



Quick Guide: **ENOSHIMA-KAMAKURA**

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PLANNING YOUR TRIP

Use this checklist to plan your trip to Japan. Click on the links for helpful information and travel sites.

PRE-TRIP ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

- ☐ [General visa information for travel to Japan](#)
- ☐ [Health information for travelers to Japan](#)
- ☐ [Get a travel insurance](#)

GETTING THERE AND AROUND

- ☐ [Flights to Tokyo](#)
- ☐ [JR Pass](#) – if you're moving around Japan a lot within a short time period (example: visiting Tokyo and Kyoto within one week; going to at least 2 to 3 prefectures over one week), getting a JR Pass *before* you travel to Japan is a great option. [Read more about it here.](#)
- ☐ [Rental cars](#) – check car hire locations and prices in Japan; booking online in advance is recommended

REAL-TIME DEALS ON ACCOMMODATIONS

- ☐ [Tokyo](#)
- ☐ [Kyoto](#)



ENOSHIMA-KAMAKURA AREA – A RELAXING DAY TRIP FROM TOKYO

Just outside Tokyo, you'll find Shonan area – a relaxing tourist spot where you can escape from the city's constant, in-your-face energy and enjoy nature and history at a *much* slower, leisurely pace.

Both Enoshima and Kamakura are historic sites where you can learn much about the Japanese culture through its architecture, arts, and cuisine. There are numerous shrines and temples in the area, including the Great Buddha of Kamakura. The streets are lined with historic buildings and traditional shops, and walking around the area feels like being in a different era.

Enoshima and Kamakura are connected by a quaint seaside monorail, making the journey between the two cities an attraction in itself. Combine a visit to the two cities to make a relaxing day trip from Tokyo.

GETTING THERE AND AROUND

Depending on where you want to start, you can either go to Enoshima first or to Kamakura. Enoshima is more laidback and relaxed with fewer tourists, while Kamakura is a bit more touristy. Personally, I like starting in Enoshima so I'm not overwhelmed by the crowds in Kamakura.

USING THE JR PASS

- Most travelers to Japan would benefit from having a [Japan Rail \(JR\) Pass](#). This is a multi-use discounted ticket that is valid for travels on all JR national trains in Japan, including rides on the Shinkansen bullet trains and Narita express. It's really a great deal, especially if you're traveling to at least 2 prefectures over a one-week period.
- Note that you have to buy the JR Pass *before* you travel to Japan, as the pass is only available to short-term tourists. [You can order your JR Pass online hassle-free here.](#)
- When using the JR Pass, look for train routes that use the Japan Rail system using [Jorudan's Japan Rail Pass Transit Planner](#).
- Set your destination as either Kamakura or Fujisawa, if going to Enoshima first. You can then ride the Enoden into Enoshima.

ALTERNATIVE: ODAKYU'S ENOSHIMA-KAMAKURA FREEPASS

If you are already in Japan and don't have a JR Pass, you can get Odakyu's [Enoshima-Kamakura Freepass](#) instead (1,470 yen). This will take you from Shinjuku to Katase-Enoshima / Fujisawa via their express trains

- This covers your roundtrip ticket from Shinjuku to Katase-Enoshima / Fujisawa plus unlimited rides on the vintage railway (Enoden) that connects Enoshima and Kamakura, with lots of tourist spots in between.
- [Information about the freepass](#)
- [How to buy tickets](#) --- click to Freepass

OTHER OPTIONS

- If you're not going to use the JR Pass or Odakyu Freepass, [use Jorudan to find out the ideal travel route](#):
 - To get to Enoshima: go to **Katase-Enoshima or Fujisawa** station
 - To get to Kamakura: go to **Kamakura** station
- Round-trip transportation for one from Shibuya to Katase-Enoshima would cost about 2,000-2,500 yen
- You can buy the Enoden tickets in the station



WHAT TO SEE AND DO: SAMPLE ITINERARY



[Tourist map: Use this Google map to plan your trip.](#)

TOKYO TO ENOSHIMA

- Ride from ❶ Shinjuku station to ❷ Katase-enoshima station using the Odakyu Freepass
- Walk across the bridge to enter Enoshima. On a clear day, you can see Mt. Fuji to the right when facing Enoshima (west).

ENOSHIMA

- Eat shirasu – try to visit a restaurant with views of the sea
- Relax by the sea
- You can go to the ❸ Enoshima Sea Candle
- Walk up to the ❹ Enoshima Shrine

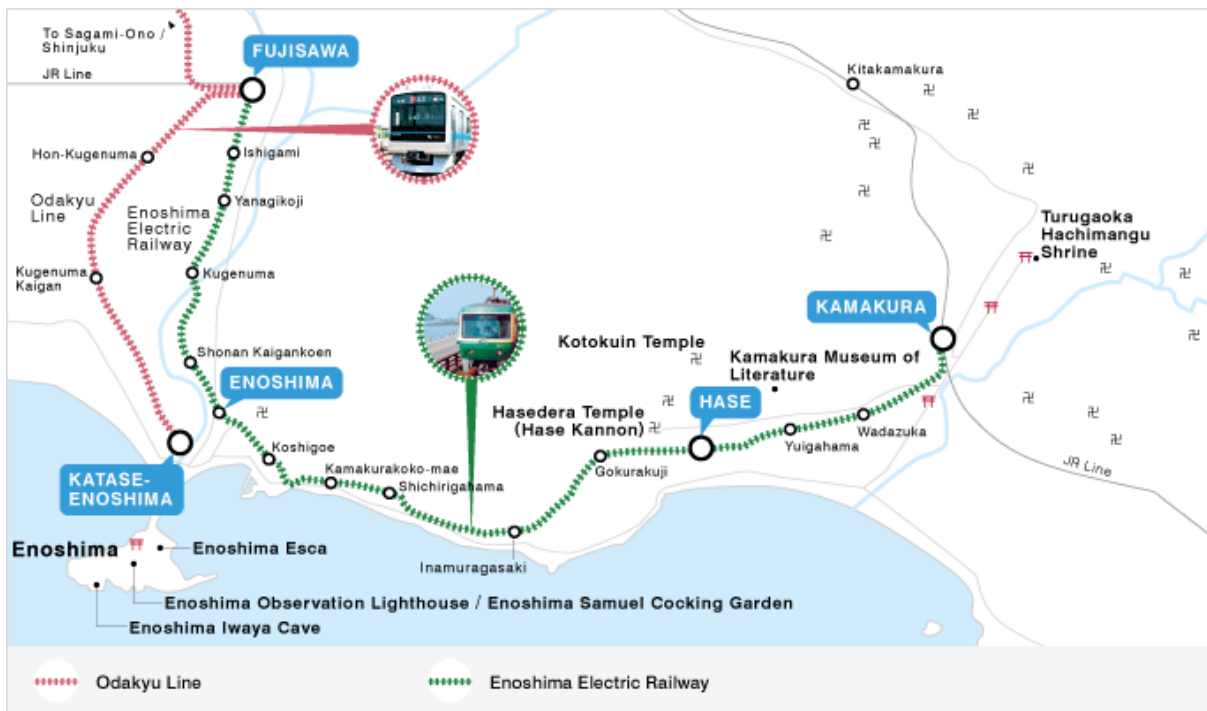
SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR CAT LOVERS!

- Enoshima is one of Japan's several "Cat Islands"
- You can find many cats around the ❺ Okutsumiya Shrine

ENOSHIMA TO KAMAKURA

- Walk to the ❻ Enoshima station of the Enoshima Electric Railway / Enoshima Dentetsu (Enoden)
- They usually have a brochure of what's interesting in each of the stops and if you have the one-day pass and lots of time, you can just hop on and off any stop that interests you. Just take note of the timetable, I think the train passes every 30 minutes, depending on the day of the week.

POPULAR STOPS ALONG THE ENODEN



(If you're short on time, prioritize highlighted stops)

- Koshigoe – Koshigoe Shopping Street, Koshigoe Beach, Manpukuji Temple; it's also a fishing port where you can get some more shirasu
- Shichirigahama Station – Many cafes and restaurants along the Shichirigahama coast; great for Mt. Fuji viewing (on a clear day)
- Gokurakuji – Gokurakuji Temple, Jojuin Temple
- ⑦ Hase – ⑧ Hasedera Temple, ⑨ Kotokuin Temple (Daibutsu / Great Buddha), Goryo Jinja Shrine
- ⑩ Kamakura

MT. FUJI PHOTOGRAPHY SPOTS

- If it's a clear day and you're particularly interested in taking photos of Mt. Fuji, [here's a guide to some of the best viewing spots in the area.](#)



KAMAKURA

- Walk along the ⑪ Komachi dori, a shopping street (with lots of snacks and souvenirs) that goes from the Kamakura station to...
- ⑫ Tsurugaoka Hachimangu shrine
- There are also various museums and parks in Kamakura which you can check out if you have a bit more time

BACK TO TOKYO

- From ⑩ Kamakura Station, you can ride the Enoden train back to ⑥ Enoshima station then ride from ② Katase-enoshima to ① Shinjuku station via Odakyu Line;
- Or, to make the most of the Enoden sightseeing-train, you can ride from Kamakura Station all the way to ⑬ Fujisawa Station, then ride to Shinjuku station via Odakyu.



FURTHER READING

Japan is an infinitely fascinating country and one of my personal favorites (and first love!). If you're traveling to Japan for the first time, you'll find out soon enough that your first won't be the last and you are probably going to make a pact with yourself to visit at least once a year. That's what I've been doing since I first visited the country almost a decade ago.

Here are more guides for your travels to Japan:

- [How to have a relaxing holiday in Tokyo](#) – If you're in Tokyo and looking for day trips out of the city, I'm guessing you need a break from that insane pace. Here's how to chill in Tokyo.
- [Japan Travel Guides](#) and [Asia Travel Guides](#) – I'm constantly updating the travel guides on the Little Holidays website so check out these links for updated travel guides.

PHOTO CREDIT

[Great Buddha in Kotokuin Temple by Johann Schmidt](#)
[Bridge to Enoshima Island by Iyhon Chiu](#)
[Snaps around Enoshima by Liz](#)
[Buddha and sunset by Liz](#)
[Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu by George](#)

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