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Travel Guide

A Journey to an Enchanting Land Begins





A Harmony of History and Nature

A journey to heal the mind and body in Nikko

Nikko City in Tochigi Prefecture is a place where Japan's rich traditions meet the grandeur of nature. For over 1,250 years, it has been a sacred site of deep spiritual significance and is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site under "Shrines and Temples of Nikko."

The breathtaking natural landscapes, exemplified by Mt. Nantai and Lake Chuzenji, captivate visitors no matter the season. Why not spend a special time in this one-of-a-kind destination, where deep history and dynamic nature come together in perfect harmony?

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Legend

- Access from the nearest station or bus stop
- Roman numerals **I-VI** correspond to "Major Bus Routes" on p.30.
- Numbers in parentheses next to bus stop names indicate the stop number assigned by the operating company.
- Opening / Business hours Closed days Telephone number

The information in this guide is based on data as of January 2025. Please note that details may change without prior notice.

Kinugawa/Kawaji Area

Yunishigawa/Kawamata/Okukinu Area

Okunikko Area

Nikko Area

Ashio Area

Imaichi Area



Tourist Information Center	Bank	Temple	Toll Road	JR Line
Police Station/Police Box	Hospital	Shrine	National Road	Private Line and Other Railways
Post Office	School	City Hall	Other Streets	

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Guide to the 6 Areas of Nikko – Rich in History, Nature, Relaxation, and Charm

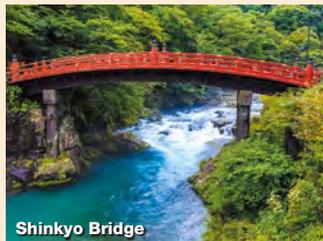
Nikko Area

Explore World Heritage shrines and temples while strolling through the temple town

Centered around the World Heritage Site “Shrines and Temples of Nikko,” this is the main area for exploring Nikko’s historical treasures. The area around Nikko Station and the temple town is filled with a variety of spots for food lovers and traditional craft shops. In addition to long-established businesses, new trendy shops continue to open, offering a wide range of experiences.



Nikko Toshogu Shrine



Shinkyo Bridge



Nikko-zan Rinno-ji Temple Hondo (Sanbutsudo/Main Hall)

Okunikko Area

Discover the natural beauty of Nikko National Park, shaped by ancient mountains

The stunning landscapes of Nikko National Park trace their origins back to the eruption of Mt. Nantai around 20,000 years ago. Iconic natural wonders such as Lake Chuzenji, Kegon Falls, and Senjogahara Marshland have been shaped over millennia, creating a rich habitat for diverse flora and fauna. Since the Meiji era (1868–1912), this area has been a popular international summer retreat and continues to uphold its legacy as a high-end resort destination.



Mt. Nantai and Lake Chuzenji



Kegon Falls

Kinugawa & Kawaji Area

A historic hot spring destination lined with inns and hotels along a beautiful valley

During the Edo period (1603–1868), Kinugawa Onsen was an exclusive hot spring resort reserved for daimyo feudal lords and Buddhist priests. Today, it offers visitors a relaxing stay in traditional inns surrounded by breathtaking nature. With easy access to theme parks and Nikko’s shrines and temples, it also serves as a convenient base for sightseeing. Kawaji Onsen, nestled in the mountains, is a peaceful hot spring retreat known for its scenic landscapes, including Ryuokyo Valley, where visitors can enjoy outdoor activities immersed in nature.



Kinugawa River Boat Tour



Edo Wonderland Nikko Edomura

Yunishigawa, Kawamata & Okukinu Area

A secluded retreat where Japan’s ancient way of life can still be felt

This remote area is said to have been a refuge for the defeated Heike clan after the Battle of Dan-no-ura in the last years of the Heian period (late 12th century). Visitors can enjoy a peaceful stay while experiencing traditional Japanese village life and relaxing in open-air hot springs surrounded by snow. Each of these mountain hot spring towns offers a nostalgic countryside atmosphere, and in winter, the Kamakura Festival in Yunishigawa Onsen enchants visitors with its magical snowy scenery.



Yunishigawa Onsen Kamakura Festival



Heike no Sato



Setoaikyo Canyon

Ashio Area

A historic copper mining town that once supported Japan’s industry

Ashio prospered as “Japan’s top mining town” for about 400 years, from the Edo period to the Showa era (1926-1989), thriving as a center of copper production. Many valuable industrial heritage sites remain in Ashio, including Ashio Copper Mine, a facility where visitors can learn about the history of copper mining. Riding the Watarase Keikoku Railway along the Watarase River offers a special experience, allowing passengers to enjoy breathtaking views of the clear stream and the beauty of nature in all four seasons.



Ashio Copper Mine



Watarase Keikoku Railway

Imaichi Area

A town that retains the charm of its former post station days

Located at the junction of the Nikko, Reiheishi, and Aizu Nishi-Kaido highways, Imaichi flourished as a post town serving travelers on pilgrimages to Nikko. It is home to the world’s longest tree-lined avenue, the Cedar Avenue, which stretches approximately 37 km and is recognized in the Guinness Book of Records. As a gateway to both Nikko and Kinugawa Onsen, the area around Shimo-imaichi Station is well-equipped with restaurants, Michino-Eki roadside stations, and souvenir shops. Visitors can also enjoy hands-on experiences such as strawberry picking and sake brewery tours.



Nikko Suginamiki Kaicho (Nikko Cedar Avenue)



Strawberry Picking

Enjoy your own unique trip to Nikko!

A customizable one-night, two-day model itinerary

Nikko is full of must-see sights! While it's easily accessible from Tokyo, a day trip just isn't enough. From a classic tour of the UNESCO-listed "Shrines and Temples of Nikko" to immersive plans showcasing nature and culture, here are our top model itineraries.

DAY 1 Experience the Best of the World Heritage City

- JR Nikko Sta. / Tobu-nikko Sta.
- 10 min walk
- **Kimono rental & dressing at COCON NIKKO** ▶P.9
- **Strolling through the temple town** ▶P.9
- 20 min walk
- **The area around the World Heritage Site: "Shrines and Temples of Nikko"** ▶P.10
- 30 min walk / 10 min by Nikko Green Slow Mobility (seasonal service)
- **Kanmangafuchi Abyss** ▶P.11
- 15 min walk / 6 min by Nikko Green Slow Mobility (seasonal service)
- JR Nikko Sta. / Tobu-nikko Sta.



Stay at Chuzenji Onsen

DAY 2 Plan A Relax at an international resort

- **Lake Chuzenji Sightseeing Boat** ▶P.14
- 10 min by bus
- **Kegon Falls** ▶P.15
- 3 min walk + 15 min by bus
- **Embassy Villa Memorial Park (British/Italian)** ▶P.15
- 50 min by bus
- JR Nikko Sta. / Tobu-nikko Sta.



Stay at Yumoto Onsen

DAY 2 Plan B Experience the nature of the national park

- **Lake Yunoko** ▶P.17
- 8 min by bus
- **Yudaki Falls** ▶P.17
- 13 min by bus
- **Senjogahara Marshland** ▶P.16
- 5 min by bus
- **Ryuzu Falls** ▶P.17
- 60 min by bus
- JR Nikko Sta. / Tobu-nikko Sta.



JR Nikko Sta. / Tobu-nikko Sta. → 8 min by train

Stay at Kinugawa Onsen

DAY 2 Plan C Enjoy hot springs and theme parks

- **Kinu-Tateiwa Otsuribashi Suspension Bridge** ▶P.19
- 12 min walk
- Kinugawa-onsen Sta.
- 5 min by bus
- **Tobu World Square** ▶P.19
- 5 min by bus
- Kinugawa-onsen Sta.
- 22 min by bus
- **Edo Wonderland Nikko Edomura** ▶P.19
- 22 min by bus
- Kinugawa-onsen Sta.



Kinugawa-onsen Sta. → 30 min by train

Stay at Yunishigawa Onsen

- **Irori-style dinner at a ryokan in Yunishigawa Onsen** ▶P.21
- *Shuttle service at some accommodations
- **Yunishigawa Onsen Kamakura Festival**

DAY 2 Plan D Experience hidden gems

- **Heike no Sato** ▶P.21
- 25 min by bus
- **Roadside Station Yunishigawa** ▶P.21
- Yunishigawa-onsen Sta.
- 30 min by train
- Kinugawa-onsen Sta.



Tip! Stop by the Imaichi area, the gateway to Nikko, on your way back! ▶P.25

Sake Brewery Tours ▶P.25

Roadside Station Nikko Kaido Nikoniko Honjin ▶P.25

Nikko Suginamiki Kaido (Nikko Cedar Avenue) ▶P.25

and more

Nikko Station to Shinkyo Bridge

日光駅～神橋

The area stretching from JR Nikko Station and Tobu-nikko Station to Shinkyo Bridge, the gateway to the World Heritage Site “Shrines and Temples of Nikko,” is a lively temple town. Lined with shops offering various foods, traditional crafts, and souvenirs, it's the perfect place for a leisurely stroll.



Dragon Street Lamps

龍の街路灯

Along the main street leading from Nikko Station to the World Heritage Site, you'll find street lamps adorned with dragon motifs and town crests from the surrounding temple town districts. These designs are inspired by the many dragon carvings found at Nikko Toshogu Shrine.

1 Shinkyo Bridge

神橋



The symbolic gateway to the World Heritage Site “Shrines and Temples of Nikko,” Shinkyo Bridge is one of the structures belonging to Nikko Futarasan-jinja Shrine. This striking vermilion-lacquered bridge is considered an iconic view of Nikko. According to legend, when Shodo Shonin, the Buddhist monk who founded Nikko, sought to cross the river in the Nara period (710–794), divine beings appeared and released two serpents, whose backs transformed into the bridge. At night, the bridge is beautifully illuminated, creating a mystical atmosphere distinct from its daytime charm.

🚶 “Shinkyo” bus stop (7) → Short walk
☎ 0288-54-0535 (Nikko Futarasan-jinja Shrine)



2 NIKKO KANAYA HOTEL

日光金谷ホテル



Founded in 1873, the NIKKO KANAYA HOTEL is the oldest existing resort hotel in Japan, with a history of over 150 years. It is surrounded by a classical atmosphere where Japanese and Western cultures merge, and part of the building is registered as a National Tangible Cultural Property. The hotel evokes a nostalgic and peaceful feeling, and has welcomed many famous guests, including Dr. Albert Einstein and Helen Keller.

🚶 “Shinkyo” bus stop (7) → 3 min walk ☎ 0288-54-0001

Eating Stroll in the Temple Town

駅前町の食べ歩き



Along both sides of the approximately 1.5 km pathway from Nikko Station to Shinkyo Bridge, there are many restaurants. From traditional Japanese sweets like yokan and manju to photogenic desserts and hearty foods, there is a wide variety to enjoy. Why not take a 20-minute walk and savor the tasty delights along the way?

Rental Bicycles

レンタサイクル



Within walking distance of Nikko Station, there are places offering rental bicycles and several share-cycle ports. Electric bicycles make it easy to ride up gentle inclines, and they will undoubtedly become your best friend when exploring temples, shrines, and gourmet spots.

Recommended Nikko Cuisine

おすすめ日光グルメ



Yuba

湯波

Made with soy milk and high-quality water, Nikko's yuba (tofu skin) is a delicacy. Classic dishes include boiled rolled yuba and yuba sashimi, but you can also enjoy fresh, smooth yuba or even yuba-based sweets, which have become popular recently.



Wagyu Beef

和牛

Tochigi Wagyu is a local brand of beef in Tochigi Prefecture, and its high quality has won awards at national competitions. It offers melt-in-your-mouth texture and beautiful marbling.



Yokan

羊羹

Made from azuki beans and sugar, yokan (a thick, jelly-like sweet) has a long shelf life, making it a popular souvenir for visitors to Nikko. There are still many long-established shops that have been in business for hundreds of years.



Sweets

スイーツ

From easy-to-eat snacks perfect for a break during sightseeing to more elaborate sweets for souvenirs, a variety of sweets continue to appear. You can also enjoy local strawberry-based treats.

Traditional Woodcarving Craft: Nikko-bori

伝統工芸「日光彫」



Nikko's representative traditional woodcarving craft, Nikko-bori, is said to have originated when craftsmen gathered for the construction of Nikko Toshogu Shrine created these works as a side activity. Characterized by smooth curves in the carvings and lacquer coating, it remains a popular souvenir. There are also several facilities where visitors can experience Nikko-bori firsthand using traditional tools.

Kimono Experience (COCON NIKKO)

着物体験(日光着物レンタル COCON NIKKO)



The picturesque streets of Nikko, where history and nature harmonize, are the perfect backdrop for wearing a kimono. Visit a kimono rental and dressing service shop, try on your favorite kimono, and set off for a stroll through the area.

🚶 Nikko Sta. → 10 min walk 📅 Wednesdays ☎ 0288-25-6625

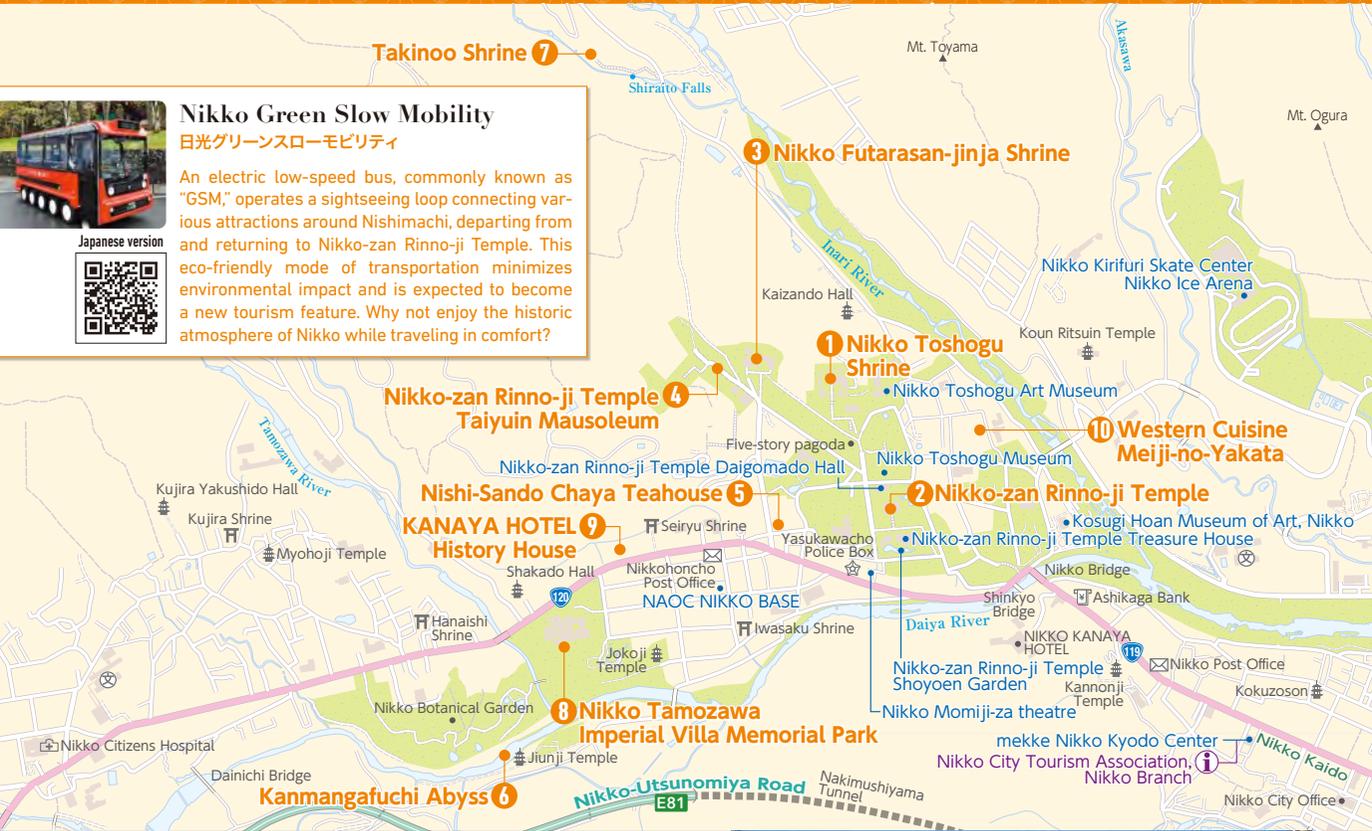
Nikko Area

The area around the World Heritage Site:

“Shrines and Temples of Nikko”

世界遺産「日光の社寺」周辺

Due to their historical significance, Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Nikko-zan Rinno-ji Temple, and Nikko Futarasan-jinja Shrine have been registered as a World Heritage Site as “Shrines and Temples of Nikko,” attracting travelers from all over the world. The surrounding area also features many historical landmarks and stylish spots worth visiting.



Nikko Green Slow Mobility

日光グリーン slows モビリティ

An electric low-speed bus, commonly known as “GSM,” operates a sightseeing loop connecting various attractions around Nishimachi, departing from and returning to Nikko-zan Rinno-ji Temple. This eco-friendly mode of transportation minimizes environmental impact and is expected to become a new tourism feature. Why not enjoy the historic atmosphere of Nikko while traveling in comfort?



Japanese version

1 Nikko Toshogu Shrine

日光東照宮



This shrine enshrines Tokugawa Ieyasu, the first shogun of the Edo Shogunate, who laid the foundation for 260 years of peace and culture during the Edo period. It was established in 1617. The magnificent and colorful shrine buildings we see today were crafted by the finest craftsmen from all over Japan during the grand renovation in 1636 under the third shogun, Tokugawa Iemitsu. The intricate carvings of animals, such as the famous “Yomeimon Gate,” “Karamon Gate,” the San-zaru (Three Monkeys), and the Nemuri-neko (Sleeping Cat), overwhelm visitors with their beauty.



☎ “Omotesando” bus stop (83) → 2 min walk / 〚〚〚 “Shinkyo” bus stop (7) → 15 min walk ☎ April–October 9:00–17:00, November–March 9:00–16:00 (Last entry is 30 minutes before closing) ☎ Open 365 days ☎ 0288-54-0560

2 Nikko-zan Rinno-ji Temple

日光山輪王寺



It is said that the beginning of Nikko started when Priest Shodo Shonin established Shihonryuji Temple in 766, and it boasts a history of over 1,250 years. The “Sanbutsudo” hall is one of the largest wooden structures in eastern Japan, housing three Buddha statues, each 7.5 meters tall.

☎ “Shodo Shoninzo Mae” bus stop (82) → Short walk / 〚〚〚 “Shinkyo” bus stop (7) → 10 min walk ☎ April–October 8:00–17:00, November–March 8:00–16:00 (Last entry is 30 minutes before closing) ☎ Open 365 days ☎ 0288-54-0531



3 Nikko Futarasan-jinja Shrine

日光二荒山神社



This shrine, which enshrines Mt. Nantai (also known as Futarasan), has a history of over 1,250 years. It is beloved as a shrine of good fortune and matchmaking. The main hall is the oldest existing building in Nikko and is designated as a National Important Cultural Property.



☎ “Taiyuin/Futarasan Jinja Mae” bus stop (85) → Short walk / 〚〚〚 “Nishisando Iriguchi” bus stop (9) → 10 min walk ☎ April–October 8:00–17:00, November–March 9:00–16:00 (Last entry is 30 minutes before closing) ☎ Open 365 days ☎ 0288-54-0535

5 Nishi-Sando Chaya (West Approach Teahouse)

西参道茶屋



A popular spot located along the west approach of Nikko’s shrines and temples, featuring four dining spots offering local ingredients in stylish desserts, coffee, and hearty chicken dishes—perfect for a break during your stroll.

☎ “Nishisando Chaya” bus stop (84) → Short walk ☎ Varies depending on the store

7 Takinoo Shrine

滝尾神社



An auxiliary shrine of Futarasan-jinja Shrine, located about 1 km west of the main shrine amidst a mystical-like forest. It enshrines Tagorihime no Mikoto, a goddess known for blessings of child-birth and safe delivery.

☎ “Toshogu Higashisando Iriguchi Hotel Seikoen Mae” bus stop (81) → 25 min walk / 〚〚〚 “Shinkyo” bus stop (7) → 35 min walk ☎ 0288-54-0535

9 KANAYA HOTEL History House

金谷ホテル歴史館



A museum built on the original site of Japan’s oldest existing Western-style resort hotel, KANAYA HOTEL. Originally opened in 1873 as “KANAYA Cottage Inn” for foreign guests, it was once a samurai residence in the Edo period, earning the nickname “SAMURAI HOUSE.”

☎ “KANAYA HOTEL Rekisikan” bus stop (10) → Short walk ☎ March–November 9:30–17:00, December–February 10:00–16:00 (Last entry 30 minutes before closing) ☎ Open 365 days (Closed two to three times a month from December to February) ☎ 0288-50-1873

4 Nikko-zan Rinno-ji Temple Taiyuin Mausoleum

日光山輪王寺 家光廟大猷院



This mausoleum enshrines Tokugawa Iemitsu, the third shogun, who led the grand renovation of Nikko Toshogu Shrine. Iemitsu deeply respected his grandfather, Ieyasu, and the Taiyuin building faces Toshogu Shrine, as if watching over it. While different from the design of Toshogu, Taiyuin features many intricate details.



☎ “Taiyuin/Futarasan Jinja Mae” bus stop (85) → Short walk / 〚〚〚 “Nishisando Iriguchi” bus stop (9) → 10 min walk ☎ April–October 8:00–17:00, November–March 8:00–16:00 (Last entry is 30 minutes before closing) ☎ Open 365 days ☎ 0288-54-0531

6 Kanmangafuchi Abyss

憾満ヶ淵



A scenic spot formed by lava flowing from Mt. Nantai, offering a rugged yet beautiful view of the Daiya River. On the southern bank, about 70 Jizo statues are lined up, known as the “Bake Jizo” because their numbers seem to change each time they are counted.

☎ “Yasukawacho” bus stop (8) → 20 min walk

8 Nikko Tamozawa Imperial Villa Memorial Park

日光田母沢御用邸記念公園



Built in 1899, this villa was used by three generations of emperors and crown princes. It is the largest and only existing wooden structure of its kind from the Meiji period. Visitors can enjoy seasonal flowers, including weeping cherry blossoms, throughout the park.

☎ “Nikko Tamozawa Goyotei Kinenkoen” bus stop (11) → Short walk ☎ April–October 9:00–17:00 (Last entry 16:00), November–March 9:00–16:30 (Last entry 15:45) ☎ Tuesdays (or the following day if Tuesday is a national holiday), December 29–January 1 ☎ 0288-53-6767

10 Western Cuisine Meiji-no-Yakata

西洋料理 明治の館



A Western-style stone building restaurant converted from the villa of an American trader. In an elegant atmosphere, visitors can enjoy Western dishes, including the signature omelet rice and hamburger steak.

☎ “Toshogu Higashisando Iriguchi Hotel Seikoen Mae” bus stop (81) → Short walk ☎ 11:00–19:30 ☎ No fixed holiday ☎ 0288-53-3751

Kirifuri Highland

霧降高原

A highland area at an elevation of about 1,200 meters on the eastern slope of Mt. Akanagi, at the eastern end of the Nikko mountain range. Visitors can enjoy seasonal alpine plants, including Nikko Kisuge lilies, which bloom from mid-June to mid-July. The area also offers superb natural scenery and a variety of outdoor activities.



1 Nikko City Kirifuri Highland Kisuge-daira Park



A nature park utilizing the highland environment at an altitude of 1,350 to 1,600 meters. Visitors can take leisurely walks along the trails and immerse themselves in nature. It is famous for its vast fields of broad dwarf day lily (nikko kisuge) flowers, which turn the highland into a sea of yellow from mid-June to mid-July, making it a wonderful spot for hiking. The park features a 1,445-step staircase called the Tenku Kairo (corridor in the sky), leading from the rest house to an observation deck that offers an exceptional panoramic view.

🚗🚏 “Kirifuri Kogen” bus stop (104) → Short walk (Closed in winter days) ☎ 0288-53-5337



2 Kirifuri Falls

霧降滝



One of Nikko’s “Three Great Waterfalls,” Kirifuri Falls consists of two tiers and boasts a total drop of 75 meters. Visitors can view the entire waterfall from an observation deck at a slight distance, with autumn foliage creating a breathtakingly beautiful scene.



🚗🚏 “Kirifuri no Taki” bus stop (97) → 10 min walk (Observation deck)

4 Yama-no-Restaurant

山のレストラン



🚗🚏 “Kirifuri no Taki” bus stop (97) → Short walk ☎ 11:00–16:30 (Fridays to Sundays and national holidays until 19:00) ☑ Check the website for details ☎ 0288-50-1525

A nature-surrounded restaurant located at the entrance of Kirifuri Highland. From the balcony seating, guests can enjoy their meals while admiring the view of Kirifuri Falls. The restaurant takes pride in using locally sourced ingredients, including Tochigi Wagyu roast beef and fresh vegetables delivered directly from local farmers, ensuring a delicious farm-to-table dining experience.



5 Ropozawa Observatory

六方沢展望台



Japanese version



Located along the Kirifuri Kogen Road connecting Kirifuri Highland and Ozasa Farm, this observatory offers a scenic view of the 320-meter-long Ropozawa Bridge spanning the gorge. It is also a popular autumn foliage viewing spot, with spectacular views of the colorful gorge from the bridge.

🚗🚏 Nikko Sta. → 20 min by car

6 Nikko Kirifuri Skate Center

日光霧降スケートセンター



Japanese version

A professional skating rink featuring an internationally certified 400-meter, 16-meter-wide double-track course. Visitors can skate in a spacious and open environment with a view of the snow-capped Nikko Mountain Range. Skate rentals are available.

🚗🚏 “Nikko Kirifuri Skate Center” bus stop (111) → Short walk (seasonal service) ☎ 9:30–16:00 (Weekends and national holidays until 16:30) ☑ Open from mid-November to late February (Subject to changes due to weather and events) ☎ 0288-54-2401



7 Ozasa Farm

日光霧降高原大笹牧場



Located at an elevation of 1,030 to 1,320 meters, this expansive highland resort ranch is rich in natural beauty. Spend a full day with your family enjoying hands-on experiences with animals, adventure courses, and more. Be sure to try the ranch’s signature soft-serve ice cream, made from the milk of rare Brown Swiss cows. Seasonal activities abound, from camping and barbecues in summer to thrilling snowmobile rides in winter, making this a year-round destination.

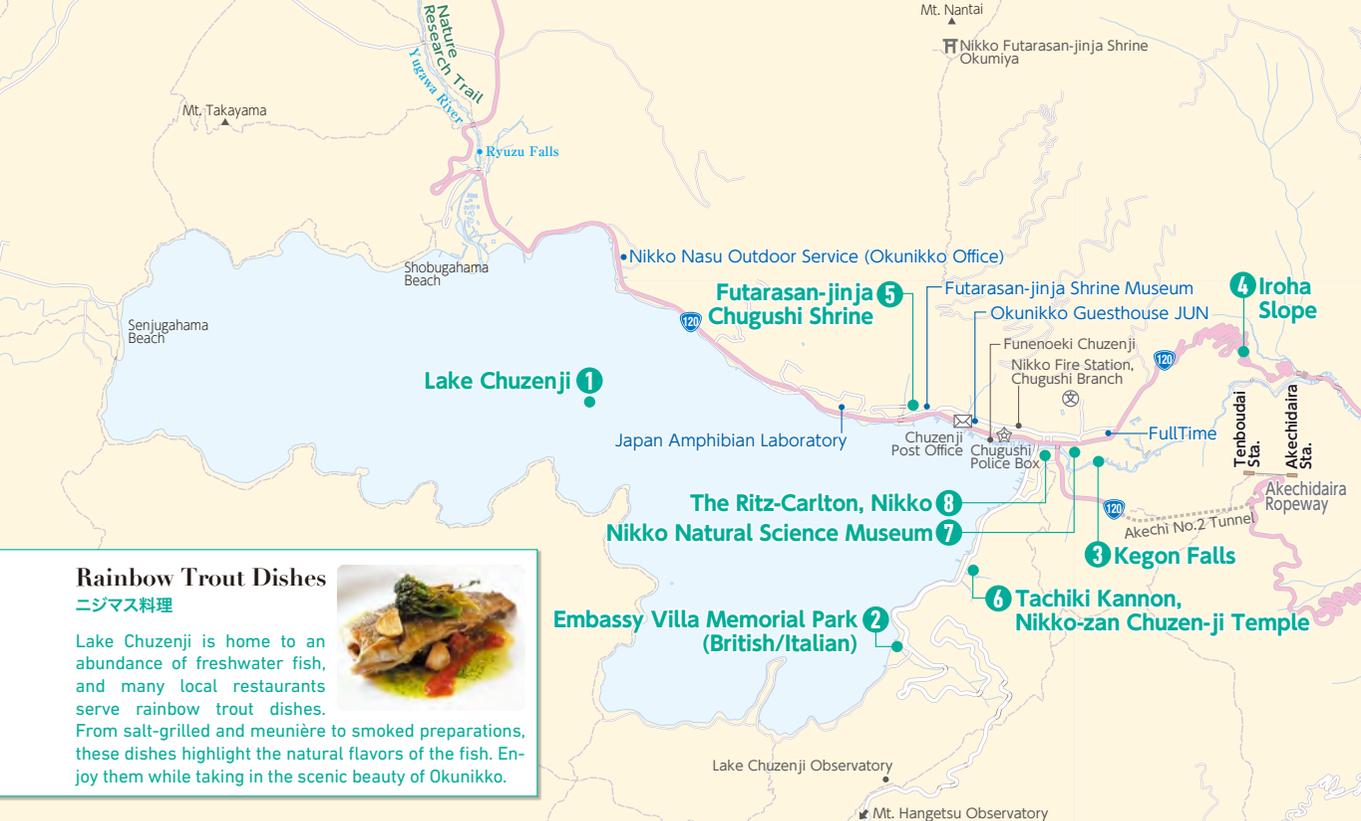
🚗🚏 Nikko Sta. → 45 min by car ☎ April–November 8:45–16:45, Winter 9:30–16:15 ☑ Wednesdays and Thursdays from January 4 to the end of February ☎ 0288-97-1116



Chuzenji Onsen

中禅寺温泉

Located at the foot of Mt. Nantai at an altitude of 1,260 meters, this area is centered around Lake Chuzenji. In the past, embassy villas from various European countries lined the lakeshore, making it a thriving international summer retreat. Here, you can immerse yourself in the rich natural surroundings and experience the history and culture that have been nurtured over time in many ways.



Rainbow Trout Dishes

ニジマス料理



Lake Chuzenji is home to an abundance of freshwater fish, and many local restaurants serve rainbow trout dishes. From salt-grilled and meunière to smoked preparations, these dishes highlight the natural flavors of the fish. Enjoy them while taking in the scenic beauty of Okunikko.

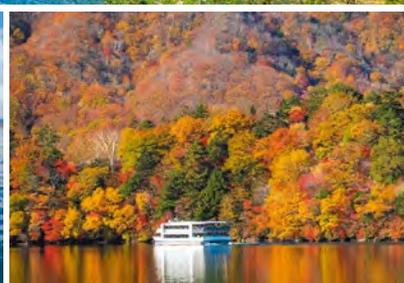
1 Lake Chuzenji

中禅寺湖



Located at the gateway to Okunikko ("Inner Nikko" – the mountainous region of Nikko), Lake Chuzenji sits at an impressive altitude of 1,269 meters, making it one of Japan's highest lakes. With a circumference of approximately 25 km, it was formed around 20,000 years ago when lava from an eruption of Mt. Nantai dammed the valley. The lake showcases beautiful scenery throughout the seasons, with vibrant azaleas in early summer and amazing autumn foliage drawing many visitors. Enjoy a sightseeing cruise, or try water activities like SUP and kayaking for a unique experience on the lake.

🚗 1 "Chuzenji-onsen" bus stop (26) → 5 min walk



2 Embassy Villa Memorial Park (British/Italian)

大使館別荘記念公園 (英国/イタリア)



From the mid-Meiji period to the early Showa period (late 19th century to mid-20th century), Lake Chuzenji developed as an international summer retreat. Many foreign villas were built, including embassy villas from various European countries. Today, two of them are open to the public as the British Embassy Villa Memorial Park and the Italian Embassy Villa Memorial Park. At the British Embassy Villa, it is recommended to savor traditional British tea and scones while enjoying the view of Lake Chuzenji. The Italian Embassy Villa features a striking checkerboard pattern on its exterior, crafted from Nikko-grown cedar bark and thin wooden slats. From inside the villa, visitors can admire one of the most breathtaking views of Lake Chuzenji.

🚗 1 "Itaria · Eikokutaisikan Besso kinenkouen Iriguchi" bus stop (64) → 5 min walk (seasonal service) 🕒 May–November 10:10:00–17:00 (April & November 10–30: closes at 16:00) 🗓 Mondays in April (or the following day if Monday is a national holiday) / December–March (closed for winter) / Open daily from May to November ☎ 0288-55-0880 (Nikko Natural Science Museum)



3 Kegon Falls

華厳滝



One of Japan's Three Great Waterfalls, Kegon Falls is a breathtaking sight, with water plunging 97 meters down a sheer rock face into the basin below. An elevator takes visitors close to the base of the falls, where they can experience the powerful roar and spray up close. From January to February, the smaller streams known as the Junitaki Falls (Twelve Falls) freeze, creating an ethereal blue ice spectacle.

🚗 1 "Chuzenji-onsen" bus stop (26) → 5 min walk 🕒 March–November 8:00–17:00/December–February 9:00–16:30 (Last entry 20 minutes before closing) 🗓 Open 365 days ☎ 0288-55-0030

4 Iroha Slope

いろは坂



This scenic mountain road connects central Nikko with Lake Chuzenji and Okunikko. With a total of 48 sharp curves between the uphill and downhill routes, it covers an elevation difference of 440 meters. Renowned for its breathtaking autumn foliage, the road attracts many visitors and often experiences heavy traffic during peak season.

🚗 Nikko Sta. → 15 min by car



5 Futarasan-jinja Chugushi Shrine

二荒山神社中宮祠



Located on the northern shore of Lake Chuzenji at the foot of Mt. Nantai, this shrine is part of Futarasan-jinja Shrine and enshrines the sacred mountain itself. Visitors can take part in "kawarake-wari," a ritual where small clay plates are thrown to ward off bad luck. Why not give it a try along with your visit?

🚗 1 "Futarasan-jinja Chugushi" bus stop (30) → Short walk 🕒 April–October 8:00–17:00, November–March 9:00–16:00 (Last entry 30 minutes before closing) ☎ 0288-55-0017



7 Nikko Natural Science Museum

栃木県立日光自然博物館



As a hub for information on Okunikko, the museum provides up-to-date details on nature and sightseeing. The exhibits are well-curated, featuring stunning visuals that showcase the nature and wildlife of Okunikko using the latest digital technology. Visitors can also join guided tours or rent e-bikes equipped with a self-guided navigation system.

🚗 1 "Chuzenji-onsen" bus stop (26) → Short walk 🕒 April–November 10 9:00–17:00, November 11–March 10:00–16:00 🗓 May–November Open daily, December–April Closed on Mondays (or the following day if Monday is a national holiday), December 29–January 3 ☎ 0288-55-0880



6 Tachiki Kannon, Nikko-zan Chuzen-ji Temple

日光山中禅寺 (立木観音)



Founded in 784 by Shodo Shonin, the first head priest of Nikko-zan, Chuzen-ji Temple served as a place of ascetic training. The principal image, designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan, is said to have been carved by Shodo Shonin himself into a standing tree. Visitors can also experience sutra copying, Buddhist image tracing, and prayer bead making.

🚗 1 "Chuzenji-onsen" bus stop (26) → 20 min walk / 🚗 1 "Tachiki kannon/Yuransen hacchakujo" bus stop (63) → Short walk (seasonal service) 🕒 April–October 8:00–17:00, November & March 8:00–16:00, December–February 8:30–15:30 (Last entry 30 minutes before closing) 🗓 Open 365 days ☎ 0288-55-0013



8 The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko

ザ・リッツ・カールトン日光



This luxury hotel sits on the shores of Lake Chuzenji, offering amazing views of Okunikko's untouched nature from its guest rooms. Guests can enjoy dining experiences featuring locally sourced ingredients, as well as cultural and nature-inspired activities. The hotel also boasts the first-ever onsen in The Ritz-Carlton brand.

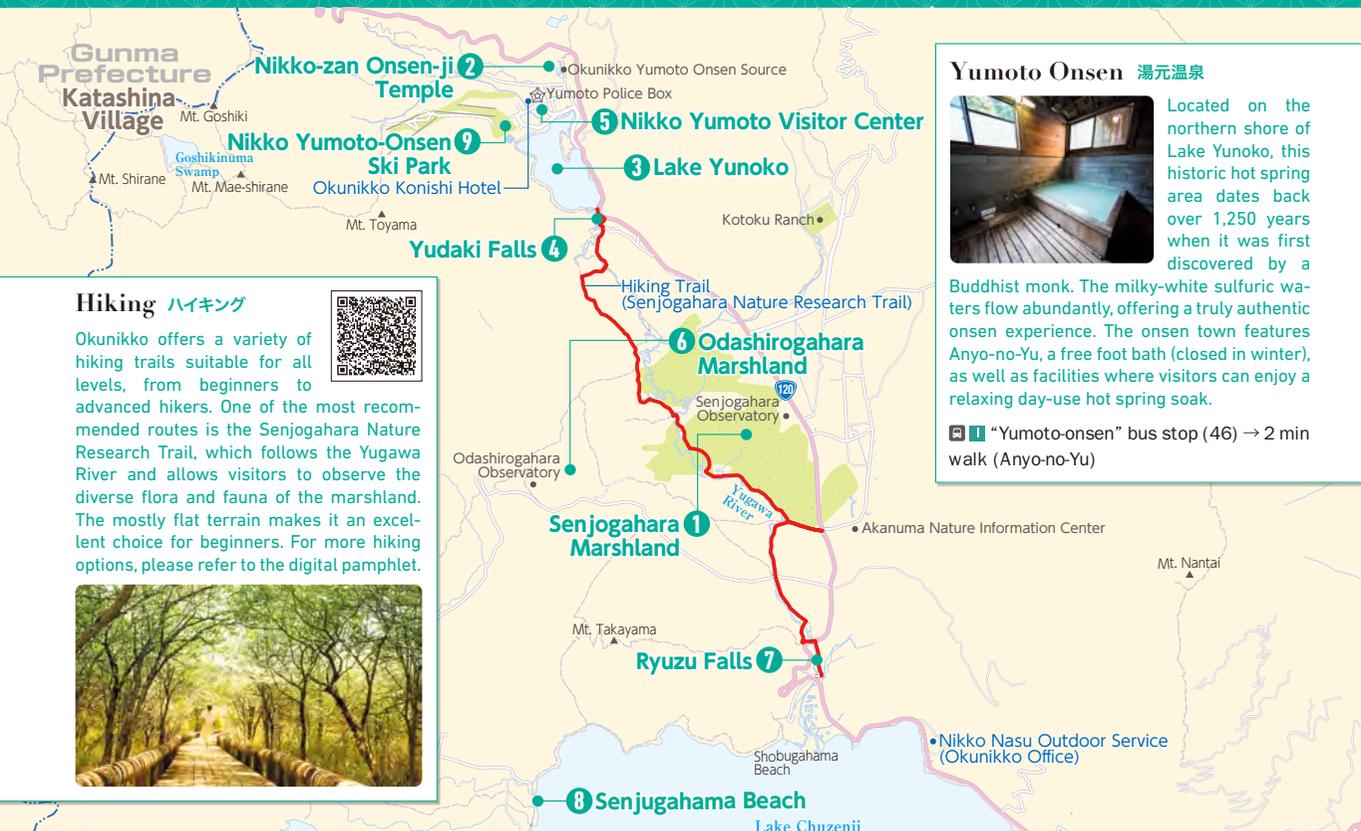
🚗 1 "The Ritz-Carlton Nikko" bus stop (25) → Short walk ☎ 0288-25-6666



Yumoto Onsen

湯元温泉

Nestled by Lake Yunoko, Yumoto Onsen is a hot spring village rich in sulfuric waters. It serves as an ideal base for exploring the national park, whether unwinding after a hike or enjoying winter activities. Surrounded by breathtaking natural scenery, the area is also a haven for rare flora and fauna.



Hiking ハイキング

Okunikko offers a variety of hiking trails suitable for all levels, from beginners to advanced hikers. One of the most recommended routes is the Senjogahara Nature Research Trail, which follows the Yugawa River and allows visitors to observe the diverse flora and fauna of the marshland. The mostly flat terrain makes it an excellent choice for beginners. For more hiking options, please refer to the digital pamphlet.



1 Senjogahara Marshland 戦場ヶ原



🚗🚶 "Sanbonmatsu" bus stop (40) → Short walk (Senjogahara Observatory)/🚶 "Akanuma" bus stop (39) → Hiking

One of Japan's largest marshlands, Senjogahara is home to a diverse range of bird species, and registered as a Ramsar wetland. A well-maintained hiking course, taking about two hours to complete, allows visitors to explore its beautiful scenery from various observation points. The area is also famous for stargazing, offering optimal conditions for enjoying the night sky in all its glory.



2 Nikko-zan Onsen-ji Temple 日光山温泉寺



Tracing its origins to 788, when the Buddhist monk Shodo Shonin discovered Yumoto Onsen, this temple is dedicated to Yakushi Nyorai, the Buddha of healing. Uniquely, it features a hot spring where visitors can enjoy a day-use bath (late April-late November) and also offers sutra-copying experiences.



🚗🚶 "Yumoto-onsen" bus stop (46) → 2 min walk 🕒 8:00-17:00 (Last entry at 16:30) 🚫 Closed in winter ☎ 0288-55-0013 (Nikkozan Chuzenji)

3 Lake Yunoko 湯ノ湖



Formed by volcanic activity blocking the Yugawa River, this tranquil lake is surrounded by mountains on three sides, creating a mysterious and serene atmosphere. A walking trail around the lake takes about an hour, offering a chance to enjoy untouched nature. It is also renowned as a scenic autumn foliage spot.



🚗🚶 "Kohan Mae" bus stop (45) → Short walk ☎ 0288-62-2321 (Nikko Yumoto Visitor Center)

4 Yudaki Falls 湯滝



This impressive 70-meter waterfall flows from Lake Yunoko. From the viewing platform, you can experience its powerful presence up close. Located along the hiking trail leading north from Senjogahara, it also serves as a perfect resting spot.



🚗🚶 "Yudaki Iriguchi" bus stop (44) → 5 min walk ☎ 0288-62-2321 (Nikko Yumoto Visitor Center)

5 Nikko Yumoto Visitor Center 日光湯元ビジターセンター



This center provides information on the plants, wildlife, hiking trails, and seasonal highlights of Nikko National Park. Exhibits also introduce the area's nature, history, and culture. If you're planning to explore the great outdoors of Okunikko, gather information here.



🚗🚶 "Yumoto-onsen" bus stop (46) → 3 min walk 🕒 April-November 9:00-16:00 (July-August until 17:00), December-March 9:30-16:00 🚫 Open daily from April-November, closed on weekdays in December-January, closed on Wednesdays from February-March ☎ 0288-62-2321 (Nikko Yumoto Visitor Center)

6 Odashirogahara Marshland 小田代原



A rare grassland area that features both marshland and grassland characteristics, famous for its white birch tree known as the "Lady." In summer, delicate alpine plants bloom, and in autumn, you can witness the beautiful scenery of colorful foliage. Private cars are not allowed, so you can access the area by low-emission bus or on foot.



🚗🚶 "Akanuma" bus stop (39) → 12 min by low-emission bus (Operates only from late April to late November) ☎ 0288-62-2321 (Nikko Yumoto Visitor Center)

7 Ryuzu Falls 竜頭滝



A stream waterfall that flows over lava created by the eruption of Mt. Nantai, cascading over a distance of approximately 210 meters. The falls are said to have received their name because the huge rock near the base, which splits the falls into two, resembles the head of a dragon. You can also enjoy a close-up view of the falls from the promenade that runs alongside them.



🚗🚶 "Ryuzu no Taki" bus stop (37) → 2 min walk

8 Senjugahama Beach 千手ヶ浜



A tranquil beach located at the western edge of Lake Chuzenji. It is surrounded by a forest of mizunara and harunire (Japanese elm) trees over 200 years old, and in June, the area is adorned with the vibrant blooms of the Japanese primrose. The pristine nature here remains largely untouched. For environmental protection, general vehicles are not permitted at Senjugahama. Visitors can reach the beach on foot, by low-emission buses, or sightseeing boats, which operate only in June.



🚗🚶 "Akanuma" bus stop (39) → 30 min by low-emission bus (Operates only from late April to late November) ☎ 0288-55-0880 (Nikko Natural Science Museum)

9 Nikko Yumoto-Onsen Ski Park 日光湯元温泉スキー場



A beginner-friendly ski resort perfect for snow activities. The snow quality is praised by skiers for its natural powder snow. It is within walking distance from Yumoto Onsen, so after a day of skiing, visitors can relax and unwind in the hot springs.

🚗🚶 "Yumoto-onsen" bus stop (46) → 7 min walk 🕒 9:00-16:00 (Sundays and national holidays 8:30-) 🚫 Open from late December to March 31 (Subject to snow conditions) ☎ 0288-62-2532

Kinugawa Onsen

鬼怒川温泉

One of the most popular hot spring resorts in the Kanto region, the streets of Kinugawa Onsen are lined with footbaths and onsen inns right after stepping off the train at Tobu Railway's Kinugawa-onsen Station. With several theme parks in the vicinity, it's an ideal area for enjoying fun times with family and friends or as a base for sightseeing in Nikko.



Kinugawa Onsen

鬼怒川温泉

Hotels and ryokans are lined alongside the Kinugawa Gorge, where you can soak in open-air baths while admiring the majestic canyon views. The alkaline simple hot springs are colorless, odorless, and gentle for anyone to enjoy. The area offers a wide range of accommodations, from budget-friendly to luxurious options, allowing you to tailor your onsen stay to your preferences.

📍 Kinugawa-onsen Sta. or Kinugawa-koen Sta.



Rafting

ラフティング

Experience the thrill of rafting on the dynamic rapids of the Kinugawa River. It's a fun activity suitable for all ages, from children to adults. Canyoning, where you dive into the natural surroundings, is also popular.



Shiyoa Town

1 Kinugawa River Boat Tour

鬼怒川ライン下り

Enjoy a 40-minute boat ride on a traditional Japanese-style boat while admiring the beautiful canyon scenery. One of the highlights is the boatman's skilled oar handling and humorous Tochigi dialect commentary. The seasonal views of fresh greenery and autumn leaves from the river are wonderful, making this a must-do activity during a stay at Kinugawa Onsen.



📍 Kinugawa-onsen Sta. → 4 min walk 🕒 Mid-April to Late November 9:00-15:45 (12 departures per day) 🗓️ Open 365 days *Cancellations may occur due to weather or river conditions ☎️ 0288-77-0531



2 Kinugawa Onsen Fureai Bridge

鬼怒川温泉ふれあい橋

A pedestrian bridge symbolic of Kinugawa Onsen. The stairs on the left bank feature a massive 45-meter-high painting of "Kinuta," the mascot of Kinugawa Onsen. The bridge's retro Showa-era vibe, with demon-themed railings, makes it a great spot for photos, especially in yukata.



📍 Kinugawa-onsen Sta. → 12 min walk



3 Kinu-Tateiwa Otsuribashi Suspension Bridge

鬼怒橋岩大吊橋



A 140-meter-long pedestrian suspension bridge connecting Kinugawa Onsen and the scenic "Tateiwa" rock formation. From the 37-meter-high bridge, you can enjoy stunning views of the rapid Kinugawa River and lush mountains. There is also a walking trail leading to an observation deck on the other side.

📍 Kinugawa-onsen Sta. → 12 min walk



4 Kinugawa Onsen Ropeway

鬼怒川温泉ロープウェイ

This ropeway takes you to the 700-meter-high summit of Mt. Maruyama in about four minutes, offering panoramic views of Kinugawa Onsen town. At the summit, you'll find the Onsen Shrine and a monkey park where you can feed the monkeys. Don't miss the bronze Twin Dragon Gate on the shrine's approach.



📍 Kinugawa-onsen Sta. → 5 min by shuttle bus 🕒 9:00-16:00 🗓️ Open 365 days (May have closures for maintenance) ☎️ 0288-77-0700



5 Edo Wonderland Nikko Edomura

EDO WONDERLAND日光江戸村

An amusement park where you can experience the culture of the Edo period (1603-1868). The large-scale grounds are designed to resemble an authentic Edo-era town. Dress up as a samurai or princess, enjoy exciting plays and shows, and have fun for all ages.



📍 Kinugawa-onsen Sta. → 20 min by ㊚Bus 🕒 March 20-November 9:00-17:00, December-March 19 9:30-16:00 🗓️ Please check the website for details ☎️ 0288-77-1777



6 Tobu World Square

東武ワールドスクウェア

A theme park built under the concept of "Preserving the world's heritage and architectural culture." It features over 100 exhibits of world landmarks and historical sites replicated at a 1:25 scale, including zones themed around America, Egypt, Europe, and Asia. The detailed replicas are perfect for taking unique photos.



📍 Tobu World Square Sta. → Short walk 🗓️ Please check the website for details ☎️ 0288-77-1000



7 Ashiyu Cafe espo

足湯カフェ espo

A cafe terrace located inside Hotel Sunshine Kinugawa, where you can soak your feet in a hot spring foot bath while enjoying views of the Kinu-Tateiwa Otsuribashi Suspension Bridge. Don't miss the signature Coffee Mont Blanc.



📍 Kinugawa-onsen Sta. → 12 min walk 🕒 9:00-17:00 (L.O. 16:30) 🗓️ Closed on Thursdays (May have temporary closures) ☎️ 0288-77-2727



8 Nikko Hanaichimonme

日光花いちもんめ

A floral paradise where you can enjoy beautiful flowers all year round. The strikingly beautiful curtain of begonias hanging overhead is a must-see. With 8,000 pots and about 600 varieties of flowers, there's plenty to admire. From winter to spring, you can also enjoy strawberry picking.



📍 Kinugawa-onsen Sta. → 30 min by ㊚Bus 🕒 9:00-16:30 (Last entry 16:00) 🗓️ Open 365 days ☎️ 0288-77-0866



Kawaji Onsen

川治温泉

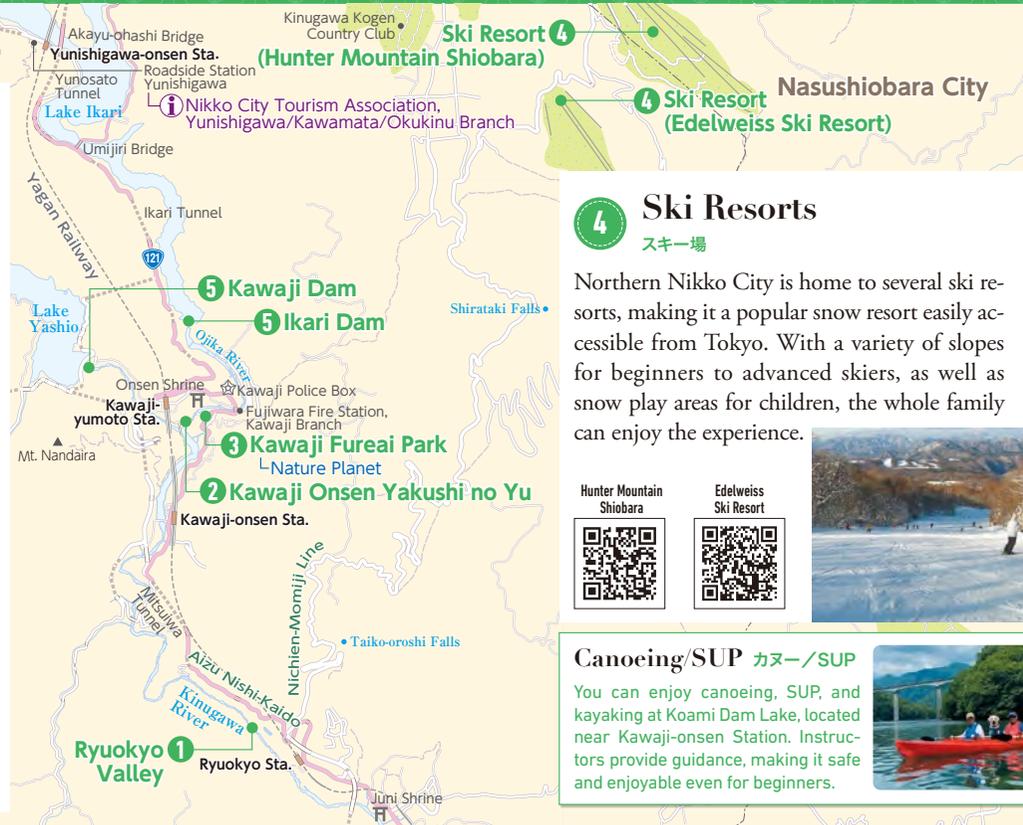
A tranquil hot spring village nestled in a valley where the Djika River and Kinugawa River converge. Once a hot spring post town on the old Aizu Nishi-Kaido route connecting Nikko and Aizuwakamatsu, it continues to soothe the fatigue of travelers to this day.



1 Ryuokyo Valley 龍王峡

A scenic spot created by the natural beauty of strange rock formations along the Kinugawa River, located between Kinugawa Onsen and Kawaji Onsen. Starting from Ryuokyo Station, you can enjoy walking courses of 30 minutes or one hour. There is also a relatively flat 7-km trail from Kawaji Onsen, perfect for those looking for a leisurely nature walk.

Ryuokyo Sta. → 3 min walk



4 Ski Resorts スキー場

Northern Nikko City is home to several ski resorts, making it a popular snow resort easily accessible from Tokyo. With a variety of slopes for beginners to advanced skiers, as well as snow play areas for children, the whole family can enjoy the experience.



Canoeing/SUP カヌー/SUP

You can enjoy canoeing, SUP, and kayaking at Koami Dam Lake, located near Kawaji-onsen Station. Instructors provide guidance, making it safe and enjoyable even for beginners.



Yunishigawa Onsen

湯西川温泉

A "hidden" hot spring retreat nestled in the mountains, where you can enjoy relaxing baths and the beauty of nature in a serene setting. In addition to the stunning autumn foliage, the snow-covered landscape in winter is also a major attraction.



1 Heike no Sato 平家の里



Irori Cuisine 囲炉裏料理

In the Yunishigawa Onsen area, there is a unique dining culture where locally sourced ingredients from the mountains and rivers are cooked over a traditional sunken hearth (irori). Travelers can experience this nostalgic style of cooking at inns and hotels, enjoying meals in a charming, rustic atmosphere.



Japanese version

Yunishigawa Onsen Kamakura Festival

湯西川温泉かまくら祭

A winter tradition held annually from late January to late February. Hundreds of small snow huts (mini kamakura) are illuminated with candles along the Sawaguchi Riverbank, creating a magical atmosphere that has been recognized as a "Japan Nightscape Heritage." At "Heike no Sato," you can also see the beautiful lights on traditional thatched-roof houses covered in snow along with various sizes of kamakura.



Yunishigawa onsen bus stop → 5 min walk (Sawaguchi Riverbank) Sawaguchi Riverbank Mini Kamakura Illumination: Fri, Sat, Sun 17:30-21:00, Heike no Sato: 9:00-21:00 (Illumination: 17:30-21:00)



2 Kawaji Onsen Yakushi no Yu 川治温泉薬師の湯

Japanese version



A public bath with natural hot spring water flowing directly from the source, located along the Ojika River and loved by locals. Enjoy the rustic atmosphere while gazing at the clear stream and surrounding mountains.

Kawaji-yumoto Sta. → 10 min walk 10:00-20:00 (Last entry at 19:30), Mixed gender open-air bath until 18:00 (Closed from December-March) Closed on Wednesdays (or the following day if it falls on a national holiday) 0288-78-0229

3 Kawaji Fureai Park 川治ふれあい公園

Located in the center of Kawaji Onsen town, the park welcomes you with a statue of "Kawajii." It features two free footbaths, "Musubi-no-Yu" and "Kawajii-no-Yu," where anyone can relax and soak their feet.



Kawaji-yumoto Sta. → 15 min walk Footbaths 9:00-18:00 Open 365 days Free

5 Kawaji Dam & Ikari Dam 川治ダム・五十里ダム

Kawaji Dam: "Kawaji Dam side" bus stop → Short walk, Ikari Dam: "Ikari Dam side" bus stop → Short walk

Kawaji Dam, built on the Kinugawa River, features Lake Yashio, known for its emerald-green surface, beautifully contrasting with autumn foliage. Ikari Dam on the Ojika River is also a popular spot for autumn leaves and offers boating activities.



1 Heike no Sato 平家の里



Built to preserve and showcase the lifestyle of the Heike clan refugees who are said to have settled in Yunishigawa, this cultural site features restored traditional houses. In early June, the annual "Heike Festival" is held, where warriors in armor and elegantly dressed princesses parade through the town.



Yunishigawa onsen bus stop → Short walk April-November: 8:30-17:00, December-March: 9:00-16:30 (Last entry is 30 minutes before closing) Open 365 days 0288-98-0126

2 Roadside Station Yunishigawa 道の駅 湯西川



A roadside station at the gateway to Yunishigawa Onsen, featuring a hot spring facility with water directly from the source, as well as a casual foot bath. Visitors can also enjoy local specialty dishes like "Dam Curry," soba noodles, and venison croquettes.

Yunishigawa-onsen Sta. → Short walk Hot Spring: 10:00-20:00 (Last entry at 19:00), Restaurant: 10:30-15:00, Shop: 9:00-17:00 Closed on Tuesdays from December to March (except during the Kamakura Festival) 0288-78-1222

3 Yunishigawa Mizu no Sato 湯西川水の郷



Japanese version

A scenic tourist spot overlooking a clear mountain stream, featuring a suspension bridge, day-use hot springs, free foot baths, and a restaurant offering dishes made with local ingredients.



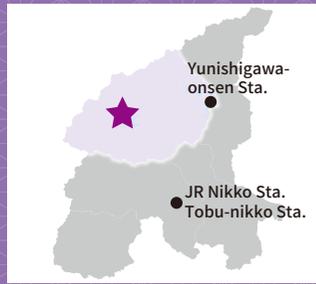
"Mizu no Sato Kanko Center-mae" bus stop → Short walk Hot spring: 10:00-19:00 (Last entry at 18:00), Restaurant: 11:00-15:00 (L.O. 14:30), Shop: 10:00-14:30 Wednesdays 0288-98-0260

Yunishigawa, Kawamata & Okukinu Area

Kawamata Onsen

川俣温泉

A hot spring area nestled in the uppermost reaches of the Kinugawa River, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding mountain scenery.



1 Kawamata Dam 川俣ダム



An arch concrete dam located at the uppermost part of the Kinugawa River. A stunning spot to enjoy fresh greenery in spring and vibrant foliage in autumn.

🚌 "Kawamata Heikezuka" bus stop (34) → 15 min walk 🚶 Walking trail open: 9:00–16:00 (Last entry at 15:00) 📞 Late November to late April ☎ 0288-96-0281



2 Setoaikyo Canyon 瀬戸合峽

A magnificent canyon featuring sheer cliffs towering up to 100 meters high, stretching for approximately 2 kilometers. From the suspension bridge, visitors can enjoy stunning close-up views of the cliffs.

🚌 "Kawamata Heikezuka" bus stop (34) → 30 min walk (to the suspension bridge) 🚶 Walking trail open: 9:00–16:00 (Last entry at 15:00) 📞 Late November to late April ☎ 0288-96-0281



Yunishigawa, Kawamata & Okukinu Area

Okukinu Onsen Village

奥鬼怒温泉郷

A secluded hot spring retreat embraced by the pristine nature of the Kinugawa River's headwaters. A paradise for outdoor enthusiasts and onsen lovers alike.



Winter Activities

冬のアクティビティ

Join a guided tour for snow trekking or a visit to beautiful frozen waterfalls. It's a perfect chance to escape daily life and immerse yourself in the breathtaking winter landscape.

📞 Kaniyu 0288-96-0311, Hatcho-no-Yu 0288-96-0306



Okukinu Trail Ride 奥鬼怒トレイルライド

Ride a mountain bike or e-bike along an unpaved forest road usually accessible only on foot or by a shuttle from nearby ryokan inns. Enjoy the untouched beauty of Okukinu Onsen Village while following the safety guidelines. (Available from late April to late November.)



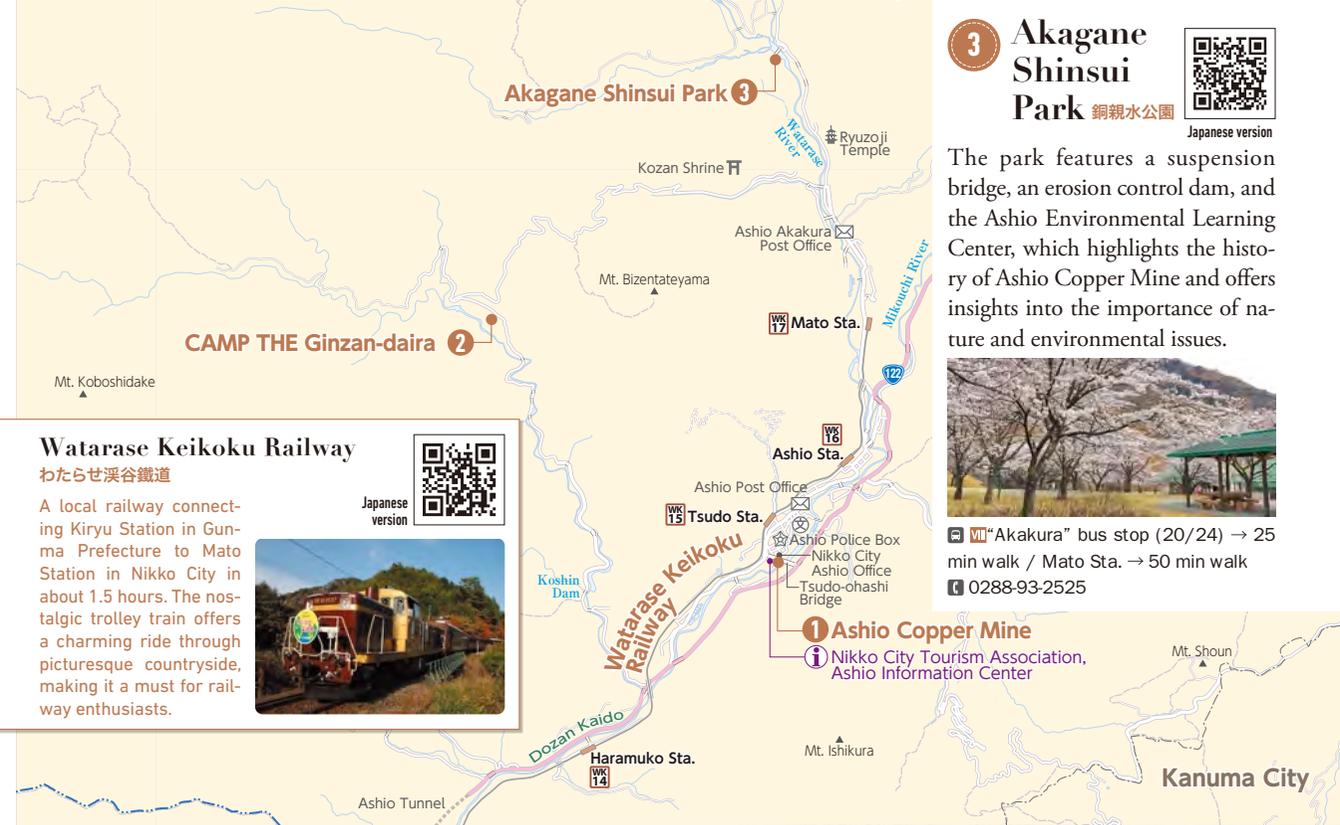
Ashio Area

Around Ashio Copper Mine

足尾銅山周辺

This mine was once known as "Japan's top mining town."

Taking a ride on the local railway that runs along the Watarase Gorge will make your journey even more nostalgic and charming.



Watarase Keikoku Railway

わたらせ渓谷鐵道

A local railway connecting Kiryu Station in Gunma Prefecture to Mato Station in Nikko City in about 1.5 hours. The nostalgic trolley train offers a charming ride through picturesque countryside, making it a must for railway enthusiasts.



1 Ashio Copper Mine

足尾銅山観光



Explore the historic ruins of Ashio Copper Mine, which boasts a 400-year legacy. Ride a trolley train and venture into the dimly lit tunnels, where a sense of adventure awaits. Inside, lifelike mannequins vividly recreate the harsh conditions of ore mining in the past, offering a deep insight into the mine's history and its vital role in supporting Japan's industry.



🚌 "Dozan Kankomae" bus stop (5) → Short walk / Tsudo Sta. → 5 min walk 🕒 9:00–17:00 (Last entry at 16:15) 📞 Open 365 days ☎ 0288-93-3240



2 CAMP THE Ginzan-daira

CAMP THE 銀山平



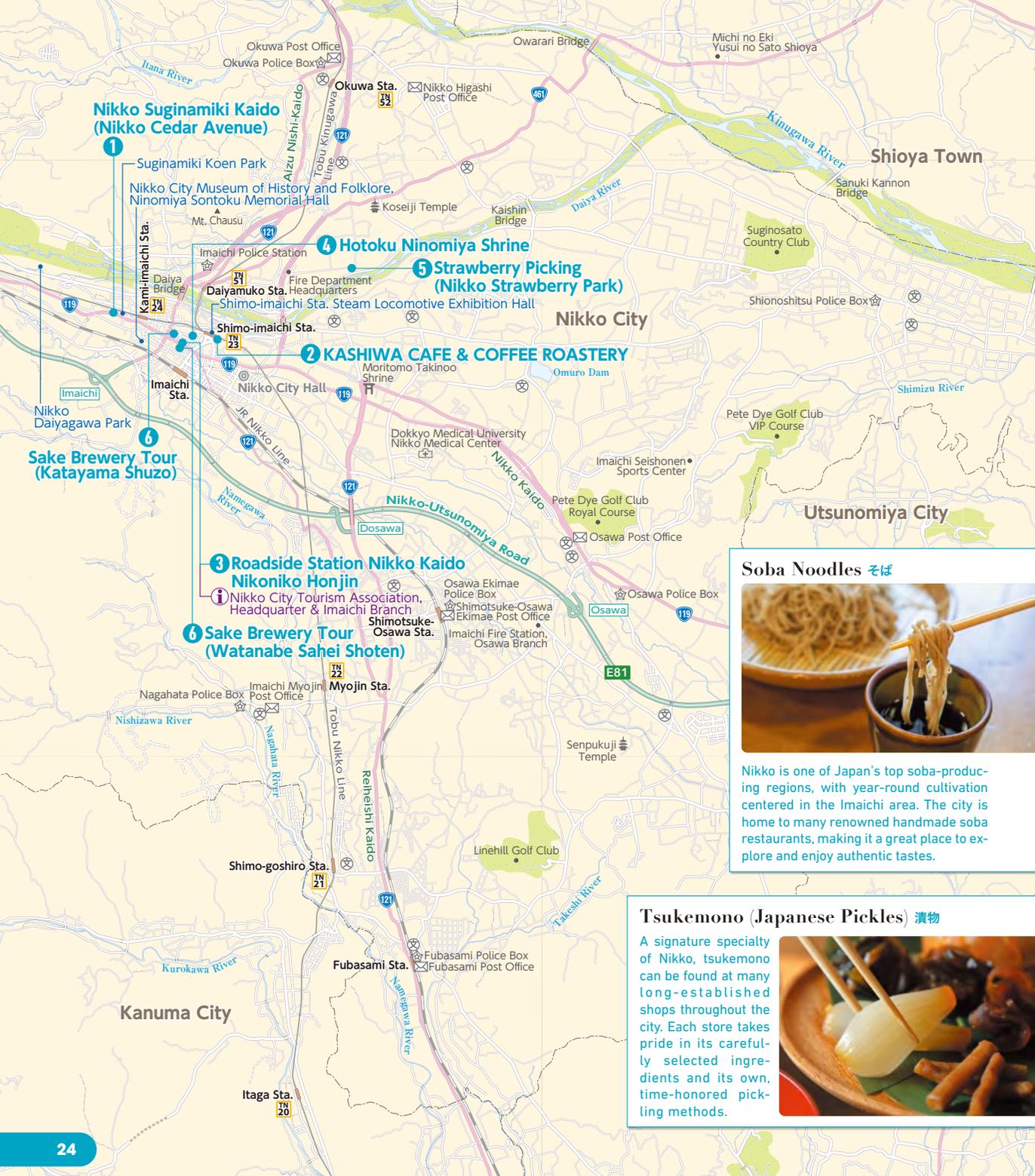
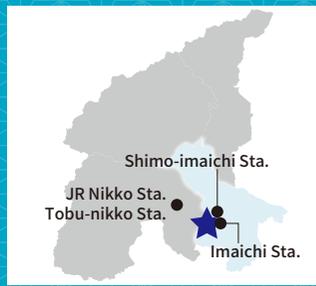
A campsite nestled at the foot of Mt. Koshin, surrounded by magnificent nature. Enjoy seasonal scenery such as lush greenery and autumn foliage, and at night, marvel at the star-filled sky. Additionally, there is a nearby accommodation where you can enjoy a day-use hot spring bath.

🚌 "Tsudo Eki-mae" bus stop (7) or Tsudo Sta. → 15 min by taxi 📞 December–March ☎ 0288-93-3420

Shimo-imaichi Station Area

下今市駅周辺

A historic and natural crossroads where the Nikko Suginamiki Kaido (Nikko Cedar Avenue) stretches. Enjoy local specialties, Japanese sake, and seasonal strawberry picking.



2 KASHIWA CAFE & COFFEE ROASTERY

KASHIWA CAFE & COFFEE ROASTERY (珈茶話)



A beloved local coffee shop with a 40-year history. Known for its carefully roasted house blend coffee, it also offers shaved ice made with natural ice and adorable 3D latte art, both of which are popular among visitors.



📍 Shimo-imaichi Sta. → 2 min walk
 🕒 11:00-18:00
 🗓️ Wednesdays
 ☎️ 0288-22-5876

1 Nikko Suginamiki Kaido (Nikko Cedar Avenue)

日光杉並木街道



This 37 km-long tree-lined road consists of three historic routes, with around 12,000 towering cedar trees (as of 2024). Originally donated as an approach to Nikko Toshogu Shrine about 300 years ago, it holds the Guinness World Record for the longest tree-lined avenue. Renting a bicycle is a great way to explore the area.

📍 Kami-imaichi Sta. → Short walk

3 Roadside Station Nikko Kaido Nikoniko Honjin

道の駅日光 日光街道ニコニコ本陣



A multi-purpose facility serving as a hub for history, culture, tourism, and exchange in Nikko. The market hall offers a variety of local souvenirs, while the tourist information center provides bicycle rentals for visitors.

📍 Imaichi Sta./Shimo-imaichi Sta. → 5 min walk
 🕒 Shops: 9:00-18:00, Bicycle rentals: 9:00-16:00
 🗓️ Shops closed on the third Tuesday of each month
 ☎️ 0288-25-5557



4 Hotoku Ninomiya Shrine

報徳二宮神社



A shrine dedicated to Ninomiya Sontoku (1787-1856), prayers offered at this shrine are said to bring success in academics and prosperity in business. The beautifully arranged floral-themed chozuya (purification fountain) and the seasonally changing colorful goshuin (shrine stamps) make this shrine a popular spot for photography.

📍 Shimo-imaichi Sta. → 3 min walk / Imaichi Sta. → 10 min walk
 🕒 9:00-16:30 ☎️ 0288-21-0138

5 Strawberry Picking (Nikko Strawberry Park)

いちご狩り



Tochigi Prefecture has been Japan's top strawberry producer for 57 consecutive years (as of 2024), and Nikko is no exception, growing sweet, high-quality strawberries. From December to May, several farms open their doors for strawberry picking experiences.



📍 Imaichi Sta./Shimo-imaichi Sta. → 7 min by car
 🕒 10:00-16:00 (Last entry 15:30) ☎️ 0288-22-0615

Soba Noodles そば



Nikko is one of Japan's top soba-producing regions, with year-round cultivation centered in the Imaichi area. The city is home to many renowned handmade soba restaurants, making it a great place to explore and enjoy authentic tastes.

Tsukemono (Japanese Pickles) 漬物

A signature specialty of Nikko, tsukemono can be found at many long-established shops throughout the city. Each store takes pride in its carefully selected ingredients and its own, time-honored pickling methods.



6 Sake Brewery Tours

酒蔵見学

The Imaichi area is home to high-quality underground water nurtured by the Nikko mountain range, making it an ideal place for sake brewing. At two local breweries, you can sample different varieties to find your favorite and gain a deeper understanding of sake brewing through guided tours (advance reservation required).

Watanabe Sahei Shoten: 📍 Imaichi Sta. → 5 min walk / Shimo-imaichi Sta. → 8 min walk 🕒 8:00-18:00
 Katayama Shuzo: 📍 Shimo-imaichi Sta. → 10 min walk / Imaichi Sta. → 15 min walk 🕒 8:00-18:00



List of Activities and Tourist Facilities

Nikko City still has plenty of fascinating spots and experiences!



Activities

No	Contents	Areas	Operating Companies or Facilities	Official Website	Available Languages
1	Cycling Tours	Nikko Area Okunikko Area Kinugawa/Kawaji Area	Nikko Natural Science Museum * Self-guided Tour (e-bike)	https://www.nikko-nsm.co.jp/	—
			Nikko Nasu Outdoor Service	https://www.tkcnet.jp/	English
			NAOC NIKKO BASE	https://www.naoc-jp.com/	English, Spanish
			FullTime	https://www.instagram.com/fulltimenikko/	—
			Nature Planet	https://nature-planet.com/	—
2	Hiking & Trekking Tours	Okunikko Area Kinugawa/Kawaji Area	Nikko Natural Science Museum	https://www.nikko-nsm.co.jp/	—
			Okunikko Konishi Hotel	https://www.okunikko.co.jp/	—
			Okunikko Guesthouse JUN	https://nikko-activity.com/	English
			Shizen Keikaku	https://www.nnp.jp/	—
			Nature Planet	https://nature-planet.com/	—
3	Canoeing & Kayaking Tours	Okunikko Area Kinugawa/Kawaji Area	Nikko Nasu Outdoor Service	https://www.tkcnet.jp/	English
			NAOC NIKKO BASE	https://www.naoc-jp.com/	English, Spanish
			Nature Planet	https://nature-planet.com/	—
4	SUP(Stand-Up Paddleboarding)	Okunikko Area	Sup!Sup!	https://www.supsup.jp/	English, Chinese
5	Snowshoeing Tours	Okunikko Area	Nikko Yumoto Visitor Center	http://nikkoyumoto-vc.com/	—
			Nikko Natural Science Museum	https://www.nikko-nsm.co.jp/	—
			Okunikko Konishi Hotel	https://www.okunikko.co.jp/	—
			Okunikko Guesthouse JUN	https://nikko-activity.com/	English
			Nikko Nasu Outdoor Service	https://www.tkcnet.jp/	English
6	Airboarding Tours	Okunikko Area	NAOC NIKKO BASE	https://www.naoc-jp.com/	English, Spanish
			Nikko Nasu Outdoor Service	https://www.tkcnet.jp/	English
7	Fishing	Kinugawa/Kawaji Area Imaichi Area	Miyori Keiryu Tsuriba (Fishing spot)	https://miyorikeyuysuriba.jp/	—
			Ipponsugi keiryu fishing center	https://nikko-ipponsugi-fishing.jimdofree.com/	—

Cultural Experiences

No	Contents	Areas	Operating Companies or Facilities	Official Website	Available Languages
1	Nikko Woodcarving Experience	Nikko Area	Igarashi Lacquer Ware	https://www.mmjp.or.jp/nikkokobori-shop/index.html	—
			mekke Nikko Kyodo Center	https://www.mekke-nikko.com/	—
2	Sutra Copying Experience	Nikko Area	Nikko-zan Rinno-ji Temple Daigomado Hall	https://www.rinnoji.or.jp/history/temple/gomadou.html	—
	Sutra & Buddha Image Copying Experience	Okunikko Area	Tachiki Kannon, Nikko-zan Chuzen-ji Temple	https://www.rinnoji.or.jp/history/temple/chuzenji/	—
			Nikko-zan Onsen-ji Temple	https://www.rinnoji.or.jp/history/temple/onsenji.html	—
3	Deerskin Craft Experience	Nikko Area Okunikko Area	mekke Nikko Kyodo Center	https://www.mekke-nikko.com/	—
			Okunikko Guesthouse JUN	https://nikko-activity.com/	English

Observation Gardens & Botanical Gardens

No	Contents	Areas	Official Website	TEL
1	Japan Amphibian Laboratory	Okunikko Area	https://www.nikko-academy.jp/	0288-25-6000
2	Kamimiyori Aquatic Botanical Garden	Kinugawa/Kawaji Area	http://www.yamasyokubutu.co.jp/	0288-79-0377

Art Museums & Museums

No	Contents	Areas	Official Website	TEL
1	Kosugi Hoan Museum of Art, Nikko	Nikko Area	https://www.khmoan.jp/	0288-50-1200
2	Nikko Toshogu Museum	Nikko Area	https://www.toshogu.jp/shisetsu/houmotsu.html	0288-54-2558
3	Nikko Toshogu Art Museum	Nikko Area	https://toshogu.jp/shisetsu/bijutsu.html	0288-54-0560
4	Nikko-zan Rinno-ji Temple Treasure House	Nikko Area	https://www.rinnoji.or.jp/history/temple/houmotsuden.html	0288-54-0531
5	Futarasan-jinja Shrine Museum	Okunikko Area	http://www.futarasan.jp/houmotsukan/	0288-55-0017
6	Nikko City Museum of History and Folklore, Ninomiya Sontoku Memorial Hall	Imaichi Area	https://www.city.nikko.lg.jp/soshiki/10/1041/3/1960.html	0288-25-7333
7	Shimo-imaichi Sta. Steam Locomotive Exhibition Hall	Imaichi Area	https://www.tobu.co.jp/sl/more/tenji-kan/	—

Gardens & Parks

No	Contents	Areas	Official Website	TEL
1	Nikko-zan Rinno-ji Temple Shoyoen Garden	Nikko Area	https://www.rinnoji.or.jp/history/temple/syouyouen.html	0288-54-0531
2	Suginamiki Koen Park	Imaichi Area	https://www.nikko-kankou.org/spot/38	0288-22-6163
3	Nikko Daiyagawa Park	Imaichi Area	https://nikko-daiyagawapark.jp/	0288-23-0111

Campsites

No	Contents	Areas	Official Website	TEL
1	Campsites	Entire City Area	https://www.nikko-kankou.org/features/45	0288-22-1525

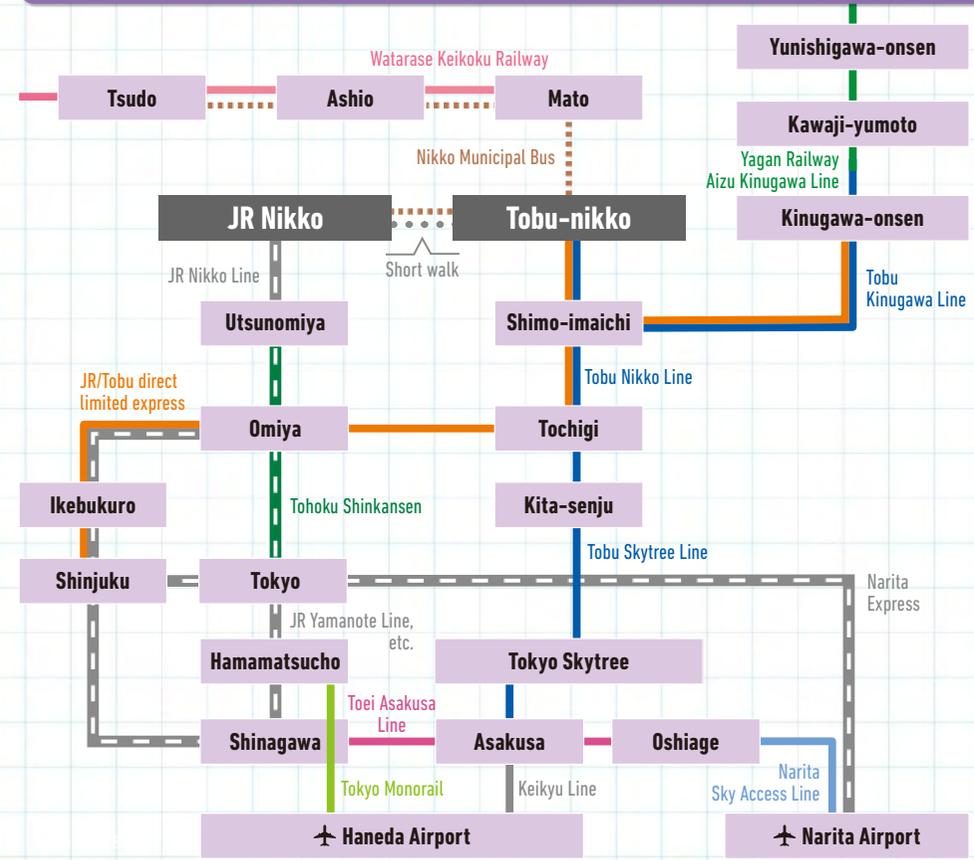
Amusement Parks & Others

No	Contents	Areas	Official Website	TEL
1	Nikko Momiji-za theatre	Nikko Area	https://kiramekiagency.com/	070-1253-9543
2	H.C. Tochigi Nikko Icebucks	Nikko Area	https://www.icebucks.jp/	0288-53-5166
3	OSARU Land & Animal Town	Kinugawa/Kawaji Area	https://www.osaruland.jp/	0288-76-8036
4	Trick Art Pia Nikko	Kinugawa/Kawaji Area	https://trickart-pia.com/	0288-77-3565
5	3D Meiro Kyoryukan	Kinugawa/Kawaji Area	https://www.3d-nikko.com/	0288-70-1066

Access to Nikko City



Access by train



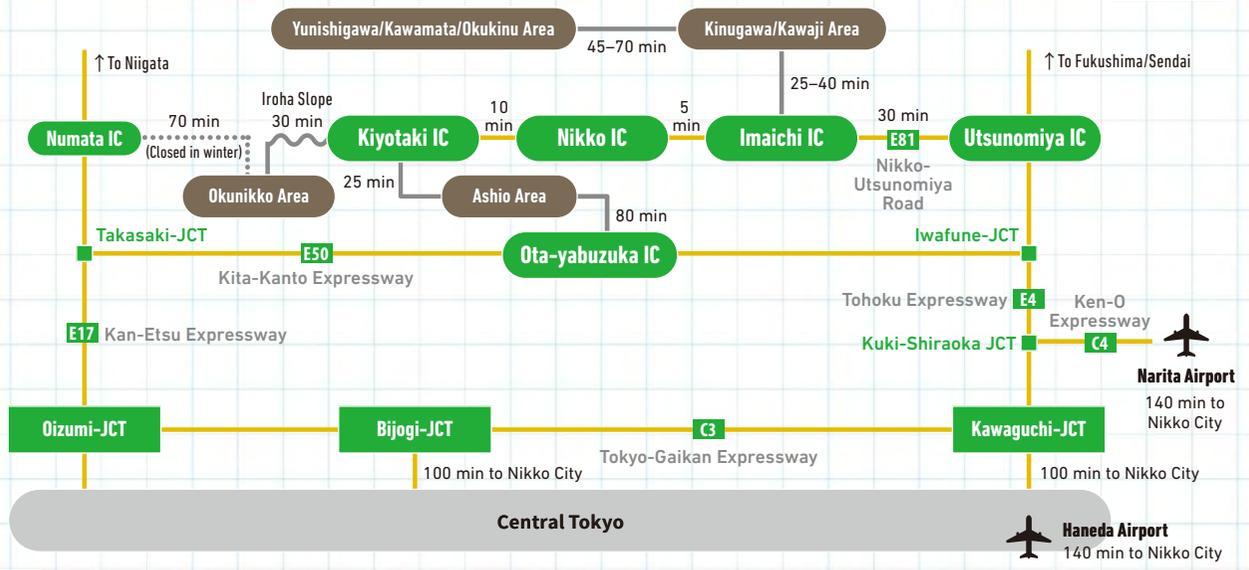
- From Asakusa Sta. approx. **110** min (Tobu limited express)
- From Tokyo Sta. approx. **95** min (Shinkansen + Conventional line)
- From Shinjuku Sta. approx. **120** min (JR/Tobu direct limited express)
- From Haneda Airport approx. **2 hr 30** min
- From Narita Airport approx. **3 hr 50** min

●Inquiry **Tobu Railway** 9:00-18:00 Open 365 days (except for New Year's holidays) TEL 03-5962-0102

●Inquiry **JR East Infoline** (For non-Japanese customers) 10:00-18:00 Open 365 days (except for New Year's holidays) TEL 050-2016-1603

Access by car

For highway tolls and route search



A transportation pass that includes trains to and from Tokyo and unlimited travel within Nikko

*This pass is intended for international visitors, but Japanese travelers accompanying them can also purchase it.

Marugoto Nikko Tobu Free Pass

Unlimited rides on trains and buses in the Nikko area. Includes round-trip Tobu Railway fare from the departure station to Shimo-imaichi Station. (Valid for 4 days)

NIKKO PASS ALL AREA*

Unlimited rides on trains and buses in a wide area, including the Kinugawa and Okunikko areas. Includes round-trip Tobu Railway fare from Asakusa Station to Shimo-imaichi Station. (Valid for 4 days)

NIKKO PASS world heritage area*

Unlimited rides on buses in the World Heritage "Shrines and Temples of Nikko" area and trains in the Nikko and Kinugawa areas. Includes round-trip Tobu Railway fare from Asakusa Station to Shimo-imaichi Station. (Valid for 2 days)

How to Purchase

Digital Ticket Purchase from the official website and board the designated train from Tobu Railway Asakusa Station or Tokyo Skytree Station.

Regular Ticket After purchasing from the official website, pick up your ticket at the TOBU Tourist Information Center Asakusa. Alternatively, you can purchase it directly at the center. Then, board the designated train from Tobu Railway Asakusa Station or Tokyo Skytree Station.

Transportation in Nikko City

An unlimited bus pass is a great way to get around Nikko!

Nikko Area

You can hop on and off Tobu buses as many times as you like within the unlimited bus pass area. Choose the pass that best suits your sightseeing plans!



World Heritage Sightseeing Bus Pass

Coverage: Unlimited rides from JR/Tobu Nikko Station on the World Heritage Sightseeing Bus route and to Rengeishi (Valid for same-day only).

Chuzenji Onsen Pass

Coverage: Unlimited rides within the area from JR/Tobu Nikko Station to Chuzenji Onsen (Valid for two days).

Yumoto Onsen Pass

Coverage: Unlimited rides within the area from JR/Tobu Nikko Station to Yumoto Onsen/Kotoku Onsen (Valid for two days).

Kirifuri-kogen Pass

Coverage: Unlimited rides within the area from JR/Tobu Nikko Station to Kirifuri Kogen (Valid for two days). *Not available from December 1 to March 31.

Where to Buy

TOBU Nikko Sta. Tourist Information Center
Kinugawa-Onsen Station Tourist Center

TEL:0288-54-0864
TEL:0288-77-1158

Other Areas

Kinugawa / Edomura / Yunishigawa 2-day pass

Coverage: Unlimited rides within the area including Yunishigawa Onsen, Kinugawa-onsen Station, and Nikko Edomura (Valid for two days).

Kinugawa 1-day pass

Coverage: Unlimited rides within the area including Kinugawa-onsen Station, Nikko Edomura, and Shintakotoku Station (Valid for same-day only).

Imaichi / Kinugawa 1-day pass

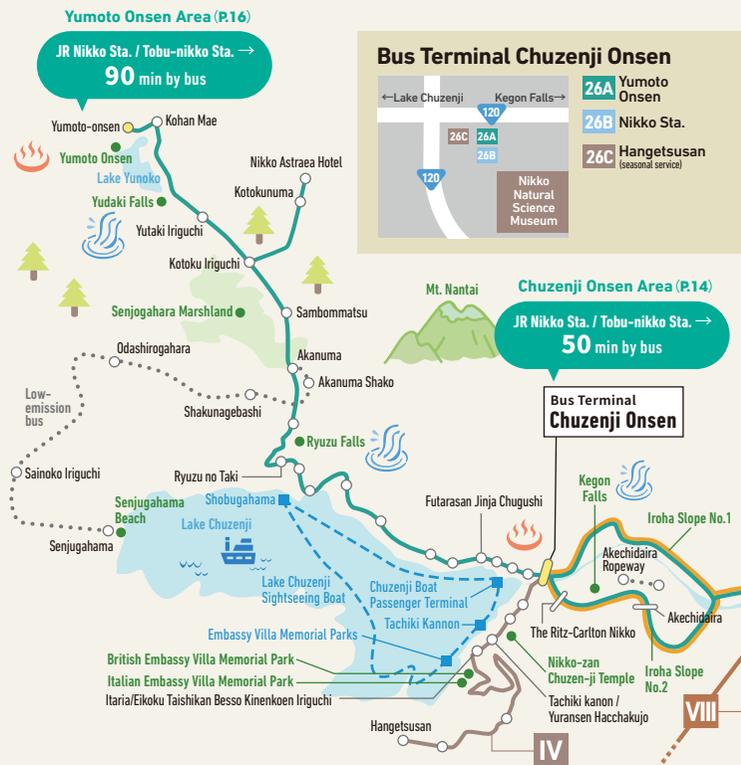
Coverage: Unlimited rides within the area including Kinugawa-onsen Station, Shin-takatoku Station, and Shimo-imaichi Station (Valid for same-day only).

Heike no Sato / Mizunosato 2-day pass

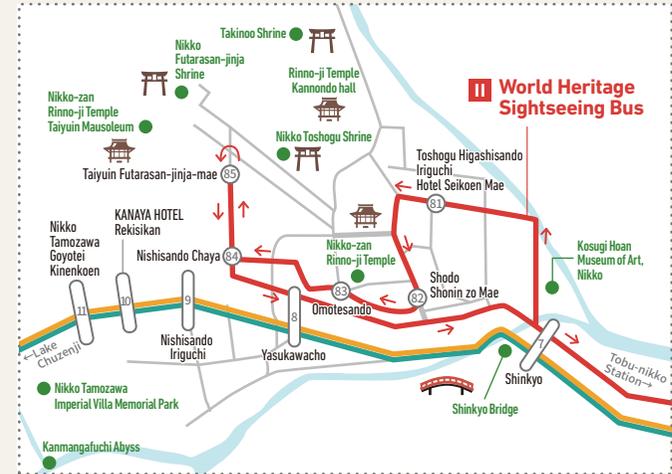
Coverage: Unlimited rides within the area including Yunishigawa Onsen and Mizunosato Tourist Center-mae (Valid for two days).

Bus Lines

Route	Code
I For Chuzenji Onsen/Yumoto Onsen Area (Tobu Bus)	
JR/Tobu Nikko Sta. - Chuzenji-onsen - Yumoto-onsen	Y
JR/Tobu Nikko Sta. - Kotoku-onsen - Yumoto-onsen	YK
JR/Tobu Nikko Sta. - Nishisando Iriguchi - Chuzenji-onsen	C
II World Heritage Sightseeing Bus (Tobu Bus)	
JR/Tobu Nikko Sta. - World Heritage Site "Shrines and Temples of Nikko" Area	W,N
III For Kirifuri no Taki (Kirifuri Falls)/ Kirifuri Kogen (Kirifuri Highland) Area (Tobu Bus)	
JR/Tobu Nikko Sta. - Kirifuri no Taki - Kirifuri Kogen (Operates from April 1 to November 30)	K
JR/Tobu Nikko Sta. - Nikko Kirifuri Skate Center - Kirifuri no Taki (Operates from December 1 to March 31)	T
IV For Chuzenji Tachiki Kannon/ Hangetsusan (Mt. Hangetsu) Area (Tobu Bus)	
Chuzenji-onsen - Tachiki Kannon/Yuransen Hacchakujo (Sightseeing Boat Terminal) - Hangetsusan (Closed in winter, partial closures may occur seasonally)	U
V Kinugawa Onsen Area (Nikko Kotsu Bus)	
Kinugawa-onsen Sta. - Nikko Edomura	
VI For Yunishigawa Onsen Area (Nikko Kotsu Bus)	
Kinugawa-onsen Sta. - Yunishigawa Onsen	
VII For Kawamata Onsen Area (Nikko Municipal Bus)	
Kinugawa-onsen Sta. - Kawamata Onsen - Meotobuchi	
VIII Ashio Area (Nikko Municipal Bus)	
JR/Tobu Nikko Sta. - Dozan Kanko-mae	



Bus Routes Around the World Heritage Site: "Shrines and Temples of Nikko"



(As of January 2025)
*Travel times to each area indicate the shortest duration without transfer times.
*Routes may change depending on the day or season. Please check the official website of the bus company for the latest information.



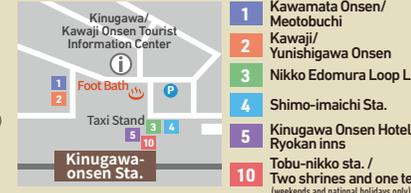
Bus Terminal JR Nikko Ekimae



Bus Terminal Tobu-nikko Ekimae



Bus Terminal Kinugawa-onsen Ekimae



Taxi/Hire Services

Area	Company	Contact
Nikko	Nikko Kotsu	0288-54-1188
	AAA Passenger Transport & Travel	0288-54-1130
	Tochigi Kotsu Bus Co., Ltd. (Daiwa Kotsu Office)	0288-54-1515
Kinugawa/Kawaji	Kinugawa Taxi	0288-77-0033
	Nikko Kotsu	0288-54-1188
	Kawaji Kanko Taxi	0288-78-0240
Yunishigawa/Kawamata/Okukinu	Kinugawa Taxi	0288-77-0033
	Kawaji Kanko Taxi	0288-78-0240
Imaichi	Nikko Kotsu	0288-54-1188
	Imaichi Taxi	0288-21-5211
Ashio	Ashio Kanko Taxi	0288-93-2222
	Marutsuu Taxi (In front of Imaichi Sta.)	0288-22-0038

Rental Cars

Company	Contact
Nippon Rent-A-Car Tobu-nikko Sta.	050-1712-2849
NISSAN Rent a Car Nikko Sta. store	0288-50-1523
JR Rent-A-Car Nikko	0288-53-0938
TOYOTA Rent a Car Nikko Sta. Shop	0288-50-1800
Nippon Rent-A-Car Kinugawa-onsen Sta.	050-1712-2850
NICONICO Rent a Car Kinugawa-onsen Sta.	0288-25-3334
TOYOTA Rent a Car Shimo-imaichi Sta. Shop	0288-22-6200



日光旅ナビ Japanese

<https://www.nikko-kankou.org/>



Nikko Official Guide English

<https://www.visitnikko.jp/en/>



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