

Enjoy the best of Japan in a short time Hakone Model Course

Relaxing
&
Enjoyable

Hakone has been famous since historical times as an important location for travelers, and there are many beautiful sights and historic remains in the area. We will present a sightseeing course that guides you around these spots, letting you discover the natural beauty and cultural heritage of Hakone, together with enjoying the pleasures of hot springs and gourmet cuisine.

Experience the nature and beauty of Japan at Hakone

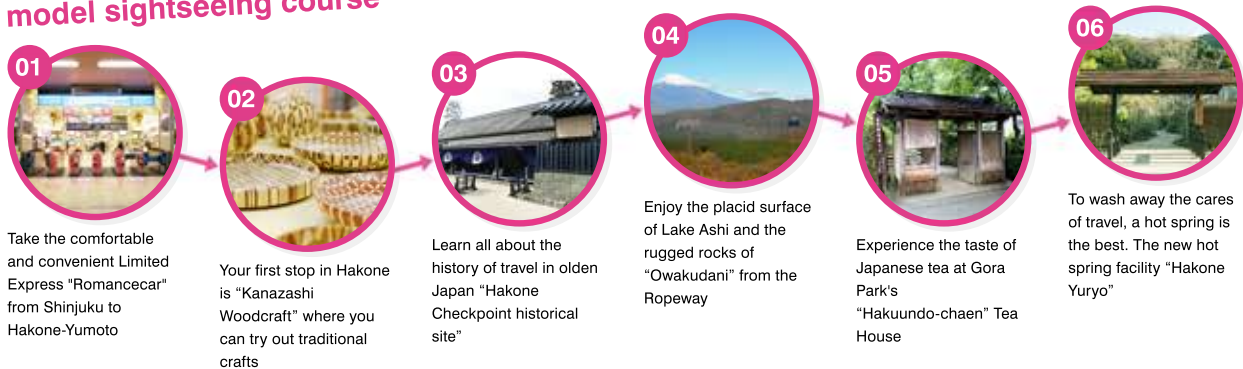
Hakone is located on the site of a difficult pass on the road that has connected East and West Japan since ancient times (Tokaido). There are many places here where you can experience the history of Japan. When you visit these historical and natural sights in the Hakone area, you will discover a different side of Japan to the bustling metropolis of Tokyo.

The “Hakone Freepass” **Value** + **Convenience**
is a convenient way to enjoy Hakone

The Odakyu “Hakone Freepass” is a convenient way to get to Hakone from Shinjuku (Tokyo)! It includes the round-trip ticket from Shinjuku to Hakone-Yumoto + unlimited free travel around the Hakone area.

The best thing about this course is that it is relatively uncrowded, so you can take your time and enjoy the best Japan has to offer in a relaxed atmosphere. Drink in the beauty of nature while enjoying history, gourmet food, and hot springs, as you travel around the Hakone area.

model sightseeing course



A course for exploring the history, nature and culture of Hakone.
If the weather is fine you will be able to see the world-heritage-to-be Mount Fuji.



There are many different modes of transport you can get on and off in the wider Hakone area. You can enjoy traveling on a wide array of different vehicles, including the Hakone Sightseeing Cruise in Lake Ashi, the ropeway and cable car, that connect the mountain areas, and the Tozan Train which climbs up its steep slope.

01

Take the comfortable and convenient Limited Express "Romancecar" from Shinjuku to Hakone-Yumoto

① Shinjuku Station



Buy a "Hakone Freepass" from the Odakyu Sightseeing Service Center at Shinjuku Station and reserve a seat on the Limited Express "Romancecar". Now you are ready to set off for Hakone!

Approx.
85 mins



For a comfortable journey to Hakone, the Odakyu Limited Express "Romancecar" is convenient, connecting Shinjuku Station and Hakone-Yumoto Station in around 85 minutes.

② Hakone-Yumoto Station



Arrive at "Hakone-Yumoto Station", the gateway to Hakone. You can leave your luggage at the station and have it delivered to your hotel with the convenient "Hakone Baggage Service". After exiting the station, head to the bus stop to catch the "Hakone Tozan Bus" to your destination. While you wait for the next bus to depart, you can check out one of the nearby souvenir shops.

Bus
Approx.
15 mins



You can find the "Hakone Tozan Bus" bus stop easily by using the footbridge to your left after you exit Hakone-Yumoto Station.



"Hakone Baggage Service" will deliver your luggage to your hotel. It is just beside the steps from the platform to the ticket gate. Leave your luggage here and enjoy Hakone feeling carefree.

02

Your first stop in Hakone is “Kanazashi Woodcraft” where you can try out traditional crafts

© Get off at “Hatajuku” bus stop



“Kanazashi Woodcraft” sells wooden items made in the “Yosegi-zaiku” style, which is a traditional style of woodcraft that has been practiced in the Hakone area since historical times. The items here have all been created by master craftsman Katsuhiro Kanazashi using his own original methods and designs. As well as viewing a display of his many award winning works, you can buy many kinds of hand crafted items.



Hands on Yosegi-zaiku classes are provided where you can enjoy creating your own original coaster (Application time is 9:30 – 15:00. The classes last about an hour)

Bus
Approx.
11 mins



You would never suspect this array of colorful bowls were created by joining pieces of wood together. This is a souvenir of Japan that is sure to delight the recipient.

㊤ Get off at “Amazake-chaya” bus stop

“Amazake-chaya Tea House” provides a taste of Japanese tradition in a building that makes you feel like you are in a bygone era



In past times, “Amazake-chaya Tea House” soothed the weary travelers walking over the mountains of Hakone. Today, this traditional Japanese sweet shop still delights the many visitors to Hakone with treats such “Amazake” and “Chikara-mochi” whose tastes have not changed since those days of old.



Popular menu items include Amazake (center picture) and Chikara-mochi (right picture), whose traditional tastes have been passed down unchanged since historical times. You can also enjoy powdered green tea and shiso juice, among other things.



Nestled in a valley, the building is the image of a tea house of olden times, and when you enter inside you feel like you have gone back in time.

Enjoying the Old Hakone High Road

Alongside the road that links “Hatajuku” and “Amazake-chaya Tea House” remains of the old high road that travelers walked in past times still exist. You can see what roads were like in an era where there was no concrete or bitumen, and some are still neatly covered with paving stones, where you can appreciate the high quality of the traditional techniques.

The best way to see it is to try walking on the road. People who are good walkers should definitely give it a try.



Bus
Approx.
10 mins

03

Learn all about the history of travel in olden Japan “Hakone Checkpoint historical site”

⑤ Get off at “Hakone Sekisho-ato” bus stop



Walk
Approx.
8 mins

“Sekisho” (checkpoints), were important points on Japan’s network of roads in past times. Hakone also had a “checkpoint” in those days, and now you can see a reconstructed structure. There is also a museum on the site, so you can learn all about transport in old Japan. There is a viewing point here from which you can look out and see Lake Ashi spreading out in front of your eyes and, if the weather is fine, you can see Mt. Fuji in the distance.



The Hakone Checkpoint of about 300 years ago in the Edo period has been recreated. You can feel how the checkpoint was an important place in those days.

⑥ Hakone-machi-ko

Get on the Hakone Sightseeing Cruise to cross the rich waters of Lake Ashi and appreciate the beauty of nature



Cruise
Approx.
50 mins

The “Hakone Sightseeing Cruise” crosses Lake Ashi. Departing from the port of Hakone, the cruise takes about 50 minutes to arrive at the other shore at the port of Togendai-ko. You can enjoy a leisurely shipboard journey taking in the beautiful scenery all around you. You can ride the ship with the Hakone Freepass, and for an extra 450 yen, you can use a special cabin and enjoy a luxurious shipboard journey.



The “Royal II” was completed in March of this year. You can take in the magnificent scenery of Lake Ashi as well as other things to look at on the ship, such as statues of the crew and the ship’s wheel.



The sofas in the special cabin on the “Royal II” are so soft and comfortable to sit on.

04

Enjoy the placid surface of Lake Ashi and the rugged rocks of “Owakudani” from the Ropeway

⑥ Togendai-ko



From “Togendai-ko”, where the Hakone Sightseeing Cruise arrives, transfer to a leisurely journey on the Hakone Ropeway. From the ropeway, when the weather is fine, you can see Mount Fuji in the distance.



Enjoy the beautiful view from the ropeway. The view looking out over Lake Ashi and Mt. Fuji is superb.

Ropeway
Approx.
16 mins



At Owakudani, you can see gases and steam come spouting out from between the rocks right in front of your eyes. It is a sight not to be missed.

⑦ Hakone Ropeway “Owakudani Station”



Before long the ropeway arrives at “Owakudani Station”. Hot springs bubble up to the surface nearby, volcanic gases and steam rise up out of the ground, and the smell of sulfur is everywhere. It is really a spot where you can feel the earth’s volcanic activity at first hand.



Black eggs are a famous souvenir of Owakudani. They have been boiled in the hot springs here until they turn black!

Ropeway
Approx.
8 mins

Hakone Ropeway “Sounzan Station”



Hakone Tozan Cable Car “Sounzan Station”



Cable car
Approx.
5 mins

05

Experience the taste of Japanese tea at Gora Park's "Hakuundo-chaen" Tea House

① Hakone Tozan Cable Car "Koen-kami Station"



Cable car
Approx.
2 mins

When you get off at Hakone Tozan Cable Car "Koen-kami Station" you are right next to "Gora Park", which stretches right out over the valley. In the park, in addition to enjoying wildflowers in each of the four seasons, there is a teahouse where you can enjoy drinking real "Matcha" powdered green tea, "Hakuundo-chaen". Apart from looking at the tea house building, you can enjoy actual powdered green tea and Japanese sweets at a reasonable price. For a memory of your trip to Japan, you really ought to try "Matcha".



The service of casually enjoy this kind of tea is also popular with Japanese people too.



Enjoy relaxing while you look around the peaceful garden

② Gora Station

Go down the mountain on the "Hakone Tozan Train", which descends a steep slope unusual even in Japan



Tozan Train
Approx.
40 mins

The Hakone Tozan Train, which links "Gora Station" with the gateway to Hakone, "Hakone-Yumoto", is famous as one of the few trains in Japan to run up such a steep slope. The sight of the train ascending and descending the steep slope via switchbacks is a sight that can only be seen at Hakone. Enjoying the scenery from the windows of your carriage, looking out over trees and mountains as you descend, is one of the pleasures of the trip.



In the Hydrangea season the area beside the tracks is covered in beautiful blossoms.



Going up and down the steep slope using switchbacks. A particular feature of the Tozan Train is the driver going from the front to the back of the carriage at each change of direction.

To wash away the cares of travel, a hot spring is the best.
The new hot spring facility “Hakone Yuryo”

② Hakone-Yumoto Station



One of the pleasures of Hakone is “hot springs”. “Hakone Yuryo” is ideal for relaxing after your busy day. It is close to the gateway to Hakone, “Hakone-Yumoto Station”, so you can easily drop in for a relaxing visit, while waiting for your train to depart.

Apart from a genuine large communal bath, there are 19 rental baths available, so people who are nervous about bathing with lots of other people can put their mind at ease.



There is also a fully equipped restaurant with seats around an irori hearth. After you get out of your bath why not enjoy trying Japanese food?



You can rent out this open-air bath “Hanareyuya Kaden” and enjoy it all to yourself. Advance reservations are recommended.

① Shinjuku Station

Enjoy a relaxing train trip back to Tokyo in the comfortable seats of the Limited Express “Romancecar”



Return to Shinjuku in comfort in the Limited Express “Romancecar”. The reclining seats let you stretch your tired legs and move easily. There is no need to change trains, so you can take it easy and thoroughly relax.



The wide seats will soothe your travel soreness