

Fuji-Hakone Model Course

Mt. Fuji is a highly popular Japanese sightseeing destination, and people are attracted by its status as the highest mountain in Japan together with its beautiful form. Here, we introduce a trip where you can enjoy sightseeing and shopping around the Fuji Five Lakes at the base of Mt. Fuji as well as the famous hot spring area of Hakone.

A trip for full enjoyment of the base of magnificent Mt. Fuji and the rich natural environment of Hakone

This course heads from the north of the base of Mt. Fuji to the south, offering views of Mt. Fuji from a wide range of angles.

This trip is full of things to do, including leisure and sightseeing around the Fuji Five Lakes, shopping in Gotemba and hot springs in Hakone. You can also look forward to viewing sightseeing spots while on the move.

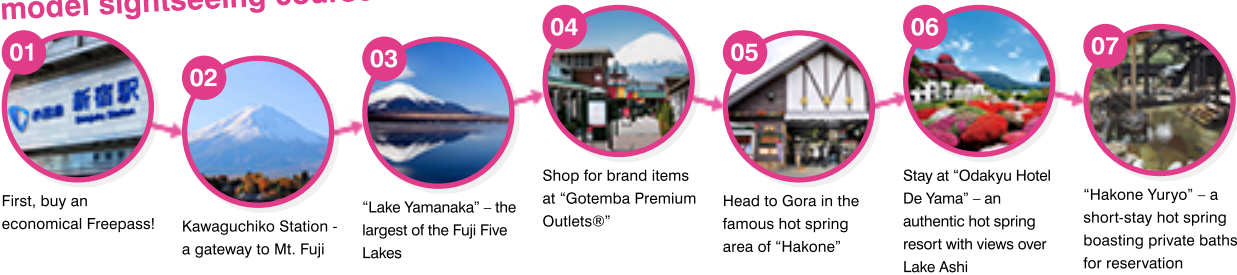
If you have the time, why not spend 2 nights and 3 days enjoying the Fuji Hakone area at your leisure?

Economical + Convenient + Exclusively for foreigners

“Freepass” for Fuji-Hakone – the most popular ticket!

The “Fuji Hakone Pass” is a convenient and economical ticket that allows you to ride on all kinds of transport from Shinjuku, Tokyo to Lake Kawaguchi at the base of Mt. Fuji, and from Lake Kawaguchi to Hakone and the Hakone mountains. This ticket is valid for 3 days, making it easy to plan your trip.

model sightseeing course



Round trip course with sightseeing around the base of Mt. Fuji and the famous hot spring area of Hakone



Departing from Shinjuku, Tokyo, this course takes in Lake Kawaguchi at the base of Mt. Fuji, Gotemba, and Hakone. Travel will be very convenient if you use the Fuji Hakone Freepass. One of the features of the Hakone area is that you will be able to enjoy riding on a large variety of vehicles, including cable car, ropeway and tour boat. You can also look forward to viewing Mt. Fuji’s different appearances throughout the changing seasons.



① Shinjuku Station



To start your trip, purchase an economical and convenient "Fuji Hakone Pass". Head to the "Odakyu Sightseeing Service Center" at Shinjuku Station West Entrance.

② Shinjuku Station Highway Bus Stop



Depart for Fuji Five Lakes by Highway Bus

Once you have purchased a ticket, take the Highway Bus to Kawaguchiko Station at the base of Mt. Fuji. The Highway Bus Stop is located at Shinjuku Station West Entrance, which is immediately next to the ticket vending "Odakyu Sightseeing Service Center".

Approx.
100 mins.
by Highway
Bus



As well as providing the "Fuji Hakone Pass", the "Odakyu Sightseeing Service Center" also accepts bookings for Odakyu Limited Express "Romancecar" tickets and Highway Bus, so it is a good idea ask about various options in advance.

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Kawaguchiko Station - a gateway to Mt. Fuji

© Kawaguchiko Station



When the Highway Bus reaches "Kawaguchiko Station", you will see Mt. Fuji right before your eyes. In fine weather, you will be able to enjoy wonderful views of Mt. Fuji here.

Kawaguchiko Station is already at a height of 857 m above sea level, so please beware of changes in temperature.



Kawaguchiko Station provides views of Mt. Fuji at close proximity

Recommended sightseeing spots around Kawaguchiko Station

Fuji-Q Highland



This theme park is famous in Japan and has many rollercoaster rides. Attractions can be enjoyed with the stunning natural backdrop of Mt. Fuji.

Kachikachi-yama Ropeway



The Kachikachi-yama Ropeway is about a 15-minute walk from Kawaguchiko Station. The summit is the perfect location from which to take in views of Mt. Fuji and Lake Kawaguchi throughout the seasons.

Fifth Station of Mt. Fuji

The "Fifth Station" is located at a height of 2,300 m above sea level, on the side of Mt. Fuji, and provides views of Mt. Fuji that are different from views available at the base of the mountain. Even when Mt. Fuji is impossible to see from the base because of clouds, you may be able to see the summit of Mt. Fuji from the Fifth Station thanks to its position above the clouds.

A bus* runs from Kawaguchiko Station to the Fifth Station of Mt. Fuji, so why not take some time out to visit?

*This bus service may not be running due to road conditions on the "Fuji Subaru Line" that passes through the bus route. Please check in advance to confirm that buses are running.



The summit as seen from the Fifth Station looks quite different to other views of Mt. Fuji

Approx.
25 mins.

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“Lake Yamanaka” – the largest of the Fuji Five Lakes

⑤ Lake Yamanaka (Hotel Mt. Fuji Iriguchi Bus Stop)



From Kawaguchiko Station, take the “Fujikyu Bus” in the direction of Lake Yamanaka and in around 25 minutes you will reach the “Hotel Mt. Fuji Iriguchi” bus stop, which is right next to Lake Yamanaka.

Lake Yamanaka is a natural lake located at a height of 1,000 m above sea level and looks out across to Mt. Fuji. Popular activities here include boat trips as well as hikes where walkers can enjoy seasonal changes in the scenery.

There are also many hotels and pensions close to the lake, making this area the ideal place to spend a night.



Lake Yamanaka is the perfect place from which to view Mt. Fuji as it reflects in the lake surface

Recommended hotels around Lake Yamanaka

Hotel Mt. Fuji



This resort hotel is popular for its natural hot spring open air baths offering views of Mt. Fuji. For dinner, there is a choice of French or Japanese cuisine making the most of local ingredients.

Approx.
60 mins.
by bus

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Shop for brand items at “Gotemba Premium Outlets®”

⑤ Gotemba



Approx.
70 mins.
by bus

If you want to shop, head to one of Japan's largest outlet shopping malls, which is located in Gotemba at the base of Mt. Fuji. This site has around 200 shops, so you will likely be able to purchase your favorite brand items at discounted prices.

Access is very convenient thanks to the Fujikyu Bus from Lake Yamanaka (“Hotel Mt. Fuji Iriguchi”), which takes around 60 minutes and arrives at the entrance to Gotemba Premium Outlets®.



Enjoy shopping at “Gotemba Premium Outlets®” while taking in views of Mt. Fuji

The “Odakyu Highway Bus” also runs a direct route to “Gotemba Premium Outlets®” from Shinjuku.

Head to Gora in the famous hot spring area of “Hakone”

F Gora Station



Gora is situated in the heart of Hakone, which is an area renowned for its abundance of hot springs. Take the Hakone Tozan Bus from Gotemba Premium Outlets® to Gora Station (the journey takes around 70 minutes). The area around Gora Station has many souvenir shops and good places to eat.

If you are hungry, why not try one of the soba noodle restaurants in this area?



“Fukuyoshi” is just a minute’s walk away from Gora Station. Here you can experience unique Japanese soba noodle cuisine



The area at the front of Gora Station is bustling with souvenir shops and dining options



Approx.
5 mins.
by bus

From “Gora Station”, the nature and scenery of Hakone can be enjoyed on various means of transport, including cable car, ropeway and a “Sightseeing Cruise” aboard a tour boat.

In fine weather, you may even be able to see Mt. Fuji from the Hakone Ropeway. The “Fuji Hakone Pass” offers unlimited access to certain forms of transport, so you will be able to tour various areas of Hakone as you wish.

After taking the “Hakone Sightseeing Cruise” to Moto-Hakone-ko, head to “Odakyu Hotel De Yama” for today’s accommodation.

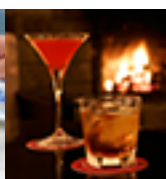
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Stay at “Odakyu Hotel De Yama” – an authentic hot spring resort with views over Lake Ashi

© Hotel De Yama



Thanks to its prominent location within Hakone offering views over Lake Ashi, “Odakyu Hotel De Yama” has long been a favorite resort. The site includes beautiful gardens that change throughout the seasons, and these can be enjoyed together with the surrounding natural environment. The interior of the hotel was renovated in April 2010 to reach an even higher standard of quality. The restaurant and relaxation spa are also exclusively for the enjoyment of guests at “Odakyu Hotel De Yama”.



Access is convenient thanks to a free shuttle bus operating from “Moto-Hakone-ko”, which is the arrival point for the Hakone Sightseeing Cruise.

Other recommended hotels in Hakone

Hakone Highland Hotel



This resort hotel has cloudy hot springs filled with sulfuric saline spring water, which is quite rare even in Hakone. For dinner, you can enjoy a fusion of French and Japanese cuisine with carefully selected ingredients.

Hakone Lake Hotel



Hakone Lake Hotel has been renovated and reopened on April 8th, 2013. Enjoy the spacious garden and surrounding scenery while relaxing in natural hot springs.

Approx.
5 mins.
by bus

㊦ Moto-Hakone-ko



The trip is concluded by taking the Hakone Tozan Bus from Moto-Hakone-ko to Hakone-Yumoto Station. Most of the Hakone area's Hakone Tozan Bus service can be used with the Freepass, so it is a good choice if you want to explore particular parts of Hakone.

Approx.
35 mins.
by bus



The “Hakone Tozan Bus” provides a convenient way of getting around in the Hakone area

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“Hakone Yuryo” – a short-stay hot spring boasting private baths for reservation

① Hakone-Yumoto Station



“Hakone Yuryo” is modeled on old Japanese houses and features 19 private baths that can be reserved, making it the ideal spot to enjoy relaxing in hot springs. The large public bath is an open air bath with excellent views of the scenery, which is perfect for people who want to relax in a large bath. The facilities also include massages and meals.

Access is very convenient thanks to a free shuttle bus from Hakone-Yumoto Station, which is just a 3-minute journey, so why not stop by and refresh yourself?



② Hakone-Yumoto Station

Enjoy visiting souvenir shops, restaurants and cafes in “Hakone-Yumoto”



With its many bustling shops, the area around Hakone-Yumoto Station is an ideal spot for souvenir shopping. Why not take a look around and find something that takes your fancy? Other highlights here include tasting Japanese sweets at cafes and relaxing at short-stay hot springs.



Shops are lined up in the shopping district of Hakone-Yumoto. Take a look in as you stroll along.

Odakyu Limited Express “Romancecar” ideal for travel to Shinjuku, Tokyo



The Odakyu Limited Express “Romancecar” is a direct train running from Hakone-Yumoto Station to Shinjuku, Tokyo. Happily, the Odakyu Limited Express “Romancecar” is a ticket-only train, so will be able to enjoy a pleasant journey back to Shinjuku in comfort even if you are tired after your trip. This service can be congested at times, so we recommend reserving a ticket. It takes around 85 minutes to get from Hakone-Yumoto Station to Shinjuku Station.