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Recommended Spots in the **Hakone and Other Areas**

In the new year, various areas will be engulfed in an exciting atmosphere.
Why not try some uniquely Japanese experience this January such as visiting a Shinto shrine or viewing Mt. Fuji?
We recommend watching the first sunrise in 2020!



Hakone Shrine

箱根神社

A Shinto shrine that has a history of over 1,260 years. The shrine is said to bring good fortune and safety on the road. Next to Hakone Shrine is Kuzuryu Shrine, famous for its effectiveness in blessing romantic relationships. It has an especially large number of visitors in the new year!

Access

10-minute walk from Hakone-jinja-iriguchi Bus Stop, after traveling about 35 minutes via the Hakone Tozan Bus from Hakone-Yumoto Station



Mt. Oyama

大山

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. If you are climbing in the early morning to watch the first sunrise, it is highly recommended that you make safety preparations and wear warm clothing, a headlamp, etc.

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



Lake Ashi

芦ノ湖

This expansive lake sits to the west of Mt. Hakone. In early mornings in winter, when the air is clear, you can see Mt. Fuji's reflection resting upside down on the lake. It's the kind of view that is really worth getting up early for!

Access

Right by Motohakone-Ko Bus Stop, after traveling about 35 minutes via the Hakone Tozan Bus from Hakone-Yumoto Station



NEWS

Full Reopening of Operations for the Hakone Ropeway!

The Hakone Ropeway, which had halted service due to a raising of the volcanic eruption warning level, has now fully resumed operations along its entire line.

See the following URL for more information!

https://www.hakonenavi.jp/international/en/status_information



Recommended Spots in the Enoshima / Kamakura Area

Let's introduce some popular Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples. Winter flowers bloom in the areas around them, so why not look out for them when you are visiting the shrines?

Enoshima-jinja Shrine

江島神社

This Shinto shrine on Enoshima Island, resting off the coast of Shonan is said to have a powerful force for bringing couples together. It is comprised of three buildings—Hetsumiya, Nakatsumiya, and Okutsumiya—dedicated to three goddesses of the sea. The lamps are lit up after the sun goes down, creating a mystical atmosphere.



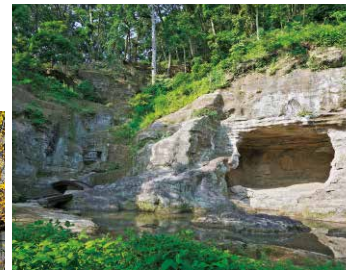
Access 15-minute walk from Katase-Enoshima Station

Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine

鶴岡八幡宮

This is the most iconic Shinto shrine in Kamakura with magnificent shrine buildings. Worshippers throng here every January. The gardens come alive with "New Year peonies" whose blossoms are in full bloom at this time of year—so much red, white, and pink!

Access 10-minute walk from Kamakura Station



Column

What is "Hatsuyume"?

Literally "first dream," this refers to the dream one has on the night of January 1, as Japanese did not traditionally sleep on the night of December 31. The dream's contents can foretell good fortune in the coming year. Particularly auspicious symbols are Mt. Fuji, the hawk, and the eggplant.



Zuisenji Temple

瑞泉寺

This old Buddhist temple boasts beautiful flowers for all four seasons. In January, you can enjoy the narcissus that produces pure white flowers and the lovely flowers of the winter-sweet. Take note also of the garden made by hollowing out the bedrock.

Access 15-minute walk from Otonomiya, after traveling about 15 minutes via the Keihin Kyuko Bus from Kamakura Station



Railway Event Schedule

2019 Jul. → 2020 May.

*The date and content of the events may change.



Doraemon 50th Anniversary Exhibition
Place: Fujiko-F • Fujio Museum (Kawasaki City)

The first of a three-part exhibit to introduce the wonders of Doraemon. See a comparison of different versions of the original concept for Chapter 1 of the famous manga, as well as the original drawings of the first appearances of Doraemon's many gadgets. Entry is by reservation only, with the date and time set in advance.



Access Right by Fujiko-F • Fujio Museum Bus Stop, after traveling about 10 minutes via the Kawasaki City Bus from Noborito Station



YomiuriLand Jewellumination® ~Jewelry Olympus~
Place: Yomiuriland

This popular amusement park on the outskirts of Tokyo will be lit up like a jewel with multi-colored LED lights. Special limited-edition food and merch will also be available!

Access Right by Yomiuriland Bus Stop, after traveling about 10 minutes via the Odakyu Bus from Yomiuriland-mae Station



The Jewel of Shonan
Place: Enoshima Samuel Cocking Garden, etc.

This winter tradition is celebrating its 20th year this year. Enoshima will be lit up with illuminations at various venues! 5:00-8:00 pm (extended to 9:00 pm on weekends).

Access 25-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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