Welcome to Tochigi, a land of World Heritage and great nature

A Quick Getaway from Tokyo
Finished exploring Tokyo?

In fact, the well known Nikko is right in Tochigi!

If you are done with Tokyo, why not make a short trip to attractive TOCHIGI prefecture?

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About Tochigi Prefecture

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With relaxing hot springs, family-friendly theme parks and local cuisine ranging from strawberries to fried dumplings, Tochigi is definitely your ideal destination near Tokyo.

Access Information

From Narita Airport

Kanto Bus (Marronnier direct bus)
Airport - Utsunomiya Station: approx. 2 hrs and 50 min.
http://www.kantobus.co.jp/highway/maronie01.html

Chiba Bus (Salvia direct bus)
Airport - Ashikaga Station: approx. 2 hrs and 40 min.
http://www.chibakotsu.co.jp/kousoku/salvia.htm

From Haneda Airport

Kanto Bus (Marronnier direct bus)
Airport - Utsunomiya Station: approx. 3 hrs.
http://www.kantobus.co.jp/highway/maronie01_haneda.html

From Ibaraki Airport

Airport bus
Airport - Mito Station: approx. 40 mins, and then transfer to JR Mito Line.

From Tokyo

JR Tohoku Shinkansen
A high-speed railway you can’t afford to miss.
Tokyo Station - Utsunomiya Station: approx. 50 mins.
Tokyo Station - Nasu-shiobara Station: approx. 1 hr and 10 min.

JR Shonan Shinjuku Line
Direct service connecting Utsunomiya with Yokohama, Shinjuku, and Shibuya.
Shinjuku Station - Utsunomiya Station: approx. 1 hr and 45 min.

Tobu Railway
Head to Tochigi after having a good time at Asakusa.
Asakusa Station - Tobu Nikko Station: approx. 1 hr and 45 min.
Asakusa Station - Kinugawa Onsen Station: approx. 2 hrs.

Best of Tochigi Prefecture

*World Heritage Site (*Shrines and Temples of Nikko*)
*World’s longest tree-lined avenue (Cedar Avenue of Nikko)
*Japan’s oldest college (Ashikaga School)
*Japan’s top gyoza consumption (Utsunomiya City)
*Japan’s top strawberry production

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**A Fulfilling Trip of World Heritage Sites and Breathtaking Nature**

This trip leads you not only to famous shrines and temples but also to gorgeous natural attractions including lakes and waterfalls.

**Nikko Toshogu Shrine**

Toshogu’s splendid architecture is designed by artisans from all over Japan. Many of the animal carvings symbolize world peace.  
http://www.toshogu.jp/english/

**Kegon Waterfall**

One of Japan’s top three waterfalls. Experience power of gushing water at the observation platform (charges apply).  
http://www.nikko-kankou.org/spot/5/

**Lake Chuzenji**

Great summer retreat. Take a stroll or boat ride to enjoy the scenes.  
http://www.nikko-kankou.org/spot/10/

**Senjogahara Marshlands**

Embark on a 2-hour trekking and soak in the views of surrounding mountains.  
http://www.nikko-kankou.org/spot/10/

**Fried Yuba Manju**

A crispy sweet treat made with Nikko’s famous yuba (tofu skin).  
http://www.sakae-ya.com/

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**Accommodation Information**

Nikko Onsen Ryokan Association  
Address: Tokorono 2854, Nikko  
TEL: +81-288-54-3126  

**Day 1**

- **Asakusa Station 9:30**
  - Tobu Limited Express Kegon 7  
  - Tobu Nikko Station 11:17 Lunch  
  - Nikko Toshogu Shrine Stay: 2 hours  
  - Futarasan Shrine Stay: 1 hour  
  - Rinnoji Temple Stay: 1 hour  
  - Ryokan (traditional Japanese inn)

**Day 2**

- **Ryokan**
  - Tobu Nikko Station 10:03  
  - Kegon Waterfall Stay: 40 min.  
  - Lake Chuzenji Stay: 2 hours  
  - Senjogahara Marshlands Stay: 1 hour

**More to discover!**

- **1000 Samurai Procession**  
  Annual spring and autumn event commemorating an ancient ceremony.  
  http://www.nikko-kankou.org/spot/27/

- **Irohazaka Winding Road**  
  Spectacular road with 48 turns that attract crowds every maple season.  
  http://www.nikko-kankou.org/spot/5/

- **Fried Yuba Manju**  
  A crispy sweet treat made with Nikko’s famous yuba (tofu skin).  
  http://www.sakae-ya.com/

**Money-saving ticket recommended for the trip**

All Nikko Pass  
http://www.tobu.co.jp/foreign/pass/all_pass.html

See back cover for details.
A Trip of Onsen and Theme Parks for Family! Kinugawa

2 hours from Tokyo is Kinugawa, historically renowned for onsen, theme parks and beautiful sceneries. Highly recommended for tourists of all ages.

**Kinugawa River Boat Rides**
Don’t miss this thrilling rafting activity during April to November. Professional coach will guide you down the Kinugawa River with interesting narrations.
http://linekudari.com/

**Edo Wonderland (Nikko Edo Mura)**
Experience the life of Edo period or watch historical plays in this theme park that is set in olden days of Japan.

**Accommodation Information**
Kinugawa Onsen Ryokan Association  Address: 1404-1 Ohara Kinugawa Onsen, Nikko

**Money-saving ticket recommended for the trip**
Kinugawa Theme Park Pass  http://www.tobu.co.jp/foreign/pass/theme_pass.html
See back cover for details.

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**DAY 1**

Asakusa Station 10:00

Tobu Limited Express Kinu 109

Kinugawa Onsen Station 11:50 Lunch 13:30

Kinugawa River Boat Rides Stay: 1 hour 14:00 14:40

Ryokan

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**DAY 2**

Ryokan

Kinugawa Onsen Station 10:00

Edo Wonderland Stay: 6 hours 10:15 Lunch 16:10

Bus

Kinugawa Onsen Station 16:25 16:45

Asakusa Station 18:45

Tobu Limited Express Kinu 134
2-Day Trip

Local Cuisine Trip with Tasty Gyozas and Underground World at Utsunomiya

As a bicycle-friendly city, Utsunomiya is also notable for stones and gyozas. Accessible within an hour from Tokyo on Shinkansen.

### DAY 1

- **Tokyo Station**: 10:36
  - JR Tohoku Shinkansen: Yamanibiko 47
- **Utsunomiya Station**: 11:25
  - Lunch: 12:35
  - Bus: 2 min. on foot
- **Oya History Museum**
  - Stay: 1 hour
  - 14:06
- **Utsunomiya Gyoza - Kirasse Main Store**
  - In this city with the highest gyoza consumption in Japan, check out different flavors of gyoza here.
  - 14:22
  - 15:30
  - Handson gyoza making (reservations required).
- **Romantic Village**
  - Get close to the nature and experience farming lifestyle at this agriculture theme park.
  - 16:22
  - 17:30
- **Stay**: 2.5 hours

### DAY 2

- **Tokyo Station**: 10:36
  - JR Tohoku Shinkansen: Yamanibiko 146
- **Utsunomiya Station**: 12:30
  - Lunch: 13:13
  - Bus: 2 min. on foot
- **“Miya” Cycle Station**
  - Tour Utsunomiya by renting bicycles from this station that also offers tourist information.
  - 13:35
  - 14:42
- **Romantic Village**
  - Get close to the nature and experience farming lifestyle at this agriculture theme park.
  - 15:45
  - 16:52
- **Stay**: 1 hour

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**Accommodation Information**

Utsunomiya Ryokan Association
Address: 1F, 12-11 Horcho, Utsunomiya
TEL: +81-28-622-1225 http://www2.ucatv.ne.jp/~hrkumiai.sun/

Utsunomiya Convention & Visitors Bureau
Address: 2F, 3-1-4 Chuo, Utsunomiya

**More to Discover!**

- **Mega Don Quijote LAPARK Utsunomiya Outlet**
  - Discover the original Japan goods that are popular among foreign tourists.

- **Kanuma Satsuki Festival**
  - Famous for azaleas flowers, Kanuma City runs a flower festival every May.

**Money-saving ticket recommended for the trip**

- **JR Kanto Area Pass**
  - http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/kantoareapass/index.html
  - See back cover for details.

- **Oya 1-day bus ticket**
A Trip to an Onsen Town with Fantastic Winter Views

Not far from Kinugawa onsen quietly lies Yunishikawa onsen, a place known for great food and outdoor baths.

**Yunishikawa Kamakura Festival**
Held from late January to mid-March, the festival features thousands of snow houses (kamakura) built and illuminated along the river. [http://www.nikko-kankou.org/event/64/](http://www.nikko-kankou.org/event/64/)

**Yunishikawa Onsen**
In onsen hotels, guests have the pleasure of enjoying hot spring bath and local delicacies served around a fireplace. [http://www.nikko-kankou.org/](http://www.nikko-kankou.org/)

**A Tour through Breweries**
Clean underground water is the key to brewing the best sake.

**Katayama Brewery**

**Watanabe-Sahei Brewery**
This hundred-year-old shop sells high quality sake and offers brewery tours and sake lessons (reservation required). [http://www.watanabesahei.co.jp/](http://www.watanabesahei.co.jp/)

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**Takenoya Festival**
The onsen town is illuminated by gentle lights of bamboo lanterns in July. [http://www.nikko-kankou.org/event/374/](http://www.nikko-kankou.org/event/374/)

**Kawasaki Festival**
Two thousand LED lights flow down the river, resembling shooting stars. [http://www.nikko-kankou.org/event/468/](http://www.nikko-kankou.org/event/468/)

**Village of the Heike Clan**
An open air museum of traditional houses, illustrating lives of villagers in the past. [http://www.nikko-kankou.org/spot/54/](http://www.nikko-kankou.org/spot/54/)

Money-saving ticket recommended for the trip
2 Day Nikko Pass  [http://www.tobu.co.jp/foreign/pass/2day_nikko_pass.html](http://www.tobu.co.jp/foreign/pass/2day_nikko_pass.html)
See back cover for details.

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**Accommodation Information**
Yunishikawa Onsen Ryokan Association  
Address: 1155-1 Yunishikawa, Nikko  
TEL: +81-288-22-1525  
A Popular Summer Getaway to Refresh the Mind

Take a getaway from Tokyo and enjoy nature’s bounties all year round at Nasu Plateau. If you love to be embraced by nature, this is the place to be!

Stay in Nasu

The onsen area offers great views of the Nasu mountain range, which is still spewing volcanic steams. You may also take the ropeway for a hiking trip.

More to discover!

Mt. JEANS Nasu Gondola

Hop on the gondola for a birdseye view of Nasu all season round.

Nasu Garden Outlet

The outlet houses 150 shops and restaurants. There’s always something for everyone here.
http://www.nasu-gardenoutlet.com/

Accommodation Information

Nasu Onsen Ryokan Association
Address: 182 Yumoto, Nasu-machi, Nasu-gun

More to discover!

Nasu Sightseeing Bus Tour

The Yuinomori (Friendly Forest) is a tourism information center offering bike rentals and sightseeing bus tours.
http://www.nasumirai.com/yuainomori/index.html

Money-saving ticket recommended for the trip

JR Kanto Area Pass http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/kantoareapass/index.html
See back cover for details.
A Pottery Town That Blends Modern with Tradition

Mashiko is home to Mashiko-yaki pottery and indigo dyes. It brings great pleasure just walking down the streets of Mashiko, a traditional town with European influence in architecture.

Mashiko Streets
Modern galleries, handicraft shops and cafés adorn the streets of Mashiko, exhibiting creative and artistic taste. http://www.mashiko-kankou.org/

Mashiko Pottery
Mashiko pottery strikes a balance between aesthetic and pragmatic purposes. Visit the museum and market place to see more. http://www.mashiko-kankou.org/pottery/index.shtml

Indigo Dyeing
Indigo dye is widely celebrated in Japan. Higeta Indigo Dyeing Workshop has been in operation since old times. http://www.mashiko-kankou.org/entry.shtml?1:493

Tonoike Sake Brewery
The brewery sells all sorts of rice wine and innovative products made with sake. Coffee is also served for non-drinkers. http://tonoike.jp/

More to Discover!

Twin Ring MOKEGI
Twin Ring Motegi is a motorsport race track with family friendly facilities. http://www.twinring.jp/motopark_m/

Nakagawa-machi Bato
Featuring Museum of Art

Yamaage Festival
Held in July, the festival features great outdoor kabuki performances. http://yamaage.3g-kizuna.jp/

Akihabara Station 8:20
Kanto Yakimono Liner

Tokyo Station 8:56
JR Tohoku Shinkansen
Yamabiko 129

Utsunomiya Station 9:45
Bus
11:11 Mashiko 10:57
(get off at Ceramic Art Messe Mashiko)
13 min. on foot

Mashiko Pottery
Stay: 1.5 hours
11:20 Lunch
12:40
15 min. on foot

Indigo Dyeing
Stay: 1 Hour
13:00
14:00
25 min. on foot

Tonoike Sake Brewery
Stay: 1 Hour
14:30
15:30
15 min. on foot

15:50 Mashiko Station 16:00
Bus
Utsunomiya Station 16:48
17:20
JR Tohoku Shinkansen
Yamabiko 216

Tokyo Station 18:16
Kanto Yakimono Liner

Akihabara Station 19:00

Stay: 1.5 hours
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**Ashikaga Flower Park**
The prime attraction of the park is Japanese wisteria, which blooms in different colors in spring. Light-up events are held in winter evenings.

http://www.ashikaga.co.jp/english/index.html

**Tochigi Boat Ride**
The 20-minute boat ride promises a great experience of sightseeing and traditional music enjoyment.

http://www.k-yuransen.com/

**Sano Premium Outlets**
Shopping has never been more fun at this western-style mall.

http://www.premiumoutlets.co.jp/en/sano/

**Ashikaga Meisen Kimono**
The kimono is characterized by its modern design and use of innovative colors.

http://www.ashikagadouraku.jp/

**Ashikaga School**
The oldest college in Japan houses the oldest Confucius temple in Japan.

http://www.city.ashikaga tochigijp/site/ashikagagakko/

**Wagashi Lessons**
Learn to make your own unique wagashi, or traditional Japanese confectionery, at this shop (reservation required).

http://yamamotokashi.jp/

**Kimono Experience**
Put on a beautiful, traditional kimono and take a stroll in the neighborhood (reservation required).

http://www.kuranomachi.jp/

**More to Discover!**

**Watarase Hot Air Balloon Fiesta**
Held in April, the event is a great time to watch balloons race across the sky.

http://www.air-b.com/gp-info/watarase/watarase-event.htm

**JR Ryomo Line**
7 min. on foot
Stay: 1 hour

**Tobu Limited Express Ryomo**
13 min. on foot
Stay: 2.5 hours

**Tobu Limited Express Kegon**
13 min. on foot
Stay: 1 hour

**JR Ryomo Line**
13 min. on foot
Stay: 1 hour

**Tomita Station**
11:18
14:33
15:00

**Ashikaga Flower Park**
Stay: 2.5 hours

**Ashikaga School**
Stay: 1 hour

**Ashikaga-shi Station**
16:17
10:38
14:10
16:00

**Asakusa Station**
9:00
10:00
11:00
11:30 Lunch
13:00
13:15
14:45
15:00
16:50
17:05
17:37

**Asakusa Station**
17:55
18:45

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**A Time Slip Tour**

"Kuranomachi" or the town of storehouses, Tochigi City was once a prosperous commercial center when river transport was common. History and culture are well-preserved here.

**A Stroll in Tochigi**

The Tobu express train leaving from Asakusa arrives at Ashikaga in only 70 minutes. Take a walk in the Japanese-style streets and enjoy flower sceneries.
**Flowery World** Full-bloomed flowers are a rare sight in cities.

- **Shiba Sakura**
  - A pink carpet of sakura flowers
  - Ichikai-machi Sakura Park
  - Blooming season: mid April to early May
  - http://ichikai-sibazakura.jp/maturi/

- **Sakura Trees along Saotome**
  - A dream world of pink sakura
  - Blooming season: early to mid April
  - Hundreds of sakura trees form a pink, stunning tunnel.
  - http://www.tochigi-navi.net/sakura/73020042.html

- **Canola Flowers**
  - These vibrant yellow beauties are a magnificent in sight
  - Kinu Green Park
  - Blooming season: mid April

- **Sunflowers**
  - Visitors are often stunned by the beautiful sunflower fields
  - Sunflower Carnival
    - Blooming season: late July
  - Kaminokawa Sunflower Festival
    - Blooming season: late July

- **Strawberry**
  - A dream world of pink sakura
  - Igashira Strawberry Farm
  - Blooming season: late March to early May
  - Come for ic-cream and pick strawberries at the same time.
  - http://www.ja-hagano.or.jp/event-season.php

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  - These vibrant yellow beauties are a magnificent in sight
  - Ichigo-no-Sato
  - The largest strawberry farm in Tochigi.
  - http://www.itigo.co.jp/

- **Strawberry Rice**
  - Have a taste of the luxurious strawberry rice at Tochigi!
  - Haga-machi is known for sweet, juicy pears.

- **Apple**
  - Visit Yaita and try the juicy apples grown by local farmers.

**Mouth Watering Fruits** Have fun picking fruits with families and friends

- **Strawberry**
  - Ichigo-no-Sato
  - Enjoy picking strawberries in Tochigi.
  - http://www.ja-hagano.or.jp/event-season.php

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- **Pear**
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Tochigi Specialty Products

Bring a piece of Tochigi home to friends and family! Enjoy the fun of picking out souvenirs and gifts for yourself and important ones!

- **Shojinsawa spring water (with the Tochimaru-kun label)**
  Pure and clear spring water featuring a cute packaging, a must-buy!

- **Nikko Mizu Yokan**
  Yokan is a jelly dessert that you can’t afford to miss.

- **Strawberry Cider**
  Take home the refreshing taste and share with friends.

- **Nikko Bori Carvings**
  Admire the craftsmanship handed down from Toshogu Shrine.

- **Gyoza-flavored potato chips**
  Faithfully recreates the delicious tastes of Utsunomiya Gyoza.

- **Visit Tokyo Skytree and Buy Tochigi Specialty Products**
  Forgot to buy souvenirs during your Tochigi trip? Fret not! Because in Tokyo Skytree Solamachi you can find “Tochimaru Shop”, a specialty shop of products and souvenirs from Tochigi. Here you may enjoy Tochigi without leaving Tokyo.

**Tochimaru Shop**

**Hours:** 10:00-21:00
**Address:** 2-18-12 Oshiage, Sumida-ku, Tokyo (Tokyo Solamachi 4F)
**Access:** Tokyo Metro: Oshiage Station; Tobu Railway: Tokyo Skytree Station
**URL:** [http://www.tochimaru-shop.com/](http://www.tochimaru-shop.com/)

- **Toy's Town - BANDAI Museum**
  Composed of four areas: Japan, world, Edison, and plastic model (of Gundam). A lovely toy museum for both adults and children.
  **URL:** [http://www.bandai-museum.jp/](http://www.bandai-museum.jp/)

- **Local Beer of Nikko**
  Beers brewed and sold locally are especially tasty.

- **Gyoza-flavored potato chips**
  Faithfully recreates the delicious tastes of Utsunomiya Gyoza.

- **Try your hands at carving!**
  [http://www.n-kibori.jp](http://www.n-kibori.jp)
Exclusive for Foreign Tourists
(Convenient and Value-for-Money Passes)

**Tobu Railways**

**All Nikko Pass**
Recommended for those who want to explore Nikko to the most.
Price: Adults 4,520 yen, Children 2,280 yen
Validity: 4 days
http://www.tobu.co.jp/foreign/pass/all_pass.html

**2 Day Nikko Pass**
Recommended for those who want to enjoy the main sights of Nikko in two days.
Price: Adults 2,670 yen, Children 1,340 yen
Validity: 2 days
http://www.tobu.co.jp/foreign/pass/2day_nikko_pass.html

**Kinugawa Theme Park Pass**
Recommended for families to enjoy Kinugawa’s theme parks.
Price: 1. Nikko Edo Wonderland: Adults 6,180 yen, Children 3,090 yen  
2. Tobu World Square: Adults 4,080 yen, Children 2,040 yen  
1+2: Adults 7,380 yen, Children 3,690 yen
Validity: 2 days
http://www.tobu.co.jp/foreign/pass/theme_pass.html

Where to buy:
Tobu Sightseeing Service Center (in Tobu Railway Asakusa Station)
Sells the three kinds of passes, and provides tourist information on Kikko, Kinugawa, and Asakusa.
http://www.tobu.co.jp/foreign/contact.html

**JR-EAST - East Japan Railway Company**

**JR Kanto Area Pass**
Gets you unlimited rides in Tokyo and the surrounding Kanto area on Shinkansen, limited express and other trains. Makes it easy to visit Tochigi.
Price: Adults 8,300 yen, Children 4,200 yen
Validity: 3 days
http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/kantoareapass/index.html

**JR EAST PASS**
After fully enjoy Tochigi, extend your trip to Northeastern Japan with this pass.
Price: Adults 22,000 yen, Children 11,000 yen
Validity: 5 days flexible (any five days within a 14-day period)
http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/eastpass/index.html

Where to buy:
Travel service center in Narita Airport, Haneda Airport, Tokyo Station, Shinagawa Station, Shibuya Station, Shinjuku Station, Ikebukuro Station, Yokohama Station, and Ueno Station.

**Tochigi Tourist Information**

Kinugawa Kawaji Onsen Tourist Information Center
TEL: +81-288-77-2052
Roadside Station Yunishikawa
TEL: +81-288-78-1222
Utsunomiya City Tourist Information Center
TEL: +81-28-636-2177
Tobu Nikko Station Tourist Information Center
TEL: +81-288-53-4511
Nikko Tourist Information Center
TEL: +81-288-54-2496