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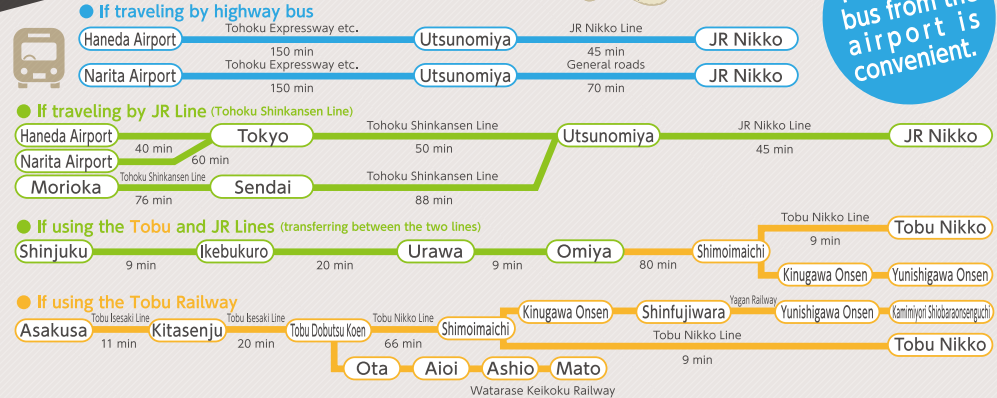
Nikko City, with its World Heritage "Nikko Shrines and Temples," is one of a sightseeing city representative of Japan. Just two hours from the Japanese capital of Tokyo, this town, in addition to its historical shrines and temples, is blessed with an abundance of nature including beautiful rivers, mountains, and hot springs, and boasts a food culture rooted in the local history along with a variety of entertainment facilities. We hope you will remember throughout your life your wonderful travels in Nikko, with its remnants of the bygone days of the samurai, rich history, colors of the four seasons, and warm human touch.

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NIKKO approx. 2 hr
TOKYO

Getting here from the main areas of Tokyo



The direct bus from the airport is convenient.



History and culture

You can come in contact with the history of Nikko in all its splendor, through its cultural properties, the World Heritage "Nikko Shrines and Temples."



Nature

You can fully enjoy the natural surroundings that change with each season, including the trees in the mountains and highlands and the refreshing areas at the water's edge.



Hot springs

Nikko boasts many hot springs. You can refresh yourself after a long trip in Nikko's abundant hot spring waters.



Dining

A food culture rooted in the local area. In addition to Japanese cuisine, you can enjoy dishes unique to Nikko.



Theme parks

There are a variety of theme parks serving the many tourists who come to Nikko.

NIKKO AREA BUS MAP

Valuable Nikko Free Pass

① Tobu Nikko Station Tourist Center ② Ticket Counter at JR Nikko Sta.

Pass to tour the World Heritage sites..... 500 yen (good for the day of issue only)

You can get off and on the buses that go to the World Heritage sites and the train line traveling between JR Nikko Station ~ Tobu Nikko Station ~ Nishisando Tobu Kanko Senta-mae ~ Rengeishi as many times as you like in 1 day.

Yumoto Onsen Free Pass..... 3,000 yen (good for 2 days)

Chuzenji Onsen Free Pass..... 2,000 yen (good for 2 days)

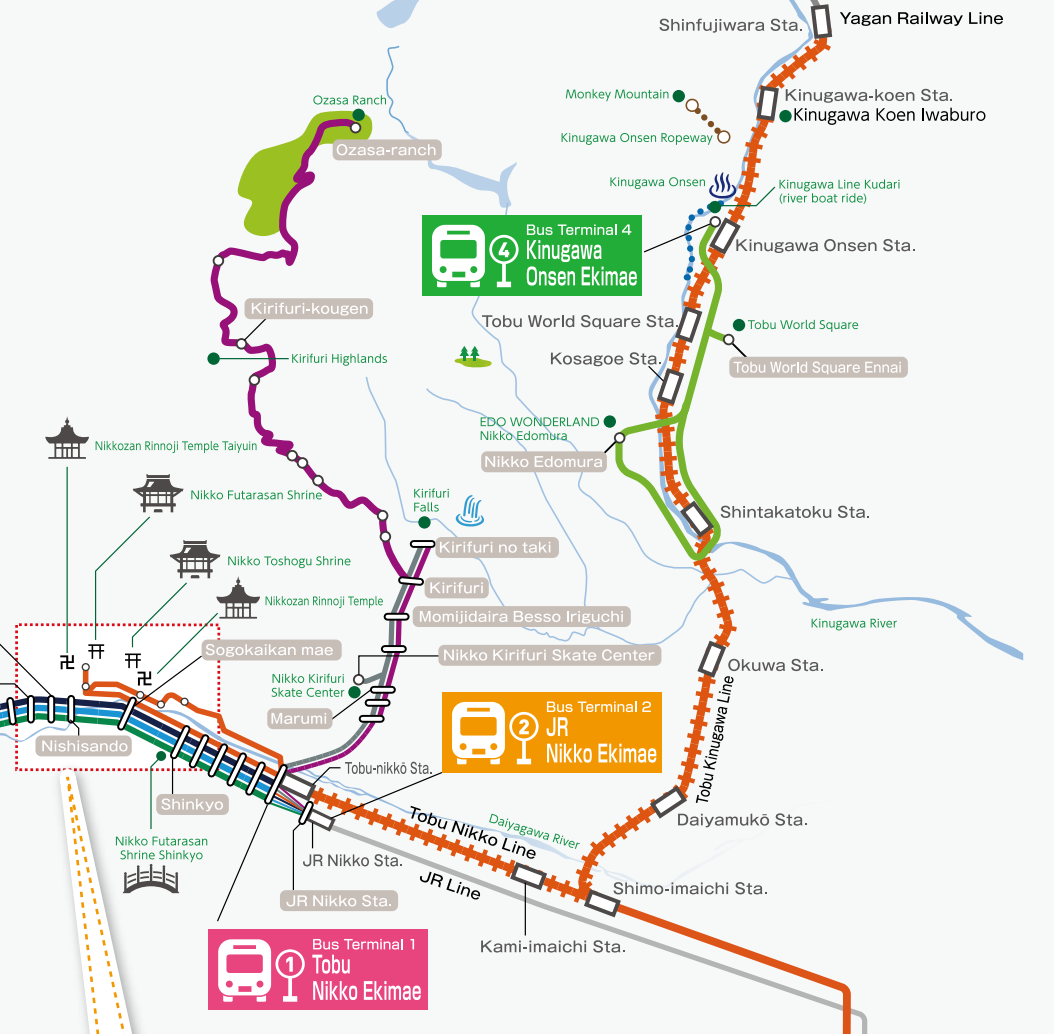
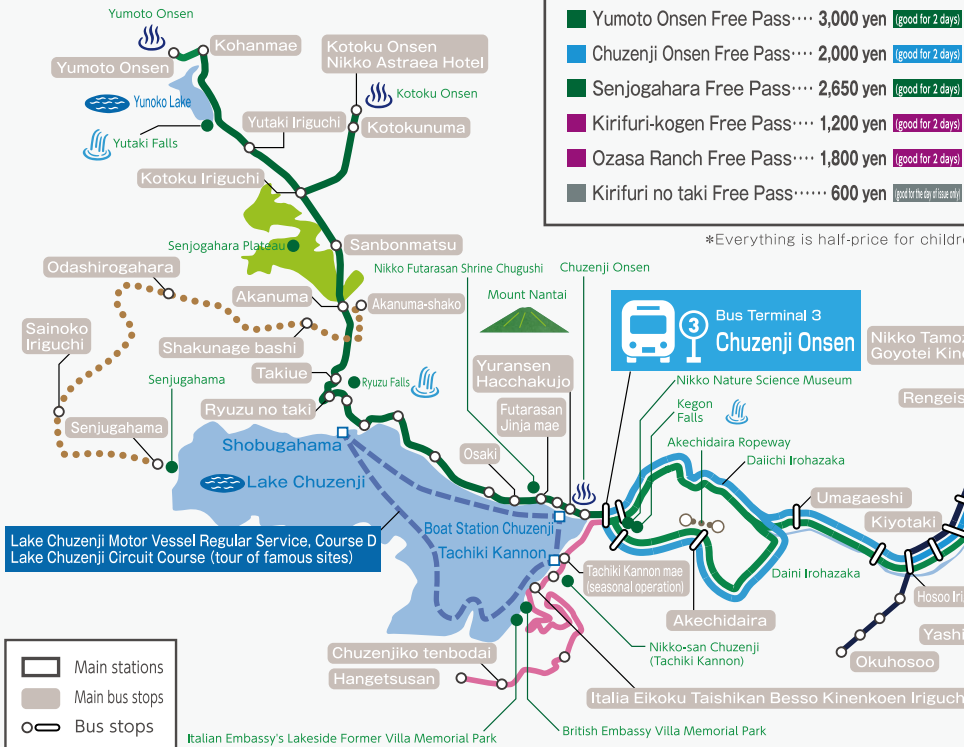
Senjogahara Free Pass..... 2,650 yen (good for 2 days)

Kirifuri-kogen Free Pass..... 1,200 yen (good for 2 days)

Ozasa Ranch Free Pass..... 1,800 yen (good for 2 days)

Kirifuri no taki Free Pass..... 600 yen (good for the day of issue only)

*Everything is half-price for children.



- Main stations
- Main bus stops
- Bus stops

Bus Terminal 1 Tobu Nikko Ekimae

Imaichi, Utsunomiya ● Post Office

2C 2C World Heritage Shrinies and Temples, Lake Chuzenji

2B 2A 2D

Tobu Nikko Sta.

2A 2C For Yumoto Onsen (by way of Chuzenji Onsen)

2C For Okuhosoo and Kiyotaki

2B World Heritage Tour Bus

2D For Kirifuri no taki (by way of Nikko Kirifuri Skate Center)

2D For Kirifuri-kougou and Ozasa-ranch (by way of Kirifuri Falls and Kirifuri-kogen)

Bus Terminal 2 JR Nikko Ekimae

Imaichi, Utsunomiya Chuzenji Onsen

1C 1C

Tobu Nikko Sta.

1A 1B

JR Nikko Sta.

1A For Yumoto Onsen (by way of Chuzenji Onsen)

1C For Okuhosoo, Kiyotaki, Yashionoyu

1C For Kirifuri no taki (by way of Nikko Kirifuri Skate Center)

1C For Kirifuri no taki and Kirifuri-kogen

Bus Terminal 3 Chuzenji Onsen

Lake Chuzenji Kegon Falls

26C 26A 26B

Nikko Natural Science Museum

26A For Yumoto Onsen

26B For Tobu Nikko Sta. and JR Nikko Sta.

26C For Hangetsusan (operates seasonally)

Bus Terminal 4 Kinugawa Onsen

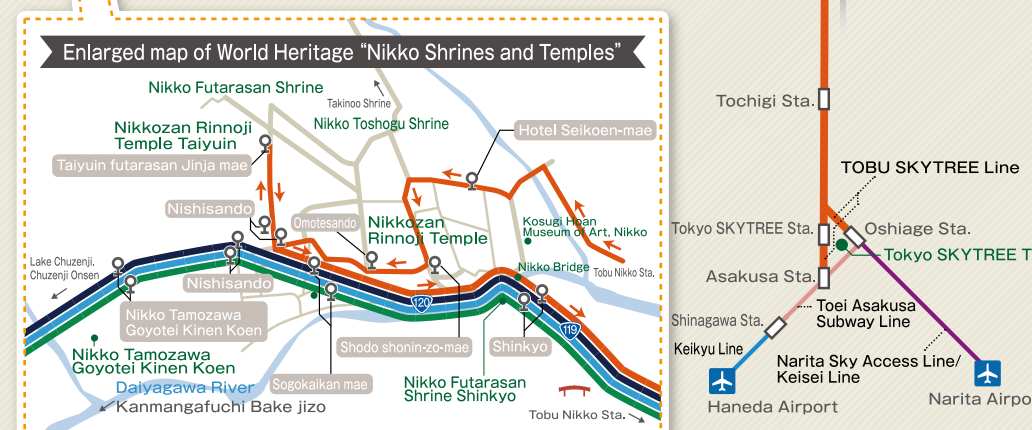
Kinugawa Onsen and Kawaji Onsen Tourist Information Center

Footbath

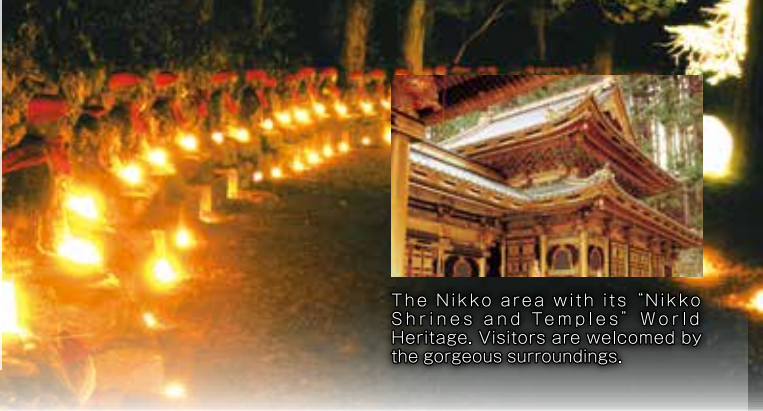
Shimoimaichi Kinugawa-koen

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3 Nikko Edomura (For Tobu World Square and Nikko Edomura)



Nikko Area



The Nikko area with its "Nikko Shrines and Temples" World Heritage. Visitors are welcomed by the gorgeous surroundings.

SPOT 01 | Nikko Toshogu Shrine

①Nikko Toshogu Shrine Office
☎0288-54-0560 🗺️01



Yomeimon Gate

Tokugawa Ieyasu is enshrined here. The pillars of the colorful lacquered buildings contain numerous engravings.



Five-story Pagoda

The pagoda is 36m high. The colorful engraved exterior attracts attention. Nationally designated as an Important Cultural Property.



Sleeping Cat

The backside is engraved with a sparrow, which is said to mean that both of them can coexist in a peaceful world.



Three monkeys

The so-called "see no evil, speak no evil, hear no evil" sculpture. It teaches people to stay away from evil during childhood.



Okumiya Pagoda

Gravesite of Lord Tokugawa Ieyasu, the shrine deity. The five-meter high bronze pagoda is a masterpiece. Nationally designated as an Important Cultural Property.



Hall of the Three Buddhas

Enshrined at this largest wooden structure on Mt. Nikko are three wooden Buddha statues 7.5m in height.

SPOT 02 | Nikko-zan Rinnoji Temple

①Nikko-zan Rinnoji Temple
☎0288-54-0531 🗺️02



Daigomado Hall

Enshrined in the hall are 30 Buddha statues and a statue of the founder of the sect. Prayers are held three times a day.



Taiyuin (Koka Gate)

This is the gate to the entrance of the gravesite of Lord Iemitsu, a grandson of Lord Ieyasu and the third Tokugawa Shogun.



Taiyuin (Yasha Gate)

It is called Yasha Gate because there are four Yasha here. The brilliant colors attract attention.

SPOT 03 | Futarasan Shrine

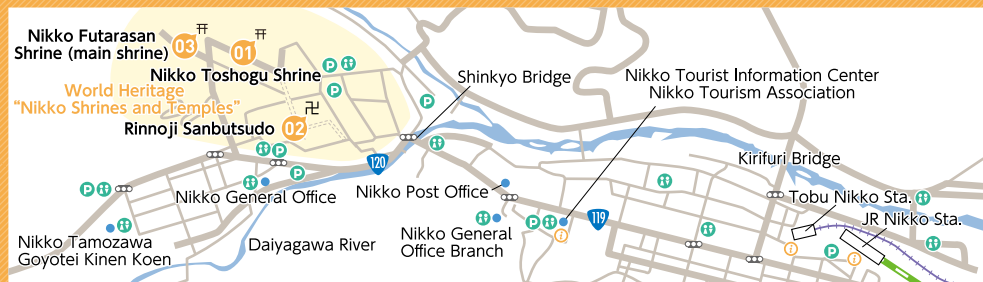
①Futarasan Shrine Office
☎0288-54-0535 🗺️03



Nikko Futarasan Shrine

Enshrined at this shrine is the god of good luck and marriage. Also here is Shinkyo Bridge, which could be called the gateway to the World Heritage "Nikko Shrines and Temples."

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TOPICS!



Event
Nikko Toshogu Shrine Spring Festival/Fall Festival
Festivals are held every spring and fall. Reenactments of brave samurai through the "Shinji Yabusame" and "Procession of 1,000 Samurai with 100 Items"

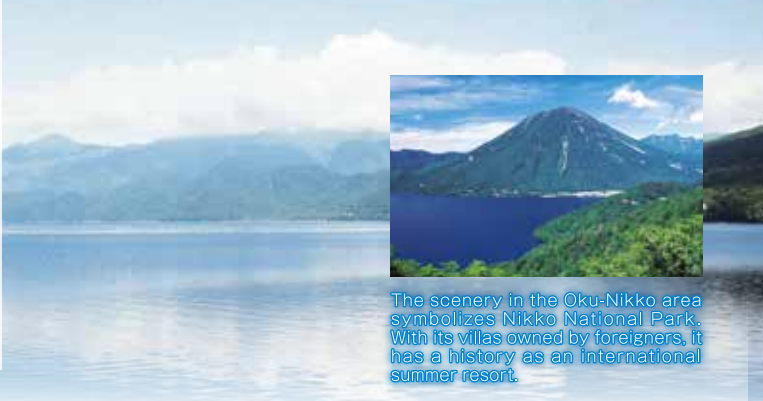


Event
Yayoi Festival
The historic Yayoi Festival dates back 1,200 years. With 11 "Hanayatai," or "Flower Floats," this gorgeous festival heralds the spring.



Event
Shoyoen "Light-up"
The Japanese Garden of Nikkōsan Rinno-ji Temple. Beautiful seasonal flowers bloom in the garden. The garden is lit up during fall.

Oku-Nikko Area



The scenery in the Oku-Nikko area symbolizes Nikko National Park. With its villas owned by foreigners, it has a history as an international summer resort.

SPOT 01 | A place to enjoy nature



Oku-Nikko hiking courses

With its abundant natural surroundings, the Oku-Nikko area offers a variety of hiking courses. Hiking around the highlands and along the water's edge, visitors get a real sense of the changing seasons.

- ① Yumoto Visitor Center ☎ 0288-62-2321 🗺 01
- ② Nikko Natural Science Museum ☎ 0288-55-0880 🗺 02



Kegon Falls

A majestic waterfall that comes rushing down a 97m-high quay. It exudes power when seen close-up.

- ③ Kegon Waterfall Elevator Business Office ☎ 0288-55-0030 🗺 03



Yutaki Falls

A 70m-high, 110m-long waterfall at the southern end of the Yunoko Lake. Visitors can go down to the waterfall basin and view the powerful falls.

- ④ Nikko City Tourism Association ☎ 0288-22-1525 🗺 04



Ryuzu Falls

A waterfall that comes down 210 meters on the volcanic rock formed from eruptions of Mt. Nantai. There's a wonderful view of the waterfall basin colored by autumn leaves.

- ⑤ Nikko City Tourism Association ☎ 0288-22-1525 🗺 05



Anyo-no-Yu at Yumoto Onsen

A footbath with water from the source of Okunikko Yumoto Hot Spring. There is no charge for admission so anyone can feel free to stop by.

- ⑥ Nikko City Tourism Association ☎ 0288-22-1525 🗺 06



Italian Embassy Villa Memorial Park

Built in 1928 as a summer resort of the Italian Embassy, this restored villa was used by successive Italian ambassadors until 1997.

- ⑦ Nikko Natural Science Museum ☎ 0288-55-0880 🗺 07

SPOT 02 | Villas of foreign embassies



British Embassy Villa Memorial Park

The former British Embassy Villa, the first international summer resort at Oku-Nikko, is now open to the public after having been closed for 120 years.

SPOT 03 | Shrines and Temples of Oku-Nikko



Nikko Futarasan Shrine Chugushi

This shrine stands amid the picturesque scenery of the foothills of Mt. Nantai. It is called Chugushi ("shrine between the two shrines") because it is situated between main shrine of Futarasan Shrine and the rear shrine on the summit of Mt. Nantai.

- ⑧ Nikko Futarasan Shrine Chugushi ☎ 0288-55-0017 🗺 08

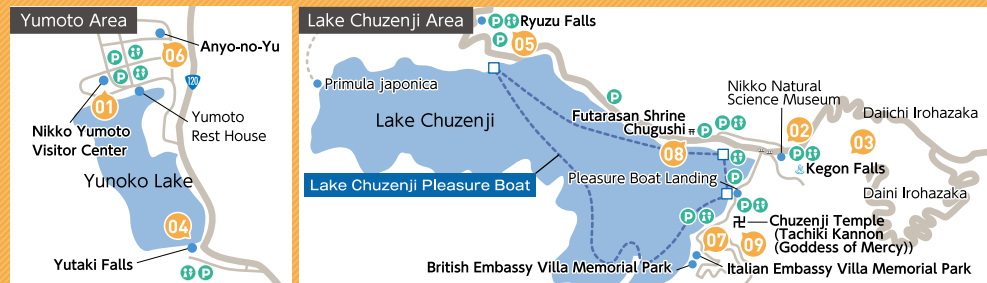


Tachiki Kannon (Tachiki Goddess of Mercy) at Nikko-zan Chuzenji Temple

This 6m-high wooden Kannon statue has been located at the present site since it was built.

- ⑨ Nikko-zan Chuzenji Temple ☎ 0288-55-0013 🗺 09

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Primula japonica

The colony of Primula japonica that bloom at Senjughama Beach on Chuzenji Lake is a popular spot that can be reached by foot or low-emission bus.



The autumn leaves of Oku-Nikko

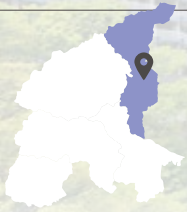
The autumn leaves of Oku-Nikko are extensively reported in the media as something emblematic of the fall. The autumn leaves reflect on the lake surface creating a still and mysterious scenic view.



Snow Festival at Okunikko Yumoto Onsen

Various events with the abundant snow of Oku-Nikko are held in February. People come here to enjoy the ice sculptures, snow lanterns and fireworks.

Kinugawa and Kawaji Area



The Kinugawa and Kawaji areas are among the foremost hot spring resorts in Japan. Numerous hot springs well up along the Kinugawa River, a highlight of which is its beautiful ravine.

SPOT 01 | Kinugawa Onsen



Kinugawa Onsen

Both Kinugawa Onsen and Kawaji Onsen are hot spring resorts that date back centuries. Refresh yourself after traveling while enjoying the scenery on the riverside that changes with the four seasons.



This footbath is free of charge (Kinuta)

There is no charge to use the footbath in front of Tobu Kinugawa Onsen Sta. The hot spring type is an alkaline simple hot spring, the same as the hot spring in town.

📞 Nikko City Tourism Association
☎ 0288-22-1525 🗿 01

SPOT 02 | Nature



Ryuu Valley

It is said that the current scenery was created by submarine volcanic activity that occurred 22 million years ago. This hiking course, around 7 km (3~4 hours), is recommended during the seasons of fresh green and autumn leaves.

📞 Nikko City Tourism Association
☎ 0288-22-1525 🗿 02

SPOT 03 | Theme parks



EDO WONDERLAND Nikko Edomura

You can get a real feel for Edo Period culture at this cultural park. It features replicas of a ninja village and samurai houses.

📍 EDO WONDERLAND Nikko Edomura ☎ 0288-77-1777 🗿 03



Tobu World Square

This theme park features elaborately produced replicas of the Sphinx and the Great Wall of China, at 1/25 their actual size.

📍 Tobu World Square
☎ 0288-77-1055 🗿 04

SPOT 04 | Activity



Kinugawa River Boat Rides

On the Kinugawa River Boat Ride, you can enjoy the beauty of the valley from the boat. The scenery of the four seasons, including the flowers and autumn leaves, is splendid.

📍 Kinugawa River Boat Ride ☎ 0288-77-0531 🗿 05

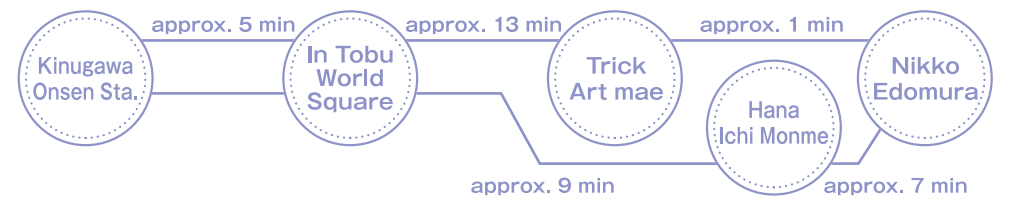


Try rafting.

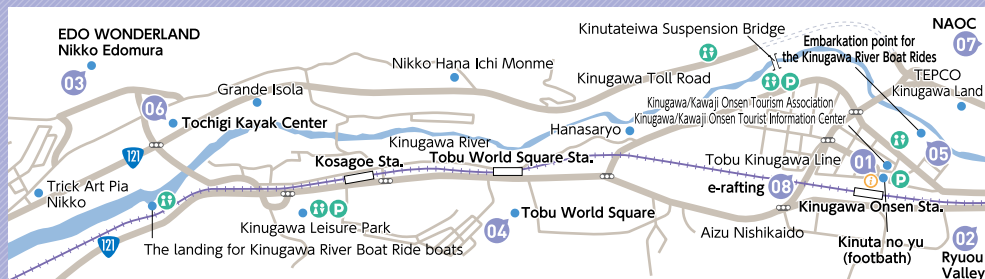
This is a popular outdoor tour down into the Kinugawa valley on special rubber rafts, with the passengers working together.

📍 Tochigi Kayak Center
☎ 0288-77-2030 🗿 06
📍 NAOC
☎ 0288-70-1181 🗿 07
📍 e-rafting
☎ 0288-77-4802 🗿 08

A convenient way to get to the theme parks is by bus. 🚌



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Event
Night Cherry Blossom Festival
This is a "flower viewing" event, which is part of traditional Japanese culture, held at the Gokoku Shrine, a famous place for cherry blossoms at Kinugawa Onsen, and at sites around the hot springs and shrines.



Event
Ryuu Festival
This customary event is held in summer. There's a portable shrine carried around only by women, and foreign tourists can participate.



Event
Lunar New Year Spring Festival
With the site decorated for spring, people at this event can enjoy folk entertainment and games played during the New Year holiday. They offer a special benefit to foreign tourists.

Yunishigawa Area



Imaichi Area



Yunishigawa Onsen

It is said that at this historical hot spring the defeated Heike warriors, having fled from the Battle of Dannoura, found the waters gushing out from the riverbed, with which they healed their wounds. The ravine of the Yunishigawa River, from which the hot spring derived its name, is lined with traditional Japanese style inns (ryokan) and houses.

📍 Nikko City Tourism Association
☎ 0288-22-1525
♿ 01



Heike Village

Old houses were dismantled and reconstructed here to recreate the historic village so that future generations would be able to see the way the defeated Heike warriors lived.

📍 Heike Village ☎ 0288-98-0126 ♿ 02



Nikko Avenue of Cedars

This is listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's longest avenue of cedars. It consists of some 12,000 cedars.

📍 Nikko City Tourism Association
☎ 0288-22-1525 ♿ 01

Sake Brewery

Situated at the base of the Nikko Mountains, the city of Nikko is known for some of the best water in Japan, which is the underground water from the snowmelt flowing from the mountains. The city has two sake breweries that produce sake using this famous Nikko water.



📍 Katayama Shuzo Brewery
☎ 0288-21-0039 ♿ 02



📍 Watanabe Sahei Shop
☎ 0288-21-0007 ♿ 03



Setoaike Valley

Situated upstream of the Kinugawa River, the steep quay, 100 meters deep, extends about 2 kilometers.

📍 Nikko City Tourism Association
☎ 0288-22-1525 ♿ 03



Duck Tour

Passengers on the first amphibious bus made in Japan can observe the Yunishigawa Dam, its reservoir and inside the dam body amid beautiful natural surroundings.

📍 Yunishigawa Onsen, Michinoeki
☎ 0288-78-0345 ♿ 04



Okukinu Onsen

Okukinu Onsen, called the last secluded hot spring in the Kanto region, is surrounded by an abundant old growth beech forest. For the person who wants to forget about the hustle and bustle and just relax.

📍 Nikko City Tourism Association
☎ 0288-22-1525 ♿ 05

Ashio Area



Ashio Copper Mine Sightseeing

This underground mining tourist facility is located at the 400-year-old Ashio Copper Mine, which once flourished as "Japan's No. 1 Mineral Capital."

📍 Ashio Copper Mine Sightseeing Administration Office
☎ 0288-93-3240
♿ 01

TOPICS!



Heike Taisai (Great Heike Festival)
This festival is a reenactment of the Heike Period, when aristocratic culture blossomed. Based on the legend of the defeated Heike warriors, the crowds walk through the town of Yunishigawa-onsen dressed as samurai and princesses.

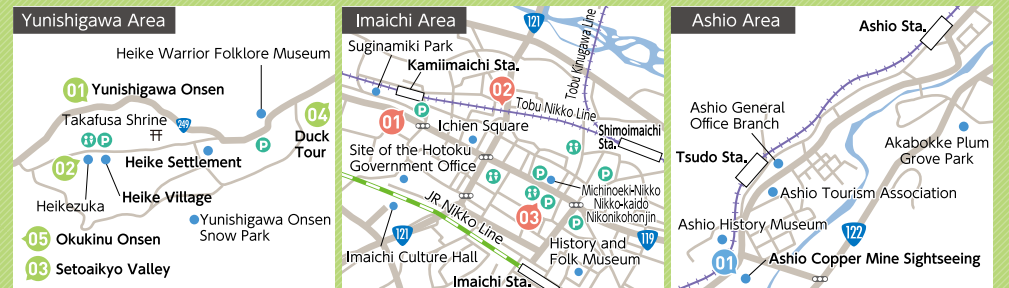


Take-no-Yoi Festival
With handmade bamboo lanterns illuminated with candles and decorative illumination, this fantastic event lights up the town of Yunishigawa-onsen.



Yunishigawa Onsen KAMAKURA Snow House Festival
This is a fantastic spectacle with about 1,000 snow huts produced for the festival. They barbecue inside the snow huts during the daytime.

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Recommended model course

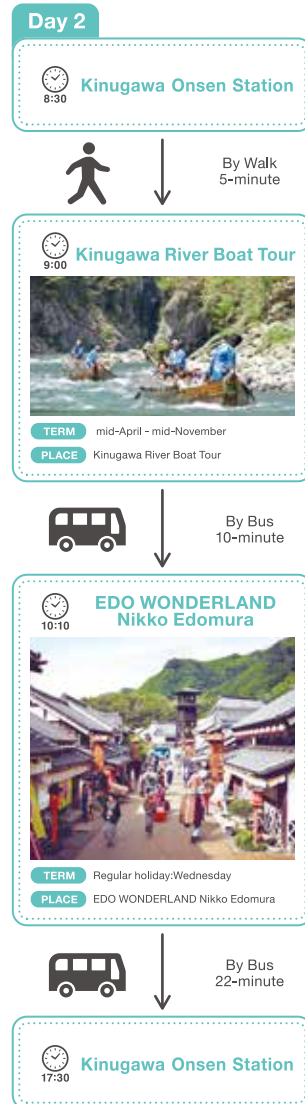
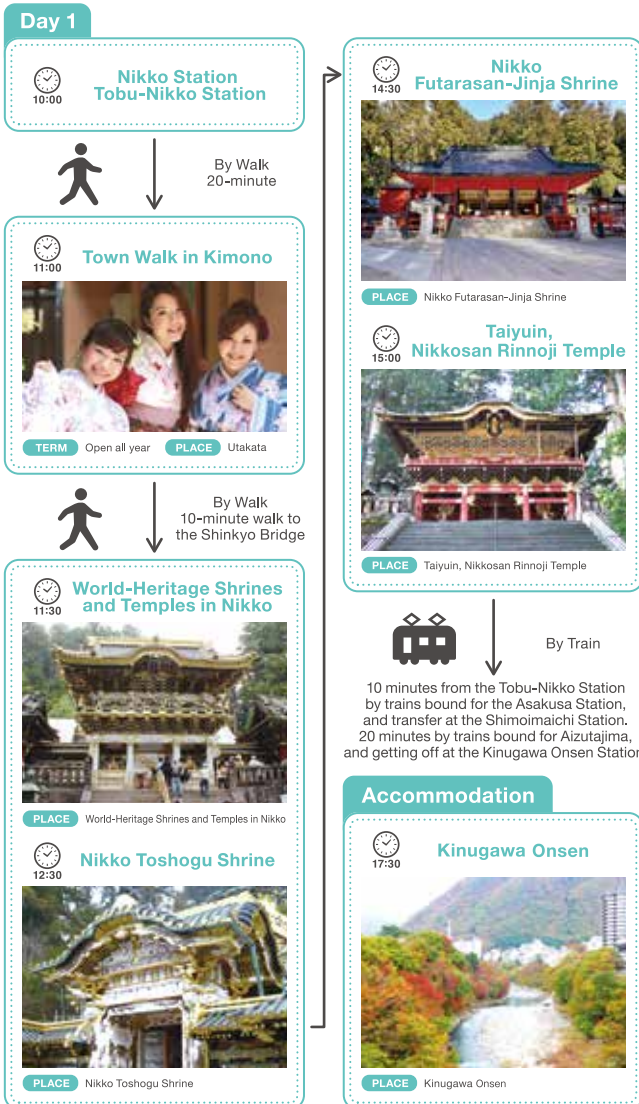
With such a variety of sightseeing spots, people don't know where to start. Here is a recommended course for enjoying the World Heritage "Nikko Shrines and Temples" and the hot springs around Kinugawa.



A Standard Course for Sightseeing in the City of Nikko

The Most Recommended Course to Travel World Heritages and Hot Springs in Nikko

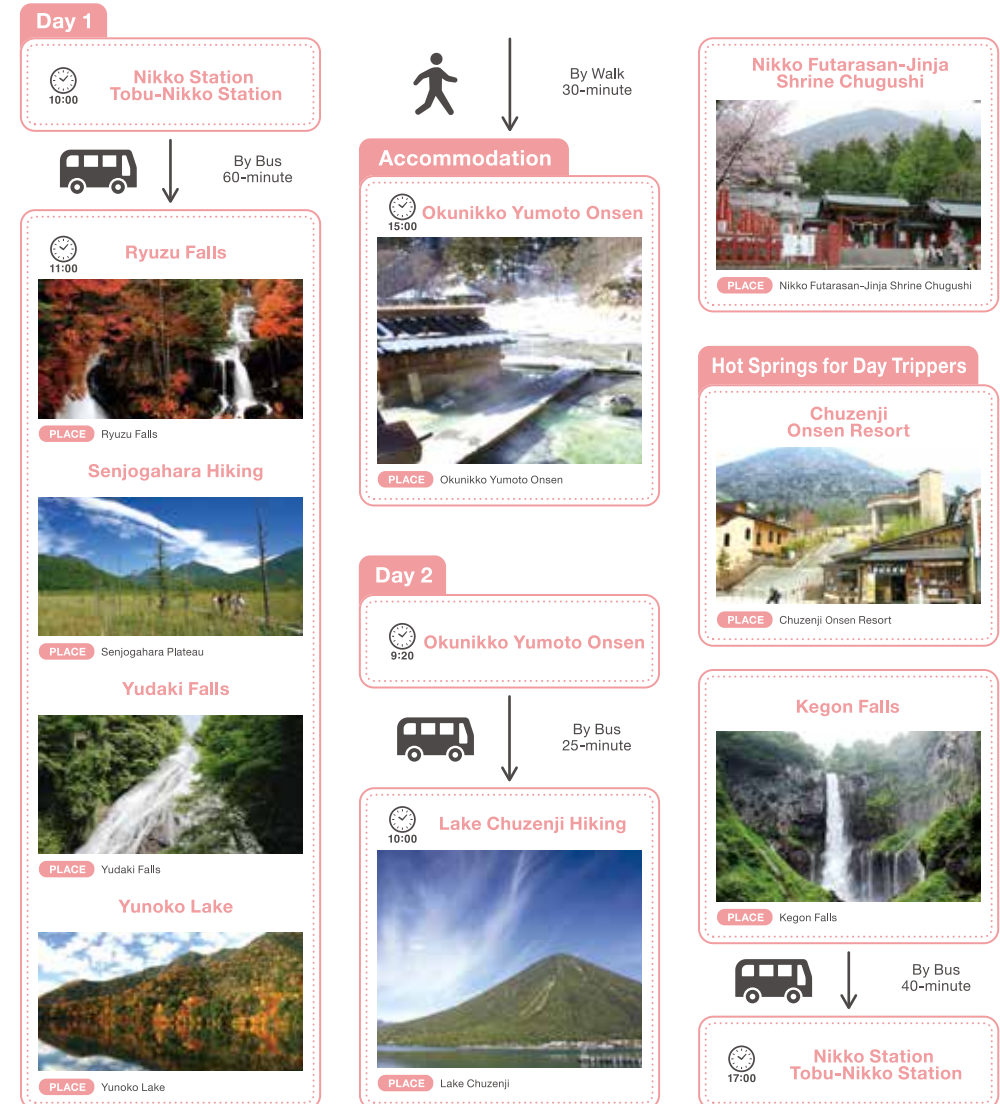
How about visiting the World-Heritage shrines and temples in Nikko in kimono, and having relaxed time in Kinugawa Onsen, one of the best hot spring resort in Japan? This course is also suitable for those who travel Nikko for the first time.



A Recommended Hiking Course

Hiking to Senjogahara and Falls. A Tour for Beginner Hikers

A course for beginners to walk over a flat hiking course, while enjoying rich nature and magnificent scenery of Senjogahara and lakeside of the Lake Chuzenji, two main sightseeing spots of the Nikko National Park. After walking all day long, heal your fatigue with hot springs.





\ Recommended /

Nikko Cuisine

Soba buckwheat noodles and tofu skin (*yuba*) made from pure Nikko water are dishes not to be missed at Nikko.

So be sure to enjoy these fine Japanese delicacies.



Soba (buckwheat noodles),

The extreme fluctuation in temperature between morning and night in the city of Nikko - so extreme that the mornings and nights are foggy - is conducive to growing high quality buckwheat.

Nikko-yuba

Yuba has a long history as the vegetarian cuisine of ascetic monks who worshipped in the sacred mountains.



Yokan (Sweet Bean Jelly),

Nikko is known for these traditional Japanese sweets. It is believed that they originated as gifts purchased at the temple town.

Tamarizuke

The amber colored "tamari" is slowly formed on the surface as the fermented soybean paste (*miso*) ages. It is said there is an unbroken tradition to soak mountain delicacies in "tamari" in preparation for the severe winter.



Hearth Cuisine

A hearth is not only a place to gather around, but it's also useful as a place to dine, which is why there is a hearth food culture. Enjoy your fill of freshwater fish and delicacies from the mountains.

Shaved ice made from the Nikko's natural water

Served at about twenty shaved ice shops using the natural water of the city of Nikko, the shaved ice is the typical summer sweet. The fluffy texture and coldness make it so delicious.



\ Recommended /

Nikko Experience

You can enjoy activities that make use of the majestic natural surroundings.

The profundity of the traditional culture is something that you won't want to miss.



Water Activities

In the rivers and lakes amid the abundant natural surroundings of the city of Nikko, you can enjoy rafting, canyoning, canoeing and kayaking.

①NAOC ②e-rafting ③Nature Planet ④Tochigi Kayak Center

Experience Soba Making

This "soba" is made with the pure water that flows from the foothills of Mt. Nikko and high-quality buckwheat flour. Eating soba you have made by yourself is something special.

①Nikko-no-Sho



Shakyo (Sutra Copying),

You can transcribe Buddhist sutras at Nikkozan Rinnoji Temple, a World Heritage.

①Nikkozan Rinnoji Temple



Strawberry picking

Since the temperature in Nikko at night drops to 2 degrees even during April, the strawberries ripen slowly even when it's cold, so come spring they are delicious.

①Nikko Strawberry Park ②Nikko Hana Ichi Monme



Tour to Sake Brewery

With its pure water, Nikko is known for its local sake. Visitors can observe the local breweries and taste the sake.

①Katayama Shuzo Brewery ②Watanabe Sahei Shop

Try Wearing a Kimono.



Take a walk through the historical town in a kimono. There are places in town that rent out kimonos and help you put them on properly.

①Utakata

Enjoy Nikkobori Engraving.



Nikkobori Engraving is a traditional craft dating back to the 1600s. You can enjoy Nikkobori Engraving at a studio in town.

①Murakami Toyohachi Shop ②Igarashi Lacquerware ③Nikko Woodcarving Center



Snowshoes

Snowshoeing is popular winter activity. A snow-covered forest becomes a playground if you have a pair of snowshoes.

①NAOC ②Nature Planet ③Tochigi Kayak Center



The city of Nikko changes greatly with the season. How about visiting the site of famous cherry trees in the spring for a real feeling of Japan.



Weeping Cherry Tree



Tamasudare Falls



Summer in Nikko is a season when the abundant natural surroundings glisten. It is the best time to view the alpine Nikko day lilies in bloom.



Spring



Tsutsujigaoka in Kirifuri-kogen



Nikko Futarasan Shrine



Shibazakura Road



Kinunuma Swamp



Nikko Kisuge



Summer



Senjugahama

BEAUTIFUL SEASONS OF THE NIKKO



Autumn

The town of Nikko along with the hills and fields are imbued with brilliant color during the fall. Be sure to enjoy the picturesque scenery that can only be savored this time of year.



Kirifuri Falls



The autumn leaves at Nitemon Gate of Nikkozen Rinnoji Temple



Starry sky



Unryu Valley

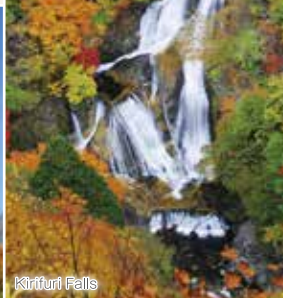
The dignified atmosphere of the snow-covered city of Nikko in winter. Enjoy the sparkling stars and fireworks in the clear air.



Autumn



Akeshidaira Ropeway



Kinugawa Moonlight Flower Corridor



Mt. Nantaisan



Waterase Keikoku Railway



Winter



Chuzenji Onsen Snow Hut Festival

Websites about Nikko City

Walking Around Nikko

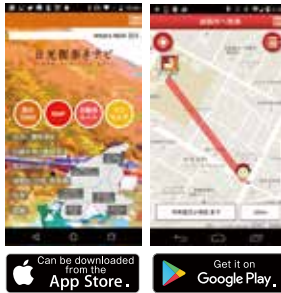
Sightseeing Information app for smartphones and tablets. Can be downloaded for free from Google Play and the App Store. You can get information in Japanese, English, Chinese and Korean on about 1,300 places such as restaurants and public facilities.



App Store



Google Play



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<http://www.city.nikko.lg.jp/shinkou/nikkomachiaruki.html>



FREE Wi-Fi CARD for foreign tourists

With this ID/Pass card tourists from foreign countries can use public radio LAN free of charge for 14 days. They are distributed at tourist centers in the city.



Nikko travel navigator

A Nikko City Tourism Association site in Japanese, English and Chinese

<http://nikko-travel.jp/english/>



Official Nikko World Heritage shrine and temple site

Provides information about World Heritage "Nikko Shrines and Temples" in Japanese, English, Chinese and Korean.

<http://www.sekaiisan-nikko.jp.e.lq.hp.transer.com/>

① Main tourist centers in the city of Nikko ①



① **Tobu Nikko Station**
Tourist Center

Easy to get there from the train station.



Luggage service for tourists

With this "luggage service for tourists" you can have your luggage sent to your hotel. You can also leave hand luggage there temporarily. It's open all year around.



① **JR Nikko Station**
Tourist Information Center

① **Kinugawa/Kawaji Onsen**
Tourist Information Center

① **Nikko Tourist Information Center**