

JAPAN RAIL PASS

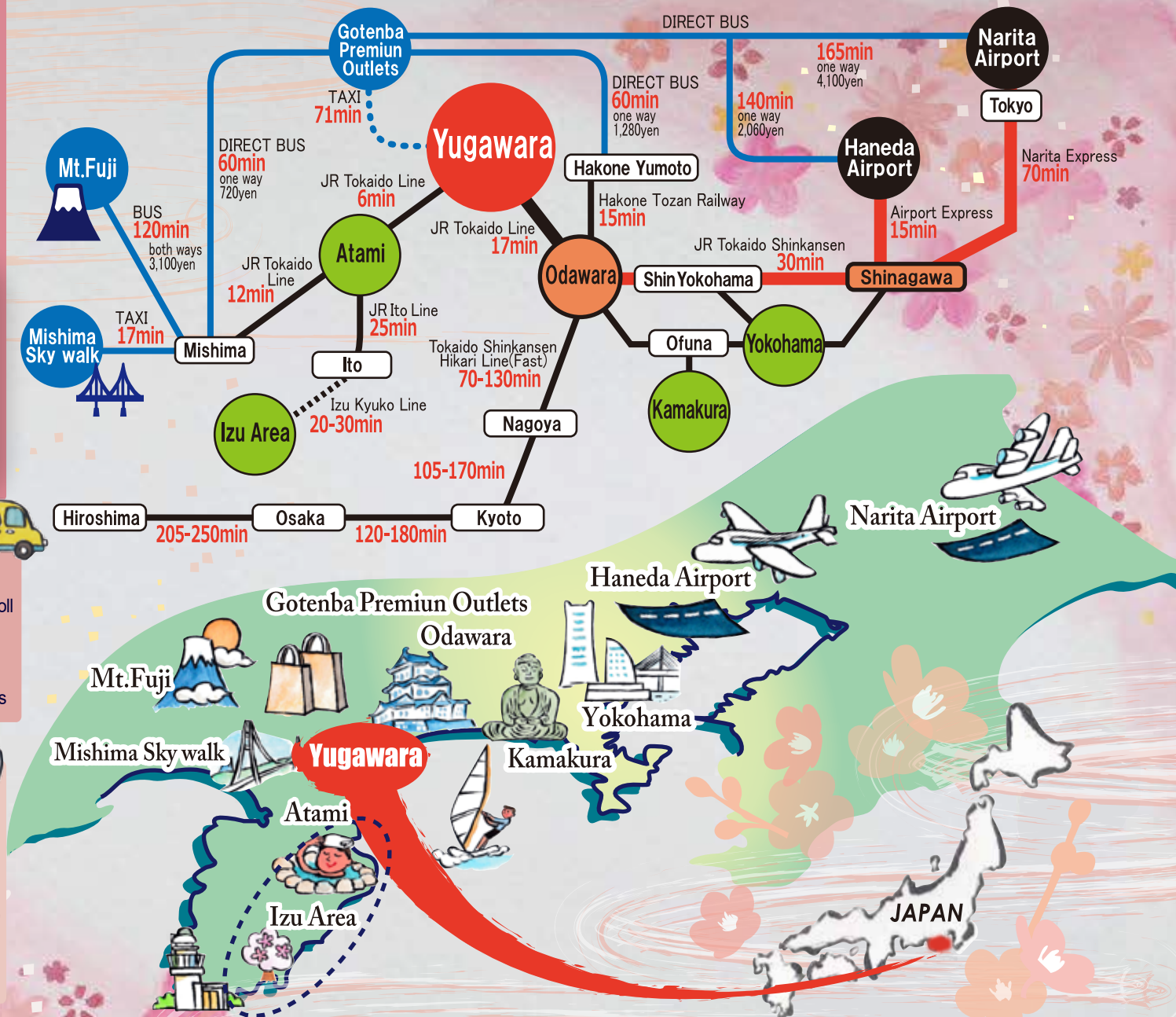
You can come to
Yugawara by
Japan Rail Pass

Distance from
Yugawara to major cities

• to Mt.Fuji	41 km
• to Tokyo	84 km
• to Hakone	9 km
• to Izu	23 km
• to Yokohama	59 km
• to Kamakura	45 km
• to Nagoya	202km
• to Kyoto	305km
• to Osaka	333km

【By car】
From Tokyo: take Tomei Expressway
for Nagoya.
At Tomei Atsugi I.C. take Odawara-Atsugi Toll
Road to Odawara.
From Odawara, take the Route 135 to
Yugawara.
Typical travel time: approximately 90 minutes

【By train】
• From Narita Airport:
take Narita Express to Shinagawa (70min.).
• From Haneda Airport:
take Airport Express to Shinagawa (15min.).
• From Shinagawa: take either of the below.
①Shinkansen Kodama train to Odawara (30min.)
and Tokaido Line to Yugawara (17min.)
②Odoriko Express to Yugawara (70min.)
③Tokaido Line to Yugawara (90min.)



Yugawara, the perfect hub for your trip



Yugawara Onsen

Hot spring

Yugawara Onsen History

Yugawara Onsen has a long history. It was described in Japan's oldest poetry collection, *Manyoshu*, compiled sometime after 759 AD. According to a legend monks in the Nara era bathed in the hot springs around AD700.

101 Sources – Have Effects Especially On cuts and Bruises

It takes about 50 years for the natural spring water to travel underground from the Hakone volcano to Yugawara and eventually warm the water. Hot water flows at 6837 liters every minute with an exit temperature of 90°C (194 degrees Fahrenheit.) The quality of its spring water has been found to be especially beneficial for cuts and bruises. Yugawara Onsen was placed 3rd among 46 spas in Eastern Japan in the ranking of hot springs published in 1817. Thousands of people are still bathing in hot spring every year for the purpose of curing injuries.



Onsen Brings Forth Beautiful Skin

The natural mineralized hot water of the onsen has a world class beauty effect. This simple thermal hot spring has a weak alkaline property. Some studies indicate the water is like that of a pregnant mother, helping to smooth your skin.

Doppo-no-Yu, one of the largest outdoor foot bathing facilities in Japan, is popular among visitors.

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Shrine of marriage



A view of Mt. Fuji and Lake Ashi from Mt. Taikan



About Yugawara

Sea, Mountains, and Historical Streets

Yugawara is located in the southwest end of the Kanagawa prefecture, 90km from Tokyo. It is the gateway to the Izu Peninsula and is surrounded by mountains on three sides. The town is very beautiful in nature and hot springs.

The nostalgic atmosphere of this historical spa town received high acclaim from the Michelin Green Guidebook of Japan. It takes 60 minutes from Tokyo by *Shinkansen* (bullet train). Yugawara is the best central location to get to Hakone, Kamakura and Yokohama. Take a walk along the stone-paved town street in *kimono*. We can make that happen for you.

The Town that Artists Love

The best view of Mt. Fuji in Japan is from Mt. Taikan in Yugawara. Mt. Fuji is Japan's most beautiful mountain. Yugawara is surrounded by sea and mountains. It is blessed with a warm climate. Many authors, poets and painters love this town and many of their works have been related to this town. The cover illustration on this pamphlet depicts the historical street. You can even stay at a 300-year old *ryokan* (Japanese inn), the oldest in the town.





Overlooking Cape Manazuru from Hoshigayama: featured in the Michelin Green Guidebook of Japan



Cherry and rapeseed blossoms from the end of March through April



Fireworks in July, August and October



Historical Yukake Matsuri (festival) in May

Four Seasons





You can enjoy 4000 red and white blooming plum trees between February and March in Yugawara Bairin (plum grove). Cherry and rapeseed blossoms are beautiful along the River Chitose in April. The many fields of blooming azaleas at Hoshigayama Park in June, along with a starry night walk will create a plethora of wonderful emotions. In October you can enjoy the autumn red maple leaves at Momiji-no-Sato (the home of maple trees).




Major Events



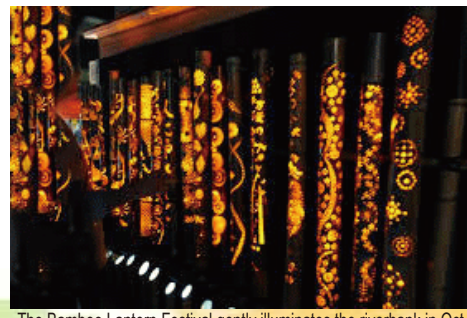
 **Ume-no-Utage (the plum festival):** from beg. Feb through mid-Mar
Thousands of plum blossoms cover the slope of the mountain. Events are held including *geisha* performances, Japanese drum concerts, *kyogen* (traditional comedy) play, and projection mapping.

 **Yukake Matsuri (the hot spring water splash festival):** on last Sat of May
Based on a tradition that in the Edo era feudal lords and the imperial family were presented barrels filled with the local hot spring water. Among a line of *mikoshi* (portable shrine) marches, *Josei mikoshis*, carried only by women, are the highlight of the festival.

 **Yassa Matsuri:** on August 2nd and 3rd
This historical festival is based on a traditional dance that farmers performed in praise of Sanehira Doi, a local lord. Kimura Gallery displays *samurai* sword from the Kamakura era, approximately 800 years old.



About 4000 white and red plum trees blossom beautifully from the beginning of February to March.



The Bamboo Lantern Festival gently illuminates the riverbank in Oct



The *geisha* performance in Ume-no-Utage



Leaves aflame beautifully with autumn tints from October to November

Yugawara Year Planner

Flower Calendar Activities

1 JAN

Hiking, Trekking and Golf (all year round)
Surfing (except sea-bathing season in mid-summer)
Fishing Sea fishing (all year round)
River fishing

2 FEB

Plums: mid-Jan to mid-Mar
Camellias: beg. Feb to mid-Apr

3 MAR

4 APR

Cherry Blossoms: end Mar to mid-Apr

5 MAY

Azaleas: mid to end Apr

6 JUN

Satsuki Azaleas: mid-May to mid-Jun
Mandarin Blossoms: mid to end May
Sweet flag: mid to end Jun
Hydrangea: mid Jun to beg. Jul

7 JUL

8 AUG

9 SEP

10 OCT

11 NOV

12 DEC

Events

Setsubun (bean-throwing festival): at Goshō Shrine on Feb 3

Ume-no-Utage: in Yugawara Bairin from beg. Feb to mid-Mar

Samurai Parade: beg. Apr

Yukake Matsuri: last Sat of May

Satsuki-no-Sato (Azalea festival): in Hoshigayama Park from beg. to mid-Jun

Yassa Matsuri: Aug 2 and 3
Fireworks: at Yoshihama Beach in Jul, Aug and Oct

Bon Festival Dance: mid-Aug

Jugoya-no-Utage (Full moon festival): mid-Sep

The Bamboo Lantern Festival: mid-Oct

Momiji-no-Sato: mid-Nov to beg. Dec

Mandarin Picking: end Oct to end Jan

Have More Fun in Yugawara

A number of shops offer visitors various opportunities to observe and experience the Japanese tradition: a one-time pottery lesson allows you to make your own handmade plates and cups; a sake-tasting lets you choose from a vast variety of selections; also enjoy making and eating *wagashi*, Japanese traditional sweets.



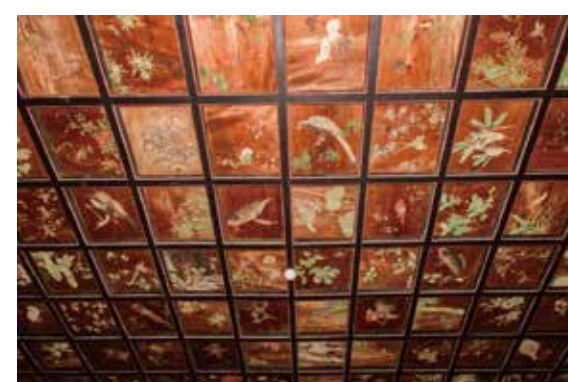
A *senbei* shop selling *senbei*, Japanese rice crackers. An elderly shop owner grills the dough on a hearth. Why not experiencing the traditional Japan in Yugawara where time moves more slowly?



There's one reason why it's worth getting up early in Yugawara: to watch the sunrise on the sea horizon. The sea shining with the golden spectrum reflecting the rising sun is unutterably breathtaking. Also don't forget to take pictures of the mysterious sunrise from Mitsuishi in Cape Manazuru (photo: right).



Enjoy trekking amongst colorful plum blossoms with a lovely scent.



There are a number of historical shrines and temples in Yugawara. Neno Jinja near the port has beautiful paintings on its ceilings, called Kachojugyo-no-Zu (the pictures of flowers, birds, animals and fish) (photo: right). They are made of 84 pictures that were created by a *Tokugawa-shogunate*-appointed female artist and her male apprentice. Being in love with each other, they left their hand-prints on some of those paintings as pledges of their love. Isn't that romantic?

The Town for Gourmands



Having been loved by a number of intellectuals and artists, Yugawara has nurtured its gastronomic culture: a one-Michelin-star rated Japanese cuisine restaurant; a *tofu* shop with their choicest ingredients; a bakery that attracts people from all over Japan; a ramen-restaurant, awarded No.1 by several gourmet guidebooks, including the Tokyo Ramen of the Year; a *yakitori*-bar that perfects the art of grill. The town satisfies even the most demanding of epicureans.



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