

# HAKONE TOPICS

May

## Azaleas and Fresh Greenery Showcase Hakone in May

In May, you can enjoy azaleas and fresh greenery in many places in Hakone. We will introduce some particularly recommended sights.

### HOTEL DE YAMA

View in early to mid-May



The mecca of azaleas, the symbolic flower of Hakone! 30 types and over 3,000 blossoms bloom brilliantly.



Hakone Tozan bus "Hakone Jinja Iriguchi" bus stop  
10 minutes walk

### Hakone Gora Park

View in late April to early May

8 types and 1,000 azaleas greet you!

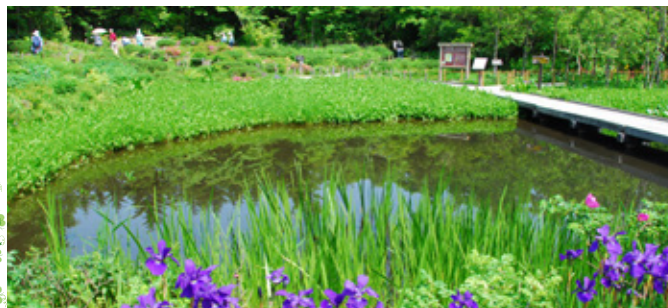


Hakone Tozan cable car "Koen Shimo" station  
3 minutes walk

### The Hakone Botanical Garden of Wetlands

View in early to late May

Bask in the fresh greenery in the first wetland botanical garden in Japan!



Close to the "Shissei kaen mae" bus stop on the Hakone Tozan bus

### Around the POLA Museum of Art

View in early to late May

Enjoy the fresh greenery while strolling through the trail

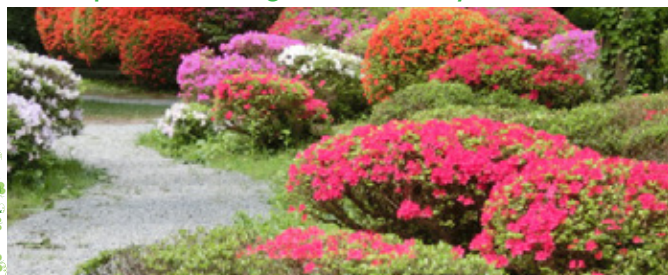


Close to the "POLA Museum of Art" bus stop on the Hakone Tozan bus

### Hakone Kowakien - Houraien

View in late April to early May

About 30 thousand azaleas and rhododendrons paint the vast garden colorfully



Hakone Tozan bus "Houraien" bus stop  
About 1 minute walk



# March to May Event Schedule

**MAR 27**  
[MON]

## Sengokuhara Suwa-jinja Shrine "Sengokuhara Yudate Lion Dance"

This venerable traditional event was inherited from the Edo period, and was designated as an Important Prefectural and National Intangible Folk Cultural Property.

■ About 1 minute on foot from the Hakone Tozan Bus stop "Sengoku"



**Late March**

## Odawara Sakura Festival [late March to mid April]

The Sakura (cherry blossom) festival will be held in various parts of the city centering on Odawara Castle Ruins Park. There is a wonderful atmosphere with many crowds of people every year.

■ A 9-minute walk from the Odakyu Line or Hakone Tozan Line "Odawara" Station



**APR 8**  
[SAT]

## Miyagino Suwa-jinja Shrine Festival [April 8 - April 9]

Portable shrine (Mikoshi) and floats (Dashi) with music (Ohayashi) pass through the town of Miyagino, creating a lively atmosphere.

■ About 10 minutes on foot from the Hakone Tozan Bus stop "Miyagino"



**May 3**  
[National Holiday /WED]

## Odawara Hojo Godai Festival

This festival is held surrounding the ruins of Odawara-jo Castle Park, with valiant warriors and 1,700 people parading the city streets.

■ A 9-minute walk from the Odakyu Line or Hakone Tozan Line "Odawara" Station



**May 5**  
[National Holiday /FRI]

## The Kintoki-Jinja Shrine Festival - Kintoki Festival

It is a village festival with energetic vibes all day long, with stalls lining the shrine grounds and children playing music. The "Chanko Nabe" (a special hot pot) served by the people from the local women's committee is exquisite.

■ A 1 minute walk from the "Kintoki Jinja(shrine) Iriguchi" bus stop on the Hakone Tozan bus



\* Please note the schedule above may change.



## Hakone Freepass

Freely enjoy the Hakone area. With this ticket, the more you travel, the better the value.

### Three key advantages of the Hakone Freepass

- 1 Unlimited travel on eight modes of transport including the Hakone Tozan Line, Hakone Tozan Bus (within specified area), Cable Car and Ropeway
- 2 Includes Odakyu Line return ticket! (boarding station to Odawara)
- 3 Complimentary / discount tickets to around 50 tourist attractions and hot springs in the Hakone area!



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