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## Fuji-Hakone-Izu History & Nature Escape: From Mount Fuji to Izu Shores (4days/3nights)

Discover the timeless spirit of Japan across the Fuji-Hakone-Izu region, where sacred traditions and breathtaking landscapes come together. From the revered shrines and cascading waterfalls at the foot of Mount Fuji, to the tranquil lakes and heritage centers of Kawaguchiko, each step reveals a harmony of culture and nature.

\*This is a tailor-made travel program, and we can craft your personalized itinerary based on your interests.

### [SAMPLE ITINERARY]

#### Day 1: TOKYO » FUJINOMIYA » FUJI KAWAGUCHIKO

Embark on a journey from Tokyo to the Fuji area, where history and nature intertwine. Begin at Fujisan Hongu Sengen Taisha, the sacred heart of Mount Fuji worship, and enjoy a spiritual experience at this shrine with over a thousand years of history. Here, you'll feel Japan's ancient cultural spirit and deep reverence for the mountain. Continue to Wakutama Pond, closely tied to Fuji faith. In the afternoon, head to Shiraito Falls, where streams cascade 20 meters like delicate silk threads. Surrounded by the soothing sound of flowing water, refresh your body and mind with the energy of nature. As evening falls, stroll through the Asagiri Plateau, taking in sweeping views of Mount Fuji as if walking in the sky. End the day at a hot spring inn at the foot of the mountain, where the healing waters will ease you after your adventure.

#### Day 2: FUJI KAWAGUCHIKO

In the morning, relax at your accommodation at the foot of Mount Fuji. In the afternoon, explore the Fuji Five Lakes area, enjoying lakeside walks along the scenic shores of Lake Kawaguchi and Lake Yamanaka. At Lake Kawaguchi, don't miss the famous viewpoint of the "Upside-Down Fuji," perfect for a memorable photo. Toward evening, visit the Mt. Fuji World Heritage Center to learn about the mountain's rich history and culture, then stroll the surrounding nature trails to admire majestic views of Fuji from different angles.

#### Day 3: FUJI KAWAGUCHIKO » ODAWARA » SHUZENJI » IZU

Traveling from Yamanashi to Kanagawa, begin at Odawara Fishing Port, where

you can interact with local fishermen and savor a fresh seafood rice bowl. Next, try your hand at the traditional craft of Odawara lacquerware, with 700 years of history, by joining a "lacquer polishing" workshop to create your own one-of-a-kind piece. Then, at the Odawara Ninja Museum beside Odawara Castle, challenge yourself with training in the secret arts of the legendary Fuma Ninja. In the afternoon, head to Shuzenji to experience Zen practice at the ancient temple founded by Kobo Daishi. In this serene setting, calm your mind and connect deeply with Japan's spiritual culture. Afterwards, enjoy a stroll along the famous Bamboo Path in the Shuzenji hot spring town, surrounded by lush greenery and the timeless charm of the historic spa district. As evening falls, check into a hot spring inn in Izu, where you can relax with a kaiseki dinner made from local ingredients and soak in soothing baths.

#### Day 4: SHIMODA » MINAMIIZU

On the final day, immerse yourself in the history and natural beauty of the Izu Peninsula. Begin in Shimoda with a lesson on the arrival of the Black Ships, where Commodore Perry's fleet marked the opening of Japan to the world. In this historic port town, deepen your understanding of a pivotal turning point in modern Japanese history. Continue with a stroll along Perry Road, exploring streets lined with traditional namako-kabe walls and stone-paved paths that still echo the atmosphere of the late Edo period. In the afternoon, enjoy a walk along Shirahama Beach, with its pristine white sand, crystal-clear waters, and sweeping coastal scenery. Conclude your journey at Irozaki Ocean Park, where you can view the lighthouse from outside, visit Ishimuro Shrine, and take in breathtaking vistas from Kumano Shrine. As you gaze out over the vast seascape, reflect on four days filled with history and nature.



Perfect moments, always

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## [ATTRACTIONS & ACTIVITIES]

### Fujisan Hongu Sengen Taisha

Fujisan Hongu Sengen Taisha Shrine, in Fujinomiya, Shizuoka, is the head shrine of over 1,300 Sengen and Asama shrines. Built over 1,000 years ago to appease Mount Fuji's eruptions, it serves as a spiritual site for climbers to pray and purify themselves before ascending the mountain. The shrine showcases unique architecture and beautiful cherry blossoms in spring.



### Wakutama Pond

Wakutamaike Pond is a spring within the grounds of Fujisan Hongu Sengen Taisha Shrine. Designated a Special Natural Monument, it is also celebrated as one of the finest waters of the Heisei era.



### Shiraito Falls

A nationally designated scenic spot and natural monument, where Mt. Fuji's spring water flows in hundreds of thin streams over a wide curved cliff, creating a graceful, silk-like appearance and a beautifully atmospheric setting.



### Asagiri Plateau

Asagiri Plateau is a wide, open highland at the western foot of Mt. Fuji, known for its sweeping views, dairy farms, and outdoor activities. Its vast grasslands and clear skies make it a popular spot for paragliding, camping, and photography.

### Mt. Fuji World Heritage Center

The center brings together preservation, communication, exchange, and research to help people understand and share the cultural value of Mount Fuji as a World Heritage site.



### Lake Yamanaka

Part of the "Fujisan, sacred place and source of artistic inspiration" UNESCO World Heritage Site, Lake Yamanakako is the largest of the Fuji Five Lakes, offering stunning views of Mount Fuji.

### Odawara Fishing Port

Shops selling fresh local fish line the area around Odawara Fishing Port, creating a lively waterfront atmosphere. The port is also home to fun photo spots, including the Chochin Lighthouse and the popular Gundam manhole.



### Odawara Lacquerware

A traditional craft from the Odawara-Hakone area, known for its beautifully grained wood and refined lacquer finishes. Artisans use local timber and time-honored techniques to create bowls, trays, and everyday items that highlight the natural beauty of the wood.

### Odawara Castle

Odawara Castle, located in Odawara City, Kanagawa, is a reconstructed Japanese castle originally built in the mid-15th century. The castle offers exhibits on its history, beautiful cherry blossoms in spring, and a view of the surrounding park and city from the top floor. Nearby, you can also find a Ninja Museum and a Samurai Museum.



### Shimoda Perry Road

Named after Commodore Matthew Perry, whose arrival with the Black Ships led to the signing of the Shimoda Treaty, Perry Road is a charming stone-paved street with a nostalgic, slightly foreign atmosphere. Traditional buildings with namako-kabe walls and Izu-stone facades create a retro setting, perfect for a relaxed stroll past cozy cafés and small shops.



### Shirahama Beach

The southern part of Izu is famous for Shirahama Beach, which was formed from volcanic ash from an underwater volcano. The crystal-clear waters and secluded beach spots hidden among the steep terrain make for a private beach experience akin to a resort.

### Irozaki Ocean Park

At the southern tip of the Izu Peninsula, Irozaki Ocean Park offers sweeping ocean views, rugged cliffs, and peaceful coastal walking paths. Scenic lookout points and striking rock formations make it one of the area's most atmospheric coastal spots.

