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.

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

**Access**
10-minute walk from Odawara Station

**Access**
20-minute walk from Iriuda Station

**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.

**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

**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

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

Dankazura at Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine

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
10-minute walk from Kamakura Station

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
30-minute walk from Kamakura Station, or 15-minute walk from Kita-Kamakura Station

Kinuta Park

砧公園

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

Hakone Kamakura Pass

Valid Period/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_kamakura/