

10. Hakone (箱根) [Hakone \(箱根\)](#) [Owakudani \(大涌谷\)](#) [Odakyu \(小田急\)](#)

Hakone is a town located within the Fuji Hakone Izu National Park, less than 100 kms west of Tokyo. Famous for hot springs, museums, lakes, and historical Shrines can be found here.

Odakyu Hakone Freepass (Shinjuku ⇔ Hakone) ¥5,700 Romancecar is an additional charge
 One way ¥ 1,110 Reservation required

Transportation Example: Hasune 6:00 → 6:24 Jimbocho 6:32 → 6:42 Shinjuku 7:00 →
 (Observation Romancecar) → 8:27 Hakone Yumoto 8:45 → (Mountain Railway)
 → 9:31 Gora 9:36 → (Cable car) → 9:46 Sounzan 9:51 → (Ropeway) → 9:59 Owakudani ...
 Owakudani 12:00 → (Ropeway) → 12:16 Togendai 12:30 → (Pirate ship) → 12:55 Hakone
 Machiko ... Sekisho Ato ... Hakone Machiko 15:33 → (Bus) → 15:59 Hakone
 Yumoto 16:26 → (Observation Romancecar) → 18:05 Shinjuku

The Odakyu Limited Express Romancecar accepts advance ticket reservations for the front row viewing seats. These seats are located directly under the train conductor. There is no extra fee to reserve these popular seats. I recommend reserving these seats as early as possible. You can also make a reservation at the B & B.



Owakudani (大涌谷)

The best tourist attraction in Hakone is Owakudani, a volcanic ally with active sulphur vents and hot springs. Eggs cooked in the vents turn black due to the presence of hydrogen sulfide. You should try one.



Queen Ashinoko (クィーン芦ノ湖)

Hakone's latest sightseeing Pirate Ship sailing on Lake Ashi, a volcanic lake.



The Hakone Sekisho (箱根関所)

The Hakone sekisho is also called Hakone Checkpoint. It was a natural bastion (chokepoint) for the mountain passage leading to Edo (today's Tokyo). This checkpoint was constructed in 1619 and manned until 1869.



Hakone is famous for its parquet, or puzzle box. It's a popular souvenir among travelers.

