

# Ito model sightseeing course

This is a course for sightseeing in the Ito area, which is centrally located on the east side of the Izu Peninsula that juts out into the Pacific Ocean.

Ito has long been famous as a hot spring area, featuring some of Japan's leading hot springs that are said to output around 32,000 liters of hot spring water every minute. Here, we introduce an Ito sightseeing course with which you can enjoy the hot springs, sea and mountains.

## A hot spring area in a rich natural environment with both sea and plateau experiences

Ito has a mild climate as it is situated further south than Tokyo or Hakone, and seafood and mountain vegetables can be enjoyed in its rich natural environment. You can also have your fill of various leisure facilities in this well-maintained resort area. There are many hot springs to be found at hotels, Japanese-style inns and in short-stay hot spring facilities.

Why not take a trip to the Ito area and enjoy its wealth of dining, sightseeing and hot spring options?

**Economical + Convenience**

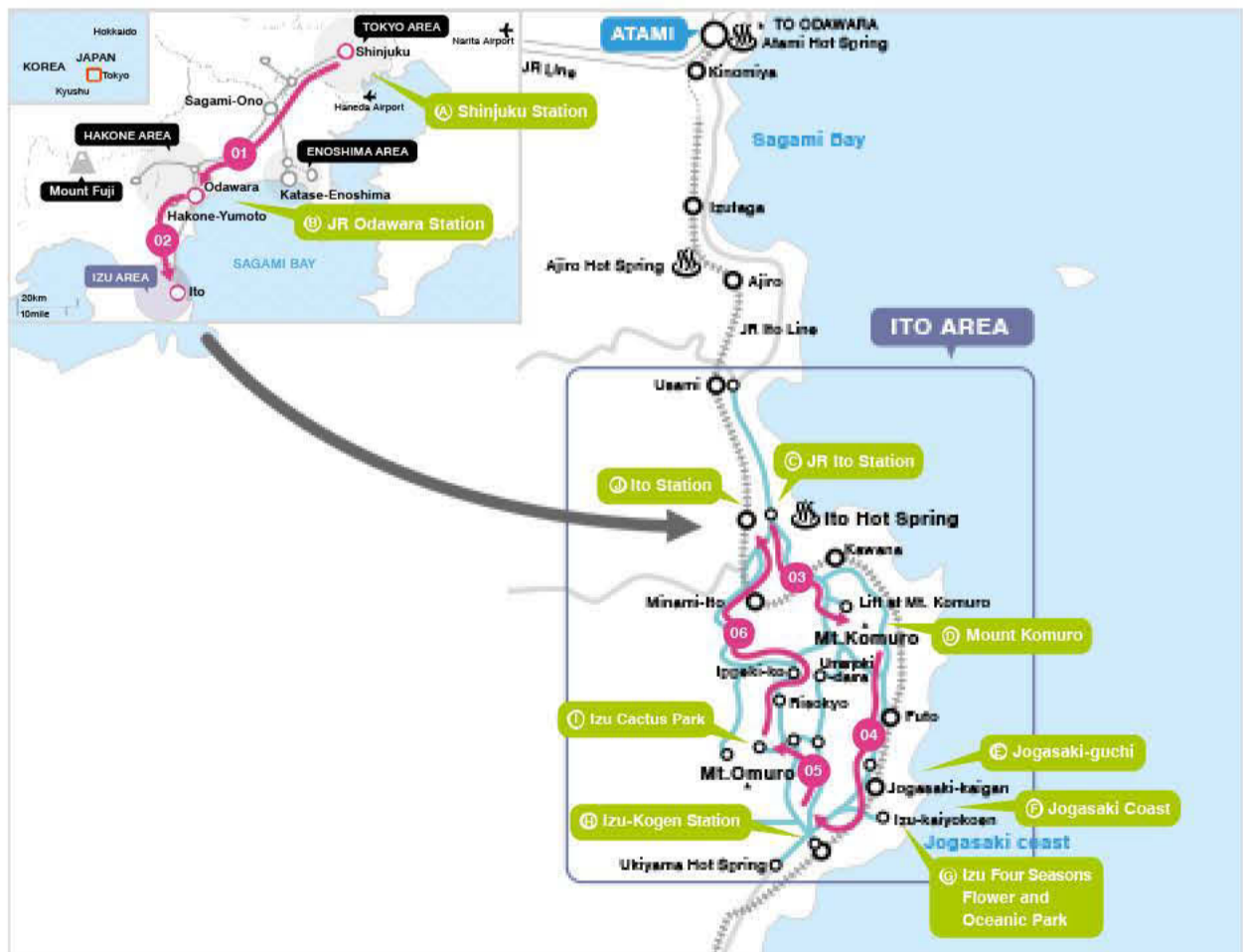
### Ito Sightseeing Freepass great value for travel

With the convenient Freepass, you can use trains heading from Shinjuku to the Ito area via Odawara as well as the Tokai Bus for getting around once you arrive in the Ito area.

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## The Ito area has a mild climate and is only around 120 km away from Tokyo



The "Tokai Bus," which can be used with a Freepass, is a convenient way of getting around within the Ito area.

With active services going beyond the JR Ito Station area and out in the direction of Jogasaki Coast on the south side, this is the ideal way of touring spots with many highlights.

# 01

## Take the Odakyu Limited Express "Romancecar" from Shinjuku, Tokyo

### A Shinjuku Station



Shinjuku is the starting point for your trip to Ito. First, buy an economical Freepass and take the Odakyu Limited Express "Romancecar" to Odawara Station.

The Odakyu "Romancecar" is a ticket-only Limited Express train, so you can enjoy traveling in comfort.

The "Ito Sightseeing Freepass" can be purchased from the "Odakyu Sightseeing Service Center" located at Shinjuku Station West Exit.

Approx.  
70mins



On the Odakyu Limited Express "Romancecar", you can enjoy your trip in comfortable seating. The journey from Shinjuku Station to Odawara Station takes 70 minutes.

### B Odawara Station

## At Odawara Station transfer to the JR Line bound for Ito



After arriving at Odawara Station, transfer to the JR Line. There are direct Limited Express trains in the direction of Ito, or you may wish to travel at a more leisurely pace on a local train.

It is a good idea to make use your time in Odawara Station by visiting the shops selling boxed lunches and drinks or the restaurants serving light meals.

Approx.  
45 mins.  
by Limited  
Express



Take a short break by visiting the shops inside Odawara Station while waiting for your next train.

# 02

## Arrive at Ito - one of Japan's three major hot spring towns

### © JR Ito Station



JR Ito Station is the gateway to the Ito hot spring town, which is home to one of the largest outputs of hot spring water in Japan. There are many souvenir shops and Japanese-style hotels full of Japanese spirit around Ito Station, as well as many old public baths. Taking a stroll through the city is a great way of enjoying Ito.



Savor the Japanese spirit in the old-fashioned townscape that remains in the shopping district close to Ito Station.



The historical "Tokaikan" building is around a 10-minute walk away from JR Ito Station and has the appearance of an old hot spring inn. Visitors can bathe here even on weekends and holidays.

### Recommended hotels in Ito

#### K's House Ito Onsen



This hot spring facility is located in a building designated as a cultural asset. The rooms are purely Japanese in style, so you can personally experience Japanese culture here. K's House Ito Onsen also boasts baths that are directly served by hot spring water sources.

#### Wellness Forest Ito



The main feature of this hotel is its spacious 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom guest accommodation. Guests will also be happy to know that as well as a natural hot spring the hotel also has its own multi-purpose health facility.

Approx.  
25 mins.  
by bus

# 03

## Take in the magnificent views at Mount Komuro



### ㊦ Mount Komuro



The cone-shaped Mount Komuro is located to the south of Ito City and stands at 321 meters above sea level. There is a lift that can be taken to the summit of Mount Komuro, and from the peak you can enjoy a 360-degree panorama of sea and towns. At this popular spot, visitors can also enjoy views of Mt. Fuji in the distance (depending on the weather) and seasonal flowers.

Approx.  
25 mins.  
by bus



Mount Komuro bustles with visitors from the end of April to the beginning of May, as the azaleas are beautiful to behold at this time of year. Special offers are available if you show your Freepass when taking the lift to the summit.

# 04

## “Jogasaki Coast” - formed by erosion of lava with sea water

### ㊦ Jogasaki-guchi



From Mount Komuro, transfer at “Ito Shogyo Koko” bus stop to take the bus bound for Izu-Kogen Station and get off at “Jogasaki-guchi” bus stop. You will arrive at the Jogasaki Coast after a walk of approximately 15 minutes. Jogasaki Coast has an unusual coastline featuring continuous cliffs. Crossing the Kadowaki Suspension Bridge, which connects these precipitous cliffs, is a thrilling experience. If you climb up to Kadowaki Lighthouse close to the suspension bridge, you will be able to enjoy views of the sea and Izu's many mountains.

Approx.  
15 mins.  
on foot



Experience a great thrill crossing the suspension bridge between cliffs 20 meters high, jutting out into the sea!



“Kadowaki Lighthouse” protects the sea along Jogasaki Coast. Distant islands on the sea can even be seen from the viewing room located approximately 17 meters from the ground.

### ㊦ Jogasaki Coast



#### Walk along a picnic course on the rugged coastline

Heading south from Kadowaki Lighthouse, you will find a “Picnical Course” in Jogasaki where you can enjoy hiking while viewing cliffs along the coastline.

This is a walk where you can get a real sense of nature - you will be able to see various capes on the way, and if you look through the so-called “hole opening” between the rocks you will be able to see ocean water lapping against the back of the rocks.

30-40  
mins. on  
foot



The impressive Jogasaki Coast is lined with rugged cliffs.



The “hole opening” is a mysterious place where you can see the surface of the ocean deep beneath the rocks when looking between them.

### ㊦ Izu Four Seasons Flower and Oceanic Park



#### “Izu Four Seasons Flower Park” - where seasonal flowers can be seen in full bloom

Inside “Izu Four Seasons Flower Park”, various flowers bloom throughout the year and festivals are held during the cherry blossom and hydrangea seasons.

Features include a greenhouse where tropical plants are cultivated as well as flowers from southern countries, which are rarely seen in Japan.

Approx.  
10 mins.  
by bus



The park is full of visitors from around July to October thanks to the countless flowers of different colors that bloom in the flower beds at this time of year.

### ㊦ Izu-Kogen Station



#### Enjoy seafood around Izu-Kogen Station

Take the bus from Izu Four Seasons Flower Park to Izu-Kogen Station. You will be able to enjoy dining at the restaurants dotted about in the vicinity of Izu-Kogen Station. Why not try some of the gourmet seafood from the ocean area close to Ito? Recommendations include the famous local fishermen's dish of “Mago-chazuke (rice and fresh fish with green tea or hot water)”, spiny lobster, and splendid alfonsino. close to Ito? Recommendations include the famous local fishermen's dish of “Mago-chazuke (rice and fresh fish with green tea or hot water)”, spiny lobster, and splendid alfonsino.

Approx.  
20 mins.  
by bus



This dish in which splendid alfonsino is boiled in soy sauce is very popular with Japanese diners.



A five-minute walk from Izu-Kogen Station, “Izu-Kogen Beer Umaimon-dokoro” is famed both for the size and flavor of its dishes. Visit the Umaimon-dokoro website (Japanese) for further details.

# 05

## A theme park of plants and animals at the foot of Mount Omuro

### ① Izu Cactus Park



The “Izu Cactus Park” is based on a theme of prosperous coexistence of animals and plants. Inside the park you can feast your eyes on approximately 1,500 varieties of cactus and succulent plants from around the world, as well as animals such as chimpanzees and capybaras at close range. There are even programs where visitors can come into contact with animals, so it is a good idea to set aside enough time to leisurely enjoy what the “Izu Cactus Park” has to offer.

Approx.  
40 mins.  
by bus



The popular capybaras bathing in hot springs is a quintessential wintertime sight.



Izu Cactus Park is right in front of the beautifully formed Mount Omuro.

# 06

Before returning to Tokyo,  
shop for souvenirs around Ito Station



## ① Ito Station



There are many spots within the town of Ito where visitors can purchase souvenirs. Ito is part of Shizuoka Prefecture, which is Japan's main tea producing area, so you will be able to buy some delicious tea here. How about some light, long-lasting Japanese tea? Why not take a look around for a souvenir to suit your taste - an "izukan" sponge cake sandwich made with marmalade, perhaps?



"Izukan" is a castella-style sponge cake made as a sandwich with richly fragrant marmalade.  
On sale at Kashidokoro Umeya Honten.



"Guricha" is a tea made to an original recipe that extracts the pure flavor of tea while limiting astringency.