

Odakyu Topics

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Hakone/Kamakura/Enoshima/Others

Recommended Spots in the Hakone Area

*New Year's brings a distinct liveliness to the Hakone area.
Worshipping at Hakone Shrine or taking in the sights of Mt. Fuji are highly recommended during this time of year.
Experience and enjoy the brilliance of New Year's in Japan.*




Hakone Shrine

箱根神社

With a history stretching back some 1,260 years, this shrine is a popular destination known locally as a "power spot." (location with spiritual energy). Located next to Hakone Shrine is Kuzuryu Shrine, another popular destination known as a place to gain love-related blessings.



Access  About 10 minutes on foot from Motohakone Port, landing place of the Hakone Sightseeing Cruise



Enjoy the sight of Mt. Fuji from Hakone! Recommended viewing spot

The colder, clear air of winter makes it the best season for seeing Mt. Fuji in all its glory.



Onshi-Hakone-Koen Park

恩賜箱根公園

This park is the site of the former Hakone Imperial villa. The second-floor balcony of the lakeside observation building offers a commanding view of snow-capped Mt. Fuji and Lake Ashi.

Access 

Right in front of Onshi-koen-mae Bus Stop, after traveling 40 minutes via the Hakone Tozan Bus from Hakone-Yumoto Station



Hakone Ropeway

箱根ロープウェイ

The Hakone Ropeway connects Sounzan Station and Togendai Station via a 24-minute ride. In clear weather, Mt. Fuji is visible on the right-hand side of the ropeway.

Access 

About 10 minutes from Gora Station via the Hakone Tozan Cable Car to Sounzan Station

Column

Celebrating New Year's in Japan

Hatsumode 初詣

Hatsumode is the Japanese term for the first visit to a shrine or temple in the new year. During New Year's, visitors flock to shrines and temples throughout Japan to pray for happiness and health in the year ahead.



Eto 干支

Originating in China, the Japanese sexagenary cycle includes 12 animals to represent the years: Rat, Cow, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Cock, Dog, and Boar (as opposed to the pig in the Chinese zodiac). The Japanese call this cycle "Eto" or "Ju-ni shi." 2019 will be the Year of the Boar.



Recommended Spots in Other Areas



Meiji Jingu Shrine

明治神宮

Established in 1920, Meiji Jingu Shrine is located in a vast man-made forest with an estimated 100,000 trees donated by people throughout Japan. During New Year's, more than 3 million people visit the shrine, making it the most popular Hatsumode destination in Japan.

Access

3 minutes on foot from Sangubashi Station

This section introduces various shrines easily accessible from the Odakyu line. Visit these popular shrines to pray for happiness in 2019.



Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine

鶴岡八幡宮

Known as the symbol of Kamakura, this shrine sees many visitors during New Year's. The shrine complex features magnificent buildings including the main shrine built in 1828.



Access

About 10 minute walk from Kamakura Station

NEWS

Information on the Odakyu Hakone Winter Campaign



From December 1 to February 28, we will be holding special offer campaign for Hakone in the winter. During this period, buying a Hakone Freepass or a reserved seat on a limited express Romancecar, or other designated products, will get you a free gift of a guidebook with all sorts of coupons to make your trip to Hakone and its environs all the more special!

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Oyama Afuri-jinja Shrine

大山阿夫利神社

Mount Oyama is famous as a place full of mystical energy, and the Oyama Afuri-jinja Shrine Shimosha, with its elevation of roughly 700 meters, allows visitors to enjoy the beautiful scenery all the more. This mountain shrine also offers one of the best views to see the first sunrise of the year in the Kanto area.



Access Isehara Station north exit

- bus 25minutes +
- walk 15minutes
- Oyama Cable Station
- the cable car 10 minutes
- Afuri-jinja Station
- walk 3minutes
- Oyama Afuri-jinja Shrine

Railway Event Schedule

2018 Dec. ~ 2019 Mar.

*The date and content of the events may change.



From Dec. 26 2018 to Mar. 14 2019

Crystal Love Tree

Place: Hakone Venetian Glass Museum

The museum garden features a pair of crystal glass trees with heart motif. Closed from January 15 to 25.

Access

About 25 minutes from Hakone-Yumoto Station via Hakone Tozan Bus bound for Togendai to "Hyoseki/Hakone-garasu-nomori-mae," and then a short walk to the museum



Jan. 1 2019

Hakone Shrine New Year's Fireworks Celebration

Place: Motohakone Port

Fireworks will welcome in 2019 just as the clock strikes midnight and January 1 begins. The show will last 15 minutes.

Access

About 38minutes from Hakone-Yumoto Station via Hakone Tozan Bus bound for Hakonemachi-ko to "Motohakone-ko", and then a short walk to the port



Until Feb. 17 2019

The Jewel of Shonan

Place: Enoshima Samuel Cocking Garden, etc.

Enoshima will be lit up this Christmas, with illuminations at various sightseeing and other venues! 5:00p.m.-8:00p.m. (Saturday and Sunday) 5:00p.m.-9:00 p.m., January 15 to February 17 start at 5:30p.m.)

Access

About 20 minutes walk from Katase-Enoshima Station



Until Feb. 20 2019

Gotemba Premium Outlets® Winter Illumination

Place: Gotemba Premium Outlets®

The illuminated flower arches and flower garden of Gotemba Premium Outlets—one of the largest in Japan—offers a magnificent display of beautiful colors. The illuminations can be seen after sunset.

Access

About 45 minutes from Gora Station via "KANKO SHISETSU-MEGURI" Bus

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/



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