

YAMANASHI

ENGLISH

Advice for Driving in Japan

Follow Traffic Rules for Safe Driving

Traveling by car is a great way to get the most out of your visit to Yamanashi Prefecture. For everyone's comfort and safety, it is essential that you are aware of the differences in traffic rules between your country and Japan. This guide shows the basic rules of the road and important points for safe driving.

Be aware of your surroundings — avoid hitting the curbs, obstacles or any vehicles!

Be careful when you drive or park and make sure you look left and right, and front and back. Minor collisions with the curb, obstacles, utility poles, buildings and pedestrians often occur in parking lots. Please exercise caution when parking at hotels and convenience stores in particular. Although the scenery in Japan is beautiful, you must not take your eyes off the road whilst driving. If you wish to enjoy the scenery, please pull over into a designated parking area.

Pedestrians have the right of way in Japan — reduce speed on narrow roads.

Roads in Japan are often narrow — please be careful when passing oncoming traffic and be sure not to bump into the guardrails. Some roads are narrow enough to allow one vehicle to pass through, please give way to oncoming vehicles if you can. Exercise caution and drive slowly if you encounter pedestrians and cyclists as they have priority in Japan.

Park in designated or coin-operated parking lots.

Do not park on the road and make sure you park in a designated area such as parking lots or coin-operated parking lots. Please do not park near tourist attractions or on private property, and refrain from parking your car at convenience stores for extended periods.



The traffic lights are colored from left to right — Green, Yellow and Red.



Green means to go, yellow means to stop (if you cross the line or cannot stop safely, proceed ahead), and red means to stop.

Holding a mobile phone or wearing headphones while driving is prohibited.

When making or receiving a call on your mobile phone, you must either pull over to a safe place, or use the hand-free setting. Headphones are prohibited because they make it difficult to hear external sounds.

If you have an accident, call 110 (police).

In the event of an accident, stop your car in a safe area and call 110 immediately. If someone is injured, call 119 for an ambulance. Both services are available in foreign languages. You must report to the police if you had a minor collision with a building, signboard or other structures. Don't forget to contact the rental car company as well.

Seat belts and child car seats are required.

Both the driver and passengers must wear seatbelts in Japan. Children under the age of six must use a child car seat. Please check the details with your rental car company.

Driving on the left & steering wheel on the right — give way to oncoming traffic when turning right at an intersection.

Please follow Japanese traffic rules, which may be different from those of your country. When making a right-hand turn, the vehicle approaching from the opposite direction has the right of way.

The entrance/exit to toll roads has two lanes — an ETC Lane for vehicles with ETC, and a General Lane for cash payment.

Only vehicles equipped with ETC (electronic toll collection system payment) can pass through the ETC Lane. Other vehicles should use the General Lane. Cars entering or exiting via General Lane must briefly stop at the toll booth for ticketing and payments.



Pay attention to traffic signs — especially the STOP sign!

Japanese traffic signs are sometimes hard to read because they are written in Japanese. Please pay extra attention to the '止まれ' sign which means stop. Overlooking or misunderstanding signs may cause serious accidents. Make sure you come to a complete stop at stop signs and check for safety. Also, please look out for the 'No Entry' sign and the 'Road Closure' sign.



Stop



No vehicle entry

Vehicles must stop at railroad crossings and intersections that have no traffic lights to check for safety before continuing.

Remember to check for warning signs and stop behind the railroad crossing. **Warning Signs** Railroad Crossing Please stop well behind the line at railroad crossings.



Don't drink and drive!

While sightseeing and visiting wineries or sake breweries, please ensure that the driver refrains from consuming alcohol. It is against the law to consume even a small amount of alcohol and drive.

MAPCODE® Driving comfortably with MAPCODE using the car navigation system

●What is MAPCODE?

Using the car navigation system, you can enter a MAPCODE, which is a set number of digits you input into the system to set the destination. When entering a MAPCODE of your desired destination, the navigation system allows you to search the available routes. To perform a location search, open the MAPCODE entry screen in the car navigation system and enter the digits that correspond with your desired destination. A single MAPCODE is made up of a maximum of 12 digits.

* Some car navigation systems do not support MAPCODE. In such case, enter the phone numbers, addresses or names of the destinations to search routes.

●Caution when using the car navigation systems

If you need to check the route or change destinations using the navigation system while driving, please pull over to a safe location first. Even if the route has been set on the navigation system, it may not be possible to follow the route due to traffic conditions. In this case, change the route and drive safely.

Content provided in this map is based on surveys conducted between September and November 2024. Details may change depending on the status of each facility. Please check the most recent information before your visit.
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* The MAPCODEs shown in this map may indicate the facility, parking or public parking nearby.

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Introducing 4 recommended routes
to enjoy the must-see attractions
in Yamanashi.

Driving Map



Visit here for more detailed
Information on each site.
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Kofu → Isawa Onsen → Kawaguchiko

Route 1

Scenic Getaway: Hot Springs,
Gourmet Dining & Stunning Views of Mt. Fuji



FUJIYAMA Twin Terrace / Shuttle bus access from Lily Bell Hutte. Enjoy the beautiful features of Mt. Fuji from two terraces.

START Kofu Sta. 甲府駅

↓ 30 mins / 13 km MAP C-2 59 578 589*44

Shosenkyo Gorge 昇仙峡
Shosenkyo Gorge is said to be Japan's most beautiful valley, and the 30-meter drop at Senga Falls is a must-see! Always open

↓ 25 mins / 12 km MAP C-2 59 848 156*23

Takeda-jinja Shrine 武田神社
Takeda Shingen, a Sengoku warrior, is the deity of this shrine. A visit to the shrine will bring you good luck in competitions.

↓ 40 mins / 21 km MAP C-2 59 669 019*21

Katsunuma Tunnel Wine Cave 勝沼トンネルワインカーブ
An old railroad tunnel currently functions as a wine storehouse. It was originally built with bricks in 1903. 9:30 am–4:00 pm (changes seasonally). Open throughout the year. Free of charge

↓ 10 mins / 5 km MAP C-2 161 840 620*36

Budo-no-Oka Wine Center 甲州市勝沼ぶどうの丘
A tourist attraction situated on a hill overlooking a grape orchard. It features a wine shop, restaurant and hot spring facility. Dining under the influence is prohibited. Different for each facility. No scheduled closed days

↓ 20 mins / 10 km MAP C-2 59 628 595*57

Yamanashi Prefecture Fuefukigawa Fruit Park 山梨県果樹公園
The theme of this park is flowers, fruit, and wine. The park also treats visitors to a beautiful view overlooking Kofu Basin, selected for inclusion in the Japan's New Three Most Spectacular Night Views. Always open. Open throughout the year

↓ 15 mins / 8 km MAP C-2 170 747*31

GOAL Isawa Onsen 石和温泉
Isawa Onsen features a hot spring gushing out from a grape field. There are several hot spring facilities in the area.

Day2 START Isawa Onsen ↓ 10 mins / 4 km

Yamanashi Prefectural Museum 山梨県立博物館
The Yamanashi Prefectural Museum highlights the history of Yamanashi with a focus on the nature and people of the area. Visit the museum's cafe for a relaxing time.

↓ 50 mins by car + 10 mins by shuttle bus + 5 mins by foot / Approx. 25 km

FUJIYAMA Twin Terrace FUJIYAMA Twin Terrace
Enjoy a magnificent view of Mt. Fuji, Lake Kawaguchiko and Lake Yamanakako seen from the terrace above the pass. Always open (Late April to late November). Closed during extreme weather conditions. Free of charge (charge for shuttle bus service)

↓ 25 mins / 13 km MAP C-3 59 208 587*73

Fuji Oishi Hanaterrace 富士大石ハナテラス
Located on the shores of Lake Kawaguchi, there are shops and restaurants in the garden complex. Different for each facility. Open throughout the year.

↓ 15 mins / 7 km (Kawaguchiko Sta.) ↓ 20 mins / 9 km (Mt. Fuji Sta.)

GOAL Kawaguchiko Sta. or Mt. Fuji Sta. 河口湖駅 or 富士山駅

MAP C-3 161 272 349*23 / MAP C-3 161 215 594*57



Route 1

Hakushu → Kobuchizawa → Kiyosato

Route 2

Discover both Nature & Japanese Culture:
Horse Riding, Art & Adventure



Sun Meadows Kiyosato, Kiyosato Terrace / Enjoy the magnificent view from the observatory deck and sofa along with the sense of openness. The cafe offers delicious sweets and refreshing beverages.

START Kofu Sta. 甲府駅

↓ 40 mins / 30 km MAP C-2 59 578 589*44

Daigahara-juku Post-station Town 台ヶ原宿
Daigahara-juku once flourished as a post-station town during the Edo Period. Traditional homes, sake breweries with over a century of history, and popular Japanese confectioneries are lined up along the old highway. Always open

↓ 1 min by foot / 100 m MAP B-2 167 791 565*45

Yamanashi Meijo Sake Brewery (SHICHIKEN) 山梨銘酒 (七旗)
SHICHIKEN is a long-established sake brewery founded in 1750. In addition to restaurant DAMIN, SHICHIKEN offers sake tasting and a tour of the rooms where the Emperor Meiji stayed. (Reservations required) Dining under the influence is prohibited.

↓ 9:00 am–5:00 pm. Open throughout the year (restaurant is closed on Tuesdays)

↓ 4 mins by foot / 300 m MAP B-2 167 791 565*45

Kinseiken 金精軒
Kinseiken is a long-established Japanese confectionery founded in 1902. The flagship product is Shingen-mochi, a popular Yamanashi specialty.

↓ 25 mins / 15 km MAP B-2 167 791 565*45

↓ The three MAPCODEs above correspond to municipal parking lots located a short distance from each facility.

Horseback riding experience 乗馬体験
Enjoy horseback riding surrounded by the seasonal nature of Yatsugatake. The club welcomes both beginners and experienced riders. Many other locations also offer horseback riding.

↓ 3 mins / 1 km MAP B-1 210 204 360*51

Nakamura Keith Haring Collection 中村キース・ヘリング美術館
This museum provides visitors the opportunity to deeply understand Keith Haring's works while surrounded by a quiet forest.

↓ 30 mins / 20 km MAP B-1 210 203 100*81

Sun Meadows Kiyosato, Kiyosato Terrace サンドメドウズ清里 [清里テラス]
A mountain resort with ski runs open during the winter. Located 1,900 meters above sea level, it offers a magnificent view. Enjoy the ride to the top on the ski lift. 9:30 am–4:30 pm (changes seasonally). Open throughout the year. Lifts: Adults ¥2,600

↓ 10 mins / 7 km MAP B-1 359 095 240*36

Moeginomura (Moegi Village) 萌木の村
Moeginomura offers delicious meals cooked with local ingredients and a natural garden where visitors can enjoy hand-made craft experiences.

↓ 55 mins / 40 km MAP B-1 537 878 135*37

GOAL Kofu Sta. 甲府駅

MAP C-2 59 578 589*44



Route 2

Shin-Fuji → Fujigoko

Route 3

Traditional Culture & Mt. Fuji: Enjoy the Tea,
Culture & Nature of Japan in the Home of Mt. Fuji



Minobusuan Kuonji Temple / One of the great spiritual places in Yamanashi. Climbing the 287 stairs (toward spiritual enlightenment), visitors see the main hall, five-storied pagoda and other solemn structures.

START Shin-Fuji Sta. (Shizuoka Prefecture) 新富士駅 (静岡県)

↓ 60 mins / 35 km MAP C-5 72 200 570*53

Road Station Nanbu 道の駅なんぶ
Road Station Nanbu has a wide variety of Nanbu Tea products, visitors can try tea soba noodles, Nanbu tea and sweets at the restaurants.

↓ 35 mins / 15 km MAP B-4 488 304 361*25

Minobusuan Ropeway 身延山ロープウェイ
Minobusuan Ropeway has the highest difference of 763m in elevation in the Kanto region. There are stunning views of Mt. Fuji and the Southern Alps mountain range at the summit.

↓ 3 mins by foot / 200 m MAP B-4 312 156 547*41

Minobusuan Kuonji Temple 身延山久遠寺
Saint Nichiren, who worked to save people with the Lotus Sutra, founded this temple in 1274.

↓ 5 mins / 1 km MAP B-4 312 126 730*20

Kakurinbo 鏡林坊
Kakurinbo is a temple lodging that offers visitors unique experiences, including Sutra copying, arts & crafts and a kimono rental and cooking class. Buddhist vegetarian meals are served for lunch and dinner.

↓ 40 mins / 30 km MAP B-4 312 156 140*34

Nakanokura Pass Observation Point 中ノ倉峠展望地
Nakanokura Pass offers a magnificent view of Mt. Fuji and Lake Motosuko. When the weather is clear, Mt. Fuji is reflected on the surface of the lake.

↓ 25 mins / 16 km MAP C-3 312 504 441*38

HOBBIE BASE SAIKO HOBBIE BASE SAIKO
Popular among families and visitors with pets! Enjoy the new water activities at Lake Saiko using rental equipment!

↓ 8:00 am–5:30 pm (times may vary depending on the day of the week)

↓ Weekdays (changes seasonally) From ¥3,300 ~ / person

↓ 8 mins / 6 km MAP C-3 689 577 408*703

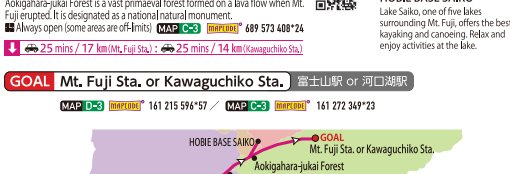
Aokigahara-jukai Forest 青木ヶ原樹海
Aokigahara-jukai Forest is a vast primordial forest formed on a lava flow when Mt. Fuji erupted. It is designated as a national natural monument.

↓ Always open (some areas are off-limits) MAP C-3 689 573 408*24

↓ 25 mins / 17 km (Mt. Fuji Sta.) ↓ 25 mins / 14 km (Kawaguchiko Sta.)

GOAL Mt. Fuji Sta. or Kawaguchiko Sta. 富士山駅 or 河口湖駅

MAP B-3 161 215 594*57 / MAP C-3 161 272 349*23



Route 3

Otsuki → Kawaguchiko

Route 4

Discover Cutting-Edge Technology:
Maglev Train & Local Delights with Views of Mt. Fuji



Yamanashi Prefectural Maglev Exhibition Center / Visitors can learn about the latest technology, including an exhibition of test vehicles, and an explanation of the SCMaglev.

START Otsuki Sta. 大月駅

↓ 10 mins / 4 km MAP B-3 161 713 165*23

Saruhashi Bridge 猿橋
One of three major unique bridges of Japan, with a distinctive structure that does not have bridge piers. Always open

↓ 10 mins / 4 km MAP B-3 161 718 391*25

Mt. Iwadono 岩殿山
Home to one of the greatest castle ruins in the Kanto region with spectacular views of Mt. Fuji and Otsuki City at the summit. Always open

↓ 20 mins / 7 km MAP B-3 161 714 696*48

↓ 161 714 696*48 (Trailhead to the middle of the mountain)

↓ 161 744 586*55 (Trailhead to the summit of the mountain)

Yamanashi Prefectural Maglev Exhibition Center 山梨県立リニア見学センター

This is the only place where visitors can see SCMaglev test runs. Maglev souvenirs are also available for purchase. 9:00 am–4:30 pm. Mondays. Adults ¥420

↓ 30 mins / 30 km MAP B-3 161 591 261*22

Michi-no-Eki Narusawa 道の駅なるさわ
This roadside station sells local specialty products and food from the northern foot of Mt. Fuji. The Narusawa Mt. Fuji Museum is a must-see. Different for each facility

↓ 20 mins / 10 km MAP C-3 689 488 853*35

Mt. Fuji Panoramic Ropeway 河口湖～富士山ロープウェイ
Enjoy stunning views of Lake Kawaguchiko on the ropeway or the swing at the summit. 8:30 am–5:00 pm (changes seasonally)

↓ Open throughout the year. Adults ¥1,000 for round trip

↓ 10 mins / 3 km MAP D-3 161 302 280*46

Herb Garden Tabinikki - Fuji-Kawaguchiko Garden ハーブ庭園たび日記 富士河口湖展望
Take a break on the deck to enjoy the stunning views or visit the panoramic cafe at Herb Garden Tabinikki, which features a variety of herbs and flowers.

↓ 9:00 am–6:00 pm. Open throughout the year. Free entry

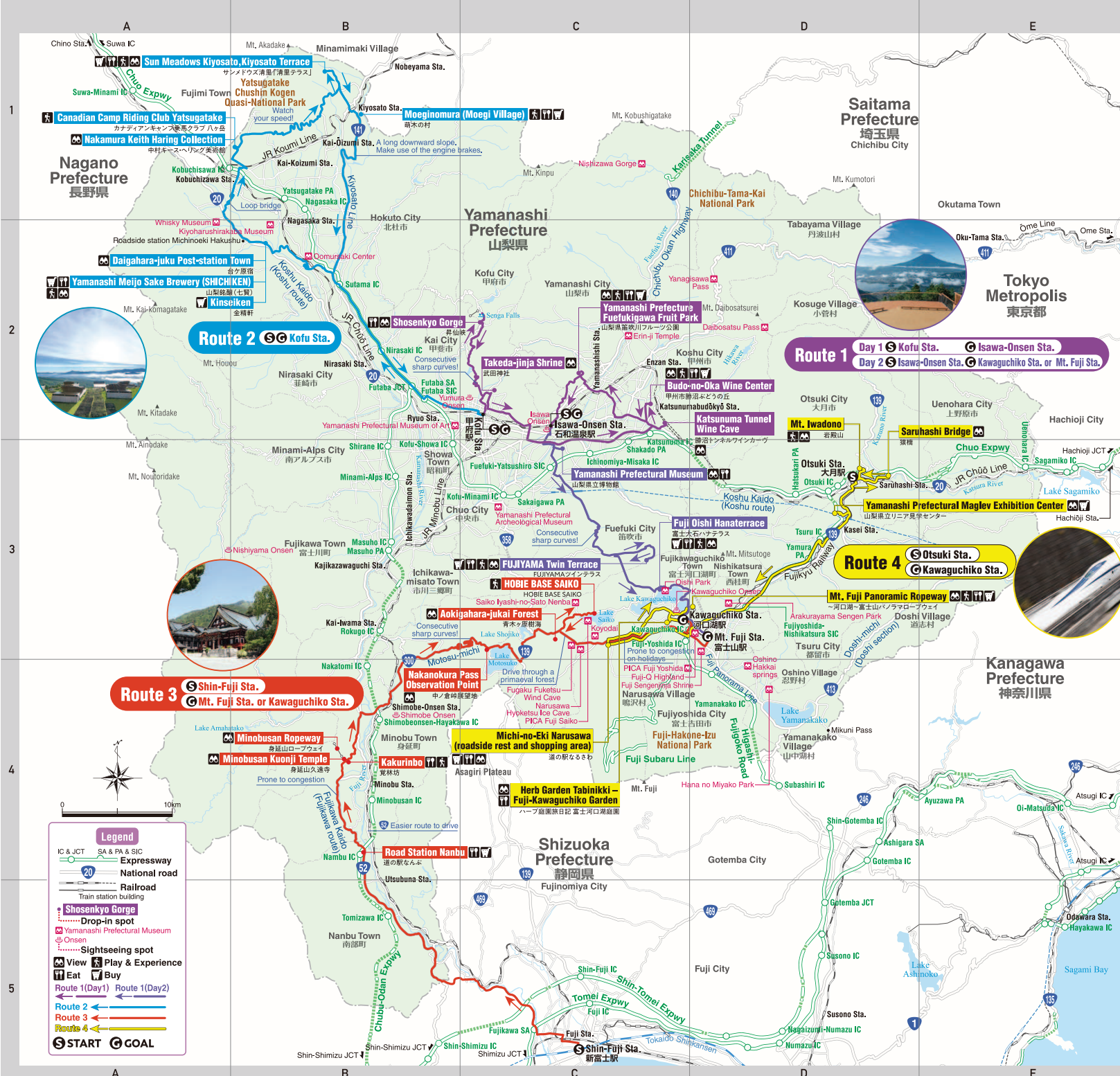
↓ 10 mins / 2.5 km MAP C-3 161 241 694*57

GOAL Kawaguchiko Sta. 河口湖駅

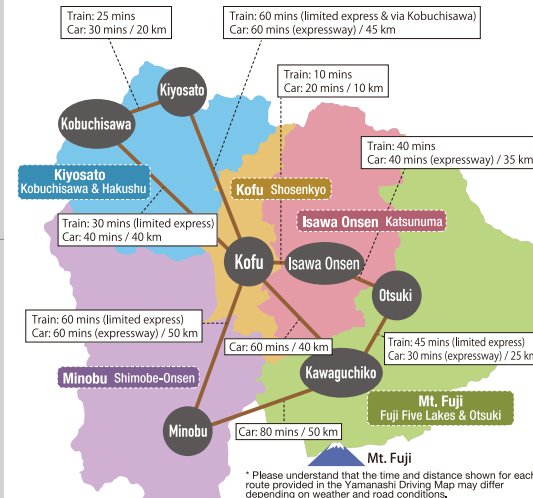
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Route 4



Time and Distance Between Major Areas



Overview of Major Areas

The top attractions and activities in Yamanashi are divided into 5 areas. This includes Mt. Fuji, the spectacular views of the highlands, hot springs, fruit picking and outdoor sports.

- **Mt. Fuji, Fuji Five Lakes & Otsuki**
Don't miss out on Mt. Fuji and the Fuji Five Lakes resort area, Maglev test line and Saruhashi bridge which is one of the three major unique bridges of Japan.
- **Isawa Onsen & Katsunuma**
Come and visit Katsunuma, the birthplace of grape cultivation in Japan and Isawa onsen which is one of the leading hot spring areas in Yamanashi.
- **Kofu & Shosenkyo Gorge**
Kofu City is the capital of Yamanashi and is located at the center of the prefecture neighbouring Shosenkyo Gorge, which is renowned as a scenic spot.
- **Kiyosato, Kobuchisawa & Hakushu**
Kiyosato and Kobuchisawa are highland resorts at the southern foot of Yatsugatake located at an elevation of 1,200 m above sea level. Hakushu is listed in Japan's 100 remarkable waters and features an old post-station town.
- **Minobu & Shimobe-Onsen**
The area includes Minobusan Kuonji Temple, the head temple of the Nichiren sect of Buddhism, and Shimobe Onsen.

Access from Tokyo to Yamanashi via public transportation

Take the Azusa or Kaiji limited express trains on the Chuo Line for easy access from Tokyo to Yamanashi. Reservations are highly recommended, as limited express trains only have reserved seats. There are also buses departing from Shinjuku Expressway Bus Terminal. Route 3 takes approximately 1 hour from Tokyo station to Shin-Fuji station by transferring from the Tokaido Hikari or Kodama bullet trains.

- **Airports to Tokyo Station** (rough estimates)
Narita → Tokyo St. Approx. 1 hour by train / 1 hour 30 mins by bus
Haneda → Tokyo St. Approx. 40 mins by train / 1 hour 10 mins by bus (via TCAT)
* Approx. 15 mins by JR Chuo Line and subway from Tokyo St. to Shinjuku St.
- **From Tokyo to major cities in Yamanashi** (rough estimates)
Shinjuku St. → Kofu St. Approx. 1 hour 30 mins by train (limited express) / 2 hours 10 mins by bus
Shinjuku St. → Otsuki St. Approx. 1 hour (limited express) by train / 1 hour 30 mins by bus (waiting time not included)
Shinjuku St. → Kawaguchiko St. Approx. 2 hours 30 mins by train / 1 hour 45 mins by bus (waiting time not included)
- **Search for Transportation**
• Japan Transit Planner (by Jorudan Co., Ltd.)



Optional tours available for booking tours in Yamanashi

You can book and purchase tour packages on the KKday optional tour website in Yamanashi which includes a wide range of experiences such as fruit picking, and hoto noodles making as well as admission tickets to museums or other facilities, and reservations for accommodation.

