

Extend your stay: “To the Foot of Mt. Fuji & Hakone (day trip)”

Japan is home to a diverse natural environment, and Tokyo, although you may not expect it, is no exception. Within 2.5 hours’ striking distance from the heart of the city, guests can reach the foot of *Mt. Fuji*, the imposing landmark that has been an integral part of the Japanese psyche from ancient times, and has come to symbolize the country itself. With its wide flowing slopes and perfectly symmetrical volcanic cone, Japan’s highest mountain is a near-mythical national symbol immortalized in countless works of art, including famous *Ukiyo-e* woodblock paintings.

Leaving *Mt. Fuji* behind, guests next proceed to *Hakone*, a beautiful scenic place blessed with nature’s gifts. *Hakone* has long been one of Japan’s most popular hot spring resorts and more than a dozen springs provide hot spring water to the many bath houses and *ryokan* in the *Hakone* region. Of course *Hakone* also provides a wide variety of sightseeing possibilities. Guests can take a sightseeing cruise on *Lake Ashi*, visit *Hakone-jinja Shrine*, and the sulfurous *Owakudani* “the valley of hell” and other points of interest in the vicinity.

The return journey to Tokyo is by Japan’s famed Shinkansen bullet train, speeding guests back to the city from Odawara Station.