

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!

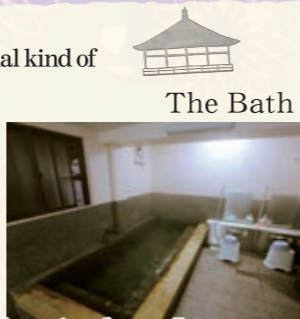
A shukubo is a temple that offers lodging for guests. At first glance, it appears like a simple travelers' inn, or ryokan; however, the most appealing difference is that guests can enjoy a kind of hospitality that only a shukubo could offer, such as the experiencing Buddhism first hand and enjoying monastery 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.



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.

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.



Shakyo

Your brushstroke reveals your inner heart.

Shakyo 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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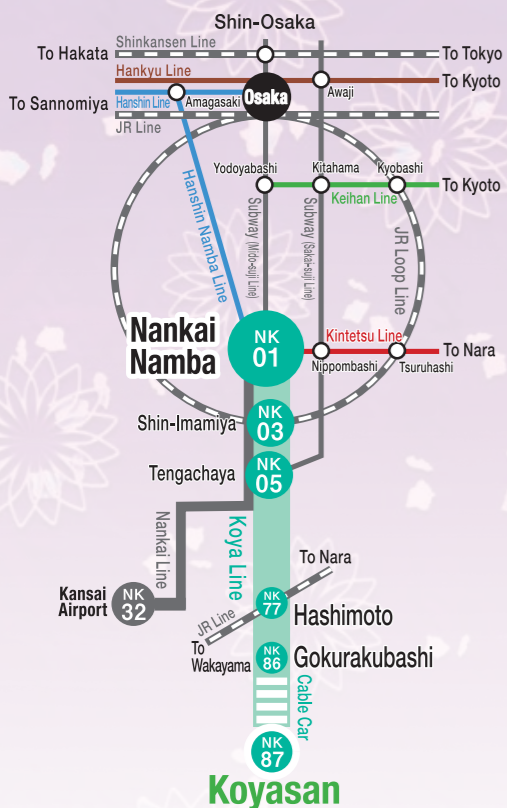
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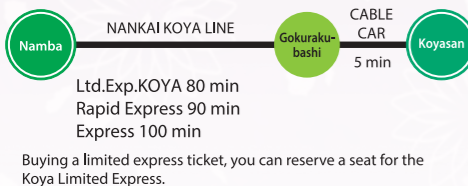
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The sacred realm awaits

Access



Travel time



Timetables (between Namba Station and Koyasan Station)

From Namba to Koyasan Sta. (Cable Car) 2018.3.31

Bound for	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Weekdays (Mon - Fri)																	
Koyasan (direct link)		0		42	0	0			0	0							
Hashimoto (change trains at Hashimoto)	6 ^{*3}	29	14	19	30	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	12	8	5	5	5
Weekends Holidays																	
Koyasan (direct link)				0	0	0	14		0	0	0						
Hashimoto (change trains at Hashimoto)	6 ^{*3}	0	0	13	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	5	5	5

From Koyasan Sta. (linked by cable car from Gokuraku-bashi Sta.) to Namba 2018.3.31

Bound for	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Weekdays (Mon - Fri)																	
Namba (direct link)						37	20	13			25	37					
Hashimoto (change trains at Hashimoto)	27	13	8	3	7	1	8	5	3		8	21	43	16	1	14	40
Weekends Holidays																	
Namba (direct link)					23		5	16	11		12	10					
Hashimoto (change trains at Hashimoto)	27	13	19	7	2	24	24	1	25	21	33	33	14	10	6	11	39

*1 Connecting trains will not be running from December to February, and on also Wednesdays and Thursdays.
 *2 Connecting trains will not be running from early January to February, and on also December 29.
 *3 Passengers going to Koyasan, please change trains at Kawachinagano Station.

White : Limited Express
 White : Rapid Express
 Red : Express
 Black : Local
 White : Tenku

Information



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Discounted Tickets of Nankai Electric Railway

Koyasan World Heritage 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
 20% discount coupon for admission
 Kongobu-ji Head Temple, Kon-do Hall, Konpon Daito Pagoda, and Reihokan Museum

Benefit 2
 10% discount coupon usable at affiliated souvenir shops and restaurants
 Juzuya-Shirobei Store, Nakamoto Meizyokudo Store, and Koya Tea Shop Wakyu

Discounted Fare [Examples]

From	Basic fare	Koya Limited Express ticket for outward trip ※
Namba, Shin-Imamiya, Tengachaya	Normal price ¥3,440 ▲ ¥2,860 (Child: ¥1,440)	Normal price ¥4,220 ▲ ¥3,400 (Child: ¥1,710)
Hashimoto	Normal price ¥2,580 ▲ ¥2,160 (Child: ¥1,100)	Normal price ¥3,090 ▲ ¥2,520 (Child: ¥1,280)

※ The express ticket for the return trip is not included.

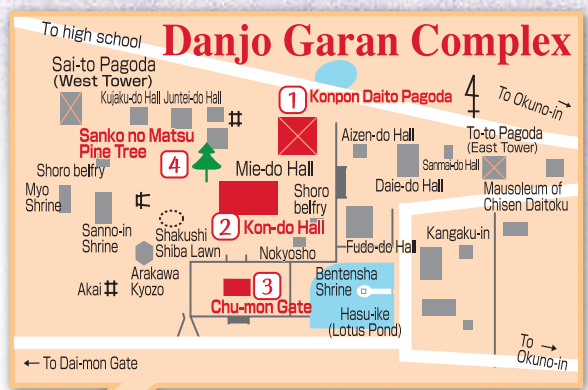
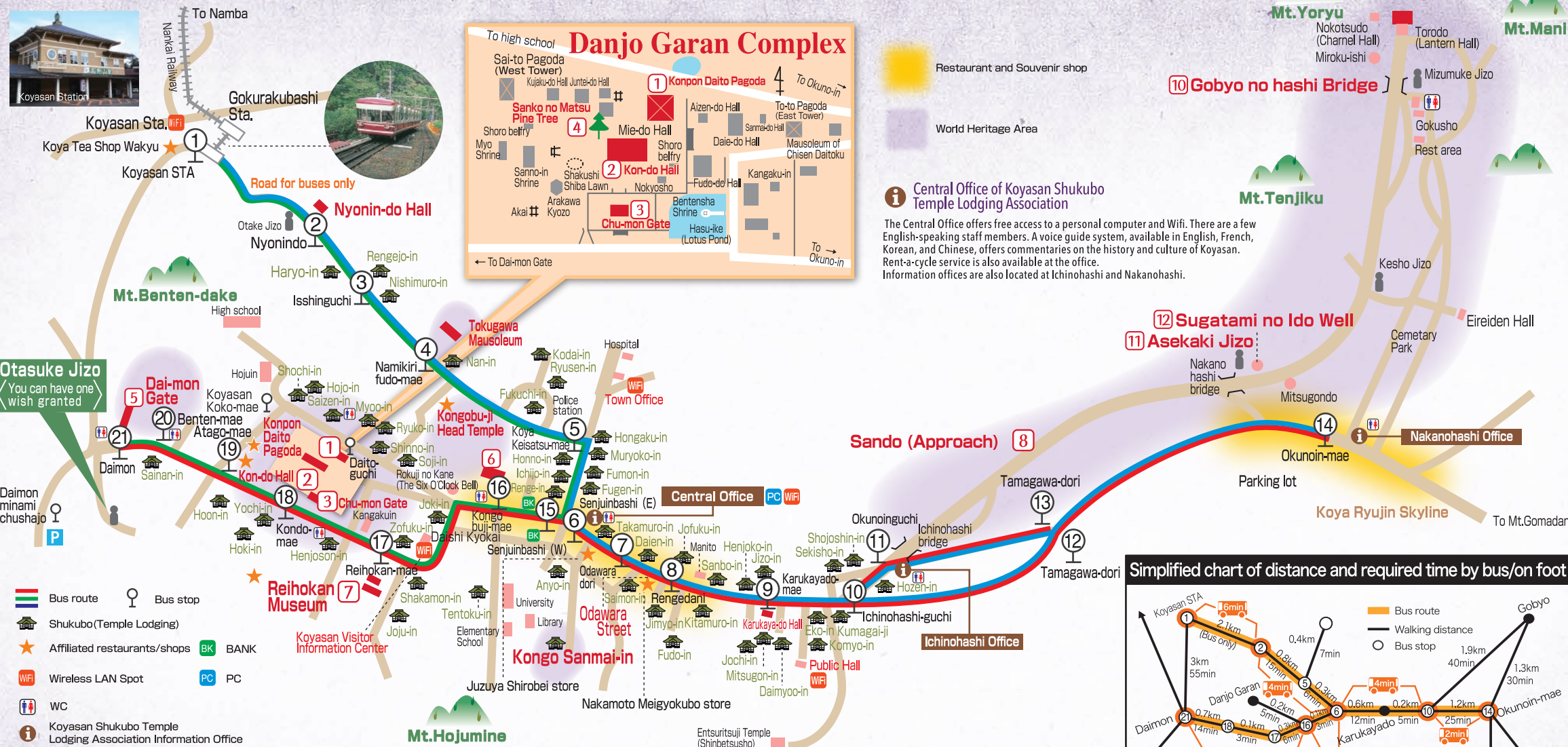
Koyasan World Heritage Ticket is available for purchase at major stations. (Namba, Shin-Imamiya, Tengachaya, Hashimoto, Gokurakubashi, etc.)



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.



Central Office of Koyasan Shukubo Temple Lodging Association
The Central Office offers free access to a personal computer and Wifi. There are a few English-speaking staff members. A voice guide system, available in English, French, Korean, and Chinese, offers commentaries on the history and culture of Koyasan. Rent-a-cycle service is also available at the office. Information offices are also located at Ichinohashi and Nakanohashi.

Excellent bus service! Unlimited rides, valid for a full day!
Adult: ¥380 Child: ¥420
1Day Bus Ticket ¥380 ¥420
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

To Kongobu-ji Head Temple
Take bus bound for Daimon Minami Chushajo, get off at Kongobuji-mae (16) and walk a few minutes.

To Danjo Garan Complex
Take bus bound for Daimon Minami Chushajo, get off at Kondo-mae (18) and walk a few minutes.

To Reihokan Museum
Take bus bound for Daimon Minami Chushajo, get off at Reihokan-mae (17) and walk a few minutes.

To Dai-mon Gate
Take bus bound for Daimon Minami Chushajo, get off at Daimon (21) and walk a few minutes.

If the bus for Daimon Minami Chushajo is not available, take a bus bound for Okuno-in-mae, get off at Senjuinbashi (E) (6), and walk (see the simplified chart).

To Nyonindo and Tokugawa Family Mausoleum
Take any bus other than the express bus bound for lateri Kojin/Gomadanzan. Get off at Nyonindo (2) to go there. To go to Tokugawa Family Mausoleum, get off at Namikiri Fudo-mae (4) and walk a few minutes.

To Okuno-in (Gobyonohashi)
Take a bus bound for Okuno-in-mae, get off either at Okunoguchi (11) or Ichinohashi-guchi (10), and walk 40 minutes. You can also ride as far as Okuno-in-mae (14) and walk 30 minutes.

1 To Koyasan STA Revised March 31, 2018

Bound for	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Weekdays (Mon-Fri)																	
Kongobuji-mae	29	24	21	17	12	11	3	22	7	5	39	9	3	38	8		46
Okunoguchi	52	48	43	39	20	19	24		33	35	42	26	58	19			52
Okunoin-mae					48	41											
Daimon Minami Chushajo		21	39	20	41	24	22	7	35	39	42	58					
Weekend/holidays																	
Kongobuji-mae	30	14	1	13	16	16	1	13	31	2	16	18	14	17			46
Okunoguchi	27	25	22	35	35	40	22	24	43	43	55	50	49	51			49
Okunoin-mae				49	45	45	50		57								
Daimon Minami Chushajo		25	39	45	45	40	22	13	43	52	18						18

Koyasan Tour/ To Koyasan Sta.

From Dai-mon Gate to Okuno-in
Take a bus bound for Okuno-in-mae, and get off either at Okunoguchi (11) or Okuno-in-mae (14). If a bus for Okuno-in-mae is not available, take a bus bound for Koyasan Eki-mae, get off at Senjuinbashi (W) (15), and cross the street to Senjuinbashi (E) (6) to take a bus bound for Okuno-in.

14 Okunoin-mae Revised March 31, 2018

Bound for	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Weekdays (Mon-Fri)																	
Koyasan STA	43	14	9	4	5	13	5	10	4	19	10	5	10	20	40		
Daimon Minami Chushajo		39	42	38	41	40	30	30	43	56	25	37	30	55			
Weekend/holidays																	
Koyasan STA	46	51	37	24	15	7	11	11	5	14	22	7	14	17	14	12	12
Okunoguchi		57	51	40	39	19	30	25	38	38	26	39	40	39	40		
Okunoin-mae																	
Daimon Minami Chushajo		58	29	0	25	9	57	8									

6 Senjuinbashi (E)

Bound for	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Weekdays (Mon-Fri)																	
Okunoguchi	39	2	31	27	22	3	11	18	17	6	6	19	13	8	18	2	
Okunoin-mae	34	53	49	30	29	13	32	30	15	49	52	36	48	29			
Koyasan STA	49	51	20	15	10	44	11	19	11	36	49	25	16	43	36	26	30
Weekend/holidays																	
Okunoguchi	40	24	11	23	26	5	18	11	0	7	12	2	5	0	27	1	
Okunoin-mae	37	35	32	45	17	26	13	23	27	53	26	28	24	59			
Koyasan STA	52	57	43	3	21	13	17	17	11	20	2	13	20	23	20	18	18
Okunoguchi				30	46	45	25	36	31	44	28	32	45	46	45	46	
Okunoin-mae				57	50		48		53	53	44						

15 Senjuinbashi (W)

Bound for	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Weekdays (Mon-Fri)																	
Koyasan STA	29	50	10	22	47	13	6	5	13	10	27						
Daimon Minami Chushajo		31	49	30	21	27	32	17	36	49	52	8					
Weekend/holidays																	
Koyasan STA	35	58	8	28	30	10	40	30	15	22	48						
Daimon Minami Chushajo				35	46	32	23	7	3	2	14						
Okunoin-mae				55	50	4	6	31	15	4	3	2	28				

21 Daimon

Bound for	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Weekdays (Mon-Fri)																	
Koyasan STA	23	44	4	16	41	7	0	7	0	7	4	21					
Okunoin-mae						57	5	12	47	0	52						
Weekend/holidays																	
Koyasan STA	29	52	2	22	24	4	34	24	9	16	42						
Okunoin-mae				52	49	4	34	24	9	22	32						
Okunoin-mae							11	12	7	39	21						

□ Bound for Sakuratoge-shita (via Ichinohashi-guchi and Okunoin-mae) ○ Terminal at Okunoguchi ● Bound for Okuno-in-mae via Ichinohashi-guchi △ Bound for Okuno-in-mae via Ichinohashi-guchi ● Via Daito-guchi ※ Only on days when Tenku Ichigo is running (Note 1) Reservation is necessary for the buses bound for Gomadan-zan and Tateri; Contact 0736-56-2250.

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
¥200

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
¥200

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.
8:30am~5:00am
Junior high school student to adult: ¥500; Elementary school student: ¥200
*Last entry: 30 minutes prior to closing time

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.
8:30am~5:00am
Junior high school student to adult: ¥500; Elementary school student: ¥200
*Last entry: 30 minutes prior to closing time

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~5:00am
Junior high school student to adult: ¥500; Elementary school student: ¥200
*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: ¥600; College/high school student: ¥350; Junior high/elementary school student: ¥250
Year-end and New Year holidays
*Last entry: 30 minutes prior to closing time

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 townsmen to military commanders) have been built among the trees, their presence attesting to the deep faith in this holy mountain.

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

10 Gobyonohashi 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 Gobyonohashi 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)

Simplified chart of distance and required time by bus/on foot

13 Tamagawa-dori
Koyasu Ryujin Skyline