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Recommended Spots in **Kamakura and Other Areas**

Enjoy plum and Kawazu cherry blossoms from winter to early spring.
This guide introduces sightseeing spots offering beautiful blossom-filled views in Kamakura
and along Odakyu lines conveniently accessible from Tokyo.



Hase-dera Temple

長谷寺

Built in 736, this temple features seasonal flowering trees throughout the year. The various species of plums all blooming at different times offer visitors even more chances to enjoy the colorful blossoms. Hase-dera Temple also features an observation area boasting a panoramic view of Kamakura below.

Access 人

About 5-minute walk from Enoden Hase Station



Mt. Matsuda Herb Garden

松田山ハーブガーデン

Located on the slopes of Mt. Matsuda, this herb garden features some 360 Kawazu cherry blossoms in bloom from mid-February to early March and lit up after nightfall in the peak bloom.

Access 人

About 25-minute walk from Shin-Matsuda Station



Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden

新宿御苑

This treasured modern western-style garden was built in the Meiji era as an imperial garden. Visitors can enjoy a wide variety of blossoms-including majestic red and white plum blossoms-spread over 58.3 hectares.*Drinking alcohol, using sports equipment and musical instrument in the garden are prohibited.

Access 人

About 10-minute walk from Shinjuku Station



Hinata Yakushi Temple

日向薬師

This majestic temple, built in 716, boasts an almost palpable sacred atmosphere. With plum blossoms from early to mid-March, Hinata Yakushi Temple is a popular destination for enjoying delicate blooms.

Access 人

Get off at Hinata Yakushi Bus Stop, after traveling about 20 minutes via the Kanagawa Chuo Kotsu Bus from Isehara Station



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

Both the popular sightseeing area of Hakone and its suburban setting of Odawara are also famous for their plum blossoms. Revel in the arrival of spring as you enjoy a leisurely stroll.



Hakone Gora Park

箱根強羅公園

Opened in 1914, Hakone Gora Park was Japan's first French-style garden. Visitors can enjoy beautiful blossoms in all four seasons, including various types of cherry trees blooming from mid-March.

Access

Replacement bus from Gora Station or Sounzan Station



Sounji Temple

早雲寺

Sounji Temple was built at the command of a military commander in the Sengoku (Warring States) period. In February, red and white plum blossoms decorate the dry landscape garden in the enchanting temple precincts. Visitors can also enjoy cherry blossoms in late March.



Access

About 15-minute walk from Hakone-Yumoto Station



Odawara Castle

小田原城

The 250 or so plum trees make for a beautiful sight against the white walls of the castle. Various events are also available from early February to early March while the plum trees are blooming.

Access

About 10-minute walk from Odawara Station



NEWS

Full Reopening of Operations for the Hakone Ropeway!

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



Hakone Tozan Cable Car

Operation of the Hakone Tozan Cable Car will be suspended between Gora and Sounzan Station (entire line) until late March 2020. A dedicated bus will be available during this period. *Note that the construction period may be extended as necessary.

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What are Onsen?

Onsen are Japanese-style bathing facilities that use spring water warmed by magma and geothermal heat. The source hot springs often contain elements believed to have positive effects on health and skin. Visiting an onsen is one of Japan's most popular leisure activities.



How to Enjoy Early Spring in the **Hakone and Kamakura Areas**

Despite the breathtaking blossoms, the local weather is still rather cold. Take a break from your stroll and warm up with a hot meal.



Hakone

Hakone Nakamura

はこね中村家

Available from October to May, Hakone Nakamura's specialty dish is the hot "Mushi Sushi." This sushi dish is made with 13 different ingredients, including conger eel, squid, and shrimp.

Access 人
About 4-minute walk
from Hakone-Yumoto
Station



Hakone

Yubadon Naokichi

湯葉井 直吉

Yubadon Naokichi is home to a dish of tofu skin and egg with bonito-flavored broth served over rice. The unique melt-in-your-mouth texture of the tofu skin is particularly notable.

Access 人
About 4-minute walk
from Hakone-Yumoto
Station



Hakone

Tamura Ginkatsutei

田むら銀かつ亭

Made with minced pork-stuffed tofu that has been deep-fried and simmered in dashi broth with egg, Tamura Ginkatsutei's "Simmered Tofu Cutlet" is popular enough to often draw a line of diners.

Access 人
About 3-minute walk
from Gora Station



Hakone

Yamaga

山臥

Enjoy the distinct flavor of handmade soba noodles. In addition to a popular duck and soba dish, Yamaga's fried smelt from Lake Ashi are a must-try in winter.

Access 人
About 15-minute walk
from Tougendai Station



Kamakura

Binya Coffee, Kamakura Store

備屋珈琲店 鎌倉店

Binya Coffee's most popular dish is its beef stew, slow-cooked over an entire day. Made with highland vegetables and delicious meat, this dish is noted for its rich flavor.

Access 人
About 12-minute walk
from Kita-kamakura
Station



Kamakura

Ramen Hanabi

らーめん HANABI

Experience the exquisite combination of flavors in Ramen Hanabi's seafood, chicken, and pork broth. The inside of the restaurant itself is also brightly lit for a stylish atmosphere.

Access 人
About 5-minute walk
from Enoden Yuiga-
hama Station



Recommended Hakone Kamakura Pass Courses

Enjoy the Enoshima and Kamakura Area!

The areas along the Odakyu lines offer not only sightseeing spots where visitors can enjoy nature and culture but also commercial facilities with various shopping opportunities. Enjoy all the route has to offer with convenient accessibility using the Hakone Kamakura Pass!

Start



Kamakura Komachi-dori

小町通り

Leading from the East Gate of Kamakura Station toward Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine, this street is popular with visitors thanks to numerous restaurants and souvenir shops.

Access

Right by Kamakura Station (east gate)

About 3 minutes by train + About 5 minutes on foot



Kamakura Enoshima

江ノ島

The land-tied island of Enoshima is a popular sightseeing destination with a long history notable for the island's protection status as a sanctuary with Enoshima-jinja Shrine at its center.

Access

About 10-minute walk from Katase-Enoshima Station

Kamakura

Tegamisha Kamakura

手紙舎鎌倉店

This store and cafe features a wide variety of simple and cute products—including lifestyle goods and paper-based products—made by independent creators.

Access

About 5-minute walk from Enoden Yuigahama Station

Shimokitazawa

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下北沢

Shimokitazawa is a cultural town where secondhand stores and live music houses co-exist. The town is also home to numerous restaurants, most notably curry shops.

Access

Get off at Shimo-Kitazawa Station



About 10 minutes on foot + About 1 hour by train

About 5 minutes on foot + About 18 minutes by train + About 10 minutes on foot

Enoshima

Hase-dera Temple

長谷寺

The ancient Hase-dera Temple is a perfect place to enjoy seasonal blossoms. Other temple highlights include Japan's largest wooden Buddha and a cave with Buddha statues carved right into the walls.



About 7 minutes on foot

Access

About 5-minute walk from Enoden Hase Station

Railway Event Schedule

Jan. → Jul.

*The date and content of the events may change.



Odawara Plum Festival

Place: Odawara Castle Ruins Park, Soga Plum Forest, etc.

Various yabusame horseback archery and local performing arts events are held just as the plum blossoms reach their peak. Stalls selling food and other local products can also be found.

Access

(To Odawara Castle Park) About 10 minutes walk from Odawara Station



Sweets Puro ~very berry sweets party~

Place: Sanrio Puroland

Sanrio Puroland is home to numerous limited-time shows and character-based sweets. During this period, strawberry themed shows and sweets can be enjoyed.

Access

About 5-minute walk from Odakyu Tama-Center Station



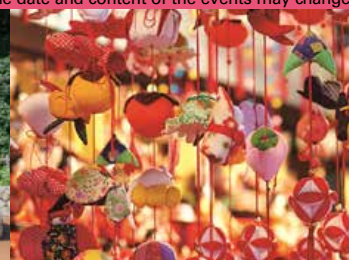
Doraemon 50th Anniversary Exhibition

Place: Fujiko-F•Fujio Museum (Kawasaki City)

The theme for this exhibit introducing the wonders of Doraemon—the second of a three-part series—is gags and horror. Entry is by reservation only, with the date and time set in advance.

Access

About 10 minutes by shuttle bus from Noborito Station



Setoyashiki Doll's Festival

Place: Ashigarigo Setoyashiki

Built 300 years ago, this old Japanese house is home to antique Hinaningyo ornamental dolls and more than 7,000 stuffed hanging figures.

Access

10 minutes by shuttle bus from Kaisei Station (shuttle bus services available during the festival only)

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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