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3641-1 Funatsu, Fujikawaguchiko Town
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Opening Hours: 8:30-17:30
Closed: The 29th of December to the 3rd of January

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Closed: The 29th of December to the 3rd of January

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Opening Hours: 8:30-17:30
Closed: The 31th of December to the 2nd of January

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1-1-8, Marunouchi, Kofu City, Yamanashi 400-0031
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Closed: The 29th of December to the 3rd of January

Home of Mt. Fuji"
Home of Mt. Fuji

Yamanashi

Yamanashi is located in the center of Japan and is a beautiful region richly endowed with nature, surrounded by four national parks and quasi-national parks, one of which includes Mt. Fuji, the highest mountain in Japan at 3,776 meters. The beauty of the four seasons here is spectacular. In spring, Kofu Basin transforms into a verdant Shigetora when the area is carpeted with blooming pink peach blossoms. The breezy freshness of the Fuji Five Lakes and Kiyotake Highland in the summer, the colors of the mountain leaves in the autumn, the view of a snow-covered Mt. Fuji in winter—all of these are guaranteed to take your breath away. Yamanashi is also known as a “Kingdom of Fruit,” boasting the highest quality and best production technology in all of Japan for large, superior quality grapes and peaches. You can enjoy picking grapes and peaches at farms open to the public from summer to autumn. Strawberry picking in spring and cherry picking in early summer are popular among tourists, too. The production of good-quality wine made primarily from the Koshu grape—unique to Yamanashi—is well-established, and Yamanashi wines earn high praise in European competitions. Yamanashi has traditionally been a good spa and health resort destination, as well. There are many famous hidden spas that Takeda Shingen, a warrior of the Sengoku Era, is said to have used to heal his injured body after battles. We recommend you lower yourself into one of these hot springs and relax away the fatigue of your journey. But Yamanashi is not just nature. There are many historical and cultural heritage sites, such as ancient and medieval remains, temples, shrines and old houses, which have endured despite the severe natural climate of Yamanashi. You can find a pure, beautiful essence of Japan here.

Yamanashi is close to Tokyo, one-and-a-half hours by train. When you are tired of the bustle of the city and feel like you want to see some beautiful nature—not to mention Mt. Fuji—come visit Yamanashi. Our hospitality is as warm as our hot springs.
Mt. Fuji, with its peak above the clouds, is a symbol of Japan and has always attracted widespread popularity as a locale dear to Japanese people's hearts.

Mt. Fuji, revered as a world famous mountain, is the highest conical mountain in Japan at 3,776 meters. It is located between Yamanashi and Shizuoka Prefectures as the backbone of the Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park. You'll shout with joy when you see the elegant Mt. Fuji, whether in the distance or up close—or even from an airplane or train window. The mountain changes its figure from season to season; from the snow-covered Mt. Fuji of winter to the verdant mountain of the summer.

The beautiful and peaceful shape of Mt. Fuji as we know it today was formed after its last big eruption in 1707. As records indicate, the climbing of Mt. Fuji has a long history and religious people used to spend many days climbing up to seek worship. Since Britten Walter Weston, the father of modern mountaineering in Japan, summited in 1922, Mt. Fuji has been filled with many climbers—men and women alike—throughout its climbing season of July and August.

Spring comes to Mt. Fuji after cherry blossoms reach full bloom around the middle of April. There is then a gradual shift into the season of vermilion azaleas followed by the sprouting of green leaves. The general public is allowed to access areas above the fifth station of the mountain (at a height of 2,400 meters) only after July 1’st because snow remains on the mountain until the end of June. Around that time rhododendrons and alpine plants start to appear. After a short summer the mountain is closed at the end of August with a fire festival in Fujinoyoshida City, after which Mt. Fuji is said to go into hibernation. At the end of September the top of the mountain is covered with its first layers of snow.

The weather on Mt. Fuji changes greatly; the weather on the south side differs significantly from that on the north side, and there is generally a 10°C difference between the top and bottom of the mountain. The average temperature at the top of the mountain is -5°C throughout the year, and the air pressure is 2/3 that of sea level.

Climbing Mt. Fuji

The two-month summer climbing season starts on July 1st and runs until August 30th. Every year over 50,000 people climb in this season. Generally, people drive up to the fifth station of the mountain on the Mt. Fuji Shindo Highway (Fuji Subaru Line) and spend 6 hours or so climbing from the fifth station to the top of the mountain. The temperature at the top of the mountain is 6°C in summer and goes down to nearly 0°C at dawn. In case of sudden rain showers and bright sunshine please be well prepared with equipment such as raincoats, spare clothes, hats and food to take on your Mt. Fuji climbing adventure.
Shosenkyo (Kofu City)
Designated a national place of scenic beauty, Shosenkyo, with its beautiful colored leaves standing out against massive and irregular-shaped rocks, is a must-see in the autumn.
30 minutes by bus from Kofu Station Kofu City
35 minutes by car from Chuo Expressway Kofu-Sh imae IC.
+81-55-220-2168 Shosenkyo Tourist Association

Takeda-Jinja Shrine (Kofu City)
This popular shrine was built in 1988 at the site of an ancient tomb of three generations of Takeda clan warlords: Nobutada, Shingen, and Katsuyori.
5 minutes by bus from Chuo Line Kofu Station
30 minutes by car from Chuo Expressway Kofu-Shimae IC.
+81-55-226-8910 Kofu City Tourist Association

Yamanashi Prefectural Art Museum
A sanctuary of fine arts in Yamanashi, the Prefectural Art Museum exhibits works mainly by painter Jean-François Millet of the Barbizon School and 19th century sculpture. The Museum is also known as "Museum of Millet.
10 minutes by bus from Chuo Line Kofu Station
10 minutes by car from Chuo Expressway Kofu-Shimae IC.
+81-55-226-8922

Yamanashi Prefectural Museum of Literature
Next to the Yamanashi Prefectural Art Museum, the Museum of Literature exhibits documents about the great writer of the Meiji Era, Nakagami Murakami, as well as valuable documents and works by authors associated with Yamanashi, such as novels of Natsume Soseki, author of "Nagisa", and Eda Shunto, a budding modern Haiku poet.
10 minutes by bus from Chuo Line Kofu Station
10 minutes by car from Chuo Expressway Kofu-Shimae IC.
+81-55-226-8920

Yamanashi Prefectural Museum of Archeology (Kofu)
The Prefectural Museum of Archeology exhibits bronzeware and stoneware relics discovered in Yamanashi Prefecture. It is built atop Kai Fudoki Hill, which is decorated with ancient tombs and monuments.
30 minutes by car from Chuo Expressway Kofu-Shimae IC.
+81-55-266-2081

Area I
Kofu, Shosenkyo

Kai Zentoji Temple (Kofu City)
This temple was built in 1554 when Takeda Shingen moved the temple of Shosanji (in Nagano Prefecture) because he was worried about the damage the latter temple would undergo during the Battle of Kawanakajima. One of the largest wooden kyo-ki in eastern Japan.
10 minutes by car from Chuo Line Kofu Station
20 minutes by bus from Chuo Expressway Kofu-Shimae IC.
+81-55-226-6561 Kofu City Tourism Association

Kofu Castle (Kofu City)
Kofu Castle was built at the end of the 16th century after the descent of the Takeda family. It is a castle in Kofu City. Kofu Castle Tourist Information Center
+81-55-237-2722 Kofu City Tourist Information Center

Kofu City is the capital of Yamanashi, the world's leading producer of K672 (kaneco) accessories. The Kaneco Industry in Kofu had its start when a Shinto priest from Mie Prefecture arrived in Kofu in 1697 to learn how to make crystal balls. Today, Kaneco products such as crystal, glass, china, teacut, and other jewelry products are widely exported abroad.

Shingenko Festival (Kofu City and Shimane)
Each in early April, the Shingenko Festival commemorates the anniversary of Takeda Shingen's death, the heretic parade of 4000 samurai veterans led by Takeda Shingen marching throughout the town is particularly worth seeing. One of the biggest festivals in Yamanashi Prefecture.
20 minutes by car from Chuo Line Kofu Station
+81-55-237-2722 Kofu City Tourism Association

Yamanashi Prefectural Information Station

Yamanashi Prefectural K672 Industry Center (Kofu City)
Local specialties of Yamanashi Prefecture such as precious stones, jewelry and wine are displayed and sold here—a perfect place for finding souvenirs.
20 minutes by car from Chuo Line Kofu Station
20 minutes by car from Chuo Expressway Kofu-Shimae IC.
+81-55-237-1641

Shosenkyo

Takeda-Jinja Shrine

Kai Zentoji Temple

Kofu Castle (Kofu City)

Shingenko Festival (Kofu City and Shimane)

Yamanashi Prefectural Information Station

Yamanashi Prefectural K672 Industry Center (Kofu City)
Land of Fruit and Wine

Togenkyo (Fukui City)

Togenkyo is the most famous peach-producing district in Japan, so don’t miss the amazing view here of the Kuba Basin swathed in pink by peach blossoms with Mt. Kita in the background.

- 25 minutes by JR Chuo Line from Osaka Station
- 34 minutes by JR Chuo Line from Fukui Station

- Telephone no. 0773-36-3611

- Togenkyo Tourism Office

Fuelugawa Fruit Park (Yamashita City)

You can command a panoramic view of the Kuba Basin and enjoy the hillsides in this vast area, more than 90% of which is covered by peach blossoms. The park has been awarded the title of "One of the Three Best Peach Villages in Japan" three times.

- 30 minutes by JR Chuo Line

- Telephone no. 0773-39-4161

- Fruit Park Summer Office

Kawara Onsen-Kei Hot Spring Village (Kawara City)

Kawara Onsen-Kei is a hot spring village nestled in the Fujiwara Mountains, known for its hot springs and fresh peaches. Enjoy a relaxing hot bath and a delicious peach dessert.

- 20 minutes by JR Chuo Line

- Telephone no. 0773-39-4101

Grape Festival (Yamashita City)

This festival is celebrated every year to give thanks for the previous year’s harvest of grapes and to promote the regional variety of fine grapes produced in Yamashita.

- 30 minutes by JR Chuo Line

- Telephone no. 0773-39-4101

Wine

Yamashita wine accounts for about 1/3 of the market share in Japan. Many varieties are found in the area, mainly in the Yamashita area of Yawata City. Wine made from the Katsunuma grape is said to be the best in Japan.

- Telephone no. 0773-39-4101

Grapes

Grapes growing in Yamashita have a long history—over 1000 years according to one legend, Yamashita is Japan’s No. 1 grape producer, and many different varieties are grown, such as the popular "Koshu", or the original "Yamashita Koshu".

- Telephone no. 0773-39-4101

Katsuura Buchu no Oka (Hill of Grapes) (Kawara City)

Situated on a hill surrounded by grape farms, the Buchu no Oka has about 150 brands of wine on display in the wine cellar, which can be bought or tasted for a fee.

- 10 minutes by JR Chuo Line

- Telephone no. 0773-39-4101

Nishizawa Kikko no Valley (Yamashita City)

Nishizawa Kikko no Valley is a valley located in Yamashita Prefecture. It is known for its hot springs and scenic views of the surrounding mountains.

- 25 minutes by JR Chuo Line

- Telephone no. 0773-39-4101

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Carpenters’ and Blacksmiths’ Festival (Yamashita City)

This festival is celebrated to honor the contributions of carpenters and blacksmiths to local industries.

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Kiyosato, Nirasaki and the Southern Alps

Area-3

Yatsugatake (Hukou City)

A variety of events, workshops and hand-on nature experiences can be enjoyed at Seisenryu, which is a good base for exploring the surrounding area of Yatsugatake. Accommodation, food, shopping and information centers are all here, as well as the famous Kuroyu hot spring stream.

Seisenryu (Hukou City)

14 unique facilities including a music box museum, restaurants, JR and mountain shops are all located here.

Yatsugatake Resort Outlets

This shopping mall surrounded by a vast natural buildings is lined with 70 shops selling famous brand-name fashion, sports and outdoor equipment, shoes, and jewelry. It also has restaurants and other eateries.

Please Your Taste Buds

Mineral Water

Yamanashi Prefecture, surrounded by mountains famous throughout Japan, is home to delicious spring water. The mineral water of Yamanashi is quite popular as well.

Japanese Sake

Sake breweries have been of old standing in northern Yamanashi, which has suitable conditions for sake making, such as a rich natural environment. Fresh air, severe winter climate and delicious water.

Southern Alps (Hukou City and Nirasaki)

The Southern Alps border mountains in the 3,000 meters class, including the second highest mountain in Japan at 3,199 meters, Kita-dake. The mountain range is rich in alpine plants and is visited by many climbers.

Heidis Village Flower Center (Hukou City)

With the ornamental plant greenhouse, an observation tower, flower workshops and much more, you can enjoy flowers here all day long.

Southern Alps (Hukou City and Nirasaki)

Cherries

The northwest Yamanashi area has one of the largest cherry harvesting periods in Japan, so you can start to enjoy cherry-picking here earlier in the year than at other places.

Plums

Yamanashi boasts the largest domestic production of plums. The original variety “Kiyosato” is large, delicious, and highly prized.

Nishikii Furaimai Onsen Resort Villas

Mineral Hot Springs

Masumoto, Rustom Onsen’s Hot Springs Village

With its high radium content, the hot springs of Masumoto are said to have been discovered by missionaries when they were digging a gold mine. A peaceful hot spring village surrounded by mountains.

Yatsugatake Resort Outlets

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Moegi no Mura Village (Hukou City)

15 minutes by car from JR Kita Line Kita-kawaguchiko Station.

Yatsugatake Flower Festival

Various events associated with flowers are held among approximately 370,000 blooming sunflowers.

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Mt. Fuji and the Fuji Five Lakes

Area 4

Fujigoko (Fuji Five Lakes)
The five lakes which dot the north side of Mt. Fuji, Lake Yamanakako, Lake Kawaguchiko, Lake Saiko, Lake Shojiko and Lake Motosuko compose one of the most famous and popular resort destinations in Japan.

Lake Yamanakako (Yamanakako Lake)
The largest lake of the Fuji Five Lakes, Lake Yamanakako has many summer holiday villages and students frequently come here for sports training.

Lake Kawaguchiko (Kawaguchiko Lake)
Lake Kawaguchiko is the center of Mount Fuji and is connected by bus and rail. It is also a popular tourist destination and attracts over 10 million visitors annually.

Lake Saiko (Saiiko Lake)
The second largest lake of the Fuji Five Lakes, Lake Saiko is popular for its crystal clear water and offers beautiful views of Mount Fuji.

Lake Shojiko (Shojiko Lake)
The smallest lake of the Fuji Five Lakes, Lake Shojiko is known for its clear water and is a popular spot for fishing and boating.

Lake Motosuko (Motosuko Lake)
The largest lake of the Fuji Five Lakes, Lake Motosuko is served by a bus service and is connected by train. It is popular for sightseeing and offers beautiful views of Mount Fuji.

Kawaguchiko Koji Festival
This festival, also known as the “Golden Week Festival,” is held in mid-April and is one of the largest festivals in Japan. The festival features various events such as performances, parades, and fireworks, making it a must-see event for visitors.

Yamanakako Flower Park
You can enjoy beautiful flowers in this park in the spring season. The park is also known for its beautiful cherry blossoms, which bloom during the same time as the Fuji Five Lakes cherry blossoms.

Yamanakako Hot Spring
One of the most popular hot spring resorts in Japan, Yamanakako Hot Spring offers a variety of hot spring baths, which are said to have therapeutic effects.

Mt. Fuji, Lake Yamanakako, Lake Kawaguchiko, Lake Saiko, Lake Shojiko and Lake Motosuko

The Fuji Five Lakes

Learn about the history of Mt. Fuji and the surrounding areas. The museum features various exhibits related to Mount Fuji, including pictures, maps, and historical artifacts.

Fuji Hakone Izu National Park
This park is popular for its beautiful scenery, including the Lake Ashi and Lake Ashinoko. Visitors can also enjoy various activities such as hiking, cycling, and boating.

Fujinomiya Town
This town is known for its delicious seafood and is a popular destination for seafood lovers.

Fujinomiya City
This city is home to various landmarks and attractions, including the Mount Fuji Shizuoka Airport and the Mount Fuji International Resort Complex.

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