

Alltrans 307-733-3135

TOK: (LPm)

7D JA LPm14

Beware: Golden Week. Mix of 4 major nat'l holidays in wk/of April 29 > May 5.UAL eTicket Number: **0162356980309** **800-538-2929**

UAL Reference Code: BDZT5T

UAL Freq. Flyer: 032789600 (20)

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FLIGHT INFO: JAC > NRT

SERVICE	DATE	FROM	TO	DEPART	ARRIVE	
UA 6433L	Tue 2APR	SLC	LAX	8:40pm	9:39 pm	St: 11D m
NOTE: Flt Time: 2hr		Layover: 1hr 4min		no meal		
UA 539L	Tue 2APR	LAX	SFO	10:44pm	12:08am	St: 28F
NOTE: Flt Time: 1h 24min		Layover: 10hr 52min		4/3/2013		
UA 837L	Wed 3APR	SFO	NRT	11:00am	2:00pm	St: 49K
NOTE: Flt Time: 11hr		TOTAL FLT Time: 16 hr 49 min			ARV 4/4/2013	

TOK: (LPm1184) (LP: ST 1150, Site, sleep & Food orientation: 1241

7D ,

INSURE PP is STAMPED: "Temporary Visitor (短期滞在)"**TIC:**

(Narita) JA Nat'l Tourism Org (JNTO): 2 TICs; 8am-8pm) ARV floors of both TERMS ENG spkg

(Yūrakuchō STA, near Ginza) JNTO TIC : just outside (日本政府観光局ツーリスト・インフォメーション・センター; 10th fl, Kōtsu Kaikan Bldg 2-10-1 Yūrakuchō; 9am-5pm; Yūrakuchō)

(NEW) TOK STA JR E TRAV Serv CNTR SEE "JR East Travel Service Center (TOK STA). Pdf)

DIRECS: Kōtsu Kaikan BLDG: just opp STA as U exit R.**TOK TIC** (東京観光情報センター NO help, Internet; www.tourism.metro.tokyo.jp; ENG**DIRECS:** 1st fl, TOK Metropolitan Gov't Bldg 1 2-8-1 Nishi-shinjuku; 9.30am-6.30pm;

Tochōmae, exit A4)

HANEDA INT'L AP: (HND; www.tokyo-airport-bldg.co.jp/en/) aka Tokyo Int'l Airport, (closest/less\$) 30 min > TOK by monorail; more convenient than Narita; new Intn'l TERM: >/from US???**TRANS-IN: Narita AIRPORT > TOK:****BUY: N'EX PAK: 1 way: Suica & Narita Express airport TRN combi****1 way; 3500 Y, buy @ Narita Airport.** approx. ½ hrly btwn 7am & 10pm.

RES Seats, but buy JUST B4 departure.

1) 1 way [Narita Airport](#) > [TOK](#) by Narita Express &

2) Suica card: = 2000 Y (500Y refundable deposit + 1500 Y TRN fares).

• > [TOK STA](#) (¥2940, 53 MINs),• OR > [Shinjuku STA](#) (¥3110, 1½ hrs), OR > [Ikebukuro STA](#) (¥3110, one hr & 40 MINs; limited service)**Transferring btwn TRNs IMPORTANT > 1) use orange TIK gates & 2) 30 MINs transfer time even w/ Suica Card???****TRANS-LOCAL:**

Suica Card: see separate page

Only if no Suica Pass SEE "TOK non-SUICA TRANS.pdf"

FOOD:

JA gyōza (ギョーザ, ギョウザ): small dumplings

Ippūdō JA (一風堂; www.ippudo.com;)

internationally recognized chain. **Kyūshū-style rāmen** – put fresh garlic onto slow-roasted pork,

Goemon FUSION (洋麺屋五右衛門; www.yomenya-goemon.com;)

Genius fusion 4 penny pinchers – JA-style Italian: pasta mixed w/ local ingredients;

Kua 'Aina BURGERS (クアアイナ; www.kua-aina.com;)

ORIG on Hawaii, beachside BBQ shack ('avocado burger')

Sukiya GYŪDON (www.sukiya.jp)

VERY popular **gyūdon (beef bowls)** 1000 JA outlets, most all night.

Freshness BURGERS (www.freshnessburger.co.jp;)

Mos BURGERS (www.mos.co.jp;)

'rice burger', w rice, millet & barley/ buns ; 2nd after McDonald's.

Depachika: department store food stalls

MISC:

Yamanote all-above -ground , central loop rail line (LP4991): **RIDE TOK OR** get off @ random STA > explore; **jcarry hotel's meishi (business card)**

LP TOK map1182

MISC TOK STUFF

MISC:

(丸の内) & Ginza (銀座) LPm1353

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DISCOUNT TIK SHOPS

aka 'kakuyasu-kippu-uriba' (格安切符売り場) or kinken shoppu (金券ショップ) in JA
• discounted TIKs for TRNs, BUSs, ferries, & host of other things like cut-rate stamps & phone cards. typically save btwn 5% & 10% on shinkansen TIKs;

• **found** around TRN STAs in medium & large cities – ask @ your lodgings for nearest one.

• Tsuruoka: Access to Yudana Access to mummies Bug Hostel Gm location map or web site

• **NO Kansai Through Pass" Same For Kansai West pass also**

Doesn't cover Takayama: the map in Kansai Thru Pass official site

Ticket DaiKokuya @Shinjuku Currency exchange.

Important: After U get discounted TRN TIK, take TIK > TIK machines @ TRN

STA. Select: 1) Eng language choice, 2) choose seat RESV w/discount coupon/

TIK, 3) machine directs U > insert your discount TIK, 4) U can start selecting TRN

time & seat! (Worst comes to worst ask STA peeps > help you)**Note:** *The discount*

train ticket is meant for same day usage., buy TIKs early morning & go ASAP > TIK

machines @ STA > RSV TRN & seat ASAP



Apple stores? Koendori Building

• Tokyo, [Shibuya](#), 1-20-9 Jinnan, Shibuya-ku, TOK, 03-6415-3300

• Tokyo, [Ginza](#), Sayegusa Building, 3-5-12, Ginza, Chuo-ku, 03-5159-8200

Senior discounts @ MUS, TEMPs , try always

RIDE Yamanote Line around loop; (TOK LPm1183)

Marunouchi & Ginza (LP1250 LPm1353) **TOTAL DAY HOURS**

8H

Marunouchi 丸の内 (TOK STA area) (LP1250 LPm1353) & BIZ DIST:

3¾H

Start Day: or start Asakusa DAY w Tsukiji Fish MKT

Tsukijishijō STA, exits A1 & A2)

● * C7 Tsukiji Fish MKT: (LP1409) early morn,;

2h

(築地市場; 3547-8011; www.tsukiji-market.or.jp; 5-2 Tsukiji; Tsukijishijō, exits A1 & A2)

5am tuna auction (SEE LP1417, Closed: SUN, most WED & all holidays) **CAUTION:** Entry Limit:

1st 120 peep B4 5AM; Often sold-out B 5am

5,500,000,000 Annual total sales (US\$)

DIRECS: NO Metro @ 5AM, soTAXI BEST

Or, **rental-bike** from TX Asakusa STA (Y200/ day); Underground BIKE parking lots w/ BIKE rentals, directly connected > Asakusa STA of Tsukuba Express

ENTRANCE: (not Seimon Main Entry, but @ Fish Information CNTR @ nearby Kachidoki gate.

FOOD:

Oni Fujino: Special Ramen Noodle shop. Chaashuumen is top recommend.

Wakaba: Looks like normal non-special noodle shop, but same as JAL's 1st class. pork.

Tsukiji OUTER MKT (just N of Tsukiji Fish MKT) SEE LPm1353

.75h

* B7 Hama-rikyu-teien PK & tea GARD (浜離宮恩賜庭園),

1h

SEE Marunouchi MAP Hama-rikyu PARK.pdf

W of Tsukiji; Detached Palace GARD; www.tokyo-park.or.jp/park/format/index028.html; 1-1 Hama-rikyu-teien; ¥300; 9am-5pm; Shiodome, exit 5)(next door(Not much > C or do)

Tidal pond & 2 wild duck hunting sites, Shogun falconry site,

N into Ginza area

● **Ginza 銀座:** (LP1250 LPm1353)

4¼H

Honda Welcome Plaza(ホンダウェルカムプラザ青山), right above Aoyama-Ichome Sta. on



Ginza, Hanzomon & Oedo Lines, is showroom of Honda Motor Co., Ltd. ASIMO, world's first humanoid robot, developed by Honda, will welcome you as guide. You can enjoy exhi- bitions of new car models, mini-

theater & products shop. Open: 10:00–18:00. Closed: Mid.

Aug., National hol- idays & New Year's holiday. Tel:

03-3423-4118.



B4 Chuo-dori (aka Ginza dori) st: (Ginza) old snob shopping on weekend, ped st .5h

● * 36B4 Sony BLDG ELECTRONICS (ソニービル)

1.25h

www.sonybuilding.jp; 5-3-1 Ginza; Ginza, exit B9) Open: 11:00–19:00; :

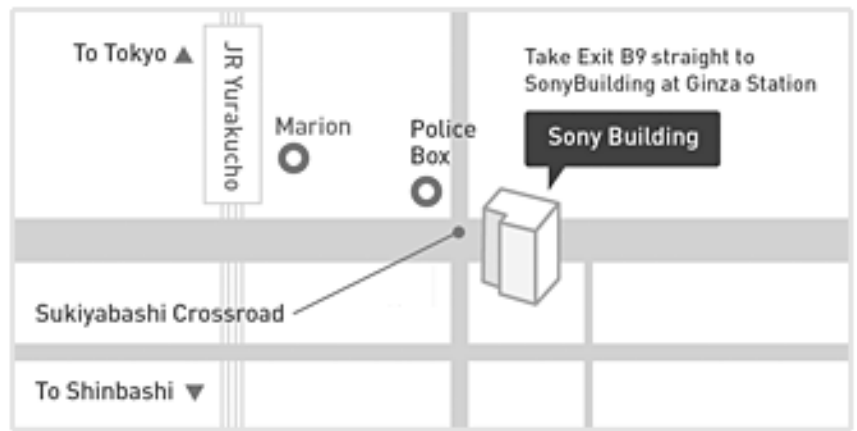
Mainly, Sony showroom (1st–4th FLR) w/hands-on displays of Sony's latest; some yet >B released; test-drive latest videocams.

B4 Ginza department store (depāto) Groceries:)depachika

.75h

Department stores: long been staple of JA's mod consumerism. Popularized in early boom yrs, capitalist bastions, elegant one-STOP shopping for hurried.

In basement, depachika (デパ地下): supermarket avatar, vast variety. Today, evolved into destination in own R, domestic & international products.



B4 Le Cafe Dotor:

.75h

DIREC: San'ai Bldg 5-7-2): from 2nd flr --Ginza Crossing views,

B3 TOK INT'I Forum bldg

.5h

Misubishi Ichigokan MUS

NO INTEREST

B2 Marunouchi BLDG (Maru Biru) & **Shin Marunouchi BLDG** (Shin Maru)

.5h

(丸の内) & Ginza (銀座) LPm1353

NOTE:

1) **Marunouchi FREE SHUTTLE BUS:** up Daimyōkoji & down Hibiya-dōri every 15 > 20 MINs.

2) **Marunouchi Cafe's** (丸の内カフェ): **free brochure** includ. 'St sculpture' ; LP1271

??? **Shin TOK Bldg** 3-3-1 Marunouchi; 8am-9pm Mon-Fri, 11am-8pm Sat & Sun; Yūrakuchō, exit 6) 30 min free wifi

TOTAL DAY HOURS

8H

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SHIROKANE & SHINAGAWA 白金・品川 (LP1802, no map)**1½H****SITES:** picturesque RES area ???**Hara MUS:** curious ARCH, novelty ??? **ONLY if convenient > Sengaku-ji**

Shuttle BUS > SHINAGAWA on SUN

Sengaku-ji TEMP (LP1820):(www.sengakuji.or.jp; SEE PDF

1.25h

DIRECS: 2-11-1 Takanawa; 7am-6pm; Sengakuji, exit A2); Follow steps up > famous 47 rōnin tombs – ‘soldiers w/o samurai’ who followed master Ako > death after he pulled sword on rival.-- **Open:** Daily from 7:00AM > 6:00PM. **Memorial MUS:** open: 9AM > 4PM; **Admission:** Free for TEMP grounds & burial site. ¥500: Memorial MUS. Phone: 03-3441-5560**SHIBUYA 渋谷 & Around:** (LP1825 LPm1853): **teen culture CNTR****2½H****FOOD:** Eggs ‘n Things, 4-30-2 Jingumae, Shibuya-ku: TEL: 81-03-5775-5735> **Shibuya STA**

.5h

SITES:> (C3) **Shibuya STA ---**●* **Shibuya Crossing:** wrld’s busiest intersection, shopping mecca

.25h

Starbuck’s view: (wrld’s highest grossing)

.5h

Hachiko STAT (忠犬八千公): Prof Ueno’s dog story

.25h

19B3 **Shibuya 109:** (渋谷 109); www.shibuya109.jp;

.5h

2-29-1 Dōgenzaka); **WWN of Shibuya Xing:**B3 **Love Hotel Hill WWS of Shibuya Xing:???, if inclined when there**

.5h

● **HARAJUKU 原宿** (LP1921 LPm1923) **N of Shibuya** Chic shopping venue**3¾H**> **ON Fukutoshin LINE (N) > (C3) Meiji-jingumae STA ---*** C4 **Omote-sando-dori ST MOD ARCH** Champe Elysees (regal, shady)

.75h

* B3 **Cat St LPM** (Meiji-jingūmae) welcome alternative > Takeshita-dōri,

.5h

E of STA & perpendicular > Omote-sando-dori ST* A2 **Takeshita-dori: (N of STA)** TFOM See GMap.pdf(**Harajuku, Takeshita exit**)

.5h

Nippon neophytes will chuckle @ name, but local brigade of Harajuku girls strut down Takeshita-dōri w/ utmost seriousness. bewildering human gridlock of eager youngsters seeking latest fashion trends. Crepe stalls, faux hip-hop hagglers, many tourists.

A1 **Meiji-jingū SHRINE** (明治神宮) www.meijijingu.or.jp??? LP1974)

.75

SEE “TOK Meiji Shrine (Shibuya)- Wiki.pdf”

1-1 Yoyogi Kamizonochō (Shibuya) ;dawn-dusk; JR Harajuku, Omote-sandō exit):

WWII rebilt; largest torii (SHR gates), **MOST visited SHRN****Meiji-jing-gyoen:** inner GARD; (NOT OO best)**SEE “TOK - Harajuku, Meiji-jingu Shinto shrine.pdf”,** Harajuku via loop line●. A3 **Yoyogi-kōen PARK (L off map)**(代々木公園 ;)(代々木公園)

.75h

2-1 Yoyogi-Kaminzonochō; dawn-dusk; **JR Harajuku, Omote-sandō exit**): fun, amateur musicians, AMER WWII occupation HD QRTS**TOTAL DAY HOURS****7 ¾ H**

IKEBUKURO & NW TOK 池袋 (LP2198) (NW of IMP PAL) SEE .pdf 7¾H

ACCM:

ONLY if Necessary Sakura Hostel Ikebukuro: 79%; 79%, \$?, D ??? 2-40-7 Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku,
NO: too NEG sounding HI TOK Central YH: 91%; \$??? D ???

SITES:

● * **Kagurazaka NEIGHBOURHOOD** (神楽坂); () 1½H

Edo Period (17-19th C): many samurai residences, several TEMPs & Geishas (orig 700 Geisha, but today, only 30), winding cobbled alleys & tucked-away ryōtei (trad Ja rests.--- get lost in backstreets: popular alleys are **Geisha-Shinmichi**, **Kakurenbo-Yokocho** & **Hyogo-Yokocho**.

DIRECS: (N edge of IMP PAL) ; Kagurazaka, exit 1 (Tozai Line) (W of Idabashi STA:See TFO map)

TRANS:

By JR: lidabashi STA (local TRN on Chuo Line).

By subway

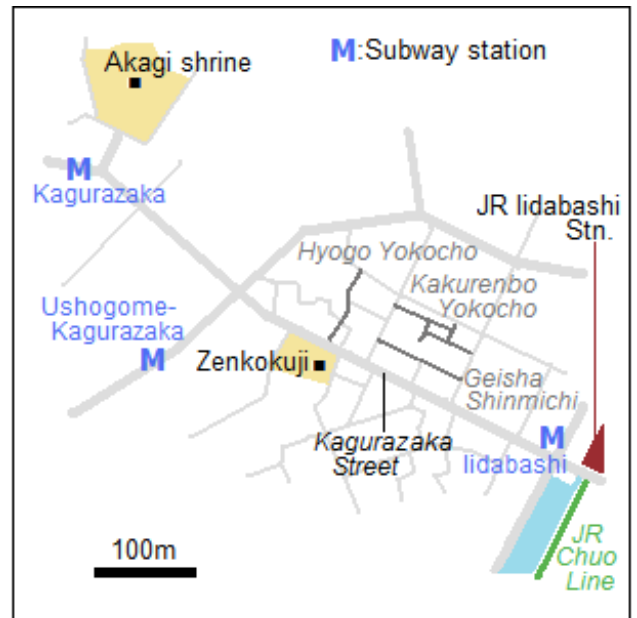
Kagurazaka STA (Tozai Line).

lidabashi STA (Tozai, Yurakucho, Nanboku, Oedo Lines).

Ushigome-Kagurazaka STA (Oedo Line).



DIRECS: NW of JR lidabashi STA; nearly center of JR Yamanote loop



SITES:

Kakurenbo-vokochō: ('hide & seek' alley): particularly charming.

.75h



Zenkokuji, Kagurazaka

Zenkokuji TEMP @ midpoint of st

.25h

Akagi-jinja SHRIN: (<http://akagi-jinja.jp>); **DIRECS:** end of st;

.5h

unique trad shrine w/mod decor, undeniably sleek.

W/ welcoming cafe, or continue down hill >

Canal Café alongside RIV.

Kitanomaru-kōen PARK area

4H

● **Kitanomaru-kōen PARK** (北の丸公園)

.5h

Kudanshita, exit 2, or Takebashi, exit 1a)

* **Nihon Budōkan** (日本武道館)

.5h

martial arts activities; 2-3 Kitanomaru-kōen)

Located in NW tip of PK; Science MUS

immediately SE,



Exit PK @ NW corner > W (TFOM) ()

.5h

Yasukuni-jinja SHRINE (靖国神社) www.yasukuni.or.jp;

.5h

3-1-1 Kudankita; 9am-6pm; Kudanshita, exit 1 ((just SW of N tip of IMP PAL)))

OOM controversial: Japan's ward dead cuz includes group of convicted Class- war criminals

● * **Yūshūkan MUS** (遊就館) www.yasukuni.or.jp;

1h

¥800; 9am-5pm; Kudanshita, exit 1 ,

DIRECS: next > **Yasukuni-jinja**, honors JA war-dead through detailed displays; biased???

● * **Showakan MUS:** (www.showakan.go.jp); 1-6-1 Kudan-minami;

1h

(**DIRECS:** just down st: ordinary people's lives before , during & after WWII counterpoint.



IMP PAL & Chiyoda-Ku Area:

2¼H

* **A1 IMP PAL:** only moat & walls, WWII, tour EXT grounds only, BUT pre-book .5h

IMP PAL E GARD: (皇居東御苑) (Kokyo Higashi-gyoen) 1h
(B1) **Otemachi STA > Nihombashi STA** (Open 9:00)

** **5D1 Kite MUS: literally: NE map corner** .75h
(3271-2465; www.tako.gr.jp; 5th fl, Taimeiken Bldg 1-12-10 Nihonbashi; (¥200; 11am-5pm Mon-Sat); Nihonbashi, exit C5)

Nat Film CNTR MUS: NO INTEREST

7D1 **Mitsui MUS:** (www.mitsui-museum.jp; If time
2-1-1 Nihonbashi-muromachi; ¥1000; 10am-5pm; Mitsukoshimae)
--- intimate trad JA art & artifacts collection;

TOTAL DAY HOURS

8¼H

If Time:

Amlux Toyota Auto Salon: Free, 11am–7pm, closed Mon

3-3-5 Higashi Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku. +81 (0) 3 5391 5900., www.amlux.jp

DIRECS: From Ikebukuro STA (JR Yamanote, TOK Metro & other lines; E Exit, staircase 35) walk straight out from exit along Green-odori to 1st corner.

THE, turn L (take street w/ Lotteria on L corner) THE, go straight ahead. U see blue building w/ archway on top. This is Amlux. Walking time -- 5 min.

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*Oku-Tama Region 奥多摩周辺 DT/OVN (LP5565 (1T, 2D,3N)

3D

extreme westernmost area of TOK , TOK's best hiking spot; Around lake(s), nearby mt. hiking.

TRANS: TRN:

1) From: Shinjuku Sta.(新宿)> Tachikawa Sta.(立川) by JR Chuo Line: Y 450 **Sucia card???**

Route3 Take time: 28 Minutes Transfer: 0 Times Distance: 27.2 km
Total:¥ 450(Fare:¥ 450 Seat Fee:¥ 0) Commuting ticket(1mon:¥

Time	Route	Fare
06:44	SHINJUKU(JR) [Departure track No.12] Station timetable Add to favorite	7
[28 Min]	JR Chuo Special Rapid Service Train timetable Interval timetable	¥450
07:12	TACHIKAWA Add to favorite	7

2) From: Tachikawa Sta. > Okutama Sta. by JR Ome Line
(usually waiting on opposite platform of arriving TRN). Ōme Line (青梅線 Ōme-sen) (JR E)(2 hrs., ¥1,200) **JR Pass OK**

2) May be few direct TRNs from TOK & Shinjuku ??? Can't find on Hyperdia

Total Fare:

1 Way: (Y450-620)
RT: 900-1240 Y

SITES:

SHINJUKU(JR) - TACHIKAWA 06:11 am Apr/2013/06 Departure

Route1 Take time: 26 Minutes Transfer: 0 Times Distance: 27.2 km
Total:¥ 450(Fare:¥ 450 Seat Fee:¥ 0) Commuting ticket(1mon:¥

Time	Route	Fare
06:22	SHINJUKU(JR) [Departure track No.12] Station timetable Add to favorite	7
[26 Min]	JR Chuo Special Rapid Service Train timetable Interval timetable	¥450
06:48	TACHIKAWA Add to favorite	7

Traveling by train in Japan? Make savings with the

Route2 Take time: 40 Minutes Transfer: 0 Times Distance: 27.2 km
Total:¥ 450(Fare:¥ 450 Seat Fee:¥ 0) Commuting ticket(1mon:¥

Time	Route	Fare
06:20	SHINJUKU(JR) Station timetable Add to favorite	7
[40 Min]	JR Chuo Line Local Service Train timetable Interval timetable	¥450
07:00	TACHIKAWA Add to favorite	7

Route1 Take time: 75 Minutes Transfer: 1 Times Distance: 37.2 km
Total:¥ 620(Fare:¥ 620 Seat Fee:¥ 0) Commuting ticket(1mon:¥

Time	Route	Fare
07:51	TACHIKAWA Station timetable Add to favorite	7
[37 Min]	JR Ome Line Train timetable Interval timetable	
08:28 08:29	OME Station timetable Add to favorite	¥620
[37 Min]	JR Ome Line Train timetable Interval timetable	
09:06	OKU-TAMA Add to favorite	7

Traveling by train in Japan? Make savings with the

Route2 Take time: 70 Minutes Transfer: 1 Times Distance: 37.2 km
Total:¥ 620(Fare:¥ 620 Seat Fee:¥ 0) Commuting ticket(1mon:¥

Time	Route	Fare
08:21	TACHIKAWA Station timetable Add to favorite	7
[32 Min]	JR Chuo/Ome Line Rapid Service Train timetable Interval timetable	
08:53 08:56	OME Station timetable Add to favorite	¥620
[35 Min]	JR Ome Line Train timetable Interval timetable	
09:31	OKU-TAMA Add to favorite	7

Mitake-san VILL (御 岳 山) & HIKE; (LP5570) elevation 831m (1T, 1D,2N)

2D

SEE “Okutama.pdf (page 2 of 6).pdf”

Charming old-world mt hamlet opposite of TOK. On May 8, shrine festival, Hinode-matsuri, highlighted by parades of portable shrines & samurai warriors in full armor, takes place.

TIC (closed Mon)(御 岳 ビジター センター **GET hiking MAPs** shows big network of hiking trails.

0428-78-9363; 38-5 Mitake-san; 9am-4.30pm Tue-Sun) , 250m past cable car, @ village start.

Clear day views of all TOK & Nikko's (> NE); trails includ: some strenuous = 1/2Day hike

TRANS: Mitake STA (JR Ome Line)

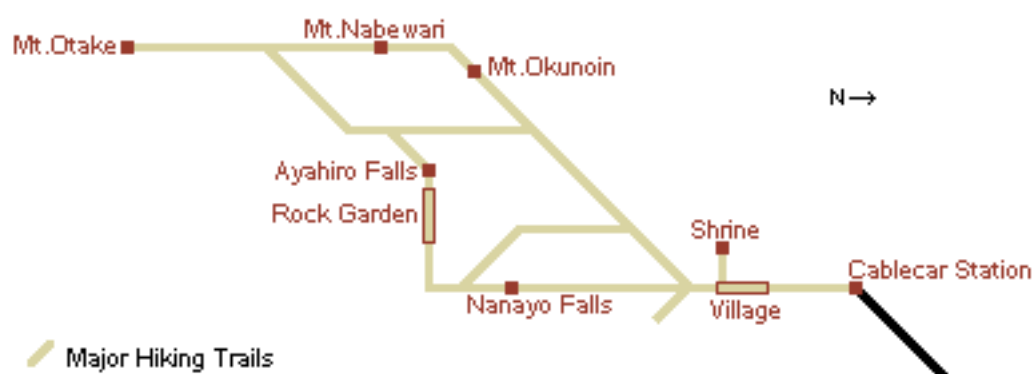
> **Mount Mitake** (御岳山) (929 m):

JR TRN from ___?___ > Mitake station,

THEN, bus DEP from near STA > cable car entrance/-shita (10 min).

THEN, cable car (6 min) > Mitake-san.

THEN, 10 min walk > Mitake temple



ACCM:

Mitake Youth Hostel: \$, D

(御 嶽 ユースホステル) (81 or 0) 428-78-8501; www.jyh.or.jp;

fax 78-8774; 57 Mitake-san; [dm w/without 2 meals ¥4800/2880](#), nonmembers extra ¥600)

Comfortable hostel: fine tatami rooms inside handsome old BLDG, used > be pilgrims' lodge.

LOC: Only access: cable car, DIRECS: midway btwn top of cable car & Musashi Mitake-jinja, min beyond visitors centre. YH is well signposted & situated B4 steep climb > small street lined w/ shops selling souvenirs & food & temple further beyond.

REV: must adv book din & brkfst; no email access,

Komadori San-sō MINSHUKU \$

(駒 鳥 山 荘) 0428-78-8472; www.hkr.ne.jp/~komadori;

fax 78-8472; 155 Mitake-san; [r per person w/ shared bathroom from ¥4500](#);)

LOC: DIRECS: Below shrine near back end of village,

REV: Former TRAD pilgrims' inn; same 17 generation family; friendly, Eng-spkg owners ;.GUD Rooms & verandah views

3 Hatonosu-so (PL) (0428)85-2340 **rejected**

4 Kumotori Sanso (MH) (0494)23-3338 no GOOG info

5 Sanjounoyu (MH) (0428)88-0616 no GOOG info

SITES:

CAUTION: note cable car operates 7.30am > 6.30pm

Fujimine observation platform:

further uphill from cablecar terminal; 10,000-odd blooming cherry blossom: btwn mid > end April.

Musashi Mitake-jinja (武蔵御嶽神社; 176 Mitake-san; 24hr)
(¥300. Open: Sat. & Sun. 9:30–16:30.) On mountaintop; **1200 yr old**
Shintō shrine & pilgrimage site: stunning views of surrounding mountains

DIRECS: 30 min. Walk from Mitake-san cablecar terminal up dozens of steps > SHRN:

Shrine founded 2,000 years ago, prospered under protection of Edo Period Tokugawa Shogunate.

Main shrine: reconstructed, 1878;

Treasure house: many ancient documents, mirrors, armor & swords of national treasure merit.



Musashi Mitake Shrine

BEST HIKE from **Musashi Mitake-jinja Shrine** > **Ōtake-san summit**(大岳山; 1266m),:

5 hr RT:, easy hike w/excellent clear days Mt Fuji views @ summit

Nanayo-no-taki falls detour,

Gansekien rock GARD OM beaut, forested VAL w/ picturesque stream; moss covered stones

Ayahiro-no-taki falls.

DIRECS: 1 hr > valley from shrine.

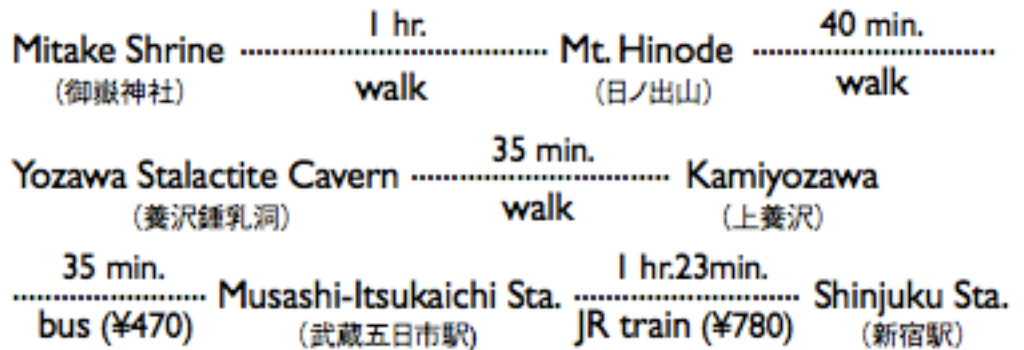
, free excellent @ Mitake Visitor Center
(closed Mon), ½ wat btwn upper cablecar STA & shrine --



Yozawa Stalactite

Cavern: See ITIN > R ---

Hiking Route in Mt. Mitake Area:



Mitake Gorge hike:

no added GOOG info

DIRECS: Sawai
STA > Mitake
Gorge > Mitake
STA (45 min)

Okutama & Okutama STA (Ootama HIKE):**(1D, 1N)****1D****TRANS: Access > Okutama Area:**

Shinjuku STA(新宿) > Tachikawa STA(立川) by JR Chuo Line, THEN, Tachikawa Sta. > Okutama STA. by JR Ome Line. (2 hrs., ¥1,050)

SITES: Ome & Vicinity

Ome Railway Park MUS (青梅鉄道公園):

DIRECS: 15 min. Walk from Ome Sta.

JA Railways) on 90th anniversary, 1962: model locomotives (MEM Hall) & now obsolete steam JR TRNs in fields (Open: 9:15–17:00, **Closed: Mon.** (Mon=nat'l holiday, closed following day.)

HIKES: pretty,

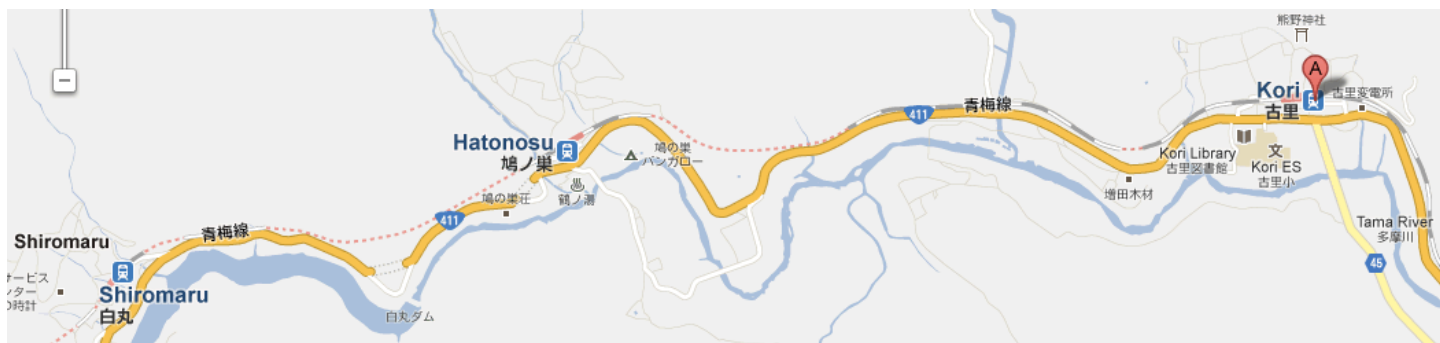
DIRECS: most start @ JR Okutama STA:

Mount Ozen (1,405 m) & Mount Otake (1,267 m), Hiking trails lead > top of .

HIKES:

- 1) > Okutama Sanzan ファイル (3 mountains): includes Gozen-yama, Mitou-san & Ootake-san.
- 2) "Great Tama Walking Trail," starts @ JR Kori STA; beautiful scenery,
Or walking options in this area include
- 3) "Okutama old walking course" in which you walk along old Ome trail.
- 4) **Ootama Walking Trail:** SEE "[Ootama Hike Trail, Okutama.pdf](#)" Along Tama RIV

TRANS: TOK > Okutama: > Kori STA @ very end of Chuo line: rickety bridge; (



Kori STA > Okutama STA hike)

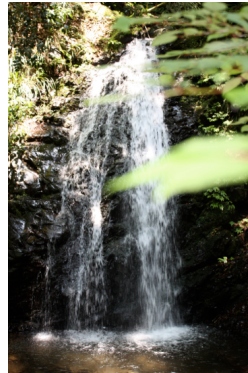


NOTE:

BLOG 1: @ STA no maps, no staff, just sign & map below; SEE “Ootama, Okutama HIKE.pdf”

BLOG 2:

1. Start @ Kori STA; outside STA lrg area map;
2. THEN, while walking thru Kori see wooden ‘Ootama path’ sign (below),
3. THEN, followed arrows > huge bridge over Tamagawa RIV, < (unclear, but presumably) crossed bridge & trail leading down > RIV,
4. THEN, followed RIV upstream,
5. THEN, around 1st major bend & saw 2 waterfalls (Blogger scrambled, slipped & slid 20 ‘ down > fall’s pool,
6. THEN, (unclear, but presumably) continued walking upstream; trail seeming quite easy, but trail started getting little rougher w/ tree roots & began > climb up & away from RIV on endless steep steps, , passing old, trad. dwellings THEN, after 45 min, reached top marked by covered Rest Area w/breath-taking views of valley below.
7. THEN, made way down > Hatonosu by crossing Hatonosu Bridge (which was difficult > actually find)



@ this point, something must be said about JA style of marking trails.----

in forest, U can't go more than ½ km without a sign pointing in correct direction: i.e. signs @ corners, where there's only one direction > go other than a 20 foot high embankment in other direction.

BUT, in Towns which path shud go thru, no/few signs visible, YET, multiple roads many incorrect directions.

SO, w/ little common sense & luck, U navigate winding town roads of Hatonosu & eventually find trail.

8. THEN, from Hatonosu > Shiromaru, (more populous rt): 1) JA men w/ 20 foot long fishing poles on riverbanks, silently waiting next bite; form of fishing w/o reel ???;) Groups of people seated along banks, sketching or painting

river was RIV is dammed by Siromardam, creating Siromaru Lake. Similar > lake Okutama: turquoise-blue & full of fish.

9. THEN< along lake into Shiromaru town > TRN STA: --- exhausted, but very satisfied w/ hike.

??? Tama RIV: many bridges, NOT obvious closest MTN;

From cement bridge high up over deep gorge blogger saw “small, very rickety looking bamboo & plywood bridge.” far below THEN, cross rickety bridge & continue hiking up RIV, cross another bridge > find PROPER Ootama trail again (**BUT how???**),

THEN from that point Okutama STA 1 hr away

Lake Okutama, (reservoir) (奥多摩湖)

located behind large dam on Tama RIV, largest TOK lake ,

TRANS-LOCAL: REG BUSs @ Okutama STA (20 min).

HIKEs:

hike connecting Kori, Hatonosu & Shiromaru
around N side of lake

OR, mostly gentle 9-km trail, 4 hr -- "*Mukashi-michi*" (昔道)

Lake's 2 bdrges: As old bridges once made of oil drums, so called “oil drum bridges.”, buoys now/walkers only. “Yama no Furusato-mura,” natural park facility on S side of lake.

ONLY if ENUF Time & Interest



Smaller STAs in btwn have good hiking in hills, riverside scenery

NO Nippara Caves (日原鍾乳洞), cuz lack of any stalactites & stalagmites in cave ,
Ikebukuro NEIGHBOURHOOD (池袋) (LP2267); NO INTEREST

Note: 1 Free Day scheduled here

Kumamoto AREA: (LP29284 LPm29289)

(1T, 2D,

3N)? 3D

TRAV DAY: TOK > **Kumamoto**

1D

Kumamoto STA (熊本) **Kumamoto kotsu center** (熊本交通センター)

Kumamoto: River (runs thru)

TRANS:

Kumamoto kotsu Center:



ACCM:

Suizenji YH:



1-2-20 Hakusan, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto-ken

860-0959:

Tel. 81 96 371 9193: Fx. 81 96 371 9193

??? 096-371-9218

UNBOOKABLE

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YouthPIA Kumamoto: ユースピア熊本 (県青年会館)

SEE "KUM, Suizenji Station area GM.pdf"

3-17-15 Suizenji, 862-0950 Kumamoto-shi, (HI Y3145, Non:2600-4800) Unbookable

Tel. 81 96 381 6221, Fax. 81 96 382 2715, kaikan@ks-kaikan.com Sm rest

LOC:

- 7 min walk from JR Suizenji STA;
- Stop on Kyushu shinkansen,
- Easy TRAM (熊本市電 *Kumamoto Shiden*) from Kumamoto STA,
- Castle Loop BUS loop (evry ½ h , 8;30am-5pm) Y170/ride // Y300 D pass)

REV: hotel-like, cheap; 23:00 curfew

NOTE: Site maps of both HI's

SITES:

Kumamoto Castle (熊本城 *Kumamoto-jō*) Castle :

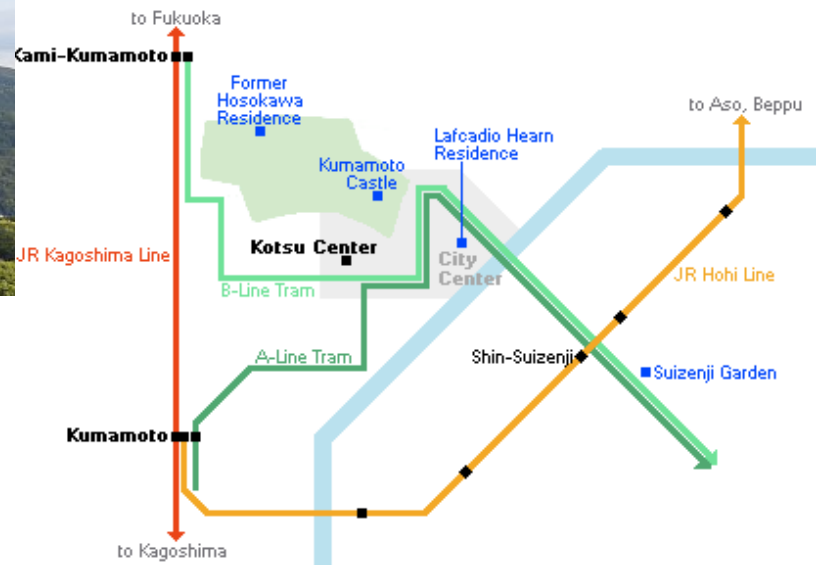
1/2D

COMBI TIK w Castle





Lrg , well fortified castle, OOM compete castle keep (天守閣 *tenshukaku*), 9.4 ft H;



TRANS:

CNTR of Kumamoto City;

- 10 min, tram ride (150 Y) from JR Kumamoto STA. **Get off @** Kumamotojo-mae TRAM STOP.
- OR, walk 3 km from Kumamoto Station > castle (30 > 45 min) outside **main exit**

May get away w/video cuz NO flash

HISTORY:

Kiyomasa battlefield skills made him GUD castle architect, designing several castles in Korea during Imjin War which repelled even larger Korean-Chinese forces cuz of strategic design; considered almost impregnable fortress - until today. Defensive features, particularly **curved stone walls** called *mushagaeshi* & its **wooden overhangs**, designed as ninja protection, **Rock falls** as deterrents & finally, **black & white donjons (main towers)**.

TODAY:

Actual castle is EXT reconstruction ONLY; 13 ancillary extant wooden buildings; 1 of 3 premier JA castles, 1467, besieged & burned down honorably in JA battle BTWN 1877 Satsum Rebellion rather than dismantled by Shogunal or Imperial edict or WWII;

HINT: ARV early: (0830).

Sub-SITES:

“Uto Yagura” (Turret):

OO few structures that survived 1877 siege of 1877, & ORIG construction. large, original keep of Uto castle & of Kiyomasa's rival --- Konishi clan)



Honmyoji (本妙寺?): SEE [Kumamoto, Honmyō-ji - Wiki.pdf](#)



4-13-1, Hanazono, Nishi-ku, Kumamoto, 860-0072

Buddhist temple of Nichiren sect; > honour Katō Kiyomasa, ARCH& builder of Kumamoto Castle.

Honmaru Goten Palace building:

RE construct, Authentic???: FOR celebration of 400th anniversary, opened in 2008. Constructed w/ original materials & methods. INT: accurate recreations of opulent surroundings where daimyo received guests, interesting displays: building's reconstruction. impressive stone walls & moats, as well as several turrets & storehouses, some can be entered.

Unique underground passage:

BUT ORIG??? leads > palace bldg & **former residence** of Hosokawa clan
DIRECS: about 500 meters NW of main castle grounds.



The underground passage

San-no-Maru Park: nearby, w/ TRAD wooden mansion & JA GARD,

Hosokawa gyobutei Mansion: Not easy > find, but worth effort

3-1 Furukyo-machi, **COMBI TIK w Castle**

DIRECS: 10-min walk N of Kumamoto Castle

OR, Kumamoto castle bus service route- board@ Kumamoto Kotsu Center BUS TERM, get off @ "Kyu Hosokawa Gyobu- Tei Mae." INFO phone: (096) 352-6522

HISTORY:

300-year-old, OO few rich Edo Period Samurai Hosokawa Okitaka, 's 990 sq/m homes, illustrates how TRAD JA BLDG styles worked in synergy w/ local climate & resources.

Hosokawa: appointed feudal-era Minister of Justice, 1604; w/ straight & curving lines ---

characteristics "karahafa" style. OO JA's "unique Cultural Property" of Kumamoto prefecture today

Guided tours (some Eng, 15 min) thru 24 rms, includ: lord's study & reception room, teahouse, kitchen, & servants' quarters; Edo-Era furnishings & personal items includ: Edo clock, suitcase, clothing, games, woman's cosmetic case, lacquerware, kimono chest, & more..

Soseki Natsume residence,

Uchi tsuboi 4-22 Kumamoto city, 860-0077, (096)325-9127

Famous Japanese writer active from late 19th century > early 20th century, "Botchan" novelette; house converted into Soseki Natsume Memorial Museum.



Soseki's bronze statue near Kami Kumamoto STA

Miyamoto Musashi 宮本 武蔵 legendary swordsman

Sakuranobaba Josaen: mkt of shops,

DIRECS: EES of Castle



Edo period complex EES of Kumamoto Castle: main attraction:

Wakuwakuza, a [high-tech facility showing history](#) of Kumamoto Castle & area during Edo period; rests & snack shops

Suizenji-joju-en Gardens (水前寺成趣園),: Open: daily. 7:30–17:30 (Mar.–Oct.), ¥400.

DIRECS: 20 min. by bus from Kotsu Center

"Tokaido Goju-san-tsugi," or Fifty-three Stages of Tokaido sites; 65-hectare, typical Momoyama-style hill garden called Jojuen, 1632, Hosokawa Clan villa (district rulers after Kato Clan); unique, unusually large-scale design, models of Mt. Fuji, Lake Biwa & classic scenes along old Tokaido Rd.

DT Takachiho (高千穂町) (高千穂峡), **Gorge: (LP30778)**
1D

(1D/1N)?

Gokase River: thru town: W > SE; Town CNTR: around now defunct Takachiho STA;

Takachiho Gorge, located in southern part of town, 80 km southeast of city of Kumamoto has height of 80 m & length of over 7 km, & is famous for beautiful scenery.

TRANS: Kum STA > TAKAG: 2300Y

1st STRAT seems 2B: **DT:**

- LV KUM: 9:11am -- ARV: TAKAG: 12:09pm (3hr)
- 4hr @ gorge
- LV TAKAG: 16:31(4:30)pm --- ARV: KUM: 19:26

2nd STRAT: TOK > KUM > Takachiho G:

1) TOK DP: 5:02am > KUM STA: ARV 12:42pm

Hyperdia: what SA options from TOK:

a) **Hostel Check-in:**

RT > Hostel: Kumamoto STA (熊本) > Suizen-ji STA

b) **RT back > EITHER STA 4 BUS > TAKAG:**

Kumamoto STA (熊本) (?) : THEN, GOTO Bus Stop #3:

Kumamoto-Nobeoka express bus

DIRECS: Exit from Shirakawaguchi (白川口) exit; THEN, see JR Kyushu Kumamoto Hotel (light brown 10 story bldg on my right side. Bus stop #3: behind this building.

Kumamoto kotsu center (熊本交通センター) (city CNTR) (which ever is closer)

2) KUM STA or KUM Kotsu CNTR: DP: 15:31/15:42 >> TAKAG ARV: 18:29pm

FIND BUS & BUY TIK on BUS: NO toilet (1½h B4 --5-10 min stop @ Takamori Chu)

EITHER: Kyushu Sanko or Miyazaki Kotsu bus going > Nobeoka (via/passing thru Takachiho

SEE "KUM, Takachiho > Kuma ~ BUS sched.pdf" & "Kuma > Takachiho Bus sched.pdf"

3) Nite & most DAY

4) TAKAGA DP 16:31pm next day >> KUM ARV: 19:14 / 19:26

Takachiho (高千穂) STA (defunct) OR @ Takachiho BUS CNTR: rests nearby.

> **GORGE: WALK:** 25-min. or BUS 5 min. from Takachiho BUS Center



ACCM: SEE "KUM Takachiho hotels.pdf"

Takachiho YH: (0982)72-3021) Y

5899-2 Mitai, Takachiho-cho 882-1101, 0982-72-3021

takachiho-yh@mx6.tiki.ne.jp

May be able > book off web page, also get map off of

- WALK 5 min from **OLD** Amanoiwato STA on defunct Takachiho Railway.

- Shuttle service, please contact us.

Comp???, bike,



Hotel Grateful Takachiho

Internet (WIFI), rest, w/d, mini-mart,
LOC:1352-1, MITAI, TAKACHIHO-CHO

-- 10 min walk from Miyazaki Kotsu
Takachiho Bus Center;

TEL: 0982-72-4111



Ryokan Senju.

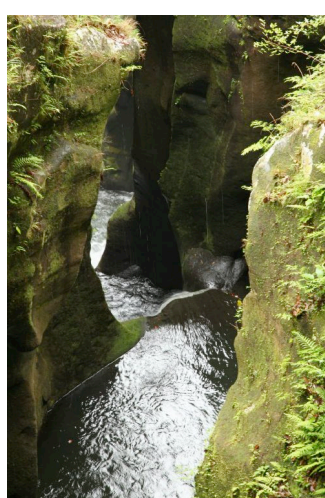
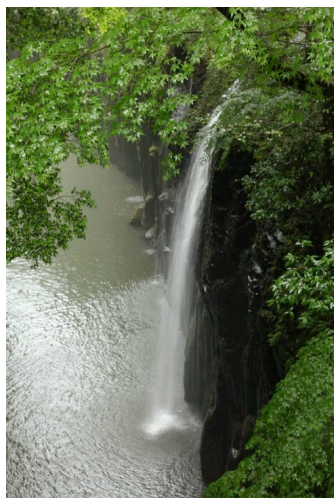
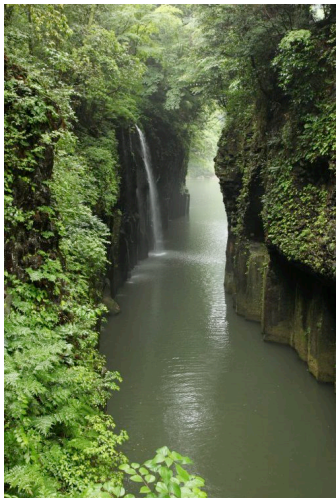
Ryokan Suehiro, \$62-129

983-7 Mitai, Takachiho-cho

SEE [Takachiho hotels.pdf](#)

SITE: Takachiho Gorge

DIRECS: go down hill from Takachiho shrine for 1.5 km on paved road, 20 min; breathtaking view from trail or on rental boat. some souvenir shops & rests. spot is spoiled. 😊



Manai Waterfall

Takachiho Shrine(高千穂神社): DIRECS: BTWN Takachiho Sta. & Takachiho Gorge.

(If OVN) Kagura (神楽):

Yokagura (sacred Shinto dance & music) SEE "1 JA, Kagura - Wik.pdf"

Performed every night in precincts of shrine; (20:00; ¥500)

ORIG Kagura: performed all night, BUT short Kagura version @ Takachiho SHRN ea nite; 1 hr ; 20:00, Y 500; interesting, But if NO knowledge of Shinto & JA Mythology-- boring.

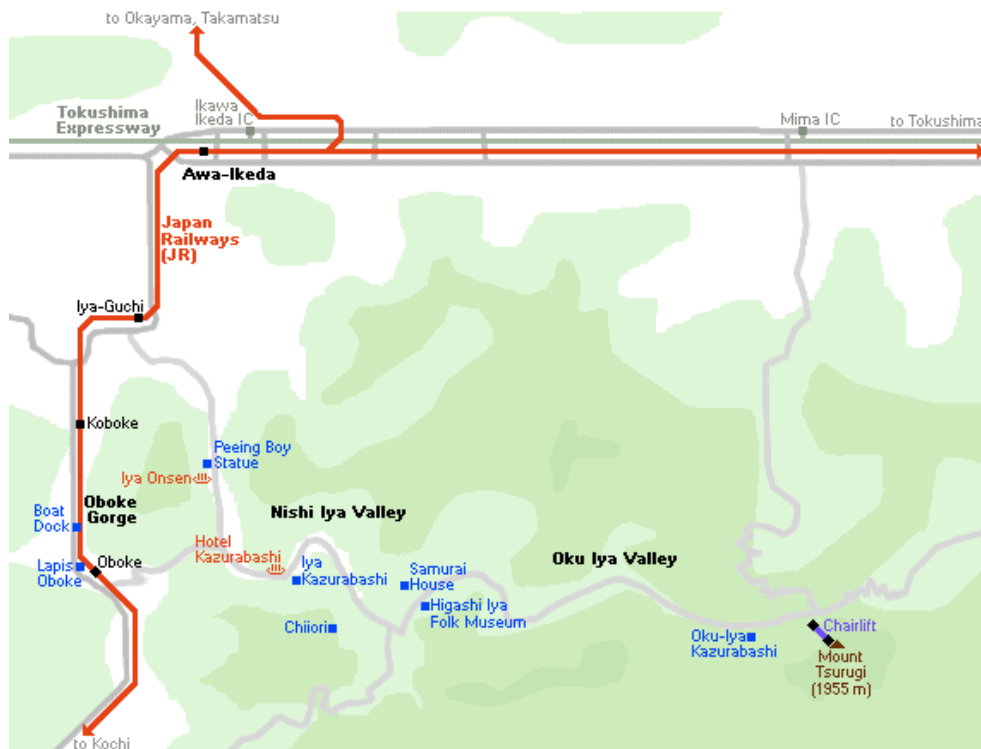
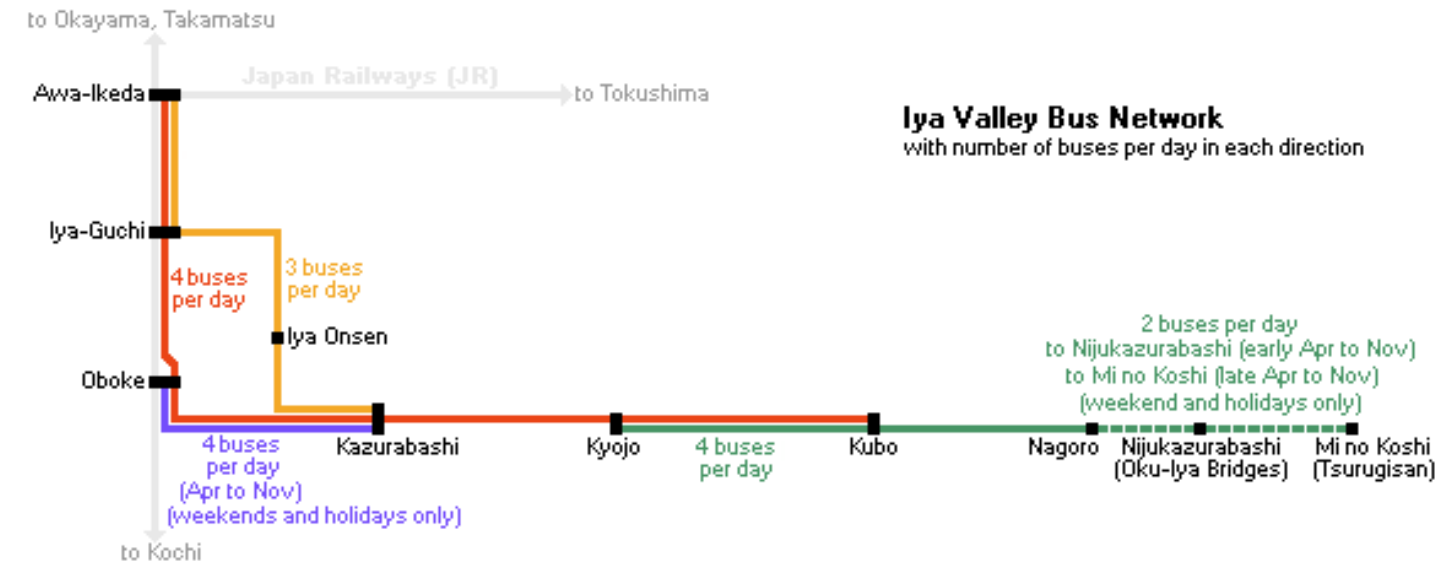
??? Amano Iwato Shrine: 1073-1 Iwato, Takachiho-cho,

??? Shonenji Temple

SHIKOKU (四国) (Kochi & Iya VAL):

(1T, 2D, 3N)

3D



SHIKOKU:(四国) (Kochi & Iya VAL)**(1T, 2D, 3N)****3D****TRAV DAY:** Kumamoto>Kochi (Engyoujiguchi STA)

1D

KOCHI: (LP26145, LPm26150)**1D****TRANS:**

TRN: on JR Dosan line > Takamatsu (tokkya Y4760, 2h 10 m, Awa Ikeda (tokkyu (2730, 1h 9m, TRNs also > Kubokawa > transfer > Nakamura & Shimanto-gawa

Kochi TRAMs: Y190/trip, ; N-S line intersects E-W line @ Harimaya-bashi junction;
pay when get off, ask \$ transfer Tlk, if needed ; tram service run by Tosa Electric Railway.
3 lines w/historic cars

FOOD:

famous dish, [katsuo tataki](#), made by lightly [searing](#) & seasoning tuna

ACCM:

Kochi Youth Hostel Sakenokuni Kyowakoku, D Y2100/\$24, Meals,
高知ユースホテル酒の国共和国



4-5 Fukuihigashimachi, Kochi, TEL088-823-0858, FAX 088-823-0859, sakenokuni@shirt.ocn.ne.jp, ,
www.kyh-sakenokuni.com;

Brkfst & meals, dinner AVAIL, rest

LOC: behind Engyujigouchi STA

REV: new, clean, OO JA Best, Host: Tomio Kondo

MISC:

Nakahama Manjiro (1827 – 1898) [SEE "KOCHI, MANJIRO STORY.pdf"](#)

OO 1st JA people > visit United States & an important translator during [Opening of Japan](#).

SITES:

Kōchi Castle (高知城 *Kōchi-jōi*); 1-2-1 Marunouchi;

4h

Orig tenshu-kaku (keep) & PAL: 5 stories ; OO only 12 intact JA castles, 1610, Earth, stone, & wood,
IN USE: 1611 > 1868, more stately Tokugawa home than MIL FORT.

CURRENT CONDITION: All BLDGs in honmaru (innermost bailey}: original, 1729 - 1753. Rest mostly torn down during Meiji Restoration. **Climb > TOP,**

DIRECS: downtown Kochi, jiro

Sunday MKT:

DIRECS: Several kms S of Kochi CNTR; GUD views,



Godaisan Park (五台山): on mt,

2h

NO pub trans, BUT My-Yū
circular BUS stops at Godaisan
en route to Katsura-hama from
Kōchi Station (all-day ticket
¥900, 25 min). usually
weekends only.

- **lookout point (展望台).**
GUD city views
- **Chikurin-ji (竹林寺):** A
short walk away at top of
hill main hall: built, 2nd Tosa
daimyō, Yamanouchi
Tadayoshi, 1644,
- **5 Storey pagoda:** god-
guardian Bodhisattva Jizō,
children & travellers
- **Treasure House (???)** Heian & Kamakura periods Buddhist sculpture
- **Kochi Pref Makino Botanical GARD entrance gates (???)**
DIRECS: Descending steps by Treasure House brings you to
- NOTE: same TIK 4 TH & near Kamakura-period GARD **opposite**.

Sakamoto Ryoma MEM MUS:& nearby STAT

SEE “Kochi, Sakamoto Ryoma - Wiki.pdf”

SEE also “The-Book-of-Five-Rings.pdf”

(帯屋町) shopping arcade,

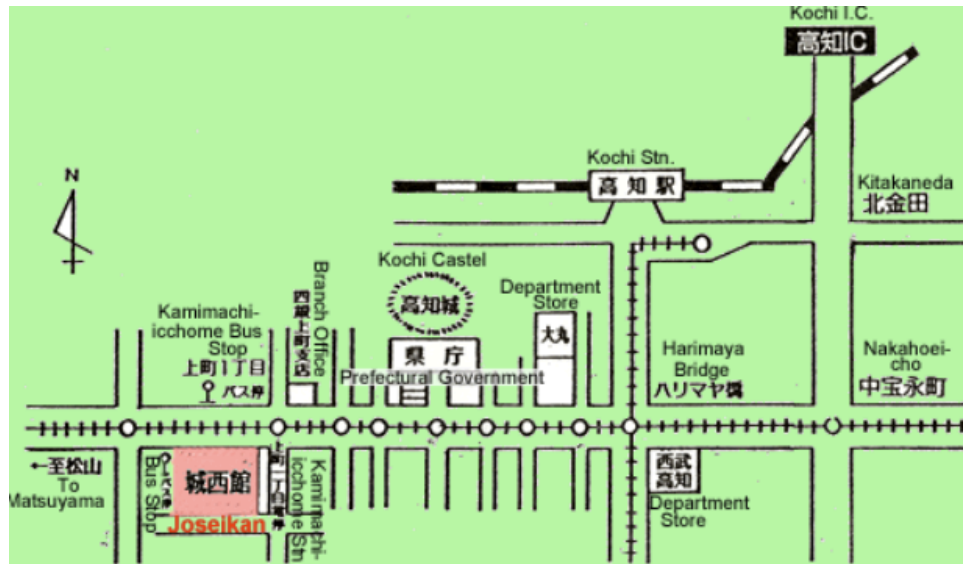
regular Sunday STR MKT:1km,

Harimaya-bashi (はりまや橋),(near Obiymachi)

bridge in famous Kōchi song about forbidden love of Buddhist priest.

Katsurahama BCH

Yoshino RIV: ???



DT Iya Valley: Vine Bridges (DT from Kochi) かずら 橋 (LP25853, LPm25858)

1D



TRANS: SEE “[Iya Valey travel guide.pdf](#)”

Iya Kazurabashi by bus from :

Awa Ikeda STA: 70 min, 1250 yen, 7 buses/day

Oboke STA: 20 min, 640 yen, 4-8 buses/day

CAR: 2 hr from Tokushima City, Car Reantal in Awa Ikeda or @ Oboke JR station

"Mannekin Pis" STAT: nearby; of boy peeing into water from great height> prove manliness

Wisteria vine bridges: aggressive & tough vine: climbs around host; grown > great lengths from both RIV sides, THEN, when sufficient length, woven together & w/ planking woven in @ 8>12" apart. ORIG BRIDGE: no sides ; so unstable novice make bridge sway & bounce wildly, make peep freeze: gud defense against bandits & pursued warriors; 1000 ys: old ancient engineering feat; EITHER Kobo Daishi built-- Shingon Sect of JA Buddhism founder, or by Heike refugees hiding after defeat in Gempei War (1180-1185) > quickly cutting access > VAL.

(1st) Nishi Iya (W Valley -西祖谷) kazura-bashi // Iya Kazurabashi (祖谷かずら橋):

Zentoku 162-2, Nisi-Iya Yamamura, Miyoshi City, Tokushima Prefecture; 0883-72-7620 e)

DIRECS: Nishi Iya Kazurabashi by bus from :

Awa Ikeda STA: 70 min, 1250 yen, 7 buses/day

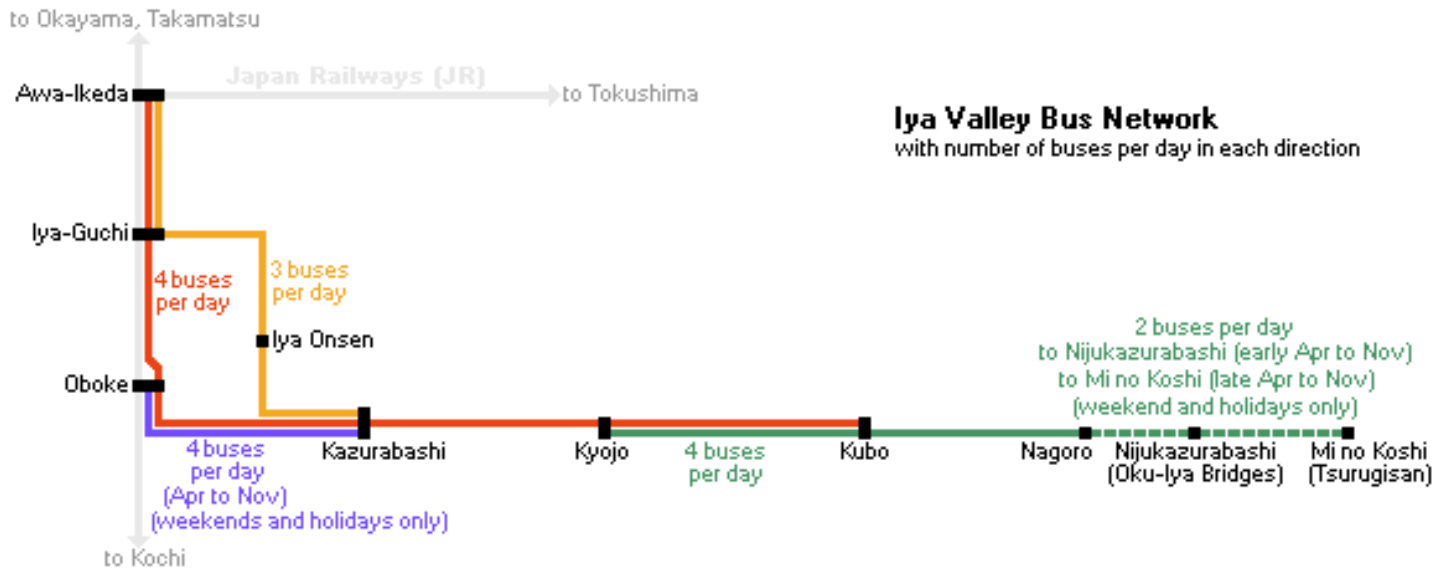
Oboke STA: 20 min, 640 yen, 4-8 buses/day

Largest & most popular of extant BRDGE, 45 mt long, 2 mt W, 14 mt above RIV, 45 mtrs across Iya River @ valley CNTR, ; rebuilt every 3 yrs, anchored > tall cedar trees at both ends w/ steel cables hidden within vines for safety. bridge can be crosseed in 1 direc only

Also Biwa-no-taki: NEARBY 50 m falls



(2/3rd) Higashi Iya (E Valley - 東祖谷; aka: Oku-Iya (奥祖谷)) Oku-Iya Kazurabashi (奥祖谷二重かずら橋, Oku-Iya Nijū Kazurabashi) or couples bridges: connected by hiking trails, 野猿.; 奥祖谷二重かずら橋キャンプ場



TRANS:

Rental Car: BEST > Oku-Iya Kazurabashi Bridges.

BUS: from Awa Ikeda Station > Kubo (2 hours, 1740 yen, 4 buses/day),

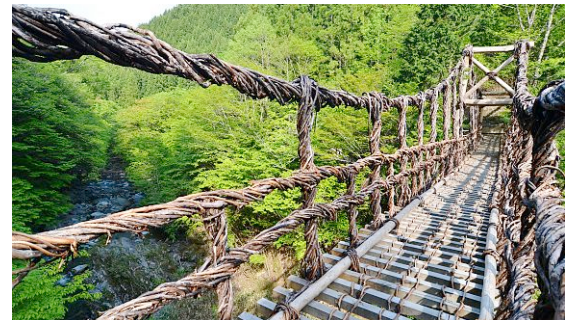
THEN, transfer > Nijukazurabashi or Mount Tsurugi bound bus ,

THEN, get off @ Nijukazurabashi (二重かずら橋) BUS STOP (30 min, 840 Y, 2 buses/day).

Kubo BUS:> bridge -- ONLY weekends & holidays: April > NOV

Otto no Hashi 夫の橋 (Husband Bridge): 44 mtr > sm falls

Tsuma no hashi 婦の橋 (Wife Bridge): 22 mtr



Also **Wild Monkey Bridge** (mini cable car)

wooden cart suspend on rope over river, & were used > transport goods & people



Hiroshima (広島) (LP17672, LPm 17159) (1T, 2D, 3N) 3D

MAYBE a 4th day ???

TRAV DAY: Kochi > Hiroshima: ():

1D

TRANS-IN: SEE "Nara>Hiroshima TRN; me no stop"

Hiroshima STA (Hiroden): tram stop (広島駅電停 *Hiroshima-eki dentei*) = Main LIne of

Hiroshima Elect RW TERM STA JR HIRO STA

8 tram lines; 4 Hiroden streetcar routes; JR lines; bus services

V • T • E	Hiroden Streetcar Lines and Routes	[hide]
Lines	Main • Ujina • Eba • Hakushima • Hijiyama (Minami) • Yokogawa • Miyajima	
Routes	#1 Hiroshima Station - Hiroshima Port • #2 Hiroshima Station - Hiroden-miyajima-guchi • #3 Hiroden-nishi-hiroshima - Hiroshima Port • #5 Hiroshima Station - (via Hijiyama-shita) - Hiroshima Port • #6 Hiroshima Station - Eba • #7 Yokogawa Station - Hiroden-honsha-mae • #8 Yokogawa Station - Eba • #9 Hatchōbori - Hakushima • #0 special train	

TRANS AROUND:

IND tram rides w/in CNTR HIRO (excluding Miyajima-guchi tram ride): 150Y,(pay when exiting .)

IF transfer btwn lines, request "transfer card" (norikae card) from driver when exiting 1st tram, & put thru card reader when entering & exiting 2nd tram

TRAM PASSES:

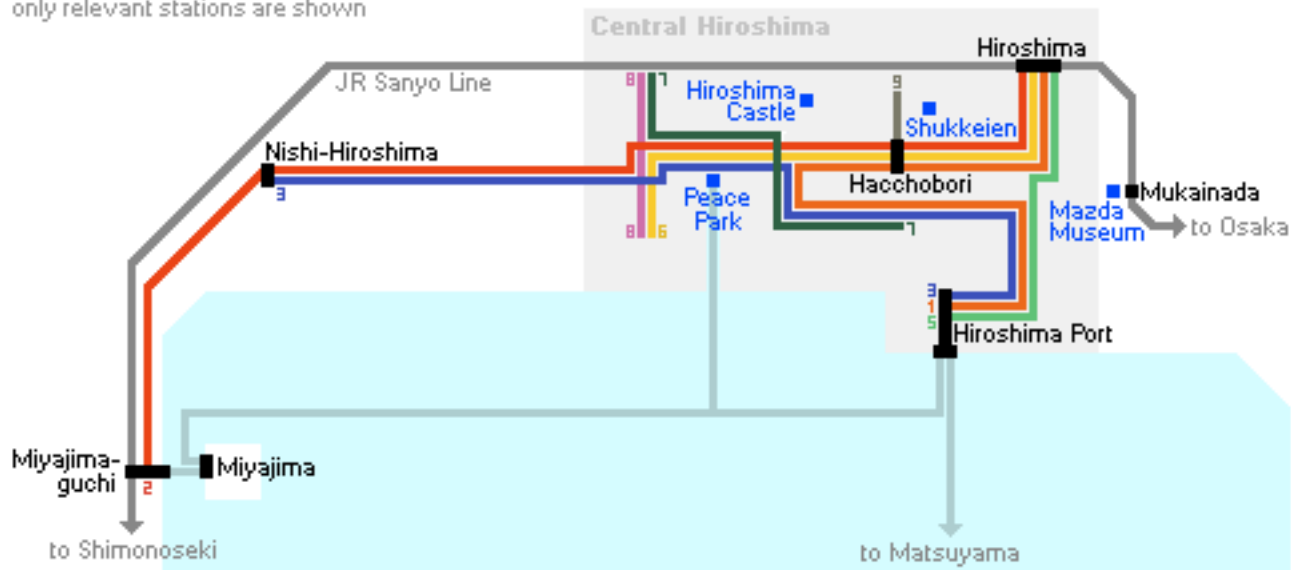
IF, @ least 4 tram trips/day, get **one-day trip card** (¥600).

Day pass including: tram trips + Miyajima return ferry, (**BUT JRP covers**) ¥800.

2-day trip card: ¥2000: GUD deal; tram trips + ferry + Miyajima ropeway TIK

Buy passes from conductors on board, from STA or @ various hotels & hostels.

only relevant stations are shown



ACCM: see next page J Hoppers

Near Peace Park SITES:

#1 J-Hoppers Hiroshima HOSTEL 89% / \$27, 8mx 2300Y

(ジェイホッパーズ広島ゲストハウス) 233-1360:



<http://hiroshima.j-hoppers.com>; 5-16 Dobashi-chō, Naka-ku; dm/¥2300;)(also in Kyoto???)

Wifi, Com rm, lock, rd lite, Bikes: ¥500/ day),KIT, lug stor, trav desk, roof terrace,

LOC:

- 2min walk > Hiro~ tram STA
- 5 min > Hiro Peace Park
- 10 min > downtown
- Miyajima tram stop very close

DIRECS: From Hiroshima STA (20-min tram & 3-min walk)

1. Go out South Exit & walk > tram STA -- just in front.
2. Tram (No.2 or No.6) > Dobashi STA (about 20 min).
3. In direction U R facing when U get off tram, cross pedestrian crossing > front of convenience store (Sunkus).
4. Turn L a few feet & take 1st R THEN, walk down road > 1st traffic signal
(@ above L, U see red & white stripy dry cleaning shop on corner you turn (R (?) at).
5. Now turn R at traffic signal & walk down road > 3rd L turning (this will be about 200 meters).
6. You will see j-hopper sign 10 meters in front of you on left-hand side.

REV: more like someone's house, process of redecorating, clean,

Near Hiro~ TRN STA SITES

Hiroshima Hana HOSTEL 89% / \$30, 4mx

(広島花宿 ; 263-2980; <http://hiroshimahostel.jp>; 1-15 Kojin-machi, Minami-ku; dm/s/tw ¥2500/3900/6800;)



GUD ENG, Gud wifi, lift, bike, lock, rd lite, com rm, KIT., lug stor, trav desk

LOC: Very hard > find without specific Map

DIRECS: 5 min > STA (also 4 Miyajima) ,From STA go immediately L along TRN tracks, continue past RR crossing (**not over**) & turn R. It's opposite TEMP.

REV: more guesthouse than BP joint; occasional st noise, clean, near rest, NOT party place, old peeps

BP K's House Hiroshima HOSTEL 91%, \$30

(ケイズハウス広島) 568-7244;

www.kshouse.jp/hiroshima-e; 1-8-9 Matoba-chō; dm4-6/s/tw from ¥2500/4500/7000;)



GUD mod KIT, roof terrace

LOC: little difficult > find initially since it's down sort of alley,, Great LOC, near TRN & TRAM STA,

DIRECS: entrance is @ back of block – turn L off Aioi-dōri.

REV: small dorms, gud ENG, rest near (?), GUD show, staff usually know w/ local culture,

??? Akicage Inn GH: too new/\$30, 8mx

2-7-1F Enkobashicho, Minami-ku, Hiroshima City



KIT, com rm,

LOC: v

REV: too new

NO, only as last resort Reino Inn Hiroshima Peace Park: NO KIT 69% / \$32, 16mx

3-7-3, Otemachi, Nakaku,

MISC:

Peace Memorial Park TIC; (広島市観光案内所; 9am-5.30pm) 9am-7pm Apr-Sep, [free internet](#) (30-MIN limit); comprehensive city & Miyajima island info

DIRECS: ext > Motoyasu-bashi.; JR Hiroshima STA S (261-1877) JR Hiroshima STA N (263-6822)

free wifi: **Peace Park** & along **Heiwa-Ōdōri** (8.30am > 7pm)

When 1st connect -- register > start using.

Hiroshima Rest House LPM (広島市平和記念公園レストハウス; 247-6738; 1-1 Nakajima-machi Naka-ku; 8.30am-5pm)

Futaba@Cafe (フタバ@アットカフェ; 2-22 Matsubara-chō; **fee ¥105**, **1st hr ¥400**; 24hr)

DIRECS: 6th FLR of book & CD store, w/ yellow sign > L as you exit STA. International Exchange Lounge (国際交流ラウンジ;

SITES: (LP17676)**6¾H**

* **B2 Atomic Bomb Dome HIST RUINS** (原爆ドーム; Genbaku Dōmu) 1hr

DIRECS: across RIV from Peace Memorial Park.

Czech architect, 1915, starkest reminder of HIRO destruction; Industrial Promotion Hall until bomb exploded almost directly above, everyone inside killed, but BLDG OO very few L standing anywhere near epicentre. Despite local misgivings, decision was taken after war > preserve shell.

B3 Peace Memorial MUS 1.5h

LPM (平和記念資料館; www.pcf.city.hiroshima.jp; 1-2 Nakajima-chō, Naka-ku; ¥50; 8.30am-5pm, > 6pm Mar-Nov, > 7pm Aug)

Lower FLR: city history; explains living conditions & sentiment during war yrs leading up > dropping of bomb.

Upstairs, **depressing display** even more destructive recent weapons & rooms filled w/ items salvaged from explosion's aftermath: **harrowing** – ragged clothes, glasses, child's melted lunch box, **gruesome photographs** of victims. Overwhelming, but -- must see.

Corridor on way out: watch video testimonials of survivors.

6B3 Memorial Hall for Atomic Bomb Victims MEMORIAL 1h

(国立広島原爆死没者追悼平和祈念館) 1-6 Nakajima-chō, Naka-ku; 8.30am-6pm Mar-Nov,

Walkway circles down > contemplative underground Hall of Remembrance: w/ names & photographs of atomic-bomb victims, survivor testimonials in several languages: testimonies on video, vividly evoke chaos of time.

* **9B3 LP TOP Peace Memorial Park PARK** (平和記念公園) .75h

DIRECS: From Atomic Bomb Dome, cross over into Peace Memorial Park; Heiwa-kōen), which is dotted w/ memorials, including

1B3 Cenotaph LPM (原爆死没者慰霊碑); contains names of all known victims of bomb.

Flame of Peace: cenotaph frames LPM (平和の灯), will only be extinguished once last nuclear weapon on earth has been destroyed,

2B3 Children's Peace Monument LPM (原爆の子の像) .25h

DIRECS: Just N of road through park; inspired by Sadako Sasaki who developed leukaemia @ 11 yrs in 1955: she decided > fold 10,000 paper cranes. In JA, **crane** is symbol of longevity & happiness; convinced if she achieved that target she would recover. She died B4 her goal, but her classmates folded rest; story inspired nationwide paper-crane folding craze that continues today.

8B3 Korean Atomic Bomb Memorial (韓国人原爆犠牲者慰霊碑). .25h

DIRECS: Nearby

Many Koreans came > JA as WWII slave laborers & accounted for 1+ in 10 killed by Bomb.

Park & BLDG: long ago restored > orig splendor.

7C1 Hiroshima-jō CASTLE (広島城) .75h

21-1 Moto-machi, Naka-ku; ¥360; 9am-6pm Mar-Nov) AKA Carp Castle (Rijō; 鯉城),
Orig: 1589, but much dismantled after Meiji Restoration, bomb totally destroyed; rebuilt,
1958. NOT much > see inside, **moat, surrounding park**: pleasant place for stroll.

10E1 Shukkei-en GARD LPM (縮景園) .5h

2-11 Kami-nobori-chō; ¥250, combined TIK w/ MUS ¥600; 9am-6pm Apr-Sep)
Modelled after Xi Hu (W Lake) in Hangzhou, China, 1620 for daimyō (domain lord) Asano
Nagaakira.

Garden's **name**: 'contracted view', attempts > re-create grand vistas in miniature; totally destroyed
by bomb, though many of trees & plants survived > blossom again following yr,

3F4 Hijiyama-kōen PARK (マツダミュージアム) .75h

Spring cherry blossoms, in spring, **DIRECS**: 20-MIN walk S of JR Hiroshima STA.

SIDETRIP:**3h****Mazda MUS & TOUR (マツダミュージアム)**

www.mazda.com/maz daspirit/MUS; 252-5050)

7km assembly line – longest in world. See website 4 tour times; reservations: required.

DIRECS: short walk from JR Mukainada (向洋) STA, 2 STOPS from Hiroshima on San-yō line.

TOUR: SEE official web site for details;; ENG: 10am, one 082-252-5050 & email RES (website) ph1½h,

FREE DAY:**1D****Kintai-kyo Bridge (錦帯橋), ¥300. (Iwakuni 岩国) 0827 (LP18299, 18305)**

Completely made of wood & without use of any nails, bridge makes five bold arches on massive stone pillars over Nishiki River. (1673-1950)

TRANS: (SW of HIRO)

Iwakuni BUS (on San-yō line) from Hiroshima BUS centre, Direct > Kintai-kyō Bridge (¥800, 50 MINs > an hr, hourly)

??? BUS: 20 min BUS < Hiroshima:

DIRECS 1) 50 min from Hiroshima to Iwakuni Station by JR Sanyo Honsen Line.

2) 15 min. bus from Iwakuni Sta.

Orig 1673, by Hiroyoshi Kikkawa, feudal district lord > protect against Nishiki River flooding: 193 m long, 5 m wide & 12 m above water @ highest point; no nails used, ONLY some clamps & wires as fasteners. Jun > Aug, cormorant fishing demos under bridge. Bridge toll:



Kikkō-kōen area walk around

Iwakuni Castle:

Early 17th C, Kikkawa family warlord i, BUT 7 yrs later castle demolished by Tokugawa Shogunate order, BUT reconstructed in mid 20th C.

HIST MUS: w/ panoramic view of Iwakuni on top floor's observation deck.

White Snake Park

AKA rare species white snakes habitat, a “designated natural JA MON”.

DIRECS: 5-min walk from Kintai-kyo Bridge.



HIKES (If enuf post-Kintai BRDG time)

Sandan Gorge (三段峡) (LP17914)

Sandan-kyō is an 11km ravine about 50km northwest of Hiroshima.

KEY QUERY: Can I take BUS from Kintai-kyo > Sandan, HIKE, THEN, BUS/TRN back > HIRO???

Paved trail follows Shiki-gawa through gorge: waterfalls & forests. Ask Hiroshima TIC

DIRECS: (From Iwakuni???) (No GOOG info)

Hard walking everywhere, > 5 hrs; some dangerous places: narrow & slippery, If U shaky or stumble on stone, fall 10 mtrs below.

BUT, some BUS STOPS in places, so CUD walk > end & take BUS back > start (700 yen 1W0).

12 BUSs / day, from Hiroshima BUS CNTR.

Sandan-kyō STA (¥1200 > ¥1400, 1½ hrs), @ S end of gorge.

BUS bridge & park are 20-MIN BUS ride (¥240) from

Iwakuni STA. BUS: (¥280, 20 MINs, often) from Shin-Iwakuni.

If from Hiroshima, cheaper: .

TRN: main Iwakuni STA :, W of Hiroshima (¥740, 50 MINs). Shin-Iwakuni shinkansen STA: ½ hr by BUS from main town.

DT Miyajima (宮島)(sm island) 0829; (LP18101, LPm18110)**1D**

Unesco, OO Japan's big tourist sites, which seems > float on waves @ high tide; OO JA's top 3 views—

TIC (ferry TERM) (宮島観光案内所) 44-2011; www.miyajima.or.jp; 1162-18 Miyajima-chō; 9am-5pm).

TRANS:

Query: Less \$: Use JRP (TRN & FERRY) + full Ropeway \$ OR 840Y (TRM, Fery & Ropeway)

HIROSHIMA - MIYAJIMAGUCHI 05:47 am May/2013

Route1	Take time: 27 Minutes Transfer: 0 Tin Total:¥ 400(Fare:¥ 400 Seat Fee:¥ 0)
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Route2	Take time: 26 Minutes Transfer: 0 Total:¥ 400(Fare:¥ 400 Seat Fee:¥ 0)
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Time	Route
05:53	HIROSHIMA [Departure track No.1] Station timetable Add to favorite
[27 Min]	JR Sanyo Line Train timetable Interval timetable
06:20	MIYAJIMAGUCHI Add to favorite

Time	Route
06:27	HIROSHIMA [Departure track No.1] Station timetable Add to favorite
[26 Min]	JR Sanyo Line Train timetable Interval timetable
06:53	MIYAJIMAGUCHI Add to favorite

JR FERRY Pass: use JR operated JR High-speed ferries (¥1800, 30 MINs, 6-8/day) DIRECT > Miyajima from Hiroshima's Ujina port.!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

NON-JRP options: NOT necessary w/JRP

1 day card: unlimited tram use, 600Y; w/ additional 240Y: + ferry ride > [Miyajima](http://www.miyajima.or.jp).

2 day card, trams +ferry+[Miyajima Ropeway](http://www.miyajima.or.jp) , 2000 Y.

LESS Y/\$: TRAM 2: Hiroshima STA > Miyajimaguchi (Y150) paid on tram EXIT

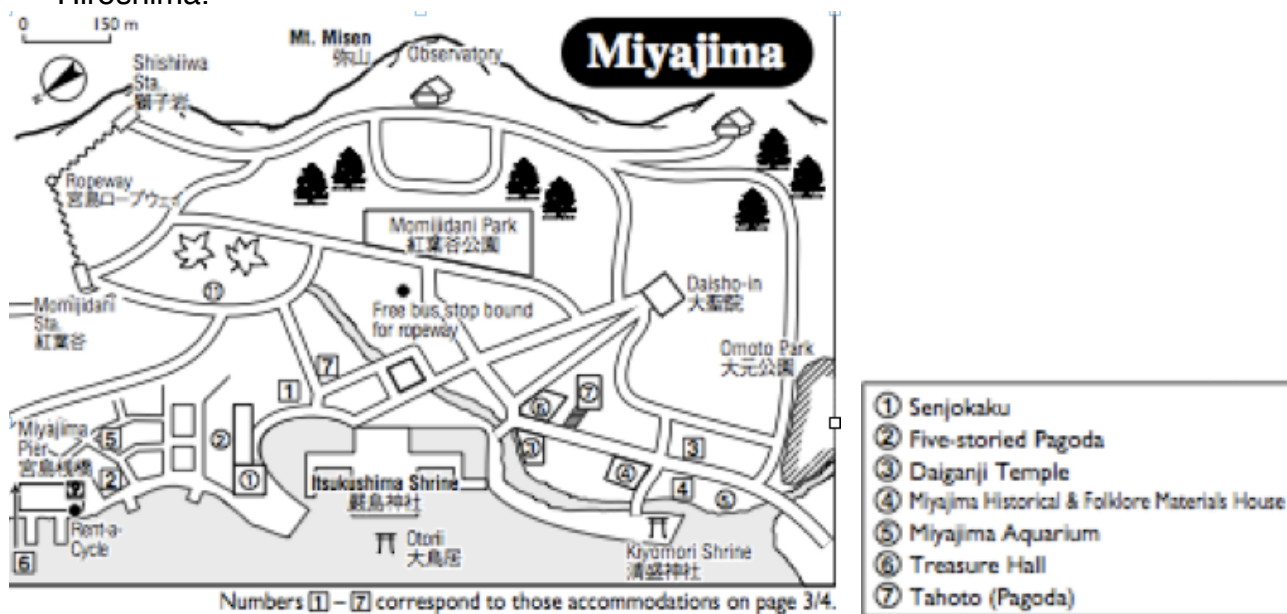
Mainland ferry TERM:

1) short walk from Miyajima-guchi STA on JR San-yō line, halfway btwn Hiroshima (¥400, 27 MINs) & Iwakuni.

2) Or, by TRAM 2 from HIRO STA (¥270, 70 MINs) past Genbaku Dome Ferry.??? .

Regular ferries: from Miyajima-guchi (¥170, 10 MINs).

Another ferry (¥1900, 45 MINs, eight > 12 daily): btwn Miyajima & Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima.



SITES: **STRAT:** QUICKLY > TOP (views, Tahō-tō PAGODA & Daishō-in TEMP) HIKE down

Misen ascent(弥山 ; 530m)

3h

Island's finest walk; CAUTION: monkeys & deer @ cable-car STA, fantastic clear-days views across > Shikoku mountain ranges.

DIRECS: OPTIONS:

1) TRAM(most of uphill part) > near top w/ 20 min walk > top, THEN walk down (2hr)
(1 way/return ¥1000/1800; 9am-5pm)

2) **20-MIN walk > top**, THEN , TRAM down (2½hr)

. ; monkeys & deer @ cable-car STA, fantastic clear day views across > Shikoku mt. ranges ,

NOTE: ADD Daisho-in TEMP & Tahō-tō PAGODA (**SEE BELOW**) @ start or end. OR take 2-stage ropeway.

Daishō-in TEMP (on top)(大聖院) 210 Miyajima-chō; 8am-5pm)

SEE above

.75h

DIRECS: Just SE of Miyajima History & Folklore MUS on L side of stream **SEE "HIRO- Miyajima; Daishō-in GMap"; S** @ foot of Mt Misen, on way up or down mt..BUT appears top be > W of Ropeway BOT STA

crowded w/ interesting things > look @: Buddhist images & **prayer wheels** > sharp-beaked *tengu* (bird-like demons) & cave.

6A3 Tahō-tō PAGODA (多宝塔) **SEE above**

DIRECS: S of Itsukushima-jinja, stone steps (before History & Folklore MUS) lead up from road > pretty pagoda; **NOTE:** pleasant, short path looping around from here & back down > road.

4A3 Public Aquarium:

NO INTEREST

3A3 Miyajima History & Folklore MUS (歴史民俗資料館) 57 Miyajima-chō; ¥300; 8.30am-5pm, closed Mon)

Set in fine GARD, combines 19th-C merchant house w/ Misen HIKE

1B3 Daigan-ji TEMP (大願寺): 3 Miyajima-chō; 9am-5pm)

IMP Buddhist TEMP, 1201,, which dates back > Heian period & is dedicated > Benzaiten, JA name for Saraswati (Hindu goddess of good fortune).

DIRECS: just S of shrine

Seated image of Yakushi Nyorai carved by Kōbō Daishi, maybe.

5B2 Senjō-kaku PAVILION/Hall (千畳閣)

.75h

1-1 Miyajima-chō; ¥100; 8.30am-4.30pm)

DIRECS: Dominates hill immediately > N of Itsukushima-jinja; huge pavilion, 1587, by Toyotomi Hideyoshi; atmospheric hall: w/ massive pillars & beams, ceiling hung w/ paintings; looks out > colourful **5-story pagoda** (五重塔), 1407.

B2 Floating torii (大鳥居) out in bay. MOST time, shrine & torii surrounded by mud: so view @ high tide.



B2 Itsukushima-jinja SHRINE (厳島神社)

.5h

1-1 Miyajima-chō; ¥300; 6.30am-6pm Mar–mid-Oct) **DIRECS:** I think is where boat docks **vermillion** color; Late 6th C; commoners not walk on island, approached by boat through

2B3 Floating nō stage (能舞台)

.25h

LOCAL TRANS:

easy walking or bike. Rentals???Rent--Cycle is at JR Miyajima Sambashi Sta.

Charge: ¥320/2 hrs., ¥1,050/day

(Extending time is charged ¥110 per hour.)

Open: 8:00–17:00. (enter by 15:00) Tel: (0829)44-0035.

ACCM :



BP Miyajima: 88% / \$22 20mx

1-8-11 Miyajimaguchi, Hatsukaichi-shi,

Bike, com rm, maps, w/d, lug stor, wifi, lock, rest, trav desk, **NO KIT**

LOC: v

REV: v

Nara: (LP15999, LPm16009)

POSS ITIN:

3rd Cultural city of J

NOTE: Due S of Kyoto

TRAV DAY: Hiroshima>Nara: (4h)

1D

TIC: (???) (LP46)

Remember! Prefectural sites are Senior discounted or free (I think)

TRANS:

TRN: Nara > Kyoto info (**SEE TRans flow**)

Kyoto Kintetsu line, btwn Kintetsu Kyoto STA (in Kyoto STA) & Kintetsu Nara STA: fastest & most convenient way > travel btwn Nara & Kyoto.

JR Nara line local: JR Nara STA > JR Kyoto STA (JR miyakoji kaisoku, ¥690, 41 MINs); several departures / hr daily.

tokkyū: run directly & are very comfortable (¥1110, 33 MINs) &

kyūkō usually require change @ Saidai-ji. (¥610, 40 MINs).

TRANS-LOCAL:

1 Day Free Pass: Nara City section: 500Y ; PURCHASE: Kintetsu "Nara" station and JR "Nara" station.

Query: JRP useability??? If NOT, then what best

Most Nara-kōen area: 2 circular BUS routes: BUS 1 runs anti-clockwise & BUS 2 runs clockwise; ¥200 flat fare. Easy > walk main park sites, but BUS is option. 1 day pass: 500Y

ACCM:

1) LP GH Nara Komachi: 94%, \$28 4mx **JR Pass makes it easy**

(ゲストハウス奈良小町 ; 87-0556; guesthouse@wave.plala.or.jp; 41-2 Surugamachi;,,

NEW, **Fast wifi**, **GUD KIT**, bike, LUG STOR, trav desk/tours, rd lite, NO w/d,

LOC: 5 min > Nara Kintetsu JR STA, **easy > find, hard > find:** **BAD DIRECS** from other tube STA: Far too vague, confusing. **However if you use NARA mainline it's two min walk.**

REV: OOB bargains; **SUM:** **very positive**, NO w/d, very clean, 2-3 rest, but nothng else, **GUD ENG**,,



2) GH Naramachi: 93%, \$27 4mx **Can't GOOG find**

Lug stor, rd lite, bike, wifi, tour/trav desk

LOC: 10 min walk > JR Kyobate STA, **on bus loop**

REV: TRAD JA bldg & rms, extraordinarily friendly owner, maps, rent bikes 4 park ride, **GUD ENG**, **only 1 shower**, supemrkt,



3?) Takama GH: たかまゲストハウス 88%, \$24 6mx (88%, \$35 ???)



Very gud kit, w/ d, rd lite, **WIFI???**

LOC: 10 walk > Kintetsu-Nara TRN,

REV: heat, Mgr Manaba (nice Mgr Manbut, BUT **marginal ENG**) , TRAD JA house, , clean, , **only 1 shower**, 1st flr male dorm, cheap,

3?) **GH Nara BP:** ; 93,92%, \$29 6mx,
Lug stor, bikes, KIT, rd lite, fast wifi,
0742-22-4557, [http://www.nara-](http://www.nara-backpackers.com)

[backpackers.com](http://www.nara-backpackers.com), no email

LOC: close > STA, hard > find, near
Nara PK, on BUS loop,
3 min BUS from TRN STA

REV: SUM: peeps like ambience &
owners & house; nice bldg, old JA house, clean bed, toilet & washrm, nice owner, no heat if
cold,



TOO FAR ???:

4?) **ML Int Hostel** (YHA???): 93% \$25+ 8mx

[2-11-1-5F Shibatsuji, Nara-shi, Nara, Japan 630-8114](#) +81 742-35-1306

KIT, lift, rd lite, wifi

LOC: 10 min walk > JR TRN STA or private line
??? 1 trn stop > CNTR,

REV: only 8 beds, clean, great owner Kosuke-
san - GUD ENG, nearby bike rent, maps,



4?) **Yuzan GH:** 奈良の安宿 遊山ゲストハウスと
は 93%, \$24 8mx

wifi, entry card, INFO ??? ENG

JR Pass makes it easy

LOC: 5 min walk > Kintetsu-nara ? Nara JR TRN,
super easy > find / directions are little
misleading. hostel isn't really *next* > drug
store. Walk past drug store & you'll very
quickly come > small laneway - it's on corner
of this. Kind of behind drug store on corner.

REV: dorm privacy, GUD 4 solos,



Seems restrictive **GH Makura D** (#???) 2500Y SEE "BAD/NO Hostels.pdf" for this & others

FOOD: S

MISC:

POP: Fast pop growth: rural areas > capital 4 more opportunities; 1990: 250,000 , NOW; well over
500,000.

DO/ Sites:

BIKE > temples if you like that but start bit early because it takes time

Horyuji (oldest wooden BLDG in world, heavy CHI ARCH influence,)

+Yakushiji (OO 1st CHI Buddhas, "Frozen Music" beauty)

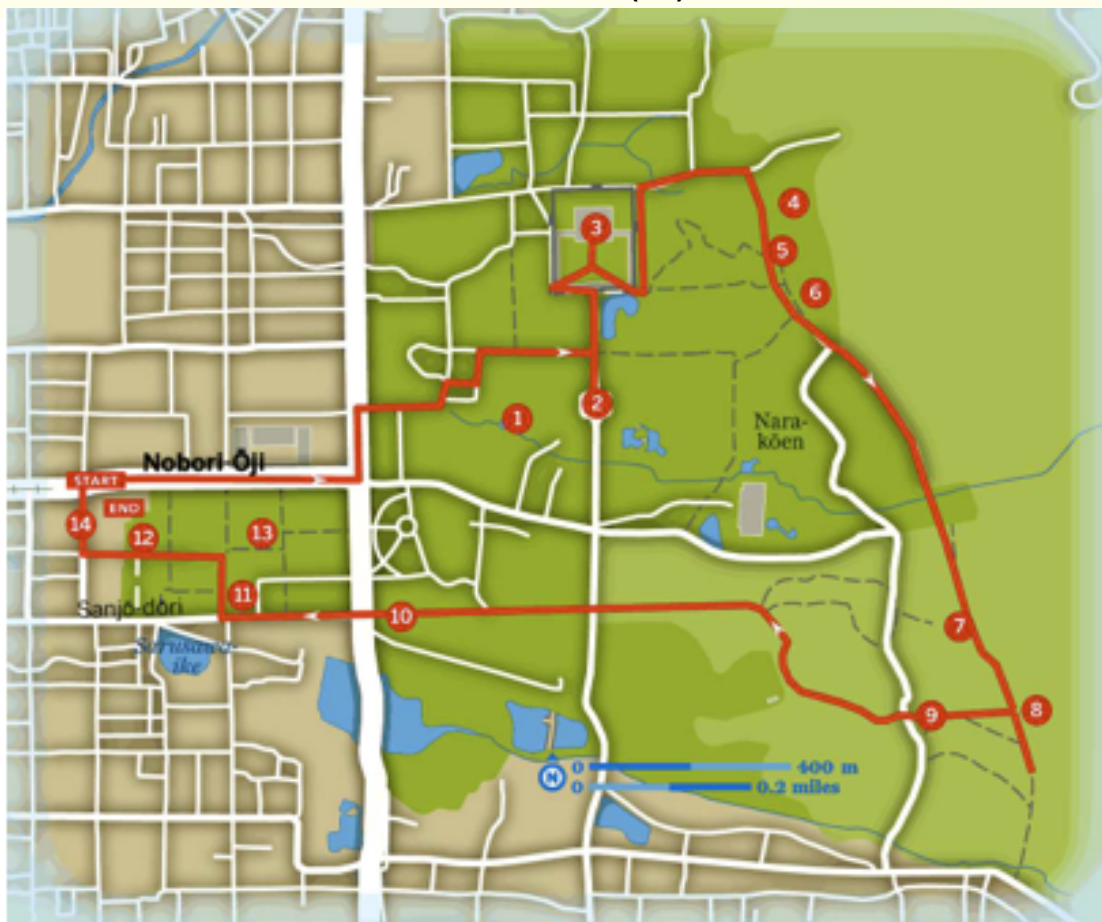
+Toshodaiji, (CHI monk founded, 759)

NARA-KŌEN AREA 奈良公園 : LP WALKING TOUR:

1D

Walking Tour: LP16085 Nara-kōen

(5h)



N ARD entry

B) @ Par entry gate & GOTO nGo L into Isui-en GARD.

LP TOP: Isui-en GARD (依水園・寧楽美術館 ; 74 Suimon-chō; MUS & GARD ¥650; 9.30am-4.30pm, closed Tue) Meiji era, beautifully laid out & features abundant greenery & pond w/ ornamental carp. BEST in Nara

2a) THEN, **Yoshiki-en GARD** (吉城園 ; 68 Noboriōji-chō; 9.30am-5pm

Mar–27 Dec) stunner **DIRECS**: next door > Isui-en (> R when facing entrance of Isui-en)

2b)

THEN, **Isui-en GARD**: , OO Nara's finest gardens.1) **DIRECS**: Start @ **Kintetsu Nara STA**

NOTE: GUD Kintetsu Nara STA **TIC** (24-4858; 9am) , near top of stairs above STA exit 3.

2) **DIRECS**: > **1 (1E2) Isui-en GARD**: N,

DIRECS: walk straight E up Nobori-Ōji, passing Kōfuku-ji on your R. THEN, TURN L/N > next major R after 100 mtr, THEN, TURN R/E > intersection w/ N-S path/road.

2a) **DIRECS**: > **2 Nandai-mon (19E2)**: main gate w/ Nio guardians

DIRECS: @ intersection of N-S path/road, TURN R/S to Nandai-mon Sculptor Unkei, finest wooden statues in JA, if not world.

3) **DIRECS**: > **3 Tōdai-ji**:

DIRECS: GO BACK > N-S intersection & continue N > Todai-ji:
INSIDE

Daibutsu-den Hall (大仏殿; Hall of Great Buddha; 406-1 Zōshi-chō; ¥500; 7.30am-5.30pm Apr-Sep,) until 1998, **largest wooden BLDG in world**. Unbelievably, present structure, rebuilt in 1709, is mere 2/3rds orig!

Daibutsu (Great Buddha): OO largest bronze figures in world, orig 746, present STAT, recast in Edo period & many other times); over 16m high, 437 tonnes of bronze; 130kg of gold; **head** replaced twice: (note slight color difference btwn head & body).

As U circle STAT towards back, see wooden column w/ hole through base: legend: those who can squeeze through hole, which is exactly same size as one of Great Buddha's nostrils, are ensured of enlightenment.

EXIT: Todai-ji COMPLEX @ SE corner

4) **DIRECS:** > **4 (13F1) Nigatsu-dō & 5 (15F1) Sangatsu-dō halls:**

DIRECS: EXIT Todai-ji COMPLEX @ SE corner & abruptly TURN L/N alongside EXT walls , just past a pond TURN R/E up stone-paved path, THEN (R/S) into open plaza in front of Nigatsu-dō & Sangatsu-dō halls.

almost sub-TEMPs of Tōdai-ji.

Nigatsu-dō: Climb steps 4 verandah views: Daibutsu-den's graceful curves & Nara plain.

Sangatsu-dō (三月堂; ¥500) , oldest BLDG in Tōdai-ji complex.

EXIT: plaza > SSW

8) **DIRECS:** > **6 (17F1) Tamukeyama-hachimangū** (手向山八幡宮)

DIRECS BTWN, log cabin-like structure & Gaudy Tamukeyama-hachimangū & continue SSW

9) **DIRECS:** > **7 (2G3) Kasuga Taisha SHRN** (春日大社; 160 Kasugano-chō; dawn-dusk); 8th C:

DIRECS: A) Continue > follow broad path through woods, descend 2 staircases & follow 'Kasuga Shrine' signs >

B) > road leading uphill > L; follow it-- passing under slopes of **Wakakusa-yama**.

C) @ **Musashino Ryokan** (look 4 sm Eng sign), walk straight down steps, cross bridge, jog > L, & @ T-intersection take L up > **Kasuga Taisha** **NOTE:** MUST work around side > find main entry). **Wakakusayama Hill**(若草山), N of Kasuga Taisha: w/grass burnt ea yr-WHY?

EXIT: via main entrance & bear L up path

10) **DIRECS:** > **8 (20G3) Wakamiya-jinja** (若宮神社):

DIRECS: exiting main entrance & bearing L up path ,passing several small shrines on way, > ARV @ Wakamiya-jinja

ALSO CONSIDER SIDETRIP > Shin-Yakushi-ji SHRINE (SEE below)

EXIT: retrace steps back towards Kasuga Taisha.....

10) **DIRECS:** > **9 Ni-no-Torii :**

DIRECS retrace steps back towards Kasuga Taisha & take L down steps which lead back towards town CNTR , PASSING THRU **Ni-no-Torii** (gate).

EXIT: Continue down broad wooded arcade > Ichi-no-Torii (below).....

11) **DIRECS 3:** > **10 Ichi-no-Torii:**

DIRECS: THEN, Cross st & you'll soon see Kōfuku-ji (below).....

12) **DIRECS 3:** > **11 (3C2) Kōfuku-ji pagoda: (Sarusawa-ike Pond (猿沢池))**

DIRECS: THEN, Walk through Kōfuku-ji grounds, passing btwn Nanen-dō & Hokuen-dō halls

Kōfuku-ji TEMP (興福寺) (SEE immediately above)

Moved here from Kyoto, 710, as main Fujiwara family TEMP, Orig TEMP complex had 175 BLDG, fires & power struggles have L only dozen standing: 2 pagodas – 3 stories & 5 stories –

dating from: 1143 & 1426, respectively; taller is 2nd tallest in JA, outclassed by Kyoto's Tō-ji by centi mtr.

13) DIRECS 3: > **12 Nanen-dō & 13 Hokuen-dō halls:**

DIRECS: THEN,> EXIT back > START::: take narrow lane that leads down > **Higashi-muki**

Arcade. THEN, quick R here & **BACK > START**

14) DIRECS 3: > **14 Kintetsu Nara STA:** .

16F4 Shin-Yakushi-ji SHRINE GM (新薬師寺)

1h

1352 Takabatake-chō; ¥600; 9am-5pm)

Founded by Empress Kōmyō, 747, "thanks" 4 husband's eye disease recovery; Most BLDG destroyed or reconstructed, **but** present **main hall**, 8th C. hall contains **sculptures** of Yakushi Nyorai (Healing Buddha) & set of 12 divine generals; **15 min's walk from Wakamiya-jinja**;

DIRECS: follow trail S through woods; @ 1st main st, look for small ENG signs leading up (S) into suburban neighborhood.

● NARAMACHI 奈良町 Neighborhood: LP16220 (LPm16010)

1h

DIRECS: S of Sanjō-dōri & Sarusawa-ike pond is Naramachi, trad neighbourhood w/ many well-preserved machiya & kura; nice stroll B4 or after Nara-kōen, restaurants, **SUN: shop's may B closed dead, Sat better**

9C4 Naramachi Koushi-no-ie RES HIST BLDG

.5h

(ならまち資料館) 44 Gangōji-chō; 9am-5pm, closed Mon); trad JA house can visit & explore. INT area w/ TRAD houses. Specifically: **Koshi-no-ie Residence** (Naramachi Lattice House): mini-MUS-like, FREE, rooms view of old days life: bathroom & toilet (hole in floor).

Guide: most helpful & Eng brochure; showed: how "big door" closed in evening w/just "small door" 4 security cuz door too small 4 one w/ sword!

HIST Naramachi district home reconstruction CAUTION: (ならまち資料館) ??? (Free, only 15 min) Likely this is a much more interesting walk on a Saturday morning when shops are open & people are out shopping. But worth doing in any case.



3) **Asuka 飛鳥** (Yamato-Yagi town) (**LPm16605, LPm1649**) LPm none) (**Nara DayTrip**) **½D**

Yamato Plain in central Nara-ken: where ancestors of Japan's ruling Yamato DYN consolidated power; pre-Buddhist days, **huge EMP earthen burial mounds**, *kofun*; Best ex, around Asuka

TRANS: (SEE bike rent below) most convenient transport hub for sights in **S Nara-ken**

DIRECS: 1 hr, S of Nara

TIC: (54-3624; 8.30am-5pm) outside Asuka STA, BUT no useful maps.

From Nara: Kintetsu Nara line > > Saidaiji, THEN, change > Kintetsu Kashihara line (kyūkō, ¥430, 27 MINS). See " **Nara>Asuka TRN.pdf**" & reverse

JA Rail Pass, > **Kashihara area from Nara: JR Nara/Sakurai lines > Unebi (¥480, 39 MINS).**

- 5 STOPs S of Yamato-Yagi (change @ Kashihara-jingū-mae)
- 2 STOPs S of Kashihara-jingū-mae on Kintetsu Yoshino line (¥220 from Yamato-Yagi, 10 MINS; tokkyū TRNs STOP @ Asuka)

TRANS-LOCAL: bike rental

BIKE: Manyō Rent--Cycle (レンタサイクル万葉); ¥300/hr or ¥900/day. **DIRECS:** across st from STA, ALSO, useful Eng area map.

SITES: Two tombs worth seeing are

7B7 Takamatsuzuka-kofun (高松塚古墳) GM

Grassy mound: **DIRECS:** in pleasant wooded park explored: foot or **bike**.

4B7 Ishibutai-kofun (石舞台古墳) ¥250; 8.30am-5pm)

Vast pile of rocks in open area; remains of Soga no Umako, **now** completely empty.

DIRECS: exit STA , THEN, follow canal > R about 150m.

1B6 Asuka-dera (if time) LPM (飛鳥寺 ; ¥350; 9am-5.15pm Apr-Sep, > 4.45pm Oct-Mar)

F596 **LPJ ???** ; 1st true TEMP in all of JA w/ oldest extant Buddha image; looks pretty good 4 1300 yrs.

Lp16594

5B6 Kashihara-jingū : LPm16498

Nara Prefecture Kashihara Arch MUS (Only if extra time)

(奈良県橿原考古学研究所付属博物館 ; Nara Ken-ritsu Kashihara Kōkogaku Kenkyūjo

Fuzoku Hakubutsukan; 0744-24-1185; ¥400, foreigners w/passport : **free**; 9am-5pm, **closed Mon**)

IMP if interest in JA HIST; objects from various area sites, includi: kofuns ; Enuf ENG 4 idea.

DIRECS: BUT, if coming from kofuns, ASK someone

Otherwise, from **Kashihara-jingū**, walk out N gate of shrine (> your L when you stand w/ your back > main hall), follow wooded avenue for five MINS, cross main road & continue on in same direction for 100m before turning L @ first intersection. It's on L soon after this turn.

NOTE: not well marked in Eng (look for sign reading ' MUS, Archeological Institute of Kashihara, Nara Prefecture').

FOOD:

Café Rest Ashibi (あしびの郷 ;

0742-26-6662; meals from ¥1000; 10am-6pm) . yaki curry (baked curry; ¥1000) is tasty dish (vegetarians should note that contains meat).

Kyoto: (LP11683, LPm11719) Trad city Maybe Free Day(s) (1T, 6D, 7N) 7D

TRAV DAY: Nara > Kyoto: (1hr) .5D

Kyoto City TIC (京都市観光案内所; Click here ;343-6655; 8.30am-7pm) Inside new Kyoto STA, 2nd flr. Eng-speaker usually on hand.

Kyoto TIC main ('Kyo Navi' in JA)(京都バス案内書; Click here): in front of Kyoto STA.(LP46); 343-0548; 2F Kyoto STA Bldg; 8.30am-7pm); **TIC's**

DIRECS: main concourse of 2nd flr, Kyoto STA running btw shinkansen STA & front of STA (near Isetan depart. store),

Eng speakers always ; useful city maps, BUS maps, .

purchase BUS TIKs & passes (all lines, including highway BUSs, get maps & ?s

Kyoto TIC: maps:

Kyoto City Map, "Kyoto Map for Tourist"; useful map w/ insets of main tourist districts; fairly detailed

BUS Navi: **Kyoto City BUS Travel map:** most useful CITY BUS guide

Kyoto Walks leaflet: detailed walking maps for major sightseeing areas (Higashiyama, Arashiyama, NW Kyoto).

Kyoto Transportation Guide

BUS Navi: Kyoto City BUS Sightseeing Map: good ,BUT not exhaustive, city's main BUS lines.

Eng/JA BUS INFO computer TERM; Nearby, convenient

- enter intended destination & will give correct BUS & BUS STOP.
- Three-digit numbers written ON red background = loop lines: BUS 204: around N part city // BUSs 205 & 206 circle city via Kyoto STA.
- Route numbers on blue background = other routes. **Tourist INFO office:**

Hosoo Company of trad weaving in beautiful old merchant house.

NEW Bike path .5D

along RIV SEE 'Kyoto TRANS INFO.pdf' for bike rental & use info

GEN:

New Real Kyoto centre: around Shijō-dōri, 2km N of Kyoto STA via Karasuma-dōri.

TRANS:

Kyoto STA, city's main STA, @ S end of city; JR & Kintetsu lines operate from here.

NOTE: **DO THIS** Kyoto STA: ride escalator from 7th flr on E side of bldg up > 11th-flr aerial skywalk, high over main concourse.

- 14C3 **Kyoto STA: Main TERMS** & line used by: JR & Kintetsu lines
- More rail passes: Kyoto SUBWAY pass.
- **Kyoto's Hankyu & Keihan major private lines:** more convenient than JR lines.
- **SEE "Kyoto Trans Map 2.pdf"**

TRANS LOCAL:

- **new Tōzai line subway**, which runs east–west across city, from Daigo STA in east > Nijō STA in west, stopping @ Sanjō-Keihan en route.

JR Pass:

Sanin line (=山陰本線 a.k.a. Sagano line=嵯峨野線 from the center to upper left).

> Nijo Castle (二条城) and Arashiyama (嵐山)

JRP exception: Nishinohon JR Bus: Kyoto STA > Syuzan via Shijo-Omiya, Nijo station, Ryoanji temple, Takao.

E & N side:

GUD place > stay Kawaramachi and Sanjo area

use some private company's line (such as Hankyu or Keihan)

Use subway * bus
Can't use JRP

SEE “[Kyoto TRANS Passes Info.pdf](#)”

City Passes: [Kyoto city public transportation website](#) by City Bus, Muni subway Line or Kyoto bus

- 1 DAY: **Kyoto Site Seeing Pass:** Sub/Bus 1200Y GUD if 5 times/day
- 2 DAY: **Kyoto Site Seeing Pass:** Sub/Bus 2000Y GUD if 5 times/day
- 1 DAY: **City Bus All-day Pass:** Bus ONLY 500Y GUD if 3 times/day*

NOTE: Pay more if U get off OUTSIDE bus area

Taffica Kyoto Card- [Municipal Subway](#) line & [City Bus](#) (Prepaid, Suica-type)

NOTE: no use limits, BUT no refund of unused Y

1,000Y / 3,000Y (3,000Y GUD 4 3,300Y -- a discount???)

Surutto Kansai Area Card: [Municipal Subway](#) lines, [City Buses](#) & [Hankyu and Keihan lines](#).

NOTE: no use limits, BUT no refund of unused Y .

1,000yen, 2,000yen, 3,000yen and 5,000yen.

??? BUT: NOT Arashiyama; ALSO GUD w/ JRP... BUT why? Lots of JR lines

Keifuku Dentetsu Tickets: 1 day Arashiyama: 500Y

.... And more!!!! SEE “[Kyoto TRANS Passes Info.pdf](#)”

BUS:

Many visitor routes w/ ENG announcements

Core timetable: btwn 7am & 9pm, few earlier or later.

Kyoto STA BUS TERM on N side w/3 main departure bays (depart points indicated by letter of bay & number of STOP w/in that bay).

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Sanjō STA: Keihan RLine / Tōzai SLine,

Karasuma-Shijō STA: Hankyū RLine/Karasuma SLine

Kitaōji STA : Karasuma SLine

BUS STOP SIGNS:

- top section: usually display destinations map from that STOP
- bottom section: timetable for **that** stop's BUSES
- allJapan info, SO ASK local

BUS **Entry**; @ usually back door / exit 2 front door.

BUS **FARE**:

Inner-city BUSES:

- flat (¥220), which U drop into clear plastic receptacle on top of machine next > driver on way out.
Separate change machine: for ¥100 / ¥500 coins / ¥1000 notes.
- **CAUTION:** Kyoto city BUSES are **green**

Outer area BUSES:

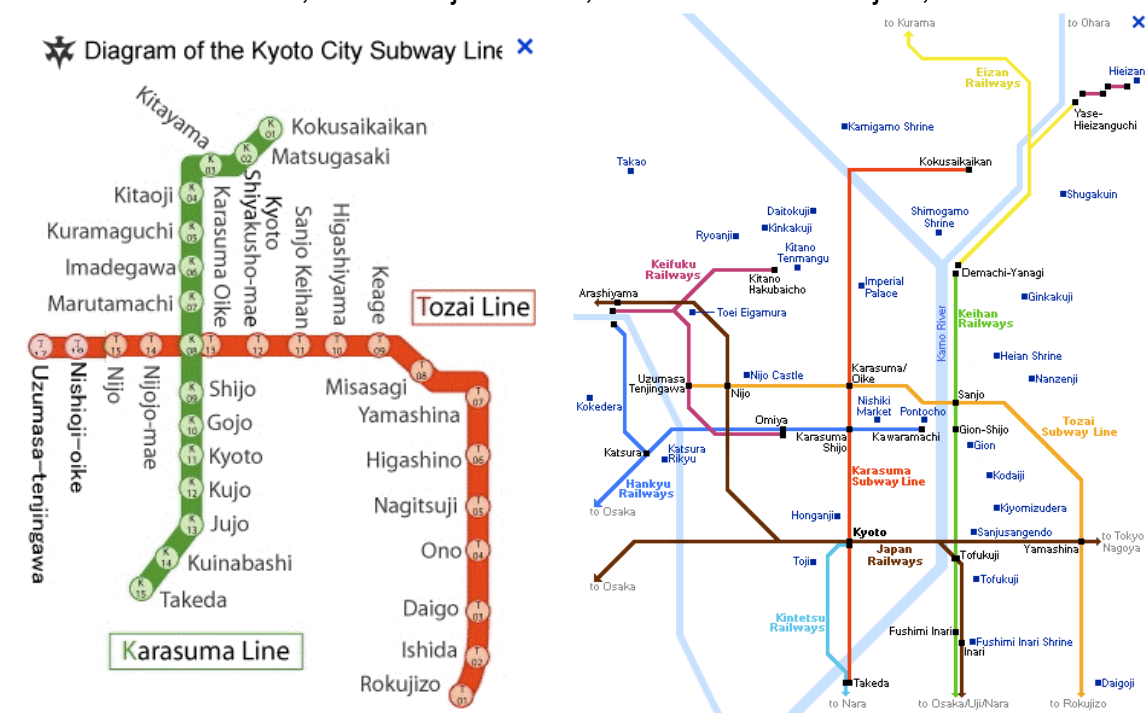
- ENTER & take numbered TIK (seiri-ken)
- LEAVE;
- an electronic board above driver shows fare corresponding > your TIK number
- drop seiri-ken TIK) into TIK box w/ fare).
- **CAUTION:**, Kyoto BUSES are **tan** // Keihan BUSES are **red** & white.

Subway

Subway Kyoto: 2 lines, 5.30am > 11.30pm. MIN fare: ¥210

Karasuma SLine: Quickest way **N** < **S**: 15 STOPS; runs from Takeda in far S, via Kyoto STA > Kyoto International Conference Hall (Kokusaikaikan STA) in N.

Tōzai SLine: E \times W from Uzumasa-Tenjingawa in W, intersecting w/Karasuma line @ Karasuma-Oike STA, E . > Sanjō Keihan, Yamashina & Rokujizō, in E & SE.



ACCM:

Welcome Inn Center (343-4887;

10am-6pm, clos 2nd & 4th Tue ea mo & NewYears) LP13039,

Kyoto STA & Central area

(1) LP Tour Club **GUESTHOUSE** \$ (旅 倶 楽 部) dm ¥2450, 6mx

353-6968; www.kyotojp.com; 362 Momiji-chō, Higashinakasuji, Shōmen-sagaru, Shimogyō-ku;

(2nd address ???) : 600-8345 *Kyoto, Kyoto, Shimogyo-ku Higashi-nakasuji Shomen-kudaru Momiji-cho 362*

wi-fi (rm), **GUD ENG**, w/d,lug stor, currency exchange, gud kit, BIKE,w/d,. charming / informative young couple, clean, big rm , \$ **wifi in com areas**,



LOCK,

LOC: SEE Irg Tour Club map.pdf, **DIREC:** Kyoto STA, Karasuma central gate); 10-MIN walk > Kyoto STA; turn N off Shichijō-dōri @ Second House coffee shop (looks like bank) & keep an eye out for English sign

REV: GUD local info, DIRECS > local sento (JA communal bath house). ; gud near bakery,supermkt, rest,

(2) Hostel Haruya Aqua: 96%, \$19

New, W/ , lug stor, wifi (all rms???), w/ bike, maps, kit, lock, rd lite , GUD ENG,

LOC: hard > find, 10 min walk > Kyoto STA, subway , bus close, look \$ aquarium ????,

REV: GREAT --Yuki-san (fm) Kobayashi, clean, best of 4 in KY she stayed in, 7/11 near, early morn monk sing, 100 yr TRAD JA home,



(2a) Hostel Haruya: 94%, \$19

Bike, kit, lock, rd liteW/ , lug stor, wifi, only 1 show,

LOC: GUD next > TRN ST, 3 min > BUS STOP,

REV: clean, toilets outside, Yuki: visited Imperial Palace! Without her help I never knew how > get reservation since palace normally open very few days around whole year,

Check out map closely for interesting places for evening walks etc.



(3) LP BP Hostel K's House Kyoto: 89%, D4(\$24, HB \$22),6(\$30), 8mx (\$22HB); 6mx \$28

(ケイズハウス京都),山梨県南都留郡富士河口湖

町船津-Nayacho, Shichijo-agaru, Dotemachi-dori, Shimogyo-ku Kyoto, 600-8142; 342-2444; <http://kshouse.jp/kyoto-e/index.html>; Kyoto STA, Karasuma central gate,

Keihan Shichijō STA)

LRG W-style BPs' GH; rm simple, but OK, spacious com areas; rest drks & snacks; great TRAV help 4 Kyoto & JA, Lift, New & Mod, big KIT, IND shower rms, Eng, wifi (not in some rms) , bike, ? lug stor

LOC: Gion easy > find, far

(15 min)> (JR central//) Kyoto STA,20min > & downtown;

10-MIN walk > Kyoto STA, Karasuma central gate, ?Keihan Shichijō STA

CAUTION: that address is correct,

REV: bkfst: 1 toast slice, tea ; cafe: gud brkfst buffet) ; clean, attic rm cramped/stairs, bed curtains, 1 shower only, , near RIV 4 walk,



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GION area:**(?) Hannari: 92%, \$23 4m**

Wifi & **printing**, lock, rd lite, brkft, w/ , maps, kit, lug stor,
free -bike,

LOC: res area, close > Bus stop & **supermrkt**,

REV: tiny, brfst,

**DOWNTOWN KYOTO: NO LP \$s****FOOD:** Su**MISC:** fast pop growth: when from rural areas > capital for more opportunities.

1990: 250,000 , but now - well over 500,000.

HISTORY:**SITES > DO/****NEW Bike path****.5D**

Kyoto's **best sites on city outskirts** , along base of E & W mtns (aka Higashiyama & Arashiyama, respectively).

E side SITES: best accessed by BUS, BIKE or Tōzai subway line.

W side SITES (Arashiyama etc): best reached BUS or TRN

Outside city: mt. villages of Ōhara, Kurama

KYOTO STA AREA: (LP11757, LPm11826)**6 ¼h****1D**

Immediately W of south portion of S Higashiyama

C4 Kyoto STA BLDG: NOTA BLDG (京都 駅)

1h

Higashishiokō-ji-chō, Shiokōji sagaru, Karasuma-dōri, Shimogyō-ku):
striking steel-&-glass, futuristic cathedral for transport age; explore many STA levels up > 15th-FLR observation level. **DO**: ride escalator from 7th FLR on E side up > 11th-FLR aerial skywalk, high over main concourse.

2C3 Kyoto Tower NOT A BLDG GM (京都 タワー)

.75h

Shichijō sagaru, Karasuma, Shimogyō-ku; ¥770; 9am-9pm, last entry 8.40pm: excellent orienting views,

1C2 Higashi Hongan-ji TEMP Free; GM (東 本 願 寺)

1h

Shichijō agaru, Karasuma-dōri, Shimogyō-ku; 5.50am-5.30pm Mar-Oct, 6.20am-4.30pm Nov-Feb)
DIRECS: short *walk BUT.....

NOTE/DO: In corridor btwn 2 main BLDG, curious item encased in glass: **tremendous coil of rope** made from human hair cuz in 1895 ordinary rope not available @ reg rope could not lift heavy timbers during construction, women devotees donated their hair > make stronger ropes; display in corridor connecting 2 main halls.; dulled by age.

Wrld's LRG wooden structure, BUT No orig BLDG: innumerable fires, BUT present bldgs -1895. However, reconstruction in Meiji.

A1 * Nishi Hongan-ji TEMP (西本願寺) Free; LP11793, GM (西 本 願 寺)

1h

Hanaya-chō sagaru, Horikawa-dōri, Shimogyō-ku; 6am-5pm Nov-Feb, 5.30am-5.30pm Mar, Apr, Sep & Oct, > 6pm May-Aug); Goei-do (main hall) , Daisho-in Hall

Umekōji Steam Locomotive MUS (梅 小 路 蒸 気 機 関 車 館)

1h

(**SEE Kyoto STA; Umekōji Steam TRN MUS**) Kankiji-chō, Shimogyō-ku; ¥400, TRN ride ¥200; 9.30am-5pm, closed Mon)

DIRECS: SW of Kyoto STA or **5 min walk from Toji STA** on Kintetsu

Nijō STA BLDG: recently relocated here & carefully reconstructed. **DO**: 4 few yen, 10-MIN ride on OO fabulous old trains (departures @ 11am, 1.30pm & 3.30pm).

Tō-ji TEMP (東 寺) 1 Kujō-chō, Minami-ku; FREE > grounds,

1.5h

(**SEE "Kyoto; >-ji TEMP () & MKT (B); GRN=RR MUS"**)

DIRECS: 15 min walk SW of Kyoto STA, OR **5 min walk from Toji STA** (Kintetsu line)

Kondō & Treasure Hall ¥500; 8.30am-5.30pm, > 4.30pm 20 Sep-19 Mar)

Kōdō (Lecture Hall) contains 21 images representing Mikkyō (Esoteric Buddhism) mandala.

Kondō (Main Hall) contains Uddha STATS

5 Story pagoda:

Kōbō-san MKT-fair: 21st ea month.

Downtown Kyoto: (LP11853, LPm11896)**3h***** B3 Nishiki MKT MKT ??? GM (錦 市 場)**

1h

Nishikikōji-dōri btwn Teramachi & Takakura; 9am-5pm, times vary for individual stalls, some closed Wed) really weird & wonderful foods in Kyoto cuisine.

DIRECS in centre of town, 1 blk N of (& parallel >) Shijō-dōri, running W off Teramachi Shopping arcade & ending shortly before Daimaru department store.

MUS of Kyoto:

Kyoto International Manga MUS

NO INTEREST

NO INTEREST

3D2 Ponto-chō NEIGHBOURHOOD GMap (先 斗 町)

2h

SECTION is directly N of Kyoto TRN STA:

Trad. nightlife district & 1 of 5 Kyoto geisha districts, Ponto-chō: narrow alley running btwn Sanjō-dōri & Shijō-dōri just W of Kamo-gawa; **BEST in evening**, cuz trad. wooden BLDG & hanging lanterns create wonderful old JA atmosphere THEN, perhaps walk in nearby Gion.LP12396 Giro

CENTRAL KYOTO: LP 11950, LPM12070**9.25****1+D**

- * **B4 Nijō-jō CASTLE GM (二条城)**; 1.75h
 541 Nijōjō-chō, Horikawa Nishi iru, Nijō-dōri, Nakagyō-ku; ¥600; 8.45am-5pm; Tōzai line > Nijō-jō-mae)
 Safeguard against treachery, **Ieyasu** had: INT w/ 'nightingale' floors, concealed chambers w/ bodyguards watching.
 After passing through grand **Kara-mon gate**: enter **Ninomaru PAL**, divided into 5 BLDG w/ many chambers: e.g.: .
Ohiroma Yon-no-Ma (Fourth Chamber): spectacular screen paintings.
Ninomaru Palace GARD: IMP: excel
DIRECS: > reach castle, take subway, or BUS 9 from Kyoto STA > Nijō-jō-mae STOP.

- 8C3 Kyoto Imperial PAL PARK GM (京都御苑)** TRIP ADV 1h
 Kamigyō-ku Kyoto gyoen; free; **NO permit ???**; dawn-dusk) Kyoto Gosho & Sentō Gosho: surrounded by spacious Kyoto IMP PAL Park, visit **pond** @ park's S end: gorgeous carp.
DIRECS: park is btwn Teramachi-dōri & Karasuma-dōri (> E & W) & Imadegawa-dōri & Marutamachi-dōri (> N & S).
11C3 (SKIP ???) Sento Gosho PAL GARD only TRIP ADV: HIST BLDG 0h
 ; Kamigyō-ku Kyoto gyoen; free; dawn-dusk) LPM GM (仙洞御所; 211-1215; Kamigyō-ku Kyoto gyoen) ; fire, destroyed repeatedly, never rebuilt, thus GARD only
DIRECS: few 100 mtrs SE of main Kyoto Gosho. **Requires advanced permission**
7C3 (SKIP) Kyoto IMP PAL (Kyoto Gosho) HIST BLDG GM (京都御所) 0h
Visit/Tour: NOT IMP (LP says) Karasuma line subway > Imadegawa or bus > Karasuma-Imadegawa stop & walk 600m southeast.
 Orig IMP PAL, 1794, replaced numerous times after, EXT & Park ONLY
3C3 (SKIP) IMP Household Agency (宮内庁京都事務所) 0h
 211-1215; 8.45am-noon & 1-5pm Mon-Fri) Permission req'd see LP11963

-B/2-3 **Nishijin NEIGHBOURHOOD (西陣)** .25h
 Kyoto's **textile industry center**: fantastically ornate kimonos & obi (ornamental kimono belts); many old machiya (trad town houses) .

Machiya Town House: Tondaya: :Ichijo-agaru Omiya Kamigyo-ku Kyoto, 602-8226, JA Tel: 075-432-6701

Tondaya built existing warehouse in 18th year (???) of Meiji era, after Nishijin wholesale system intro; typical Kyoto machiya: long wooden house w/ narrow st frontage, stretching away from st w/6 sm courtyard GARDs

INT: special place 4 **only** family members & VIP guest. 10th owner: great care selecting BLDG's wood --Tondaya & traveled > mountains > hand -select tree .10 meters long

corridor: made of one piece of long pine tree, lead > inner most

VIP room where big gorgeous mother-of-pearl table is.

guest room was also made for Noh performance, JA TRAD play.

Basic Tour: Plan C Y3150 45min, House tour, Tea Ceremony

DIRECS: > reach Nishijin, BUS #9 from Kyoto STA > Horikawa Imadegawa BSTOP.

- 9B2 Nishijin Textile Center GM (西陣織会館)**, see B4 walkabout area 1h
 Imadegawa Minami iru, Horikawa-dōri, Kamigyō-ku; free; 9am-5pm)
DIRECS: SW corner of Horikawa-dōri & Imadegawa-dōri intersection.

In Nishijin textile district CNTR,; completed fabrics & kimonos displays, weaving demonstrations & occasional kimono fashion shows. Unfortunately, BUS tours.

* **10B2 Orinasu-kan MUS: LP12046** GM (織成館) Click; .75h

693 Daikoku-chō, Kamigyō-ku; ¥500; 10am-4pm, closed Mon)

In Nishijin weaving factory, impressive exhibits of Nishijin textile; more atmospheric & quieter than Nishijin Textile Center.

10B2 Susamei-sha BLDG: LP12046 .5h

across st & short walk N of Nishijin Textile Center, open>pub.

* **B1 Daitoku-ji TEMP**s GM (大徳寺) 2h

53 Daitokuji-chō, Murasakino, Kita-ku; free; dawn-dusk)

separate world w/in Kyoto, 16th C, – Zen TEMP collection, raked gravel gardens & wandering lanes. OOM rewarding destinations in this part of city, particularly for JA gardens.; name Daitoku-ji confusingly refers > both main TEMP & entire complex, which contains total of 24 TEMP's & sub-TEMP's. 3 discussed, but 5 more open.

2B1 Daitoku-ji ; San-mon; Main Gate .5h

eponymous Daitoku-ji TEMP: on E side, founded: 1319, burnt down in next C

& rebuilt in 16th C. **San-mon**: contains image of famous tea master, Sen-no-Rikyū,

DIRECS: on 2nd storey; enter via main gate on E side of complex, Daitoku-ji on your R, short walk N.

1B1 Daisen-in Just N of Daitoku-ji, (大仙院) .5h

54-1 Daitokuji-chō, Murasakino, Kita-ku; ¥400; 9am-5pm Mar-Nov, > 4.30pm Dec-Feb) is famous for two small gardens.

5A1 Kōtō-in @ W edge of complex, (高桐院) .5h

73-1 Daitokuji-chō, Murasakino, Kita-ku; ¥400; 9am-4.30pm);

famous stunning bamboo-lined approach & maple trees in main GARD.

DIRECS: Daitoku-ji-mae BUS STOP; convenient Kyoto BSTA BUSs: 205 & 206.

Daitoku-ji : short walk W of Kitaō-ji SSTA on Karasuma SLine.

* **Kamigamo-jinja SHRINE GM** (上賀茂神社) 1h

Apparently N of Central Kyoto map

339 Motoyama, Kamigamo, Kita-ku; 8am-5pm) OO JA's oldest SHRN & predates, 679,

* **12D1 Shimogamo-jinja SHRINE** 下鴨神社, 賀茂御祖神社)GM 1h

; 59 Izumigawa-chō, Shimogamo, Sakyō-ku; 6.30am-5pm; Keihan line > Demachiyanaagi)

8th C, - OO Oldest Kyoto, Unesco: nestled in fork of Kamo-gawa & Takano-gawa rivers,

DIRECS: approached along shady path through lovely Tadasu-no-mori.; only 1 min walk from Shimogamo-jinja-mae BUS STOP; take BUS 205 from Kyoto STA.

Higashiyama: TWO SECTIONS 1-2D; from * Kiyomizu-dera > * Ginkaku-ji

S Higashiyama SECTION: (LP12111,LPm12222) 10½h 1+D

THIS walk SECTION starts @ S end, (SEE GM “ Kyoto-S Higashiyama) near Shichijō-dōri (lower L map corner), & goes N > Sanjō-dōri (upper L map corner). S portion is direct E of Kyoto STA area/ map. Runs along Higashiyama mtns (E Mtns base ; main sightseeing district-- top of ITIN: impressive sights: fine TEMP's, shrines, gardens, MUSs, TRAD neighbourhoods & parks.

Higashiyama district in 2 sections: S & N: **1 long day for both.**

6B7 Sanjūsangen-dō TEMP GM (三十三間堂) .75h

657 Sanjūsangendōma wari-chō, Higashiyama-ku; ¥600; 8am-4.30pm,; Keihan Shichijō); !!!: annual Tōshi-ya Matsuri, 15 Jan, archers shoot arrows length of hall.

Kyoto NAT MUS

NO INTEREST

Chishaku-in (Higashiyama

DIRECS: BOT of “Kyoto-S Higashiyama GMap.pdf (1page)”; shichijyo E of Sanjusangen-do, Kyoto national museum. gardens in Chishaku-in TEMP is very attractive w/ history. Most foreigners don't go there, but if you happen > be JA GARD lover, then don't miss .

1B6 Kawai Kanjirō Memorial Hall MUS(河井寛治郎記念館) .75h

569 Kanei-chō, Gojō-zaka, Higashiyama-ku; ¥900; 10am-5pm, closed Mon & around 10-20 Aug dates vary each yr)

DIRECS: 10-min walk N of Kyoto National MUS. OR, BUS 206 or 207 from Kyoto STA > Umamachi STOP.

--B5 Rokuharamitsu-ji: (六波羅蜜寺) .75h)

SEE Kyoto: Rokuharamitsu-ji pdf: Maybe cuz sm, rebuilt Buddhist TEMP, by [Kūya](#) in 951, [Hondō](#) burned during final Heian Period wars; 1363 replacement, damaged during [Meiji period](#); restored, 1969

TEMP: [Heian](#) and [Kamakura](#) period STATs: include: Kamakura period image of founder [Kūya](#),

--CD5,6 Jishu-jinja SHRN grounds

? 7D5 Tainai-meguri LPM (胎内めぐり); ¥100; 9am-4pm); (.5h) 1.5h

See this 1st, B4 actual entry > Jishu-jinja SHRN grounds),

We intentionally give U no info so NOT ruin experience. Suffice > say, entry IS symbolically entering womb of female bodhisattva. When you get > **rock in darkness**, spin in either direction > make wish.

DIRECS:

- Kyoto STA: BUS 206 & get off @ either Kiyōmizu-michi or Gojō-zaka STOP & plod up hill for 10 min
- entrance just > L (N) of pagoda in front of main entry > TEMP (**no English sign**). steep approach > TEMP aka Chawan-zaka (Teapot Lane): lined w/ 'stuff' shops.

*** D5 Kiyomizu-dera TEMP GM (清水寺) (1h)**

1-294 Kiyomizu, Higashiyama-ku; ¥300; 6am-6pm) This ancient, 798/1633;

Jishu-jinja SHRINE: & Love test btwn 2 stones

DIRECS: up steps above main hall,

Otowa-notaki Waterfall

🌀 * Ninen-zaka (二年坂) & Sannen-zaka (N<>S)(三年坂) NEIGHBOURHOOD ·

1h

Name refers > 2 main sts: **Ninen-zaka & Sannen-zaka**, literally 'Two-Yr Hill' & 'Three-Yr Hill' (yrs referring > ancient IMP yrs when 1st laid out). these 2 charming sts: lined w/ old wooden houses, trad shops & rest. many teahouses & cafes; OO Kyoto's loveliest restored neighbourhoods.

DIRECS: slightly NW of Kiyomizu-dera, on **GMap** "**Sannen-zaka/Ninen-zaka neighborhood, Kyoto**", **Sannen-zaka is N↔S st. @ Kiyomizu 2 Chrome intersection**

3D4 Kōdai-ji TEMP GM (高台寺) .5h

526 Shimokawara-chō, Kōdai-ji, Higashiyama-ku; ¥600; 9am-5pm), 1605

DIRECS: 10-MIN walk N of Kiyomizu-dera.

5D3 Maruyama-kōen PARK GM (円山公園) Maruyama-chō, Higashiyama-ku) .75h

Great city centre escape; amble around gardens, ponds, & rest. Peaceful paths meander through trees & carp in small pond PK centre.

DIRECS: 5 MIN walk E of Shijō-Higashiōji intersection. from Kyoto STA, BUS 206 > Gion STOP.

OR< Tōzai subway line > Higashiyama STOP & walk S about 10 MINs.

8C3 Yasaka-jinja SHRINE GM Free(八坂神社) .5h

625 Gion-machi Kitagawa, Higashiyama-ku; 24hr) colourful shrine i

DIRECS: just W/L down hill from Maruyama-kōen.

*** D2 Chion-in TEMP GM (知恩院) 400 Rinka-chō,** 1h

Higashiyama-ku; grounds/inner BLDG & GARD free/¥400; 9am-4.30pm)

2 storey **San-mon (TEMP gate)**

connected > another hall, **Dai Hōjō**, by 'nightingale' **FLR** (sings & squeaks @ every move, difficult 4 thief).

DIRECS: Up steps SE of main hall > TEMP's **giant bell**, cast; 1633, weighs 70 ton: largest JA bell; rung by TEMP's monks 108 times on New Year's Eve.

DIRECS: close > NE corner of Maruyama-kōen. From Kyoto STA: BUS 206 > Chion-in-mae STOP, OR, walk up (E) from Gion Shijō STA on Keihan line.

*** D2 Shōren-in TEMP GM (青蓮院) 69-1 Sanjōbō-chō,** .5h

Awataguchi, Higashiyama-ku, ¥500; 9am-5pm)

hard > miss TEMP, w/ giant camphor trees just outside; 16th & 17th C sliding screen paintings;

2-3/B-C Gion NEIGHBOURHOOD () (祇園周辺) 1.5h

Keihan line > Gion Shijō **rhymes w/ 'key on'** Kyoto's famous entertain & geisha Gion district lined w/ 17th-C rest & teahouses, many exclusive 4 geisha entertainment. BUT, MOD arch, congested traffic & MOD bars etc rob area of some HIST beauty, but still lovely places for stroll & district looks very attractive in evening

DIRECS: Hanami-kōji ST: main N><S > Gion ave; S of Shijō-dōri: HUH?

1) Kamo-gawa E bank;

2) Gion falls roughly btwn

) Sanjō-dōri & Gojō-dōri (Gion ave) (N & S, respectively) &

B) Higashiōji-dōri & Kawabata-dōri (Hanami-kōji ST) (E & W, respectively).

Hanami-kōji ST: 17th C rest. & tea houses, many exclusive geisha entertainment

*** Shimbashi ST: must-see spot** (aka Shirakawa Minami-dōri) **GM** .5h

OO Kyoto's most beautiful st, &, **arguably, among most beautiful st in all of Asia, especially in evening** & during cherry-blossom season.

DIRECS: start @ intersection of Shijō-dōri & Hanami-kōji & walk N, THEN, take 3rd L. (SEE LPM)

2B4 Kenin-ji TEMP GM (建仁寺) ,Komatsu-chō, .5h

Shijo sagaru, Yamatoōji-dōri, Higashiyama-ku; ¥500; 10am-4.30pm);

peace & calm, **twin dragons** roof painting - very gud

N Higashiyama SECTION: (LP12329, LPm12454)

1D

mts, wonderful day walking from Keage STA on Tōzai SUBWAY LINE all way N > Ginkaku-ji via Tetsugaku-no-Michi (Path of Philosophy), stopping in countless TEMP's & shrines en route.,

3F7 Konchi-in GM (金地院) 86-12 Fukuchi-chō, Nanzen-ji, Sakyō-ku; .75h

¥400; 8.30am-5pm Mar-Nov,)

DIRECS: Just W of main gate > Nanzen-ji, up some steps & down side st)

dry GARD, design: Kobori Enshū; good ex of shakkei, or **borrowed scenery**; **NOTE:** how mountains behind are incorporated into design.

9G6 Tenju-an GM (天授庵) 86-8 Fukuchi-chō, Nanzen-ji, Sakyō-ku; .75h

¥400; 9am-5pm Mar-mid-Nov,) : stands @ side of **San-mon**, 1337, splendid GARD w/ carp in pond.

10H2 Tetsugaku-no-Michi NEIGHBOURHOOD(Path of Philosophy) GM 1h

(哲学の道) Sakyō-ku Ginkaku-ji); btwn [Ginkaku-ji](#) & [Nanzen-ji](#).

Tetsugaku-no-Michi is **ped path** that runs along canal near base of Higashiyama. named for OOM most famous strollers: 20th-C philosopher Nishida Kitarō. GD views: Daimoji

DIRECS: 30 min walk, from just N of Eikan-dō TEMP & ends @ Ginkaku-ji.

*** G6 Nanzen-ji TEMP GM** (南禅寺) Fukuchi-chō, Nanzen-ji, Sakyō-ku; 1h

grounds/Hōjō GARD free/¥500, San-mon gate ¥300-400; 8.40am-5pm Mar-Nov,)

OO best Kyoto TEMP's, w/LRG grounds & lots sub-TEMP's.

San-mon: massive gate, Hōjō (powerful Shogun Regent) , Leaping Tiger GARD: classic Zen GARD

Hojo: Leaping Tiger GARD: Small **waterfall** in Hojo

DIRECS: from JR Kyoto or Keihan Sanjō STA, BUS 5 >

Nanzen-ji Eikan-dō-michi STOP.; also Tōzai subway line: from city centre > Keage & walk 5 min downhill. Turn R (E, towards mountains) opposite police box & walk slightly uphill (toward mountains) > main gate of TEMP.

6G7 Nanzen-in sub-TEMP ; LP merely mentioned .25h

7H7 * Nanzen-ji Oku-no-in (南禅寺奥の院) 1h

free; dawn-dusk)

Perhaps best part of Nanzen-ji: **missed by most:** Oku-no-in, small shrine-TEMP hidden in forested hollow behind main

DIRECS: walk up > red-brick aqueduct in front of Nanzen-in sub-TEMP, THEN, Follow road/path that runs // > aqueduct up into hills, until **waterfall** in beautiful mt. glen.



1G5 Eikan-dō TEMP GM (永観堂)

1h

48 Eikandō-chō, Sakyō-ku;
¥600; 9am-5pm)) lrg TEMP famed for: varied arch, gardens & art, 855.

DIRECS: 10-MIN walk N of Nanzen-ji.

Amida-dō Hall, S end of complex; STAT: *Mikaeri Amida* (Buddha Glancing Backwards).

Tahō-tō (Tahō Pagoda): **DIRECS:** From Amida-dō Hall, go N > end of covered walkway. Change into sandals provided, climb steep steps up mountainside > pagoda, w/fine view.

* H2 **Hōnen-in TEMP** GM (法然院) 30 Goshonodan-chō, Shishigatani, Sakyō-ku; free; 6am-4pm); Fine; 1680;

DIRECS: 10-min walk from Ginkaku-ji, on side st accessible from Tetsugaku-no-Michi; heading S on path, look for Eng sign on MY L, THEN, cross bridge over canal & follow road uphill.; Main hall- no access

* H2 **Ginkaku-ji** (Early or late visit) GM (銀閣寺) 2 Ginkaku-ji-chō, Sakyō-ku; .75h

¥500; 8.30am-5pm Mar-Nov, 9am-4.30pm Dec-Feb) Ginkaku-ji is one of Kyoto's premier sights, 1482, Shōgun Ashikaga Yoshimasa vaill, NOW TEMP

DIRECS:

From JR Kyoto or Keihan Sanjō STA, BUS 5 > **Ginkaku-ji-michi** STOP.

From Demachyanagi STA or Shijō STA, BUS 203 > same STOP.

E5 **Okazaki-kōen Area NEIGHBOURHOOD** (岡崎公園) an expanse of parks & canals that lies btwn Ni?mon-d?ri & Heian-jing?

CNTR of N Higashiyama area: Kyoto's MUS district & M popular shrines, Heian-jingū.

DIRECS:

BUS 5 from Kyoto STA or Keihan Sanjō STA > Kyoto Kaikan Bijutsu-kan-mae STOP & walk N, OR, walk up from Keihan Sanjō STA (15 MINs). OR, Tōzai subway line > Higashiyama STA & walk roughly N for 5 min.

2E5 **Heian-jingū** GM (平安神宮), 1/2h walk
> + 1h

Nishitennō-chō, Okazaki, Sakyō-ku; SHR/GARD free/¥600; 6am-6pm Mar-Oct); Impressive shrine complex, 1895, massive orange torii (Shintō shrine gate). Although appears > be entirely separate from shrine, actually considered main entrance > shrine itself.



1) **Hikone 彦根** : (LP15907) **Kyoto DT ORIG Castle** (LP1592 LPm15864) **6H**
 AN ALTERNATIVE > Himeji-jō castle cuz THAT CASTLE is renovating until 2014, **This is orig (not rebuilt) castle**; while not as lrg or impressive as Himeji-jō, quite lovely & good ex of JA castle ARCH.
 2nd-largest city in prefect~; castle, which dominates town; adjoining GARD : classic . **must-see**.

SEE Kyoto MAP Hikone-jō CASTLE.pdf & "Hikone Castle - Wiki.pdf"

TRANS-IN: (SEE " Kyoto > Hikone TRN.pdf")

- 1) **JRP**: shinkansen > Maibara (¥3300, 20 min), THEN, backtrack on JR Tōkaidō line > Hikone (¥180, 5 MINs)
- 2) ByJR Tōkaidō line: 1hr, (shinkaisoku, ¥1110);

TRANS-OUT: (SEE " Kyoto > Hikone TRN.pdf")

SITES:

Hikone-jō CASTLE (彦根城) 1-1 Konki-chō; ¥600; 8.30am-5pm) **SEE Kyoto MAP Hikone-jō CASTLE.pdf & "Hikone Castle - Wiki.pdf"**

1622, Ii family, Hikone daimyō (domain lords); OO finest castles in JA: much orig, great lake views @ upper stories. 1000 cherry trees, very popular hanami (blossom-viewing). **MUS**: 彦根城博物館

Genkyū-en GARD (incl in castle **TIK**; 8.30am-5pm)

After castle, visit GARD: Chinese-influenced GARD, 1677.

DIRECS: Ask someone @ castle > point U in R direction. teahouse - ¥500- matcha & sweet

10Yumekyobashi Castle Road & NEIGHBOURHOOD(夢京橋キャッスルロード):

ideal 4 lunch after castle Called Yumekyobashi Castle Rd. Arts & crafts shops, tea houses, rests, private houses are refurbished in unified color of white, black, brown, & gray creating Edo Period merchants' houses image. Entertaining unique presentations @ ea shop reminding of past times.

DIRECS: (on St Map > Hikone map & accessible via Omote-mon or Ōte-mon gate of castle), From Kyobashi Bridge main st (350mtr) goes SW; built across outer moat of Castle,

NW KYOTO: (LP12528, LPm12575)**4¼h**

spread over lrg area; Highlights include Kinkaku-ji (famed Golden Pavilion) & Ryōan-ji, w/ mysterious stone GARD.

TRANS- NOTE:

JR BUS line BTWN Kyoto STA > Syuzan:if route includes Nijo castle, Kinkakuji, Ryoanji & Ninnaji

😊 **NOTE:** 3 of area's main sites – Kinkaku-ji, Ryōan-ji & Ninnaji – can easily be linked together > form great 1/2D tour of city centre.

4A2* Kitano Tenman-gū SHRINE (北野天満宮) SEE Central KYOTO map LP12068) .75h

* on Lp Central Kyoto map 12070

GM (北野天満宮), Bakuro-chō, Kamigyō-ku; free; 5am-6pm Apr-Oct,

Fine, lrg shrine. Michizane Sugawara, GUD scholar, 9th C:: now considered >B “god of learning”.

Tenjin-san MKT-fair: 25th, any mo; OO Kyoto's 2 big MKTs.

DIRECS: From Kyoto STA, take BUS 50 & get off @ Kitano-Tenmangū-mae STOP.

OR, From Keihan Sanjō STA, take BUS 10 > same STOP. ---on Imadegawa-dōri

Determine time > walk from Kitano > Kinkaku HUH?

*** 1D1 Kinkaku-ji TEMP (Early) GM (金閣寺) 1 Kinkaku-ji-chō, Kita-ku; .75h**

¥400; 9am-5pm); Kyoto's famed 'Golden Pavilion', Kinkaku-ji: OO Japan's best known

DIRECS: Kyoto STA, BUS 205 > Kinkaku-ji-michi STOP.

OR, Keihan Sanjō STA, BUS 59 > Kinkaku-ji-mae STOP.

*** C1 Ryōan-ji TEMP GM (龍安寺) 13 Goryōnoshitamachi, Ryōan-ji, Ukyō-ku; 1h**

¥500; 8am-5.30pm Mar-Nov, 8.30am-5pm Dec-Feb)

Belongs > Rinzai Zen school, 1450; main attraction: GARD arranged in kare-sansui style.: austere collection of 15 rocks, apparently adrift in sea of sand, enclosed by an earthen wall.

Kyoyo-chi Pond CROWDED- get early

DIRECS: From Keihan Sanjō STA, BUS 59 > Ryōan-ji-mae stop. OR, walk > Ryōan-ji from Kinkaku-ji -- ½ hr.

3B2 Ninna-ji TEMP GM (仁和寺) 33 Omuroōuchi, Ukyō-ku; .75h

..... > grounds/Kondō Hall & Treasure Hall (FREE/¥500; 9am-5pm Mar-Nov, ; 842;

Most of grounds-- free, **but** separate fees: some TEMP's BLDG, many closed most of yr.

DIRECS: Keihan Sanjō STA, BUS 59 > Omuro Ninna-ji STOP OR, Kyoto STA BUS 26 > Omuro Ninna-ji STOP ???.

2C3 Myōshin-ji TEMP GM (妙心寺) 64 Myoshin-ji-chō, Hanazono, .75h

..... Ukyō-ku; > main TEMP/other areas (¥500/free; 9.10-11.50am, 1pm-3.40pm, freq closed)

Vast TEMP complex: separate world within Kyoto, walled-off complex of TEMP's & sub-TEMP's; GUD lazy strolling, 1342, 47 sub-TEMP's, but only few open > public.

DIRECS: ENTER N gate, follow broad stone avenue flanked by rows of TEMP's > S part of complex;

Myōshin-ji, eponymous: roughly in complex middle.

Entry fee = tour of several TEMP BLDG's: **hattō** (lecture hall) ceiling: Tanyū Kanō's unnerving painting **Unryūzu** (meaning 'dragon glaring in 8 directions'). **Guide** will invite you > stand directly beneath dragon; doing so makes appear that it's spiraling up or down.

ALSO, Myōshin-ji highlight,

4C3 Taizō-in great GARD (退蔵院 ; ¥500; 9am-5pm) .25h

, sub-TEMP in SW corner of grounds.

DIRECS: N gate of Myōshin-ji: easy 10-MIN walk S of Ninna-ji; OR, BUS 10 from Keihan Sanjō STA > Myōshin-ji Kita-mon-mae STOP.

See if closer GM gives names of these TEMPs like Ninna-ji

ARASHIYAMA (嵐山) **Area** (LP12598, LPm12683)**(6h est) 1D**

2nd M IMP SITE -- TEMPS hidden in forest sites in this section are all within walking distance of Arashiyama STA.

Clarify this section DIRECS:

TRANS:**TRN:**

FASTEST: JR Sanin/Sagano TLine: Kyoto STA or Nijō STA , THEN, > Saga Arashiyama STA (15min, Y230), THEN< 15min walk

CAUTION: (take **only local TRN** (color???), as express does not STOP in Arashiyama)

Other options: req transfer

JR Sagaarashiyama STA (JR嵯峨嵐山駅)

- **Sagano Scenic Railway** (Torokko Saga STA: located in front of Saga-Arashiyama Station)
- No BUS services
- Bikes ???

BUS: NO, cuz traffic tie-ups

BUS 28 links Kyoto STA w/ Arashiyama;

BUS 11 connects Keihan Sanjō STA w/ Arashiyama. most convenient

Sagano Scenic RR ride & RIV float: (NOT JRP)**???**

Saga Scenic Railway (sit on R side) (7 km from Arashiyama STA > nearby Torokko Kameoka STA , mostly alongside pretty Hozu River. trains travel @ max speeds: 25 km/h during their 25 MIN journey)

Reserve a ticket: Midori-no-madoguchi (=みどりの窓口=) Res TIK window @ major JR STAs).

SEE Tram & Boat tour.pdf

Options: RR ride, THEN ----

- 1) TRN return
- 2) boat return

Hozugawa River Boat Ride (Departing from near JR Kameoka STA, (2hr, > Togetsukyo Bridge) 16km, 2 hr, 0771-22-5846, 9-5

- 3) **MY IDEA** -- Hike RIV 1 or both directions? my idea: doubt cuz too steep & tunnels suggest no trail **BLOG: see same thing by hike. So, can I hike old RR rote along river?**

- 4) **NO! walk 5 min > Umahori STA for JR** > Ara~ or Kyoto, CUZ JR has few TRN that stop here> Check SCHEDs:

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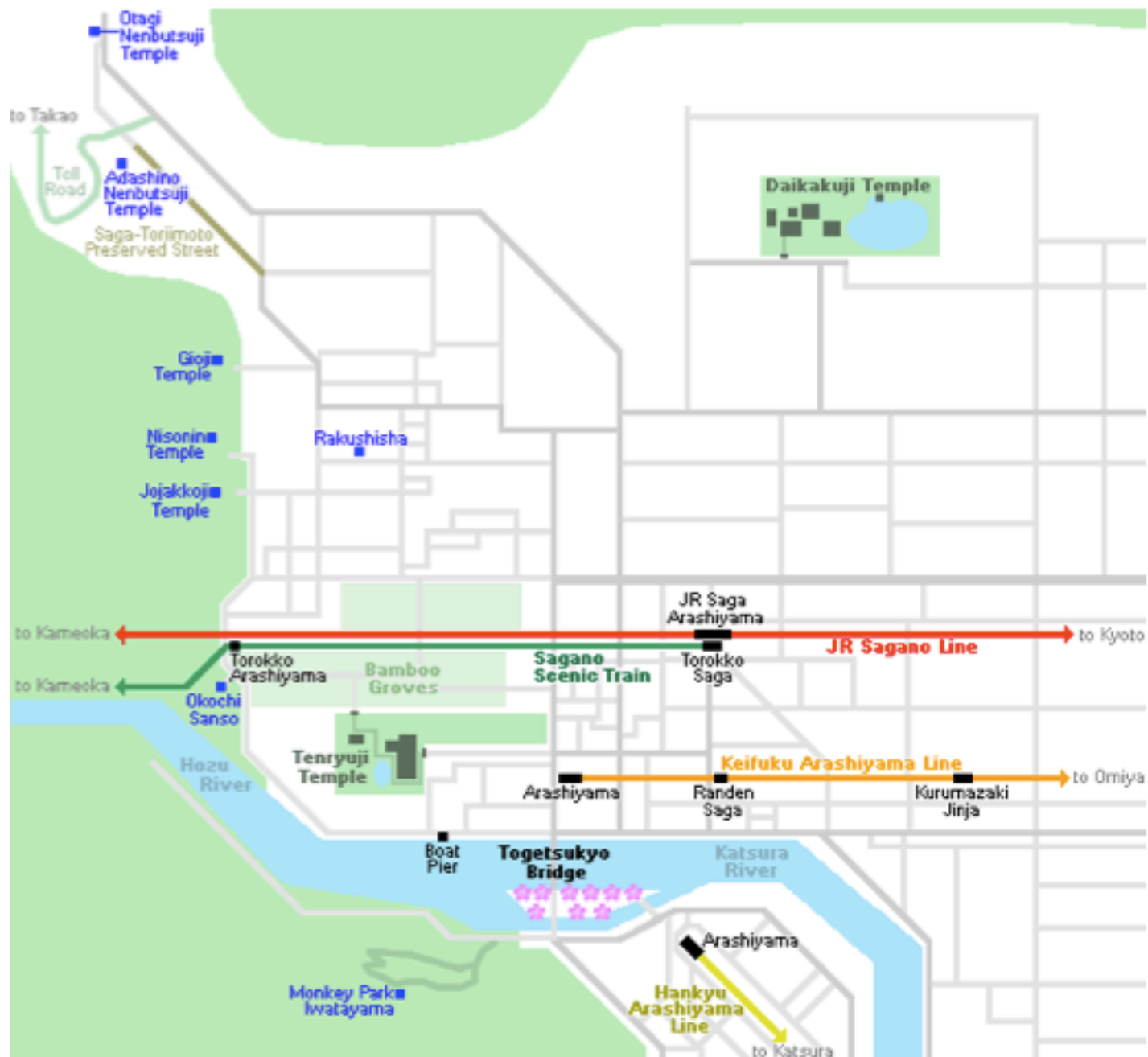
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OR, reverse #3 above. GOOG links below

<http://www.sagano-kanko.co.jp/pdf/english.pdf>

<http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e3912.html>

www.sagano-kanko.co.jp/SCHED/index.html



GOOG GM nothing useful?

SITES: **USE LP map**

BIKE RENTAL: at

JR Sagaarashiyama STA (JR嵯峨嵐山駅)

- Sagano Scenic Railway (Torokko Saga STA: located in front of Saga-Arashiyama Station)
- No BUS services

Arashiyama STA:

Suggested WALK: from Arashiyama STA (**NO, rather SagaArashiyama STA & walk down > Tenryu-ji**) > Tenryū-ji, exiting N gate, checking out bamboo grove, visiting Ōkōchi Sansō, THEN, N > Giō-ji or Adashino Nembutsu-ji: **MUST TEMPs:** Tenryū-ji & Giō-ji.



Start @ Arashiyama STA OR Saga Arashiyama STA (if BIKE Rental)>

- * **C3 Tenryū-ji TEMP GM** (天龍寺) 68 Susukinobaba-chō, 1h
 Saga Tenryū-ji, Ukyō-ku; ¥600; 8.30am-5.30pm) OOM TEMPs of Rin zai school of Zen; 1339-Muromachi Period, present BLDG: 1900; main attraction: **14th-C Zen GARD**
8C3 Tenryu-ji N Gate .5h

Hogon-in: Included w/ TIK: **Special One-day Open Tickets for Arashiyama**

SEE “Kyoto TRANS Passes Info.pdf”

DIRECS: Arashiyama's famous bamboo grove lies just outside TEMP's N gate.

- * **Arashiyama's Bamboo grove** (see 8C3):
 begins just outside Tenryū-ji's N gate.

EXIT N gate > bamboo grove

EXIT bamboo grove > Kameyama-koen

B3 Kameyama-kōen PARK (亀山公園) .5h

SW of Tenryū-ji: nice escape of Arashiyama crowds : laced w/ trails, best--- leads > lookout over Katsura-gawa & up into Arashiyama mtns; CAUTION: monkeys - nasty critters.

DIRECS: turn L @ top of bamboo grove-- UR in park.

EXIT Kameyama-koen . Okoch Sanso

- * **B3 Ōkōchi Sansō HIST BLDG GM** (大河内山莊) .5h

..... 8 Tabuchiyama-chō, Ogurayama, Saga, Ukyō-ku; ¥1000 **hefty**; 9am-5pm)

Villa / home of Ōkōchi Denjiro, samurai film actor; superb gardens w/fine city views, open;

EXIT Okochi-Sanso N all way > Adashino Nembutsu-ji: walk back thru following sites > RR back > Kyoto STA

1A1 Adashino Nembutsu-ji TEMP GM (化野念仏寺) 1.25h

..... 17 Adashino-chō, Saga Toriimoto, Ukyō-ku; ¥500; 9am-4.30pm, w/ seasonal variations)

Unusual TEMP: abandoned bones of paupers & destitutes w/out next of kin were gathered.

1000s of stone images = abandoned souls remembered ea yr w/ candles.

Saga-Toriimoto Preserved Street

Much of street > **Adashino Nenbutsuji TEMP** preserved **Meiji Period** style (1868-1912). Many TRAD machiya ("town houses"): private res but now converted > shops & restaurants.

DIRECS: about 15 MINs' walk N of Giō-ji.

* 3A1 **Giō-ji TEMP** GM (祇王寺) 32 Kozaka, Saga Toriimoto, Ukyō-ku; .75h
¥300 (Common Ticket for

Daikaku-ji TEMP

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Gio-ji is now a sub-temple of Daikaku-ji

4 Sagaosawacho, Ukyo Ward, Kyoto, +81 75-871-0071 · daikakuji.or.jp (worth seeing)- NE of Arashiyama, BUT apparently not in LPJ) & Gio-ji: 600 yen); 9am-4.30pm, w/ seasonal variations); quiet TEMP named for shirabyōshi (trad dancer), Giō.

SM thatched BLDG: wooden STATs of story's heroines related > TEMP & then most powerful Heike clan chief, TAIRA-no-Kiyomori (1118-1181), Heian-era.

IN **Heike-monogatari** (Tale of Heike), Gio, Shirabyoshi dancer was loved by TAIRA-no-Kiyomori, but jilted when he fell for another Shirabyoshi's beauty, Hotoke-Gozen. Gio, her sister Ginyo & their mom, Toji L Kiyomori & entered nunnery -- present day Gio-ji & were joined by Hotoke-Gozen cuz knew she wud be jilted by heartless Kiyomori; four lived here remainder of lives; Gio: 21, Hotoke-Gozen: 17.

DIRECS:

Daikaku-ji (大覚寺 *Daikaku-ji*):

- Shingon Buddhist TEMP in Ukyō-ku: Emperor Saga (785-842) villa; later, retired Emperor Go-Uda conducted cloistered rule from here. school of ikebana, NOW, Saga Goryū HDQRTs in TEMP.
- **Osawa pond** (*Osawa no ike*), artificial lake: OOO JA GARD ponds; IMP *chisen-shuyu* style GARD meant > be seen from boat
- **Heart Sutra** (Hanna Shingyo): Buddhist religious document. **Heian Period STORY:** EMP made hand copy, & epidemic ended ; sutra kept @ TEMP & PUB displayed once every 60 yrs (next: 2018).
- **Dry cascade** (*karedaki*): On hillside N of lake, what appears > be dry cascade (*karedaki*): kind of JA [rock](#) GARD or zen GARD, where real waterfall suggested by design of stones.
- Also, several EMP's retirement home; orig BLDG destroyed, BUT , Edo Period Emperor Go-Mizunoo replaced w/Momoyama Period TEMP BLDG from Kyoto Imperial Palace

6B2 **TEMP** GM (二尊院) .5h

..... 27 Monzenchōjin-chō, Nison-in, Saga, Ukyō-ku; ¥500; 9am-4.30pm); attractive wooded hillside setting on long approach > TEMP lined w/ lovely maple trees.

DIRECS: short walk N of Jōjakkō-ji.

4B2 Jōjakkō-ji TEMP GM(常寂光寺) .5h

..... 3 Ogura-chō, Ogurayama, Saga, Ukyō-ku; ¥400; 9am-5pm)

DIRECS: (10-min) walk N of Ōkōchi Sansō , narrow road soon passes stone steps on MY L that lead up > Jōjakkō-ji. TEMP: maple leaves & Tahōtō pagoda. upper area of TEMP grounds : GUD views E over Kyoto.

7B2 Rakushisha HIST BLDG GM (落柿舎) .5h

..... 20 Himyōjin-chō, Ogurayama, Saga, Ukyō-ku; ¥200; 9am-5pm Mar-Dec,)

This hut ??? belonged > Mukai Kyorai, best-known disciple of haiku (17-syllable poem) poet Basho who wrote some few poems here.




Means: 'House of Fallen Persimmons', legend : Kyorai dubbed house Rakushisha after waking 1 morn after storm > find persimmons he had planned > sell from garden's trees on ground.

DIRECS: HUT is short walk downhill & > N of Jōjakkō-ji.

BACK > Kyoto

THEN, WALK or BUS > Sagaarashiyama STA > Kyoto STA (cuz No transfers req'd)

CAUTION: DO NOT take TRN from Arashiyama STA cuz 3 -4 transfers

SAGAARASHIYAMA - KYOTO 04:30 pm Apr/2013/06 Departure		
Route1	Take time: 12 Minutes	Transfer: 0 Times Distance: 10.3 km
	Total:¥ 230(Fare:¥ 230 Seat Fee:¥ 0) Commuting ticket(1 mon:¥ 1100)	
Time	Route	Fare
16:39	 SAGAARASHIYAMA Station timetable Add to favorite	┌
[12 Min]	 JR Sagano Line Rapid Service Train timetable Interval timetable	¥230
16:51	 KYOTO [Arrival track No.32] Add to favorite	└

SE KYOTO: (LP12718 & SEE Kyoto MAP SE Kyoto GM-(Tōfuku-ji TEMP.pdf)

1/4D

* Tōfuku-ji TEMP LPJ?, (東福寺) 15-778 Honmahi, Higashiyama-ku;

> GARD/grounds ¥400/free; 9am-4pm Dec-Oct, 1236;

53. huge **San-mon**: oldest JA Zen main gate; **Hōjō (abbot's hall)**: reconstructed, 1890. **gardens**, 1938, well worth visit.

DIRECS: Tōfuku-ji is 20-MIN walk (2km) SE of Kyoto STA. **OR**, local TRN on JR Nara line > JR Tōfukuji STA, THEN, 10-MIN walk SE. **OR**, Keihan line > Keihan Tōfukuji STA, THEN, 10-MIN walk.

Fushimi-Inari Taisha SHRINE (伏見稲荷大社)

.75h

..... 68 Yabunouchi-chō, Fukakusa, Fushimi-ku; free; dawn-dusk)

SEE [Kyoto MAP bot.png.pdf \(1page\)](#)

Stunning shrine complex dedicated > gods of rice & sake by Hata family in 8th C.

Pathway goes 4km up MTN, lined w/ 1000s of **red torii**; also dozens of **stone foxes** cuz TRAD “messenger of Inari”, god of rice harvest (& later on, biz). sacred, somewhat mysterious figure capable of ‘possessing’ humans; **SYMBOL**: key in fox’s mouth is for rice granary.

pleasant day hike: walk around upper precincts of shrine; also, very eerie late afternoon & early evening stroll cuz various graveyards & miniature shrines along path take on mysterious air.

DIRECS: Kyoto STA, JR Nara line TRN > Inari STA. **OR**, From Keihan Sanjō STA, Keihan line > Fushimi-Inari STA --- shrine just E of both

* Daigo-ji TEMP (醍醐寺) 22 Higashiōji-chō, Daigo, Fushimi-ku;

1h

NOT ON MY MAPS free: > grounds BUT cherry-blossom seasons/¥600,; 9am-5pm Mar-Nov, 874, **Five-story** pagoda, 951, still stands, lovingly 2B oldest in JA & oldest existing BLDG in Kyoto **Sampō-in** sub-TEMP: ¥600, fine ex: period opulence, Kanō paintings & GARD: special features.

DIRECS: (Seems 2B immediately E of

Fushimi-Inari Taisha SHR) Tōzai subway line from central Kyoto > last STOP, Daigo, THEN, walk E (towards mountains) for about 10 MINs. **CAUTION**: Make sure that TRN you board is bound for Daigo, NOT > Hama-Ōtsu instead.



SW KYOTO: INCLUDING:

Uji **NEIGHBOURHOOD** (宇治) 40 min ; (LG-not that INT)

Byōdō-in TEMP (平等院) ; **Uji's stone bridge** –

Saihō-ji TEMP (西芳寺 ; Click here ;ADV RES STEEP PRICE

Katsura RikyūA DV RES STEEP PRICE

KITAYAMA AREA (Ohara, Kurama & Kibunr Neighborhood :

Takao Neighborhood

NO INTEREST

Not Interested

NO INTEREST

NO INTEREST

NO INTEREST

NO INTEREST

TRANS-OUT:

TRN:

TRN > TAKAYAMA:

Kyoto DayTrips: ONLY IF FREE TIME

Shūgaku-in Rikyū HIST BLDG (修学院離宮 ; Click here ADV RES -

NO INTEREST

* Hiei-zan / Enryaku-ji TEMP (延暦寺) (LP12509) off Kyoto maps > NE ½ D

off 4220 Honmachi, Sakamoto, Ōtsu city, Shiga; ¥550; 8.30am-4.30pm, 9am-4pm in winter)
848m-high Hiei-zan & vast Enryaku-ji complex: good way > spend half day hiking, poking around
TEMPs & enjoying atmosphere of key site in JA history.; 788 by Saichō, aka Dengyō-daishi, priest
who established Tendai school.

Complex: 3 sections – 1) Tōtō (M IMP BLDG), 2) Saitō (rae Buddha sculpture) & 3) Yokawa
section is minimal INTEREST & too far)

DIRECS:

IMP: direct BUSs from Kyoto & Keihan Sanjō STAs > Enryaku-ji, about 70 & 50 min, respectively
(both, ¥800).

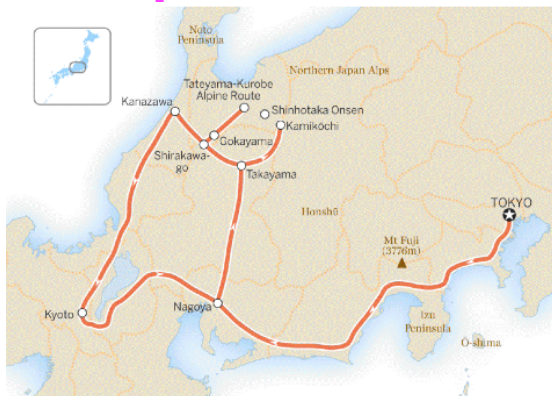
TRN: Keihan line N > last STOP, Demachiyanagi, THEN, TRANSFER > Yase-Hieizanguchi-bound
Eizan Dentetsu Eizan-line TRN (careful not > board Kurama-bound TRN that sometimes leaves
from same platform). THEN, @ last STOP, Yase-Hieizanguchi (¥260),

THEN, once there:

- 1) TRANSFER > cable car (¥530, nine MINs)
- 2) THEN, > ropeway (¥310, three MINs) > peak,
- 3) THEN, walk down > TEMPs. > save money (by avoiding cable car & ropeway) OR,

BUS

JA Alps: (Gifu PREFECT takayama, etc)



TRAV DAY: (5hr)

1D

(Hida) Takayama (高山) (LP8730, LPm8745)

(1T, 2D, 3N)

2D

TIC: (飛騨高山観光案内所 ;

32-5328; 8.30am-5pm Nov-Mar, > 6.30pm Apr-Oct) main office,

DIRECS: direct front of JR Takayama STA, competent Eng-spkg staff; Eng maps & site info ([E>G>](#)

"Hida Takayama pamphlet" GUD), ACCM & reg TRANS.

TRANS-IN:

TRN: *SEE Transflow Hyperdia info*

TRY for "Wide View Hida" from Nagoya > Takayama: Nagoya (名古屋) > Takayama

Wide View Hida limited express TRN: 5/day, 2 ½hr Takayama Main Line (高山本線)

mountainous TRN ride along Hida-gawa is gorgeous.

SEE "TAK MAP HIRO>NARA>KYOTO>TAK GM.pdf"

BUS:

Takayama Hida BUS

Center (高山濃飛バスセン

ター) directly next > JR

Takayama STA. ([more](#)

[details](#))

Nohi BUS: [Ask about](#)

[Special TIK offers](#): e.g.: 4

[consecutive days](#) btwn

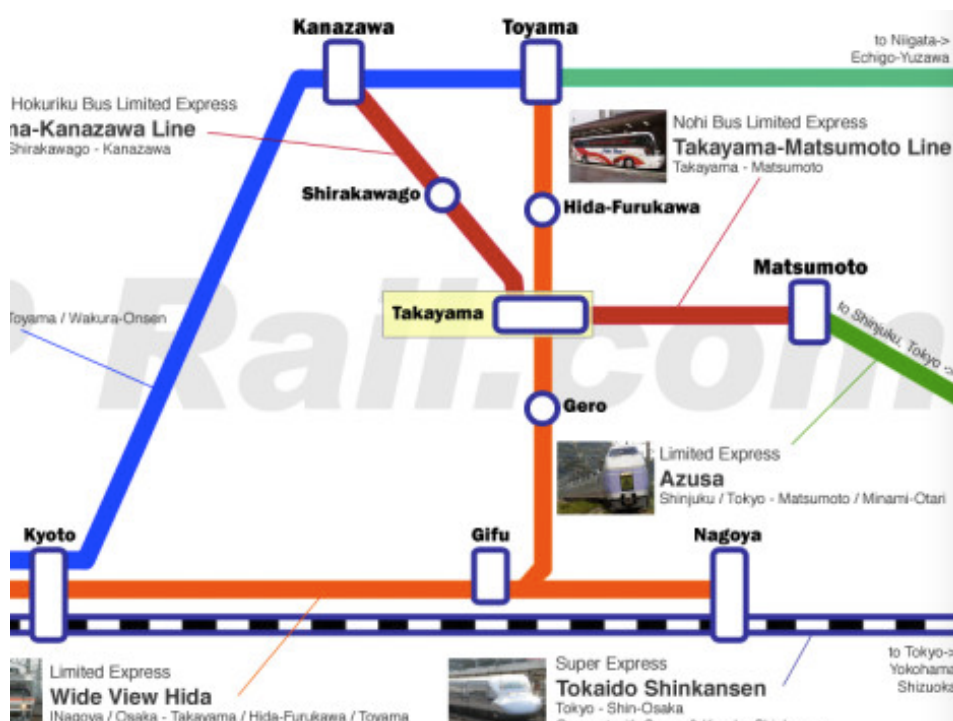
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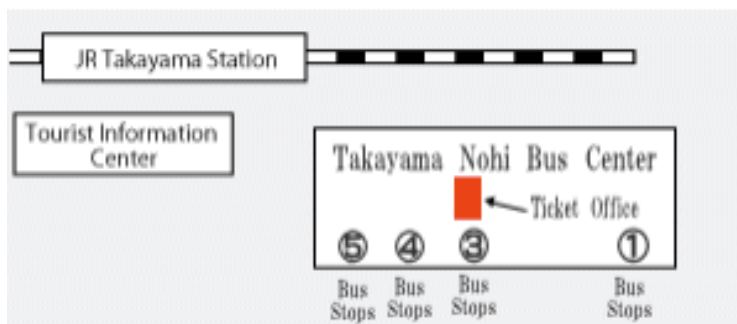
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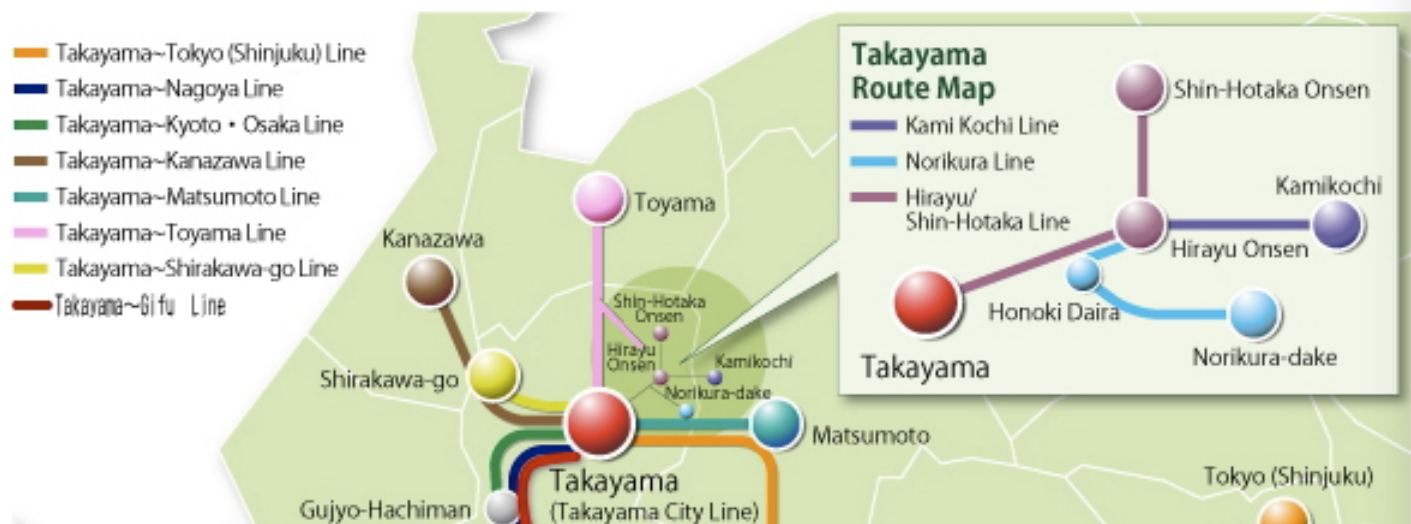
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- Takayama Nohi Bus Center is located next to JR Takayama station.
- Route bus tickets around Takayama and Express bus tickets are available at Ticket Office in Takayama Nohi Bus Center.
- [How to board the bus.\(pdf\)](#)



TRANS AROUND:

Easy walking;

4 day Consecutive pass

1 day Travel pass for Nohi bus

Unlimited 1 Day travel on Nohi City circulation buses: "Sarubobo Bus". (2 rts, ¥600),

BIKE-friendly: . Some ACCM lend or

39B2 **Hara Cycle Rentals:** approx ¥300/hr/1300/day) LPM (ハラサイクル ; 32-1657; Kokubun-ji-dōri) .

ACCM:

(1) **Quality Hostel K's House Takayama: 91%, \$34 4mx**

4-45-1 Tenman-cho Takayama City Gifu, Hida Takayama

New, **Wifi all flrs**, w/ ,lug stor, **lift**, **GUD kit**, bike, trav help,

LOC: 3mins walk > JR Takayama STA

REV: bad htr, lrg dorm beds, rm lock, very clean,

REV peep in Kyoto said: I Went > Takayama & wish I had booked K's House instead of J-hoppers.



(2) **J-Hoppers HOSTEL:89%, D \$30**

(ジェイホッパーズ飛騨高山ゲストハウス ; 32-3278; <http://takayama.j-hoppers.com>; 5-52 Nada-machi; dm¥2500;)

LOC: DIRECS: 3 min walk > Takayama STA,
REV: great staff (arrange [tours](#) > Mt Ontake & other out-of-way nature spots).lrg D beds,



(3) **Hidatakayama GH Tomaru: 96%, \$32 6mx**

6-5,hanasato-machi, Takayamashi,

New 2011, lock, [kit](#), lug stor, rd lite

LOC: GUD [close](#) > [main TRN STA](#), but not CNTR, Gud bed,

REV: [Shingo](#), [Madoka & baby](#), clean, ,quiet, area tours help,



??? **Zenkō-ji, Takayama Hostel GH HOSTEL (functioning TEMP); D: \$ / Y2500**

(飛騨高山善光寺宿坊 ; 32-8470; www.takayamahostelzenkoji.com; 4-3 Tenman-chō; dm/r ¥2500/3000;)+81-577-32-8470 (Domestic) 0577-32-8470; Email:

takayamazenkoji@ace.ocn.ne.jp

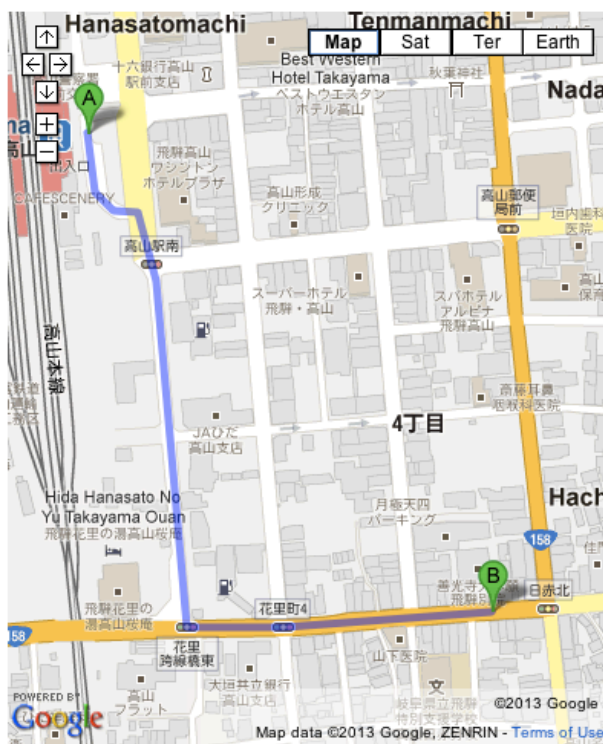
Address: Gifu-kenTakayama-shi,Tenman-cho 4-3

??? @ this TEMP (branch of Nagano's famous Zenkō-ji), New-2011, [GUD KIT](#), w/d, [lots toilets](#), lock, [GUD Eng](#) spkr staff, near [supermkt & rest](#), [wifi](#), JA GARD, handsome

LOC: 5-7 min walk > See map () STA, (B) hostel/TEMP

REV: GUD ENG, spacious, great KIT, clean, seemed artificial, dark, creepy, near coffee shop,

Upon Arrival at the Takayama Station – Zenkoji Hostel is only a 5 to 7 minute walk away.



MISC:

Kinki Nippon TIC LPM (32-6901;

1-17 Hanaoka-machi) For onward BUS/TRN res w/in JA.

SITES:**(13.75H)****1 3/4D****Town Center:** All main sites except Hida-no-Sato (Hida Folk Village)

Kokubun-ji-dōri, main st NE of STA, heads E, across Miya-gawa (10 min), THEN, Yasugawa-dōri, THEN, S of Yasugawa-dōri :hist, picturesque Sanmachi-suji (Sanmachi district)

3B2 Hida Kokubun-ji TEMP (飛騨国分寺); 1-83 Sōwa-chō; .5h

treasure hall ¥300; 9am-4pm) Takayama's oldest TEMP, Hida Kokubun-ji originally built in 8th C, impressively gnarled ginkgo tree,

CD2 Sanmachi-suji neighborhood (三町筋) (LP8790)**2h**

DIRECS: 15-min. walk from Takayama Sta; immediately beyond Miya-gawa RIV WHEN coming from TRN STA, btwn Kaji-bashi Bridge & Naka-bashi Bridge

Old town CNTR, 3 main sts (**Ichino-Machi**, **Ni-no-Machi** & **San-no-Machi**); lined w/trad shops, rest & MUS. **Sake breweries:** recognised by cedar fronds spheres & big sake barrels lined in their front; well preserved old homes . st. packed w/ tourists & school kids; OO best preserved Edo-era neighbourhoods.

old merchant & artisan houses: converted > many private MUSs: buildings w/ very interesting display items. 2 GUD Edo-period merchant homes, w/living qrts in 1 section & com/warehouse areas other

On SIGNS: look for 古い町並み (furai machinami) or 'Old Private Homes' in Eng.

Storehouses w/ tall festival floats 4 famous Spr & Aut festivals, TRAD rest & souvenir shops..

Merchant Houses HIST BLDGs (吉島家・日下部民芸館)

DIRECS: in San-machi qtr: str immediately beyond Miya-gawa RIV as U R coming from TRN STA, btwn Kaji-bashi Bridge & Naka-bashi Bridge. OO best preserved Edo-era neighbourhood in JA.

1C2 Fujii Folkcraft Art Gallery LPM (藤井美術民芸館):**INT?/\$****?**

Fujii Bijutsu Minzoku-kan; 69 San-no-Machi; ¥700; 9am-5pm, often closed Tue-Fri early Dec-early Mar)

private collection in an old merchant's house, folk craft & ceramics

2C2 Hida Folk Archaeological MUS LPM (飛騨民族考古館):**.5h**

Hida Minzoku Kōkō-kan ARCH sites; 82 San-no-Machi; ¥500; 7am-5pm Mar-Nov, Former samurai house w/ interesting secret passageways & old well in courtyard.

10B3 Takayama-jinya HIST BLDG (高山陣屋):**1h**

32-0643; 1-5 Hachiken-machi; ¥420; 8.45am-5pm Mar-Oct, > 4.30pm Nov-Feb)

1816, was local govm't office until 1969; also, **rice granary & GARD, torture chamber** w/ explanations. Free, ENG tours available (reservations advised).

DIRECS: 15-min walk E of TRN STA.

Most IMP city HIST BLDG, 1652; , Resembles small scale palace, set w/in strong **walls**

approached by imposing **gateway**. old Hida province governor's res, appointed by Edo Tokugawa shogunate in. **Hida** : 1 of 60 tenryō (domains) ruled by Bakufu.

Current bldg: 1692 ; only BLDG kind in JA - all other Jinyas ? torn down after Meiji restoration, 1868; escaped destruction cuz Takayama Prefectural Office, 1868 > 1969.

plunges U back into sumurai age: wooden structure, tatami ?& fusuma ? are impeccably preserved, yet, empty rms appear lifeless; TRAD GARD perfectly laid out.

Note: **rabbit-shaped nail heads** on poles (e.g. on terrace facing GARD); called "mamuki usagi": orig Edo-era decorations ---- sign that even samurai had soft spot for cuteness.

Rice storehouse ("onkura"): 1600 & largest of age in JA.

8C2 Takayama Shōwa-kan MUS (高山昭和館):**.75h**

6 Shimo-ichi-no-machi; ¥500; 9am-6pm Apr-Oct)

mid-20th C nostalgia : all rage in JA, this MUS feels like nostalgia Shōwa era bonanza, JA name for emperor, aka elsewhere Hirohito. Though Shōwa ruled from 1926 > 1989, MUS concentrates on period btwn 1955 & 1965: time of great optimism btwn Japan's postwar malaise & pre-Titan boom: vehicles & movie posters, recreated storefronts, beauty salon & classroom.

5C1 Kusakabe Mingeikan (日下部民芸館): **EXT ONLY ?**

.5h

(Kusakabe Folk Art **MUS**); 1-52 Ōshinmachi; ¥500; 9am-4.30pm Mar-Nov,)

DIRECS: 17-min. walk from Taka~ STA., close > Miyagawa River, down blk Kusakabe Mingeikan, 1890s, striking craftsmanship of trad Takayama carpenters. ALSO INT: folk art collection.

11B1 Yoshijima-ke ARCH BLDG, (吉島家住宅)

.5h

Yoshijima house; 1-51 Ōshinmachi; adult/child ¥500; 9am-5pm Mar-Nov,

DIRECS: next > Kusakabe Mingei-kan, Arch buffs delight, freq ARCH mag focus; lack of ornamentation forces focus on spare lines, soaring roof & skylight.; different, more intimate style. Rebuilt in 1908 w/ absolute fidelity > older structure

7 Hida Takayama Shunkei Kaikan (Lacquerware Museum): (飛騨高山春慶会館)

DIRECS: 15-min. walk from Takayama Sta.

IMP **Shunkei lacquerwear** collection: OO Takayama's most representative crafts; over 1,000 items (17th C > present day) are on display, also an exhibit showing production technique. Open: 8:30–17:00 (Apr.–Oct.), 9:00–17:00 (Nov.–Mar.) Closed: Dec. 31–Jan. 1 Admission: ¥300.

9 Takayama Museum of History & Art: (飛騨高山まちの博物館)

DIRECS: 15 min. walk from Takayama Sta. exhibits focus on Takayama's HIST, CUL & TRAD arts; incorporates HIST BLDG aka "dozou" (storehouse w/ thick earthen walls), so, BLDG & exhibits R relevant Open: 9:00–19:00 (Garden: 7:00–21:00) **Admission**: Free.

9C1 Takayama Yatai Kaikan MUS LPM (高山屋台会館):

.75

Festival Floats Exhibition Hall; 178 Sakura-machi; ¥820; 8.30am-5pm Mar-Nov)

DIRECS: 館) 20-min. walk from Takayama Sta.

rotating selection of 4 of 23 multitiered **yatai** (floats) prized for flamboyant carvings, metalwork & lacquerwork; famous feature: 'karakuri'- mechanical puppets that perform amazing tricks & acrobatics courtesy of 8 puppeteers w/ 36 strings.

Video: of festival.-- on grounds of stately hillside shrine Sakurayama Hachiman-gū ;

7C1 Sakurayama Hachimangu SHRN:

.25h

DIRECS: shrine's main BLDG are behind Yatai Kaikan.

Morning MKTS (朝市) Asa-ichi (daily morn~mkts **6 am>12 Apr>**):

N/

6C2 **Miya-gawa Morning MKT** (宮川朝市):

2h

Every morn, 6:00 (Apr.– Oct.) > noon, farmers' wives sell fresh produce - vegies & flowers

larger, on E bank of Miya-gawa, btwn Kaji-bashi & Yayoi-bashi. MKTs; pleasant way > start day, w/stroll past rugged farm-folk @ veggie stalls selling crafts: pickles

DIRECS: 10-min. walk from Takayama STA, stretches N of Kaji-bashi, almost all way > Sakurayama.; filled w/ tourists,

Sts parallel > morning MKT: HIST Preservation Area, aka **Shimoninomachi-Ojinmachi qtr.**

4B3 **Jinya-mae Morning MKT** (陣屋前朝市) 2h

Every morn, from 6:00 (Apr.– Oct.) > noon, farmers' wives sell fresh produce - vegies & flowers

DIRECS: in front of Takayama-jinya (**10B3**) ;

D3 **Shiroyama-kōen & Higashiyama Teramachi & PARK** (城山公園・寺町) **GM-no** 2h

Hilly districts in E of town. linked by walking trail. very GUD early morn / late afternoon.

- 13 TEMPss & 5 SHRNs. Every TEMP or SHRNs: INT bldgs w/fine STATs & other loved art objects.
- Higashiyama Teramachi: defines why Takayama is called "little Kyoto".

DIRECS: S of HIST: CNTR: densely wooded hill (687m) where local Daimyō's "Takayama castle" once stood, 1588 & 1600;

Seat of Kanamori clan until 1692; shogunate razed castle 3 yrs later & hill designated HIST area & renamed Shiroyama Park @ Meiji Restoration.

Takayama-jō (高山城跡) **castle ruins** still visible @ different places: before greenery of

Shiroyama-kōen. **DIRECS:** Various trails lead through park & up mountainside > **castle** ruins.

SIDETRIP: BIKE:

* **Hida-no-Sato HIST BLDG** (飛騨の里) Hida Folk Village

3h

1-590 Okamoto-chō; ¥700; 8.30am-5pm) GM-no, 3 hrs,

'Hida-no-Sato setto ken' **TIK** combines return fare & PK admit: ¥900. CAUTION: check return times.

DIRECS: 20/30-min walk W of Takayama STA, **but** route is **not** enjoyable. Either hire BIKE, or BUS from Takayama BSTA (高山濃飛バスセンター; ¥200, 10 MINs).

- **Open-air MUS:** trad houses, dismantled & rebuilt; clear weather views over town > JA Alps peaks;
- **2 sections:** W section: 12 old houses & complex of trad bldgs; excellent previous C's rural life view. 30 TRAD farmhouses & BLDGs, many transported from other region parts. Each preserved in ORIG state, includ artifacts related > owners life & work;
- Wander house > house @ leisure;
- Certain houses devoted > craft workshops w/ local craft demos: woodcarving, lacquerwork, straw baskets, hats & **sandals**.(buy)

TRANS OUT : BUS Takayama > Ogimachi/Shiikawa:

Bus service:

Takayama — Shirakawago (Runs all year)

(高山) (白川郷)

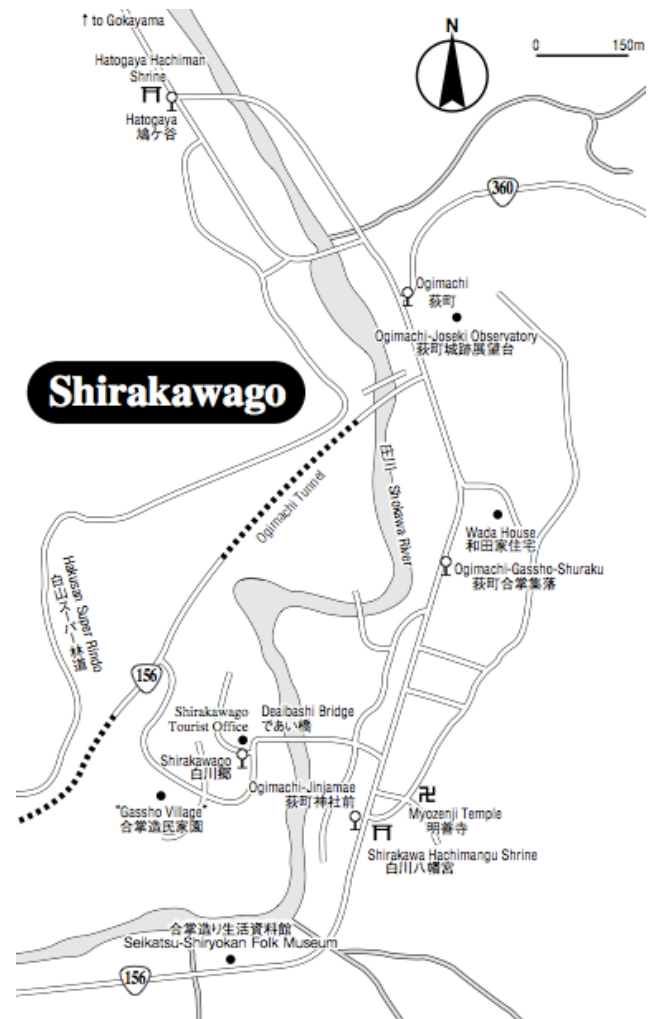
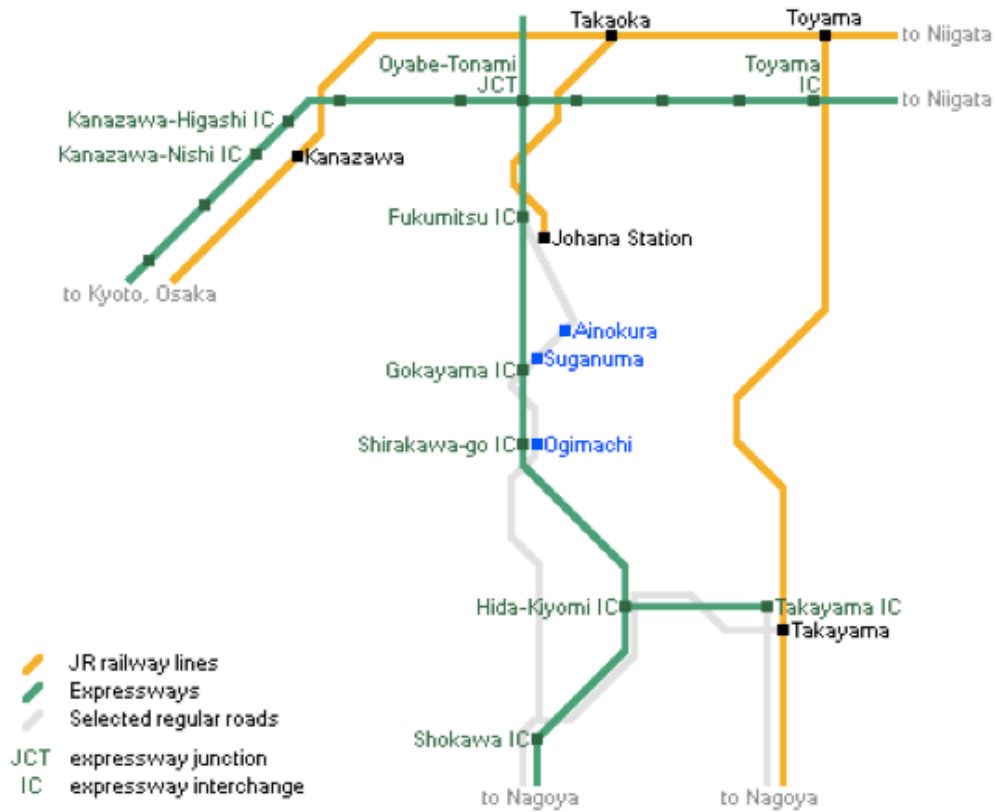
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Ar. Takayama (高山)	7:55	※11:45	12:50	13:50	※14:50	15:50	17:00
							※18:10

※=Reservation Only

Nohi Bus: Tel. (0577)32-1688



Ogimachi>Suganuma>Ainokura:



TIC: Tourist Office near Shirakawago Bus Stop. Tel. (0576)96-1013 9:00–17:00 (Only JA spoken)

Ogimachi>Suganuma>Ainokura:

Kaetsuno BUS: btwn Ogimachi in Shirakawa-go > JR Takaoka STA on JR Hokuriku Line, THEN, can transfer > limited express TRNs > Kanazawa, Toyama, Kyoto, Osaka, Niigata & Echigo-Yuzawa.

various BUS STOPs Btwn Ainokura & Takaoka, BUS also STOPs @ JR Johana STA, TERM STA of JR Johana Line, where budget conscious JA Rail Pass holders can transfer > TRN > Takaoka.

Nohi Bus Guided Tour: Shiakawago & Ainokura

Ainokura ½ h; THEN, Shirakawa (lunch, guided tour (½ h), free (1 1/2h) Y6500 (lunch, Sgo MUS, vs RT Bus -4200Y + lunch & 1 entry fee)

Takayama Bus Depot next > Takayama Station DEP: 8:30, RET> TAK: 1500

Vs. OVN: Ogimachi:

REV 1: OVN @ Hisamatsu's, 689 Ogimachi, Shirakawa-mura. Ono-gun, Gifu-ken.

This TRAD house: (???) well preserved -- no pegs or nails used, In house CNTR center: Inori (fireplace). 4 basic guest sleeping rms; dining rm, 1 bathroom, 2 shared toilets;

Includ: din & brkfst,

TRANS: Nohi BUS company (Eng web site): several buses/ day, yearly

> Ogimachi village (50 min) bus schd allows ample visit time BUT OVN TRAD farmhouse experience > stroll around village AFTER tourists gone.

Open Air MUS (entry fee): across RIV from VILL & exhibits farmhouses & other rural structures in pretty landscaped setting, well worth it stroll & > explore interiors.

REV2: Little HIKE:

> escape maddening crowds, walk along RIV & up MT > wait until 3 or 4 pm 4 tour bus DP (far too many peeps) AVOID weekend, OR, arrive in afternoon after all BUSs DP

Empty VILL: peaceful w/locals doing their normal BIZ: little school kids in yellow hats skipping by, old men w/ hunched backs ploughed land & planted daikon., Villagers on bikes w/ baskets full of groceries. QUERY: villagers pay huge price enduring tourist bus hordes every day, but just summer

TRAD OVN farmhouse stay: truly incredible. **Farmhouses:** very old, no glass windows, so chilly nights, TRAD wood & paper doors!

Magoemon farmhouse:

had made some adjustments > bathrooms: lovely hot spring bath & toilets w/ warmed seats; old husband & wife team, @ night all ate in communal living room where old man prepared fish grilled on fire; early sleep = TRAD way of life on farm anyways.

Spend 2-4 hours in Shirakawago if you don't plan > stay overnight

Ogimachi>Suganuma>Ainokura: (1T, 1D,2N)

2D

Overall Strategy:

Arrange ACCM/TRANS in Takayama

OPTIONS:

- 1) OVN @ Ainokura:
PROS: Unique OVN experience
CONS: VERY expensive, much redundant
- 2) DT > all
PROS: Cherry pick, **USE SAVED \$ \$ 4 Tsumago(SAVE 1 DAY & \$)**
CONS: miss OVN experience,
- 3) **TAK Day Tour**

START: DP **TAK** (Nohi Bus Co: @ 8:50am) > **Ogimachi** (ARV: 9:40am)
(Kaetsuno Bus CO ???)

THEN, ACCM **Ogimachi** check -in & LV DAYPAK

THEN, 2 OPTIONS:

- 1) Explore Ogimachi, But get next BUS > Suganuma
THEN, RETURN > Ogimachi & OVN
- 2) day @ Ogimachi @ OVN
THEN, DP **Ogimachi** (Kaetsuno:@ 7:05am) > Suganuma
THEN, DP Suganuma (next bus 11:07am) > **Ainokur** (ARV: 11:22) @ OVN
THEN, DP Ainokura

THEN: > TAK~:

THEN, DP Ainokura (DP: afternoon ???) > Ogimachi (???)
THEN, OVN Ogimacho or >TAK
THEN, > Tsumago

TRANS-IN:

BUS:

Takayama (Kanazawa BUS) > Shirakawa-go:

Nōhi BUS Company (www.nouhibus.co.jp/english)

Takayama > Shirakawa-gō BUS: 7 daily, (1 way/RT ¥2400/4300, 50 min).

Some BUSs require reservation.

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<u>Shirakawago (dep.)</u>		10:20				13:50		16:50		
<u>Kanazawa</u>		11:35				15:05		18:05		

= daily; **B** = daily except Sat/Sun & pub holidays; **R** = RES seat req'd

18:42 = BUS STOPS @ "Ogimachi" BUS STOP, NOT "Shirakawa-go" BUS STOP

	A	AR	AR	A	A	AR	A	A	AR	B
<u>Kanazawa</u>		08:45				12:35			16:00	
<u>Shirakawago (arr.)</u>		10:00				13:50			17:15	
<u>Shirakawago (dep.)</u>	06:53		10:45	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:20	19:42
<u>Takayama</u>	07:53		11:45	12:50	13:50	14:50	15:50	17:00	18:10	20:40

NOTES:

- 1) BEST: access Shirakawa-go: 2 RT/day btwn Takayama & Kanazawa.
- 2) Just before Ainokura, BUSs divert from Rte 156 for Rte 304 towards Kanazawa.
SO, From Ainokura-guchi BUS STOP is 5 min, 400m uphill > Ainokura.
- 3) May be OTHER "TAK>KAN ONLY" Services:

Ogimachi > Suganuma > Ainokura:

Kaetsuno BUS: (& Hokutetsu) ONLY ACCESS TRANS

BUS SCHED: TAK > Ogimachi

	07:05	10:35	13:10	15:15		one way
<u>Ogimachi</u>					Ogimachi - Takaoka	2350 yen
<u>Suganuma</u>	07:37	11:07	13:42	15:47	Ogimachi - Ainokura	1250 yen
<u>Ainokura</u>	07:52	11:22	13:57	16:02	Ogimachi - Suganuma	840 yen
<u>Johana Station</u>	08:20	11:50	14:25	16:30	Suganuma - Takaoka	1800 yen
<u>Takaoka Station</u>	09:46 09:44	13:16 13:14	15:51 15:49	18:00 17:54	Ainokura - Takaoka	1450 yen

Seat reservations are not possible.
Not covered by the Japan Rail Pass

Blue times = weekends (not relevant)

<u>Takaoka Station</u>	07:30	09:30	12:00	16:10
<u>Johana Station</u>	09:00	10:55	13:25	17:35
<u>Ainokura</u>	09:23	11:18	13:48	17:58
<u>Suganuma</u>	09:38	11:33	14:03	18:13
<u>Ogimachi</u>	10:09	12:04	14:34	18:44

NOTE: Ogimachi BUSs STOP @ "Ogimachi" BUS STOP, NOT "Shirakawa-go" BUS STOP.

BUS STOPS:

Ogimachi: multiple STOPS in VILL CNTR, includ: Ogimachi BUS STOP, **BUT NOT** @ Shirakawa-go BUS STOP.

Suganuma: BUS STOP : along main road @ entrance > village.

Ainokura: Ainokura-guchi BUS STOP: on main road, five MIN walk from village of Ainokura.

BUS RETURN from Kanazawa:

Kaetsuno BUS:

BUS: 4/day btwn Takaoka (on JR Hokuriku line) w/following STOPS:

Ainokura (¥1450, 90 MINs)

Ogimachi (¥2350, 2½ hrs), **stopping @ all major sights.**

unofficial STOPS (eg Kuroba Onsen), JUST tell driver. Kanazawa > Shirakawa-go: (¥1800/3200, 1¼ hrs).

Kanazawa > Takayama: 2 BUS/day connect (¥3300/5900, 2¼ hrs),

2B1) Ogimachi VILL in Shirakawa-gō district 白川郷: (LP9244)

Main REG VILL; Unesco; TAK >: Ogimachi: (57 mins; 30.6 mi)

Lrg gassho-zukuri house collection; HIST IND: cultivation of mulberry leaves & rearing silkworms,

GASSHŌ-ZUKURI ARCHT (: (LP8880) Winter in Hida region = fierce w/ snow & cold long THUS: gasshō-zukuri arch's "hands-in-prayer" A-frame, straw, steep roofed (shed snow) created lrg INT spaces req'd 4 silkworm beds & mulberry leaf storage 4 silk industry, late 17th C > 1970s --- still dot landscape around region.

TRANS-IN: SEE prior separate BUS SCHED page

TRANS AROUND: Bikes (Yes but why/)

MISC:

Ogimachi's TIC (Deai no Yakata; 6-1013; www.shirakawa-go.org; 2495-3 Ogimachi; 9am-5pm)

free Eng Ogimachi map Limited spoken Eng; smaller TIC near Ogimachi car park.

DIRECS: near Shirakawa-gō BUS STOP.; check maps for location

ACCM: LP9297 Most lodging, but day bus tours,

Ogimachi's gasshō-zukuri inns (serve as minshuku) resv requires some JA, orig private houses: now let rooms; 2 meals. Expect nightly heating surcharge (¥400 & up) during cold nites.

VERY EXPENSIVE: ¥16,800/ \$200 USD & up ???

SITES:

4H

Most of Shirakawa-gō's AREA sights in heavily visited of Ogimachi VILL/community;(Unesco)

: best view point 4 whole village.

Shiroyama Tenbōdai (aka Ogimachi Castle ruins observatory)

1h

site of former castle, lovely overview of valley.

DIRECS: 15- min walk via road behind E side of town; climb path (5 min) from near intersection of Rtes 156 & 360, or shuttle BUS (¥200 1 way) from Shirakawa-gō BUS STOP.

Gasshō-zukuri Minka-en MUS (¥500; 8.40am-5pm Apr-Nov,)

1.5h

2 doz relocated gasshō-zukuri reconstructed BLDGs in open-air MUS amid seasonal flowers.

Several houses, hike thru trees up mtn. take picnic, BUT obey/take rubbish out of town.

Wada-ke HISTORIC BLDG (¥300; 9am-5pm)

.5h

Shirakawa-gō's largest gasshō house, Nat'l Treasure. Once owned by wealthy silk-trading family, dates > mid-Edo period. Upstairs: silk-harvesting equipment & valuable lacquerware collection.

Kanda-ke HISTORIC BLDG (¥300; 9am-5pm)

Nagase-ke HISTORIC BLDG (¥300; 9am-5pm)

.5h

Maeda clan's doctor's home; herbal medicine equipment displays. But sudan (Buddhist altar)

dates from Muromachi period. In attic, look up-close@ roof construction, 530 people > re-thatch.

Myōzen-ji Folk MUS MUS (¥300; 8.30am-5pm Apr-Nov)

.5h

, Myōzen-ji Folk MUS displays TRAD paraphernalia of daily rural life.

DIRECS: Next door > Ogimachi's small TEMP

Open-air Museum Gassho Village(野外博物館合掌造り民家園):

25 Gassho-zukuri houses transferred mainly from Kazura district in Shirakawa; open-air MUS opened, 1972. Some houses: TRAD craft demos: dyeing & weaving. First hand experience w/ RESV. Open: 8:40-17:00 (Mar.-Nov.) (Last entry: 20 min. B4 closing).¥500

2B2) Gokayama Gasso no Sato & Suganuma (Gokayama dist 五箇山) (LP9330) No GM

Limited time, go directly > Ainokura.

SEE "TAK-Suganuma VILL info GEN pdf"

OOM attractive Gokayama sites w/ 2 areas, **Gokayama Gassho no Sato & Suganuma Village**; easily walked, areas connected by tunnel (also, connects > parking lot on hill via elevator).

1) **Suganuma Village UNESCO**, along w/ [Ainokura](#) & [Ogimachi](#), 1995. well preserved: some rests, [minshuku](#), & MUSs showing daily life & TRAD washi paper & gunpowder industries.

@ other end of tunnel,

2) **Gokayama Gassho no Sato**: TRAD farmhouses relocated here > save from destruction. NOW, not occupied, but school groups OVN 4 lifestyle experience

Little more difficult > access: requires **Ogimachi BUS change**. , BUT less developed & crowded than Shirakawa-go, smaller, more intimate & w/ less intrusion from MOD BLDG

BEST villages are Suganuma & Ainokura., N along Shōkawa RIV;

so isolated that road links & elect ARV'd 1925.

VILLs w/varying #s of gasshō-zukuri BLDG scattered over many kms along Rte 156.

TIC: LPM (66-2468; 1235 Shimo-Nashi) in Nanto City.???



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TRANS: BUS

Suganuma is STOP on BUS RT btwn Ogimachi (in Shirakawa-go) & Takaoka STA on JR Hokuriku Line.

BUS: Ogimachi > Suganuma: (30 MINs, 840 Y, 4 daily)([see timetable](#)).

NOTE: in Ogimachi, BUSs STOP @ "Ogimachi" BUS STOP **ONLY** rather than "Shirakawa-go" BUS STOP

TRANS-IN: See separate page above info.**ACCM: ???****SITES:**

MUS: ?: Making 'washi' paper, 'sasara' musical clacker instrument

Saltpeter MUS: .5h

Folk MUS: .5h

Suganuma HIST BLDG (菅沼): 1h

www.gokayama.jp/english/index.html) attractive, if artificial-looking: 9 gasshō-zukuri houses.

Takenaka-ke House: Down steep hill

Iwase-ke Farmhouse:

Minzoku-kan (民族館) Folklore MUS; 67-3652; ¥300; 9am-4.30pm)

MUS of 2 houses, w/trad life artifacts & trad gunpowder production. displays

Kaminashi HIST BLDG (上梨) DIRECS: 5km beyond Suganuma **???**

Murakami-ke (村上家) ¥300; 8.30am-5pm Apr-Nov, closed 2nd & 4th Wed of ea mo)

house MUS OO oldest in region (1578). proud owner shows visitors around & then sings local folk songs. Eng leaflet.

iHakusan-gū SHR close by; main hall (1502), Imp Cultural Prop.

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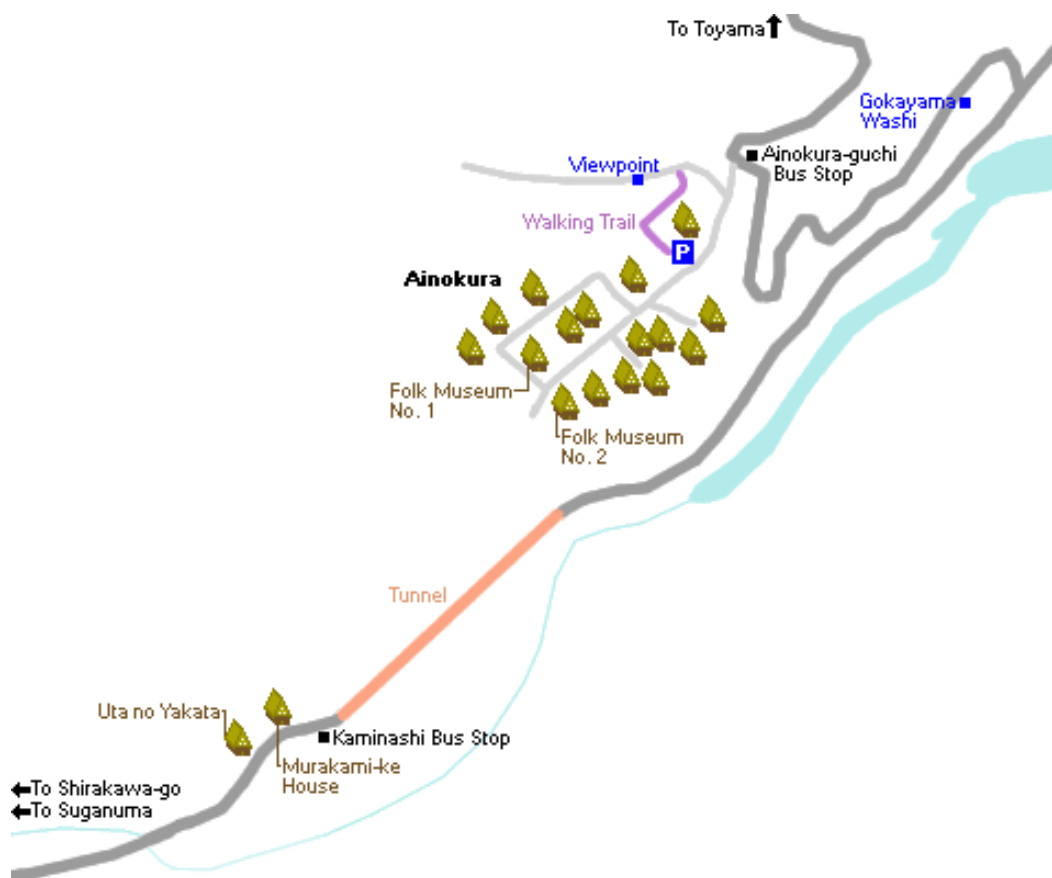
Takachiho

2B2-2 Ainokura VILL; **Stunning!!!** (LP9361, LP9219);

Unesco ; MOST remote & Impressive & less crowded of Gokayama's VILLS; greatest concentration of gassho-zukuri (15-20 houses; 200-300 yr old); 12 C: centre for Kaga region gunpowder production;

best advice: avoid weekends, holidays, & cherry-blossom seasons.

- on terraced plateau above Sho RIV; on old main road
- houses & almost same in form & size as Ogimachi;
- historic BLDG include: 20 *gassho* -style houses, most w/4-rm sq layout.
- Guardian deity of village in Jinushi Jinja Shinto shrine, & Buddhist centre is Shonen-ji TEMP of Jodo Shinshu sect.



TRANS-IN:

BUS: Kaetsuno BUS: only 4 BUSs / day; Ogimachi - Gokayama - Takaoka SEE pdf

Only way > access [Gokayama](#) w/pub trans: Ainokura on BUS route btwn [Ogimachi](#) (in Shirakawa-go) & Takaoka RSTA (on JR Hokuriku Line). **Note:** in Ogimachi, BUSs STOP @ "Ogimachi" BUS STOP rather than "Shirakawa-go" BUS STOP ([see map](#))

BUS STOPS @ various locations in Gokayama, includg: [Suganuma](#) VIL & [Ainokura](#) VIL.

Ogimachi > Ainokura: 45 min / 1250 yen. BUS STOP: "Ainokura-guchi", THEN, 5 min walk > VILL. (as of April 1, 2012)

This BUS line is only way of access > Gokayama by public transportation. runs btwn Ogimachi in Shirakawa-go & JR Takaoka STA on JR Hokuriku Line, where you can transfer > limited express TRNs > Kanazawa, Toyama, Kyoto, Osaka, Niigata & Echigo-Yuzawa.

Along way, BUS STOPS @ various locations in Gokayama, including villages of Suganuma & Ainokura. Btwn Ainokura & Takaoka, BUS also STOPS @ JR Johana STA, TERM STA of JR Johana Line, where budget conscious JA Rail Pass holders can transfer > TRN > Takaoka.

BUS STOP locations:

Ogimachi:

In Ogimachi, BUS makes multiple STOPS in village center, including Ogimachi BUS STOP, but does not STOP @ Shirakawa-go BUS STOP. ([see map](#))

Suganuma:

Suganuma BUS STOP is located along main road @ entrance > village. ([see map](#))

Ainokura:

Ainokura-guchi BUS STOP is located along main road, five MIN walk from village of Ainokura. ([see map](#))

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Btwn Ainokura & Takaoka, BUS also STOPS @ JR Johana STA, JR Johana Line's TERM STA ALSO, where JA [Rail Pass](#) holders can transfer > Takaoka TRN.

THEN, From Takaoka STA on JR Hokuriku Line can transfer > limited express TRNs > [Kanazawa](#), Toyama, [Kyoto](#), [Osaka](#), Niigata & Echigo-Yuzawa.

TRANS AROUND:

ACCM: arrange in either Takayama or Orimachi; specify gassho w/hinoki bath & irori

BOOKING: BEST: **alternative** > crowded Ogimachi– depending on time of yr.

for reservations, or approach them yourself; **NOTE:** winter's heating sur charge.

Advance res: highly recommended; Have JA speaker contact inns directly

Or, Shirakawa-gō TIC by parking area in Ogimachi helps w/ bookings (in JA),

or **via email in English email @ info@shirakawa-go.go.jp.**

Yomoshiro gassho-zukuri: Y17,600/\$189 076-366-2377, Noriko(woman)

bus bound for Gokayama & alight at Ainokura-guchi. about 10-min walk from bus stop

Others:

Minshuku Goyomon, Nanto

Gokasanso, Nanto

Shimizu, Shirakawa-mura, JA

MISC:

SITES:

Hike-about:

GRASS STOREHOUSE; for roof re-thatching: 2-300,000 ¥ & 200 peeps/2 days ;

fire hydrants that shoot upwards > put out roof fires from top down;

Ainokura HIST BLDG (相 倉) World Heritage Site:

Most impressive of Gokayama's villages, w/ 20 gasshō BLDG in valley w/ mag views; less visitor equipped than Ogimachi,. **IMP:** Eng pamphlets @ central car park booth.

Ainokura Folklore MUS (相倉民族館) ¥200;
8.30am-5pm) Stroll through village > MUS; w/
local crafts & paper displays; 2 bldgs.; old Ozaki
& Nakaya resid..

MORE SITES: IN hamlets spread many
kilometres along Rte 156:

TRANS-OUT:

BUS from Ainokura > Kanazawa

BUS: Kaetsuno BUS: only 4 BUSs / day;

Ainokura (on Ogimachi-Takaoka BUS route) > Takaoka RSTA (on JR Hokuriku Line).

BUS also STOPS @ JR Johana STA (JR Johana Line's TERM STA)

ALSO, where JA [Rail Pass](#) holders can transfer > Takaoka TRN.

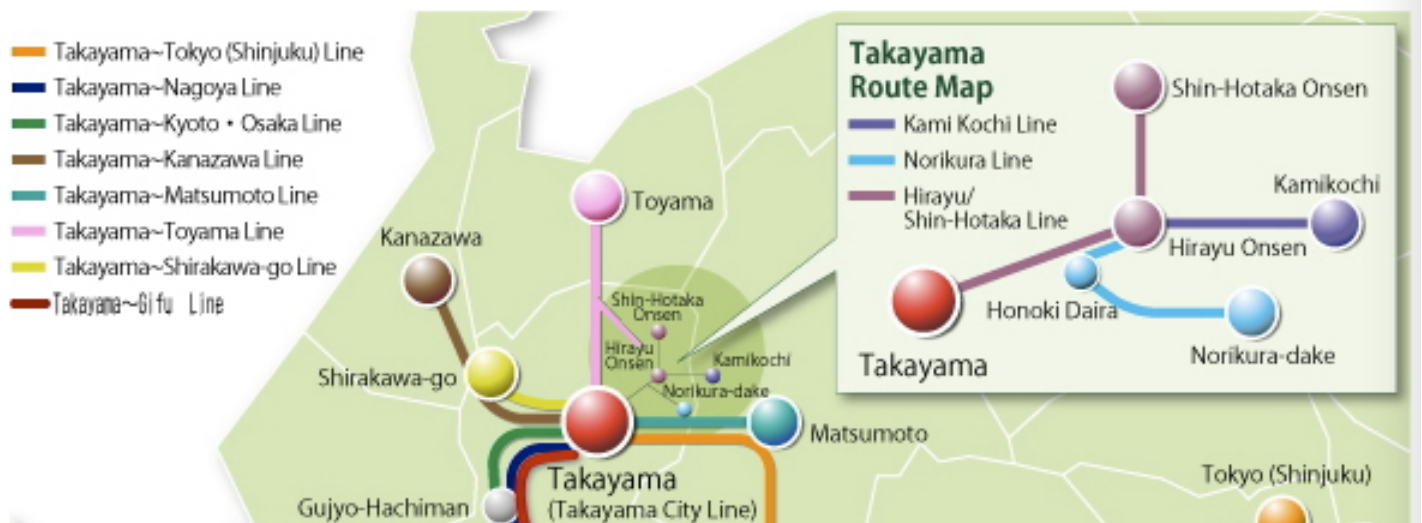
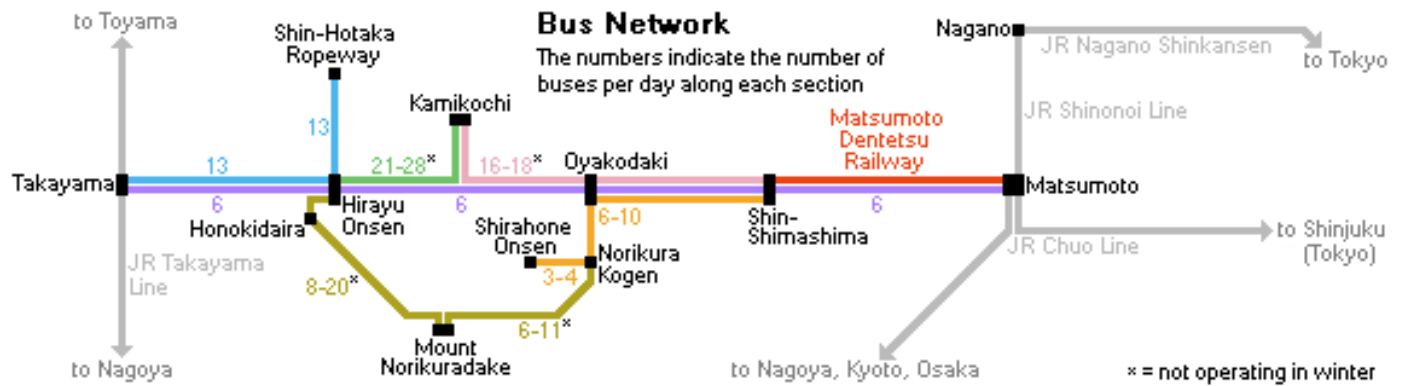
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[Kanazawa](#), Toyama, [Kyoto](#), [Osaka](#), Niigata & Echigo-Yuzawa.



NOTE: Tateyama_Kurobe Alpine Route: (Late SPR > early Fall) if more Alpine scenery wanted ,
GOTO

RENTAL car > Kanazawa or BACK > Takayama, return car; take BUS > Kanazawa

Kamikochi is closed from November 16 to around mid/late April.





2A) Kamikochi 上高地 Northern JA Alps (LP9403) (2T, 1D, 2N)

3D

OVERALL STRAT:

1) OVN @ Hirayu (平湯) in Okuhida Onsengo

- PRO: ACCM ???
- COST:
- **How early is BUS > Kamikochi?** IOW, if same bus as coming from TAK, then no advantage, but if different bus or could thumb then 1 ½ h difference

2) DT from TAK:

PRO: same bed, lower cost, cud use FDs

CON: more TRAV time,

2013: open from April 20 > November 15.

WHY?: dramatic scenery, Alps (北アルプス; aka Hida Mountains or Hida Sanmyaku; 飛騨山脈) stunning 3000m-plus peaks: amateur hiker climbable, chain spreads over Gifu, Toyama & Nagano Prefects. ??? Large portions of area are contained in Chūbu-Sangaku National Park (中部山岳国立公園).

TRANS-IN: <http://www.hyperdia.com>

Takayama > Kamikochi detailed ITIN: see; "Detailed Takayama > Kamikochi ITIN .pdf



Bus SCHED?

BUS: Takayama > Kamikochi: Kamikōchi BSTA w/ visitor facilities.; Nohibus (Nohi BUS ???)

Two Options: What BUSs, how many/day?

1) Back track from Tsumago > Matsumoto > Kamikochi > Takayama

JR TRN: Nagiso > Matsumoto,

THEN, Matsumoto Electric Railway: [Matsumoto](#) STA > Shin-Shimashima STA (30 MINs),

THEN, Nohui/Nohi BUS > Kamikochi (60 MINs).

1a) NOHI BUS (???) : ALSO, small # of **direct** BUSs: from Matsumoto BUS TERM > Kamikochi.:Nohi BUS (1 way: Y 2400 **JA Rail Pass : not valid on these TRNs & BUSs.**

2) Tsumago > Nagano > Takayama w/ side trip > Kamikochi

BUS fares & schedules change seasonally & annually: LP sample fares & scheds: LP 9452.

Current fares & schedules :

- @ tourist offices in Matsumoto & Takayama, or
- @ www.alpico.co.jp/access/route_k/honsen/info_e.html ,or
- @ www.nohibus.co.jp. SEE LP 9455 NOW for samples

Nohi BUS: <http://www.nohibus.co.jp/english/>

Meitetsu's (名鉄バス株式会社 *Meitetsu Basu Kabushiki-gaisha* 'ONLY > Takayama, unless

specials **Check for post Mar 2013 DEALS later:** This one effective ONLY thru Mar 2013 Takayama > Kamikochi.--- **great deal:** ¥5000 = 1) 2 days (**Consecutive ???**) travel anywhere btwn Takayama & Shin-Hotaka, 2) Shin-Hotaka Ropeway ride & 3) rotenburo (outdoor bath) soak @ Hirayu Onsen BUS STA.

TRANS AROUND:

ACCM: or day trip from Takayama

BEST Kamikochi ALT: Hirayu (平湯) in Okuhida Onsen / Onsens/Okhidu: area,
 5 VILLS: (From N > S: 1) **Shin-Hotaka** (新穂高), 2) **Tochio** (栃尾), 3) **Shin-Hirayu** (新平湯), 4) **Fukuchi** (福地) &???

Hirayu (平湯): (Hirayu Onsen BEST cuz on Takayama > Kamikochi bus rt
TIC: Opposite **Hirayu Onsen BUS STA:** 89-3030: 9:30a-5:30p) leaflets, maps, **ACCM booking**

STRAT: Either:

- 1) Daytrip from Takayam (but 3 hr RT ttrav time)
- 2) Takayama > Hirayu OVN, THEN, reg in ACCM, THEN,.....

- 1) **Hirayu Waterfall** (平湯大滝 Hirayu ōtaki). &
- 2) **Shin-Hotaka Ropeway** (新穂高ロープウェイ),

Few min walk > Shin-Hotaka OnsenUS STA

THEN, spend night, THEN, > **Kamikochi** (1.5 hrs closer than Takayama)

) 1st Kamikochi day hike, Then, back > Hirayu ACCM for NITE

B) 2nd Kamikochi day hike, THEN,

BACK > Takayama ACCM 4 NITE.

Queries

Last Kamikochi BUS back > Takayama

COMPUTE \$ dif btwn Hirayu OVN & TAK nightly return

TAK>Hirayu>Kami + Hirayu ACCM/FOOD

Hirayu > Kami BUS

BLOG: Hirayu-no-Mori (ACCM ???) an amazing bargain for money - great baths, private bath option, delicious food. Rooms: simple, comfortable; also enjoyed walking their little hiking trails & listening > springs bubbling underground

ACCM Hirayu (平湯)

Hirayu Ot:

DIRECS: 15 min walk from Hirayu BUS TERM <http://www.mjnet.ne.jp/hirayu-ootaki/>

Closest BUS STOP is Hyrayu Camp Site

Suzuran Ryokan: from Y5000

Okuhida Onsenkyo Hirayu 672-1 506-1433 T



The temperatures on the above graph represent the average high temperatures.



SITES:

??? JA Nat'l Tour Org (JNTO) & local tourist authorities ENG maps & leaflets ,

Hirayu Onsen VILL:

Hirayu Waterfall (平湯大滝 Hirayu ōtaki). (NGM)

1.5h

64-meter high waterfall few MINs south of Hirayu by car. Well marked & easily accessible along short path, in winter frozen waterfall is illuminated. Occasional buses, but check schedules carefully so you don't get stranded

Shin-Hotaka Onsen 新穂高温泉 0578;

reason > visit: **Shin-Hotaka Ropeway:** lower TERM in Shin-Hotaka Onsen

Shin-Hotaka Ropeway (新穂高ロープウェイ; www.okuhi.jp/rop/frtop.html;

1 way/return ¥1500/2800; ??? 6am-4.30pm 1 Aug-last Sun in Aug, 8.30am-4.30pm late Aug-Jul). @ 1308m, N of Fukuchi Onsen, two-stage cable car; 20 min. Asia's longest, 2156m up Nishi Hotaka-dake (2909m):

DIRECS: entry is few min walk up hill from Shin-Hotaka Onsen BUSTA. Clear top views spectacular, from observation decks & walking trails.

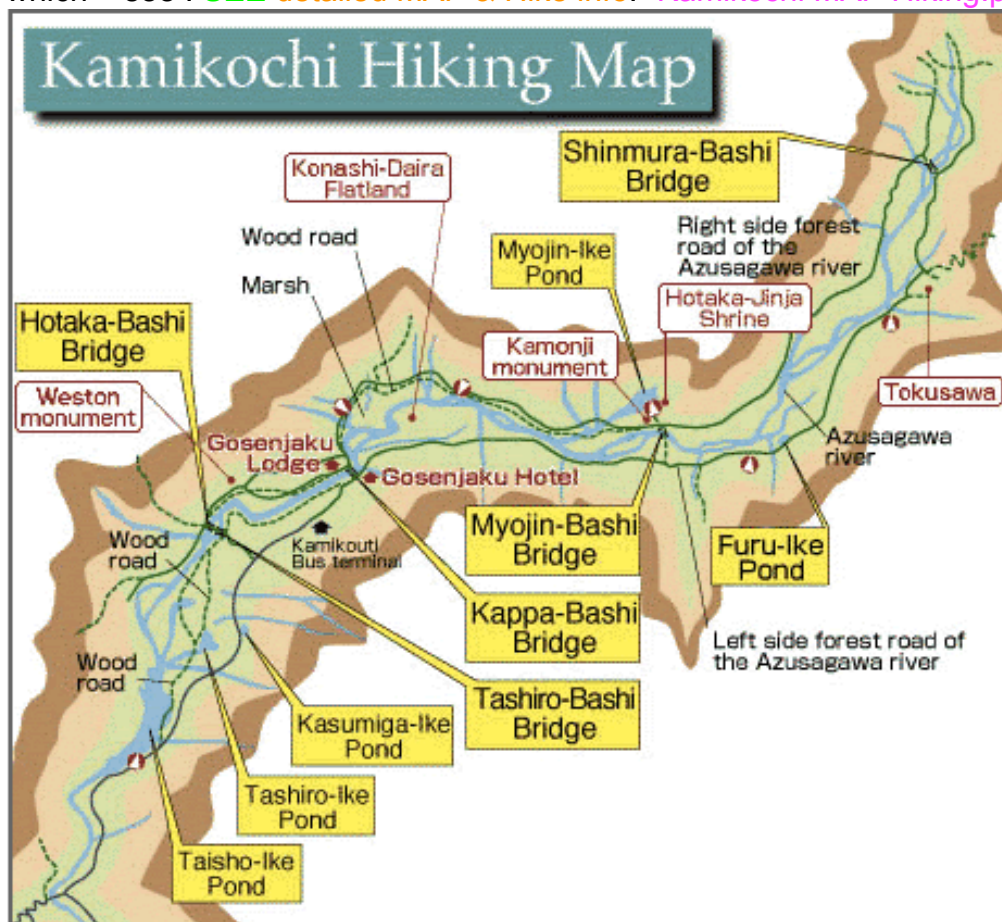
KAMIKOCHI VILL: **Hiking ONLY****Bokuden-no-yu ONSEN** (¥700; noon-5pm)

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Most unusual onsen – tiny cave bath dripping w/minerals. @ intersection of Naka-no-yu, just B4 BUS-only tunnel towards Kamikōchi proper. Enter small shop next > Naka-no-yu BUS STOP, pay & get > key > little mt. hut housing onsen; yours privately for up > 30 min.

HIKES:

some of Japan's most spectacular scenery along rushing Azusa-gawa, & variety of hiking trails from which > see . **SEE detailed MAP & Hike info:** "[Kamikochi MAP Hiking.pdf](#)"

**A) BOT > TOP:** popular hikes include

W of / before Kappa-bashi, Loop Hike: 1½-2H

1) **N side of RIV** lined w/ sasa (bamboo grass). > Weston Relief.; 15 min)

Weston Relief MON: (MON > Kamikōchi's famous hiker, Walter Weston)



2) **S side of RIV > Taishō-ike pond:** (40 min)

1) **mt. hut @ Dakesawa** (2½ hrs up) ???

2) **Yakedake** (4 hrs up, (cable car ???) starting about 20 min W of Weston Relief, @ Hodaka-bashi). From top possible > see > Mt Fuji on clear day

B) MT TOP: cable-car STA: many trails: ???

Nishi Hotaka-guchi,

* including over > Kamikōchi (3 hrs), much easier than going other way.

NOTE:

C) FROM/@ BOT:

START: most hiking trails start @ Kappa-bashi bridge (see MAP above): **DIRECS:** 10 min walk from KAM BusSTA along Azusa-gawa > Kappa-bashi, bridge named for water sprite of JA legend,: -----

1) ½H HIKE: > **Taisho & Tashiro Ponds**

(Taishoike) was formed in 1915 by eruption of nearby Yakedake VOL which dammed Azusa RIV. Decayed trees, standing in pond, provide special sight

2) * **4 hr RT HIKE:** **DIRECS:** starts E of Kappa-bashi along RH side of RIV past Myōjin-bashi (1 hr) (stay R after Kappa-bashi > Tokusawa (another hr) before returning.

Myōjin-ike pond (¥300) (LP9488) **DIRECS:** besides Myōjin-bashi pond whose clear waters mark innermost shrine of Hotaka-jinja .

Steep Kamikōchi & Shin-Hotaka HIKE: .TOO FAR ???

- trail from Kappa-bashi crosses ridge below Nishi Hotaka-dake (2909m) @ Nishi Hotaka San-sō (Nishi Hotaka Mt. Cottage; three hrs)
- THEN, continues > Nishi Hotaka-guchi, @ top STA of Shin-Hotaka Ropeway. (nearly 4 hrs cuz of steep ascent).

OR, SAVE 1 hr by:

- Hike opposite direction > reach ropeway ???
- THEN, take BUS from Takayama or Hirayu Onsen > Shin-Hotaka.

TRANS-OUT:

BACK > Takayama

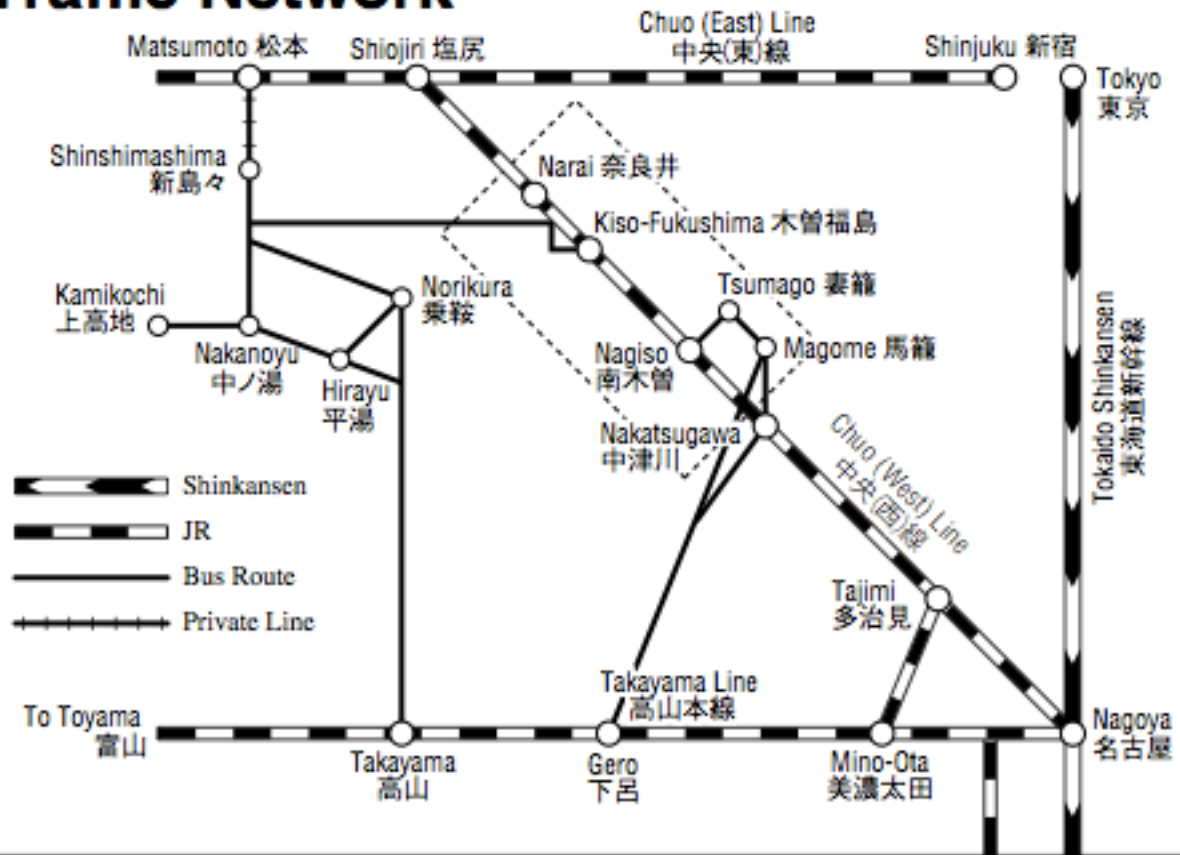
TSUMAGO & MAGOME 妻籠 (馬籠?) **Kiso Valley**(木曾谷) **LP10619**

1½D

TRAV DAY: TAKAYAMA > Tsumago: (4)+ 1 ½ h (Nagiso> Tsumago)

1D

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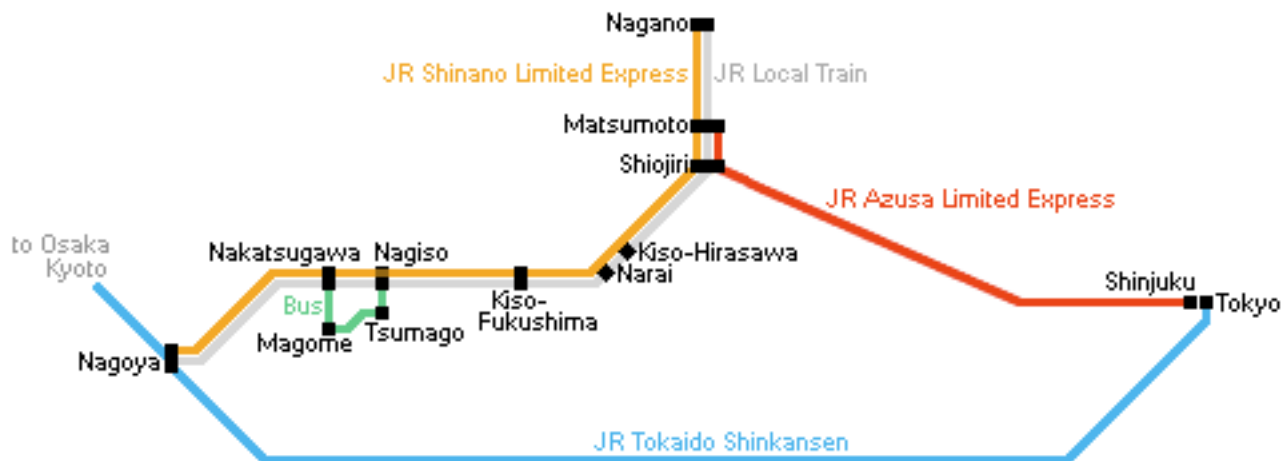


(Nagano PREFECT)

See MY pdf [Are these 2 towns normally associated w/ Nagoya & Matsumoto @ all accessible from Gokayama or Takayama area???](#)

Magome	Tsumago Sta.	Ontake Kotsu Bus	30 min.	600
Nagiso Sta.		Ontake Kotsu Bus	7 min.	300

Nakasendō road(中山道), aka Kisokaidō (木曾街道): ([SEE separate page below](#))



Only major and relevant stations are shown

TSUMAGO Tsumago-juku (妻籠宿) **OVN**

1D

Tsumago-juku: 42nd of 69 post towns; 2nd from S, located: **Nagiso**, Kiso District, Nagano Prefecture, JA; restored > orig Edo-era post town appearance. w/narrow st & little shops

HIST IMP: actually in battle - unlike most castles.

TODAY's preservation charter supported by towns folk: no part shud be sold, leased or destroyed. perfectly of Edo Period, no visible TV antennas or elect light poles.

TRANS - IN: [check Hyperdia](#)

TRN:

Tsumago TIC: 2159-2, Azuma, Nagiso-cho, Kiso-gun, Nagano Pref.

Reservations for inns are made here.

(妻籠観光案内所) Tel.(0264)57-3123 9:00–17:00. Closed: Dec. 29–Jan. 3.

NOTES:

Some Tsumago lodgings offer discount TIKs

Free shuttle > Nagiso ([Click here](#)).

TRANS: Takayama> > MAGOME: **SEE “TRANS.pdf” FLOW**

Baggage forwarding service **SEE** [Nakasendo page below](#)

LUGGAGE STORAGE: in coin locker ???

LOCAL IN/OUT: Tsumago > Nagiso

- **Local BUS** (Chuo Honsen Line) or free shuttle BUS from Tsumago, arrive Nagiso STA 1: ¥ 300. (7 - 15 min) OR hr walk (DUH???)

TIC: Tsumago's TIC (観光案内館) **.5h**

57-3123; 8.30am-5pm): in town centre by antique phone booth. Some Eng spoken & Eng lit.

MISC:

Bring cash, intern'l ATMs only available @ local post offices, only accessible reg daytime hrs.

SITES:

dark-wood, lattice-fronted houses & gently sloping tile roofs -- particularly beautiful early morning mist.

1) Climb up > old castle site over town:

2) In evening go back some Cs

3) early morning village stroll, shops waking; like **open-air MUS**, 15 min end > end;

4) To ACTUAL **open-air MUS**, about 15 min end > end; dark-wood, glory of lattice-fronted houses & gently sloping tile roofs

ACCM: ' minshuku" 2 nites in Tsumago

Magome Chaya: NR/ \$54/60/

4296, Magome, Nakatsugawa, [Magome-juku Tsumago-juku Kisoji](http://tsumago.jp/english/infomation.html),
<http://tsumago.jp/english/infomation.html>

Fujioto Ryokan:

some Eng , OOBest

Tsumago Azuma, Nagiso-machi, Kiso-gun, Nagano Prefecture 399-5302, Japan [Hotel website](#)
 011 81 264-57-3009

LOC: ?

REV: Very gud

Matsushiroya 807 Tsumago Azuma, Nagiso-machi,

Trad inn, very expensive, 230/2per

LOC: very heart of Tsumago

REV: ?

Shimosagaya ryokan \$200

LOC: just off main st. vv

REV: ?

Maruya Ryokan, though I can't find on Trip Advisor.

Hanaya ryokan: **Don't like location**

LOC: outside of town directly off Nakasendo trail; walk into Tsumago in 15-20 min vv

REV: ?

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W/-, KIT, Com RM,

LOC: in middle, expensive,

REV: NO ENG, Caution: shops close @5PM, so get your own food,

Fujiya (M) (0264)57-3186 ¥

Okameishi (M) (0264)57-3043 ¥

Sakamotoya (M) (0264)57-3111 ¥

Shimosagaya (M) (0264)57-3124 ¥

Maruya (M) (0264)57-3117 ¥

Tsutamura (M) (0264)57-3235 ¥

Kameyama (M) (0264)57-3187 ¥

Shimomura (M) (0264)57-3158 ¥

Koshinzuka (M) (0264)57-3029 ¥

¥ = 8,000 yen or less

Nakasendō (中山道), aka Kisokaidō (木曾街道): **Tsu.>Mag.:3hr +**

- Edo Period (1603–1867): trunk road connecting Kyoto & present day TOK; 1 of 5 Edo Period routes & 1 of 2 connecting (MOD-day TOK(Edo) > Kyoto;
- Nakasendō traveled inland, i.e. "central mt. route", unlike coastal **Tōkaidō** ("sea route"); well-developed, did NOT ford any RIVs, 69 STAs btwn Edo & Kyoto; post-towns built 4 traveler safety & as way STAs 4 food, rest, & night security; used by famous: haiku master Matsuo Bashō.
- Most well-known section BTW Tsumago-juku (Nagano Prefecture) & Magome-juku (Gifu Prefecture) in Kiso Valley roughly following Kiso Riv; 8 km/5mi section can be hiked - 2-3 hrs in forest on restored paving w/ waterfalls.; both Tsumago & Magome have preserved & restored trad Edo/Samurai times ARCH.
- TODAY, total dist: approx 534 km (332 mi) & follows MOD national highways: 52, 151, 153, & 22

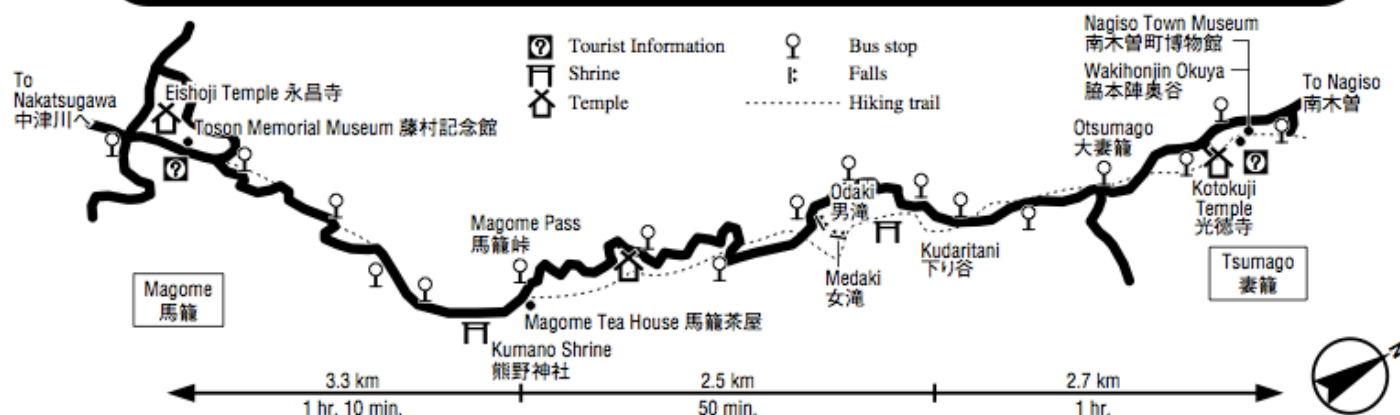
Baggage forwarding service (**These INSTRUCT 4 Tsumago >Magome, Tsumago>Narai ???**

available through towns' tourist information centers.

Luggage must be **dropped off** @ TIC btwn 8:30am & 11:30am

will be **delivered** > other town's information center by 1pm. FEE: 500 ¥ / item.;

Hiking Course between Magome and Tsumago



§1: **BTW Tsumago-juku** (Nagaono Pref & **Magome-juku**(Gifu) **3h**

Kiso Valley roughly following Kiso Riv; M known 8 km/5mi § HIKE (2-3 hrs), in forest on restored paving w/ waterfalls.; route btwn Nagiso & Magome: well sign-posted.

§2: **W of Magome portion:** **1½h**

1 km of stone pavement **directly S of Magome** more interesting than small stone path remnants of Tsumago/Magome section; appears > be hardly visited

DIRECS:

- 1) continue S where Magome town stone path ENDS @ bottom of Magome town.
 - 2) THEN, cross pedestrian crossing near Tourist BUS Carpark (signposts begin ???) / seating area/ souvenirs ,
 - 3) THEN, continue S down hill > rice fields, quiet tarmac (asphalt) road continues on w/ slight ups & downs through small residential & farming land, w/ lovely views across > distant mts
 - 4) THEN, approx 2km further road enters forest, & stone path is **signposted** near carpark & very clean new BLDG w/ toilets
 - 5) THEN, this starts paved section which meanders quietly paved in stone for 1 km through forest. **Return > Magome on same path.**
- mostly along quiet roads, w/some **ishidatami** (old stone paving); nice views.



well marked in Eng; through countryside passing alongside houses & fields of local residents.;BUT some asphalt along ;

Waki-honjin (脇本陣): Combi TIK 1

.75h

¥600/300; 9am-5pm) **DIRECS**: Down st & across _____**???**; ; **NOTE**: Combined TIK w/ Shiryokan & TsumagoHnjin

former Nakasendō rest STOP for retainers of daimyō: reconstructed, 1877 by EMP Meiji order; lovely moss GARD & special toilet built 4 Meiji if he visited, he didn't; some elements remind of JA castles cuz built by out of work castle builder.

In middle of main road (???), Wakihonjin Okuya(脇本陣奥谷), officially designated inn, next >

Honjin: 3-storied BLDG: all JA cypress. Present BLDG: reconstructed, 1877

OPEN > public w/ elaborate details.

HIST MUS: (Behind house): (¥600, 9:00–17:00

Nagiso Town Museum(南木曾町博物館) Combi TIK 1

Includ: 1) **Tsumagoyado honjin** (Tsumago Inn), 2) **Wakihonjin Okuya** & **HIST MUS**: combi TIK: ¥700. Open: 9:00–17:00.

Shiryōkan MUS (資料館; local history): Combi TIK 1??

.75h

DIRECS: **NOTE**: Combined TIK w/ Shiryokan

elegant exhibits about Kiso & Nakasendō, w/ some Eng signage.

NOTE: combined TIK (¥700): Waki-honjin & Shiryōkan admit..

Tsumago Honjin (妻籠本陣): ¥300

.5h

DIRECS across from Shiryokan; **NOTE**: Combined TIK w/ Shiryokan; 9am-5pm) ; ; where daimyō (retainers) spent night, **NOTE**: bldg noteworthy for arch,.not exhibits.

Kisoji-kan baths (木曾路):

2h

(¥700; 10am-8pm) , few hilly km above Tsumago, tourist facility w/raging souvenir shop. real reason > visit : rotemburo (open air bath) w/**great panoramic mtn views**.

MY SUGGESTION: TOK TRN > Nakatsugawa (Dropp of main bag) ,THEN, taxi or ? Back > Nagiso or Tsumago, THEN hike Nasendo & BUS back > Nakatsugawa

MAGOME

SPECIFIC SITES: (Eishoji Temple (永昌寺) (Toson grave) & :Toson Memorial MUS(藤村記念館)

S most post town, poet/novelist Toson Shimazaki birthplace(1872-1943),&. Old inns wind up > old curving st as in Edo period. most tourist developed, steep crowded sts

"Shimazaki Toson (1872-1943),

real name Shimazaki Haruki), often town in works , son of village head,

Before the Dawn (1935), based on life of father, centered in Magome;

MOD JA Lit masterpiece; conflict btwn MOD & old in Meiji JA struggling > modernise ASAP

SITES:

Toson Memorial Museum(藤村記念館)

DIRECS: 10-min.walk from Magome BUS STP. Halfway up slope,

Exhibits books, photos & other MATS of Tosn, hall built on Toson's home site & where official Magome Honjin 4 feudal lords located. (¥500, Open: 8:30–17:00(Apr.–Nov.)

Eishoji Temple (永昌寺) : Toson & family burial plot **DIRECS:** off main street, on small hill.

ACCM:

Iroribata (M) (0573)69-2026 ¥

Umenoya (M) (0573)69-2132 ¥

Magomechaya (M) (0573)69-2038 ¥

Shirokiya (M) (0573)69-2035 ¥

Narai (奈良井) - En route > TOK (NGM) BTWN Tsumago & Narai

2.5h

Nagiso > Narai:

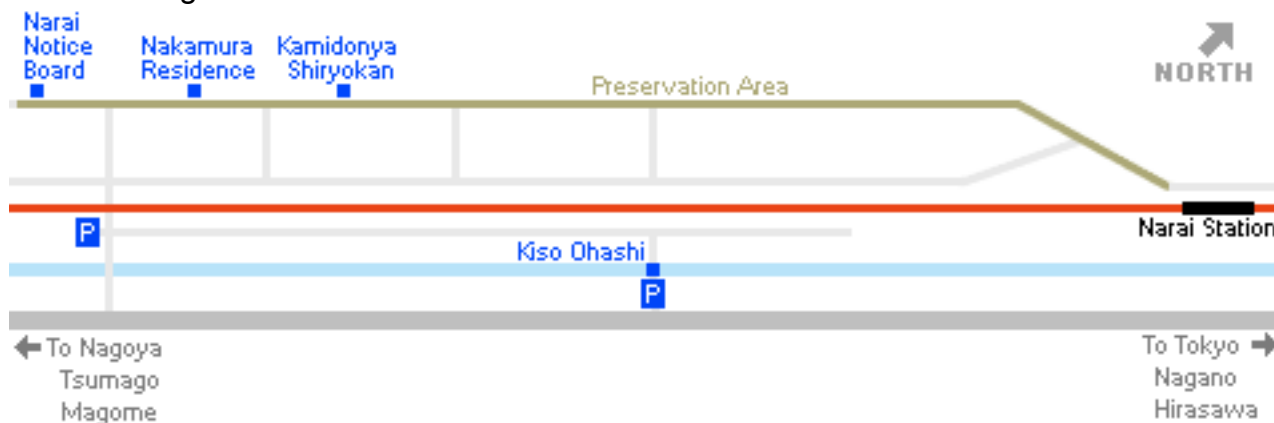
Note: Narai town also near near Kiso Fukushima on JR Chuo Main Line (see below). ???

BUS from Magome > Tsumago 30 min.

TIC: (Where???) can LUG STOR.

TRANS: SEE "TRANS FLOW.pdf"

TRN : Nagiso>Narai



Narai STA: @ town's N end; explore entire town on foot from STA.

LUG STOR: ???

DIRECS:

- (GUESS) Tsumago > Narai: Chuo Honsen Line.
- Narai: 5 min. walk from Narai STA
- (GUESS): Narai > Shiojiri: (20 MIN) Local TRN, THEN, > Shinjuku: (TOT time: 3 hr, ¥ 7,000)
- ??? Limited express trains btwn Nagoya & Nagano do **not** stop @ Narai STA. Instead, **change** > **local TRN** @ **Shiojiri** or **Kiso-Fukushima**.



ACCM:

Aoki (M)	(0264)34-3781 ¥
Shimada (M)	(0264)34-2678 ¥
Tsuchikawa (M)	(0264)34-3224 ¥
Nagai (M)	(0264)34-2624 ¥

See "Narai INFO pdf"; Preservation Protected Area,

HIST:

- Once most prosperous post town; called "Narai of Thousand Houses."; 5 **public wells** still refresh travelers w/ cool, clear water.
- **During Edo Period:** ½ way point btwn Kyoto & Edo 4 Nakasendo Rt travelers; M wealthy Kiso Valley post town, oft referred > as "Narai of Thousand Houses" as compared to other towns --- preserved houses stretch on much farther in Narai.
- **TODAY:** more laidback than Magome & Tsumago, somewhat more authentic look.
- Long walk down Narai's main road : restored houses very similar, **2 former RES** open > public, while others R shops, rests & minshuku.
- **Main drawbacks:** Honjin & Wakihonjin (main inns of former times) no longer remain & cars allowed.

SITES:

Main ST:

Long walk down Narai's main road : restored houses very similar, 2 former RES open > public, while others R shops, rests & minshuku

Narai STA: sm wooden structure unique cuz kept up by local Senior Citizens Club, RR.

5 wells: Along 1 km. long main str dated > Edo Period: still used by thirsty travelers.

Kiso-no-Ohashi (木曽の大橋) (Kiso's Big Bridge over Narai Riv)

JA cypress, $\cong 300$ ys old & OO biggest bridges w/out bridge pier. Beautifully curved



Kiso Ohashi (bridge)

DIRECS: N end of Kiso valley,

HIKEs:

From Narai: climb > Torii pass & see an **orig section of paved Nakasendo**.

TRANS: Narai > TOK: (3½h)

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DISCOUNT-TIK SHOPS aka 'kakuyasu-kippu-uriba' (格安切符売り場) or kinken shoppu (金券ショップ) in JA.

- discounted TIKs for TRNs, BUSs, ferries, & host of other things like cut-rate stamps & phone cards. typically save btwn 5% & 10% on shinkansen TIKs;
- **found** around TRN STAs in medium & large cities – ask @ your lodgings for nearest one.

● **YANAKA** (谷中) **Area** (LP2433, LPm2332) (SW of Nippori STA)

1¼D

* **IMP NOTE:** In : beforehand, swing by TIC & pick up handy Yanaka brochure that details walking tour & plots district's TEMP's & shrines locations including **TRANS:** easiest way > get > Yanaka is on Yamanote Line.

NEZU & SENDAGI (YANESE) 谷中: Kyoto like: old cultural etc.

DIRECS: Disembark @ Nippori STA, take S exit (end closest > Ueno STA), & turn L for W exit. Look for flight of steps beside map of area. @ top of these stairs, > L, is: Located in N East section of Cemetery you'll find breath-taking Tennoji TEMP

"Yuyake Dan-dan" *. Yuuyake-Dandan > local shopping st named "Yomise"

* refers > stairs on way from Nippori STA Nippori > Yanaka Ginza (Yanaka shopping street).

Scenic sunset spot: Stairs on slope road > Yanaka-Ginza st: 4 mt height, but popular view from top of stairs: beautiful **sunset** (yuuyake) & Yanaka-Ginza street

famous cats spot: near "Yuyake DanDan" Cats lover's Holy Land cuz many stray cats live around here

SEE "Yanaka Ginza & Annex Katsutaro MAP.jpg" **PRINT**

Walk #4: **Thur, Tue, Sat & Sun;** **See** "Yanak. Pages pdf" 4hr, ∴ Peaceful, quiet, little traffic,



Yanaka Walking Tour 4 -unique shitamachi character

Also Tour #2: **SEE** "Walking Tours of Yanaka- Tour 2.pdf" & MAP

Start: Tennoji TEMP (STA: Nippori, then S exit)

Finish: Nezu TEMP (STA: Nezu)

Time: 4 hs, including stops along way

Best Times: no "best" time JUST start EARLY

Worst Times: Mon, Wed, & Fri cuz MUSs & some shops & rests closed

TODAY: Mainly RES w/ narrow lanes, sm houses & some unique MUSs & TRAD shops occasionally among gently sloping hills. CUZ no major attractions or depart stores here, pace is slow, no crowds & little traffic --- small town-like! Trades starkly contrasting each other: butcher beside barber, confectionery beside watch dealer

HIST BACKGROUND: famous lrg concentration of TEMP's since Edo Period, when most TEMP's & shrines removed from inner city & relocated > outskirts > curb frequent fires that ravaged crowded shogunate capital. Religious structures' thatched roofs ignited easily, but THEN, their land cleared & empty as fire breaks in densely Edo city.

Also, Yanaka edge-of-town TEMP's cud double as forts > protect Edo from invasion. Ironically, Yanakas invasions were friendly townspeople flocking here > enjoy peacefulness, wooded hills, paddies, clear streams, & majestic TEMP compounds. THEN, wealthy began BLDG country estates, followed by artists & writers 4 Yanaka's picturesque setting & cool breezes.

OO TOK's few old quarters > have survived both 1923 Kanto earthquake & firebombs of WW II,

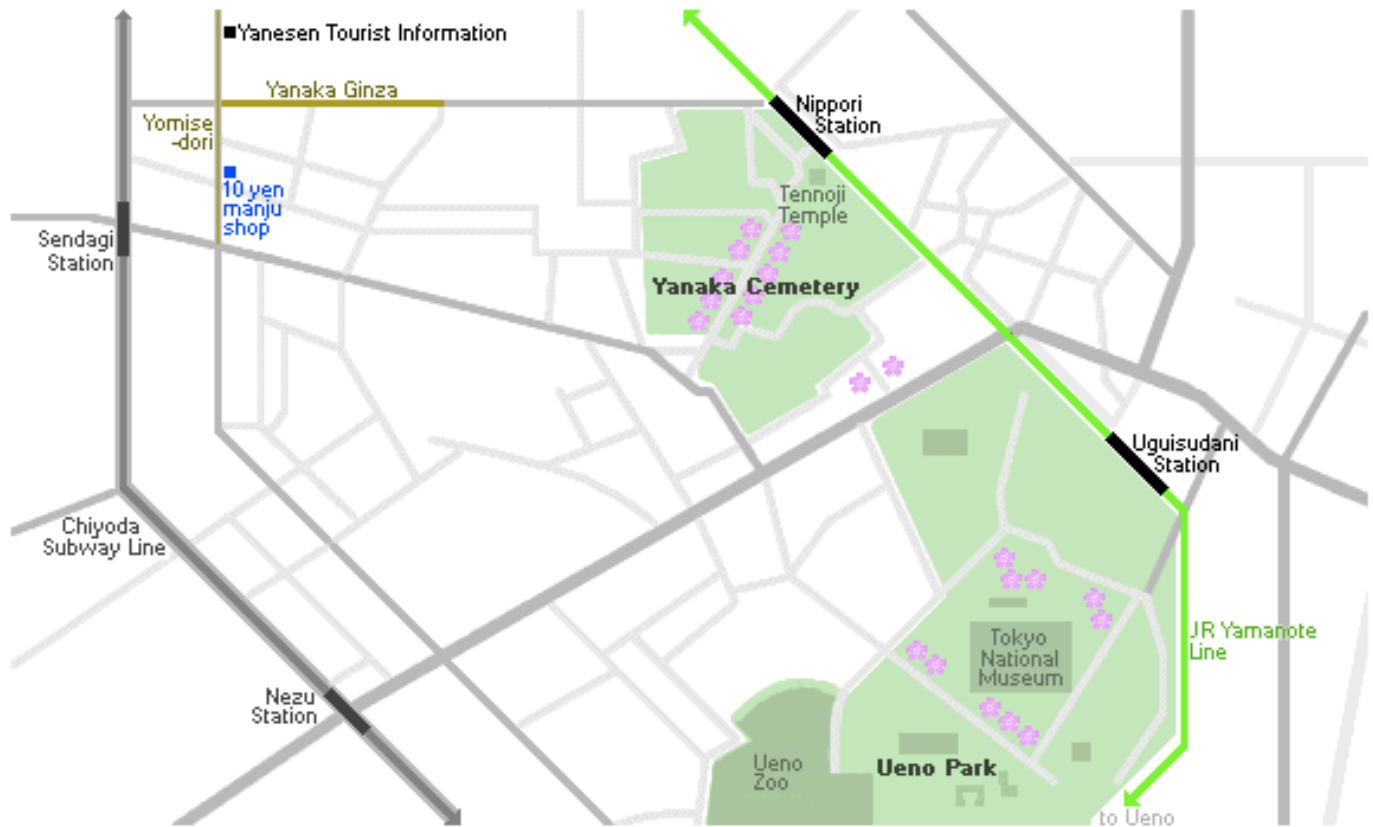


Figure out where these are, if possible?

SCAI Bathhouse(pronounced Sky),

which stands for Shiraishi Contemporary Art Inc. Kashiwayu-Ato, 6-1-23 Yanaka, Taito-ku, 03-3821-1144, 12:00-7:00, closed Sun, Mon & holidays

Old merchant shop BLDG, former bath house, now an art gallery, skylights & high ceilings of Kashiwayu also happen > provide excellent natural light



Dye shop: ??? IRECS: ???



An old dye shop in Yanaka,

Shokichi 笑吉: handmade finger puppets florist & maker; ½ h show



Gugendo store:

sm 30-yr old company : store dedicated > principle of “slow clothes; supporting independent rural weavers

1. Tennoji TEMP

.75h

DIRECS: (7-14-8 Yanaka; In N E section of CEM is Tennoji TEMP; border of Yanaka CEM near Nippori STA) 13th C, giant Buddha, perfect gardens

HIST: 500 yrs, used > be grand & impressive complex, 10 Xs present size & popular among townspeople as OO Edo's 3 TEMPs authorized > hold **lotteries**, BUT such huge, rowdy crowds that banned in mid-19th C by Tokugawa shogunate.

1868, MO complex destroyed in nearby Ueno Hill battle btwn Tokugawa loyalists & Imperial forces .

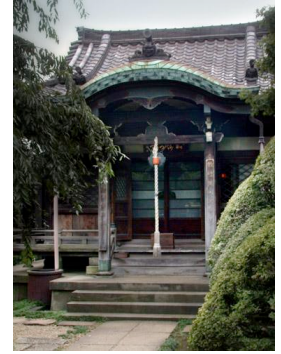
Today, quiet & peaceful, w/ neatly swept grounds & soothing sounds of chirping birds & chanting monks.

Seated bronze Buddha: 1st thing seen upon entering, 1690 & OO TEMP's dearest treasures.

Standing bronze Jizo (nearby), guardian of children's spirits. erected by grieving father more than 60 yrs ago, following death of son in playground accident; relief @ base depicts boys playing in school uniform.

Also, **small stone statue of Kannon**, goddess of mercy.

THEN, Walk straight out of TEMP compound's main entrance & continue walking on paved road straight through:

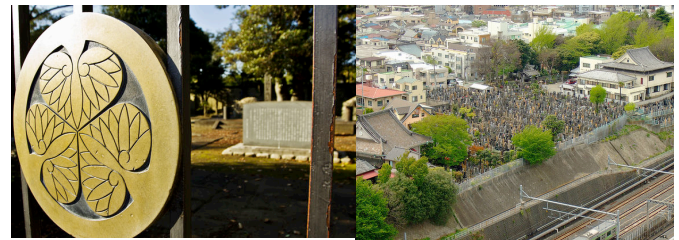


2. Yanaka-reien CEM (谷中霊園): LPM, 7 Yanaka; Nippori TSTA:)

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DIRECS: Immediately SW of Nippori STA borders ; Sakura-dori St: thru cemetery CNTR.

- 1872, 7000 graves;
- **Tokogawa Shogun's family section**, unique past view of over 200 years ago, private cemetery section dedicated > Tokugawa clan that ruled JA from 1603–1868. last JA Shogun buried here (徳川 慶喜, **Tokugawa Yoshinobu**). area is closed > public but can peak through gate.
- Once burial grounds of Kanei-ji & Tennoji TEMPs & opened > public in 1874,
- OO TOK's largest cemeteries. Some of 7,000 tombstones belong > famous public figures, artists, & writers, some of whom lived in area.



- **Most famous writers** buried here, both novelists of Meiji Era & longtime Yanaka residents.:
- **Soseki Natsume** (1867-1916): Natsume, whose portrait is featured on 1,000-yen note, became famous after writing *I Am Cat*, humorous look @ follies of human society as seen through eyes of cat
- **Ogai Mori** (1862-1922), @ 19, youngest graduate from medical school @ TOK U, later was surgeon general, foremost figure of MOD JA LIT; books tried > bridge gap btwn TRAD & MOD, as JA moved away from feudal agrarian past.

Edo Period, teahouses along edge served more than tea, including monks. OO teahouse beauties, **Osen Kasamori**, achieved fame when ukiyo-e master Harunobu immortalized her in several works. Most poor girls looked for patrons, not 'Johns'.

THEN, After minute's walk, > your L you'll see two sights very strange for cemetery -- **police box & children's playground**. Here, btwn two & surrounded by low fence & hedge, is :



3. Foundation of Tennoji TEMP's Five-Story Pagoda

.25h

1644, but burned down, 1772, reconstructed as tallest Edo pagoda, met final demise, 1957, when burned down by 2 lovers who then committed suicide.

THEN, Take R @ police box & continue thru cemetery > residential st, following 1 block until ends @ T-intersection. Ahead, plaque dedicated > Kano Hogai (1828-88), JA painter of early Meiji Period, used Western TECH in his work & along w/ Okakura Tenshin, credited for "modizing" JA art.

THEN, Behind plaque is:

4. Choanji TEMP

.5h

1669, dedicated > god of longevity, OO of Japan's 7 lucky gods. During Edo Period, pilgrimage > all 7 TEMPs, ea housing 1 of 7 gods of fortune, thought > bring good luck. Now, such pilgrimages have lost their appeal, Choanji seems rather forgotten. In addition > **Kano's tomb**, located near center of TEMP's graveyard, notable for **three stone stupas** dating from 1200s, erected for repose of departed souls.

DIRECS: straight ahead on main path, by statues & under groomed cedars.

THEN, Turn L out of Choanji. @ next immediate L down side street you'll see an old TEMP wall dating from Edo Period. It's only one in area > have survived fires, earthquakes, & wars.

old TEMP wall:

.25h

THEN, Back on main road, farther along on L, is:

5. Kannonji TEMP

.5h

Sm stone pagoda > R of front entrance is dedicated > 47 ronin (akoroshi), masterless samurai who avenged their master's death & then committed ritual suicide in 1702. Their story captured public's imagination & has become popular Kabuki play. Two of ronin were brothers of head priest here, & several meetings plotting their revenge allegedly took place on this spot.

Take Break --Food: ????????

.75h

THEN, Just stone's throw farther N, on R, is:

Saboh Hanahenro, 7-17-11 Yanaka (tel. 03/3822-6387), which translates as "Teahouse Flower TEMP-Pilgrimage." MOD, **two-FLR teahouse** decorated w/ intern'l folk crafts (open Wed > Sun, 11am > 6pm); JA green tea, beer, homemade cakes, & sweets.

THEN, Farther along, > L @ top of steps > Yanaka Ginza (no. 9 below), is

Zakuro REST, 3-14-13 Nishi-Nippori (tel. 03/5685-5313), one of TOK's more **eccentric restaurants** serving Turkish & Persian cuisine (open daily 11am > 11pm After removing your shoes @ door, you'll be led > FLR cushions in big room that resembles tent, w/ boards on FLR serving as tables. Set lunches cost ¥600 > ¥1,000 (\$5-\$8.30/£2.50-£4.20),

THEN, Just past Saboh Hanahenro teahouse, also on R @ 7-18-6 Yanaka, is:

6. Sandara

THEN, Past this shop, also on R @ 7-18-10 Yanaka, is one of highlights of this stroll, :

7. Asakura Choso MUS: 朝倉彫塑館

.75h

- W/ MOD black facade, seems out-of-place in TRAD neighborhood, but INT: delightful mix of MOD & TRAD ARCH. OOM intriguing TOK homes open > public, was built in 1936 as home & studio of Asakura Fumio, West-style sculptor known for realistic statesmen, women, & cats STATs;
- After passing through his studio w/ soaring ceilings, you'll find yourself in TRAD JA house wrapped around an inner courtyard pond, famous for large stones arranged > reflect Five Confucian Virtues. **rooftop GARD** offers views over surrounding neighborhood.

THEN, Take R out of MUS & turn L @ next street (if you take R here instead, you end up back @ Nippori STA). Keep > R & walk down steps. **Then**, take 1st R, just past arched entryway marking : neighborhood's pedestrian-only shopping lane.

.5h

THEN, Here, > your R, @ 3-13-5 Nishi-Nippori, is:

8. Midori-ya: exquisite basket shop (tel. 03/3828-1746)

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8. Midori-ya: exquisite **basket shop** (tel. **03/3828-1746**)

.5h

- **examples** displayed outside front door; Suigetsu Buseki store & workshop; coaxes flexible strands of bamboo into beautifully baskets, some signed;
- known for **use of smoked bamboo** from undersides of thatched farmhouses; beautiful gloss & subtle color gradation from yrs of exposure > indoor fire pits. Such antique pieces of bamboo are increasingly hard > come by, SO, some of baskets rightfully expensive, but still less expensive than those @ major department stores. You can linger here;
- **Customers:** IMP family & visiting dignitaries, including former U.S. ambassador > JA,. shop is open Thursday > Tuesday 10am > 6:30pm.

THEN, **Retrace your steps > corner & turn R onto:**

9. Yanaka Ginza (also, shopping lane)

.75h

14A2 **Yanaka Ginza**: St FOOD \$ Hemming Sendagi & Nippori STAs LPM
(snacks from ¥60; **Nippori TSTA**, **W exit**, **JR Tohoku Line**)

DIRECS: begins @ stair case west of STA known as sunset staircase. It's possible > view sunset from here when conditions are R



Ambitious name for old-fashioned shopping lane; pedestrianized & quiet; pleasant CUZ free of cars &, unlike many shopping streets nowadays, isn't covered -authentic arcade. JA friend said, '... reminds her of her childhood neighborhood shopping streets.

Hand-carved wood shop's toys & tools > baked sweet potatoes stands (local favorite). st side food stalls; PA system makes music follow U along market: ukulele & reggae guitar.

Yanesen TIC: Just around corner on Yomise-dori Street

THEN, opposite direction, > **10 yen manju shop** : bun w/different kinds of filling, Paks of 10

THEN, @ end of shopping street, turn L & walk for about 5 MINs, passing **Annex Katsutaro**

Ryokan (SEE **Yanaka Ginza & Annex Katsutaro MAP.jpg**) on way, until you come > stoplight & slightly larger road.

Take Break -- **Noodle shop/ ????????**

THEN, **Immediately > L of stoplight, on corner**, noodle shop called **Oshimaya**, 3-2-5 Yanaka (tel. 03/3821-5052).

DIRECS: 2nd FLR of MOD BLDG, but TRAD bamboo screens @ window & an indoor pond w/ fish. offers two kinds of noodles -- *soba* & *udon* served in variety of ways. Every day except Thur (11am > 8pm (closed 3-5pm on weekdays)).

But **THEN**, If drink only, **straight ahead @ stoplight** is **Petticoat Lane**, 2-35-7 Sendagi (tel. **03/3821-8859**), tiny coffee shop open daily 11am > midnight.

minute's walk farther on R-hand side past Isetatsu is **Rampo**, 2-9-14 Yanaka (tel. **03/3828-9494**), cozy coffee shop packed w/ knickknacks, kitsch, & folk art. soft drinks, coffee; jazz plays softly in background. (Every day except Monday, 10am > 8pm). **Look for wooden COFFEE SNACK sign above door.**

THEN, If you take **R @ stoplight** mentioned above, > your **R** you will soon see:

11. Kikumi Sembei: **.25h**

Can't miss -- look for beautiful, 130-year-old wooden BLDG, w/ TRAD open-fronted shop selling **JA crackers**. worth photo. Maybe buy: some sq-shaped sembei. (daily except Mon, 10am > 7pm) (3-37-16 Sendagi; tel. **03/3821-1215**).

THEN, Just beyond cracker shop is Sendagi STA. Unless you're ready > call quits, however, **turn around & head back in opposite direction, passing stoplight & noodle shop listed above.**

THEN, Almost immediately on your **R** will be :

12. Sento (bathhouse): **0h**

sento, or public bathhouse, recognized by shoe lockers in entryway & by chimney in back. Tho, on decline, public bathhouses still important gathering places, especially for those without private baths.

THEN, Farther along, on your **R** on corner, is:

13. Isetatsu JA paper shop: **.5h**

Isetatsu, 2-18-9 Yanaka (tel. **03/3823-1453**), items made w/ JA paper, includ paper fans, papier-mâché objects, & boxes; mid-1800s & run by Hirose family for 4 generations, specializes in chiyogami, handmade decorative paper printed w/ wood blocks. Some designs: family's own creations; others: from family crests worn on kimono & armor of samurai & members of court;

THEN, As you continue in same direction (east), on next block on **L** side you'll find:

14. Daienji TEMP 大円寺: **.5h**

DIRECS: @ 3-1-2 Yanaka, opposite grade school & recessed back from st, honors ukiyo-e master Harunobu, OO Edo's most famous artists; & Kasamori Osen (**SEE pdfs**); worked @ OOM teahouses near Tennoji in 1760s & achieved fame when Harunobu chose as model for many portraits. **copy of Harunobo's portrait of Osen hangs in small guardhouse** > R @ entrance > TEMP grounds, Eng-spkg old man usually on hand > give brief talk on Daienji, uniquely houses Buddhist TEMP & Shinto SHRIN under one roof. **larger stone marker:** MON > Harunobu; **smaller one** > L is Osen's.

THEN, Cross street @ crosswalk, turn **L** > continue walking in same direction you've been going, & take first **R** (beside TRAD-looking elementary school w/ an old-fashioned clock). Turn L @ end of street, & after couple MINs, > your **R**, @ 2-1-27 Yanaka (tel. **03/3821-6913**), will be :

15. Daimyo Clock MUS (Daimyo Tokei Hakubutsukan): **.5h**

Inside overgrown GARD,

1-rm Edo Period clock & watch display (1603-1867); 50 examples from MUS's extensive collection (displays change annually); huge free-standing clocks, sundials, alarm clocks, pocket watches, & small watches (attached > obi: sash worn w/ kimono).

1st clock: brought > JA by missionary, 16th C, & then typically JA fashion, quickly modified > suit local needs. **BUT**, NOT 24 hrs/day CUZ Edo clocks based on time btwn sunrise & sunset, so time varied greatly w/ seasons.

CLOCK USE: had > be set once or twice/day & so expensive only *daimyo*, or feudal lords, could afford them. Most daimyo had clockmaker & clock setter employed cuz castles contained several huge clocks. Apparently, time was of essence in JA even back then. **NO ENG**, SO ask > see an Eng pamphlet. (**Tues > Sun**, 10am > 4pm).



THEN, Take R out of MUS > return > street you were on, turn L & then L again (note **weirdly shaped pine tree @ corner**). Walk down one of many slopes for which Yanaka is famous & which still has some

TRAD wooden homes (including beautiful one on your R). .25h

THEN, On L-hand side of slope, @ end of street just before stoplight, is Imojin Owariya, **JA sweet shop**:.25h

THEN, Cross busy street, Shinobazu-Dori Avenue, @ stoplight & continue straight (you'll pass another sento > your L). road will begin > slope upward, & then, > your R, will be: **DIRECS**: E side Nipori STA around Chuo-dori

16. Nezu Shrine 根津神社 OO TOK BEST: .75h
OO TOK's best kept secrets. W/ brightly colored orange torii, (SEE 1 JA Torii pdf) venerable cedars, & manicured azalea bushes, welcome contrast > austere Buddhist TEMPs that dominate Yanaka.; 1706, 5th Tokugawa shogun & features **front courtyard gate** of red lacquer w/ joists in gilt, green, blue, orange, & black; most well known, for 1000s of manicured azalea bushes in Apr, w/ crowds.

ALSO, THEN, (insert from Yanaka Tour #2) SEE "Walking Tours of Yanaka- Tour 2.pdf" & MAP walk along same road used > reach shrine until U reach sm intersection. At this intersection, turn L & keep going > notice road becoming very narrow & winding. You are now walking along the Hebi Michi (Snake Road).へビ道.

THEN, > reach Nezu STA, return > Shinobazu-Dori & turn R.

ALSO, THEN, Winding Down -- On slope upward from Shinobazu-Dori in direction of clock MUS is **Imojin Owariya**, 2-30-4 Nezu (tel. 03/3821-5530) .25h
plain, tiny JA version of small-town ice-cream parlor: homemade ice cream & shaved ice w/ sweet-bean paste, lemon, strawberry, or melon flavorings. **Tue > Sun**, 11am > 7pm.

ALSO, On Shinobazu-Dori btwn Nezu Shrine & Nezu STA, **Cafe ez Fran**, 2-27-1 Nezu (tel. 03/3828-5511).(Tue > Sun, 11am > 11pm, coffee shop until 6pm.

Nippori Fabric MKT: DIRECS: E side Nipori STA around Chuo-dori

● **Yanaka (& Nezu & Sendagi (SEE pdf w/ detailed instructions) Merchant Houses:**

● **Ameya-yokochō MKT (アメ横; Ameyoko Arcade;** .75h
JR Okachimachi, N exit (S of Ueno TSTA), or Ueno, Hirokōji exit) **DIRECS**: 'G' on following map
yakitori skewers > crunchy croquettes

flavor unlike other TOK,
noisy, pungent bazaars like elsewhere in Asia;
famous black-MKT district after WWII, & still lively
outdoor shopping arcade
emblazoned w/ JA motifs.

DIRECS: opposite Ueno STA's S side.under big archway sign

SEE LRG version of "TOK MAP Nippori Textile MKT map.pdf" ➡



UENO 上野 (LP2292, LPm2333) (also 'shitamachi')

5¼H

ACCM: nothing

SITES:

CHERRY BLOSSOM -- hanami (blossom-viewing); best spring hanami (blossom-viewing) (SEE LP 2305)

> (C3) **Uguisudani TRN STA or Yushima or Ueno, STA : Park exit---**

🟡. 1C4 * **TOK NAT MUS** (東京国立博物館); 1.5h

TOK Kokuritsu Hakubutsukan; Click here ; www.tnm.jp; 13-9 Ueno-kōen, Taitō-ku; adult ¥600; 10am-4pm Tue-Fri, > 6pm Sat & Sun; Ueno, Park exit):

KEY GALLERIES: Gallery of Horyu-ji **Treasures**; Heiseikan (Heisei Hall) **JA archaeology**

C5 Ueno-kōen (hill) PK (上野公園): **LRG maps displayed on site**; .75h

Ueno Zoological GARD: ??? .25h

5 Story Pagoda ??? .25h

7B5 Tōshōgū SHRINE LPM (東照宮);

9-88 Ueno-kōen, Taitō-ku; ¥200; 9am-5.30pm; Ueno, Shinobazu exit);

1651 extant ; dedicated > Tokugawa Ieyasu, unified JA

B6 Shinobazu-ike (pond) **Obvious** .5h

Shinobazu-ike (pond)'s SE corner ; samurai walking his dog

3C6 Saigō Takamori STAT (西郷隆盛銅像); .25h

Monorail: ??? .5h

🟡.* 5C6 Shitamachi MUS (下町風俗資料館); 1h

Shinobazu-ike (pond)'s SE corner; 2-1 Ueno-kōen; ¥300;

9.30am-4.30pm Tue-Sun; Ueno, Hirokōji exit)

MUS: re-creates shitamachi life – plebeian 'lowtown' quarter of old TOK – during 1900s.



AKIHABARA (Akiba) & NE TOK 秋葉原 (LP2267)

1½H

ACCM: **NO ??? Out of way, Squat toilets** JGH TOK Hostel: **SEE “BAD ? NO Hostels.pdf”**

SITES:

🟡.* “Denki-gai” aka Akiba (秋葉原電気街) Electric Town) (<http://akiba-guide.com>)

DIRECS: Just E of Akihabara STA

Jinbocho (神保町 or **Kanda-Jinbōchō** (神田神保町)

Jinbocho Secondhand Bookstores: LP4689: (Jinbocho STA, exits A1, A6 or A7; due E of NE tip of IMP PAL); Definitely worth visit > see incredible feats of hoarding, 170 2nd hand booksellers stretches far across Yasukuni-dōri; tax exemptions if serious cash

Start w/ **Isseido Books** (www.isseido-books.co.jp; 1-7 Kanda-jinbocho): GET neighbourhood booksellers' map, wander down main drag & up into backstreets

TOTAL DAY HOURS

6¾H

Mt Fuji 富士山周辺 **OVN**, (LP5655, LPm5618) (1T, 3D, 4N)

4D

Also 1 Free Day

1D

(Fuji-san; 3776m)(Yamanashi PREF)

STRAT: Start in Okutama & work S > Mt Fuji Then S > Tsumago

Mount Fuji (富士山 *Fuji-san*, 3776 meters) is [Japan](#)'s highest mt. & focal point of sprawling [Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park](#); geologists say: dormant volcano, not dead, roughly 300 yrs & last eruption- 1707, so next one due now.

Mt. Fuji Welcome Card [4] is free card that can get you discounts for various attractions & tours in vicinity.

TRANS-IN: **NOTE**: ENG maps @ Keio-line offices;

Fuji Yoshida (富士吉田) town:& Kawaguchiko ()

BUS: EASIEST Option cuz **no transfers**

Keio express BUS: Keio Dentetsu Bus (?) (@ Fujiyoshida (富士吉田) or ???)

Shinjuku TOK or Tokyo STA: direct BUS: (2-2.5 hrs, ¥2600): directly > Kawaguchiko

BUY TIK: @ JR Shinjuku STA: exit W exit, THEN, follow circle of BUS STOPs > L.> Keio BLDG on corner near STOP 26 (R across from Yodobashi Camera).

Reserve seat for free @ [Keio express bus](#)., BUT still pay for TIK @ STA (cash only)

REG BUS Fujikyū BUS line or Keio Bus??? :

JR Shinjuku STA or TOK STA > Kawaguchi-ko & Fuji-Yoshida (Mt Fuji STA);

- Frequent BUSES (¥1700, 1¼ hrs) operate directly

- **toilets** & luggage compart w/ assigned seats. Also > & from TOK STA

((take W exit (on other side of Keio dept BLDG: (1h50m, Y 1700 (best)) Highway BUS TERM(03-5376-2222) . :

Bus Number	Shinjuku Expressway Bus Terminal	FujiQ Highland	Fujisan Station	Kawaguchiko	Fujisan Station
1371 KO	06:00	07:37	07:44	07:49	-
1101 KO	07:10	08:50	-	08:55	09:02
1121 KO	07:40	09:20	-	09:25	09:32
1131 FJ	08:10	09:50	-	09:55	10:02
1351 FJ	08:40	10:20	10:27	10:32	-

TRN: **USE BUS** cuz **no transfer**

TRANS around

In Kawaguchi-ko: Fujikyū Kōsoku BUS (72-5111) for reservations & SCHED info.

Regular local city BUS serves 5 lakes & caves & popular tourist attractions.

One route (two-day passes ¥1000/500) follows Kawaguchi-ko's N shore

Or, (¥1300/650) heads S & around Sai-ko & Aokigahara.

Kawaguchiko Retro BUS hop-on-hop-off from Kawaguchi-ko STA serves path around lake, stopping @ many local tourist attractions: MUS parks.

BUS: from Kawaguchiko STA > Kawaguchi Fifth STA, most popular place from which > start climb of Mt. Fuji.; 50 minj. **BUS**:

Kawaguchi-ko > Fujinomiya (¥2040, 75 min), via 3 smaller lakes

Sazanami Bike Rental (9am-6pm) , elect bike; on Kawaguchi-ko's SE shore,(btwn bridge & ropeway) rents BIKE (¥400/1500 hr/day)

ACCM:

(1) K's House PB K's House Mt.Fuji 93%, \$36 6 mx, \$30 9mx D 9mx?, d 4-6 mx?

山梨県南都留郡富士河口湖町船津 (?) 6713-108,
Funatsu, Fujikawaguchiko, Minamituru-gun,
Yamanashi, Japan 401-0301 TEL +81(0)555-83-5556,

fuji@kshouse.jp

free PU (8:00-18:30) PU from Kawaguchiko STA

Full KIT, Com rm, htr, Eng staff,

Bike, lrg/gud KIT, lock, map, **rm-wifi**, w/d, rd lite, trav
desk, shuttle bus ???, **clean**, MOD, welcoming, **Eng**;
mt bikes (cycling around lakes),

LOC: shuttle service GUD cuz hard > find, BUT
close walk > Kawaguchiko TRN STA, Pre-book TOK
BUS . Mt Fuji, 15 min > cable car

REV: spacious, GUD ENG, great service, near
supermkt, 7/11, TRN STA, 5min walk > LK, 5 min >
Indian, Thai, French rest, 7-11 like & supermkt, maps,
STONG RECMdation of ALL K' hostels; push tours,
nearby Onsen



YHA: only of necessary: SEE "BAD / NO Hostels.pdf"

YHA Kawaguchi-ko HI

DOG YHA Fuji-Yoshida Youth Hostel HOSTEL (2803) \$ (22-0533; www.jyh.or.jp;

NO , NO KIT Kawaguchi-ko STA Inn: 84%, \$33 7mx,

SITES: LP5614 **NOTE:** ENG maps @ Keio-line offices;

20¼h +1D

4D

Fuji Yoshida::(富士吉田) **TOURIST VILL**

On lake, sleepy town, closest town > 4 of 5 lakes. postcard Fuji-san views, anko: next largest,

SIDETRIP:

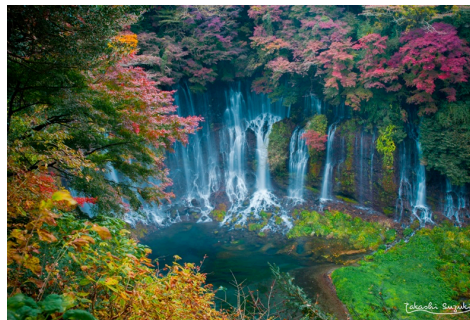
Shiraito-no-taki Falls (白糸の滝)

DEFINTELY SEE "TOK Mt Fuji, Shiraito Waterfall.pdf"

DIRECS: 33 min BUS every
15-40 min. from Fujinomiya
STA.

Falls 200m, wide cliffside,
name shiraito (white threads)
recalls beautiful way strands
of silk wud fall.

5 min walk away.



A2 KUWAGUCHI-KO (河口湖)**11¼H****1.5D**

View of Mt. Fuji from N shore w/inverted image on surface of lake waters

Lake Kawaguchiko Pleasure Boat (河口湖遊覧船) is

European style pleasure boat: 30 min lake tour, (9:30–16:30 every 30min), ¥900.

Gekkō-ji NEIGHBOURHOOD (NOGM) (月江寺)**1.5h**

central Fuji-Yoshida district feels like little town that time forgot, w/orig mid-20th-C facades. Inside: surprisingly hip cafes, [wandering worthwhile](#).

Immediately S of Kuwaguchi-ko Lake:

w/ shops, trail entrances, cable car & chairlift : few MINs away > R.

A3 Fuji Visitor Center TIC CNTR (ターセンター) z**.5h**

6663-1 Funatsu; 8.30am-10pm late Jul-late Aug, > 5pm Dec-Feb,) If Mt Fuji isn't visible, this visitor centre shows what U missed. Eng video gives great sum of mt. & geological history.

A3 Fuji Visitor CNTR: Yaku-ō-in TEMP (薬王院) 661-1115; 24hr)**B4 Pilgrim's Inn : Togawa-ke Oshi-no-Ie Restored HIST BLDG:****.5h**

(御師旧外川家住宅) 3-14-8 Kami-Yoshida; ¥100; 9.30am-4.30pm Wed-Mon)

B4 Fuji Sengen-jinja TEMP (5558 Kami-Yoshida)**.75h**

S(北口本宮富士浅間神社) 20-min. walk > Mt. Fuji Sta. **or** 5 min BUS (Fujikyū Bus for Lake Yamanakako & get off @ Asama Jinja-mae Bus Stop). 788, > ease local people's Mt. Fuji eruption fears; majestic atmosphere w/in grounds of this venerable shrine.

ta. Kitaguchihongu-Fuji-Sengen Shrine: Some older res visible on approach > shrine from Mt. Fuji.

Immediately E of S Kuwaguchi-ko Lake's tip:**4A2 (Tenjosan Park) Kachi-Kachi Yama Ropeway:****1h**

DIRECS: 600m N of Kawaguchi-ko STA, lower E lake edge >

(カチカチ山ロープウェイ; 1163-1 Azagawa; 1 way/return ¥400/700)

B2 Fuji Viewing Platform (1104m).**Mitsutōge-yama** (三つ峠山: 1785m) **NGM HIKE:****3.5h**

Ask @ Kawaguchi-ko TIC: [map](#); **Mitsu-toge trail**: OOM popular Kawaguchiko area hikes.

DIRECS: 15min by bus > starting point & 180min > hike up > top & 130min > come back

EES of S Kuwaguchi-ko Lake's tip**8B3 Oniwa (御庭) > 7B3 Okuniwa HIKE: (SEE pdf)** (BUS: 2h RT+ 3h) 5h

FUJI GO-KO Hiking (富士五湖): off season hiking: Roughly mid-May > late Oct:

Mt Fuji 5th STA: NOTE: I think 5th STA refers > HRZ loop PRL

around Fuji, THUS,

hike from here along flat trail that hugs mt. @ tree line & trail stretches 4km past Oniwa (御庭) > Okuniwa (奥庭), THEN,

MUST double back. @ either end of climbing season,

DIRECS: TRANS >: From roughly mid-April or May,

Fuji Subaru BUSES run btwn Kawaguchi-ko & Mt Fuji fifth STA (1 way/return ¥1500/2000, 50 MINs).

SCHED is highly seasonal; call Fujikyū Yamanashi BUS (0555-72-6877) for details.

**Fuuketsu & Hyouketsu (Bat?) Cave:****2h**

Nearby series of caves by Lake Kawaguchi called Fuuketsu & Hyouketsu, both had ice yr round
Caves made by ancient lava flows from base of Mt. Fuji.; caves went very deep & were very cool..

NE corner of S Kuwaguchi-ko Lake

3C1 Itchiku Kubota Art MUS MUS (久保田一竹美術館;

1h

2255 Kawaguchi; admission ¥1300; 10am-5pm) Near N shore, unique MUS presents lavishly dyed kimonos by Itchiku Kubota, whose life's work of continuous landscapes is displayed in grand cypress wood hall.

TRANS: From Mt Fuji STA walk (15 min) or BUS > Sengen-jinja-mae (¥150, 5 min).

MOTOSU-ko: (本栖湖 *Motosuko*)(Most W Lake) **See MY pdf**

1D

furthest out, deepest & clearest., sightseeing boat available.

Here, Tama-gawa runs through magnificent mts w/ **waterfalls**, woodlands & **hiking trails**, ideal day or overnight stays. (**camping or ???**); famous ¥1000 bill image from N shore.

- 20-MIN walk beyond Motosu-Iriguchi BUS STOP (¥1240, 45 MINs from Kawaguchi-ko).
- **Map** is from ‘
- Little tourist facilities, pristine wilderness, especially around W shore.
- Boat cruise: every 45min, Y900



9A1 Panorama-dai: HIKING LPM (パノラマ台)

VIEWPOINT HIKE:

DIRECS: BTWN Motosu-ko & Shoji-ko; 1hr hike from trailhead: 20-MIN walk beyond Motosu-Iriguchi BUS STOP (¥1240, 45 MINs from Kawaguchi-ko); 100m above Lake Yamanaka, most SE lake; steep trail leading up > Panorama-Dai summit, isn't all that interesting really, but well marked. **Trail ends** w/spectacular Fuji-san clear-day view (can't see lake & mts from trail cuz tall trees, but nce hike).

SHŌJI-KO Shoji-ko (精進湖):.

2½H

Prettiest, smallest, horseshoe-shaped lake, idyllic-looking w/pretty N shore Fuji views.

1B1 Fugaku Wind Cave CAVE LPM (¥280/130; 8am-5pm)

1h

DIRECS: BTWN Shoji-ko & Sai-ko

Also formed by prehistoric lava flows from Mt Fuji.

6B1 Narusawa Ice Cave CAVE (¥280/130; 8am-5pm) Close > road,

1h

this cave was formed by lava flows from prehistoric eruption of Mt Fuji. Narusawa. Caves

DIRECS: BTWN Shoji-ko & Sai-ko

5B1 Kōyō-dai LOOKOUT;

.5h

gud Fuji-san views here, near main road, & from W lake end.

Aokigahara Jukai (青木ヶ原樹海, Free; (0-100 suicides/yr;)

8533 Narusawa-mura, Minamtsuru-gun, Yamanashi 401-0320 <http://www.fujisan.ne.jp/nature/jukai.php>

Aokigahara Jukai, aka Sea of Trees, spreading @ N west base of Mt Fuji. Even in hot summer, forest relatively cool cuz thickly forested.. Aokigahara formed after Mt Fuji laval flow eruption, unique plant life. Always associated w/ myths cuz darkness & density of trees.
Jyukai Trail is recommended.

DIRECS: 35-45 mins from Kawaguchiko stn; midawy btwn Saiko & Kawaguchi-ko & direct S of middle lake (SW shore of Lake Sai)

SAI-KO lake(西湖): (Saiko)

2H

Saiko Bat Cave 西湖蝙蝠穴:

2068 Saiko, Fujikawaguchiko-machi, Minamitsuru-gun,
Yamanashi 400-0334; Y30; 9:00 - 17:00

DIRECS: Fuji Express > Kawaguchiko (53 min.) 30min by bus
from K's hostel; 280yen/per/ cave, 8:00-16:00

Cave wall ice covered; cave made after lava flowed. Fuji's
winter groundwater oozing from ceiling made pond of brilliant
natural icicles & ice.



10B1 Sai-ko Iyashi-no-Sato Nenba ETHNO CNTR:

1h

(西湖いやしの里根場; 2710 Nenba; ¥350/150; 9am-5pm)

historic thatched-roof houses, washed away in typhoon 40 yrs earlier. Inside: dozen reconstructed
frames. silk & paper crafts demos; soba & konyakku (arrowroot starch). rest

YAMANAKA-ko lake: largest & most eastern lake **Not worth effort???** **???**

Swans, amphibious bus ?,

TOTAL DAY HOURS

10H

Roppongi: (SSW of IMP PAL) **Roppongi Crossing Sub STA (LP1506, LPm1524)**

3H

ACCM: NO! Too Expensive

SITES:

G7 TOK Tower: IMP BLDG ???; LP1566: ??? EXT ONLY ??? ???

views only; (東京タワー; www.tokyotower.co.jp; 4-2-8 Shiba-kōen; main observation deck ¥820, special observation deck ¥1400; 9am-10pm;) **Kamiyachō, exits 1 & 2**
Eiffel Tower repro

8G7 Zōjō-ji TEMP: (増上寺): .5h

??? DIRECS: behind TOK Tower; Click here ; 4-7-35 Shiba-kōen; dawn-dusk; Akabanebashi, Akabanebashi exit) Tokugawa family TEMP

* * **2H5 Atago-jinja SHR:** (www.atago-jinja.com;
1-5-3 Atago; Kamiyachō, exit 3); giant stone stairway; IST Edo fire watchtower

C6 Roppongi Hills complex: (六本木ヒルズ): .75h

Click here ; www.roppongihills.com; 6-10 Roppongi; Roppongi, exits 1c & 3)

DIRECS: S of RH Metro STA, home, work & leisure micro-city

Neon glitz, galaxy's most unscrupulous citizens gather > engage in host of unsavoury activities under sizzling neon lights.

> **Kamiyachō, exits 1 & 2**

B5 Nati'l Art CNTR TOK ART GAL EXT ONLY (国立新美術館) .75h

www.nact.jp; 7-22-2 Roppongi; ¥1500; 10 am-6pm Wed-Mon, > 8pm Fri; Nogizaka, exit 6, or Roppongi, exits 4a & 7); ----- curvaceous facade reveals an eye-catching realm of cantilevered cones within.

5C4 Nogi-jinja SHR (乃木神社):

(8-11-27 Akasaka; 8.30am-5pm; Nogizaka, exit 1): cultural curiosity -- ritual suicide: famous cuz site General Nogi & his wife killed themselves after Meiji Emperor's death.

(C3) **Nogizaka STA** > (E2/3) **Akasaka** or (F3) **Tameike-sanno** or (G2) **Kokkai-gijidomae**

D4 TOK Midtown (東京ミッドタウン): **Roppongi Hills-like** ???

Click here ; www.tokyo-midtown.com; 9-7 Akasaka; Roppongi 1-chome, exit 1) **DIRECS:** N of Metro STA newer

> **Kamiyachō, exits 1 & 2**

3F2 Hie-jinja SHR (日枝神社):

1h

Click here ; 2-10-5 Nagatachō; Akasaka-mitsuke, Belle Vie exit); **long orange torii** (shrine gates)

IF TIME:

TEPIA Science MUS (当サイトは一般財団法人 高度技術社会推進協会) (Free, 10 am-6 pm,

SEE "TOK MAP TEPIA-Gaienmae STA map 2.pdf"; Advanced TECH & IND robotics closed Mon). 2-8-44 Kita Aoyama, Minato-ku. +81 (0) 3 5474 6111 (5474 6123 > RSV IND tour).

www.tepia.jp

DIRECS: From Gaienmae Station (Tokyo Metro, Ginza Line, Exit 2) go up the stairs, turn right and right again at the corner. TEPIA is straight ahead. Walking time -- five minutes.

TOTAL DAY HOURS

10H

SHINJUKU 新宿 & W TOK

(LP2069, LP2083)

2¾H

ACCM: Biz & chain hotels, shopping mecca, used foreigners, \$ reasonable

ACE INN Shinjuku: 78%, \$24 D10mx-2000y, Capsule 3150Y

5-3 Katamachi, Shinjuku-ku, TEL (+81)3-3350-6655 mail@ace-inn.jp

'Capsule' styled room: 28 mixed dorm(econ) & 14 separated dorm(lux), locker w/ key, Wifi, lug stor, lock, lift, rd lite, trav desk, w/d, KIT Toilets: ea flr.,

REV: cheap, [good location](#), great staff, **BUT basement pay** (¥ 100 coin, 10 min) shower, **poor security**, **CLEAN ROOMS**

LOC: 1 min walk > 'Akebonobashi' SSTA **???** (Toei:Shinjuku Line); many JR trains or metro > Shinjuku STA -- cool 'Shinjuku' area, kinda central Tok; Peaceful res area: rests, sweet shops, supermkts, Int'l ATM, banks, drug stores.

TRANS:

21D2 Keiō Kōsoku BUS

23D3 Shinjuku Highway BUS TERM

24D2 Shinjuku W Exit BUS TerminalD2

SITES:

●. > D3 **Shinjuku RSTA** (OO wrld's busiest.(3¼ mil/day), **THEN\, due W**

C2 **Mode Gakuen Cocoon Tower: 1-7-3 Nishi-shinjuku, EXT only;** .5h

(DIREC: W of TRN STA)

Kabuki-cho: yakuza, sleazy bars etc. **NO INTEREST**

B3 **TOK METRO GOV'T (twin) BLDGs) (東京都庁) views ONLY** .75h

TOK Tochō;) 2-8-1 Nishi-shinjuku; (www.metro.tokyo.jp/ENG/TMG/observat.htm)

Observatories 9.30am-11.30pm, 45th FLR; sculpturs around bldg EXT;

N Tower closed 2nd & 4th Mon,

S Tower closed 1st & 3rd Tue; **Tochōmae, exits A3 & A4)**

> (D2) Tochōmae STA >T (D2) Shinjuku (E/F3) Shinjuku-sanchōmae, or best (G3) Shinjuku-gyōenmae, exit 1

F4 Shinjuku-gyōen PARK (新宿御苑 1.5h

www.env.go.jp/GARD/shinjukugyoen; Naitochō; ¥200/50; 9am-4pm Tue-Sun; **Shinjuku-gyōenmae, exit 1**) (OO TOK's largest

JA Sword MUS MUS (刀剣博物館) **???** (LP2152)

??? **Kichijōji NEIGHBOURHOOD** (吉祥寺) (LP2177) (If time) **???**

DIRECS: W of SHINJUKU: Chō Line, exit; **SEE "TOK, Shinjuku > Kichijōji GMap"**

Inokashira-kōen PARK-like (井の頭恩賜公園): **gorgeous greenbelt**, inviting lake, great spring cherry blossoms;

DIRECS: from STA walk directly SE across BLVD & 3-4 blks further.

Yamamote JRL (N) > Takadanobaba STA (TRANS) > Tozai L (E) > Kakurazaka STA (05)

Fire MUS: (Free, 9:30am-5pm, closed Mon

3-10 Yotsuya, Shinjuku-ku. +81 (0) 3 3353 9119.

<http://www.tfd.metro.tokyo.jp/ts/museum.html> (Japanese only)

DIRECS: From Yotsuya Sanchome STA (TOK Metro, Marunouchi Line, Exit 2) B1 entrance is just before the stairs up to street level.

N/NNW of TOK:

Nikko 日光 (LP5070, LPm5184) (**Weekdays best**) (1T, 3D, 4N)

4D

TIC Tobu Nikko STA : 4-3, Matsubara-cho, Nikko City, 8:30–17:00

Nikko TIC: 591, Goko-machi, Nikko City, Tochigi Pref.(9:00–17:00)

TRANS:



TRN:

4 DAY FLEX Pass: period; 1 mo, \$232US = aprox 20,000Y

Determine Aomori > TOK 14,000 > 18,000 Hyperdia

??? : Use 4: Nikko > Tsuruoka (11,250), Tsuruoka > Tazawako (5,500); Tazawako > Towado (5,700) & Aomori > TOK (?)

10 DAY Pass: \$372US / 31,620

Best: Tōbu Nikkō line: Asakusa STA > Nikkō; links > Tobu Iseaki line

Usually, last-MIN seats on hrly, reserved tokkyū (limited-express) TRNs (¥2620, 1¾ hrs);

Kaisoku (rapid) TRNs ; No RES req'd: (¥1320, 2½ hrs, hrly: 6.20am > 4.30pm).

Either TRN, may change @ Shimo-imaichi. **WARNING**: ride in last 2 cars cuz some cars may separate off @ earlier STOPS.

DIRECS:

JR Nikkō RSTA (FL Wright design) & nearby **Tōbu Nikkō STA** : SE of shrine area w/in block of Nikkō's main road (Rte 119, old Nikkō-kaidō). Follow this road uphill for 30 min > shrine area, past restaurants, souvenir shops & main TIC,

Or, JR & Tōbu Nikkō STA, BUS > Shin-kyō BUS STOP (¥190): **BUS STOPS in Eng.**

BUSs > both Chūzen-ji Onsen & Yumoto Onsen STOP @ Shin-kyō & other STOPS around World Heritage Sites.

TRANS:

* ExcursionTicket

(1) "**World Heritage Pass**" includes RT BTWN Asakusa & Nikko by Tobu Railways:

TERMs: unlimited rides on **Tobu trains & buses** w/in designated area (???).

Also, Tobu World Square, Edo Wonderland, Western Village, Kinugawa Onsen Ropeway, Kuriyama Village bus & Kinugawa River Raft Rides discounts .

Valid: 2 days, ¥3,600 **RESTRICTIONS:** **does not** include Tobu Limited Express “Spacia” (Y1300 1W) surcharges

BUY @: “Tobu Sightseeing Service Center” at Asakusa Sta. (7:45~17:00)

2) **All Nikko Pass** (¥4400), Tōbu Railway (www.tobu.co.jp/foreign):

3) **World Heritage Pass** Y3600 2 days)

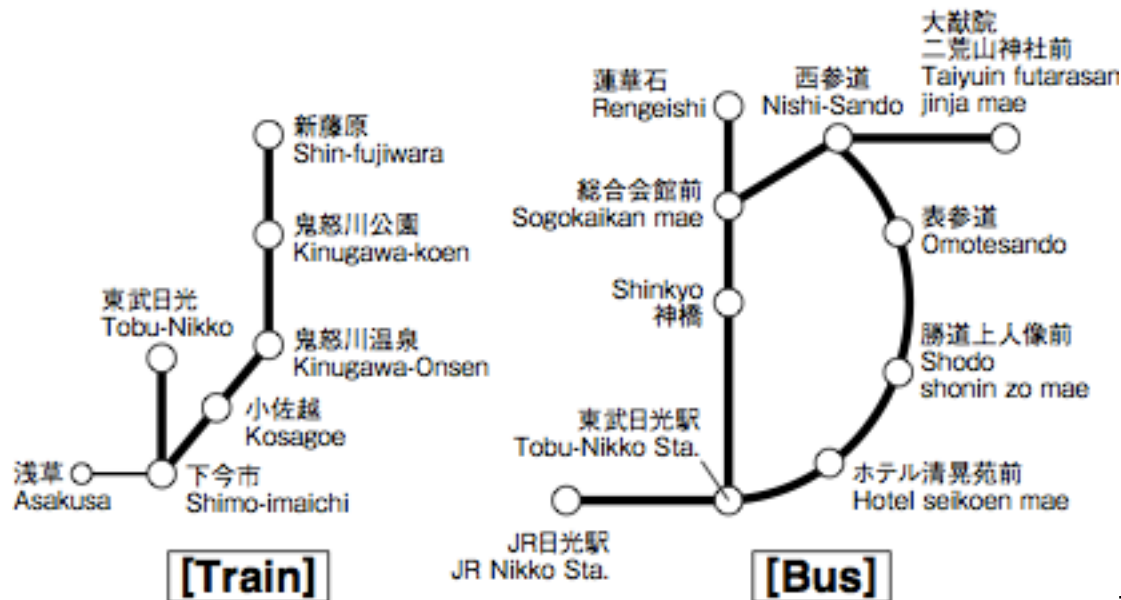
TRANS- LOCAL:

BUSs from:

Tōbu Nikkō STA > Chūzen-ji Onsen (¥1100, 45 MINs) or

Economical Tōbu Nikkō Bus Free Pass (Click here). ~~GOOG~~

TRN/BUS Passes ? LP5357



Tobu Limited

Express “Spacia” (¥1,300 one way)

ACCM: Nikko GM**MISC NOTES:**

Very close > Kanman Gafuchi Abyss (must see) & some great walking trails
 2 day Nikko pass 4 Yumoto-onsen area, BUT Don't waste pass Nikko, just walk;

Nikkorisou: 93%/\$33, 6mx

1107 kamihatsuishimachi nikko city

Wifi, fire place

TIC: BEST info & maps source

LOC:

Great peaceful lakeside:

near Shinkyo bridge & sites & BUS STOP & main rd 4
 cafe's & rests (open:10-ish til 4 ish); 7-11: noodles &
 brkft items,

Very close > Kanman Gafuchi Abyss (must see) & some
 great walking trails.

REV: Cosy & comfy place; Atsushi-san & Meg-san:
 friendly



Nikko GH Sumica: 95%/\$33, 4mx

5-12 Aioi-cho, Nikko-city, Tochigi,
 Clean, Wifi, sm w/ fridge, KIT, lug stor, com rm, trav desk,
 lock ocassional communal meal,

LOC: 10 min > supermkt & rests

REV: definite trip highlight -- Sato-san & Kumiko-san
 awesome, few guests so I SHOW OK, SHOW # nite;
 FOOD: try deepfried agemanju (??) hawker near STA.



NO ; no kit, Nikko Parl Lodge: 78%/\$35, 8mx

11-6 Matsubaracho, Nikko,
 Cafe, trav desk, lift, lug stor, rd lite, rest, **NO KIT**

LOC: 2 locations:

ORIG lodge:

TOO FAR

across Daiya
 River from
 Nikko City



Nikkō Park Lodge: NEW 4D ???,

2828-5 Tokorono, ☎0288/53-1201, 🌐 www.nikkoparklodge.com .

DIRECS: directly across SQ from **Tobu Central** in Central Nikko;

New hostel, 4D w/ bathrm genial Ken Sakamoto (fluent Eng), wifi free, downstairs internet cafe & upstairs lounge

LOC: somewhat isolated, high up on N RIV bank ; On ARV, take cab > hotel, afterwards walk >< town using (shorter) trail.

GUD Amer-style brkf @ hotel?

REV: Tacky decor, sheets NOT clean?; nearby scenic walk trail > RIV (15 min walk); FLWright' Nikko Train Station and Albert Einstein once visited it. 4 -; 5 - Hotel will shuttle you back to train station when you depar



LP Nikkō Daiyagawa YH: \$33 / dm ¥2730 + 600Y 4 non-HI

(日光大谷川ユースホテル ; fax 54-1974;
www5.ocn.ne.jp/~daiyayh; 1075 Nakahatsu-ishimachi;;)

Shabby & old, but **cheapest**; overlooking RIV

LOC: 4-MIN walk > Nikkō Shishō-mae BUS STOP, behind post office

REV:, @ www.jyh.or.jp . Very hospitable family, w/ rave reviews. Dinner (¥840; book ahead) i. *Price:* ¥2730

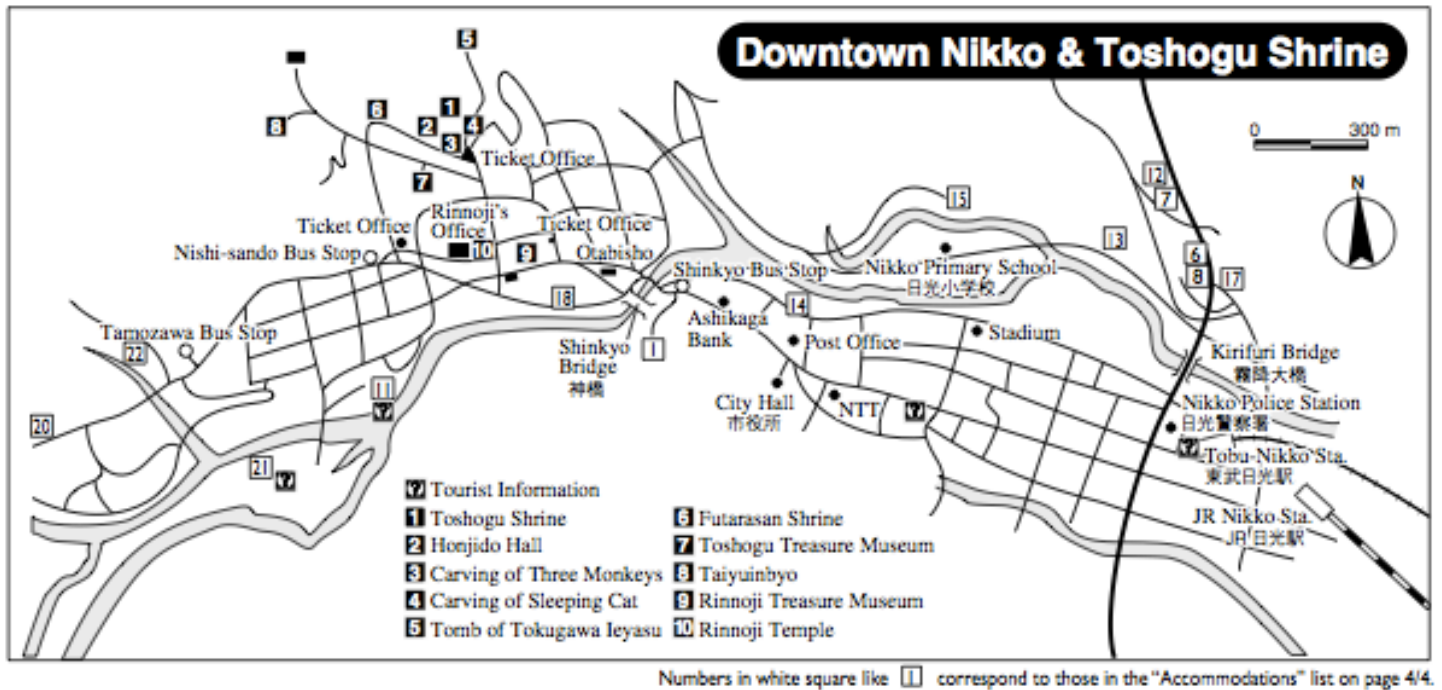
Shabbily old, BUT cheap; 4 min walk > Nikkō Shishō-mae BUS STOP, behind post office overlooking river.

DIRECS: From main rd > Tōshō-gū ; follow Eng signposts pointing way down narrow back path.



SITES: (Weekdays best)

1D



Admission Fees in the Toshogu Shrine Area:

Toshogu Shrine			Rinnoji Temple			Futarasan Shrine		
		¥1,300			¥900			¥200
Toshogu Ticket	Sleeping cat, Tomb of Ieyasu	¥520	Rinnoji Ticket	Taiyuin*	¥550	Futarasan Ticket	Shin-en	¥200
	except above*			Sambutudo*	¥400		except above*	
Treasure Museum		¥500	Treasure Museum		¥300			
Museum		¥800						

* Combination Ticket is available for 2 shrines and 1 temple. Admission fee ¥1,000.

B1 Nemuri-Neko (Sleeping Cat) & Ieyasu's tomb in Tōshō-gū

C3 Shin-kyo bridge (神橋 ; crossing: ¥300)

hist site: restored -sacred Red BRG over Daiya RIV

Rinno-ji TEMP (輪王寺): COMTIK under construct ???,

located at Omotesando (main

Admission Fees in Toshogu Shrine Area:

approach > shrine) on way from Shinkyo Bridge.

Open: 8:00–17:00 (Apr.–Oct.,

Sambutsu-do hall (三仏堂 ; Three-Buddha Hall),

constructed from some 360m of zelkova trees, is main attraction. It's undergoing construction until 2020, though is still possible > enter. Inside are three 8m gilded wooden Buddha statues. central image is Amida Nyorai (one of primal deities in Mahayana Buddhist canon), flanked by Senjū (1000-armed Kannon, deity of mercy & compassion) & Batō (horse-headed Kannon), whose special domain is animal kingdom.

Rinnō-ji's Hōmotsu-den

Homotsu-den (treasure hall) Offline map (宝物殿):

Treasure Hall; admission ¥300) houses some 6000 treasures associated w/ TEMP; separate admission ticket includes entrance > Shōyō-en (逍遥園) strolling GARD.

Toshogu Shrine:

Ieyasu Tokugawa: born in Warring States period; unified entire JA

Appointed Seii-taishogun (Great generalissimo), 1603, began Tokugawa Shogunate in Edo (Tokyo). Retired, but watched over whole nation.

DIED: Apr 17th, 1616, 75 yrs.,

Ieyasu's last instruction: "Enshrine my dead body in Mt. Kuno (His Shizuoka Pref hometown) 4 1st year of death; build sm Nikko SHRN 4 me as God. I will be guardian of Japan."

SHRN built & divine designation "Tosho-Daigongen" by IMP court in accordance w/ last will.

Nikko located N of Edo, & N considered taboo cuz where demons come from BUT Ieyasu wanted > place himself BTWN N & JA to protect JA from those evil things. Hoped 4 long Tokugawa government life & eternal peace.

Although wanted "sm SHRN," 3rd Shogun Iemitsu built today's gorgeous BLDG. Most existing buildings built during 'big reforming'.

Cost > BUILD: 40,000,000,000 Y / \$470,588,235 in today's currency. 140,000 wooden mat consumed w/ 4,540,000 peeps, 1 yr, 5 mo > complete restoration of 35 buildings, ended, 1636



* * B1 Tosho-gu SHRINE Offline map (東照宮)

15-min. walk from Shinkyo BusStop

Yomeimon Gate(陽明門), gate > main shrine building of Toshogu, is most famous structure of shrine & is National Treasure. entrance > main shrine is through torii (shrine gate) @ **Omote-mon** (表門), gate protected on either side by Deva kings. Just inside are **Sanjinko** (三神庫; Three Sacred Storehouses). On upper storey of last storehouse are imaginative relief carvings of elephants by an artist who famously had never seen real thing. > L of ; COMTIK

Omote-mon gate,

Sanjin-ko sacred storehouses,

7B1 Shinkyusha Sacred Stable,(神厩舎;) LP5114

Granite font:

DIRECS Just beyond stable: wash hands & rinsing mouth

Drum tower & Belfry:

DIRECS: pass thru tori, climb stairs, THEN, on L & R ,

3B1 Honji-do HALL(本地堂). **DIRECS:** L of drum tower ceiling painting of Crying Dragon.

Yomei-mon; dazzling,(陽明門; Sunset Gate),

NOTE: one pillar is intentionally upside down

Jin-yōsha (神輿舎), mikoshi (portable shrines) storage

DIRECS: >L



1B1 Honden (main hall)(本殿; Main Hall) LP5129:

DIRECS: across enclosure

paintings, ceiling painting pattern (100 dragons) *kirin* (mythical ½ giraffe & ½ dragon)

B1 Haiden (Hall of Zorship) Offline map (拝 殿 ; Hall of Worship)

* B1 Nemuri-Neko cat (眠 り 猫), [SepTIK](#)

DIRECS: thru Yomei-mon >R,
small wooden sleeping cat sculpture

Sakashita-mon > tomb(坂 下 門)

.....**after you passed through under Nemurineko (Sleeping Cat)***

Sakashitamom Gate

go > Okusha Inner Shrine **after passing thru Sakashitamom Gate**. Only Shogun was able > enter Sakashitamom Gate in Edo period; gate colored entirely w/ white pigment, looks neat & clean. **IN CONTRAST**, pillars & ceiling: decorated w/ Shippou-yaki metal fittings. Sculpture of crane on transom; peony & arabesque pattern carved on wainscot.



***Sukibei** - "Transparent fence"

Sukibei extends from Karamon Gate in both directions: R & L --- surrounding Honsha Shrine. **Inside** seen through fence cuz transparent, thus name 160m long totally w/ many completely decorated sculptures..

- Sculptures of wild birds & plants: decorated on **upper transom**.
- Sculptures of wave & waterfowl: decorated on lower wainscot.
- Plover's design: on R & L side of Karamon.
 - **NOTE:** Patterns made from same single draft & both front & backside of draft were used > form two designs. **THUS**, 2 designs are symmetric

* 8B1 Ieyasu's Tomb (奥 社 (徳 川 家 康 の 墓) [SepTIK](#)

DIRECS: uphill path thru tower cedars

* * B1 Futarasan-jinga SHR (二 荒 山 神 社) [LP5138 COMTIK](#)

Taiyuin Mausoleum, is oldest complex in dis- trict, dating from 767. It includes 23 buildings

between Toshogu Shrine &

* * Taiyuin-byo TEMP (大 猷 院 廟) [LP5147](#);

7-min. walk from Toshogu Shrine, Same as Ieyasu's TEMP, but more intimate in cryptomeria forest ; many **lanterns**, **Nio-mon gate** w/ welcoming hands up **deities**, 140 ceiling **dragons**

Takino-jinja SHR (滝 尾 神 社) **DIRECS:** stone paved path (25 min)

Unmeshi-no-torii stone gate: (1696) **NOTE:** 3 stone toss tradition;

THEN DIRECS: head back down path > fork & go L > more TEMPS & then back > Rinno-ji
AGAIN

Kanman-ga-Fuchi Abyss PARK (憾満力淵)

DIRECS: Another quiet alternative is 20-MIN walk along wooded path > STATs, THEN, pass Shin-kyo Bridge, THEN, go L > follow RIV & crossing another bridge

Chuzen-ji Onsen (中禅寺温泉), : ???

1D

NE lake shore: Lake Chuzenji area CNTR: shops, rests & JA-style inns w/ hot spring baths.

TRANS:

Chuzenjiko Onsen BUS TERM: JR or Tobu Nikko STA > Chuzenjiko Onsen (50 min, 1100 Y)
OR, **Tobu free passes.** 2-day pass: unlimited btwn Nikko & Chuzenjiko Onsen (2000 Y).

SITES:

8h

Kegon-no-taki (Kegon Falls) (華厳ノ滝):

2.25h

2479-2 Chūgūshi; ¥530/320; 8am-5pm); M famous Nikko falls, 1 of 3 JA falls; suicides: note on tree

5-min. walk from Chuzenji Onsen Bus Stop Viewpoints:

1) Top:

.5h

2) Low by
elevator

.75h

DIRECS: Take elevator down > platform > observe full
force of plunging water.

3) **Akechi-daira**: distant view by ropeway.

1h

SEE Akechi-daira pdf



Akechi-daira Ropeway:

Akechi-daira (明智平) is best viewpoint of great & wonderful nature of Nikko. It's on way > Chuzen-ji Lake from downtown Nikko. Here, you can hold all of Mt. Nantai, Kegon-no-taki Falls, & Chuzen-ji Lake in one extraordinary frame. **Akechidaira**(明智平), 45 min. by bus from Nikko sta., then 3 min. by aerial ropeway, is an observatory which commands magnificent view.

Ropeway > Akechi-daira

If weather isn't good, ropeway doesn't run. From ropeway, you can see road you came up on--Iroha-zaka Pass (w/ its 48 hair-pin curves going up & down mountain) > your right. You can also enjoy view of many mountains overlapping one another in far distance. In woods below you, you'll see river meandering through trees. It is Daiya River. After short 3-min trip, you'll arrive at observation area— wide-open deck w/ 360-degree view.



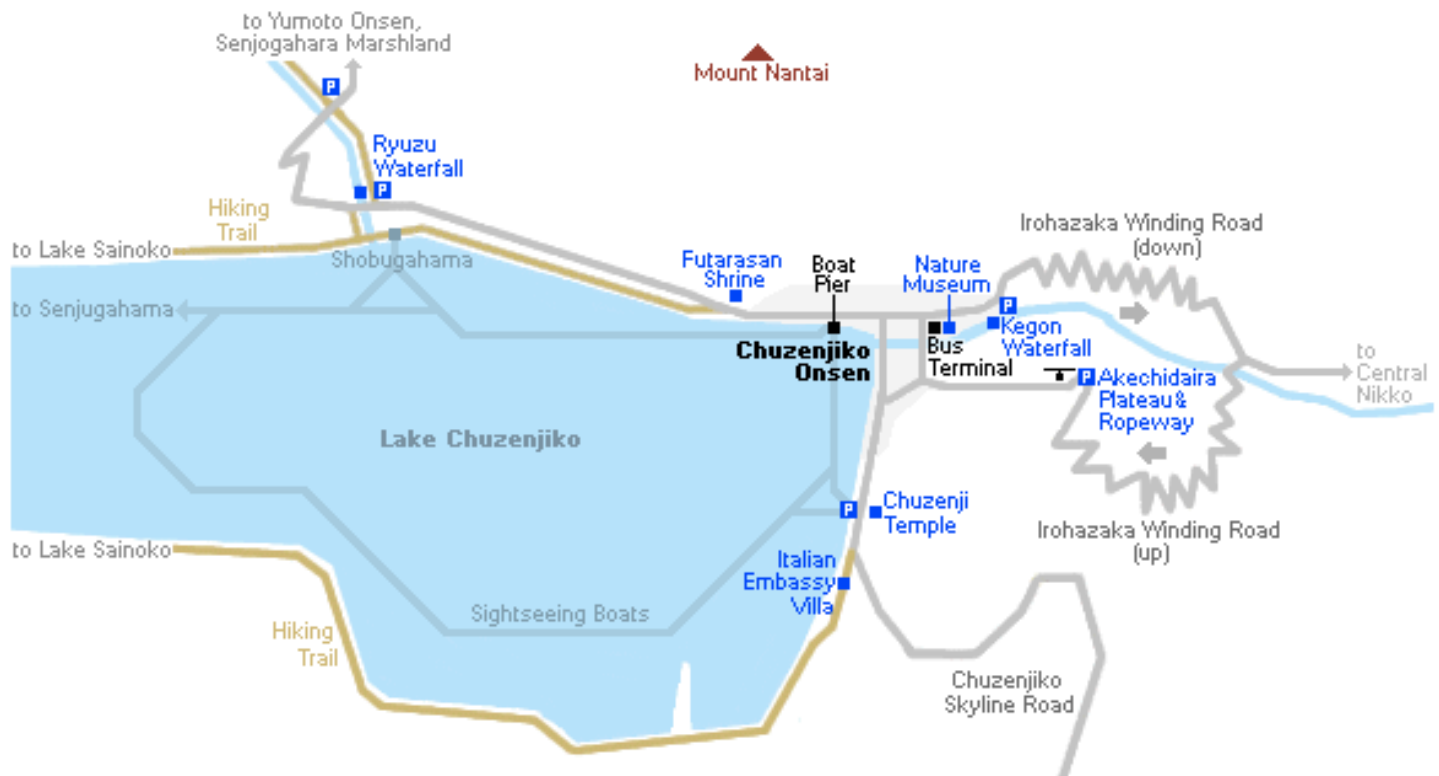
view from deck

west view consists of Chuzen-ji Lake & Kegon-no-taki Falls. You *might* see rainbow near basin of waterfall! white building at bottom of falls is special observation deck, which you can reach by special elevator. There is thinner & shorter falls than Kegon on right. It is Shirakumo-no-taki (白雲の滝). small town on right edge of lake is Chuzen-ji Onsen. There are lot of inns & hotels, restaurants, & souvenir shops. & big mountain on right is Mt. Nantai. If you are lucky, you'll be able > see entire mountain. But it's quite rare, because Nikko is very foggy place.



naming of Akechi-daira

splendor of view from Akechi-daira was found & named by Tenkai, high-ranking priest favored by Tokugawa Ieyasu (founder of Tokugawa Shogunate in 1603). It is said that Tenkai might have been same person who secretly plotted treason against Oda Nobunaga, samurai famous for his enterprising spirit. That person's name was Akechi Mitsuhide. In history books, Akechi attacks Oda & is later killed in Kyoto. But some experts now believe that he survived & escaped > become priest in Enryaku-ji Temple in Kyoto (He later moved > Edo). name Mitsuhide was recorded in list of high-ranking priests in temple.



Nikko Natural Science Museum (9:00, 500Y)

DIRECS: next > Chuzenji Onsen BUS TERM

HIST & ecology of Nikko Nat'l PK, multilingual, multi screen 4 seasons video.

Chuzen-ji Lake (中禅寺湖):(Chuzenji-ko).

1h

Reg boat: Fune-no-eki Pier (5-min. walk > Chuzenji Onsen Bus Stop) > Shobugahama (20 min).

@N of Lake Chuzenji-ko: more falls: Ryuzu-no-taki & Yu-taki, @ S Lake Yuno-ko's end.

Senjo-ga-hara marshland HIKE: 1,400-meter elevation, nature-searching HIKE path

Futarasan-jinja SHR (二荒山神社)二荒山神社中宮祠

.75h

2484 Chūgūshi; 8am-4.30pm) complements shrines @ Tōshō-gū & is start for pilgrimages up Nantai-san.

DIRECS:

HIKES:

- 1km W of falls, along lake's N shore.15-min. walk from Chuzenji Onsen Bus Stop
- Trail > top of Mt. Nantai begins here.

Chūzen-ji Tachiki-kannon (中禅寺立木観音)

.75h

2578 Chūgūshi; ¥500; 8am-4.30pm,

DIRECS: lake's E shore: (15 – 20-min. > Chuzenji Onsen BUS STOP

8th C; 6m-tall One-Thousand-Armed Goddess.Kannon statue from that time.

Italian Embassy Villa MEM PK (イタリアン大使館別荘記念公園):

.75h

2482 Chūgūshi; ¥100; 9am-4pm Tue-Sun) Beyond TEMP, former summer residence of Italy's ambassadors (from 1928 > 1997), **now** , pleasant sun terrace w/ excellent lake views.

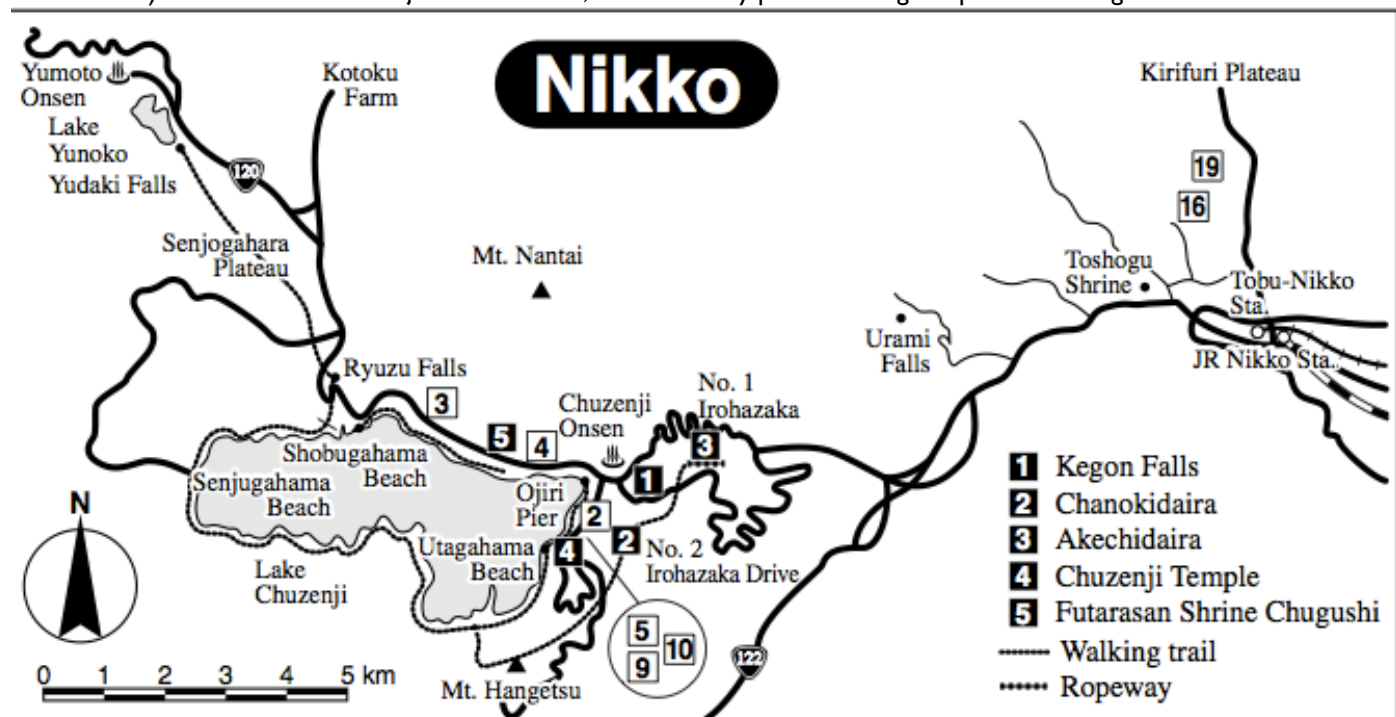
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Senjōgahara Shizen-kenkyu-rō HIKE

3.5h

1D

(戦場ヶ原自然研究路; LP5409: (Senjōgahara Plain Nature Trail): (3½H); Snake vs centiped battle site) between Lake Chuzenji & Lake Yunoko, is vast marshy plateau & is good place for hiking.



Numbers in white square like [2] correspond to those in the "Accommodations" list on page 4/4.

TRANS:

Tobu BUS from Tobu Nikko STA & JR Nikko STA) > Yumoto Onsen. (1-2/hr, 1hr 20 min (Tobu Nikko STA > Yumoto Onsen), 1650Y covered by All Nikko Pass.

All Nikko Pass. 2-day, unlimited BUS btwn Nikko & Yumoto Onsen (3000 Y @ Tobu FOR Hike:

DIRECS: Chūzen-ji Onsen > Yumoto Onsen Yumoto-bound bus & get off @ (START - from Yumoto Onsen) Ryūzu-no-taki (aka **waterfall**) (竜頭ノ滝; ¥410, 20 MINs),

waterfall that marks trail start 4 hike follows Yugawa across picturesque marshland of Senjōgahara (partly on wooden plank paths), alongside **75m-high falls of Yu-daki** (湯滝) > **lake Yu-no-ko** (湯の湖), then around lake > **Yumoto Onsen** (湯元温泉).

RETURN TRANS: DIRECS > Nikko: Yumoto Onsen, return bus > Nikkō STA (¥1650, 1½ hours).



Senjōgahara Shizen-kenkyu-rō HIKE

Huge numbers of snakes & centipedes became entangled & bit each other in ancient field of inner Nikko. fight seemed > last forever & field looked like wasteland at end of earth. This is story of how Senjo-ga-hara was formed, & why it has this name: Senjo means “place of battle” & hara means “field”

god of Mt. Nantai (Tochigi prefecture) & Mt. Akagi (Gunma prefecture) had been fighting territorial dispute over [Chuzen-ji Lake](#) about 20,000 years ago. They insisted lake was their own. Mt. Nantai incarnated into huge serpent & had large force of snakes under his control. On other hand Mt. Akagi incarnated into giant centipede & had vast army of centipedes w/ him. war was not going in Mt. Nantai's favor & was almost lost. Then Mt. Nantai asked his grandson, Sarumaru > help him. Sarumaru was an expert archer. As soon as Sarumaru entered battle, he found giant centipede that controlled fight, & aimed an arrow at its left eye. arrow hit giant centipede & it started bleeding from its eye. red blood stained marsh near field w/ deep red color (this place is named “akanuma” or “red marsh”). All centipedes ran away & battle was over.

Outline of Senjo-ga-hara marshland: marshland is high moor (1390-1400 m above sea level) & you can often observe bog moss covering trees & wood. whole area has been drying up gradually, but still you can see different kinds of vegetation in different sections. Basically, N part has scattered low trees w/ reeds, west part is still wetland, & south part features some highland flowers such as cotton grass & azaleas.

hiking course: There are few walking trails through marshland that connect Akanuma bus stop & Yudaki Iriguchi bus stop. These (roughly) two-hour trails are called Senjo-ga-hara Shizen Kenkyu-ro. > protect nature of marshes here, wooden walkway has been built along Yukawa River. course is mainly flat & easy > walk, but is full of wonders of nature & has beautiful mountain view. You will see many other hikers passing by. Please exchange greetings & enjoy conversations w/ them.

Yudaki Falls: end of course is Yudaki Falls, which gradually drops 50-75 meters from [Yuno-ko Lake](#) > Yukawa River. Yukawa River becomes [Ryuzu-no-taki Falls](#) & then pours into [Chuzen-ji Lake](#). You can see falls from bottom, standing on well-placed observation deck. It's both beautiful & exciting at same time!



Tsuruoka 鶴岡;Akita) (LP21575, LPm21568) (1T, 2D, 3N)

3D

SEE "TRANS FLOW.pdf"

SEE "Dewa Sanzan GEN INFO pdf"

TRANS-in: Nikko > Tsuruoka

Nikko STA > JR Tsuruoka STA.; (approx 6h, 11,250Y 3 TRANSFERS)SEE "TRANS FLOW.pdf"

MISC NOTES: JR Uetsu Main line N > Sakata (*tokkyū*, ¥480, 38 min) for connections > [Kisakata](#), & [Akita](#) (*tokkyū*, ¥4020, 1½ hours);

TRANS- LOCAL:

REG BUS:

btwn Tsuruoka & [Yamagata](#) (¥2400, 1¼ hours) runs via Yudono-san Hotel (¥1370, 50 minutes), providing access > Yudono-san. BTWN July & early Nov: 4 direct BUS btwn Tsuruoka & Yudono-san, stopping @ hotel on way up > Sennin-zawa trailhead (¥1480, 80 minutes).

ACCM:

Bug PB Hostel HI: (1503) Dorm: ¥3225 (¥2625 HI/JYH) GOOG & GM

-1 Miyanomae, Sanze, Tsuruoka-Shi, Yamagata-Ken, Tohoku 999-7463

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Email kryoma@mail.dewa.or.jp kryoma@mail.dewa.or.jp





Business Hotel Shirakaba 5 min from TRN station

3-44 Daihojimachi, Tsuruoka, Yamagata Prefecture 997-0014, Japan

LOC: v



REV: V1q

SITE:**1 STRAT: HIKE Haguro , then > mummies somehow**

may reach one earlier, but many tourists **TRANS only Jun -Nov**

Matsuo Bashō (author), Narrow Road > Deep N (1689)

sacred shrine **not a BLDG**, but rather **large orange rock** continuously lapped by water from hot spring. Strictest rituals of 3 peaks, w/ pilgrims req'd > perform barefoot circuit of rock, paddling through cascading water.

Dewa Sanzan (3 MT HIKE) 出羽三山 0235: collective title of 3 sacred peaks: =s birth, death & rebirth

Haguro-san (easiest access),

(1hT, 3hHike, 1hReturn 4h

TRANS:

Yudono-san Hotel (¥1370, 50 min), which provides access > Yudono-san. Services cut back in winter.

JR Tsuruoka STA: Dewa Sanzan reg TRANS hub w/ [bus](#) connections > all 3 mts:

[Haguro](#) (40 min > base, 60 min > sum,

[Gas-san](#) (NO hike- still winter)

[Yudono-san](#) (80 min).

Buses

> [Gas-san](#) run daily from July > Aug

> [Yudono-san](#) late April >

> [Haguro-san](#) : year round

Alternative: rent car: Tsuruoka city CNTR

SITES/HIKES:**HAGURO SAN:**

1D

Hrly Tsuruoka > Haguro Vill: hrly,

35/40min, every 45 min between 6:30 am & 8:00 pm

Ideha Bunka Kinenkan HIST MUS:

HIKE TRL: 1h, many steps;

From Haguro Village TRL up , THEN, near top pass thru torii passing:

5-Story Pagoda (五重塔, 'gojunoto'): 600yrs, wooden no nail. Goju-no->, 5 story Pagoda)

THEN, > across bridge,

THEN, long slog up 100s of steps in steep sections (passing ancient teahouse , Nino-sakachaya,

THEN, detour L > Betsu-in TEMP ruins (vsited by Basho)

THEN, back > TRL & up > top.:::

summit of Mount Haguro is defined by shrine & [torii](#). main attraction is Sanzan Gosaiden Temple (三山合祭殿), venerating spirits of all three mountains.

Passing Oami

San-shin Gosaiden HALL: vivid red, < access:

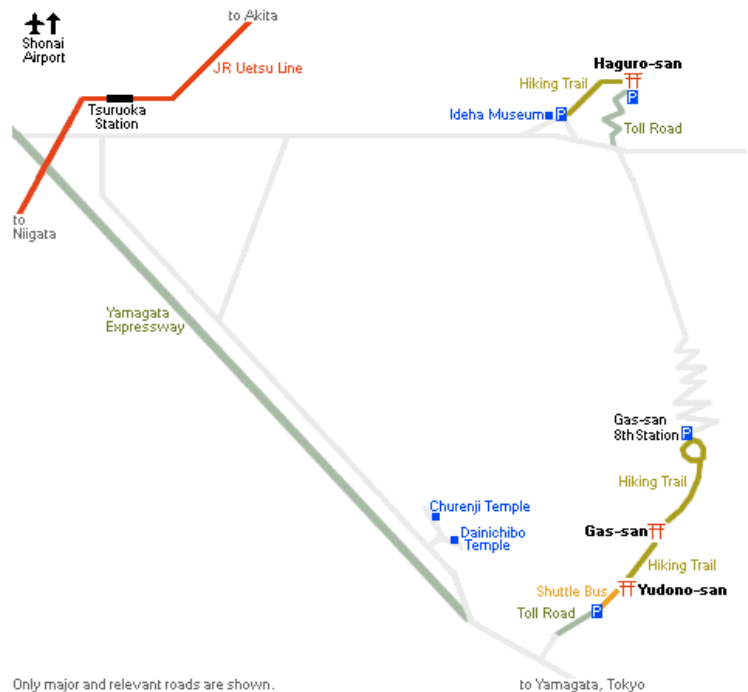
THEN, either:

1) return same way or w/bus

2) or, continue > 2nd mt. : Gas-san

Gas-san: July - Sep NO

it's just short walk from stream bed @ end of down climb >



YUDONO-SAN (湯殿山; 1504m) (May-Oct) Gas-san,

1D

??? entrance > toll road > shrine is on Route 112

Buses > **Yudono-san**: late April >

buses > **Yudono-san Hotel (Yudono-san Sanrosho TRL Head (湯殿山参籠所???)**: 4/day, Jun > (80 min) /// **last BUS** > Tsuruoka, LVs Yudono: approx 4:30pm. Double-check timetable (at least hotel @ bus stop).

HIKE TRL: TRANS & ACCESS:

Tsuruoka > TRL HEAD @ Sennin-zawa (仙人沢) BUS STOP (in Yudono-san Sanrosho VILL) (湯殿山参籠所) marked by torii. THEN, is there hiking on Yudono MT vs hike over > Gas-san???

Yudono-san-jinja (湯殿山神社; ¥500; 6am-5pm, Nov > Apr) . "innermost temple" of Three Mountains of Dewa.

DIRECS: ½ up 1,504m Yudono-san, deep, narrow valley of Bonji-gawa (Bonji "Sanskrit" RIV) starting near Gassan summit; Yudono-san can also be accessed via three km trail from Yudono-san Hotel > Senninzawa.

actual "god" of shrine = hot spring & large orange colored rock formation formed by mineral accumulations.

Even today, visitors must remove shoes & socks & receive purification before entering sacred area around shrine. No photo or video allowed.

Haiku poet Matsuo Basho, 300 years ago, described in roundabout way his experience at mountain (at time visitors not allowed > speak of what they had seen at shrine) as follows:

katararenu

I cannot speak of

Yudono ni

Yudono which wets

nurasu

tamoto ka na

my sleeve

Here Basho has created double meaning: (obvious > haiku readers at time)::: poet is moved > wiping away tears w/ his sleeve at not being allowed > write of what he has seen; hidden meaning being that his sleeve got wet at Yudono (because of hot spring). In Basho's time Yudono-san was final religious climax > pilgrimage of Three Mountains.

BUDDHIST MUMMIES 即身仏

½way **BTWN Yudono-san > Tsuruoka**: **Dainichibō & Chūren-ji TEMPs**

ordinary country TEMPs house mummies of priests who became '**living Buddhas**':. ascetic practice of self-mummification, outlawed since 19th C, involved coming as close > death as possible through starvation, before being buried alive while meditating.

DIRECS: Off Rte 112, halfway btwn Yudono-san & Tsuruoka in Ōami village; close > Ōami BUS STOP, follow colourful signs > ; BUS: about 2 hrs apart, which leaves time > look around, & still make your connection back > Tsuruoka

Dainichibō mummy: (大日坊); ¥500; 8am-5pm)

1h

is dressed in bright reddish-orange robes, & is looking rather ghoulish w/ his leathery skin. From BUS STOP, head into village, make L @ post office, & continue walking for about 10 MINs.

Chūren-ji mummy (注連寺); ¥500; 8.30am-5pm):

1h

which is no less freakish looking, is allegedly reformed murderer who became powerful Buddhist priest. From BUS STOP, head N along road, carefully following signs @ all of junctions. Appropriately enough, TEMP is after graveyard.

Yudono's dense forest, seen from a bridge



Entering the sacred area around Yudono shrine

Aomori AREA: LP20747(Aomori 青森 Area)

(3T, 2N)

4D**Tazawa-ko** 田沢湖

(1T, 1D, 2N)

2D

0187 , SE of Aomori;

Tazawa-ko is Japan's deepest lake, complete w/ sandy beaches, wooded shores & vacationing families either paddling rowboats across still waters.

Biking: 3h around lake;

TRANS:

TRN: JR Tazawa-ko STA: few kilometres SE of lake: --- main access point.

TOK > Tazawa-ko (¥15,240 three hrs); dedicated shinkansen STA; Several hourly TRNs on Akita shinkansen line run btwn,)

B) Tazawa-ko & Akita (¥3280, 55 MINs) via Kakunodate (¥1560, 15 MINs).

BUS: There & Away,

1) BUSs Frequent local connect JR Tazawa-ko TRN STA > Tazawa Kohan (¥350, 10 MINs), small transport hub on E shores of lake. & Nyūtō Onsen (¥650, 40 MINs) Note: that these services terminate after sunset

2) From here, 40 MINs by BUS more NW > Nyūtō Onsen.

2a) BUSs run btwn & Tazawa Kohan , & btwn Tazawa Kohan ..

ACCM:

Tazawa-ko - Tazawa-ko YH **JA LANG**

33-8 Kami-ishikami, Tazawako Obonai, Senboku-shi, Akita-ken 014-1201, Tel. 81 187 43

1281, Fax. 81 187 43 0842, tazawako-yh@oboe.ocn.ne.jp

\$ D: ??? ; r from ¥3090

(田沢湖ユースホテル ; 43-1281; www.jyh.or.jp/yhguide/touhoku/tazawako/index.html, ifax 43-0842; 33-8 Kami-Ishigami, Obonai;;)

clean rms, good JA food

LOC: v

REV: great food,

TIC: Info For lake (43-2111; 8.30am-6.30pm) Inside TRN STA; tourist info; free internet.

SITES/TODO:

Boat rental, hike/bike road, HOSTEL

Tazawa-ko LAKE (田沢湖):

Frigid swiming, boat rental town of Tazawa Kohan during spr-fall, stroll/bike 20km perimeter road: HIKE or BIKE: **Tazawa Kohan bike rent:** (¥400 per hr).

TRANS-OUT: > Towada-ko (HUH???: N Honshu: (Tohoku) > Hokkaido)

Based on this map (SEE "Tazawa & Towadako MAP IN/OUT TRANS.pdf")

- 1) Tazawako > Morioka (AkitaShinkasen / JR Tazawa Line)
- 2) Morioka > Hachinohe (Tohoku Shinkansen / Iwate Ginga RR)
- 3) BUS:m Hachinohe>Oirase River ???
- 4) HIKE > Nenokuchi
- 5) Boat or Shuttle BUS: Nenokuchi > Yasumiya

Towada-ko 十和田湖 0176 (LP21172, LPm21182) **OVN** (1T, 2D, 3N)

3D

TRAV DAY: Tazawa-ko > Aomori or Towada-ko:

1D

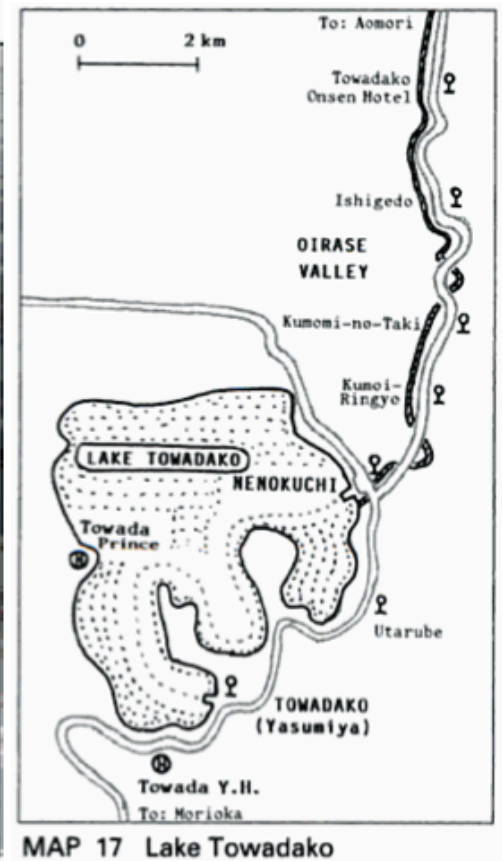
: **GET** better copy of Towada-ko map **scenic boat cruise, nice 9mi hike**

(S of Aomori 青森 Area) Towada-ko is focal point of 855-sq-km Towada-Hachimantai National Park (十和田八幡平国立公園). vast wilderness area of beech forests, volcanic ranges, molar-shaped peaks, crater lakes & alpine plateaus; largest crater lake in Honshū, transparent waters & impressive scenery, hemmed in by rocky coastlines & dense forests.

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/JA/northern-honshu/towada-ko/activities#ixzz2FLoeJ3h0>

Yasumiya

SEE “ Lake Towada
Scenic BUS map &
sched in Aomori
FLD



TRANS-> (???) STRAT:

Based on this map (SEE “[Tazawa & Towadako MAP IN/OUT TRANS.pdf](#)”)

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- 2) Morioka > Hachinohe (Tohoku Shinkansen / Iwate Ginga RR)
- 3) BUS: Hachinohe>Oirase River ???
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- 5) Boat or Shuttle BUS: Nenokuchi > Yasumiya

Towadako bus stop:

JR BUS: (NOT GUD for JREP) Yasumiya > Nenokuchi, Oirase Stream > Aomkori or Hachinohe
Shuhoku BUS & Towada Taxi: S > Towada-minami T & then > Kazuno-Hanawa (JR Hanawa LINE) 3-4 /D

BOAT: Partial ALT: btwn Yasumiya .< Nenokuchi

Towadako TRN STA:

Towada-Minami (JR Hanawa Line) (nearest TRN STA): **NOTE:** may be useful > TOK, BUT not for access> Towadako cuz may not be easiest way to hike Oirase River Trail

Coming from Aomori:

- Aomori> Morioka: (3hr) Morioka> Towada-Minami (2¼h) (JR Hanawa TRN Line) 6/day **NOTE: doesn't seem logical**
- THEN, Towada-minami Sta > Yasumiya-bound **shuttle bus** (4-5/day)
 Yasumiya has 2 BUS TERM: : ALL JR buses go> N TERM

BUS:

- 1) **There & Away BUS** (April > Nov), **JR Amori BUSs (local area line)** freq/hrly// 6 / day btwn Aomori & Yasumiya (last bus stop)(aka Towadako ; Towando-ko's S shore village) stop (¥3000, three hrs).SEE “[Aomori Towadako MAP Oirase-gawa hike.pdf](#)”
- 3) Local lakeside BUS network BUT Infrequent connection



MISC Disconnected notes of Confusion:

(Take JR bus from Hachinohe Station on JR Tohoku Shinkansen to Lake Towada, a 2-hour, 15-min ride) **????**

QUESTIONS:

If FROM Tsuruoka: Map & TRN SCHED >Sakata> Akita>

If FROM main JR TOK trunk: > Shinjo> Furukawa, THEN, N on JR main

ACCM: Yasumiya:**Cirase YH:** D Y2000, **NO more info online**

More quiet /secluded; 75-2603

LOC: E of Yakeyamma, on BUS RT > Towada minami STA v**REV:** V

(十和田ユースホテル)

Hakubutsukan YH: D Y3200 **NO more info online**

75-2002

(博物館ユースホテル),

On-site onsen,,

LOC: SW of Yasumiya, inside Towada-ko Grand Hotel, () Yasumiya;**REV:** V

1 Which one???: -1 Takayashiki Shichinohemachi Kamikitagun 039-25,
0176-62-655558, 0176-62-6556

FOOD:

Most RESTs pricey snack shacks

ALT: Convenience store in town CNTR

Yamagoya REST: (山五屋) DIRECS: Across from Towada Kank Hotel(11am-10pm)

SITES/> DO:**HIKE:** See next page

HIKE:

Oirase Valley Nature Trail: 奥入瀬渓谷 (Map not necessary) 8h 1D

Along winding Oirase-gawa RIV (奥入瀬川), 3h, 14km/8.75mi); drains Towada-ko into Pacific Ocean, cascading waterfalls, carved-out gorges & gurgling rapids. This winding river, drains Towada-ko > Pacific Ocean. 14km 3 hr easy hike, BTWN: Nenokuchi (sm tourist spot, E lake shore) > Yakeyama, THEN, FREQ BUSs: >< either Nenokuchi (¥660, 30 min) or Yasumiya (¥1100, 1hr). Set out in early morning or late afternoon to avoid slow-moving coach parties.

TRANS:

Ride Aomori JR bus for Lake Towada from Hachinohe Station on JR Tohoku Shinkansen, & get off at Yakeyama)

HIKE:

Aomori STA (JR BUS?) > Towadako Onsen Hotel 2 hr

Baggage Delivery Service:

- LV baggage @ Towadako Onsen Hotel
- THEN, OPT !: Take bus > intermediate stop: Ishigedo (3 hr walk) or Kumoi-no-Taki (2½hr)
- Then hike > Nenokuchi, PU baggage (small hut front of Nenokuchi BUS STOP)
- THEN, either boat or bus > Yasumiya

TIPS:

Set out in early morning or late afternoon > avoid slow-moving coach parties.

IN Yasumiya: Maidens by Lake: 2 naked woman STAT, sculptor's wife modeled, but died early of schizophrenia.

Boat rides: Nenokuchi > Yasumiya

IDEAL HIKE DIRECS:

NOTE: JR Amori BUS comes from NE S > Towadako Onsen Hotel (2hr) > Nenokuchi > Yasumiya's Towadako TERM

ALT 1 START (best):

START (apparently) @ Yakeyama's Towadako Onsen Hotel bus stop
(LUG TRANSFER service > Nenokuchi available here)

THEN, EITHER

- 1) Start hike S or
- 2) BUS S > Ishigedo (3½hr) or
- 3) Kumoi-no-Taki (2½h) bus stops

THEN, hike > Nenokuchi (PU LUG @ small hut @ Nenokuchi bus stop.

THEN, EITHER:

- 1) Boat from Nenokuchi > Yasumiya Clarify this in "Oirase-gawa hiking" page
- 2) OR, BUS > Yasumiya

ALT 2 START:

START Beside RIV in **Nenokuchi** / Nenokuchi(子ノ口)(NE lake shore)

THEN, 9km > Ishigedo (BUS back > Yasumiya ALT)

THEN, > Yakeyama-. (OR, apparently, reverse)

DIRECS OUT: ???

Yakeyama > Yasumiya: main tourist hub (¥1100, one hr). Towada-ko

Yakeyama > Nenokuchi (¥660, 30 MINs)

SCENIC CRUISES (十和田湖):

> get sense of lake's enormous scale, you really need > leave shoreline.

From docks in Yasumiya (aka Towadako), 2 options:

- 1) BEST: 1 hr circuit btwn Yasumiya & Nenokuchi (1 way ¥1400); roughly hrly: Apr > early Nov; 8am > 4pm.
- 2) Also, year-round 40-min loop-circuit (¥1100); preferable if too cold > hike RIV.

Hakkōda-san HIKE八甲田山 **DT** from Towada-ko (1T&D)

1D

Determine HIKE STRAT on ARV in Towadako

TRANS:

PLAN:

BUS: Towadako (DEP: 8:50; ARV: Sukayu Onsen (11:27) , Ropeway STA **(11:42)**)

THEN: up ropeway & sort hike

RETURN: . Ropeway STA

> Catch BUS (DEP 15:25, **16:22**) > ARV: Aomori STA @ 16:55 & 17:32, respectively)

NOTE: **4 ½ hr LAY OVER**

OR, 2) RETURN > Towadko

DEP Ropeway STA (13:00)

ARV Towadko @ 15:57:

NOTE: **ONLY 1¼ h LAY OVER NOT GUD**

@ 2 daily bus: Aomori STA, Stop * ---pasing Hakkoda Ropeway & terminating @ Sukayu Onsen Ryokan

Hakkoda Mountains : (八甲田山系)

Natural wonderland w/ lakes, marshy plains & hot-spring spas.

Take bus from Aomori (1 hr) > Hakkoda RoHokk ropeway which takes one > 1324 m high Mt.

Tamoyachidake (10 mins). Also, 25 mins by bus > Sukayu Spa leading > Ishegedo.

Sites/TODO:

Hakkōda-san Rōpuwei ROPEWAY (八甲田山ロープウェイ)

www.hakkoda-ropeway.jp, in JA; 1 way/return ¥1150/1800; 9am-4.20pm)

cable car up, then immediately back down: cuz tight schedule cuz buses aren't frequent.

Up little visitors CNTR, THEN, walk 1 km loop or wander further. Boots available 4 wet spots.

visitor center: typical little eating area (curry rice, noodles, Asahi, etc).

On 1st FLR: famous movie set on mountain VIDEO (3 /day).

ACCM Do DT only if possible on return from Towada-ko

Sukayu Onsen Ryokan, 青森県青森市八甲田山1, +81 17-738-6400

HIKING (八甲田山) **SELECT 1**

DT Hoddaka Mt HIKE TWO LONG: OTHER OPTs:

1) Shorter Hike: Top of tram hikes: **1D**

w/out steep ascent, tram's Tamoyachi-dake (田茂范岳) 1324m).

DIRECS: Get off BUS "Mizuumi"@ Hakkoda cable car mae 10 min B4 Sukayu Onsen

THEN, 9 min up cable car > Tamoyachi dake summit

Summit's network of hikes **How long? Where to? Route?**

2) Longer Hike: from Sukayu Onsen: How long? Where to? On to Towadako?

I THINK FAR TOO LONG? (Partial HIKE instructions)MY SUM: 12k/8mi grueling hike , but

can be reduced by TRA< > Top option

Do in DT from Towadako

More HIKE notes below

Up the hill & just around corner of huge Sukayu Onsen toward the East is new car park & info booth;

Across rd from booth is trailhead & trail under a wooden torii into beech forest

30 in moderate ascent, THEN, steeper ascent past sulphur springs (smell , not see) & declined plant life, THEN, flattens out entering more forest alongside CRK

After TOT 1½hr Reach Sennin-tai mashy area AND 50 mtr PAST SEnnin-tai Hutte (w/toilet)
FIND natural spring (for drinking water)

THEN, shortly after spring, another trail FORK, TAKE trail N > O-dake (45 min away)

Shortly, after FORK U pass sm pond & alva-sand path steepens

Near summit, emerald colored pond

@ summit/peak: miniture shrine on rock pile w/ gud views

THEN DESCENT: follow zig-zagging , wooden -fenced path

NOTE: **Just here in case need JA script** Ōdake (大岳) 1584m). ridge trail continues > Ido- dake (井戸岳) 1550m) & Akakura-dake (赤倉岳) 1548m) before connecting > Tamoyachi-dake (田茂薗岳) 1326m).summit

B) TOP > BOT: from ropeway TERM follow descending trail through wildflower-filled marshes & rolling pasturelands. END @ Sukayu Onsen Ryokan

Aomori #1:青 森: LP20747(Aomori 青 森 Area)

(1T,1N)

1D

TRANS:

Aomori STA> Lake Towada (12-3-31) ??? RESC seat B4 boarding; (NO: JERP)

	Mizuumi-750	Mizuumi-700	Mizuumi-702	Mizuumi-752
Aomori Station	8:00	9:30	11:30	12:50
Shinaomori Station	//	9:55	11:55	13:15
Kayano Chaya	//	//	//	//
Ropeway Station	9:00	11:00	13:00	14:20
Jyogakura Onsen	9:10	11:10	13:10	14:30
Sukayu Onsen	9:15	11:30	13:30	14:35
Sarukura Onsen		//	//	
Yachi Onsen		//	//	
Tsuta Onsen		12:52	14:52	
Towadako Onsenkyo		13:04	15:04	
Yakeyama		//	//	
Ishigedo		13:16	15:16	
Nenokuchi		//	//	
Utarube		//	//	
Towadako		13:57	15:57	

ACCM:

Hostel Aomori: Moya Kogen YH member's prices (include tax): 3,300 JPY.

9-5 Yamabuki Moya, 030-0133 Aomori-Shi, Tel. 017 764 2888 aomori@moya.jppaomori@moya.jp

Meals, rests near, w/D, lug stor, NEG: check-in time is from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m

LOC: on RT 103, leading > Sukayu hot springs, Oirase Keiryu and Lake Towada.

Possible > go > Mt. Hakkoda, Oirase mt stream HIKE & Lake Towada on JR bus from Moya Kogen YH.

SITES:

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- **Aomori Bay Bridge.** bridge spans a short harbor inlet that could easily be walked around in five min, so it appears > be basically an excuse for public funding as a tourist attraction.
edit
- **Aspam Center.** A large triangular building that can be easily spotted from TRN station or bridge, is tourism center for all of Aomori prefecture. It includes a movie about prefecture (Japanese only) & an observation deck w/ views of harbor & city (extra charge). edit
- **Tsugaru Kaikyo Fuyu-Geshiki.** memorial alongside ferry terminal looks like it might honor some historical event or local hero, but it's actually dedicated > a song. Meaning "Tsugaru Strait winter scenery", 1977 hit ballad is an all-time karaoke favorite.
- **Sannai Maruyama.** A historical site dedicated > Jomon people, as many Jomon artifacts have been uncovered here. e

TRANS-OUT: Towadako > TOK:**TRANS-OUT: > TOK**JR BUS: SEE [“Aomori STA-Lake Towada Time sched.pdf”](#)**Towadako > TOK:****Towadako > Hachinohe** (JR Tohoku BUS, 3-4/D), **THEN,****Hachinohe>TOK** (JR Tohoku Shinkansen (2hr, seat RESV req'd, hrly,))
15,150 & 16,600**Towada Minamai > Koma (JR Hanawa Line): 15,430 & 15,830 & 17720****MORE NOTES:**[TRANSFER Shin-Aomori station guide. How > change TRN, Shinkansen, Super Hakucho & other local trains.](#)

Shin-Aomori 12:28 Dep

[\(Tohoku Shinkansen Hayate 26\)](#)

Tokyo 16:08 Dep

NOTE:

6 of these routes & times;

TRN: OverNight

Aomori 05:44 Dep

[\(Limited Express Tsugaru 2\)](#)

Shin-Aomori 05:49 Arr

Shin-Aomori 06:10 Dep

[\(Tohoku Shinkansen Hayabusa 4\)](#)

Tokyo 09:24 Arr

NOTE:

- ???BUT, Hamanasu has non-reserved seat, SO, can take non reserved seat.BUT very ordinary seat.But LAST RESORT.

Night limited express TRN “[Akebono](#)” & Limited express TRN

Aomori 18:22 Dep

[\(Limited Express TRN Akebono\)](#)

Ueno 06:58+1 Arr

NOTES:

Akebono has “Goronto Seat” = sleeping car.-- great deal-- cuz exactly same as sleeping car
EXCPT: no blanket, night wear or pillow.

NO extra fee w/ Japan Rail Pass.

BUT, very weekend popular, usually “sold out”.

&, NO Non-reserve seat. No options here!

Saporo > TOK: still can take Tohoku Shinkansen w/ this connection, Super Hokuto 12 + Super Hakucho 40, connected w/ Tohoku Shikansen Hayabusa 6 (DEP Shin Aomori: 18:14 & ARV TOK: 21:54. ACCM is BIG PROBLEM

ASAKUSA (W RIVside) 浅草・両国??? (LP2465, LPm 2470)

4H

(shitamachi - downtown/lowtown)

4 Cs, TOK's leading entertainment district. In Edo Period (1603-1867), outside city limits, kabuki theaters & lrg red light district. Late 1800s & early 1900s: MOD entertainment, includ: movie theaters; WWII destroyed much, tho Sensoji area rebuilt, NOT Asakusa's entertainment district.

Asakusa TIC (浅草文化観光センター) 2-18-9 Kaminarimon, Taitō-ku; 9.30am-8pm; Asakusa, exit 2)

IMP NOTE: @ Asakusa (**C30 tourist information office** & get handy **Yanaka brochure** w/details Uneo walking tour & plots district's TEMP's & shrines locations

Neighborhood WALKING TOURS, Eng Free: from 10am > 5pm. NOTE: centre was under construction – temporary location is 50m up st closer > RIV.

TRANS - LOCAL:

Underground BIKE parking lots w/ BIKE rentals, directly connected > Asakusa STA of Tsukuba Express

RIV BUSs: piers See SITES below

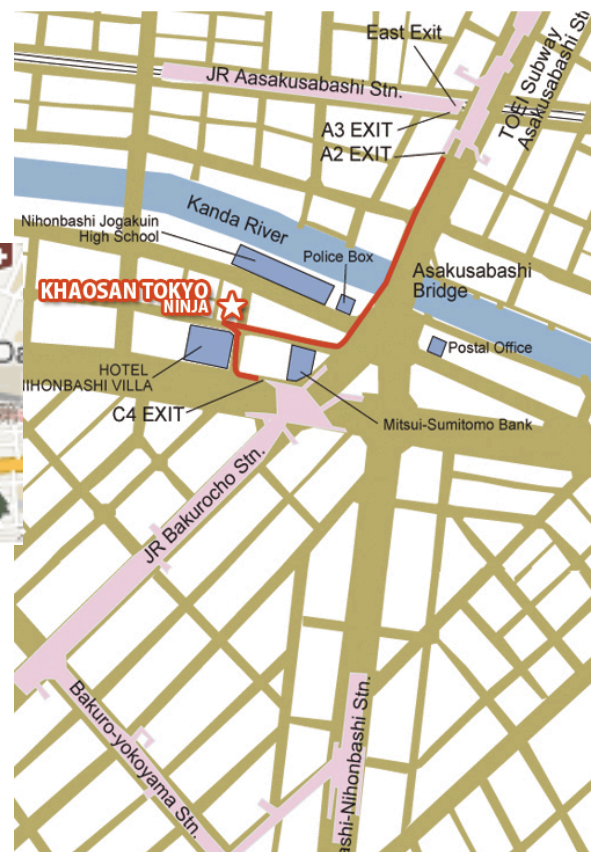
ACCM: not central, but shitamachi ; best budget ryokan & hostels

UNDER \$30:

W Side:

GUD Khaosan page <http://www.khaosan-tokyo.com/en/index.html>

1) **Khaosan TOK Ninja**: ??? 89%, **\$30** 4mx 2500Y, 10 mx; **20 bed Capsule 2800Y** w/ elect outlets super great, big enuf > open bag
2-5-1 Bakurocho Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku,
PERK: Lock, wifi, gud kit, lug stor, maps, rd lite, bed curtains,



LOC:

- easy walk > TRN STAz;
- 5 mins > both metro & JR lines
- 2 STA > TOK STA
- 50 mt > JR Bakurocho ;
- 15min walk > Akihabara SUB STA;
- near several JR line STAs
- rests,

REV: , GUD showers, GUD 4 male solos, local area map, sliding door on each bunk (28Cap or D???),

NO w/d

* **LP Khaosan TOK ORIG** (84%, 78%, **\$24**, D4mx)

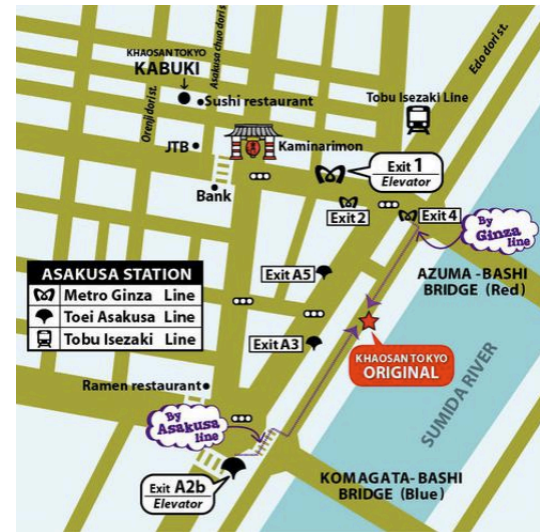
(カオサン東京ゲストハウス; **3842-8286**;
www.khaosan-tokyo.com; 2-1-5 Kaminarimon; dm; ;
Asakusa, exits 4 & A2b);

Free Wifi ???, kit, lug stor, rd lite, lock, w/d,

LOC: [Gud location](#) next > Asakusa STA w/TRNs direct > Narita International Airport, **on bank of Sumida-gawa**;

REV: Crowded, sm, **tiny rm w/o lug space**; Very friendly, very inexpensive, **cheery kit**, pleasant rooftop terrace.

Several annex locations, Hanami RIV tour- GUD,



E Side od RIV:

* 2) LP **Khaosan TOK Annex(Asakusa)** : 4D 2200Y, 85%; **28 bed Capsule**; 2500Y

(cheapest) \$24, 74%, **\$19** , D4,10 mx (2000Y)

Deluxe 1 Bed Mixed Dorm: 28-dmx (カオサン東京アネックス); 5856-6560; www.khaosan-tokyo.com; 2-2-5 Higashi-komagata; dm/tw ; ; Asakusa, exits 4 & A2b)

Wifi, kit, lug stor, w/d, lock, cheapest TOK hostel

LOC: **?NOT GUD??**

REV:



KhaosanTOK Samurai: 86%, \$27; 90%, \$28 D4mx, 1-18-3 Higashi Komagata,

Wifi, kit, lug stor, w/d, lock

LOC: 5 min walk > Asakusa Sta.

REV:



S of Asakusa:(Taito)

??? Aizuya Inn, 2-17-2 Kiyokawa, Taito-ku, 85%, \$18 D

Wifi, lug stor, NO-lock, w/d, **KIT**, **ceiling fan**, quiet,

LOC: close > 3 lines (Hibiya, JR JOBAN, Tsukuba)

REV:



FOOD:

Rox Department Store: 24 hr supermarket in basement

TO DO:

●. * * **RIV BUS: Sumida-gawa Cruise** Sumida RIV Line (隅田川ライン *Sumidagawa Rain?*)

SEE Separate Sumida-gawa Cruise below

TOK Cruise Ship (東京都観光汽船 *Tōkyō-> Kankō Kisen?*, "TOK Metropolis Sightseeing Ship"): (<http://suijobus.co.jp>)

SITES: (LP2470)**ASAKUSA** (W RIVside) > **Senso-ji TEMP**

(1C3) **Kaminarimon** (Thunder Gate). **DIRECS** > TEMP entry via .25h

* * **Nakamise-dori ST:** LPM FOM : .5h

N, walk W on Kaminarimon-dori > **Senso-ji TEMP** **Enso-ji**

(www.asakusa-nakamise.jp; Asakusa, exit 1) ; (& MKT places ??? **Plastic food**)

Lively ped st leading up > Sensō-ji is packed w/ tourist shops BUT look for *sembei* (savory rice crackers), *anko* (azuki-bean paste) & freshly made *mochi* (sticky-rice cakes) stalls.

●. C1C2 **Five Storied Pagoda En ROUTE** on L side .25h

* * **Senso-ji TEMP** (浅草寺) .75h

(aka Asakusa Kannon TEMP) 2-3-1 Asakusa; 24hr; Asakusa STA, exits 1 & A5)

DIRECS: FOM from Asakusa SUB STA, directly W on Kaminarimon-dori, THEN, N on Nakamise-dori ; climb > stair top: bow & clap; in front, lrg incense bowl;

Back down Nakamise-dori > **Shin-Nakamise Shopping ST**

Shin-Nakamise Shopping St: .75h

DIRECS off & perpendicular > Nakamise-dori)

aka "New Nakamise" covered shopping arcade lined by various shops & restaurant

THEN, Continue W on **Shin-Nakamise-dori** towards **Drunm MUS**

* * **2B2 Taiko Drum MUS:** .75h

(2-1-1 Nishi-asakusa; ¥300/150; 10am-5pm Wed-Sun;) Tarawachō, exit 3) Buy TIK on 1st flr n elevator > 1 room MUS.



THEN, farther W > **Kappabashi-dōri st MKT** **Tikko**

●. * * **11A2 Kappabashi-dōri st MKT**(N>S): .75h

Kappabashi-dōri St (かつぱ橋道具街) Tawaramachi, exit 1)

Full food MKT of plastic food (shockingly expensive), kitchenware & rest supply strip mall;

Duplicates info from Marunouchi pages

🟡 * **C7 Tsukiji Fish MKT: An ALTERNATIVE visit time** (LP1409) early morn,; (築地市場)

3547-8011; www.tsukiji-market.or.jp; 5-2 Tsukiji; Tsukijishijō, exits A1 & A2)

5am tuna auction CAUTION: Will move DEC 2014 > Toyosu 3km SW

(SEE 1417, Closed: SUn, most WED & all holidays

5,500,000,000 Annual total sales (US\$) @ Tsukiji Fish MKT

CAUTION: Entry Limit: Only 1st 120 people, 1st come, 1st served @ 05:00AM. Sometimes sold-out B411

Metro starts around 05:00AM, so better > take taxi/cab

ENTRANCE: (not Seimon Main Entrance, but @ Fish Information Center @ nearby Kachidoki gate) before 05:00AM > queue up this page in several language.

Or, rental-bike from TX Asakusa STA JPY200/ day .

FOOD:

Onl Fujino: Special Ramen Noodle shop. Chaashuumen is top recommend.

Wakaba: Looks like normal non-special noodle shop, but pork is same as JAL's 1st class. first class pork from Kagoshima farm.

ASAKUSA (E RIVside) 浅草 > Across > W RIV SIDE ----->

1½H



* * **D3 Asahi Flame; @ Asahi Beer Tower:**

.5h

DIRECS: across RIV from Suijo Water BUS TERM)

Supposedly artistic interpretation of foam on beer glass's top (locals lovingly refer as Golden Turd).

Then **DUE E of Asahi** ---->

🟡 * * **TOK Sky Tree - IMP BLDG (東京スカイツリー)**

.75h

www.tokyo-skytree.jp; Oshiage, exit A2,; OO wrld's highest towers



RYOGOKU 両国 (LP2543) See my pdf map**4½H**

> Ryōgoku, W exit

ACCM: see Asakusa, but only if REALLY necessary**SITES:**

●.* **Edo-TOK MUS MUS** (江戸東京博物館; 3626-9974; 2.5h

1-4-1 Yokoami; www.edo-TOK-museum.or.jp; ¥600; Tue-Sun: 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat > 7.30pm;

Ryōgoku, W exit; FOM(12H); EST: 90 min for 'Edo Zone' & 1 hr for 'TOK Zone'.

Soaring replica of Nihonbashi (TOK's 1st (extant) bridge, **hard>find, hidden under concrete hiwy**)

Homage > bygone eras; Carefully crafted exhibits of TOK life B4 mod era. Ex of: actual Edo infrastructure – wooden sewage pipe, exquisite scale models of mkts & shops, including period costumes & stray cats scavenging fish scraps.

Eng-speaking staff member present on my visit day btwn 10am & 3pm : **BEST: 10am or around 2pm when lunch over**. **Call ahead:** > see if > Kiyosumi-shirakawa, exit A3

●.* **Fukugawa Edo MUS** (深川江戸資料館) (SEE pdf) 1.5h

03/3630-8625; 1-3-28 Shirakawa; ¥300; 9.30am-5pm Tue-Sun; Kiyosumi-shirakawa, exit A3 (2nd STA S after Ryogoku) FOM(11 I)

& /or Edo-TOK MUS; **quaint exhibition** depicting Edo period local's life & times through life-sized replicas of merchants' shops & commoners' houses. **Call ahead:** > see if Eng-speaking staff ;

closed 2nd & 4th Mon (if Monday falls on public holiday, center will be closed on Tuesday)

DIRECS: Take TOZAI SUBWAY LINE > MONZEN-NAKACHO STA. As you leave STA turn R & walk along ETAI DORI AVENUE. **When** get > junction w/ KIYOSUMI DORI AVENUE U see **police box**. **IMP:** Smaller st NOT named hereafter, SO, go > police box 4 gud Eng map. Other places > visit nearby

NOTE: ??? MUS also near MORISHITA STA, which is on TOEI SHINJUKU SUBWAY LINE. Using this line it's possible > get > Jimbocho & Kudanshita ([Yasukuni Shrine](#)).

* **Kiyosumi-teien GARD:** (LP2599) .5h

(<http://teien.tokyo-park.or.jp/contents/index033.html>; 3-9-9 Kiyosumi; ¥150; 9am-5pm; Kiyosumi-shirakawa; immediatey SW of : FOM) *OOM beautiful gardens*

TOTAL DAY HOURS**10H**

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●. * * **RIV BUS:???** Sumida-gawa Cruise 隅田川クルーズ (Suijo W BUS) <http://suijobus.co.jp>
(<http://suijobus.co.jp>);

DP: Tsukiji Fish MKT , THEN, brief S detour > Hinode Pier THEN, N > Asakusa

Scenic E part of city, includ: Asakusa, & Odaiba; NOT impressive, but unique "backstage" TOK view: slight Hinode detour gives Shiodome (through Hama-rikyū-teien), nice Odaiba & harbor view

ROUTE:

- 1) Asakusa → Hamarikyū → Hinode Pier
- 2) Hinode Pier → Asakusa(???) > northern Asakusa METRO STOP on Kaminarimon-dori:

Open Hrs: Su > Sa from 10:00 AM > 07:00 PM; Y300

Transport: DP ???: > Asakusa STA:

NOTE: Tourist INFO OFFICE nearby

> <> FROM FERRY by TRN / SUBWY: Ginza line X4 or Toei line XA5
Cruises:

@ Asakusa: every ½h; from pier next > bridge, Azuma-bashi

@ Hinode pier:

Scenic ALT: > Hamarikyū-teien (浜離宮) , enter (Y300) THEN, walk 15 min.> Ginza

Name	Japanese	Transfers	Facilities	Location
Hinode Pier	日の出桟橋	JR: ■ Keihin-Tōhoku Line and ■ Yamanote Line (Both 9 min. walk from Hamamatsuchō) Tokyo Monorail (9 min. walk from Hamamatsuchō) Yurikamome (2 min. walk from Hinode, U-04)	Hinode Pier	Minato
Asakusa	浅草	Tōbu: Isesaki Line (1 min. walk from Asakusa) Toei: ○ Asakusa Line (3 min. walk from Asakusa, A-18) Tokyo Metro: ○ Ginza Line (1 min. walk from Asakusa, G-19)	Asakusa (Sensō-ji Temple), Kappabashi, Asahi Breweries	Taitō

Hama-rikyū 浜離宮

JR: [Keihin-Tōhoku Line](#), ■ [Tōkaidō Main Line](#), ■ [Yamanote Line](#), & ■ [Yokosuka Line](#) (All 10 min. walk from [Shimbashi](#))

Toei: Asakusa Line (10min. walk from Shimbashi, -10), ○ Ōedo Line (5 min. walk from [Shiodome](#), E-19, or 7 min. walk from [Tsukiji-Shijō](#), E-18)

TOK [Cruise Ship](#) (Hamarikyū, same place)

TOK Metro: ○ Ginza Line (10 min. walk from Shimbashi, G-08)

[Yurikamome](#) (5 min. walk from Shiodome, U-02)

NOTES:

TOK Metro Park Assc: TOK Mizube Line: Different sytem routes than Sumida RIV Line

Free Panda BUS (<http://sg-elem.co.jp/esta/pandabus.html>) free, 10am > 5pm

Palette Town Cruise Ship STA: landings etc. : www.waymarking.com

Asakusa → Hamarikyū → Hinode Pier > MUS of Maritime Science — Ooi Seashore Park — Shinagawa Aquarium - TOK Big Sight — Palette Town

Hinode Pier: particular terminal is closed on Monday & Tuesday

Quick Description: This is ferry stop for TOK Cruise Ship Line which is actually ferry or bus service around TOK Bay. This stop on Hinode Pier is @ Aomi Rail STA & offers access >



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UAL Freq. Flyer: 032789600 (20)

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FLIGHT INFO: JAC > MAN

SERVICE	DATE	FROM	TO	DEPART	ARRIVE	
UA 9720K	Fri 14JUN	HND	LAX	12:05am	6:05pm	St:
NOTE: Flt Time: 10hr		Connect Time: 2 hr 26 min		no meal		
UA 6470K	Thr 13JUN	LAX	SLC	9:55pm (JU 14)	12:43am	St:16D
NOTE: Flt Time: 1hr 48min		TOTAL FLT Time: 16 hr 49 min				