



HAKONE FREE PASS

by Red Dragonfly Travel



Your Hakone Free Pass

Hakone, one of Japan's prime hot spring (onsen) areas and rich in unspoiled nature, is within easy traveling distance from Tokyo.

The Hakone Freepass is a discount excursion ticket offering coverage of all the popular sightseeing destinations in Hakone.

In addition to a round-trip ticket on the Odakyu Line and on-and-off riding privileges within the designated area, the Hakone Freepass comes with a range of discounts at merchants, attractions and other locations.

The pass provides access to 8 different transportation systems in the area, such as the Hakone Tozan Line and the Hakone Ropeway, allowing you the freedom to thoroughly explore Hakone.

Validating Your Pass



Present your voucher at Odakyu Sightseeing Service Center, Shinjuku West, located on B1 floor of Odakyu Line Shinjuku Station West Exit, in front of the ticket gate.

Hours of operation: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

You need to return the physical pass at the final station of the trip

<https://www.odakyu.jp/english/support/centre/>



The Romancecar



The Romancecar is a limited express train with reserved seats only.

Because there are few stops, travel is quick. Some trains have special viewing seats in the front and back rows.

A special limited express ticket is required in addition to a regular ticket to board the Romancecar.



Hakone-Tozan Train

Traversing the mountainside, the Hakone Tozan Railway is one of Japan's few mountain railways.

In order to climb the mountain inclines, the train zigzags up the slopes using the switchback method. Switchback takes place at 3 locations, at which the conductor and driver switch positions.

Hydrangea along the railway bloom around mid-June. At this time, the Hakone Tozan Railway is affectionately named the “Hydrangea Railway”.

In journeying to Owakudani from Odawara, passengers transfer at Gora Station from the Tozan Railway to the cable car.

The cable car powerfully climbs steep inclines to Sounzan Station, a transfer point to the ropeway to Owakudani.

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Hakone Ropeway

The observation platform offers breathtaking views of 'Owakudani', Hakone's most famous tourist spot.

Desolate mountainside covered by plumes of smoke produce a distinct scene so fitting the area's former name of Hell Valley.

Now, the Hakone Ropeway rising above Owakudani.

There are also many scenic spots to be seen from the ropeway. Traveling from Sounzan to Owakudani, passengers can see the bottom of the valley below, and, when on route to Togendai, they can enjoy views of Mt. Fuji and Lake Ashi.



Lake Ashi Cruise

Lake Ashinoko (芦ノ湖, Ashinoko) was formed in the caldera of Mount Hakone after the volcano's last eruption 3000 years ago.

Today, the lake with Mount Fuji in the background is the symbol of Hakone. The lake's shores are mostly undeveloped except for small towns in the east and north and a couple of lakeside resort hotels.

Two companies operate boats from Moto-Hakone and Hakone-machi at the lake's southern shores to Togendai at the lake's northern end. The Hakone Free Pass is valid on the pirate ship-shaped Hakone Sightseeing Boats but not on the Ashinoko Sightseeing Boats to/from Hakone-en.



Owakudani

Owakudani (大涌谷, Ōwakudani) is the area around a crater created during the last eruption of Mount Hakone some 3000 years ago. Today, much of the area is an active volcanic zone where sulfurous fumes, hot springs and hot rivers can be experienced. Additionally, Owakudani has good views of Mount Fuji on clear days.

A short walking trail leads from the ropeway station into the volcanic zone to a number of steam vents and bubbling pools.

The walk takes around 30 minutes in total. Admission to the trail requires advance reservations and costs 500 yen.



Hakone Shrine

Hakone Shrine (箱根神社, Hakone Jinja) stands at the foot of Mount Hakone along the shores of Lake Ashinoko.

The shrine buildings are hidden in the dense forest, but are well advertised by its huge torii gates, one standing prominently in the lake and two others over the main street of Moto-Hakone.

A path leads from the torii gate in Lake Ashinoko up a series of steps flanked by lanterns through the forest to the main building of the shrine, which sits peacefully among the tall trees. The shrine is beautiful throughout the year, and is particularly breathtaking when shrouded in mist.



Hakone Hot Springs

Hakone has been one of Japan's most popular hot spring resorts for centuries. Nowadays, more than a dozen springs provide hot spring water to the many bath houses and ryokan in the Hakone region.

Yumoto, at the entrance to the Hakone area near Odawara, is Hakone's most famous hot spring with a particularly long history, high quality water and numerous baths and inns. Many more hot spring facilities are found across the hills and valleys of Hakone and along the shores of Lake Ashi.

Visitors can enjoy a hot spring bath in public bath houses or ryokan. Many ryokan open their baths not only to staying guests but also to daytime visitors. While staying guests can use the baths for free, daytime visitors pay an admission fee of typically between 500 and 2000 yen.





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