Recommended Spots in the Hakone Area

Conveniently accessible from central Tokyo, the Hakone area’s abundance of famous sightseeing locations makes it a popular tourist destination. With no shortage of rich nature where you can enjoy the greenery and the flowers of summer, and a cool seaside atmosphere, Hakone is the perfect spot for a summer day trip.

Hakone Sightseeing Cruise

Around 2 million visitors take this pleasure cruise every year. You can enjoy a beautiful view of Lake Ashi from the deck. The ships connect three ports of Lake Ashi and are a convenient means of transportation. The “Queen Ashinoko,” a vessel with all the poise and regality that the name implies, came into service in April 2019.

Access:
- Right in front of Motohakone-ko or Hakonemachi-ko Bus Stop after traveling about 40 minutes from Hakone-Yumoto Station via the Hakone Tozan Bus, bound for either Hakonemachi-ko or Motohakone-ko
- Inside Togendai Station on the Hakone Ropeway

Chisuji Falls

Deep in the woods is this waterfall 25 meters wide and three meters high. It is a fantastic scene where the water drops in several lines and flows like thin thread falling on the mossy rock surface.

Access:
About 7-minute walk from Horaien Bus Stop after traveling about 25 minutes from Hakone-Yumoto Station via Hakone Tozan Bus.

Onshi-Hakone-Koen Park

This is the site of the former Hakone Imperial Villa. The second-floor balcony of the lakeside observation building gives you a wonderful view of Mt. Fuji and Lake Ashi. The golden-rayed lilies, which are in full bloom between late July and early August, bring about a fragrant elegance.

Access:
Right in front of Onshi-koen-mae Bus Stop, after traveling about 60 minutes via the Hakone Tozan Bus from Hakone-Yumoto Station.
Recommended Spots in Other Areas

The outskirts of the city are also home to an abundance of other popular tourist destinations. Come and experience the rich natural scenery and a mystical environment with the ancient warrior city of Kamakura, and Oyama, where the gods reside.

Mt. Oyama

It has long been believed that gods dwell in this mountain. The Oyama Afuri-jinja Shrine Shimosha, with its elevation of roughly 700 meters, allows you to enjoy the beautiful scenery. At the bottom of the Oyama Afuri-jinja Shrine Shimosha's stairway, you will find the entry hall (sanshu-den) of Oyama Afuri-jinja Shrine, with snacks and coffee made with Oyama water available.

Enoshima-jinja Shrine

This shrine on Enoshima Island, resting off the coast of Shonan, houses three buildings—Hetsumiya, Nakatsumiya, and Okutsumiya—dedicated to three goddesses of the sea. They are said to have a powerful force for bringing couples together.

Access
About 25-minute walk from Katase-Enoshima Station

Zeniara Benzaiten Ugaafuku-jinja Shrine

The “Zeniara-mizu” (literally “coin-washing water”) stream in the cave within this shrine’s grounds is said to bring economic fortune to those who wash their money in it. Be sure to dry off your money, put it back in your wallet, and spend it meaningfully!

Access
About 20-minute walk from Kamakura Station

Japanese fans—a must-have for the summer season

Uchiwa and sensu (non-folding and folding fans, respectively) are traditional tools of the Japanese that are made by attaching paper or cloth to bamboo or another hard substance to create a breeze to keep oneself cool in the summer. Uchiwa have a circular shape, while sensu are like uchiwa but have been made so that they can be folded up and easily carried around. These tools are absolutely essential for surviving the hot Japanese summer!
How to have even more fun in the Hakone/Kamakura area during summer season!

The best way to experience the Japanese summer is watching gorgeous fireworks in an array of colors, as you enjoy cold treats and a nice chilled beer. Come and create some special summer memories.

Kamakura

Toshimaya Hatokoji

This sweet restaurant is operated by Toshimaya, the producer of the most famous of Kamakura souvenirs, Hato Sable. This shop is located off a back alley, and boasts a luxurious and sophisticated atmosphere. Cool down for just 900 yen with the “Uji Kintoki”, an iced dish topped with matcha green tea syrup, sweet bean paste, and white rice dumplings.

Access
About 3-minute walk from Kamakura Station

Kamakura Gelato

This specialist in home-made gelato uses only the freshest of fruits. There are normally 12 flavors to choose from. There are also limited-edition seasonal flavors! Single ¥370, Double ¥470

Access
About 4-minute walk from Hase Station

Hakone

Bakery & Table Hakone

The 1st floor is a bakery, the 2nd a café, and the 3rd a restaurant. You can enjoy a beautiful view of Lake Ashi from inside. The Lake Ashi Float (648 yen) is an elegant drink with a ginger ale base, that invokes the image of Lake Ashi.

Access
About 40 minutes from Hakone-Yumoto Station via Hakone Tozan Bus bound for Hakone-machi-ko to “Motohakone-ko”, and then a short walk to the port

Sakura-hime

This is a rental kimono shop that boasts a rich collection of yukatas and modern kimonos. They have plenty of accessories, such as hair ornaments made by the staff. Located right by the station, it’s convenient to get to. Rental yukatas are available from 4,104 yen.

Access
About 1 minute walk from Hakone-Yumoto Station

Let’s have a party at the Beer Garden!

Why not come to the Beer Garden, where you can enjoy a cool beer on the spacious veranda?

Shinjuku

Genghis Khan Beer Terrace

Enjoy “Genghis Khan” (a Japanese mutton and vegetable dish) as you gaze out on the Shinjuku night skyline. You can also order Japanese brand-ed beef. The canopy seats will allow you to enjoy your meal in comfort, even on rainy days.

Access
Right by Shinjuku Station

Enoshima Island

Enoshima Island Spa

This is a daytrip hot bath facility. From the terrace, you can taste refreshing beer and delicious food as you gaze out on beautiful scenery like Mt. Fuji and the Shonan coast. All-you-can-drink draft beer for 90 minutes is available for 2,500 yen.

Access
About 10-minute walk from Katase-Enoshima Station

Odawara

Odawara Beer Garden

Taste delicious barbecued beef, pork, chicken, lamb, and fresh vegetables, on the roof of Odawara Ekimae Bldg. Beer and other drinks are all-you-can-drink.

Access
Right by Odawara Station
Fireworks Festivals in Hakone and Kamakura

Fireworks are a Japanese summer tradition! There are several fireworks festivals held in these areas, attracting many visitors. Come and enjoy beautiful, elaborately designed fireworks.

Lake Ashinoko Summer Festival Week

A summer festival held at the same time as festivals at Hakone Shrine. Fireworks festivals are held six nights in a row by Lake Ashi, where approximately 18,500 fireworks are set off in total during this period. There will also be boats that will allow you to go out and enjoy the fireworks on the lake. There will also be a paper lantern floating ceremony.

Access

Right in front of Hakone-jinja-iriguchi (Hakone shrine entrance) Bus Stop after traveling about 34 minutes from Hakone-Yumoto Station via the Hakone Tozan Bus bound for Hakone-machi-ko

Odagawa Sakawa River Fireworks Festival

About 10,000 fireworks are set off along the Sakawa River. The fireworks are set to music, and the “Niagara”, at around 300 meters in length, is particularly beautiful.

Access

About 20-minute walk from Odakyu Tama-Center Station

Kamakura Fireworks Festival

A fireworks festival held on Yuigahama Beach and Zaimokuza Beach. About 2,500 fireworks are set off. The dynamic submerged fireworks are especially spectacular. They are designed to make powerful fan-shaped flowers on the surface of the water.

Access

About 15-minute walk from Kamakura Station

Atsugi Ayu Festival Fireworks

A fireworks festival held on the riverside of Sagami River where Sagami River, Nakatsu River and Koayu River join together. About 10,000 fireworks are set off, highlighted by the speed volley fireworks.

Access

About 15-minute walk from Hon-Atsugi Station

Hakone Gora Summer Festival Daimonji Yaki

On the mountain side a huge fire will be lit in the shape of the Chinese character dai (大, “big”), a tradition which has continued since 1921. About 2,000 fireworks are set off to mark the occasion.

Access

Right by Gora 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! Unlimited use of Odakyu trains on the entire Odakyu network, including the Odakyu Odawara Line, Odakyu Enoshima Line and Odakyu Tama Line.

1. Hakone Area: 8 Rides in the Hakone area (the same as the Hakone Freepass)
2. Unlimited  use of Enoden trains between Fujisawa and Kamakura

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