

KAMAKURA 鎌倉

Once a sleepy fishing village, Kamakura became the capital of Japan in the 12th century when the Minamoto clan used it as headquarters for the Kamakura era, Japan's first military government. Until the era was fallen in 1333, Kamakura was the political center of the nation, and attracted leading religious figures and scholars as well. Today, eight centuries later, the city is still dominated by Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine, dedicated to the Minamoto clan's patron god of war, and by Wakamiya Oji, the cherry tree-lined avenue linking Hachiman Shrine to Sagami Bay. You need to pay an admission fee to get into most of the temples and shrines.

The **TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE** is located on your right when you come out of the EAST EXIT of the KAMAKURA Station. **English maps are available** for a few hundred yen.

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS OF KAMAKURA

Around the Kamakura Station:

TSURUGAOKA-HACHIMANGU SHRINE (鶴岡八幡宮) is the most famous shrine in Kamakura and is a 10-minute walk from Kamakura Station. When founded in 1063 by the Genji family of the Kamakura Shogunate, it became the center of politics and culture. Large landscaped grounds contain several vermilion-colored buildings. At the entrance is an arch bridge which leads to the grounds which contain a lotus pond (Genpei-ike), a dancing platform, and the main shrine. National Treasure Museum (kokuho-kan) is filled with relics of old Kamakura. Also not to be missed is the Prefectural Museum of Modern Art (Kanagawa-kenritsu Kindaibijutsukan) and nearby annex. This shrine is highly recommended to be visited during its horseback archery festivals in Spring (the 3rd Sunday in April) and Autumn (September 16).

Around Hase Station:

- **GREAT BUDDHA (DAIBUTSU - 大仏)** is a 10-minute walk from Hase Station or a 10-minute bus ride to Daibutsu-mae bus stop from Kamakura Station. This bronze statue of Buddha, measuring 11.4 m. high, is the symbol of Kamakura. It is the second largest in Japan, the largest being housed in the Todai-ji Temple in Nara. The statue is hollow and can be entered for a small fee. The great Buddha is attractive in all seasons. Open daily between 0700 - 1730 (1830 in the summer).
- **HASE-DERA TEMPLE (長谷寺)** This temple, set in beautiful grounds with traditional Japanese garden, is a 5-minute walk from Hase Station on the Enoden Line. It is dedicated to the eleven-headed goddess Kannon. The temple bell is the third oldest in Kamakura. Do not miss the hundreds of small, stone doll statues decorated to honor the souls of fetuses that have died and the cave at the end of the garden. Open daily between 0700 - 1740 (1640 from October to February).

BY TRAIN

- **FOR the TSURUGAOKA-HACHIMANGU SHRINE (鶴岡八幡宮):**

From YOKOSUKA:

At **JR YOKOSUKA STATION**, buy a ¥210 ticket to Kamakura Station. It is about a 20-minute train ride from JR Yokosuka Station. As you leave the station through the EAST exit, turn to your left and look for a red torii gate next to a Fujiya and McDonald's stores. Walk toward this alley which is lined with restaurants and souvenir shops. Once you get to the end, turn right, walk for about 2-3 minutes toward another, much bigger red Torii gate located to your left. You are now at the entrance to the shrine.

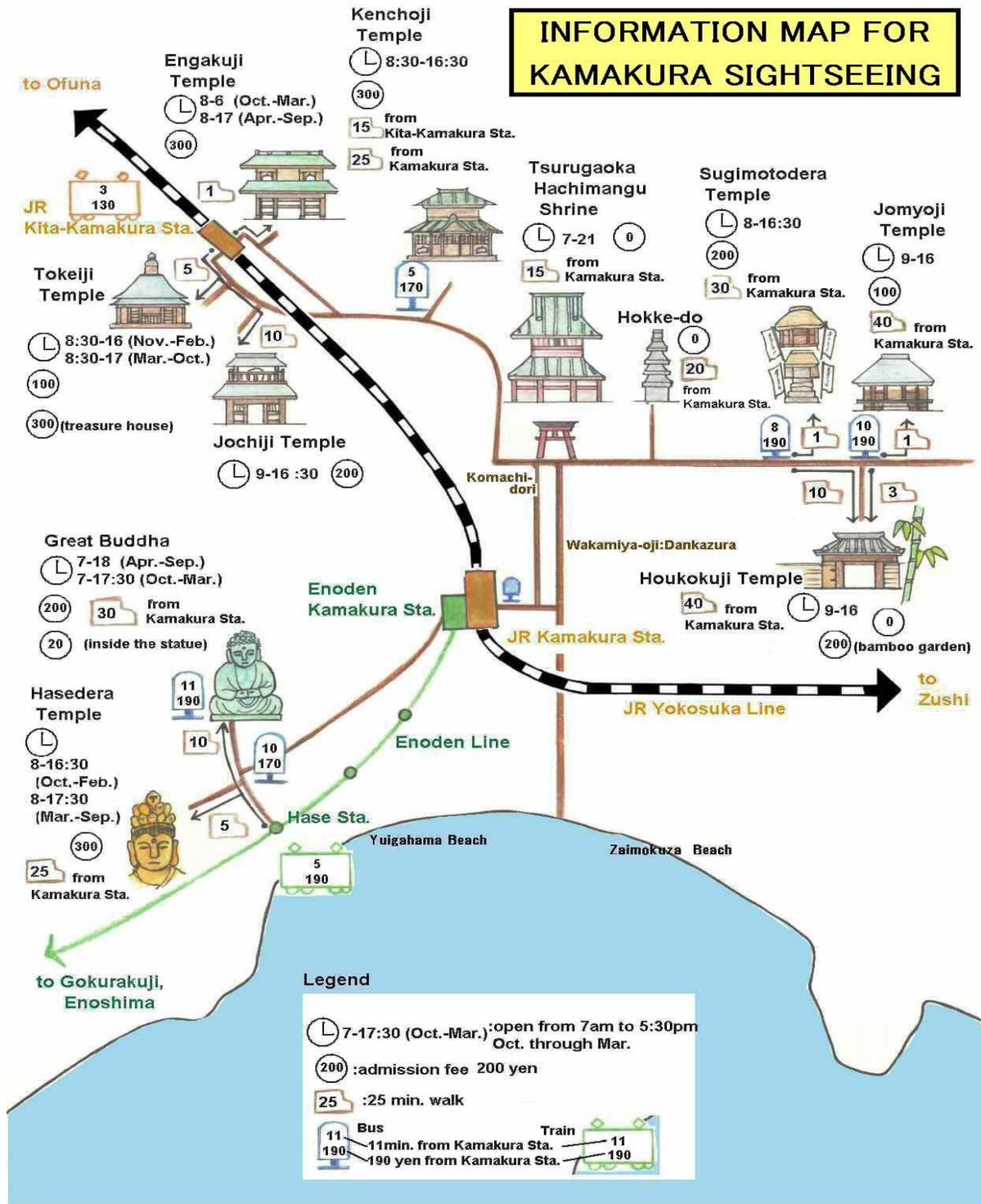
From IKEGO:

At **KEIKYU JIMMUJI STATION**, buy a ¥130 ticket to SHIN-ZUSHI Station. Walk a few minutes to JR Zushi Station and buy a ¥150 JR ticket to Kamakura Station. Leave the station through the EAST exit, then turn left, and walk towards the red torii gate (next to McDonald's and Fujiya restaurants) ahead of you. This alley is lined with restaurants and souvenir shops. Once you get to the end, turn right and look for another red torii gate to your left. This is the entrance to the shrine.

- **FOR the GREAT BUDDHA (DAIBUTSU - 大仏) and HASE-DERA TEMPLE (長谷寺) in Hase:**

At **Kamakura Station**, buy a ¥190 ticket at the **ENODEN LINE (江ノ電) ticket machines** to HASE Station (**3rd stop** from Kamakura). As you leave the station, turn right, go straight. To go to the Hase-dera Temple turn left to the small alley at the first stoplight (HASE-KANNON). If you walk farther straight on Hase Dori Street, you will arrive at the entrance to the Great Buddha Temple.

INFORMATION MAP FOR KAMAKURA SIGHTSEEING



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Map is not to scale. All information is subject to change without notice. If you observe any information which needs updating, please call the Information and Referral Desk of the Fleet and Family Support Center, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan at 243-6716 or 243-3372. Thank you.