Enoshima/Kamakura model sightseeing course

On Enoshima, you can enjoy various tourist attractions, such as the historic Enoshima Shrine and the sight of the modern lighthouse known as “Seasarandi”. You can also experience Japanese history first-hand in nearby Kamakura. Enoshima is the principal island in this beach resort area near the capital.

Traveling from Tokyo to Enoshima

The popular beach resort area of Enoshima is easy to get to from Tokyo. It takes 15 minutes on foot to cross the bridge from Katase-Enoshima Station, the nearest station to this tourist attraction. It takes about 60 minutes on the Odakyu Limited Express “Romancecar” Enoshima Line to Katase-Enoshima Station. The direct connection with no transfers makes it convenient for travelers. All seats on the Odakyu Limited Express “Romancecar” are for reservation, so you can relax in your seat and enjoy the journey. Enoden is a convenient way of getting from Enoshima to Kamakura.

There are two types of Freepass for convenient travel around Enoshima.

Choose the right one for the length of your journey!

**Enoshima-Kamakura Freepass**
Good value for Enoshima and Kamakura. A ticket for active travel in the area, which is also valid on Enoden.

**Enoshima 1 day Passport**
A discount ticket that lets you enjoy Enoshima. It comes as a set with admission to observation decks and stone caves, as well as including special discounts in local establishments.

The smell of salt water and the sound of waves.

A beach resort course for islands, coastline and historic walks.

You can walk to Enoshima from the beach. The island area is close to Tokyo, and is a popular resort throughout the year. It is normal in this area to enjoy stylish cafes and restaurants in addition to experiencing the culture of historic Enoshima.
01
Depart for Enoshima on the Odakyu Limited Express "Romancecar"!

Tokyo Shinjuku Station

The journey to Enoshima starts here. First of all, purchase your ticket for the Limited Express "Romancecar" and the Enoshima-Kamakura Freepass from Shinjuku Station. Go to the Odakyu Limited Express "Romancecar" departure platform.

You can purchase a ticket with confidence as there is a counter exclusively for foreigners at the Odakyu Line Shinjuku Station.

Katase-Enoshima Station

Arrive at Katase-Enoshima Station, which has the theme of the Japanese legend of "The Palace of the Dragon King"

The last stop is Katase-Enoshima Station, about 60 minutes from Shinjuku. When you pass the ticket gates, you will be welcomed by the characteristic station building. This station was designed with reference to the underwater paradise known as "Palace of the Dragon King", which appears in Japanese folklore. This is the gateway to the sea.

The brightly colored building is Katase-Enoshima Station. The smell of salt water floats in the air, giving you the feeling of being near the sea.

Enoshima and Ukai can be seen from the bridge in front of the station.
A long bridge over the sea leads to Enoshima

© Enoshima beach

When you get an unbroken view of the sea, you have arrived at the bridge that connects to Enoshima. As you start to cross the bridge towards Enoshima, you will see the beautiful coastline on your right, which is the ideal location to see Mt. Fuji in the distance on clear days.

© The road to Enoshima Shrine

Lively stores line the road, which is the entrance to the island

Gift shops and restaurants line the road leading to Enoshima Shrine as you enter the island. The shop fronts will grab your attention with fascinating sweets and fried seafood. Eating as you walk along the road is another way to have fun.

Shops along the road sell fresh hot manju

The road to Enoshima Shrine is lined with many shops
Climb the hilly road to enter Enoshima Shrine

Enoshima Shrine Gate
A huge archway and a splendid gate appear as you leave the road. This is the entrance to Enoshima Shrine on the island. The red archway is a symbolic feature of Japanese shrines.

To “Seacandle” - the island's symbol, with views of Enoshima
The viewing platform of the “Seacandle” lighthouse provides a 360-degree panorama of Enoshima, towering above the island at a height of 101m above sea level. In fine weather you can even see Mt. Fuji in the distance, as well as Enoshima and the surrounding regions. The Seacandle remains open for business until 20:00, so it is also popular for sunsets and night views. It is definitely worth visiting if you come to Enoshima.

The “Seacandle” stands close to the highest point of Enoshima. If you follow the Samuel Cooking Garden route, you will arrive at an elevator that takes you to the viewing platform.

Having walked to get here, you can see the Enoshima Bentenbashibi bridge and beautiful coastline and even Mt. Fuji if you are lucky.

Island (cuisine)
Have your fill of unique seaside cuisine with our recommended "Nama-shirasu"!
There are restaurants throughout the island where you can taste sardines caught near Enoshima, as well as small fry like whitebait and other fish. If the timing is right, you can enjoy “Nama-shirasu-don”, which uses raw whitebait caught that very morning. Aside from whitebait, popular dishes include broiled fresh “tsazao” and “hamaguri”, as well as horse mackerel sashimi.

Enjoying the taste of fresh seafood on Enoshima is another thing to look forward to.

A lot of transparent raw whitebait placed on rice: Nama-shirasu-don

Enjoy fresh cooking, such as horse mackerel sashimi and whitebait tempura.
04

Leave Enoshima behind as you go to Kamakura, an historic sightseeing area

Enoden Enoshima Station
When you have had enough of Enoshima, take the Enoshima Electric Railway, which is indispensable to sightseeing in Enoshima and Kamakura. Also known as "Enoden", the Enoshima Electric Railway is a tram system that runs through the town and along the coast. After crossing the Enoshima Bentenbashi bridge connecting Enoshima to the mainland, the nearest station is about a 5-minute walk away.

Approx. 8mins

Enoden Shichirigahama Station
Take the retro railway and visit stylish cafes
Get off the Enoden at Shichirigahama Station, the third stop from Enoshima Station in the direction of Kamakura. There are many stylish cafes and restaurants near the Shichirigahama coastal area. Find a suitable cafe, and relax with a delicious coffee and cake while enjoying a view of the sea.

Approx. 9mins

Retro trams operate on Enoden. The Kamakura-koutou-mae Station area is an ideal Enoshima viewing point.

Armaff Cafe is a popular cafe in Shichirigahama. The simple choux cream pastry using fresh eggs is a popular item.
05
At a height of more than 11m, the huge Buddha statue is a must-see

Enoden Hase Station
After resting a moment, return to Shichinagahama Station and take the Enoden, this time for Hase Station, the third stop. Enoden Hase Station is the nearest stop to the Great Buddha of Kamakura, which is famous throughout Japan. Leave the station, and walk for about 10 minutes in the opposite direction to the sea. You will see Kamakura Great Buddha Kotoku-in.

After paying the admission fee (200 yen for adults), the Great Buddha will be right in front of you as you enter the grounds. You will get a feel for just how big it is as you get closer. If you pay an extra 20 yen you can go inside the Great Buddha. Try it out!

Enoden Kamakura Station
Take the Enoden to Kamakura. Komachi-dori Street is great for souvenirs and dining

Take the Enoden once more from Hase Station for Kamakura Station, the last stop. As you leave the station, the many souvenir shops and restaurants on Komachi-dori Street will be on your left. There are lots of unique Japanese products and foods on Komachi-dori Street, which feels like an intrinsic part of Kamakura’s history and culture. You might also like the Japanese cultural souvenirs available here, such as hand towels and chopsticks. Have a look around the various shops for something that suits your fancy!
Leave Komachi-dori Street for Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu shrine, which has around 1,000 years of history

**Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu shrine**

About a 10-minute walk away from Kamakura Station is Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu shrine. Established in 1063, this famous shrine has a lengthy history and is counted as one of Japan's three great Hachiman-shrines. There are various festivals held here throughout the year. Aside from people who come to visit the temple, many couples hold their wedding ceremonies here. If you are lucky, you might even see a Japanese bride.

**Enoden Fujisawa Station**

Take the Enoden once again for the terminal, Fujisawa Station

After you have finished sightseeing and shopping in Kamakura, ride the Enoden again to Fujisawa Station. Reflect on your one-day trip as the train gently sways. Fujisawa Station is about 35 minutes away and is the transfer point for departures to Shinjuku on the Odakyu Line. If the timing is right, the Odakyu Limited Express "Romancecar" is useful for getting from Fujisawa Station to Shinjuku Station.

Fujisawa Station is a terminal in the Enoshima area. Use the Odakyu Limited Express "Romancecar" from here.

**Recommended locations not on the model course**

The town of Kamakura has prospered since ancient times and is lined with many temples. Here are some of the highlights.

**Hokoku-ji temple**

Hokoku-ji temple can be found in the mountains, just a short distance away from Kamakura Station. Deep within the grounds is a beautiful green bamboo garden, the brilliant colors of which can be enjoyed all year round. There is also a place to drink matcha (powdered green tea) at the back of the garden, and this is the perfect place for a short rest while looking out over the garden.

Entrance fee 200 yen, matcha costs 500 yen. Take Keiyo Bus from Kamakura Station (10 minutes), get off at Jomyo-ji temple bus stop, and walk for about 3 minutes.

**Hase-dera temple**

Hase-dera temple is close to Kamakura's Great Buddha. There is also a viewing platform near to the temple housing elevated Buddhist statues, which provides views of the ocean and Kamakura town. The scenery within the temple grounds changes in each season, so you can enjoy features such as the hydrangeas in summer time and the colors of autumn leaves in the fall. You will receive a free souvenir if you show your Enoshima/Kamakura Freepass.

Entrance fee 300 yen. Get off at Enoden Hase Station and walk for about 5 minutes.