraKara Funtimes 12	12pm - 1pm
1pm - 2pm			What Happened to Disney Sing-Along Songs? (1pm - 2:15pm)		For the love and hate of costume detail (2pm - 2:45pm)	Iron Cosplay (1pm - 1:45pm)	KaraKara Funtimes 13		1pm - 2pm
2pm - 3pm			Animazing MinamiCon pub quiz (2:30pm - 4:15pm)	Cosplay Photoshoot #1 (2pm - 3:15pm)	Sake Tasting (18+) (3pm - 4:15pm)	D&D for beginners (2pm - 3:45pm)		CLOSED	2pm - 3pm
3pm - 4pm				Masquerade Briefing (3:30pm - 4pm)				Photoshoot Room* (3:30pm - 5pm)	3pm - 4pm
4pm - 5pm			SETUP	SETUP	SETUP	SETUP			4pm - 5pm
5pm - 6pm		Masquerade & Charity Auction (5:30pm - 8pm)						5pm - 6pm	
6pm - 7pm							CLOSED	6pm - 7pm	
7pm - 8pm								7pm - 8pm	
8pm - 9pm		SETUP	SETUP	SETUP	SETUP		Photoshoot Room* (8pm - 9pm)	8pm - 9pm	
9pm - 10pm	CLOSED	Queer Monsters in Anime 2 (18+) (8:30pm - 9:45pm)	The Yaoi Gameshow: BL to the Bone (18+) (9pm - 10:45pm)	Karaoke Main Stage (9pm - 12:45am)				9pm - 10pm	
10pm - 11pm		Heroic Failures of Anime Part Seven: The Seventh One (10pm - 11:15pm)						10pm - 11pm	
11pm - 12am		My Life as a Noughties Anime Fan (11:30pm - 12:45am)	Mock the Weebs (18+) (11pm - 12:15am)				CLOSED	11pm - 12am	
12am - 1am			CLOSED					12am - 1am	

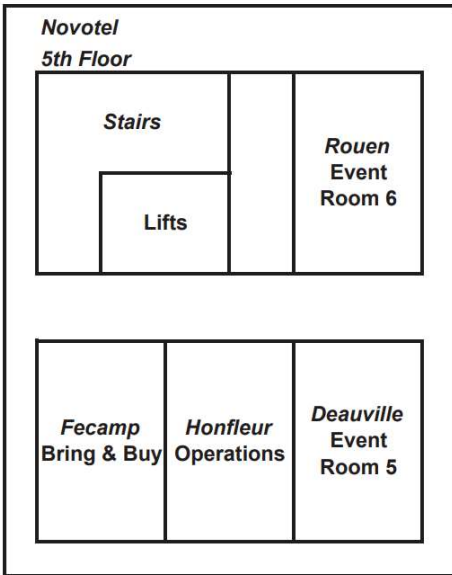
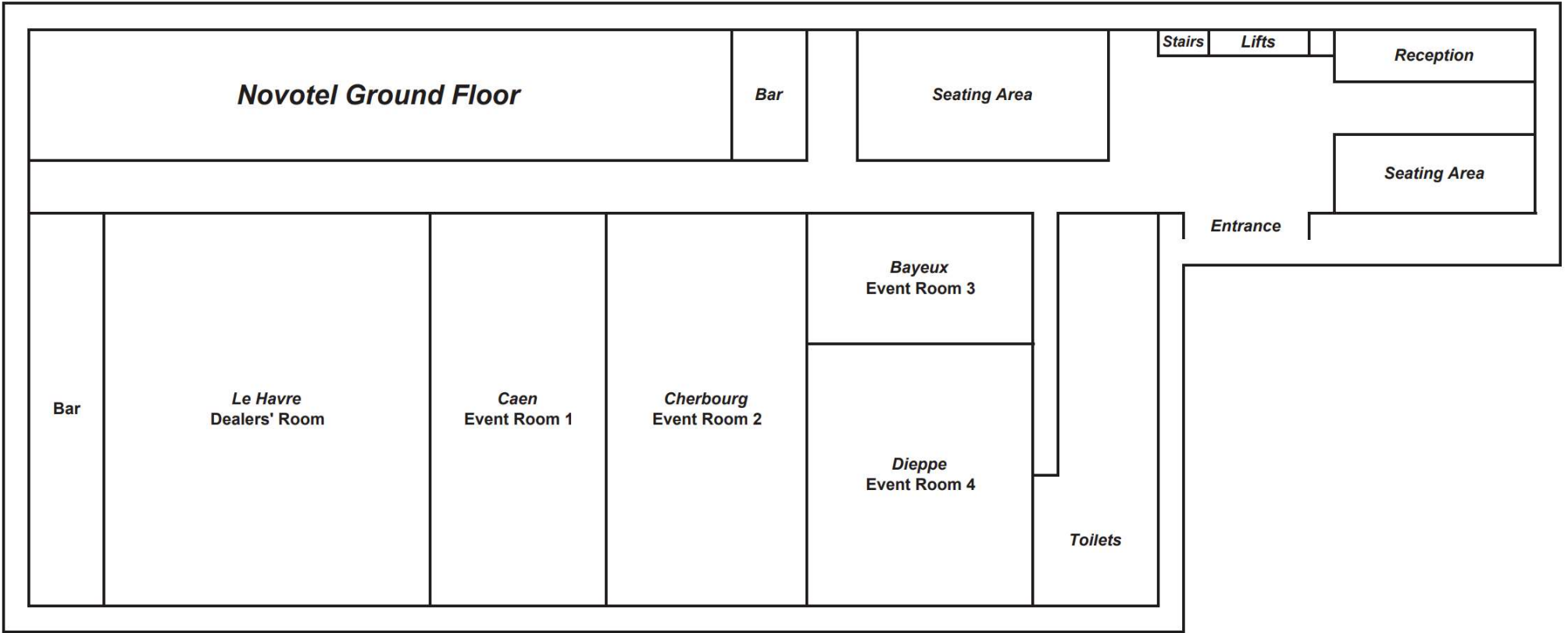
Dealers' Room
Saturday: 10am - 5pm
Sunday: 10am - 4pm
Bring and Buy
Friday: 1pm - 5pm (Receiving Only)
Saturday: 8:30am - 9:45am (Receiving Only)
Saturday: 10am - 5pm
Sunday: 10am - 1pm
8pm - 9pm
Sunday 1pm - 4pm (Collection Only)
Games Room
Friday 2pm - 7pm
Saturday 10am - 5:30pm
Saturday 8:30pm - 10pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm
Operations
Friday 1pm - 5pm
Friday 8pm - 9:30pm
Saturday 10am - 5:30pm
Saturday 8pm - 9:30pm
Sunday 10am - 5pm

Arts & Crafts / Workshop
Panel / Talk
Quiz / Game
Minamicon Core Event
Other event type or activity

Events include setting up and clearing down time, so there's plenty of time to get between consecutive panels. Actual running times are noted below events, followed by a 15 minute window for clear down and set up for the next panel.

*If Photoshoot Room is closed, please go to Ops for the key. Note this room can only be accessed during listed times

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10am - 11am	Dealers' Room (10am - 4pm)	Minami City Gym 3 (10am - 11:15am)	Gundam Speed Building (max 50) (10am - 10:45am)	Finish your damn book! (10am - 10:45am)	Life Drawing (10am-11:15am)	KaraKara Funtimes 14	Photoshoot Room* (10am - 3pm)	10am - 11am			
11am - 12pm		SETUP	SETUP	You should watch... (11am - 12:15pm)	Crochet-a-long Onigiri (max 20) (11:30am - 1:15pm)	KaraKara Funtimes 15		11am - 12pm			
12pm - 1pm		Pointless Anime (12pm - 1:45pm)	Cosplay Café (11:30am - 2:30pm) LAST ENTRY 2pm	Roll for Performance: Voice Acting Basics for TTRPGs (12:30pm - 1:45pm)	The Bible Is My Favourite Anime: Further Adventures in Anime Adaptations (2pm - 3:15pm)	The Three Minutes Presentation Challenge! (1:30pm - 3:15pm)		KaraKara Funtimes 16	12pm - 1pm		
1pm - 2pm		Can't Stop the Felting (2pm - 3:45pm)						MinamiCon Panel (2:30pm - 3:15pm)	KaraKara Funtimes 17	1pm - 2pm	
2pm - 3pm		CLOSED	Quiz Smash! (4pm - 5:15pm)	Cosplay Photoshoot #2 (4pm - 5:15pm)	How to 3D Print your own waifus/husbandos (3:30pm - 4:15pm)	Beyond Disney: European theme parks and how to find (3:30pm - 4:15pm)		KaraKara Funtimes 18	CLOSED	2pm - 3pm	
3pm - 4pm	SETUP		SETUP	Penlights & Pashas: Oshikatsu Explained (4:30pm - 5:45pm)	Japanese Book Binding (4:30pm - 5:45pm)	KaraKara Funtimes 19	3pm - 4pm				
4pm - 5pm	SETUP		SETUP	SETUP	SETUP	KaraKara Funtimes 20	4pm - 5pm				
5pm - 6pm	Closing Ceremony (6:30pm - 8pm)		SETUP	SETUP	SETUP	KaraKara Funtimes 21	5pm - 6pm				
6pm - 7pm	SETUP		SETUP	SETUP	SETUP	CLOSED	6pm - 7pm				
7pm - 8pm	Retro-oke (8pm - 10pm)	Kotatsu Lounge (8:30pm - 11:45pm)	Closed	Closed	Closed	CLOSED	CLOSED	7pm - 8pm			
8pm - 9pm	SETUP							SETUP	SETUP	SETUP	8pm - 9pm
9pm - 10pm	SETUP							SETUP	SETUP	SETUP	9pm - 10pm
10pm - 11pm	CLOSED	Kotatsu Lounge (8:30pm - 11:45pm)	Closed	Closed	Closed	CLOSED	CLOSED	10pm - 11pm			
11pm - 12am	CLOSED							11pm - 12am			



MinamiCon Floor Plan

