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HAKONE/ODAWARA/Mt.FUJI VISITOR'S GUIDE





- Hakone's Various Rides
- Breathtaking Views of Mt. Fuji
- Area Maps & Main Spots

Japanese Culture and Etiquette



Hakone marquetry: A Proud Craft Tradition

Hakone Marquetry emerged from Hatajuku, Hakone, late in the Edo period (1603-1867). Hakone Maruyama Bussan is a shop specializing in Hakone Marquetry, located along the Hakone Hachiri Highway, near Lake Ashi. Here you'll find a wide array of original products, enjoy demonstrations by local artisans, and learn about the history of marquetry.





Click here!



hakone saiku



Demonstrations held every day!



Hakone Maruyama Bussan TEL.0460-83-6604

17 Hakone, Hakone-machi, Ashigarashimo-gun, Kanagawa Pref. Hours: 10:00~17:00 (Closed at year-end and New Year's holidays, & irregular holidays) Get off at Hakone Sekisho-ato stop, 45 min. by bus from Hakone Yumoto Station.





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Hakone, known for its natural beauty that changes expressions with the seasons, is full of charms -- hot springs, museums and art galleries, historical buildings, leisure facilities, fantastic food and glorious view of Mt. Fuji, the world's cultural heritage site.

Please visit Hakone that made tourists of the world a captive, and make lots of memories there.

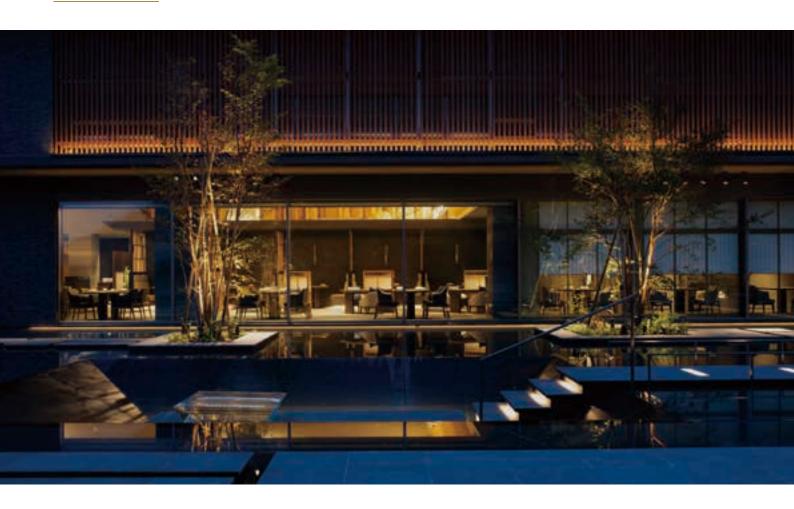
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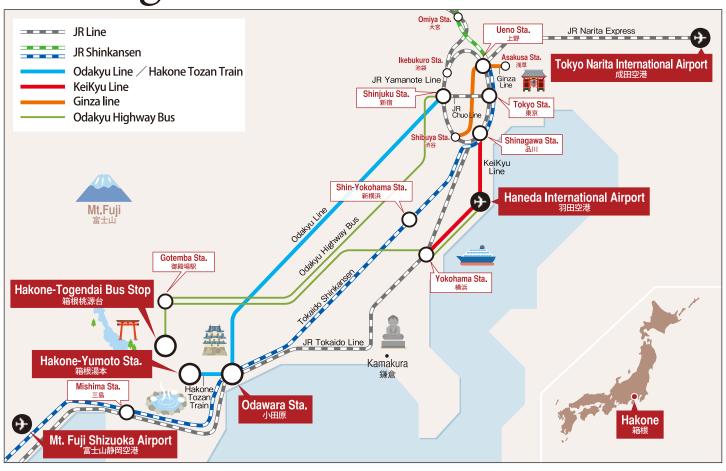


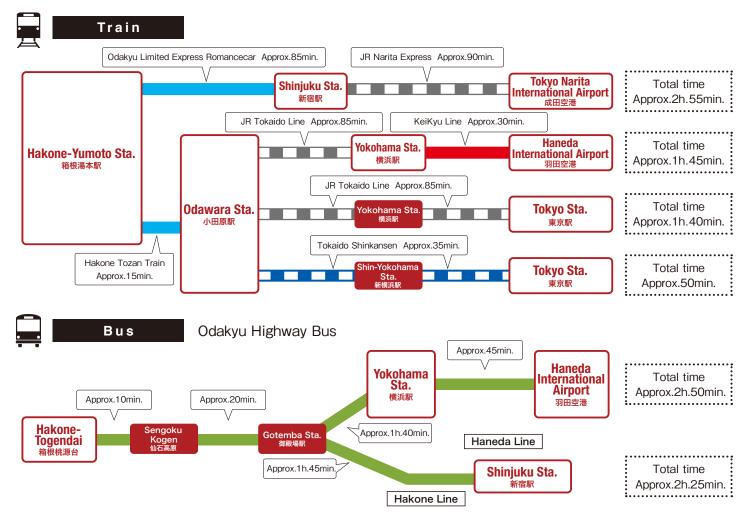






Getting to Hakone





^{*}It is an example. Estimated time is subject to change depending on operation and road condition.

Let's Enjoy Hakone's Various Rides!



Hakone Tozan Cable Car

Travels at approximately 1.2km to connect Gora and Sounzan stations in 10 minutes.

Hakone Tozan Train

Travel from Odawara to Gora stations while enjoying surrounding wilderness and breathtaking views from railroad bridges.



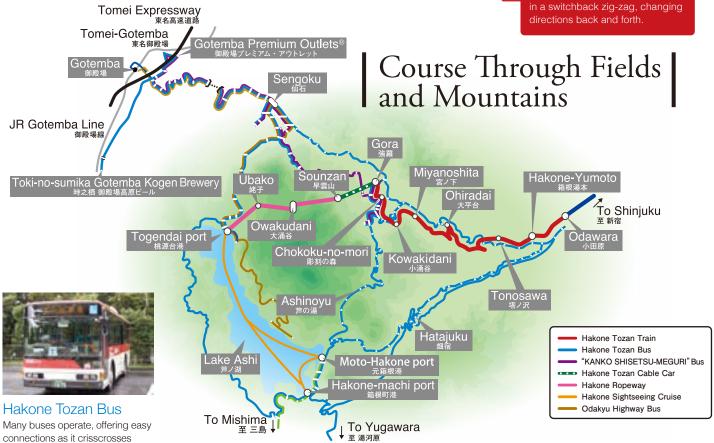
Steepest pitch in Japan

Between Hakone-Yumoto and Kowakidani stations is an 80/1000 gradient, the steepest in Japan for an adhesion railway.

Switchback

Whether cruising through the sky, crossing a lake, ascending or descending mountain trails on wheels or ropeway, Hakone boasts exciting ways to go and a chance to experience magnificent nature.

> The railcar climbs the steep incline in a switchback zig-zag, changing



Hakone Ropeway

Enjoy the views during a 30-minute ride across four kilometers between Sounzan and Togendai stations, including the amazing Owakudani volcanic valley, Lake Ashi, and magnificent Mt. Fuji.

Hakone's fascinating mountain roads.



Hakone Sightseeing Cruise

operates between Hakone-machi, Moto-Hakone and Togendai on Lake Ashi. Enjoy the excellent hakone skyline and a panoramic view of Mt. Fuji.





Odakyu Highway Bus

Offers direct transit from Shinjuku, Tokyo, Haneda Airport and Yokohama to Hakone and Gotemba.

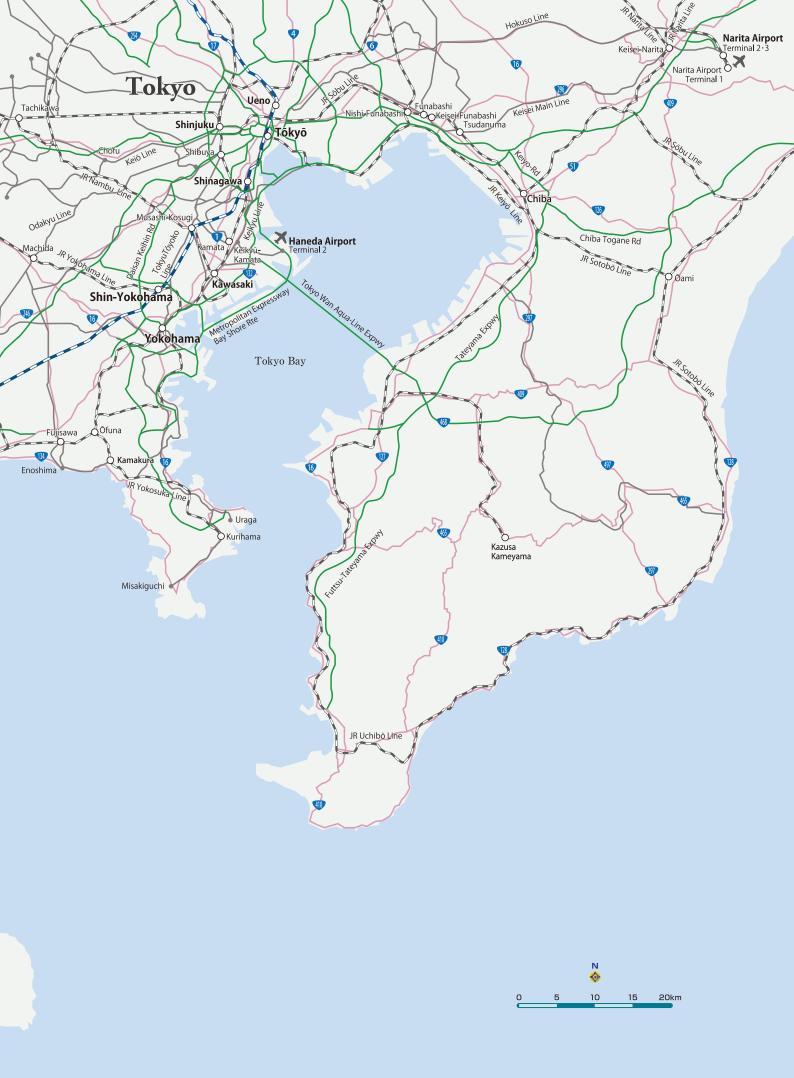


"KANKO SHISETSU-MEGURI"Bus

(Tourist Attraction Sightseeing Bus/ Hakone Tozan Bus)

This comfy way to go sports a fancy, retro-looking design as it circles tour locations like museums, with skylight windows for breathtaking views of sky and trees.





Sengokuhara

Gotemba 御殿場 IC

Must

Sengokuhara Pampas Grass Fields 仙石原ススキ草原

Experience the sensual feel of pampas grass fields at the foot of Mt. Daigatake, renowned for showing Hakone autumn at its best. These golden fields, swaying as one in the fall breeze, are wonderful to see and touch.



Miyanoshita, Gora 宮ノ下・強羅

Hakone Gora Park ^{箱根強羅公園}

Stroll around this French-styled park, opened in 1914, and get a clear sense of the design in bilateral symmetry around a fountain. Delights of the four seasons include a teahouse, ceramics, and flowers.

Kiga Onsen

Miyanoshita Onse 宮ノ下温泉

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Hataiuku Iriguchi

Hakone Sekisho Minami

Hakone Sightseeing Cruise 新根膜光船 (新根海賊船)

Lake Ashi 首ノ湖 Sengokuhara Onsen

Sengokuhara 仙石原

** Between Kojiri-ko and Hakoneen-ko of the Hakone Ashinoko Boat Cruise is closed.

Moto-Hakone, Hakone-Machi

explosions, "Great Boiling Valley" is an active volcanic zone sourcing Hakone hot springs and a hot tourist spot for Mt. Fuji views. Feel

the volcanic power amid natural beauty.

元箱根・箱根町

Hakone Shrine

Established amid the Nara period, this shrine was dedicated to all the local gods of Kanto and now is known for obtaining fortune, protection against evil, wish fulfillment, and safe road travel.

Hakone Sekisho (Check-point)

箱根関所

Feel the past come alive at this historic checkpoint for foot and vehicle traffic along the Tokaido Road, linking Edo (now Tokyo) and Kyoto in the Edo period. Inspection and tax collection were held in the Edo-style building.







Mishima

Hakone Stone Buddhas ^{箱根石仏群}

Surrounding Shojin Pond is a stately gathering of Buddha sculptures and stone monuments going back 7 centuries. Among these sacred figures sits the contemplative Rokudo-jizo, carved out of rock and said to be Kanto's largest Buddha figure.

See in Hakone

Odawara



Chisuji falls

Ohiradai Onsen 大平台温泉

Hakone-

Yumoto Sta. 箱根湯本駅

Note how this waterfall, 3 meters high and 25 meters wide, flows quietly and hangs like a reed screen over moss-covered rocks in the upper reaches of Jakotsu River. Enjoy seasonal changes like summer's glowing fireflies and autumn's fiery leaves.





Odawara Castle

No trip to Odawara will be complete without visiting this castle built by Omori Yoriharu, regional lord of Nishi-sagami during the Muromachi period (1337–1573). The Hojo Clan, entombed at Sounji, succeeded him in ruling from this historic fortress, said to have been the largest in Japan during the Warring States period.



Hotoku Ninomiya Shrine 報應二宮神社

Established in 1894, next to Odawara Castle, the shrine has since been famous for the divine figure of Ninomiya Sontoku, well-known agriculturalist and philosopher.



Odawara Fishing port

In addition to offering soothing sounds of harbor waters, this port serves up a rich sea harvest including horse mackerel and sardine. And being seaside, naturally the harbor has plenty of places to dine on the freshest seafood, possibly lunching on a catch hauled from the ocean by fishermen at dawn.

Hakone Old Tokaido Road ^{箱根旧街道}



Amasake Chaya 甘酒茶屋



Historic teahouse open for business early in the Edo period sits perched on the Hakone stretch of the Tokaido Road, a portion legendary for being the most perilous on the old highway. Don't miss the tangy taste of sweet sake, yet another minor legend dating back to the start of the teahouse as well as naming it.



Hakone-Yumoto

箱根湯本

Hakone-Yumoto 箱根湯本

Arguably the most vibrant and lively hot spring district in all Hakone, Yumoto will soon convince you of its superior features, like hot springs for day trips, firmly established inns offering traditional hospitality, and streets around the station chock-a-block with restaurants and souvenirs shops.



Ishidatami

This stone-paved road was built at the beginning of the Edo period to make travel smooth and easy for royals as well as commoners. Present-day travelers can sense the passage of time as they look out on scenery as beautiful and captivating as it was for Edo pilgrims, priest, poets and others.



Yumoto-Kenban 湯本見番

Though it may be hard to believe geisha are not born but made, the daily training here of Yumoto geisha includes dancing, singing, reciting poetry, gracefully pouring drinks without spilling a drop, and more. In addition, seasonal events are held to demonstrate their accomplishments.



Relax amid leisurely activities at Hakone





Hakone Kowakien

Horaien

Camp & spa Yamanone



Beginner Course

Hike Chisuji Falls

A two-hour hiking course to Hakone Kowakien's nationally registered tangible cultural properties and Horaien Garden, as well as Chisuji Falls. Afterwards, enjoy matcha tea at Mikawaya Ryokan.



Time: 10:00 –12:00 Fee: ¥1,500 per person







Yukata Rental and Historical Stroll

Visit Three Shrines in Hakone Kowakien

1. Yukata rental

Rent a wearer-friendly two-piece yukata and stroll the grounds of Hakone Kowakien. Fine photo spots are introduced as well.



Fee: ¥2,000 per person

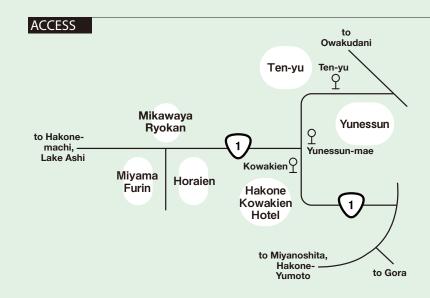
2. Yukata rental, dining, and hot springs

In addition to renting a two-piece yukata and strolling Hakone Kowakien, this fulfilling course lets you enjoy authentic soba noodles at Kihinkan and hot springs at Mori no Yu.



Fee: ¥5,500 per person

All activities can be booked at various pleasures, and Yunessun's information counter (1F) on the same day 箱机小面阅 of an activity 根小師 三河屋 Mikrosya Ryokas 箱机 ホテ n 根小通 箱根小浦 美 th



and Culture!/

Activity Base

Kowakien, a resort where hot springs, dining, accommodation are all in one!





Mikawaya cafe

Mori no Yu







Intermediate Course

Trek Mt. Asama & Chisuji Falls

(Includes bathing at Mori no Yu)

A course of about 3.5 hours offers the pleasures of nature on a trekking course to Mt. Asama (802 m) and Chisuji Falls. Refresh yourself after the hike in Mori no Yu's inviting hot spring.



Time: 9:00-12:30 Fee: ¥3,000 per person



Private Bath

Motoyu Mori no Yu "Bettei Yasuragi"

A private hot spring like a hideaway surrounded by nature. Relax and unwind in your own private space.

Time: 11:00-20:00

Note: Advance reservation required

Fee: ¥7,000~¥11,000



About 45 min. from Hakone-Yumoto Station to Gora Station by Hakone Tozan Train By car

By train

(From Tokyo area)

Tomei Expressway → Atsugi I.C. → Odawara Atsugi Road → Hakoneguchi I.C. → National Route 1 → Hakone Kowakien (about 60 min. from Atsugi I.C.)

About 90 min. from Shinjuku Station to Hakone-Yumoto Station by Odakyu Romancecar About 20 min. from Hakone-Yumoto Station by Hakone Tozan Bus or Izu Hakone Bus, or

(From Shizuoka/Gotemba area)

Tomei Expressway \rightarrow Gotemba I.C. \rightarrow National Route 138 \rightarrow Turn right at the Miyanoshita flashing light \rightarrow National Route 1 \rightarrow Hakone Kowakien (about 40 min. from Gotemba I.C.)



Hakone Kowakien Activity Base Instagram DM

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Scan the QR code for information of each facility.







1 Mouth Melting Mont Blanc Soft is ¥1,200.

2 Gokuro-san (¥1,000, 8-piece pack), a jet-black *manju* sweet bun kneaded with bamboo charcoal is also highly recommended for its addictive sesame paste.

The foot bath with water flowing from the source will soothe your travel fatigue.





Mont Blanc Sweets Savory for a Refreshing Foot Bath

Take a break from your stroll and relax by stopping by Fukuya Kuzuryumochi. Their Mouth Melting Mont Blanc Soft is a popular choice. It's soft-serve vanilla ice cream topped with Japanese chestnut cream made of chestnuts from local Ashigara and Kumamoto Prefecture. As you enjoy the Mont Blanc chestnut cream and soft-serve ice cream, a crispy meringue base comes forth, making it delicious again and again. Enjoy this savory sweet while relieving your fatigue in a foot bath in front of the store.

Fukuya Kuzuryumochi 福久や 九頭龍餅

2 0460-85-8818 MAP-P14-B

- 729 Yumoto, Hakone-machi,

- Ashigarashimo-gun, Kanagawa

 9:00-17:00 Open daily

 3-minute walk from Hakone-Yumoto Station (Hakone Tozan Train)









■ Special tenju set (a box of tempura served over steamed rice) of limited availability is for ¥3,630. For your dining pleasure, there is also a boat-shaped sashimi

- 2 The second-floor tatami room has a distinct tranquil atmosphere.

 Spacious dining room with a high ceiling

Savor Locally Sourced Japanese Cuisine in a **Stately Building**

Founded 128 years ago, this stately Japanese restaurant has a magnificent front entrance, decorated with carvings of a phoenix and other figures, exuding the air of a long-established restaurant. In the second-floor tatami room, with attractively designed fittings, you'll enjoy kaiseki cuisine in a private room with a calm atmosphere. Fresh seafood is sourced from Odawara Fishing Port, and our skilled chefs prepare it into sushi, tempura, and sashimi. Enjoy Japanese cuisine to your heart's content in a traditional building designated a nationally registered tangible cultural property. Please contact us for consultations on dietary restrictions.

🚻 Daruma Ryoriten

国指定登録有形文化財 のれんと味 だるま料理店

2 0465-22-4128 MAP -P14-A

- 2-1-30 Honcho, Odawara-shi, Kanagawa
- 11:00-20:00 (last order)Open dailyParking available
- 8-minute walk from Odawara Station (JR, Odakyu)

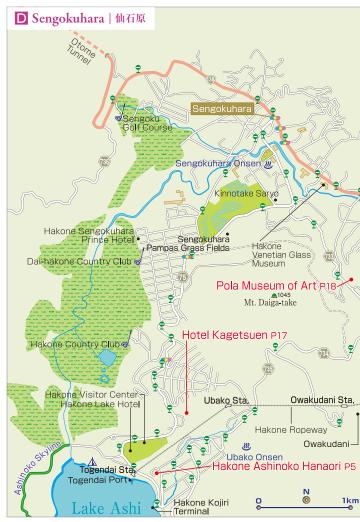




Choice wood was used for the *karahafu irimoya-zukuri* building (Chinese-styled gable eaves and hipped roof), bestowing all with the dignity of history.

Miyanoshita /Kowakidani/ Gora / Sengokuhara / Lake Ashi









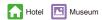
Hakone Tourist Information Center

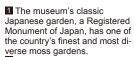
Obtain here the latest information of the whole Hakone area, such as sample trip plans and the best spots of the season. English-speaking staffers are available to help plan your trip around Hakone.

Hakone Tourist Information Center

Open hours 9:00~17:45 (open every day)

TEL 0460-85-5700 MAP P14-B





2 Savor matcha tea with seasonal sweets in a garden-viewing teahouse.

Mysteriously shaped rocks and azaleas of Sekiraku-en





Japanese Aesthetics and Beauty Amid the Savory Four Seasons

Aesthetic pleasures await you in Hakone's oldest art museum. Stroll a Japanese garden after viewing tsubo jars from the Kamakura and Muromachi periods (12th-14th centuries) and pottery from the Momoyama period (16th-17th centuries). Or relax from a seated garden view in a teahouse serving matcha tea with seasonal sweets. Bring this issue and enjoy entry-fee discounts for adults (¥110) and for students (¥50).

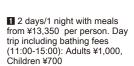


Hakone Museum of Art 箱根美術館

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 1300 Gora, Hakone-machi Ashigarashimo-gun, Kanagawa • Apr Nov.: 9:30-16:30 /Dec.–Mar.: 9:30-16:00 (last admission 30 mins. before closing) Closed Thur. (open if a holiday / Nov. open daily)
 Entry fees: adults, ¥1430; high school and university students, ¥660; junior high school students and younger, free • A minute's walk from Koenkami Station (Hakone Tozan Cable Car)





2 From the deluxe suite you can have a superb view of the Hakone mountain range to

In spring, the garden azaleas look magnificent.







Inn Featuring a Superb View of Mt. Fuji and Two Types of Hot Springs

Our guest rooms have large windows: on the garden side, they look out over Mt. Fuji and the Hakone mountain range; on the mountain side, they look out over vibrant green trees. We have two types of hot springs: simple and sulfur. In addition to a large bathhouse for our simple hot spring, there are four sulfur-spring baths that you can reserve without charge. For dinner, try our Japanese-and-Western dinner tray to savor both cuisines.



🚹 Hotel Kagetsuen ホテル花月園

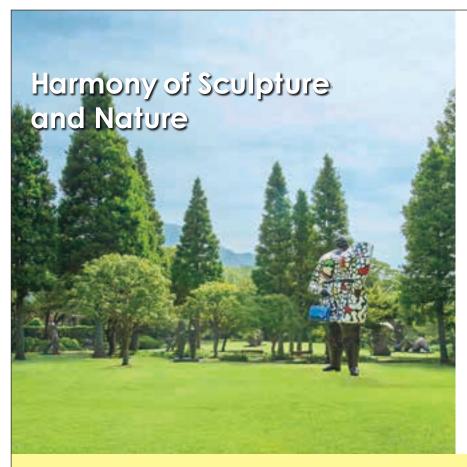
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1244-2 Sengokuhara, Hakone-machi,

Ashigarashimo-gun, Kanagawa

40 minutes by bus from Hakone-Yumoto Station (Hakone Tozan Train)





Opened in 1969, the Hakone Open-Air Museum is the first open-air museum in Japan. Located in the mountains of Hakone, it spreads over 70,000 square meters and offers beautiful views of the surrounding mountains. Surrounded by nature, this art museum is perfect for taking a leisurely stroll while appreciating art.

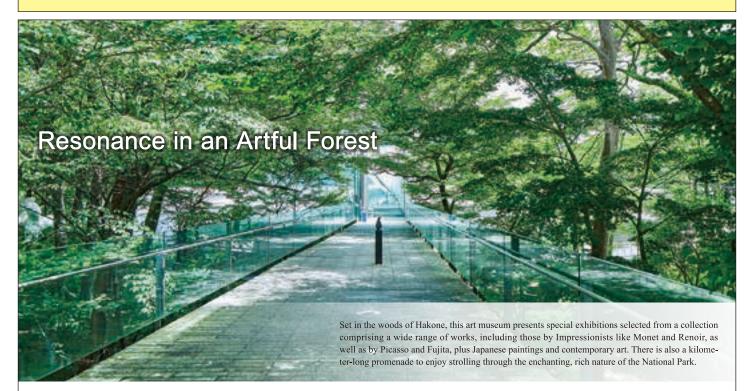


THE HAKONE OPEN-AIR MUSEUM

彫刻の森美術館 0460-82-1161 MAP P16-C

*1121 Ninotaira, Hakone-machi, Ashigarashimo-gun, Kanagawa *9:00–17:00 (Last admission: 16:30) *365 days/year *adults ¥2,000; university and high school students ¥1,600; middle and elementary school students ¥800 *Hakone Tozan Train to Chokoku-no-Mori Station, from which it is a 2-minute walk to the museum





POLA MUSEUM OF ART

ポーラ美術館

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■ 1285 Kozukayama, Sengokuhara, Hakone-machi, Ashigarashimo-gun, Kanagawa ■ 9:00-17:00(no admission after 16:30) ■ Open daily/closed occasionally for display/exhibition change) ■ Entry fees: adults, ¥2,200; university/high school students, ¥1,700; junior high school students and younger, free ■ 13-minute bus ride from Gora Station (Hakone Tozan Train)









A stay in Gôra Kadan, the former retreat of the Imperial Family, Kanin-no-miya, situated in the heart of Hakone National Park, is an invitation to bring your five senses to life by immersing yourself in the ancient Japanese way of life.

The rooms have been designed in a minimalist style, and the hotel's facilities include a swimming pool, stonebath, hammam a spa, and a beauty salon.



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	Adults	Children	Adults	Children
From Shinjuku	6,100 yen	1,100 yen	6,500 yen	1,350 yen

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Recommended Courses Hakone to Enjoy Hakone



Point 1

Simple Japanese

If you can learn some simple Japanese, it will be useful when trying to communicate.

Greeting and Daily Conversation Shopping and Eating How much is it? --Ikura desu ka? ohayo (gozaimasu)Osusume wa nani desu ka? What do you recommend? Good Morning konnichiwa What is this? -----Kore wa nani desu ka? konbanwa Do you have ○○? ○○ wa arimasu ka? Good evening Good-bye ----- sayonara I'll have this, please. -----Kore o kudasai arigato (gozaimasu) Can I pay using my creditcard? ----Kurejitto Kādo de shiharai Thank you ---dekimasu ka? Excuse me ----sumimasen I'm sorry gomennasai oishi It's delicious Sightseeing How long will it take? Where is the ○○? ··· ○○ wa doko desu ka? --Jikan wa dore gurai kakarimasu ka? Could you please take ○○ ni ikitai desu Shashin o totte kudasai I want to go to OO. my/our picture.Eigo wa hanasemasu ka? Can you speak English? Toilettoire Tourist office kanko annaiio OO o nakushimashita I lost my OO. Station Bus Stop basunoriba

Point 2

Pointers on Bathing Etiquette

These are places to relax and heal your mind and body, so enjoy your time calmly and refrain from any public pool-type antics.



Wash before entering the bath!

Wash face and body, then rinse off all soap before entering the tub. Enter naked, without wearing a towel, and enjoy soaking—only soaking.



3 Dry off after bath and before entering dressing room

Dry off with a towel in the bathing area, before entering the dressing room, to prevent the dressing room floor getting wet.



2 No towels in the tub

Enter the bath slowly, to avoid splashing. As a matter of public hygiene, don't put or let your towel into the water and, in general, follow commonsense manners as well as these etiquette pointers.

Onsen FAOs

- Onsen water can be quite dense and the heat intense, so avoid getting dizzy by limiting your time: don't soak too long (no more than 15 minutes). Immerse yourself up to neck or waist, no deeper, and be sure to hydrate before and after a bath.
- Bath water may have some "floaties" that are natural mineral components, not trash or filthy bits, so don't worry if something tiny comes your way.

Discover the Meaning & Source of Hakone Yosegi Zaiku

Hakone Yosegi Zaiku was born in Hatajuku, a post town in Hakone where travelers passed through late in the Edo period (1603–1867). It is said to have started when people took particular note of the wide variety of trees in the Hakone mountains and made trays and boxes by combining

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Skilled artisanal technique

Taneita (original or source plates) are made by combining various types of wood to create patterns. There are two techniques: (1) *zuku-bari*, in which the plates are thinly shaved to 0.15-0.2 mm thickness and applied to the outside of wooden products, such as small boxes; and (2) *muku-zukuri*, in which the original plates themselves are carved out and processed. Many years of experience and skill are required for cutting the wood at precise angles, measuring the dimensions accurately, and adeptly doing the adhesion stage.





With some basic 60 traditional patterns used in Hakone marquetry, there are known to be as many as 100–200 different arrays by changing color and arrangement. By varying the type of combined woods and the affixed angle of cut materials, an appealing multitude of patterns is created.



Tortoise shell

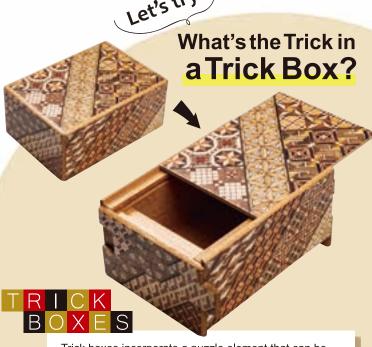
Manji-tsunag

various woods with different colors and grains.
The technique has been passed down to the present day, and in Japan the marquetry is made only in Hakone Town and Odawara City in Kanagawa Prefecture.



2 The natural colors of wood

Since the mountains of Hakone became a national park, various types of wood from Japan and abroad have been used. The colors derive from each type of wood, and no additional coloring is done at all. Since the grain and texture of each wood variety differ, there happily are no identical products.



Trick boxes incorporate a puzzle element that can be opened by moving the sides of the box in a set order. Simple ones can be opened by moving the trick mechanism four times, while complex ones can be opened by moving them as many as 72 times. They have existed since the Edo period and are said to have been used to hide valuables from thieves. Trick boxes, which combine practicality with a sense of fun, are popular among the many souvenirs that make your visit a memorable one.

Enjoy Mt. Fuji and Japanese Culture Around Lake Ashi

Why not journey to Lake Ashi in Hakone, an area of rich nature embracing this vast lake and Mt. Fuji, and absorb history as well? Be sure to stop where you can immerse yourself in Japanese culture, like traditional teahouses or souvenir shops where you can try sake tasting.

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Onshi-Hakone Park

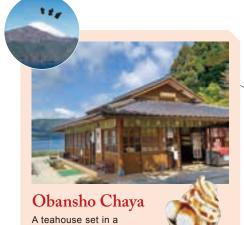


Hakone Checkpoint









wondrous location, where you can have fine sweets

while looking out at Lake

Ashi and Mt. Fuji.

Lake Ashi



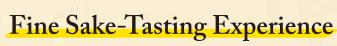


Hakone Pirate Ship



Hakone Sekisho Tabimonogatari-kan

The largest souvenir shop in the Lake Ashi area is designed with an Edo-period (1603-1867) look and feel. In this vivacious atmosphere, enjoy shopping among a wide array of souvenirs, including Hakone specialties and folk crafts. There also are two restaurants, one specializing in tasty soba noodle dishes





"Kiki-zake" means tasting sake with all five senses to affirm quality. At the sake-tasting corner in Tabimonogatari-kan, you'll sample small amounts of 30 kinds of sake carefully selected from all over Japan. English descriptions are available. After the tasting, purchase the sake you found delightfully savory.



Kamotsuru



Pour cold sake into this mysterious cup and watch it change color to cherry blossoms and Mt. Fuji!

Brilliant Souvenirs from Hakone



For your shopping and dining pleasure, feast your eyes and palate on a host of brilliant products from Hakone no Oyama—a melt-in-your-mouth Hakone specialty sweet made of sweet potato paste wrapped in red bean paste—to miscellaneous goods and renowned Hakone marguetry.

Hakone Sekisho Tabimonogatari-kan

10 Hakone, Hakone-machi, Ashigarashimo-gun, Kanagawa Prefecture Hours: 9:00-17:00 Open daily (Note: May be closed temporarily)

Point 3

Shrine and Temple Etiquette

Shrines are dedicated to Shinto gods, and temples to Buddhist figures such as bodhisattvas and various incarnations of Gautama. In both of these sacred places you should move and act calmly and speak quietly.

Bow slightly before entering a shrine's *torii* or a temple gate

The ground and space beyond a shrine's *torii* or a temple gate are considered sacred. Bow slightly before passing through *torii* or temple gate. As the center of the shrine walkway is the path of a sacred being, visitors should walk slightly to the right or left.





2 Rinse hands and mouth at the chozuya (ritual ablution pavilion)

After passing through shrine or temple entry, you'll find a small pavilion for rinsing hands and/or mouth before you step up to the sacred space occupied by shrine god or Buddhist deity.

Perform the ablution in five simple steps: ① with your right hand, dip the ladle into water and rinse your left hand; ② switch hands and rinse your right hand; ③ take the ladle with your right hand and pour some water into your left palm, and raise that cupped water to your mouth and rinse (taking care that your mouth does not directly contact any part of the ladle); ④ pour water onto your left hand to cleanse it; ⑤ raise the ladle cup straight up, perpendicular to the ground, to let the remaining water pour down the handle and clean it, and then return the ladle to its original spot on the fountain, face down.

3 Offering Ritual: Ring bell and toss money into offering chest

These days coins or bills are used as an offering to deities. In the past, these were made in the form of rice. There is no set amount to offer, so you should decided how much to give according to your wish or prayer, purification ritual, gratitude, or other matter. Temples usually don't have a rope pull, but if there is one, do as in a shrine; if none, make your silent pronouncement and toss gently into the slatted grate atop the offering chest.









Bow deeply before a shrine's outer sanctuary and then make two bows, each at a 90-degree angle. Raise hands to chest center, Western-prayer style, and clap twice at a shrine but not a temple. Return hands to chest center and pray. Lower hands to sides and bow once, at a 90-degree angle. Bow again, deeply, and step back.

5 Shrine and Temple Option: amulet or paper votive

After making an offering, many visitors stop by a building where votives and amulets are sold. They also often draw paper fortunes. An amulet is worn to receive the deity's blessing; a paper votive is read to learn one's fortune. You also have the choice, according to custom, to tie the paper votive on a branch of a tree—on temple or shrine grounds—or you can take it home.



Distinguishing points of a temple

- Temples usually do not have *torii* but a formal structure of wood, often two stories high, as their gate. Bow slightly before passing through the overhead structure.
- When making offerings or praying at a temple, do not clap the hands. Bow deeply and then bring hands together, chest center (Western-prayer style), as you make your pronouncement.

(with thanks to Hakone Shrine)

Breathtaking Views of Mt. Fuji

Mt. Fuji, symbolic home to Japanese people, became a World Cultural Heritage site by virtue of its beauty and being a source of spiritual as well as artistic inspiration. Experience all the joys of uniquely viewing Japan's sacred peak from Hakone and its environs.



from Onshi-Hakone Park



rom Mt.Taikan



from Moto-Hakone Port



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Owakudani Black Eggs

大涌谷黒たまご

Black eggs, a local specialty, owe their unique look and taste to boiling in hot spring ponds (80°C) and then steaming at 100°C. Watch for yourself as shells turn black when immersed in hot spring minerals. Eat one, legend says, and you'll be blessed by Jizo Bosatsu (bodhisattva assuring longevity and healthy childrearing) and your life extended by seven years.





Yuba & Tofu

湯葉&豆腐

Tofu comes from coagulating soy milk (pressed from beans) with bittern into small blocks, and *yuba* from skimming off the top layer of heated soymilk. Hakone tofu and yuba, made with delicious local water, are known for "sweet" flavor and aroma.

Hakone

Gourmet Foods



Soba (buckwheat noodles)

そば

This traditional Japanese food goes back some 300 years and is made from ground buckwheat grain seeds. The deciding factor is water when making the noodles, which then offer a rich aroma and enjoyable texture. Good-quality water gushes in Hakone, so the taste of soba made here is specially delicious and popular.

Umeboshi (pickled plums)

梅干し

Japanese plums or *ume* are pickled in salt and dried in sunlight. The resulting *umeboshi* have been used as highly portable food by itinerant travelers passing through Hakone since the reign of the Odawara Hojo Clan and were highly valued in the Edo period by samurai accompanying *daimyo*. Unique Odawara varieties include *shisomaki umeboshi* (pickled ume wrapped in perilla leaf).



Kamaboko (fish cake)

かまぼこ

These fish cakes made from kneading then steaming minced white fish are known for their characteristic elastic texture and rich flavor. Transportation was inconvenient in the Edo period, so Odawara kamaboko—as preserved food made from fish caught fresh here—was served at local inns in Hakone. News of its delicious flavor soon spread nationwide.





Odawara Chochin (Odawara lantern)

小田原ちょうちん

These paper lanterns are made by attaching paper to a frame of thin bamboo sticks and are lit by a candle within. Odawara *chochin*, said to have been created during the Edo period for travelers crossing the Hakone mountains, can be neatly folded and put away. What's more, they're resistant to rain and fog. Being partially made from sacred trees, they were also used as a talisman against evil.



Hakone Yosegi-Zaiku come from combining various kinds of wood to create geometric shapes utilizing wood hues and grains. These are then planed down and affixed to small boxes and other items. This craft dates back to the late Edo period and a wide range of goods, including boxes and coasters, are still made today as traditional

What to choose from the fine assortment of Hakone gourmet foods and traditional goods? A difficult decision, but don't miss out on black eggs (unique to hot springs), tasty buckwheat noodles, elegant marquetry, and so much more!



& Good Goods



Seafood Cuisine

海鮮料理

Hakone and Odawara, located between Sagami Bay and Suruga Bay, provide an abundant harvest of seafood, which means there's a wide variety of fresh fish, including sushi. Odawara has its own fishable harbor, so you can enjoy fresh catches of the day.

Onsen Manju (hot spring steamed bun)

温泉まんじゅう

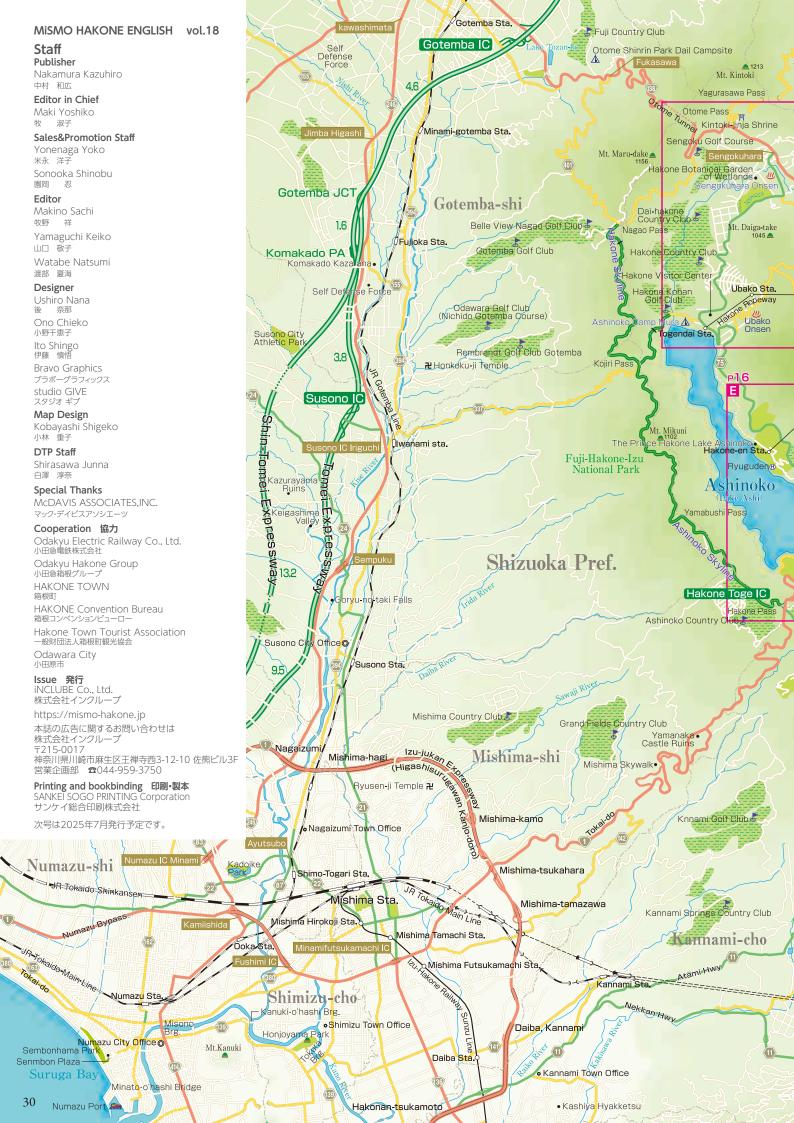
This famous hot spring steamed bun is named for hot spring water used in the dough and for being steamed in hot spring vapors. They're sold not only in boxes to take home as gifts but also sold individually in stores, so be sure to try a freshly steamed bun when you visit.

Wakasagi (pond smelt)

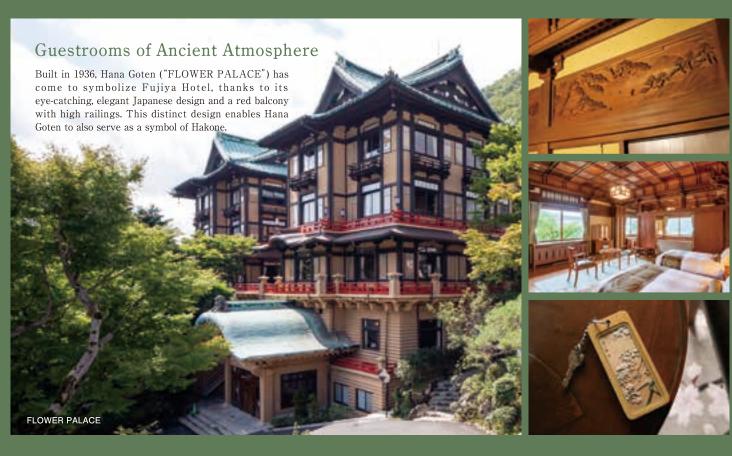
わかさぎ

A freshwater fish of Lake Ashi, wakasagi is a local specialty chosen for the Top 100 Local Specialties in Kanagawa. It's been used in local cuisine throughout the ages, and now you can try a variety of dishes like deep-fried or sweet boiled fish at restaurants near the lake.









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