

HAKONE by TRAIN and CAR

FUJI-HAKONE-IZU NATIONAL PARK

HAKONE, wedged between Mt. Fuji and Izu Peninsula, is one of the most popular resorts, drawing a large number of local and foreign visitors year-round. It is a large region encircled by forested mountains. Highlights of the area are the varied volcanic topography, countless hot springs and resorts, historic sites, museums, deep valleys, ravines, and captivating scenery accentuated by beautiful Lake Ashi.

BY TRAIN

From YOKOSUKA:

1. At **JR YOKOSUKA (JR横須賀) Station**, buy a ¥950 transfer ticket to **ODAWARA (小田原) Station**, and take any train bound for TOKYO.
****Note** You may have to change trains at ZUSHI (逗子) Station.**
2. Get off at **OFUNA (大船) Station (6th stop)** and transfer to **TOKAIDO (東海道) Line** at **either Platform #3 or #4** bound for ODAWARA.
3. Get off at ODAWARA (小田原) Station, buy another ticket (**See travel tips below**), and take HAKONE-TOZAN TETSUDO (箱根登山鉄道) RAILWAY (Tram), SOUNZAN (早雲山) CABLE CAR, HAKONE (箱根) ROPEWAY (Gondola) to your destinations.

From IKEGO:

1. At JR **ZUSHI 逗子 Station**, buy an ¥820 transfer ticket to **ODAWARA (小田原) Station**, and take any train bound for TOKYO. Get off at **OFUNA Station (3rd stop)**.
2. Continue with **Step #2** above.

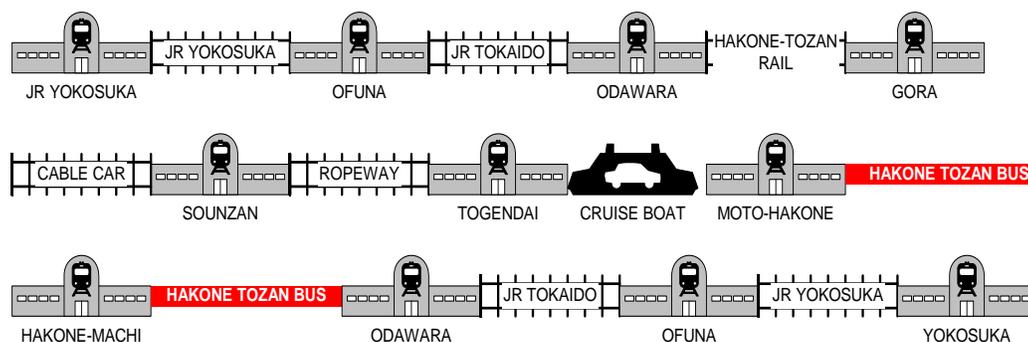
TRAVEL TIPS:

~If you plan to spend several days in the Hakone area, you can save some money on local transportation costs by buying a discount ticket called “Hakone Free Pass” at ODAWARA (小田原) Station.

~Go to http://www.odakyu.jp/english/freepass/hakone_01.html for more detailed information.

This ticket allows you to use any mode of transportation in Hakone area. Use it for multiple rides on Hakone Tozan Railway, Sounzan Cable Car, Hakone Ropeway, Hakone Cruise Boat, and Hakone Tozan Bus. You can stop at any point along the way to visit as many places as you like without buying a separate ticket for each ride. The cost of Hakone Free Pass, valid for 2 days from the time of purchase, is ¥3,900 (¥1,000 for each child) or valid for 3 days at ¥4,400 (¥1,250 for each child).

SUGGESTED SIGHTSEEING ROUTE FOR HAKONE



BY CAR

From YOKOSUKA:

1. Exit the main gate and turn right onto **Route 16** and stay in the left lane.
2. After passing the tall building (**Hotel Mercure**) across from Daiei, turn left onto **Route 27** toward **Keikyū Shioiri** (京急汐入) **Station** entrance and **Hayama** (葉山).
3. At the **Ikegami** (池上) **Y-junction**, drive straight to **Rt. 27 KAMAKURA/HAYAMA**.
4. After driving for about 8 km. from Route 16, **turn right onto Route 134 ENOSHIMA/KAMAKURA** at the **Omichi T-junction**.
5. After about 2 km., **turn left to Rt./134 ENOSHIMA/KAMAKURA** at the **Nagae** (長柄) **Y-junction**.
6. Stay on **Route 134**, following the coastline of Sagami Bay, toward Enoshima and Kamakura. You will drive past Enoshima Island and the cities of Chigasaki (茅ヶ崎) and Hiratsuka (平塚).
7. Just beyond the town of Ninomiya (二宮), take the **SEISHO** (西湘) **Bypass Toll Road**. This will take you past ODAWARA. Follow the exit signs toward **Route 1**.
8. Once you are on **Route 1**, you will begin the ascent to the **Hakone** (箱根) **area**. Route 1 is a winding, two-lane road, usually very crowded on summer weekends.
9. At **Miyanoshita** (宮下) **junction**, Route 1 goes left towards **Moto-Hakone** (元箱根), on the southern end of Lake Ashi, while **Route 138** continues north towards **GOTEMBA** (御殿場). To go to the north end of Lake Ashi, turn left at **Sengokubara** (仙石原) junction and follow the signs towards **TOGENDAI** (東源台).

From IKEGO:

1. From the main gate, go straight to the 7-Eleven intersection and **turn left** onto **Route 24** toward Yokosuka Base.
2. Turn right and drive onto the entrance ramp for the **Zuyo-Shindo Toll Rd. toward Kamakura and Hayama**.
3. Keep **right** at the 1st fork, go through a long tunnel, and finally pay the ¥100 toll fee. After the tollgate, ZuyoShindo Toll Rd. ends and **Rt. 311, heading toward Kamakura and Zushi, begins**.
4. Stay and drive straight on Rt. 311 until you reach the **Nagae** (長柄) **intersection. Rt. 311 merges with Rt. 134 at this intersection.**
5. **Go straight to Rt. 134 heading toward ENOSHIMA and KAMAKURA.** After driving through a long tunnel, Rt. 134 now becomes a coastal road.
6. **Continue with Step #5 above.**

MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

ODAWARA (小田原): This old castle town with a population of 170,000 serves as the main gateway to Hakone. Facing Sagami Bay, the city commands a fine view of the sea. About a 10-minute walk from Odawara Station is the Odawara Castle-Site Park. There, you can visit a five-story donjon (the main structure of the castle), which was restored in 1960. On exhibit inside the donjon are various historical items connected with the old town, ancient suits of armor and swords, and folk arts and crafts. In the park there are a zoo, a recreation ground and a folk craft museum. The coastline between Odawara and Koze is lined by old pine groves, offering good swimming sites in summer. The donjon and park are open daily from 9 am to 4:30 pm.

KOWAKIEN GARDEN (小涌園): You can walk from Kowakien-mae Bus Stop. Nearby is a recreation center about 1,000,000 square meters large. In the garden are a Japanese-style hotel, a Polynesian bathhouse, a number of open-air baths and a botanical garden containing tropical plants of various species. The "Children's Village" is a 5-minute walk from the garden.

CHOKOKU-NO-MORI (The Wood of Sculpture; 彫刻の森): This is a 5-minute walk from Chokoku-no-mori station on Hakone Tozan Railway. This is a park for the outdoor & indoor exhibition of sculptures by modern artists including Rodin, Bourdelle, Moore and Zadkine. Often called the Hakone Open-Air Museum, it is the first of its kind in Japan. On the grounds of the park is a museum dedicated to the works of Picasso. The nearby "Gora Park" on the side of Mt. Sounzan has a natural science museum, an alpine plant garden and a tropical aviary.

OWAKUDANI (Valley of the Greater Boiling; 大涌谷): This is a gorge emitting sulfurous fumes, which form crevices in the rocks and in the bare earth, offering evidence of past volcanic activity. The Natural Science Museum panels describe the fauna and flora and point to climatic and geological features and hot springs in Hakone. The museum is open daily from 9 am to 5 pm.

SENGOKUBARA (仙石原): 15 minutes by bus from Miyanoshita is a quiet hot spring resort surrounded by a dense forest. The Sengokubara Plain spreads to the west and is overgrown with Japanese pampas grass and clusters of marsh plants. Sengokubara is also a sports center that includes four golf courses. To the south is Lake Ashi. In the area is the Hakone Marshy Plants Garden with high and lowland marsh plants. The garden is open daily from 9 am to 4:30 pm from April to mid-November. The best season to enjoy the flowers is from May to July.

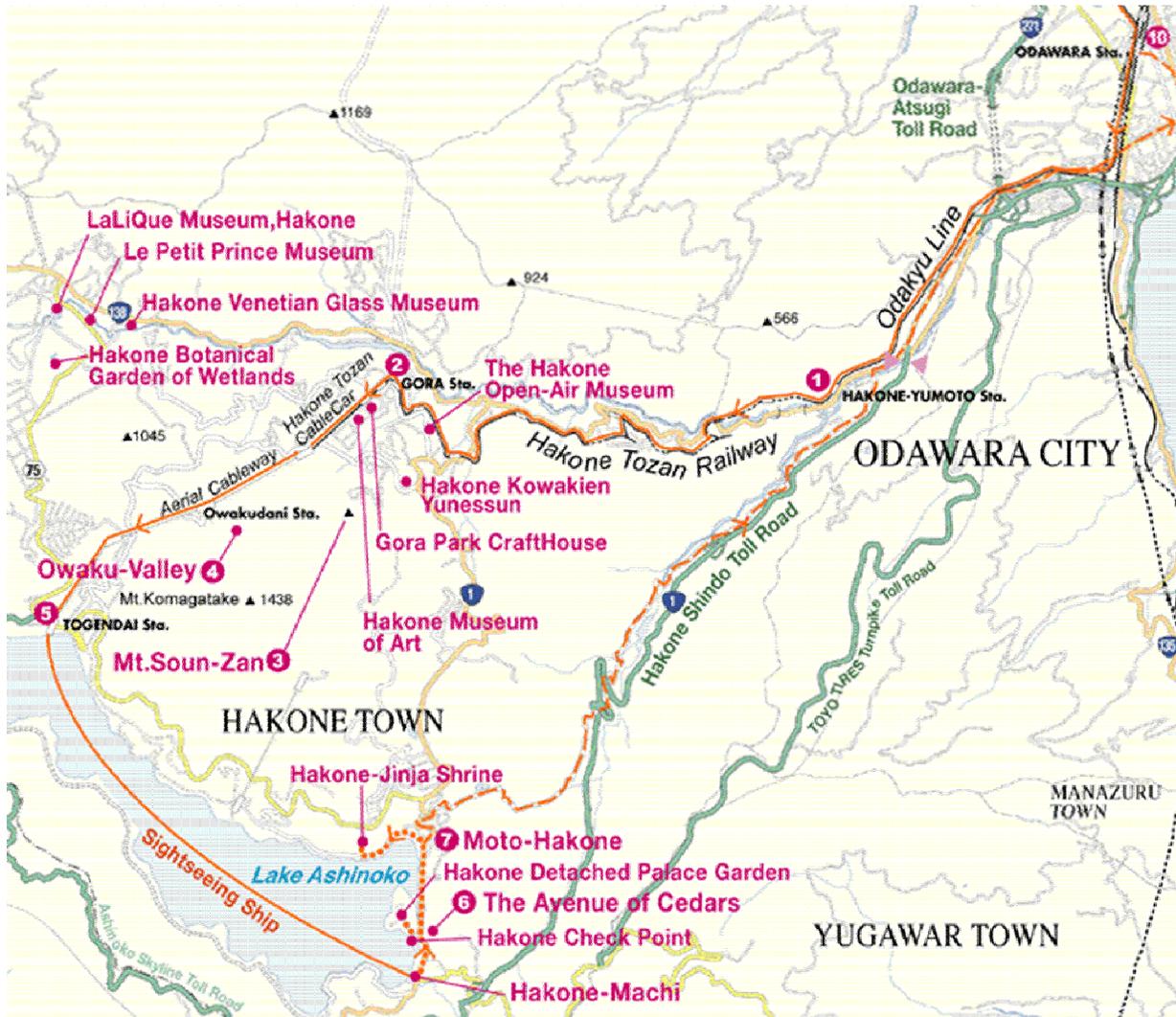
LAKE ASHI (芦ノ湖): This crater lake, 17.5 km in circumference, is a leading attraction in Hakone. Since the lake abounds in black bass and trout, fishing is a principal leisure activity. Boating and swimming are also popular. Lake Ashi is also well known for its reflection of Mt. Fuji, which can be seen on a clear day from many points along the shore. Regular boat service links Togendai or Kojiri on the north end and Moto-Hakone or Hakone-machi on the south end with Hakone-en in the middle. On the northwestern shore of the lake runs the Ashinoko (Lake Ashi) Skyline Drive, an 11.7 km toll road that links Moto-Hakone to Kojiri. This path offers splendid views of the lake, Mt. Fuji, Sagami and Suruga Bays as it winds through dense forests. Kojiri-Togendai, a vast plain extending over the northern shore of the lake, serves as the center of transportation in the district. Bus, ropeway and boat services are available here, along with a visitor's center displaying the flora and fauna of Hakone, a sports ground and a flower plaza.

MOTO-HAKONE (元箱根): On the southeastern shore of Lake Ashi is the most flourishing town on the lakeside. It is the terminal for bus lines from Odawara, Yugawara, Atami, Mishima and Numazu as well as the base for boat services on the lake. It forms a thriving tourist center along with Hakone-machi, 1.5 km south of the town, which was once one of the most important stations on the Old Tokaido Highway.

HAKONE SHRINE (箱根神社): A 15 minute-walk from Moto-Hakone, the shrine stands on a hill on the northern shore of the lake. It is noted for the Lake Festival held annually on the evening of July 31. The Treasure Hall standing in the compound contains many historical records. It is open daily from 10 am to 4 pm. The Cryptomeria Avenue is a winding road extending 2 km from Moto-Hakone to Hakone-Machi and lined with old Japanese cryptomerias. In feudal times, the local lords and their retainers took this road to Edo (Tokyo), the seat of the Tokugawa shogunate, for their alternating-year attendance. In the vicinity of Ashi-no-yu Spa, reachable from Futagojaya Bus stop in 10 minutes from Moto-Hakone, are many stone images of the Buddha and his disciples and stone pagodas that are said to have been carved or built during the Kamakura Period (1193 – 1333).

HAKONE BARRIER SITE (箱根関所跡): The original Hakone Barrier was established in 1618 by the Tokugawa Shogunate to defend Edo (Tokyo) and to maintain order in the capital. It was removed in 1869. An exact replica of the Barrier Guardhouse, displaying life-size mannequins in costumes of the time, now stands on a plot opposite the old site. It is a 5-minute walk from Hakone-Machi.

For more detailed GUIDE and TIME maps, go to
<http://www.hakone.or.jp/english/yokoso/map.html> OR
<http://www.hakonenavi.jp/english/index.html>



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