

## Kamakura Journey

Kamakura strangely does not make its way into the itineraries of travelers intent on getting a good, thorough look at the Tokyo area, but we are against such ideas! Kamakura is just a short train ride away from Tokyo, and is home to an abundance of history relevant and vital to Tokyo's rich history. Kamakura was once the sole western gate that allowed entry to the capital, for example.

This tour gives tour participants an informative look at some of the temples and history of the area, and is sure to be an experience not soon forgotten. As always, we have arranged a complete package for you that includes lunch, your own private tour guide, and one that is inclusive of all of that you read below.

Take a journey to Kamakura with us!

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## Tour Itinerary

**9:00 am** – Meet at and depart from Shinagawa Station

**9:50 am** – Arrival at Kamakura Station

**10:00 am** – Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine



Tsurugaoka Hachimangu is Kamakura's most important shrine. It was founded by Minamoto Yoriyoshi in 1063. The shrine is dedicated to Hachiman, the patron god of the Minamoto family and of the samurai in general. The deified spirits of the ancient Emperor Ojin who has been identified with Hachiman, Hime-gami, and Empress Jingu are enshrined at Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine. You might have a very good time here indeed.

**11:00 am** – Heads toward Hokokuji Temple

**11:15 am** – Hokokuji Temple



Secluded in the hills is a small temple of the Rinzaï Sect of Zen Buddhism. Originally founded during the early years of the Muromachi Period, Hokokuji was the family temple of the ruling Ashikaga Clan and was later also adopted as the family temple of the Uesugi Clan. Peaceful and secluded, this temple is another example of the great history and importance residing in this small city just south of Tokyo.

**12:25 pm** – Departure from Hokokuji Temple to Hase Temple

- *This portion of the tour takes a short journey on a very famous train, the Enoden*

**12:45 pm** – Soba Restaurant Lunch; Komachi Street

**1:40 pm – Hase Temple**



Hasedera is a temple of the Jodo sect, famous for its eleven-headed statue of Kannon, the goddess of mercy. The 9.18 meter tall, gilded wooden statue is regarded as one of the largest wooden sculptures in Japan and can be viewed in the temple's main building, the Kannon-do Hall. Some say this sculpture was carved from the same tree as the Kannon statue worshipped at the Hasedera Temple in Nara Prefecture.

**3:10 pm – Kotokuin Temple**



This is certainly one of the more memorable sights to be seen in all of Japan. The Great Buddha of Kamakura is a bronze statue of Amida Buddha, which stands on the grounds of Kotokuin Temple. With a height of 13.35 meters, it is the second tallest bronze Buddha statue in Japan, surpassed only by the statue in Nara's Todaiji Temple.

**4:00 pm** – Departure from Kamakura Station

**5:00 pm** – Arrival back at Shinagawa Station

**All tour fees required have been included in this price. This includes guide fees, and your transportation, lunch, and entrance fees! It is all included in the tour.**