

# Odakyu Topics

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## Recommended Spots by the **Railway Line**

In the Kamakura area, which is easily accessible from downtown Tokyo, there is no end of spots for you to enjoy the azaleas and fresh greenery. Let's make the most of the beautiful scenery of the beginning of summer!



### Oyama-dera Temple (Aburi-san)

雨降山大山寺

This ancient temple is believed to have been founded in 755. Maple trees overlook the stone pathway leading up to the temple, and at the start of summer the greenery of their leaves is so thick that it provides thorough shade from the sun. The Japanese maple's red leaves of autumn are famous, but in summer they take on a whole other character.



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**Access** Isehara Station north exit  
↓ bus 30minutes +  
↓ walk 15minutes  
↓ Oyama Cable Station  
↓ Oyama Cable Car 2 minutes  
↓ Oyama-dera Station  
↓ walk for about 3 minutes  
↓ Oyama-dera Temple



### Ichijo Ekan Mountain Villa

一条恵観山荘

A nationally designated Important Cultural Property, this villa of a Kyoto nobleman was built around 370 years ago and then was taken apart and reconstructed in Kamakura. The reconstructed Japanese garden has a particular charm. You can taste delicious Japanese matcha (green powdered tea) at the café inside the grounds.



#### Access

Get the Keihin Kyuko Bus bound for "Kamakura Reien Seimon-mae Tachiarai" (etc.) from Kamakura Station east exit for about 8 minutes and get off at "Jomyoji" bus stop, then walk for 2 minutes



### Hokokuji Temple

報国寺

This temple was built in 1334. A charming walking path is laid out in the garden, which is home to around 1,000 sticks of bamboo. The tea room where you can sip powdered green tea as you look out on the bamboo grove is especially popular.

#### Access

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#### Column

### Come and Enjoy the Incredibly Fragrant "New Tea"!

The Japanese harvest tea between two and four times a year, and the green tea created from the first new buds of the year is called *shin-cha* or "new tea". Most new tea is harvested in early May, and is known for its invigorating aroma. *Ashigara-cha*, grown in Hakone and the foothills of the Tanzawa Mountains, is a famous Japanese tea known for its excellent fragrance and taste.





# Recommended Spots in the **Hakone Area**

The jumpy, positive, warm season is finally upon us!  
Hakone is the perfect place to enjoy a stroll this May,  
filled as it is with beautiful nature. With easy access from Tokyo,  
the convenience of being able to get there  
and back again in a single day is another of its strong points!

## Hakone Sightseeing Cruise

箱根観光船

Around 2 million visitors take this pleasure cruise every year. From April 25, 2019 there are plans to launch a new development on this venture: the "Queen Ashinoko", with all the poise and regality that name implies. The hull of the ship will be colored a high-class gold, with the interior wooden design lending it a luxurious and elegant feel. On this magnificent and gorgeous new pirate ship, why not enjoy the fresh greenery of Lake Ashi in the early summer?



**Access**

About 40 minutes from Hakone-Yumoto Station by Hakone Tozan Bus (bound for Hakonemachi-ko). Get off at the last stop and it's right as you get off the bus.

## Odakyu Hôtel de Yama

小田急 山のホテル

The amazing garden overlooking Lake Ashi is famous for its many azaleas. The 3,000 azaleas of 30 different varieties, set against the gorgeous backdrop of Mount Fuji, are a must-see! They are at their most beautiful from early to late May.



**Access**

15 minutes by foot after getting off at Motohakone-ko, after travelling 40 minutes via the Hakone Tozan Bus bound for either Hakonemachi-ko or Motohakone-ko from Hakone-Yumoto Station

## NEWS

### Hakone Website Updated!

Hakone's tourist information website, Hakone Navi, provides easily searchable transportation information on the Hakone Freepass Area in English, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, Korean and Thai. The site hosts a vast array of model sightseeing courses and event information, etc. written by a team of international writers. Whether you're planning your Hakone trip or you're checking the route on your smartphone while there, it's sure to be of great assistance!

<https://www.hakonenavi.jp/international/en/>



**Access**

Approximately 13 minutes from Gora Station via "Kanko Shisetsu-Meguri" Bus bound for Shissei-kaen-mae, a short walk from the "Pola-bijutsukan" bus stop

## Pola Museum of Art

ポーラ美術館

This museum has a collection of more than 10,000 items including famous works by Impressionists such as Monet, Japanese paintings, and more! Outside there is a roughly 670-meter promenade, on which you can enjoy an array of sculptures against the backdrop of the chirping of wild birds and the fresh greenery of summer.

# Railway Event Schedule

Apr. → Jun.

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



Apr. 20 → Jun. 9

### Colors-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



May 3

### Odawara Hojo Godai Festival

Place: Odawara Castle Park and the surrounding area

Around 1,700 people including fully-armored samurai and musical teams will march through the city. You can even enjoy firearms displays and ninja performances!

**Access**

10-minute walk from Odawara Station



mid May → early Jun.

### 2019 Spring Rose Festa

Place: Odawara Flower Garden

The rose garden in the center of the park boasts around 350 flowers of roughly 150 varieties of rose. There are also special limited edition products on sale for this event, such as rose drinks.

**Access**

20-minute walk from Iidaoka Station



May 10 → Jun. 9

### 2019 Rose Festival

Place: Kamakura Museum of Literature

This rose garden boasts as many as 250 flowers of 200 different varieties, including one that is so distinctly Kamakura that that is its name! You can also enjoy frequent garden concerts.

**Access**

7-minute walk from Yuigahama 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.



[https://www.odakyu.jp/english/passes/hakone\\_kamakura/](https://www.odakyu.jp/english/passes/hakone_kamakura/)



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