

NIKKO 日光

The glories of **NIKKO** are two-fold. It enjoys a worldwide reputation for harmonizing human artistry with nature because of such architectural wonders as the Toshogu Shrine, Rinnoji Temple and Futarasan Shrine, set in a grand natural setting of rivers and lakes. It is also blessed with magnificent mountain scenery with lakes, rivers, cascades, plateaus and forests of ancient trees. Nikko National Park has a number of spas, each surrounded by lovely scenery, which yields a plentiful supply of hot mineral water and constitute so many resting places for visitors. In this vast area are excellent facilities for recreation and sports. The visitor can enjoy hiking, camping, mountain climbing, boating, fishing, skiing and skating. Nikko is indeed a year-round resort place.

From YOKOSUKA:

1. At **YOKOSUKA CHUO (横須賀中央) Station**, buy a ¥950 transfer ticket to **ASAKUSA (浅草) Station** via the **TOEI ASAKUSA Subway Line (都営浅草線)**.

****Note**** To buy a transfer ticket, touch the following buttons on the screen:

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2. Go to **Platform #2** and take a train with either a GREEN or RED kanji sign bound for **SHINAGAWA (品川) Station**.

****Note****

~Trains with a RED kanji sign run **from 5am to 8:30am and from 4:30pm to 6:30pm only**.

~If you take a train with a RED kanji sign, stay on it until you reach **ASAKUSA Station (A18)**.

After Shinagawa Station, Keikyu Line merges with the TOEI ASAKUSA SUBWAY Line.

~If you take a train with a GREEN kanji sign, exit at SHINAGAWA Station, but stay on the same platform.

Take any of the next trains to ASAKUSA Station (A18; **12th stop** from Shinagawa).

3. Exit ASAKUSA (浅草) Station, go to **MATSUYA DEPARTMENT STORE (松屋デパート)**, and follow the signs for the entrance to the **TOBU ASAKUSA (東武浅草) Station** on the second floor of the department store. Buy a ticket (see below for rates) for **TOBU NIKKO (東武日光) Station via the TOBU (東武線) Line**. The trip is about 2hours. Some trains are not direct and require a transfer at **SHIMO-IMAICHI (下今市) Station**, so please check with the train conductor.

TRAVEL TIP:

***At TOBU ASAKUSA Station, you can choose either a local or limited express train "SPACIA" to Nikko.

By local train: ¥1,320 Time: 2 hours 15 min from Tobu Asakusa Sta. to Tobu Nikko.

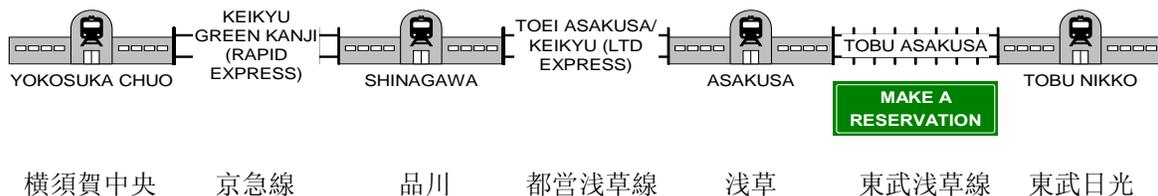
By Limited Express: ¥2,740 Time: 1 hour 40 min from Tobu Asakusa Sta. to Tobu Nikko.

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***If using the **Limited Express train**, you need to make a reservation. Reservation and purchase of the ticket can be made at TOBU ASAKUSA Station or at a major travel agency such as the Japan Travel Bureau (JTB) near YOKOSUKA CHUO Station.

From IKEGO:

1. At **JIMMUJI (神武寺) Station**, buy an ¥880 transfer ticket to **ASAKUSA (浅草) Station** via the **TOEI ASAKUSA Line (都営浅草線)**. See note in Step #1 above.
2. Go to **Platform #2** and take a train to **KANAZAWA (HAKKEI 金沢八景) Station**. From there, transfer to a **KEIKYU MAIN LINE** train with either a GREEN or RED kanji sign bound for **SHINAGAWA (品川) Station**. See notes in Step #2 above.
3. Continue with Step #3 above.



PLACES OF INTERESTS

A. TOSHOGU SHRINE AREA

SHINKYO (神橋) or Sacred Bridge arches gracefully over the Daiya. Before, it could be crossed during festival occasions only, but now anyone can cross it on any day. A small fee, however, is charged to cross the bridge.

FUTARASAN SHRINE (二荒山神社), located between Toshogu Shrine and Daiyuin Mausoleum, is the oldest building in the district, dating from 1617.

YOMEIMON GATE (陽明門), the gate to the main shrine of Toshogu, is the most famous structure of the shrine. It is considered a National Treasure.

TOSHOGU SHRINE (東照宮), a 15-minute walk from Shinkyo Bus Stop, was completed to its present splendor in 1636 by Iemitsu Tokugawa, the third Shogun of Tokugawa Shogunate. It was restored as a dedication to his grandfather, Ieyasu, founder of the Tokugawa Shogunate. Most of the shrine buildings are designated as National Treasures or Important Cultural Properties. Points not to miss are the carvings of the three monkeys and the sleeping cat, as well as the Honjido Hall with 'Nakiryu' which is a picture of a crying dragon painted on the ceiling. Admission fees: ¥1250 for the shrine and ¥500 for the Sleeping Cat

DAIYUINBYO (大院廟), 7-minute walk from Toshogu, is the mausoleum of the third Shogun Iemitsu. It resembles Toshogu in the style and arrangement of the building, but on a smaller and simpler scale.

RINNOJI TEMPLE (輪王寺) is located at Omotesando (the main approach to the shrine) on the way from Shinkyo Bridge. Its Sambutsudo Hall houses the three images of Buddhist goddesses. Admission fee is ¥850.

TRAVEL TIP:

The Kyotsu-Haikana-Ken (共通拝観券) coupon costs ¥900 and is accepted at the Futarasan Shrine, the Toshogu Shrine, and the Rinnoji Temple. However, to see the Sleeping Cat, you still must pay ¥500.

B. LAKE CHUZENJI AREA

LAKE CHUZENJI (中禅寺湖) is especially beautiful in mid-May for its cherry blossoms and in October for its brilliant crimson foliage. Regular boat services on the lake connects Ojiri Pier (3-minute walk from Chuzenji-Onsen Bus Stop) with Shobugahama in 20 minutes. A sightseeing boat is operated between Ojiri Pier and Chuzenji Temple (55-minute round trip). Both services are terminated from December to March, as the lake freezes over.

CHUZENJI ONSEN (中禅寺温泉) is on the northeastern shore of the lake. It is the center of the Lake Chuzenji Area. There are many souvenir shops, restaurants, and Japanese-style inns with hot spring baths.

KEGON FALLS (華厳の滝) is a 5-minute walk from Chuzenji-Onsen Bus Stop. It is one of the most famous waterfalls in Japan. An elevator takes you down to the observatory platform. Admission fee: ¥520

C. INNER PART OF NIKKO (OKU-NIKKO)

MT. NANTAI (男体山), altitude at 2,484 meters, is open to climbers from May 5 until October 15. It takes 4 hours to reach the summit.

YUMOTO SPA (湯元温泉) is 1 hour and 25 min. from Nikko Station or 25 min. from Chuzenji-Onsen by bus. This spa lies 1,800 meters above sea level and is surrounded by mountains on all sides, except on the south, where it is open to Lake Yunoko. There are many more luxurious Japanese-style inns around the area.

LAKE YUNOKO (湯の湖) is good for fishing, boating and skating in season. Yudaki Waterfalls are on the southern end.

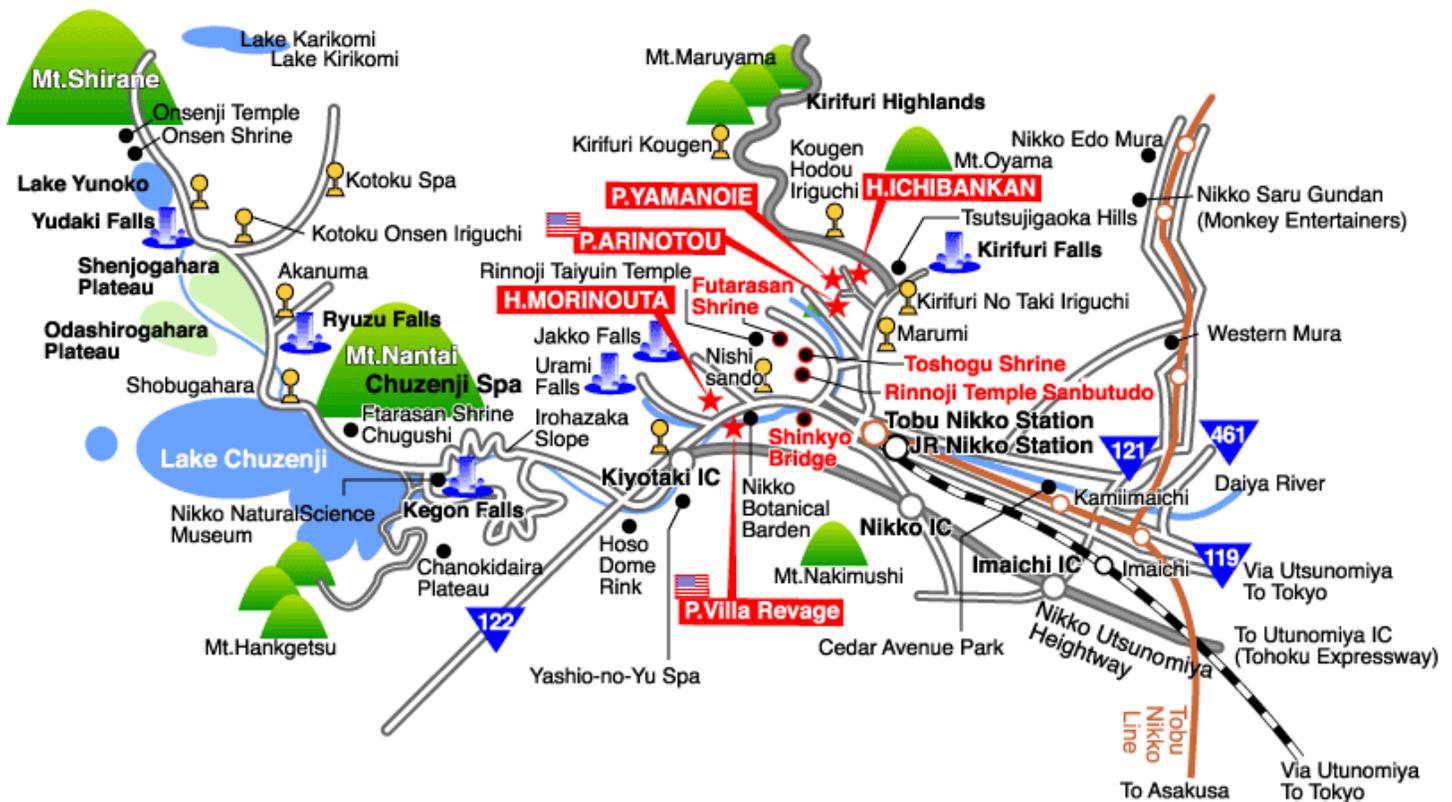
OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND NIKKO

NIKKO BOTANICAL GARDEN (日光植物園), close to Hanaishicho Bus Stop, which is 10 minutes by bus from Nikko Station, contains about 1,300 varieties of plants, including many Nikko alpine flora. It is open from 0900 to 1600 and closed from December to April 14 and on Mondays. ¥330

EDO WONDERLAND (日光江戸村) is an amusement park that reproduces Edo-period culture and life through a variety of attractions and performances: Ninja Karakurikando (Ninja Maze) and a variety of Gekijo Theaters. Open:9:00 - 1700 (Mar. 20-Nov. 30), 9:30 - 1600 (Dec. 1-Mar. 19), 9:30 - 16:00 (Dec 1-Mar.19). Closed: Wed. & Jan. 25-Feb. 7. Access: Get off at Tobu Railways' Kinugawa Onsen Station. A bus is operated between the station and Edo Wonderland. For bus schedule, call the Office of Edo Wonderland at (0120) 44-8999 (in Japanese, Toll Free).

TOBU WORLD SQUARE (東武ワールドスクウェア), 5 min. by bus from Kinugawa Onsen Sta. on the Tobu Kinugawa Line, preserves 1/25-sized replicas of famous and historic architectural structures from all over the world. The park covers an area of 87,367 sq. meters and is divided into the zones of Modern Japan, America, Egypt, Europe, Asia and Japan (traditional). Open daily 9:00-17:00 (Mar. 20-Nov.10 enter by 16:00), 9:00-16:00 (Nov. 11-Mar. 19, enter by 15:00). Admission:¥2,500.

KINUGAWA ONSEN SPA (鬼怒川温泉) is a popular hot-spring resort with many large capacity, multi-stored Ryokan (Japanese-style inns). Minshuku (Japanese-style bed and breakfast inns) are also available. Trips on the Kinu River by man-oared boat are operate from mid-April through late Nov. A nice nature trail is laid out in Ryuokyo Gorge, 10 minutes by bus from Kinugawa-Onsen Station.



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