

# Odakyu Topics

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Hakone/Kamakura/Enoshima  
Others



## Recommended Spots in the **Hakone Area**

Conveniently accessible from central Tokyo, the Hakone area offers rich natural scenery with numerous ideal cherry blossom viewing locations.

With a higher elevation than central Tokyo, the area offers a longer period during which visitors can enjoy the magnificent blossoms.

Attention

Odakyu's Sakura Campaign will be back this year with wonderful presents! From March 15th, click here for further detail... <https://odakyu-season.jp/>



Best Season  
From late March to early April



### Odawara Castle

小田原城

Odawara Castle features some 300 cherry trees, with roughly 300,000 visitors enjoying the exquisite blossoms each year. Paper lanterns are also displayed throughout the blooming period.

Access

10-minute walk from Odawara Station

### Column

#### Hanami (Cherry Blossom Viewing), a Japanese Spring Tradition

Dubbed the "National Flower" of Japan, cherry blossoms have long been adored by Japanese. Every spring, countless people visit parks to picnic while taking in the delicate blossoms overhead. This tradition is known as "Ohanami" (cherry blossom viewing). While enjoying Ohanami, specific manners should always be abided by, including not breaking any of the branches or blossoms off to take home.



The best timing for cherry blossom viewing may change depending on the weather.



Best Season  
From late March to early April



### Chokozan Shotai-ji Temple

長興山紹太寺

This temple is home to a 13-meter tall weeping cherry tree that first sprouted about 340 years ago. At full bloom, the tree's petals drift elegantly over the surrounding landscape for a truly breathtaking scene.

Access

20-minute walk from Iriuda Station

Best Season  
Early April



### Miyagino

宮城野

Miyagino is one of Hakone's most notable cherry blossom sites with some 120 cherry trees blooming at once along a 500-meter stretch of the banks of the river. The area's Sakura Festival also features nighttime illumination, adding even greater charm to the majestic trees overlooking the river.

Access

15 minutes via Hakone Tozan Bus from Hakone-Yumoto Station, then a 2-minute walk after getting off at Miyagino Eigyoshomae Bus Stop



# Recommended Spots in Other Areas

The areas along the Odakyu railway are home to many well-known cherry blossom viewing locations, including Kamakura, which is also a famous sightseeing destination. Experience all spring in Japan has to offer with shrines, temples, and parks bursting with beautiful blossoms.

**Best Season**  
From late March to  
early April



## Dankazura at Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine

鶴岡八幡宮・段葛

Every spring, Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine's Genji-ike Pond is engulfed with breathtaking cherry blossoms. The young cherry trees planted along the Dankazura add a splash of color to the raised pathway leading to the main shrine, a nationally designated as a National Historic Site.



**Access** 人  
10-minute walk from Kamakura Station

**Best Season**  
From late March to  
early April



## Kencho-ji Temple

建長寺

The stone pathway leading from Kencho-ji Temple's main gate to Sanmon gate is lined with cherry trees. In full bloom, these trees transform the gate to a cherry blossom archway, making for a majestic sight.

**Access** 人  
30-minute walk from Kamakura Station,  
or 15-minute walk from Kita-Kamakura  
Station

**Best Season**  
From late March to  
early April



## Kinuta Park

砦公園

Home to some 930 cherry trees, including Yoshino and wild cherry, this family-oriented park offers visitors the chance to enjoy cherry blossoms up close. Every year, the park welcomes large crowds of visitors.

**Access** 車  
10 minutes via Tokyu bus from Chitose-Funabashi Station toward Den-en-chofu Station,  
getting off at Kinuta Koen Ryokuchi Iriguchi Bus Stop

## NEWS

### Hakone Sweets Collection 2019

Hakone Sweets Collection 2019 will bring together 36 hotels and restaurants from throughout Hakone to showcase delicious confections created under the theme "Love Maiden Sweets." Enjoy various cute pink and heart-shaped treats.



## Railway Event Schedule

Feb. → Jun.

\*The date and content of the events may change.



Feb. 23 → Apr. 21 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm (Admission until 8:00)

\*Photos are for illustrative purposes only.

### Spring Night Garden at Hakone Gora Park- Mysterious Night Concert

Place: Hakone Gora Park

Enjoy Hakone's newest evening highlight, for a limited time only! Illuminations and projection mapping displays throughout the park depict the transition from winter slumber to spring blooms. Come and experience spring in Hakone before the season starts in earnest. The fantastic sights and sounds make for an entertaining experience for all!

#### Special Nighttime Admission Fee

Adults: 800 yen (500 yen for Hakone Freepass and Tokotoko ticket holders)

#### Access

1-minute walk from Koen-shimo Station via the Hakone Tozan Cable Car.



Apr. 14 → Apr. 21

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### Kamakura Festival

Place: Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine etc.

Kamakura Festival features various events held at Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine and other locations throughout Kamakura. Visitors can enjoy traditional horseback archery on the final day of the festival.

#### Access

(to Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine)  
10-minute walk from Kamakura Station



Apr. 20 → Jun. 9

### Color-Fest! Enoshima 2019

Place: Enoshima Samuel Cocking Garden etc.

Festival-goers can appreciate seasonal flowers at various flower spots within Enoshima Island, such as the Enoshima Samuel Cocking Garden and the Enoshima Sea Candle.

#### Access

20-minute walk from Katase-Enoshima Station

## Hakone Freepass

### Valid Period/2 days or 3 days

This is the pass to get maximum enjoyment in the Hakone area. It comes with a return ticket from Shinjuku to Odawara, and provides unlimited access to 8 rides in the Hakone area such as the Hakone Ropeway and the Hakone Pirate Ship!



<https://www.odakyu.jp/english/passes/hakone/>

## Hakone Kamakura Pass

### Valid Period/3 days

Unlimited access to Hakone, Enoshima and Kamakura with this one ticket!

- ① Unlimited use of Odakyu trains on the entire Odakyu network, including the Odakyu Odawara Line, Odakyu Enoshima Line and Odakyu Tama Line.
- ② Hakone Area: 8 Rides in the Hakone area (the same as the Hakone Freepass)
- ③ Unlimited use of Enoden trains between Fujisawa and Kamakura.



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