

2025 Spring/Summer Edition

Relax and enjoy a trip to Kyoto's outlying attractions

鞍馬・貴船 大原



To where the tengu calls...

To where the river babbles...

To where the Jizo gazes...



KURA MA

KIBU NE

They were sculpted
by Takashi Sugimura



OHARA



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Get more out of these towns
of water and history

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石清水八幡宮



UJI • FUSHIMI • IWASHIMIZU HACHIMANGU



*Information regarding the facilities and shops listed here is subject to change without notice. In addition, events may be changed or canceled without notice, so please check ahead of time

A town of
Heian culture and Japanese tea

Uji Area

Famed home of Gyokuro tea.
Full of historical temples

Byodoin Museum Hoshokan

▶A hands-on museum where visitors can see a National Treasure bell, phoenixes, Buddhist figures on clouds, and more close up



▲Wooden sculptures of Buddhist saints on clouds (National Treasures)

A hands-on museum park that will make you fall even more in love with Uji

2 Chazuna, a historical park for the tea and town of Uji



A park and multipurpose tea facility right by Uji Station on the Keihan Railway. Visitors can enjoy the spacious grounds, filled with verdant tea fields and lawns. Inside the facility are a museum where you can learn in a fun way about the tea and town of Uji, a shop to buy unique Uji goods, and a restaurant. Why not try your hand at grinding your own tea, brewing it, then tasting it as you gaze out over the tea fields in the Green Tea Making from Grinding Tea Leaves with a Tea Grinder class, or perhaps try the Original Tea Can Making class?

Open: 9:00-17:00 (Museum closes at 16:30)
Museum entry: ¥600 (¥300 for under-16s)
Address: 203-1 Todo-Maruyama, Uji City, Kyoto Prefecture Phone: 0774-24-2700
○Just to the northwest of Uji Sta.



In the two hands-on rooms, you can try grinding matcha with a stone grinder and brewing it, or any of around fifteen experiences that change daily (Reservations required)



▲2F observation terrace to feel the breezes. The beautiful scenery of the Uji River and the tea fields in the park spreads out before you



▲A museum where you can learn about what makes this tea and town special. Visit this first to get even more out of your visit to Uji

World Cultural Heritage Site celebrating beauty beyond time immemorial

1 Byodoin Temple

The temple was established by Fujiwara-no-Yorimichi in 1052. It is registered as a World Cultural Heritage Site and houses many National Treasures. The highlight is the Houou-do (Phoenix Hall) depicted on the 10-yen coin. Admire the seated image of the Amida created by the sculptor Jocho, and the reflection of the stunning main hall in the Ajiike Pond.



© Byodoin Temple

Open: Garden 8:45-17:30 (Last entry at 17:15); Byodoin Museum Hoshokan 9:00-17:00 (Last entry at 16:45); Inside Phoenix Hall 9:30-16:10 (Ticket sales start at 9:10. Viewings every 20 minutes)
Entry: ¥700; ages 13-18 ¥400; ages 6-12 ¥300 *An additional ¥300 to enter the Phoenix Hall.
Address: 116 Uji Renge, Uji City, Kyoto Pref. Phone: 0774-21-2861
○10 min. walk south of Uji Sta.

Japan's oldest shrine architecture

3 Ujikami-jinja Shrine

The Main Hall was constructed in the latter half of the Heian period (794-1185), making it the oldest extant shrine architecture in Japan. The Worship Hall was built in the early Kamakura period (1185-1333). Both halls are National Treasures, and also registered as World Cultural Heritage sites. Kasuga-jinja Shrine, built on the grounds during the Kamakura period, is also an Important Cultural Property. The Kiriharasui in the grounds is the only remaining spring of the Seven Famed Waters of Uji, and is used in the purification basin.



▲The beauty of the bargeboards decorating the gable façade is something to behold

Open: 9:00-16:20 Address: 59 Uji Yamada, Uji City, Kyoto Pref. Phone: 0774-21-4634
○10 min. walk southeast of Uji Sta.

Brewery town with a historic atmosphere of the final days of the Edo period

Fushimi Area

One of the key locations of the last years of the Edo shogunate, it is also one of Japan's most famous sake areas



▲Housed in a renovated sake brewery built in 1909. An area to enjoy the quaint scenery of Fushimi, the town of sake breweries

Experience the history of sake

1 Gekkeikan Okura Sake Museum

A museum of sake alongside the Hori River, a tributary of the Uji River, where Jukkukubune transport boats ply up and down. Here you can see precious tools used for sake-making and other historical materials related to the nearly 400-year history of sake brewer Gekkeikan. After visiting, you can enjoy sampling a range of sake types (must be age 20 or older). The museum shop carries a range of sake and sake vessels which make perfect souvenirs.

Open: 9:30-16:30 (last entry at 16:00) Closed: Summer Obon holiday period, New Year holiday period *May be closed at other times Entry: ¥600 (with souvenir gift and sake tasting) or ¥100 for ages 13 to 19 (with souvenir gift) Address: 247 Minamihama-cho, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto City Phone: 075-623-2056 ○5 min. walk northeast from Chushojima Sta.



◀Also displays tools and other items used in traditional sake brewing. Visitors can get a deeper understanding of Japan's sake-brewing culture.



▲This museum showcases the history of Gekkeikan, which was founded in 1637 during the reign of the third shogun, Iemitsu, and is housed in a remodelled sake brewery from the Meiji period.

◀The Sakamizu subterranean water near the exhibit hall exit is still used to brew Gekkeikan sake.

Drink, Eat, Learn

2 Kizakura Kappa Country



A multi-use sake facility directly run by the Kizakura sake brewery. With a restaurant, shop, small museum, and nostalgic TV commercials for Kizakura, there's lots to see.



▲It sells sake, sake vessels, and Kizakura goods in the shop

Open: 10:00-20:00 (Kappa Shop); 10:00-16:00 (Kappa Gallery)
Closed: Tuesdays (save for public holidays), December 30, January 1
Address: 228 Shioya-machi, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto City Phone: 075-611-9919
○5 min. walk north from Chushojima Sta. or 10 min. walk southwest from Fushimi-momoyama Sta.

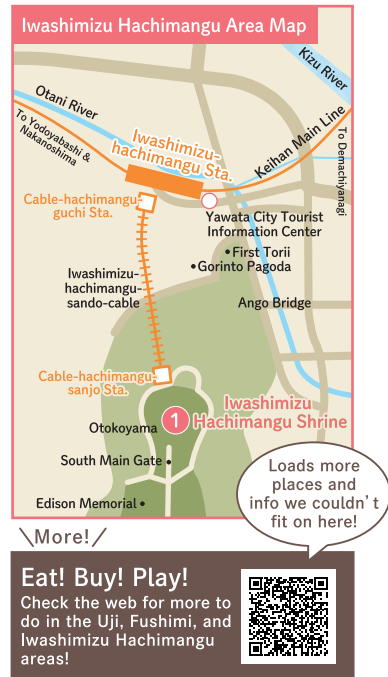
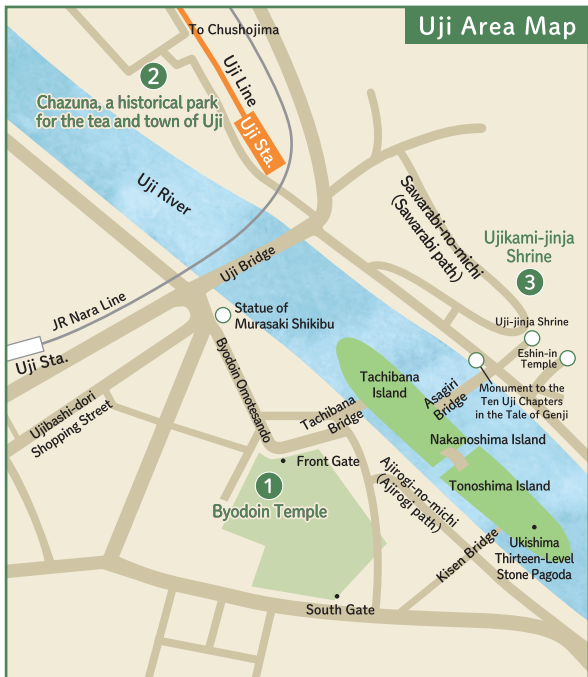
Experience an Edo-period boat trip!

3 Jukkukubune



Jukkukubune Inquiries: Phone 075-623-1030 (Fushimi Tourism Association)
Dates: Until Dec. 7 (scheduled) Closed: Mondays (save for public holidays, and during April, May, October, and November), August 12 to 31
Cost: ¥1,900 (¥900 for 12 or under) Capacity: 20 persons Time required: 50 minutes
Departures: Every 20 minutes from 10:00 to 11:20, and from 13:00 to 16:20.
*Until 15:40 between November 25 and December 7. May be every 40 minutes
Cruise course: Gekkeikan Okura Sake Museum dock to Misu Water Gate return (get off, sightseeing) ○5 min. walk northeast from Chushojima Sta.

These were a key transport method between Osaka and Fushimi in the Edo period (1603-1868), shipping sake, rice, and other goods, as well as passengers. Now they carry tourists around the Hori River, which flows into the Uji River, for a limited time each year. A cruise along here is extra-special, bringing to mind the time Fushimi prospered as a port town.



The town beloved by Warring States-era

Iwashimizu Hachimangu Area

Surrounded by the nature of Mt. Otokoyama, with Iwashimizu Hachimangu Shrine (National Treasure) at its heart

Take the approach route (sando) cable car to another world

1 Iwashimizu Hachimangu Shrine

Iwashimizu Hachimangu Shrine was split off from Usa Jingū, the head of all Hachiman shrines, in the early Heian period (794-1185). The main hall's Hachiman-zukuri parallel architectural style and the shrine's historical value won it National Treasure designation. Known to ward off evil, Iwashimizu attracts crowds year round.



◀Where the eaves of the Main Hall's bark-shingle roof meet is where you will find the Golden Gutter, donated by Oda Nobunaga



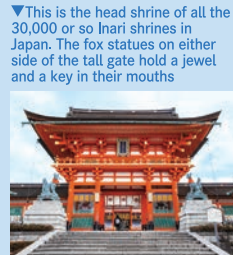
▲The cute "Dove Fortunes" are popular: ¥700 each

Open: 6:00-18:00 *Varies by season Address: 30 Yawata Takabo, Yawata City, Kyoto Pref. Phone: 075-981-3001 ○From Iwashimizu-hachimangu Sta., transfer to Iwashimizu-hachimangu-sando-cable; 5 min. walk south of Cable-hachimangu-sanjo Sta.

Venture a little further...



▲Vermilion "thousand torii gateways" all in a row



▼This is the head shrine of all the 30,000 or so Inari shrines in Japan. The fox statues on either side of the tall gate hold a jewel and a key in their mouths

The head shrine of all Inari-jinja shrines in Japan

4 Fushimi-Inari Taisha Shrine

Busy with worshipers through the year. Many of the worshipers visit the Main Hall, which is an Important Cultural Property, then pass through the avenues of torii gateways, and make a wish at the "omokaru-ishi" (light and heavy stone). Don't miss the fox goods lined up in the shops along the approach route.



Address: 68 Fukakusa Yabunouchi-cho, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto City Phone: 075-641-7331 ○5 min. walk southeast of Fushimi-inari Sta.

Let's go to Uji/Fushimi/ Iwashimizu Hachimangu/ Kurama/Kibune/Ohara!!

Keihan Railway Osaka / Kyoto 1-Day Ticket

Adults ¥1,500 Children ¥750

Sales period Until Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Valid period Any one day within three months from the date of purchase
*Last valid date: Friday, October 31, 2025

Valid area All Keihan Railway lines, Iwashimizu-hachimangu-sando-cable
*Excluding Otsu lines (Keishin Line, Ishiyama Sakamoto Line)

Keihan Railway Kyoto 1-Day Ticket

Adults ¥1,000 Children ¥500

Sales period Until Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Valid period Any one day within three months from the date of purchase
*Last valid date: Friday, October 31, 2025

Valid area Iwashimizu-hachimangu Sta.-Demachiyani Sta., Uji Line, Iwashimizu-hachimangu-sando-cable

Eizan Railway / Keihan Railway (Kiyomizu/Inari) 1-Day Ticket

Adults ¥1,600 Children ¥800

Sales period Until Tuesday, March 31, 2026
Valid period Any one day within three months from the date of purchase
*Last valid date: Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Valid area Keihan Railway: Fushimi-Inari Sta.-Demachiyani Sta.
Eizan Railway: All stations

Eizan Railway / Keihan Railway 1-Day Ticket

Adults ¥2,100 Children ¥1,050

Sales period Until Tuesday, March 31, 2026
Valid period Any one day within three months from the date of purchase
*Last valid date: Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Valid area Keihan Railway: All Keihan lines, Iwashimizu-hachimangu-sando-cable
Excluding Otsu lines (Keishin Line, Ishiyama-sakamoto Line)
Eizan Railway: All stations

Subway & Eizan Railway Kurama / Kibune 1-Day Ticket

Adults ¥2,100 *Adults only

Sales period Until Monday, March 31, 2026

Valid period Any one day until Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

Sales location Eizan Railway: Demachiyani Station
Kyoto Municipal Transportation Bureau: City bus and subway information and commuter pass sales
The Kyoto Tourist Information Center, Kyo-Navi (2F, Kyoto Station Building), Kansai Tourist Information Center Kyoto (3F, Kyoto Tower Building)

Valid area Keihan Railway: Sanjo Sta.-Demachiyani Sta.
Eizan Railway: All stations
Kyoto Subway: All stations

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Area served Yodoyabashi / Nakanoshima ↔ Demachiyani (Kyoto)

Surcharge ¥400 / ¥500

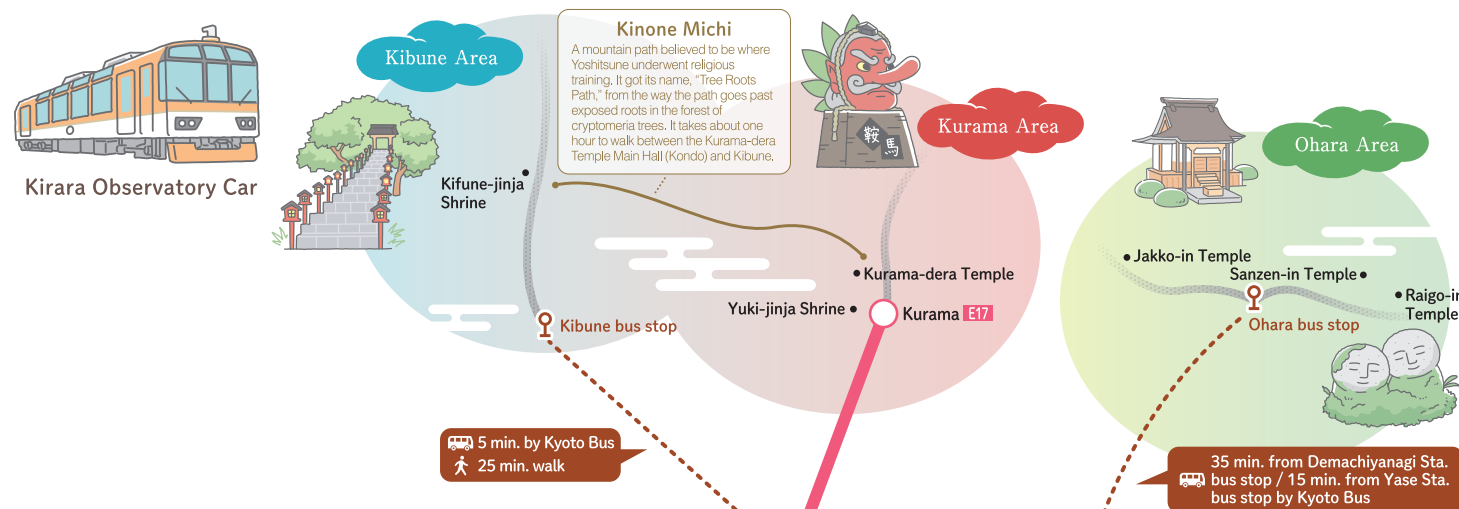
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See here for details Premium Car Search

<https://www.keihan.co.jp/traffic/premiumcar/>



*Limited Express trains will stop along the Nakanoshima Line between Sunday, April 13, and Monday, October 13 (public holiday), 2025



[Inquiries]

Keihan Railway Customer Center Phone: 06-6945-4560

Weekdays: 9:00-19:00 / Weekends and public holidays: 9:00-17:00 (Excluding December 30 to January 3)

<https://www.keihan.co.jp/>

Eizan Railway

Eizan Railway Search

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Kyoto Bus

Kyoto Bus Search

<https://www.kyotobus.jp/>

A mystical realm,
overflowing with power



Kurama Area

Nestled in the green hills, full of mystery
and legends like the tengu goblins
and the young Yoshitsune



▶The huge tengu that
greet visitors outside
Kurama Station. It is 4
meters tall, and the
face alone is 1.8 meters.



▲Kurama Station is the terminus for the Eizan
Railway Kurama Line. The Kirara Observatory Car,
with its huge glass windows, goes here as well



▲The mountain path with the exposed roots that heads
up from the Main Hall (Kondo) to the Inner Sanctum of
the Kurama-dera Temple is called the "Kinone Michi"
(Tree Root Path). Believed to be where Yoshitsune
underwent religious training, the path between the
Kondo and Kibune can be walked in about one hour

A mystical temple on the
sacred mountain of Kurama

1 Kurama-dera Temple

Gancho, the leading disciple of St. Ganjin (Ch.
Jianzhen), founded this temple in 770, installing a
statue of Bishamonten. It is the head temple of all
Kurama Buddhism temples. The Reiho Hall exhibits a
number of the temple's treasures, such as a statue of
Bishamonten that is registered as a National Treasure.
As a young man, Minamoto-no-Yoshitsune is said to
have trained here with the tengu goblins. There is a
site associated with him on the mountain path leading
from behind the Main Hall to the Inner Sanctum.

▶The Kondo is where the statues of the Thousand-Armed
Kannon, Bishamonten, and the "Defender Lord" (identified
with Sanat Kumara) are enshrined



▲Trees grow beside the stone steps leading
to the Nio Gate, and in spring and summer
the new leaves are brilliant, while in autumn
they are dipped in scarlet



▲The Kongo Floor in front of the Main Hall
Kondo is popular with people who believe it
is a "power spot" where the energy of the
universe can be sensed



▼The area in front of the Kondo is the best
place to get great views out to Mt. Hiei, and
enjoy the different landscapes in each season



Open: 9:00-16:00 *Reiho Hall shuts at 16:00. Closed on Tuesdays (following day if Monday is a holiday), and between December 12 and the end of February. Entry: 16 and up: ¥500 *Reiho Hall requires a separate charge of ¥200. Address: 1074 Kurama Hon-machi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto City Phone: 075-741-2003 ○Just to the north of Eizan Railway Kurama Sta. (Nio Gate). 30 min. walk to the Main Hall. Or 10 min. walk from Cable Tahoto Sta.

A shrine even the
Toyotomi family venerated

2 Yuki-jinja Shrine

This shrine was once venerated within the Kyoto Imperial
Palace as the guardian deity of the imperial family. On its
grounds are the Great Sugi, a sacred cryptomeria tree
about 800 years old, as well as koma-inu depicted
holding babies. The deity here is worshiped as the
guardian of conception and safe birth.

Entry: Free (Entry required for Kurama-dera Temple)
Address: 1073 Kurama Hon-machi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto City
Phone: 075-741-1670
○10 min. walk north from Eizan Railway Kurama Sta.



▲"Tengu Fortune" with
a fortune inside a tengu-
shaped key holder: ¥500

◀"Great Sugi Wishing
Charm" that will grant
all sorts of wishes:
¥1,000

A popular area
for matchmaking



Kibune Area

One of Kyoto's most famous summer
retreats, and a power spot
for matchmaking



▲Around May every year, decks are put out over the
Kibune River by local inns and restaurants. This
becomes a popular place to gather to enjoy the
coolness until autumn

Popular as a spot to
find your significant other

1 Kifune-jinja Shrine

An ancient shrine along the Kibune River, it enshrines the
god of controlling the water supply. The poet
Izumi Shikibu came here to pray in the Heian
period (794-1185), and once more regained the
love of her husband. Ever since, it has
been popular as a shrine for matchmaking.
Worshippers can gain benefits that include
conception and other relationships.

Open: 9:00-17:00 (goods shop)
Address: 180 Kurama Kibune-cho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto City Phone: 075-741-2016
○30 min. walk north from Eizan Railway Kibuneguchi Sta. or 5 min. walk north from Kibune bus stop



▲The deity worshiped at the main shrine is a
water god called Takaokami-no-Kami. A sacred
spring bubbles up in front of the shrine building



▲Rows of vermillion lamps line both sides of the approach path with its 87 steps. It looks
different in each season: the illuminations and autumn leaves in autumn, the snow in
winter, and so on



▼Kifune-jinja Shrine is where ema
(votive tablets) were first used. Many,
many ema have been offered here



▲"Mizu-ura Fortune" where characters float
up on the water surface: ¥200

Kyoto's rural side,
rich in nature



Ohara Area

Historical temples dot this area,
nestled in the rich
natural environment

Let your everyday cares drift away,
soothed by the mossy garden

1 Sanzen-in Temple

One of the Five Tendai Monzeki temples, or temples whose
head priests used to be members of the imperial family, it is
home to National Treasure Buddhist statues and beautiful
gardens. The grounds include the Guest Hall with its shoin
room, the Amida Hall which houses a statue of Amida
flanked by retainers, the Shinden or Main Hall where rituals
are carried out, and other dignified buildings, as well as
two beautiful gardens, the Yusei-en and the Shoheki-en,
attracting many visitors. The leaves are spectacular in
autumn, and the temple looks wonderful in all seasons.



▲Originally located on Mt. Hiei, it was
ended up here in 1871 after a number
of relocations. This was when it got the
name "Sanzen-in."

Open: 9:00-17:00 *From 8:45 to 16:45 in
November / Until 16:30 in December
through February Entry: ¥700 (ages 13-18:
¥400; ages 6-12: ¥150)
Address: 540 Ohararaigocho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto
City Phone: 075-744-2531
○10 min. walk east from Ohara bus stop
after taking the bus from Demachiyangi
Sta. or Eizan Railway Yase-Hieizanguchi Sta.



They were sculpted by Takashi Sugimura



▲The Amida Hall, registered as an
Important Cultural Property, is noted for its
ceiling, which looks like the hull of a boat.
The Hall houses a huge seated statue of
Amida as well as Kannon and Shisei



▲This huge stone statue of Amida in the
grounds dates from the Kamakura period
(1185-1333). About 2.25 m in height, it is
considered a precious relic that tells of the
Jodo faith back in its day

◀Small Warabe Jizo statues, covered in
moss, are dotted throughout the Yusei-en.
There are several by the Benten Lake,
soothing the souls of parishioners

The Main Hall reddened by the
leaves of autumn is a beautiful sight

2 Jakko-in Temple

This is a Tendai-sect nunnery that is said
to have been founded to pray for the spirit of
Emperor Yomei, Prince Shotoku's
father, in 594. After the House of Taira
collapsed, Taira-no-Kiyomori's daughter,
Kenreimon-in, lived in seclusion here. The
temple also appears in the Ohara Goko
section concluding the Tale of the Heike.



▲The temple is famed for its beautiful green
surroundings. The Main Hall with its shingled
roof was reconstructed over about 5 years
after it burned down in 2000



◀The approach road to the
Main Gate is beautiful in
summer with green maples
▶The garden is also famous,
featuring the Snow-Viewing
Lantern donated by
Toyotomi Hideyoshi from
Fushimi Castle when the
Main Hall was rebuilt then,
and the Migiwa Pond



Open: 9:00-17:00 *Until 16:30 in December through February, 10:00-16:00 on January 1-3
Entry: ¥600 (ages 13-18: ¥350; ages 6-12: ¥100) Address: 676 Oharakusao-cho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto City
Phone: 075-744-3341 ○15 min. walk northwest from Ohara bus stop after taking the bus from
Demachiyangi Sta. or Eizan Railway Yase-Hieizanguchi Sta.

An ancient temple slumbers
quietly in the depths of Ohara

3 Raigo-in Temple

The priest Ennin founded it in the early 850s
to serve as a place to practice shomyo,
Buddhist chanting musical temperament. It
was re-established in 1109, and the Main
Hall houses three seated statues of
Yakushi, Amida, and Shaka dating from the
Heian Period (794-1185). The current Main
Hall dates to 1533.



▲Its connections with chanting and musical
temperament means many people come here
to pray for cures to ear ailments



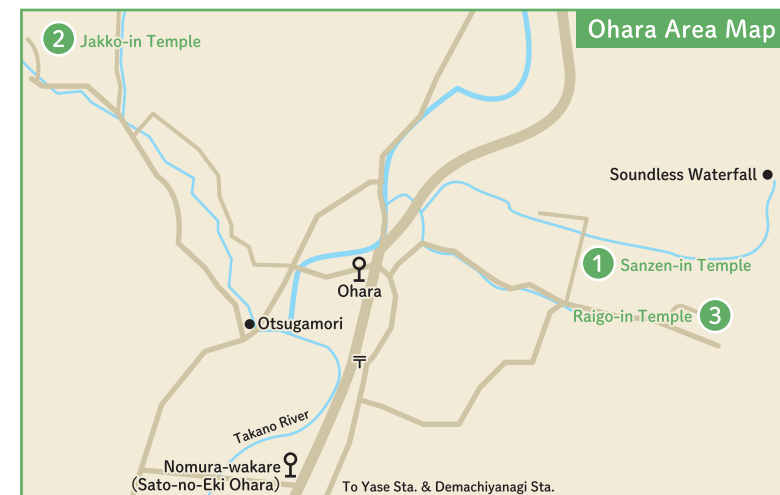
▲All three seated statues are
Important Cultural Properties



Soundless Waterfall

◀The "Otonashi-no-Taki" or
"Soundless Waterfall" upstream
along the Ritsu River, right
beside the temple, is known for
its different appearances in
each of the four seasons

Open: 9:00-16:00 Entry: ¥400 (ages 13-18: ¥300) *Entry is ¥500 for adults between May 1 and 30, and between
November 1 and 30, due to exhibitions of temple treasures. Address: 537 Ohararaigocho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto City
Phone: 075-744-2161 ○15 min. walk southeast from Ohara bus stop after taking the bus from Demachiyangi
Sta. or Eizan Railway Yase-Hieizanguchi Sta.



More! Eat! Buy! Play!
Check the web for more to do in the
Kurama, Kibune, and Ohara areas!



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info we couldn't
fit on here!