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YAMANASHI MT. FUJI'S GREATEST PREFECTURE



Yamanashi is located in the center of Japan and is a region richly endowed with nature, surrounded by beautiful mountains including Mt. Fuji, the highest mountain in Japan (at a height of 3,776m).

The beauty of the four seasons is spectacular. In spring Kofu Basin is filled with blooming peach blossoms and when the area is carpeted with pink flowers it is described as a fairyland. With the breezy freshness of the Fuji Five Lakes and Kiyosato Highland in the summer, the mountain leaves in autumn, and the sight of a snow-covered Mt. Fuji in winter, travelers passing through Yamanashi are guaranteed an array of breathtaking views.

Yamanashi is considered to be Japan's "kingdom of fruits," boasting high-class grapes and peaches cultivated with superior techniques. You can enjoy picking grapes and peaches at farms open to the public from summer to autumn. Furthermore, strawberry picking in the spring and cherry picking in early summer are also popular. The production of good-quality wine is well established in the prefecture. One unique characteristic of this wine is its ability to serve as a complement to Japanese cuisine.

Furthermore Yamanashi is a good spa and health resort destination that has many good quality hot springs. We recommend you to lower your tired body into a Japanese-style bathtub and relax after your journey.

The attraction of Yamanashi is not only nature. You can experience the pure and beautiful spirit that is unique to Japan, such as ancient and medieval sites, temples, shrines and old houses.

Yamanashi is close to Tokyo, one and half hours by train. Please visit Yamanashi if you happen to come to Japan. We welcome everybody with a heart warm like a hot spring.

1 Mt. Fuji and the Five Lakes Area [Fujikawaguchiko Town, Fujiyoshida City, Yamanakako Village, Nanusawa Village, Oshino Village and Nishikatsura Town] Holiday journeys where you can discover Japan's most beautiful scenery

Yamanakako Village Lake Yamanakako [map C-7]

The largest of the Fuji Five Lakes. Here, there are many summer resort homes.

- 30 min. by bus from Fujisan Station (on the Fuji Kyuko Line).
- 5 min. by car from Higashijima-5ka Station (on the Fuji Kyuko Line).
- +81-555-54-3100 (Yamanakako Tourism Association)

Fujikawaguchiko Town Lake Saiko [map E-6]

A peaceful lake with a rich natural environment. A walking path is laid out along the lake's west bank.

- 30 min. by bus from Kawaguchiko Station (on the Fuji Kyuko Line).
- 15 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Kawaguchiko IC.
- +81-555-87-2025 (Saiko Tourism Association)

Fujikawaguchiko Town Lake Shojiko [map D-6]

The smallest of the Fuji Five Lakes. It has been introduced to the world as a summer holiday destination for a long time.

- 40 min. by bus from Kawaguchiko Station (on the Fuji Kyuko Line).
- 25 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Kawaguchiko IC.
- +81-555-87-2518 (Shojiko Tourism Association)

Fujikawaguchiko Town Lake Motokoto [map D-6]

It is the deepest of the Fuji Five Lakes and very clear. Lake Motokoto is the same lake printed on the back of the existing 1,000-yen note with Mt. Fuji in the background.

- 30 min. by bus from Kawaguchiko Station (on the Fuji Kyuko Line).
- 30 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Kawaguchiko IC.
- +81-555-87-2518 (Motokoto Tourism Association)

Fujikawaguchiko Town Lake Kawaguchiko [map F-6]

Lake Kawaguchiko is the center of tourism around Mt. Fuji because it is conveniently located and accessible via public transportation. There are also many tourist facilities and accommodation sites.

- Kawaguchiko Station (on the Fuji Kyuko Line), 5 min. Chuo Expressway Kawaguchiko IC.
- +81-555-72-2460 (Kawaguchiko Tourism Association)

Oshino Hakkai [map F-6]

It consists of eight vernal pools (spring water ponds) and has been worshipped as "the spring of the gods." Throughout the region's history, many legends have been handed down. This pond takes its water from melting snow on Mt. Fuji that took 80 years to be filtered. It is designated as a national natural treasure and one of the 100 most famous waters of Japan.

- 85 min. by bus from Fujisan Station (on the Fuji Kyuko Line), 10 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Kawaguchiko IC.
- +81-555-84-7794 (Oshino Village Regional Development Division)

Fujikawaguchiko Town Kawaguchiko Herb Festival [map F-6]

A variety of events related to herbs are actively held at the lakeside (based at Kohan park) where you can smell lavender in the air. The illuminations at night are fantastic. It is held from the end of June to the beginning of July.

- 10 min. by bus from Kawaguchiko Station (on the Fuji Kyuko Line), 10 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Kawaguchiko IC.
- 16 min. by bus from Chuo Expressway Kawaguchiko IC.
- 20 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Kawaguchiko IC.
- +81-555-72-3168 (Fujikawaguchiko Town Tourism Division)

Fujiyoshida City Fujikyuo Highland [map F-6]

The highest Guinness-world-breaking attractions, in addition to other rides and presenting characters that are popular among families.

- 10 min. by bus from Fujisan Station (on the Fuji Kyuko Line), 10 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Kawaguchiko IC.
- +81-555-23-2111

Fujikawaguchiko Town Saiko Iyashi no Sato Nemba [map E-6]

Lined with thatched roof houses. You can enjoy visiting the resource center, shopping for specialty goods, eating out, as well as experiencing traditional crafts.

- 30 min. by bus from Kawaguchiko Station (on the Fuji Kyuko Line), 25 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Kawaguchiko IC.
- +81-555-20-4677

Information on Mt. Fuji climbing
www.yamanashi-kankou.jp/foreign/english/index.html

2 Isawa, Katsunuma, and Nishizawa Valley Area [Fuefuki City, Yamanashi City, and Koshu City] The journey of fruits and flowers begins at "Togenkyo"

Fuefuki City Peach and Plum Blossoms [map E-4]

Fuefuki City boasts the largest peach production in Japan, and many people visit the well-maintained walking course to enjoy peach blossoms around Misaka Town. You can enjoy a scenery painted by a pink carpet of peach and plum blossoms, scented by the nearby Mtami Alps.

- 15 min. by car from Isawa-onsen Station (on the JR Chuo Line), several points around the city.
- +81-55-261-2829 (Fuefuki City Tourism and Production Federation)

Yamanashi City Nishizawa Valley [map E-2]

A valley with a beautiful limpid stream running over granite rock, Nishizawa Valley is the greatest unspoiled spot in Shikochibu. Nanatsugawa Godo no Taki (the five-step waterfall) is particularly worth seeing. It splashes through verdant rocks and autumn foliage.

- 20 min. by bus from Enzan Station (on the JR Chuo Line), 30 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Katsunuma IC.
- +81-553-49-2076 (Kofu City Tourism Exchange Division)

Fuefuki City Yumura Hot Spring Village [map D-3]

Designated as a national special beauty spot. You must see Shosen-ko with beautiful autumn color leaves standing out against massive and odd-shaped rocks.

- 10 min. by bus from Kofu Station (on the JR Chuo Line).
- 10 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Kofu-shiwa IC.
- +81-55-287-2121 (Shosen-ko Tourism Association)

Kofu City Shinsen-ko [map D-3]

A historical hot spring village that was discovered by Kobo Daishi. 1,000 years ago according to legend. It is also said that Takeda Shingen used to heal his injuries here after battles.

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- +81-55-287-2121 (Shosen-ko Tourism Association)

Kofu City Heidi's Village [map C-3]

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- 10 min. by car from Kofu Station (on the JR Chuo Line), 15 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Nirasaki IC.
- +81-551-20-4700

Hokuto City Akeno's Sunflowers [map C-3]

A vast sunflower field in Akeno Village boasts having the longest hours of sunlight in Japan. This beautiful scenery often appears on TV and films.

- 10 min. by bus from Nirasaki Station (on the JR Chuo Line), 10 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Nirasaki IC.
- +81-551-42-1351 (Hokuto City Tourism, Commerce and Industry Division)

Kofu City Erin-ji Temple [map E-3]

Established in 1330, Erin-ji Temple was the family temple of Takeda Shingen. The garden created by Musoukoshi is a government designated beauty spot. Kobayashi Gate is a nationally designated Important Cultural Property.

- 15 min. by bus from JR Enzan Station (on the JR Chuo Line), 40 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Katsunuma IC.
- +81-553-49-2076 (Kofu City Tourism Exchange Division)

Fuefuki City Isawa Hot Spring Village [map E-4]

A hot spring village with a rich natural environment. A walking path is laid out along the lake's west bank.

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Fuefuki City The Reenactment of the Sengoku Period's Battle of Kawanakajima [map E-4]

A reenactment of the battle between the opposing forces of Takeda Shingen and Uesugi Kenshin, the pre-battle ceremony, and the battle scene energetically reproduced by 900 reenactment participants.

- 15 min. walk from Isawa-onsen Station (on the JR Chuo Line), 20 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Kofu-shiwa IC.
- +81-55-202-3626 (Isawa Hot Spring Inn Cooperative Association)

3 Kofu and Shosen-kyo Area [Kofu City, Kai City, Chuo City, and Showa Town] Mountain Cities Overflowing with Wonder

Kofu City Takeda Shrine [map D-4]

This shrine was built in 1419 at the site of the Takeda family's residence. Three generations resided here: Takeda Nobutora, Takeda Shingen, and Takeda Katsuyori.

- 10 min. by bus from Kofu Station (on the JR Chuo Line), 30 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Kofu-shiwa IC.
- +81-55-226-6550 (Kofu City Tourism Association)

Kofu City Kai Terrace Yamanashi Local Industry Center [map D-4]

Specialty products of Yamanashi Prefecture such as ginseng, jewelry and wines, are displayed and sold. A perfect place for finding souvenirs.

- 10 min. by car from Kofu Station (on the JR Chuo Line), 25 min. by Chuo Expressway Kofu-shiwa IC.
- +81-55-237-1641

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Hokuto City Yatsugatake Resort Outlet [map B-2]

A shopping mall surrounded by a vast natural backdrop. There are 70 shops selling brand fashion, sports, and outdoor equipment, shoes, and jewelry. The outlet also offers eating and drinking establishments. It is also famous for soft-serve ice cream.

- 10 min. by bus from Kobuchizawa Station (on the JR Chuo Line), 20 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Kobuchizawa IC.
- +81-551-20-2644

Hokuto City Seisen-ryo [map B-2]

Seisen-ryo holds a variety of events, workshops, and programs that focus on experiencing nature. It is a good place to start your exploration of Kiyosato, satisfying various needs such as accommodation, food, shopping, and information gathering. It is also famous for soft-serve ice cream.

- 10 min. by car from Kiyosato Station (on the JR Komui Line), 20 min. by the Chuo Expressway Sotama IC.
- +81-551-46-2111

Hokuto City Mt. Kaikoma [map A-3]

One of 100 famous mountains in Yamanashi, Mt. Kaikoma was opened for climbing in the beginning of the Edo Period. You can enjoy a splendid hibiscus scenery when viewing from the Shichirawa-daiwa Plateau.

- 30 min. by car from Kobuchizawa Station or Nagasaki Station (on the JR Chuo Line), 20 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Nagasaki IC.
- +81-551-42-1351 (Hokuto City Tourism, Commerce and Industry Division)

Hokuto City Doryu-no-Taki Falls [map C-1]

The source of the Doryu River, whose water source is Mt. Yatsugatake. With the sound of running water, the atmosphere of this spot, now covered forest, feels peaceful and ardent.

- 10 min. by car from Kiyosato Station (on the JR Komui Line), 20 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Nagasaki IC.
- +81-551-42-1351 (Hokuto City Tourism, Commerce and Industry Division)

Hokuto City Sanbuchi-yuusui House: One of Japan's 100 Famous Waters [map B-2]

Sanbuchi-yuusui is a unique spring whose waters are still funneled by an ancient irrigation system that divided the water equally to three villages for agricultural use. It is a site representative of the Yatsugatake-matsukawa area.

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- +81-551-46-2111

4 Kiyosato, Kobuchizawa, and Nirasaki Area [Hokuto City and Nirasaki City] Let's walk around the south side of foot of Mt. Yatsugatake to enjoy the beautiful seasons

Otsuki City Saruhashi Bridge [map H-5]

One of three strangest bridges in Japan. It has a rare structure that uses poles sticking out from both sides of the bank in four layers as supporting points without using a bridge pier.

- 15 min. walk from Saruhashi Station (on the JR Chuo Line), 10 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Otsuki IC.
- +81-554-20-1829

Tabayama Village Taba Valley [map G-3]

A valley formed by the Taba River, which is the headwaters of the Tama River, providing water to Tokyo. The autumn leaves are at their peak from the middle of October to the middle of November.

- 30 min. by bus from Otsuki Station (on the JR Chuo Line), 60 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Otsuki IC.
- +81-428-88-0444 (Tabayama Village Tourism Association)

Doshi Village Doshi Road Station [map G-3]

A valley formed by the Doshi River, which is the headwaters of the Tama River, providing water to Yokohama. The autumn leaves are at their peak from the middle of October to the middle of November.

- 30 min. by bus from Otsuki Station (on the JR Chuo Line), 30 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Otsuki IC.
- +81-554-52-2115 (Doshi Village Industry Development Division)

Tsuru City Hassaku Festival [map G-5]

An ancient celebration of the Inari Shrine that has been carried on since the Edo Period. The atmosphere of the Edo Period is brought alive with the Danjiri Goryoshi, the procession of the kofu-ford with 150 strong people and splendid street stunts.

- 10 min. walk from Yamanashi-machi Station (on the Fuji Kyuko Line), 5 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Tsuru IC.
- +81-554-42-1111 (Tsuru City Industry Tourism Division)

Kosuge Village Tamagenryu Festival [map G-5]

The climax of the Tamagenryu Festival is Japan's greatest onna-pole-jump (onna barajiri), which is held at night. The grand act of Tamagenryu is held on the night of the onnabarajiri.

- 10 min. by bus from Otsuki Station (on the JR Chuo Line), 50 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Otsuki IC.
- +81-428-87-0111 (Kosuge Village Riverhead Development Division)

Otsuki City Cherry trees at Mt. Iwadono Maruyama Park [map G-4]

Mt. Iwadono stands at the center of Otsuki City, and used to be a fortress where Iwadono-jin Castle was located. One of three famous castles of the Kantou area.

- 10 min. walk from Otsuki Station (on the JR Chuo Line), 10 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Otsuki IC.
- +81-554-20-1829 (Otsuki City Industry Tourism Division)

Nambu Town Nambu Fire Festival [map C-8]

A festival that has been carried on since the Edo Period. Floating lanterns and Naga-Tanabata (throwing tarballs) make the river look burning. Great fireworks are set off by the river above.

- 10 min. walk from Utsunohara Station (on the JR Minbu Line), 60 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Kofu-mitsuki IC.
- +81-556-64-6838 (Nambu Town Industry Development Division)

Ichikawanomatsuo Town Shimpei Fireworks Festival [map C-5]

A fireworks festival that is held on August 7 of every year in Ichikawa-Mitsuo Town, one of the three greatest fireworks-making districts in Japan. They shoot King-sized Master-Mimes (Onshaku-dama).

- 10 min. walk from Ichikawa-daimon Station (on the JR Minbu Line), 30 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Kofu-mitsuki IC.
- +81-55-240-4157 (Ichikawanomatsuo Town Industry Development Division)

Nambu Town Shimobe Hot Spring Village [map C-7]

This village is known as the location of the Spring Kashiya Yu (Shingen's hidden spring). It has a hot spring license handed over by Takeda Shingen, a famous warrior of the Sengoku Period. The water at this spring is lukewarm, and people love to bathe in it.

- 10 min. walk from Shimobe-onsen Station (on the JR Minbu Line), 60 min. by car from Chuo Expressway Kofu-mitsuki IC.
- +81-55-282-6294 (Shimobe Tourism Association)

Various Locations in Minami Alps City Minami Alps [map C-7]

Here you will find mountains in the 3000-meter class, including Mt. Kusadake, Japan's second-highest mountain at 3,193 meters. It is famous for its alpine plants and is visited by many climbers.

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Cherry [map C-7]

This region is famous for being the earliest harvesting time of all the main cherry-producing districts. Cherry-picking is definitely an activity to experience here.