

Welcome to Tochigi, a land of World Heritage and great nature

A Quick Getaway from Tokyo

Tochigi

Visitors Guide







Finished exploring Tokyo?

In fact, the well known Nikko is right in Tochigi!







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Town of flower and



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modern with tradition







About Tochigi Prefecture

With just a 50-minute ride on the Shinkansen from Tokyo, you can reach Utsunomiya, the capital of Tochiqi prefecture. It offers many natural sceneries and World Heritage Sites including the famous Nikko Shrine.

With relaxing hot springs, family-friendly theme parks and local cuisine ranging from strawberries to fried dumplings, Tochiqi is definitely your ideal destination near Tokyo.



TOCHIGI



Kanto Bus (Marronnier direct bus)

Airport - Utsunomiva Station: approx. 2 hrs and 50 min. http://www.kantobus.co.jp/highway/maronie01.html

Chiba Bus (Salvia direct bus)

Airport - Ashikaga Station: approx. 2 hrs and 40 min. http://www.chibakotsu.co.jp/kousoku/salvia.htm

Kanto Bus (Marronnier direct bus)

Airport - Utsunomiya Station: approx. 3 hrs. http://www.kantobus.co.jp/highway/maronie01 haneda.html

Airport bus

Airport - Mito Station: approx. 40 mins, and then transfer to JR Mito Line.

JR Tohoku Shinkansen

A high-speed railway you can't afford to miss.

Tokyo Station - Utsunomiya Station: approx. 50 mins.

Tokyo Station - Nasu-shiobara Station: approx. 1 hr and 10 min.

JR Shonan Shinjuku Line

Direct service connecting Utsunomiya with Yokohama,

Shinjuku, and Shibuya.

Shinjuku Station - Utsunomiya Station: approx. 1 hr and 45 min.

Tobu Railway

Head to Tochigi after having a good time at Asakusa.

Asakusa Station - Tobu Nikko Station: approx. 1 hr and 45 min.

Asakusa Station - Kinugawa Onsen Station: approx. 2 hrs.





Best of Tochiai Prefecture -

*World Heritage Site

("Shrines and Temples of Nikko")

*World's longest tree-lined avenue (Cedar Avenue of Nikko)

*Japan's oldest college

(Ashikaga School)

*Japan's top gyoza

consumption (Utsunomiya City)

*Japan's top strawberry

production







A Fulfilling Trip of World Heritage

This trip leads you not only to famous shrines and temples but also

DAY1

Asakusa Station 9:00



Shimoimaichi 10:39 Station

Tobu Nikko line

Tobu Nikko Station

10:52 Lunch 12:18

11 min. by bus, get off at Omotesando and then walk 5 min.

10 mins on foot Futarasan

■ 3 mins on foot

Rinnoji

You may take a bus to Tobu Nikko Station and then head to ryokan.

Rvokan (traditional Japanese inn)

Nikko Toshogu Shrine

Toshogu's splendid architecture is designed by artisans from all over Japan, Many of the animal carvings symbolize world peace. http://www.toshogu.ip/



More fun with guidance

Learn more about the shrine with the touch pen audio guide system. (Language availability: Japanese, English, Chinese. Fees: 500 yen)



Futarasan Shrine

Lined with old sacred trees, Futarasan Shrine is worshipped for good luck and marriage.

http://www.futarasan.jp/



Rinnoji Temple

Observe interesting similarities and differences between Rinnoji Temple and Toshogu Shrine. http://rinnoji.or.jp/

Eniov rvokan stav!

Indulge in cuisine made with local waqvu beef after a relaxing hot spring bath.





Accommodation Information

Nikko Onsen Ryokan Association Address: Tokorono 2854, Nikko TEL: +81-288-54-3126 http://www.nikko-spa.org/english/index.html

Sites and Breathtaking Nature Nikko

to gorgeous natural attractions including lakes and waterfalls.

Kegon Waterfall

One of Japan's top three waterfalls. Experience the power of aushing water at the observation platform (charges apply). http://www.nikko-kankou.org/spot/5/

Lake Chuzenii

Great summer retreat. Take a stroll or boat ride to eniov the scenes







Ryokan

Tobu Nikko Station 10:05

> 40 min. by bus, get off at Chuzenii Onsen and then walk 5 min.

● 10 min. on foot

Chuzenji

20 min. by bus, get off at Sanbonmatsu.

Senjogahara Marshlands

Tobu Bus

Tobu Nikko 16:57 Station

Tobu Nikko Line

Shimoimaichi Station

Transfer to Tobu Limited Express Kinu 136

Asakusa Station 19:15

Senjogahara Marshlands

Embark on a 2-hour hike and soak in the views of the surrounding mountains.





More to discover!



1000 Samurai Procession Annual spring and autumn event commemorating an ancient ceremony. http://www.nikkokankou.org/spot/27/



Irohazaka Winding Road Spectacular road with 48 turns that attract crowds every maple season, http://www.nikkokankou.org/spot/9/



A crispy sweet treat made with Nikko's famous yuba (tofu skin). http://www.sakae-va.com/

Money-saving ticket recommended for the trip

All Nikko Pass http://www.tobu.co.ip/foreign/pass/all_pass.html See back cover for details.





A Trip of Onsen and Theme Park

2 hours from Tokyo is Kinugawa, historically renowned for onsens, t

DAY 1

Asakusa Station 10:00



Kinugawa Onsen 11:59 Lunch Station 13:30



Kinugawa Boat Rides 14:40 14:40

Ryokan



Stay overnight and enjoy elegant cuisine and a soothing onsen. The excellent Japanese hospitality will leave a memorable impression on your trip.



More to discover!



Travel the world in this theme park that reproduces the world's famous attractions. http://www. tobuws.co.jp/default_en.html

Accommodation Information

Kinugawa Onsen

Kinugawa Onsen Ryokan Association Address: 1404-1 Ohara Kinugawa Onsen, Nikko TEL: +81-288-77-1039 http://www.kinugawa-onsen.com/

rs for Family! Kinugawa

heme parks and beautiful sceneries. Highly recommended for tourists of all ages.

Edo Wonderland (Nikko Edo Mura)

Experience Edo era life or watch historical plays in this theme park that is set in olden days of Japan.

http://www.edowonderland.net/html/en/index.html





Live Ninja Theatre

Queue early to catch the live action of Ninjas!





Edo-style Costume Experience

Travel through time by dressing up as an Edo citizen.

Free WIFI available in the park.

Oiran Parade

Elegant procession of courtesans strolling down the streets.

Cute Souvenirs

Get everything that features Nyanmage, the mascot of Edo Village.





Money-saving ticket recommended for the trip

Kinugawa Theme Park Pass http://www.tobu.co.jp/foreign/pass/theme_pass.html See back cover for details.



DAY 2

Ryokan

Kinugawa Onsen Station 10:00

Bus

Edo Wonderland 10:15 Lunck Stay: 5 5hours 15:45

Bus

Kinugawa Onsen Station

Tobu Limited

Express Kinu 132

16:00

Asakusa Station 18:15





Local Cuisine Trip with Tasty Gyozas at

As a bicycle-friendly city, Utsunomiya is also notable for stones and

DAY 1

Tokyo Station 10:36



JB Tohoku Shinkansen Yamabiko 47

Utsunomiva Station 11:27 Lunch 12:35

30 min. by bus, get off at Shirvokaniriguchi and then walk 3 min.

Museum

Bus

Utsunomiya Station 14:53



20 min. on foot (5 min. by bus)

Utsunomiya Station 18:50

Hotel



check out different flavors of gyoza here.

http://www.gvozakai.com/kirasse/



▼All kinds of original gyoza merchandise.



▼Hands-on gyoza making (reservations required).



Accommodation Information

Utsunomiya Ryokan Association Address: 7F, 12-11 Honcho, Utsunomiya TEL: +81-28-622-1225 http://www2.ucatv.ne.jp/~hrkumiai.sun/ Utsunomiya Convention & Visitors Bureau Address: 2F, 3-1-4 Chuo, Utsunomiya TEL: +81-28-632-2445 http://www.utsunomiya-cvb.org/

nd an Underground World Utsunomiya

gyozas. Accessible within an hour from Tokyo on Shinkansen.

"Miya" Cycle Station

Tour Utsunomiya by renting bicycles from this station that also offers tourist information. http://miva-cyclestation.ip/







Get close to nature and experience the farming lifestyle at this agriculture theme park.

http://www.romanticmura.com/



More to Discover!



http://www.blitzen.co.jp/





Famous for azalea flowers, Kanuma City runs a flower festival every May. http://www.kanuma-kanko.jp/ news_details.shtml?2214:1

Money-saving ticket recommended for the trip

JR Kanto Area Pass http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/kantoareapass/index.html See back cover for details. Oya 1-day bus ticket http://www.city.utsunomiya.tochiqi.jp/kanko/kankou/030466.html



DAY 2

Hotel

"Miya" Cycle Station Cycling around town

Bus 2min. on foot

Utsunomiya Station 12:30 Lunch

Bus

Romantic Village

13:05 15:45

Bus

Utsunomiya 16:22 Station 16:58

JR Tohoku Shinkansen Yamabiko 146

Tokyo Station 17:48





A Trip to an Onsen Town with Fantasti

Not far from Kinugawa onsen quietly lies Yunishikawa onsen, a plac

DAY 1

Asakusa Station 10:00



Express Kinu 109

Kinugawa Onsen Station

11:59 Lunch 13-11



Tobu Kinugawa Line

Yagan Railway Yunishigawa Onsen Station 13:35

Bus

Yunishigawa Onsen 14:20



Ryokan (Yunishigawa Onsen) 17:00



Yunishigawa Onsen

In onsen hotels, guests have the pleasure of enjoying hot spring baths and local delicacies served around a fireplace.



Accommodation Information

Yunishigawa Onsen Ryokan Association Address: 1155-1 Yunishigawa, Nikko TEL: +81-288-22-1525 http://www.nikko-kankou.org/

c Winter Views Yunishigawa

e known for great food and outdoor baths.

A Tour through Breweries

Clean underground water is the key to brewing the best sake.



Katayama Brewery

This brewery specializes in premium sake with no water added after fermentation.
Visitors can sign up for a brewery tour (reservations required).
http://www.
kashiwazakari.com/







Watanabe-Sahei Brewery

This hundred-year-old shop sells high quality sake and offers brewery tours and sake lessons (reservations required). http://www.watanabesahei.co.jp/

More to discover!



Takenoyoi Festival
This onsen town is illuminated by
gentle lights of bamboo lanterns
in July. http://www.nikko-kankou. org/event/374/



Kawaakari Festival
Two thousand LED lights flow
down the river, resembling
shooting stars. http://www.nikkokankou.org/event/468/



An open air museum of traditional houses, illustrating lives of villagers in the past. http://www.nikko-kankou.org/ spot/54/

Money-saving ticket recommended for the trip

2 Day Nikko Pass http://www.tobu.co.jp/foreign/pass/2day_nikko_pass.html See back cover for details.



DAY 2

Ryokan (Yunishigawa Onsen)10:00

Bus

Kinugawa Onsen 11:00 Station 11:43



Shimoimaichi Station

12:04 Lunch 13:10

9 mins. on foot

Katayama
Brewery
Stav: 1 hour 14:30



Watanabe-Sahei Brewery

Stay: 1 hour 15:40



Shimoimaichi Station 16:05



Asakusa Station 17:45





Take a getaway from Tokyo and enjoy nature's bounties all year rou

DAY 1

Tokyo Station 9:16



JR Tohoku Shinkansen Nasuno 255

Nasu Shiobara Station

10.26 10.45

Shuttle bus (reservation required)

Rindo Lake

Shuttle bus

Nasu Shiobara Station 15:20

Hotel



Nasu Rindo Lake View

Among the many lovely park attractions are animal pastures, freshly made ice cream, and an aerial rone-slide http://www.rindo.co.jp/

Stay in Nasu

This onsen area offers great views of the Nasu mountain range, which is still spewing volcanic steam. You may also take the ropeway for a hiking trip.



More to discover!



http://www.tochinavi.net/spot/ home/?id=10465

Accommodation Information

Nasu Onsen Ryokan Association Address: 182 Yumoto, Nasu-machi, Nasu-gun TEL: +81-287-76-2755 http://www.nasuonsen.com/

h the Mind Nasu

and at Nasu Plateau. If you love to be embraced by nature, this is the place to be!





Nasu Garden

This outlet houses 150 shops and restaurants. There's always something for everyone here.

http://www.

nasu-gardenoutlet.com/



DAY 2

Hotel

Mt. JEANS Nasu

Gondola 10:00 L

40 mins. by taxi

Nasu Shiobara Station

14:40 14:50

Shuttle bus

Nasu Garden

y: 3.5 hours 18:35

Shuttle bus

Nasu Shiobara Station

18:43 19:02

JR Tohoku Shinakansen Nasuno 282

Tokyo Station 20:16

More to discover!







Nasu Plateau Sightseeing Bus http://nasu-trad.com/ akusesu/syatoru/kyubi. html

Money-saving ticket recommended for the trip

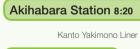
JR Kanto Area Pass http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/kantoareapass/index.html See back cover for details.



A Pottery Town That Blends Modern with Tradition

Mashiko

Mashiko is home to Mashiko-yaki pottery and indigo dyes. It brings great pleasure just walking down the streets of Mashiko, a traditional town with European influence in architecture.



Tokyo Station 8:56

JR Tohoku Shinkansen Yamabiko 129

Utsunomiya Station 9:45

Bus 11:17 Mashiko 10:50

(get off at Ceramic Art Messe Mashiko)



Mashiko Pottery

11:20 Lunch 12:45

15 min. on foot

Indigo Dyeing

13:00 14:00

25 min. on foot

Tonoike Sake Brewery 14:5

14:30 ay: 1 hour 15:30

15 min. on foot

16:05 Mashiko Station 16:00

Bus

Utsunomiya Station 17:14

JR Tohoku Shinkansen Yamabiko 52

Tokyo Station 18:24

Kanto Yakimono Liner

Akihabara Station 19:15

Mashiko Streets

Modern galleries, handicraft shops and cafés adorn the streets of Mashiko, exhibiting creative and artistic taste. http://www.nashiko-kankou.org/



Kanto Yakimono Liner

Visitors can go to Mashiko directly by Kanto Yakimono Liner from Akihabara.

http://www.ibako.co.jp/highway/kasama/

Mashiko Pottery

Mashiko pottery strikes a balance between aesthetic and pragmatic purposes. Visit the museum and market place to see more. http://www.mashiko-kankou.org/pottery/





Indigo Dyeing

Indigo dye is widely celebrated in Japan. The Higeta Indigo Dyeing Workshop has been in operation since old times. http://www.mashiko-kankou.org/entry.shtml?1:493







More to Discover!

Twin Ring MOTEGI
Twin Ring Motegi is a motorsport
race track with family-friendly
facilities. http://www.twinring.jp/
mobipark_m/



This museum houses a collection of ukiyoe, a genre of woodblock prints in Japan. http://www.hiroshige.bato.tochigi.jp/batou/hp/index_e.html



Yamaage Festival Held in July, the festival features great outdoor kabuki performances. http://yamaage.3g-kizuna.jp/

Tonoike Sake Brewery

This brewery sells all sorts of rice wine and innovative products made with sake. Coffee is also served for non-drinkers.

http://tonoike.jp/













One-day Trip

A Tour of Flower and Culture Ashikaaa

The Tobu express train leaving from Asakusa arrives at Ashikaga in only 70 minutes.

Take a walk in the Japanese-style streets and enjoy flower sceneries.



Tochigi 10:08 Station 10:18

JR Ryomo Line

Tomita Station 10:38

13 min. on foot

Ashikaga Flower Park 11:40 Stav: 2.5 hours 14:10

13 min. on foot

Tomita Station 14:33

JR Ryomo Line

Ashikaga Station 14:39

7 min. on foot

Ashikaga School Stay: 1 hour

15:00 16:00

Ashikaga shi

13 min. on foot

Ashikaga-shi Station 16:37

Tobu Limited Express Ryomo 36

Asakusa Station 17:55







Ashikaga School

The oldest college in Japan houses the oldest Confucius temple in Japan.

http://www.city.ashikaga. tochigi.jp/site/ashikagagakko/

More to Discover!



Held in April, this event is a great time to watch balloons race across the sky. http://www.air-b.com/gp-info/ watarase/watarase-event.htm



Sano Premium Outlets Shopping has never been more fun at this western-style mall. http://www.premiumoutlets.co.jp/ en/sano/



Ashikaga Meisen Kimono
There kimonos is characterized
by its modern design and use of
innovative colors.
http://www.ashikagadouraku.jp/





A Time Slip Tour to Explore Tradition

"Kuranomachi" or the town of storehouses. Tochiqi City was once a prosperous commercial center when river transport was common. History and culture are well-preserved here.





Tobu Limited Express Kinu 109

Tochiai Station 11:09



Tochiai Boat Ride Stay: 1.5 hours



Wagashi Lessons Stay: 1.5 hours

5 min. on foot

Kimono Experience

15 min. on foot

Tochiqi 17:37 Station

Tobu Limited Express Kinu 134

Asakusa Station 18:45



This 20-minute boat ride promises a great experience of sightseeing and traditional music enjoyment. http://www.k-vuransen.com/

A Stroll in Tochigi



Kimono Experience

Put on a beautiful, traditional kimono and take a stroll in the neighborhood (reservations required).

http://www.kuranomachi.ip/



round-trip train tickets to and

news/2010/05/post-26.php

from Asakusa and discounts in many restaurants and shops. http://www.kuranomachi.ip/news/

Wagashi Lessons

Learn to make your own unique wagashi, or traditional Japanese confectionery, at this shop (reservations

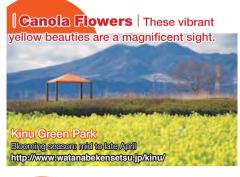
http://vamamotokashi.ip/

Flowery World Full-bloomed flowers are a rare sight in cities.











Mouth Watering Fruits Have fun picking fruits with families and friends









Tochigi Specialty Products

Bring a piece of Tochigi home to friends and family! Enjoy the fun of picking out souvenirs and gifts for yourself and loved ones!





Nikko Bori Carvings
Admire the craftsmanship handed down from Toshogu Shrine.



Try your hands at carving! http://www.n-kibori.ip



Toy's Town - BANDAI Museum

Composed of four areas: Japan, world, Edison, and plastic model (of Gundam). A lovely toy museum for both adults and children.

http://www.bandai-museum.jp/

Visit Tokyo Skytree and Buy Tochigi Specialty Products

Forgot to buy souvenirs during your Tochigi trip? Fret not!

Because in Tokyo Skytree Solamachi you can find "Tochimaru Shop", a specialty shop of products and souvenirs from Tochigi.

Here you may enjoy Tochigi without leaving Tokyo.







Tochimaru Shop

Hours: 10:00-21:00

Address: 2-18-12 Oshiage, Sumida-ku, Tokyo (Tokyo Solamachi 4F)

Access: Tokyo Metro: Oshiage Station; Tobu Railway: Tokyo Skytree Station URL: http://www.tochimaru-shop.com/



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Tobu Railways

All Nikko Pass



Recommended for those who want to explore

Nikko to the most. Validity: 4 days

Price: Adults 4,520 yen, Children 2,280 yen

http://www.tobu.co.jp/foreign/pass/all_pass.html

2 Day Nikko Pass



Recommended for those who want to enjoy the main sights of Nikko in two days. Validity: 2 days

Price: Adults 2,670 yen, Children 1,340 yen

http://www.tobu.co.ip/foreign/pass/2day_nikko_pass.html

Kinugawa Theme Park Pass



Recommended for families to enjoy Kinugawa's theme parks. Validity: 2 days

Price: 1. Nikko Edo Wonderland: Adults 6,180 yen, Children 3,090 yen 2. Tobu World Square: Adults 4,080 yen, Children 2,040 yen 1+2: Adults 7,380 yen, Children 3,690 yen http://www.tobu.co.jp/foreign/pass/theme_pass.html

Where to buy:

Tobu Sightseeing Service Center (in Tobu Railway Asakusa Station)

Sells the above three passes, and provides tourist information on Nikko, Kinugawa, and Asakusa. http://www.tobu.co.jp/foreign/contact.html

JR-EAST - East Japan Railway Company

JR TOKYO Wide Pass

Gets you unlimited rides around Tokyo area on Shinkansen, limited express and other trains. Makes it easy to visit Tochigi.

Price: Adults 10,000 yen, Children 5,000 yen

Validity: 3 days http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/ tokvowidepass/



JR EAST PASS

After fully enjoying Tochigi, extend your trip Northeastern Japan with this pass.

Validity: 5 days flexible (any five days within a

14-day period)

http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/eastpass/index.html

Tohoku Area

Price: Overseas Sales

Adults 19,000 yen, Children 9,500 yen

Price: Domestic Sales

Adults 20,000 yen, Children 10,000 yen

Nagano, Niigata Area

Price: Overseas Sales

Adults 17,000 ven. Children 8,500 ven.

Price : Domestic Sales

Adults 18,000 yen, Children 9,000 yen



Where to buy:

Travel service center in Narita Airport, Haneda Airport, Tokyo Station, Shinagawa Station, Shibuya Station, Shinjuku Station, Ikebukuro Station, Yokohama Station, and Ueno Station.

Tochigi Tourist Information

Nikko Tourist Information Center TEL: +81-288-54-2496

JR Nikko Staion Tourist Information Center TEL:+81-288-25-3275

Tobu Nikko Station Tourist Information Center

Michi-no-Eki Roadside Station "NIKKO" Tourist Information Center

Kinugawa Kawaji Onsen Tourist Information Center TEL: +81-288-77-2052

Michi-no-Eki Roadside Station Yunishigawa

Utsunomiya City Tourist Information Center

TEL: +81-28-636-2177

Michi-no-Eki Roadside Station Nasukogen Yuainomori

NEXCO East Nasu-Kogen Service Area Information Outbound
TEL:+81-287-72-5973

NEXCO East Nasu-Kogen Service Area Information Inbound TEL:+81-287-72-1606

NEXCO East Sano Service Area Information Outbound
TEL:+81-283-23-0232

NEXCO East Sano Service Area Information Inbound TEL:+81-283-23-8855