

# Come stay in Shukubo!

The chanting of sutras permeates the morning silence, creating a special kind of dignified, crisp atmosphere. And then come the many delicious and handsomely-presented monastery vegetarian dishes. This is the other side of Koyasan that only travelers can come to know. Come stay in a Shukubo!

## What is a Shukubo?



Experience hospitality that only a Shukubo could offer!

“Shukubo” is a temple that offers lodging for guests. At first glance, it appears like a simple travelers’ inn, or Ryokan; however, the most appealing difference is that guests can enjoy a kind of hospitality that only a Shukubo could offer, such as the experiencing Buddhism first hand and enjoying monastery vegetarian dishes. Your heart will gain solace during the special time you spend in a Shukubo.

## Rooms

A Ryokan-like comfortable atmosphere

All rooms are private. Each room offers the necessary amenities, such as heating/air conditioning as well as a yukata robe and towel, giving the shukubo a Ryokan-like comfort. The monks offer thorough-going hospitality and a wonderful presentation for your journey to Koyasan.



## Monastery Vegetarian Cuisine



The meals are splendid, yet modest. The monastery vegetarian cuisine is the treasure of Koyasan.

This cuisine completely excludes the use of meat and fish. The cuisine, both delicious and splendid in appearance, makes adroit use of wheat gluten and tofu to approximate meat, and gives the diner a glimpse into the skills, culture and history of the denizens of Koyasan. The meals also make use of in-season fresh wild plants.

## The Bath

There is a large Japanese-style tub, allowing bathers to stretch out their legs and relax.

There is a large, multi-person bath, where bathers can soak their weary bodies after a long day of hiking.



## Shakyō

Your brushstroke reveals your inner heart.

Shakyō is the copying of sutras. Simply dashing off the characters is forbidden. The calligrapher corrects her posture, holds her dearest wishes in her heart, and carefully touches the brush to paper one point and one line at a time.

## Buddhist Services

The solemn, dignified Buddhist services in the mornings on Koyasan will be the highlight of your stay in the Shukubo.



The Buddhist service involves the chanting of sutras in front of an image of the Buddha as we pay homage. Services to the principal image of the Buddha are held every morning on Koyasan in an atmosphere of solemn dignity. This is something that only guests of the Shukubo can experience, and will be the highlight of your stay on Koyasan. Please do take part!

Three Stars Awarded in the Michelin Green Guide Japan ★★★

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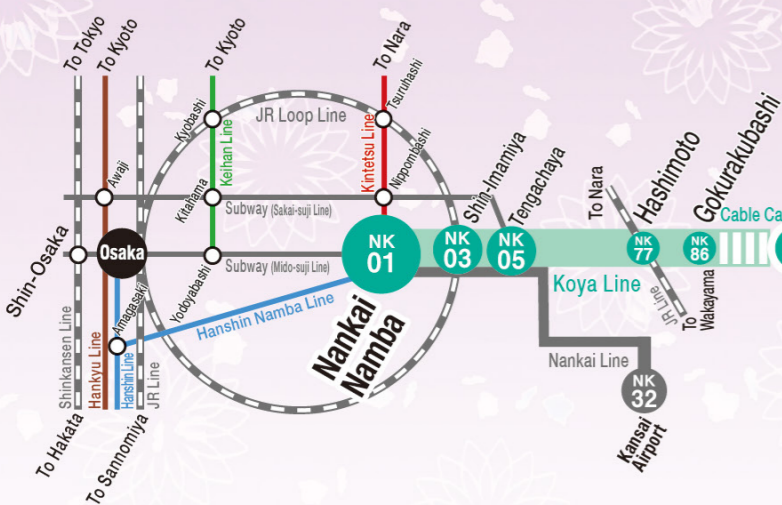
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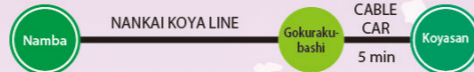
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## Access



## Travel time



Buying a limited express ticket, you can reserve a seat for the Koya Limited Express.

## Search in the timetable



## Information



## Discounted Tickets of Nankai Electric Railway

### Koyasan World Heritage Digital Ticket

Valid for two days; good for overnight tours

**Round trip discount train ticket**  
Between major stations of Nankai Electric Railway and Koyasan Sta.

**Koyasan bus two-day pass**  
Nankai Rinkan Bus

Plus

**Benefit 1**  
Discount coupon for admission  
Kon-do-Hall, Konpon Daito Pagoda and Reihokan Museum

**Benefit 2**  
Discount coupon usable at affiliated souvenir shops and restaurants  
Juzuya-Shirobei Store, Nakamoto Mogyokudo Store and Koya Tea Shop Wakya

## What are digital tickets?

These convenient and economical tickets can be purchased online. Simply hold the QR code over the designated ticket gate machine at the station in order to ride the train.

Look here for more information



Must be purchased in advance. Tickets cannot be used on the day of purchase.

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# Map of Koyasan

## Koyasan—the embodiment of the thought of Kukai

It was a solitary monk named Kukai who established this place of worship deep in the mountains for the esoteric Buddhist sect of Shingon. He travelled to China roughly 1,200 years ago to gain the highest levels of knowledge the world had to offer on esoteric Buddhism transmitted from India, as well as astronomy, geology, and civil engineering, before returning to Japan. He was a most uncommon monk, sharing his skills and stories throughout Japan. If anywhere has the most accumulated wisdom and knowledge of Kukai, it is Koyasan.



## The Highlights of Koyasan

### Danjo Garan Complex

Danjo Garan Complex, the first place where Kukai erected a temple atop Koyasan, comprises one of the two sanctuaries of Koyasan, the other being Okuno-in.

#### 1 Konpon Daito Pagoda



The present structure was rebuilt in 1937. The 48.5-meter-high tower painted in vermilion lacquer enshrines a statue of Taizokai Dainichi Nyorai and four statues of Kongokai Buddha. Together with colorful images of other deities painted on the 16 pillars and walls, these statues of Buddha comprise a mandala.

8:30am~5:00pm ¥500

#### 2 Kon-do Hall

As the main hall of the temple complex, the Kondo is used for important Buddhist ceremonies. Although the hall was originally built by Kukai in 819, it has been repeatedly destroyed. The present hall was rebuilt for the seventh time in 1932. The hall enshrines a statue of Yakushi Nyorai as a main deity.

8:30am~5:00pm ¥500



#### 3 Chu-mon Gate

The original structure of the Chumon gate was destroyed in fire in 1843. One hundred and seventy-two years after the destruction of the original gate, in 2015, the present gate was rebuilt as part of a project to celebrate the 1200th anniversary of Koyasan.



#### 4 Sanko-no-matsu (three-leaf pine tree)

According to legend, shortly before Kukai departed for Japan from China after studying Esoteric Buddhism there, he threw a triple-forked vajra (an instrument used in rituals) toward the Japanese Archipelago in order to discover the best place to propagate Esoteric Buddhism. Since the vajra fell on Koyasan, Kukai erected a temple there. People began to worship three-leaf pine trees growing on the mountain because of the resemblance of their leaves to a triple-forked vajra. Today, many visitors take home fallen pine leaves and treasure them as good-luck charms.

#### 5 Dai-mon Gate



Daimon, the majestic gate of the temple complex, measures 25.1 meters high. The present structure was rebuilt in 1705. Two statues of guardian deities stand on both sides of the path.

#### 6 Kongobu-ji Head Temple



Kongobuji is the head temple of more than 4,000 temples of the Shingon sect of Buddhism in the world. The temple's highlights include elegant pictures on sliding doors by well-known artists, a grand kitchen, and the room where Toyotomi Hidetsugu was forced to commit suicide.

8:30am~5:00pm  
¥ Junior high school student to adult: ¥1,000; Elementary school student: ¥300  
\*Last entry: 30 minutes prior to closing time

#### 7 Reihokan Museum

This museum keeps and exhibits priceless assets of the 1200-year-old temple, including National Treasures, Important Cultural Properties, prefectural cultural properties, and documents of historical importance.



8:30am~5:30pm (May-October)  
8:30am~5:00pm (November-April)  
¥ Adult: ¥1,300; College/high school student: ¥800; Junior high/elementary school student: ¥600  
\*Year-end and New Year holidays  
\*Last entry: 30 minutes prior to closing time

## Okuno-in



Introducing the new specialty from the World Heritage Koyasan

### KOYASAN NOODLE!

KOYASAN NOODLE is a "completely plant-based" ramen, newly developed as a vegetarian cuisine, safe and satisfying for vegetarians. Its distinctive gluten-free noodles made from raw rice flour are not to be missed. Don't hesitate to try it!

Excellent bus service!

## Koyasan Bus

Unlimited rides, valid for a full day!

Adult: ¥1,100 Child: ¥550

1Day Bus Ticket

- Benefits: 20% discount for admission plus 10% discount at affiliated souvenir shops and restaurants
- 1Day Bus Ticket is available at Koyasan STA bus stop

### From Koyasan Eki-mae

1 Koyasan STA

14 Okuno-in-mae

6 Senjuinbashi (E)

21 Daimon

Koyasan Tour/ To Koyasan Sta.

See the NANKAI RINKAN BUS LINES System Map here.

## Okuno-in

#### 8 Sando (Approach)

Several-hundred-year-old soaring cedar trees stand along the 2-kilometer path leading from Ichinohashi Bridge to the mausoleum of Kobo Daishi (Kukai). More than 200,000 tombs for people of all classes (from common townfolk to military commanders) have been built among the trees, their presence attesting to the deep faith in this holy mountain.

#### 9 KoboDaishi Goby Mausoleum

Upon Kukai's death, his disciples erected a mausoleum beside the Tama River with its crystal-clean water. Even today, many people visit the mausoleum to worship Kobo Daishi.

#### 10 Goby no hashi Bridge

This bridge leads visitors to the mausoleum. Before crossing the bridge and entering the "sanctuary," it is a custom for visitors to groom themselves and make a deep bow to Kukai, who is believed to be still alive in the mausoleum and offering prayers for all people across the world.

#### 11 Asekaki Jizo (Sweating Jizo Statue)

The statue of Asekaki Jizo, standing close to Goby-bashi Bridge, is believed to be always perspiring since it deliberately suffers all sorts of pains on behalf of all people. The Mirror Well is located adjacent to this statue. According to a legend, anyone whose reflection does not appear on the well water is destined to die within three years.

#### 12 Sugatami no Ido (Mirror Well)

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