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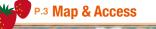
In fact, the well known Nikko is right in **Tochigi!**

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If you are done with Tokyo, why not make a short trip to attractive **TOCHIGI** prefecture?











With just a 50-minute ride on Shinkansen from Tokyo, you can reach Utsunomiya, the capital of Tochigi 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, Tochigi is definitely your ideal destination near Tokyo.

Tochimaru-kun

the mascot of Tochigi

Best of Tochigi Prefecture

*World Heritage Site

*Japan's oldest college

(Ashikaga School)

production

*Japan's top gyoza

Access Information

Kanto Bus (Marronnier direct bus) Airport - Utsunomiya 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) Aiport - 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.





A Fulfilling Trip of World Heritage Sites and Breathtaking Nature Nikko

This trip leads you not only to famous shrines and temples but also to gorgeous natural attractions including lakes and waterfalls.

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.jp/ english/



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Tobu Limited Express Kegon 7

2-Day Trip

Tobu Nikko 11:17 Lunch Station 12:18

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

10 mins on foot Futarasan

3 mins on foot

Rinnoj

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

Rvokan (traditional Japanese inn)



Futarasan Shrine Lined with old sacred trees. Futarasan Shrine is worshipped for good luck and marriage. http://www.futarasan.jp/



Rinnoii Temple Observe interesting similarities and

differences between Rinnoii Temple and Toshogu Shrine. http://rinnoji.or.jp/

Accommodation Information

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





(Language availability: Japanese, English, Chinese. Fees: 500 yen)

Indulge in cuisine made and ingredients after a relaxing hot spring bath



Kegon Waterfall

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

Lake Chuzenji

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

http://www.nikko-kankou.org/spot/12/







More to discover!

Irohazaka Winding Road

season. http://www.nikko-

kankou.org/spot/9/

Spectacular road with 48 turns

that attract crowds every maple

Fried Yuba Maniu

A crispy sweet treat made with

http://www.sakae-va.com/

Nikko's famous yuba (tofu skin).



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

Money-saving ticket recommended for the trip

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



20 min. by bus, get off at Sanbonmatsu.

Senjogahara Marshlands



Limited Express Kinu 136

Asakusa Station 19:15



A Trip of Onsen and Theme Parks for Family! Kinugawa

More to discover!

Tobu World Square

Travel the world in this theme

tobuws.co.jp/default_en.html

park that reproduces the world's

amous attractions. http://www.

2 hours from Tokyo is Kinugawa, historically renowned for onsen, theme parks and beautiful sceneries. Highly recommended for tourists of all ages.





2-Day Trip



Kinugawa Onsen 11:59 Lunch Station 13:30

5 min. on foot

Kinugawa River Boat Rides _{14:00}

Ryokan



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



Accommodation Information

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

Edo Wonderland (Nikko Edo Mura) Experience the life of Edo period 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!

Experience

up as an Edo citizen.

YANMAGEYE

Explore with Smartphone APP

"NYANMAGEYE" app to navigate

the place with more information.

Free WIFI available in the park.

Download the multi-language

SCAN



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

See back cover for details.



Tobu Limited Express Kinu 134

Asakusa Station 18:45

Kinugawa Theme Park Pass http://www.tobu.co.jp/foreign/pass/theme_pass.html

Local Cuisine Trip with Tasty Gyozas and Underground World Utsunomiya

As a bicycle-friendly city, Utsunomiya is also notable for stones and gyozas. Accessible within an hour from Tokyo on Shinkansen.

Museum

Mysterious underground stone mining area that looks like Indiana Jones movie setting, hitting only 10 degree Celsius even during summer. http://www.oya909.co.jp/

DAY1

2-Day Trip



JR Tohoku Shinkansen Yamabiko 47

Utsunomiya Station 11:25 Lunch 12:35

> 30 min. by bus, get off at Shiryokaniriguchi and then walk 3 min. • 0

Bus

Utsunomiya Station 14:53

20 min. on foot

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

Utsunomiya Station 18:50 Hotel



Utsunomiva Gvoza - Kirasse Main Store In this city with the highest gyoza consumption in Japan, check out different flavors of gyoza here. http://www.gyozakai.com/kirasse/

▼All kinds of original gyoza

▼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/ Utsunomiva Convention & Visitors Bureau Address: 2F. 3-1-4 Chuo. Utsunomiva TEL: +81-28-632-2445 http://www.utsunomiva-cvb.org/

"Miya" Cycle Station

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





Romantic Village Get close to the nature and experience farming lifestyle at this agriculture theme park. http://www.romanticmura.com/



More to Discover!

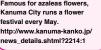


Don't miss out Japan Cup cycling race and Utsunomiya's Blitzen cvcling team! http://www.japancup.gr.jp/ http://www.blitzen.co.ip/



Discover the original Japan goods that are popular among foreign tourists. http://mega. donki.com/search/shop detail. php?st_store_id=235





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.tochigi.jp/kanko/kankou/030466.html



"Miya" Cycle Station

Cycling around

👲 🖡 2 min. on foot

Station 12:30 Lunch

Utsunomiya

Bus Romantic Bus Utsunomiya 16:22 Station 16:58 JR Tohooku Shinkansen Yamabiko 146

Tokvo Station 17:48

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A Trip to an Onsen Town with Fantastic Winter Views YUNIShikaWa

Not far from Kinugawa onsen quietly lies Yunishikawa onsen, a place known for great food and outdoor baths.



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

A Tour through Breweries Clean underground water is the key to brewing the best sake.



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



Watanabe-Sahei Brewery This hundred-year-old shop sells high quality sake and offers brewery tours and sake lessons (reservation required). http://www.watanabesahei.co.jp/ **More to discover!**



Fakenoyoi Festival The onsen town is illuminated by gentle lights of bamboo lanterns in July. http://www.nikko-kankou ora/event/374/

awaakari Festival An open air museum of Two thousand LED lights flow traditional houses, illustrating down the river, resembling lives of villagers in the past. shooting stars. http://www.nikko http://www.nikko-kankou.org/ kankou.org/event/468/ 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.

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2-Day Trip

Onsen

Station

Bus

Rvokan

A Popular Summer Getaway to Refresh the Mind ${\it Nasu}$

Take a getaway from Tokyo and enjoy nature' s bounties all year round at Nasu Plateau. If you love to be embraced by nature, this is the place to be!



2-Day Trip



Nasu Shiobara 10:26 Station 10:45

> Shuttle bus (reservation required)

Rindo Lake

Shuttle bus

Nasu Shiobara Station 16:20

Hotel



Nasu Rindo Lake View Among the many lovely park attractions are animal pasture, freshly made ice cream, and aerial rope-slide. http://www.rindo.co.jp/



Stay in Nasu

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

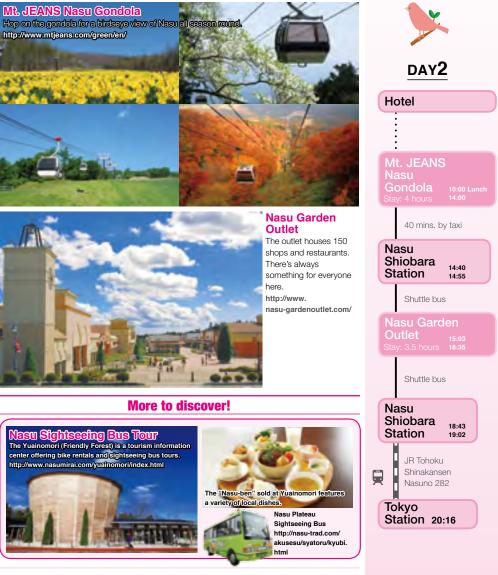




http://www.tochinavi.net/spot/ nome/?id=10465

Accommodation Information

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



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.

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One-day Trip 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.

Akihabara Station 8:20



Utsunomiya Station 9:45 10:19 Bus

11:11 Mashiko 10:57 (get off at Ceramic Art Messe Mashiko)

13 min. on foot





Indigo Dyeing

25 min. on foot

Tonoike Sake Brewery

13:00 14:00

15 min. on foot



Tokyo Station 18:16

Kanto Yakimono Liner

Akihabara Station 19:00





Kanto Yakimono Liner Visitors can go to Mashiko directly by Kanto Yakimono Liner from Akihabara. http://www.ibako.co.jp/highway/ kasama/









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









More to Discover!



Twin Ring MOTEGI Twin Ring Motegi is a motorsport race track with family friendly facilities. http://www.twinring.ip/ nobipark m/



of Art The museum houses a collection of ukiyoe, a genre of woodblock nrints in Janan http://www.hiroshige.bato.tochigi hatou/hn/index_e_htm



Held in July, the festival features great outdoor kabuki erformances http://vamaage.3g-kizuna.ip

http://tonoike.jp/

A Tour of Flower and Culture One-day Trip One-day Trip Ashikaga

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.









Ashikaga School The oldest college in Japan houses the oldest Confucius temple in Japan. http://www.city.ashikaga. tochigi.jp/site/ashikagagakko/



The kimono is characterized by

http://www.ashikagadouraku.ip/

its modern design and use of

innovative colors.

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

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



Kimono Experience Put on a beautiful, traditional kimono and take a stroll in the neighborhood (reservation required). http://www.kuranomachi.ip/

Discount Ticket!

A Time Slip Tour to Explore the Tradition Tochigi City





The coupon includes disco round-trip train tickets to and from Asakusa and discounts in nany restaurants and shops. http://www.kuranomachi.jp/news/ news/2010/05/post-26.php



Wagashi Lessons Learn to make your own unique wagashi, or traditional Japanese confectionery, at this shop (reservation required). http://vamamotokashi.ip/

across the sky

Ryomo 36 Asakusa

Station 17:55

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



Sakura Adream world of pink sakura





Canola Flowers | These vibrant yellow beauties are a magnificent in sight



Sunflowers Visitors are often stunned by the beautiful sunflower fields

Sunflower Carnival Held In late July http://www.town.nogi.lg:jp/page/page000756.html Kaminokawa Sunflower Festival Held In late August http://www.town.kaminokawa.tochigi.jp/f_sangyousinkow/maturi/sanfurawa-6.htm

Mouth Watering Fruits Have fun picking fruits with families and friends







| Apple |





Haga-machi is known for sweet, juicy pears.





Embrace the

Nature

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 important ones!

Tochigi Specialty Products

Local Beer of Nikko Beers brewed and sold locally are especially tasty.



Nikko Mizu Yokan Yokan is a jellied dessert that you can't afford to miss.

Strawberry Cider Take home the refreshing taste and share with friends.

> Gyoza-flavored potato chips Faithfully recreates the delicious tastes of Utsunomiya Gyoza.



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



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



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.

> A strap of Tochimaru-kun, the mascot of Tochigi.

Shojinsawa spring water (with the Tochimaru-kun label) Pure and clear spring water featuring a cute packaging, a must-buy!



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/

Tochigi Specialty Products

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Tobu Railways



All Nikko Pass Recommended for those who want to explore Nikko to the most.

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

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.

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

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



Kinugawa Theme Park Pass

Recommended for families to enjoy Kinugawa's theme parks.

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 Validity: 2 days

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

Where to buy:

Tobu Sightseeing Service Center (in Tobu Railway Asakusa Station)

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

JR-EAST - East Japan Railway Company



JR Kanto Area Pass

Gets you unlimited rides in Tokyo and the surrounding Kanto area on Shinkansen, limited express and other trains. Makes it easy to visit Tochigi. Price:Adults 8,300 yen, Children 4,200 yen Validity: 3 days http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/ kantoareapass/index.html



JR EAST PASS

After fully enjoy Tochigi, extend your trip to Northeastern Japan with this pass. Price: Adults 22,000 yen, Children 11,000 yen Validity: 5 days flexible (any five days within a 14-day period) http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/ eastpass/index.html

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

Kinugawa Kawaji Onsen Tourist Information Center TEL: 481-288-77-2052 Roadside Station Yunishikawa TEL: 481-288-78-1222 Utsunomiya City Tourist Information Center TEL: 481-28-636-2177 Tobu Nikko Station Tourist Information Center TEL: 481-288-524-511

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