

Odakyu Topics

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Hakone/Kamakura/Enoshima/Others

Recommended Spots

in the Hakone and Odawara Areas

*This is a guide to popular sightseeing spots that are about an hour away from central Tokyo.
Hakone is an area rich in nature and offers visitors a fantastic view of flowering plum trees
and Kawazu Sakura (some of the area's earliest-blooming cherry trees) in early spring.
Come and experience the unique scenery seen only during this season!*



Hakone Gora Park

箱根強羅公園

This park is a French formal garden famous for its flowers. The first colors of spring appear in February with the blooming wintersweets (a relative of the plum tree), followed by azaleas and cherry trees from late March to late April.



Access

About 1 minute on foot from Koen-shimo Station via the Hakone Tozan Cable Car



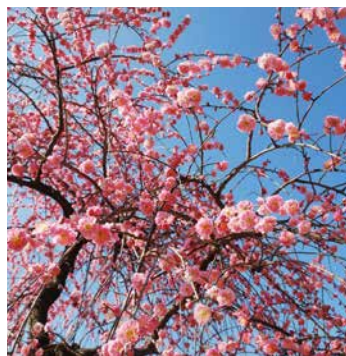
Soga Plum Forest

曾我梅林

Featuring some 35,000 white plum trees abloom, the Odawara Plum Festival begins on February 2 and ends on March 3. On clear days, visitors will be treated to majestic views of Mt. Fuji, Mt. Hakone, and the Tanzawa mountain range.

Access

About 20 minutes on foot from Shimosoga Station, third stop along the JR Gotemba Line from Shin-Matsuda Station (Odakyu Odawara Line)



Odawara Flower Garden

小田原フラワーガーデン

Beginning in mid-January and lasting until early March, the Odawara Flower Garden is home to 480 plum trees belonging to some 200 different varieties. A local plum tree festival and numerous other events are held during this time, considered the prime viewing season.

Access

About 30 minutes by Izu Hakone bus bound for Odawara Flower Garden / Kenritsu Suwanohara Koen from Odawara Station, getting off at Odawara Flower Garden



Matsudayama Herb Garden

松田山ハーブガーデン

This garden is home to some 360 Kawazu Sakura (early-blooming cherry trees) abloom between mid-February and early March. The Matsuda Sakura Festival (February 9 to March 10) includes night illuminations between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm.

Access

About 20 minutes on foot from Shin-Matsuda Station

Recommended Spots in Kamakura and Other Areas

Enjoy Kamakura's recommended flower-viewing destinations easily accessible from central Tokyo.
And don't miss the various sites along the track, including Shimokitazawa,
an area filled with various shops and dining establishments!



Zuisen-ji Temple

瑞泉寺

The flowers found at this temple make it one of the most famous in Kamakura. From early December through early February, visitors will find daffodils and camellias, while February also sees some 150 plum trees in bloom. The temple's garden, featuring rock art utilizing natural elements, also makes for an enchanting stop.



Access

About 15 minutes on foot from Daitonomiya, last stop (8 minutes) on the Keikyu Bus from Kamakura Station (East Gate)

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Shimokitazawa

下北沢

The Shimokitazawa area is a well-known destination at the forefront of Japanese fashion and subculture. Enjoy a wide variety of unique eateries, general stores, small theaters, live music clubs, and more.

Access
Get off at Shimo-Kitazawa Station

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Gotoku-ji Temple

豪徳寺

This temple is said to have been built in 1480. Cited as the birthplace of the maneki-neko (beckoning cat), legend has it that the cat of a priest at the temple led a feudal lord to safety one stormy day. The temple features numerous cat figurines, said to bring good fortunes, for a spectacular sight.

Access
About 12 minutes on foot from Gotokuji Station

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Hakone Sweets Collection 2019



Held in February and March, Hakone Sweets Collection 2019 will bring together more than 30 hotels, museums, and restaurants from throughout Hakone to showcase delicious confections created under the theme "Love Maiden Sweets." Enjoy various pink and heart-shaped treats. Creations will also be available on the Odakyu Romancecar (only on trains with on-board sales clerks).

Column

Hinamatsuri-Girls' Day Celebration



Held yearly on March 3, *Hinamatsuri*-also known as Girls' Day-is a traditional event held in prayer for the happiness and health of young girls. Throughout the country, families with daughters put out kimono-clad dolls (called Hina dolls) and serve pink, white, and green rhombus-shaped *mochi* (rice cakes), *hina-arare* (grilled rice cake), and other treats.

How to have even more fun in the Hakone/Kamakura area during early spring!

Despite the lingering cold, early spring in Hakone and Kamakura feature various heart-warming enjoyments, including hot servings of stew and warm, relaxing footbaths.

Japanese-style Stew Restaurants in Hakone and Kamakura

Enjoy the thick, rich taste of a warm bowl of beef stew to heat both body and soul. With unique flavors and beautiful scenery, the Hakone/Kamakura area features numerous dining choices.



Kamakura

Brasserie Yukinoshita

ブラスリー雪乃下

Various dishes made with Kamakura vegetables picked fresh that morning are also available. The Japanese beef stew lunch set with a thick demi-glace sauce (served with appetizers and your choice of bread or rice) is a popular choice at 2,400 yen (lunch set or a la mode dinner).

Access

About 5 minutes on foot from Kamakura Station



Hakone

Watanabe Bakery

渡辺ベーカリー

Watanabe Bakery's venerable history began more than 120 years ago. The bakery's popular Hot Spring Stew Bread (621 yen) is a delicious French roll filled with beef stew. There is also eating space.

Access

About 9 minutes on foot from Miyanoshita Station after traveling 27 minutes from Hakone-Yumoto Station via the Hakone Tozan Railway



Hakone

Mizuumi-tei Stew and Curry Restaurant

シチューとカレーの店 湖亭

Enjoy a delicious meal overlooking Lake Ashi. The beef stew-with only 30 servings available per day (2,060 yen)-is a popular choice. The restaurant's homemade specialty demi-glace sauce is slow-cooked for 2 weeks.

Access

About 5 minutes on foot from Togendai (last stop on Togendai Line, Hakone-Tozan Bus), about 35 minutes from Hakone-Yumoto Station



Kamakura

Binya Coffee, Kamakura Store

備屋珈琲店 鎌倉店

Choose from four types of stew, including Tongue Meat Stew (2,400 yen) and Beef Cheek Stew (2,200 yen). Simmered for an entire day, Binya Coffee's sauce boasts a rich flavor.

Access

About 12 minutes on foot from Kita-Kamakura Station

Warm up in a footbath!

Footbaths—where visitors dip only their feet in the hot spring—are popular throughout Japan. Enjoy delicious snacks and exhilarating scenery while soaking your feet.



Hakone

Bakery & Table Hakone

● Bakery&Table 箱根

The terrace on the first floor features a footbath where diners can enjoy the scenery of Lake Ashi while enjoying fresh-baked bread.

Access

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



Hakone

NARAYA CAFE

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This footbath cafe is located near Miyanoshita Station. Enjoy a delicious "NARAYA" Parfait (550 yen) topped with rice-flour dumplings while soaking in the footbath.

Access

About 1 minutes on foot from Miyanoshita Station (Hakone Tozan Railway)



Hakone

The Hakone Open-Air Museum

●彫刻の森美術館

This outdoor art museum was established in 1969. Enjoy a relaxing footbath while overlooking sculptures and a lush garden.

Access

About 2 minutes on foot from Chokoku-no-mori Station via Hakone Tozan Railway

Recommended Hakone Kamakura Pass Courses Enjoy the Enoshima and Kamakura Area!

The area along the Odakyu railway line includes numerous well-known temples and shrines in addition to popular shopping centers.
Discover all-day enjoyment between Kamakura and Shimo-Kitazawa stations!

Start

Depart Shinjuku Station

↓ Odakyu Railway

Fujisawa Station

↓ Enoshima Electric
Railway (Enoden)

Kamakura Station



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Komachi-dori

小町通り

Beginning outside Kamakura Station's East Gate, this busy shopping street is a popular destination for both sightseeing and fashion.

Access

About 1 minute on foot from Kamakura Station



Hase-dera Temple

長谷寺

This temple features blooming flowers year-round. Visitors can enjoy various plum blossoms from early January to mid-March, including wintersweet and Japanese apricot.

Access

About 5 minutes on foot from Enoden Hase Station



Tegamisha Kamakura

手紙舎鎌倉店

Discover illustrations and other products like dishes ordered directly from creators. A cafe space is also available.

Access

About 5 minutes on foot from Enoden Yuigahama Station



Enoshima

江の島

Enoshima island is a popular sightseeing destination centered around Enoshima Shrine. The Enoshima Sea Candle—an observation tower and lighthouse in one—is the island's most notable landmark.

Access

About 20 minutes on foot from Katase-Enoshima Station



Shimokitazawa

下北沢

As night falls on Shimokitazawa, the area's various bars and live music clubs come to life. The area is also home to many popular cafes open until midnight.

Access

Get off at Shimo-Kitazawa Station

Railway Event Schedule Feb. ~ Mar.

※ The date and content of the events may change.



From Feb. 2 to Mar. 3

Odawara Plum Festival

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

Odawara Castle Ruins Park is home to some 300 plum trees, while Soga Plum Forest includes some 35,000 trees blooming every year.

Access

(To Odawara Castle Ruins Park)
About 10 minutes on foot from Odawara Station



From Feb. 16 to Mar. 3

Setoyashiki Doll's Festival

Place: Ashigarigo Setoyashiki

Setoyashiki—a traditional Japanese house constructed some 300 years ago—offers visitors the chance to see a vast collection of Hina dolls in kimono in honor of Girls' Day.

Access

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



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Mar. 16 and 17

Oyama Tofu Festival

Place: Isehara Shiei Oyama Daini Parking Lot, etc.

This festival celebrates tofu, one of the Oyama area's most famous products. Events include the opportunity to enjoy delicious tofu directly from a 4-meter diameter pot.

Access

About 30 minutes by Kanachu Bus bound for Oyama Cable from Isehara Station (North Gate), getting off at the last stop (Oyama Cable)



Mar. 9 and 10

Shonan Enoshima Spring Festival

Place: Katase Beach, Enoshima

This festival celebrates the arrival of spring every year in Enoshima. Enjoy various activities and performances including a live taiko drum performance and miniature steam locomotive rides.

Access

About 10 minutes on foot from Katase-Enoshima Station

Hakone Free Pass

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!



<http://www.odakyu.jp/english/deels/freepass/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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