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# The MT. FUJI TIMES

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河口湖

**KAWAGUCHIKO  
SAIKO  
SHOJIKO  
MOTOSUKO**

**TAKE  
FREE**

Japanese  
tradition  
Mt.FUJI



### Chigo Dance

The origin of the "Chigo no Mai" (Child Dance) lies in performing the dance to soothe the efforts of the festival deity, Konohanasakuyahime, who quelled the eruption of Mount Fuji. Children who perform the Chigo no Mai are called "Oichisan," and their attire, which includes a dance headdress, a crimson chihaya, and a ceremonial haori, is elegant and dignified.



### Saiko Iyashi-no-Sato Nenba

At Saiko Iyashi no Sato Neba, a thatched-roof village that has been revived over a long period of time, while fully admiring the beautiful scenery of the four seasons and the majestic appearance of Mt. Fuji. Please enjoy a rich time with a good taste.



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# Mt.FUJI MAP



# ACTIVITY

A must-try experience when you come to Mt. Fuji

**Dreamy Night Enjoy the Fantastical Mt. Fuji!**

**MT. FUJI NIGHT RETREAT**

Night Fuji Retreat is a special activity that lets you experience Mt. Fuji with all your senses. Immerse yourself in the 5000-year history and culture of this sacred mountain, absorbing the ancient spirituality of Japan. It's a unique opportunity for learning and personal growth. Spend valuable time with your family, loved ones, or special someone in the most pristine and sacred natural environments of Mt. Fuji.

**Itinerary** ※ The start time is adjustable.

- 20:30 Pick-up (Your Hotel)
- 01 Night Safari (Asagiri Highland)
- 02 Stargazing (Lake Motosu)
- 03 Bar Time & Culture Experience (Motosuko Dive Resort: MDR)
- 0:00 Drop-off (Your Hotel)

**MT. FUJI MORNING RETREAT**

**Mt. Fuji in the morning is super spiritual**

Morning Fuji Retreat is a special activity that lets you indulge in the breathtaking beauty of Mt. Fuji and the sunrise. For the Japanese, Mt. Fuji and the sunrise hold profound spiritual significance. Ancient sacred sites on the mountain's west side offer breathtaking views of the sun rising in the eastern sky. Experience an unforgettable start to your day, a privilege for those staying in this unique region.

**Itinerary** ※ The start time is adjustable.

- 4:00 Pick-up (Your Hotel)
- 01 Secret Beach
- 02 Secret Point
- 03 Tea Time
- 7:45 Drop-off (Your Hotel)

## Welcome to the holy mountain of the East.



Mt. Fuji is considered an energy spot of the Earth. It's said that the Earth is made up of tectonic plates, and Mt. Fuji sits at a junction where four plates overlap.\*1 Over the years, extensive volcanic activity in this area has created a unique natural environment filled with its own energy.

Around Mt. Fuji, numerous pottery pieces and archaeological sites from 5000 years ago have been unearthed. \*2 This era marks the peak of the Jomon period, Japan's oldest historical period. Long before Tokyo and Kyoto flourished, Mt. Fuji was the heart of Japan. For ancient people, the area around Mt. Fuji was a paradise, abundant with springs, plants, animals, and minerals.

Mt. Fuji has long been famed as a legendary mountain where immortal hermits reside. Its significance was so profound that 2200 years ago, the first Qin Emperor sent Xú Fú and 3000 people in search of the elixir of immortality.\*3

# Mt.FUJI Events Guide

<p><b>1/14</b> Dondo-yaki .Doso-jin <b>Late January to late February</b> Kawaguchiko Winter Fireworks</p> <p><b>Early to mid-February</b> Saiko Ice Festival</p>	<p><b>Early to late April</b> Fuji / Kawaguchiko Sakura Festival</p> <p><b>4/25</b> Kawaguchi Asama Shrine annual festival Chigo no Mai</p> <p><b>4/29</b> Kai's Katsuyama Yabusame Festival</p> <p><b>5/17</b> Motosu Kuge procession</p> <p><b>Mid-June to mid-July</b> Lake River Mouth Herb Festival</p> <p><b>First Saturday of July</b> Mt. Fuji / Lake Kawaguchiko Opening Festival Fireworks Festival</p>	<p><b>Fireworks Festival Information</b></p> <p><b>8/2</b> West Lake Ryugu Festival</p> <p><b>8/3</b> Lake Motosu God Lake Festival</p> <p><b>8/4</b> Lake Shoji Ryoko Festival / Music Festival</p> <p><b>8/5</b> Kawaguchiko Lake Festival</p> <p><b>10/26 ~ 11/20</b> Kawaguchiko Lake Festival</p> <p><b>11/24</b> Mt.Fuji Marathon</p>
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# 1 LAKE MOTOSUKO

Lake Motosu is one of the most sacred places in the Mt. Fuji region, accessible only to those who feel called to visit. It is the clearest lake in the area, with depths exceeding 120 meters. Renowned as one of the best lakes in Japan, its pristine waters and serene surroundings captivate all who experience its beauty.

**"Yama Shrine"**  
This shrine in the forest has a special atmosphere. The noble marching event on May 7th is a 300-year-old traditional cosplay festival.

**"MOTOSUKO DIVE RESORT"**  
Offers diving tours to explore the underwater springs of the lake. To maintain this pristine environment, biannual lake cleanup events are organized.

**"MOSSY"**  
Many monsters discovered in Lake Motosu.

**The Legend of Mt. Ryugatake**  
In 800 AD, a dragon warned villagers of Mt. Fuji's eruption and ascended to the summit of Mt. Ko-Fuji. The villagers, saved from danger, renamed it Mt. Ryugatake (Dragon's Mountain).

**"The Mine where Gold was Extracted"**  
Near Mt. Ryugatake, there are remnants of old gold mines. It is said that gold is still buried at the bottom of Lake Motosu today.

**Dragon Beach at the Foot of Ryugatake.**

You might be able to see stone art by the lakeside.

**Guidelines for Visiting Lake Motosu, a Sacred Place of Mt. Fuji**

- Don't Visit Casually: (Risk of getting lost, presence of wild animals, difficult access.)
- Don't Mess: (No fires, use the toilets, take care of your trash.)
- Don't Swim: (We are sorry, this is the rule of this area.)

**Mt. Fuji on the 1000 Yen Bill**  
The artwork on the back of the 1000 yen bill, "Spring at the Lakeside" by Kōyō Okada, depicts Lake Motosu and Mt. Fuji from Nakano-kura. On the left is Mt. Ōmuro, and on the right is Mt. Ryugatake. Volcanic activity around Mt. Ōmuro 1200 years ago created lava flows that regenerated into the Aokigahara Jukai forest.



# 2 LAKE KAWAGUCHIKO

Lake Kawaguchiko (河口湖 Lake, Mouth of the river)  
 You cannot miss Lake Kawaguchi on a trip to Mt.Fuji. Take a stroll around the area surrounding this popular resort, exploring the town, parks, and shrines, to get a closer feel of Mt. Fuji.

**Legend:**  
 H: Hotel, R: Restaurant, C: Cafe, M: Market, Ra: RaMen  
 S: Shrine, T: Torii, W: Waterfall

**Callout Boxes:**

- "Fuji Ichi"**  
 "Fuji Ichi" is a popular izakaya that uses fresh ingredients from the area around Mt. Fuji. You can enjoy various Japanese dishes at reasonable prices, such as delicious yakitori (grilled chicken), sukiyaki made with premium wagyu beef, and local specialty dishes like houtou (a hearty noodle soup).
- "Kawaguchiko Tenjosan Park"**  
 From the summit, you can see a spectacular view of Mt. Fuji.
- "Manga Café"**  
 There is a manga café inside the inn. The landlady here is a manga artist.
- "Sky Bar in Mizno Hotel"**  
 Situated on the mountainside of the northern shore of Lake Kawaguchi, "Mizno Hotel" offers breathtaking views of Mt. Fuji and Lake Kawaguchi from its elevated location. Our highly recommended Sky Bar on the hotel rooftop overlooks Lake Kawaguchi, allowing guests to enjoy a romantic evening with cocktails in hand. Please check the column section to find a best party of this area. (Bar only access is available every day.)
- "Kawaguchi Asama Shrine"**  
 Inside the shrine grounds, there are seven cedar trees designated as natural monuments, with the largest having a root circumference of up to 30 meters and a height of over 47 meters.
- "Tenku no Torii"**  
 Torii Gate in the Sky. A place of worship for Mt. Fuji.
- "Haha-no-Shirataki (Mother's white waterfall)"**  
 Ascending the slope next to Kawaguchi Asama Shrine leads to a sanctuary where you'll find the enchanting and refreshing waterfall, abundant with negative ions.
- "Kawaguchi Music Forest Museum"**  
 An entertainment museum where you can enjoy music performances and meals at lunchtime. The rhino in this picture is a work by Salvador Dali.
- "Suginoki"**  
 A souvenir shop that sells "Makomo," a specialty item found only here.  
 \*Makomo  
 A plant that has been treated with great care in Japan since ancient times as the "grass where the gods reside."
- "Unoshima Island"**  
 The only island in Fuji Five Lakes. There is a shrine on the island dedicated to Benzaiten, the goddess of wealth and wisdom. You can only go there by boat. Scan the QR code for more information.
- "Fuji Zakura Koubo"**  
 You can buy many kind of products such as neckties, scarves, and umbrellas made from fabric unique to the Mt. Fuji region.
- "HANATERASU"**  
 Within the grounds filled with greenery and flowers, there are shops offering sweets from Yamanashi Prefecture, souvenirs, and Japanese-style miscellaneous goods.
- "Kawaguchiko Museum of Art"**
- "Kawaguchiko Music Forest Museum"**
- "Kawaguchiko Monkey Showman Theater"**
- "Ubuyagasaki Shrine"**  
 A sacred shrine offering a panoramic view of Lake Kawaguchi and Mt. Fuji. Sunset time is highly recommended for visiting.
- "Koshu INDEN"**  
 Traditional crafts made from deer leather are adorned with Japanese patterns.
- "Kawaguchiko Tenjosan Park"**  
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Inside a building designed to resemble a cloud, there is a restaurant.



Local cuisine



**Houtou**  
 "Hötö" is a traditional dish representing Yamanashi Prefecture. It consists of flat, wide noodles made from wheat flour, simmered with ingredients like pumpkin, root vegetables, mushrooms, seasonal vegetables, and meat in a miso-based broth. It is a rustic dish that is said to have been eaten by the warlord Takeda Shingen during the Sengoku period.

**Houtou Kura Funari**  
 TEL : 0555-25-6180

**Houtou Fudo**  
 TEL : 0120-410457

**Houtou Labo**  
 TEL : 0555-76-8228

**Houtou Tempura Wakana**  
 TEL : 0555-75-0432



You can see the signatures left by John Lennon and Yoko Ono when they stayed in Kawaguchiko.

## Fuji Collection



**"Delivery Service for Whole Cakes. Perfect for Birthdays, Celebrations, and Surprise Gifts!"**  
 With their fast delivery, cakes can be brought directly to your hotel within 6 to 24 hours. You can also visit the shop for a slice of cake paired with a cup of coffee, or easily browse the menu and place orders online.

- Cake Shop: George Washington
- Hours: 10:00 AM - 20:00 PM
- Closed Day: Tuesday
- Address: 1535-1 Funatsu, Fujikawaguchiko-machi, Minamitsuru-gun, Yamanashi-ken
- Phone: 0554-45-4260



**Kawaguchiko Monkey Showman Theater**  
 In Japan, there is a traditional performance art involving monkeys that has been passed down for over 1,000 years. Monkeys and humans work together, performing various acts as a unified team. This rare experience can be enjoyed in Kawaguchiko. Monkey performances are not animal abuse but rather a collaboration based on mutual trust between the animals and their trainers.

- Address: 2719-8 Kawaguchi Fujikawaguchiko-machi, Minamitsuru-gun, Yamanashi-ken
- Hours: 9:00 AM - 17:00 PM
- Closed Day: Closed on certain days. For details, please check the event schedule.
- Phone: 0555-76-8855



## Traffic guide

### Taxi

FUJIKYU YAMANASHI-HIRE **TEL : 0120-818-229**  
13BAN Taxi **TEL : 0555-22-0013**

### Car rental

Toyota Rental & Lease **TEL : 0555-72-1100**  
Nippon Rent-A-Car **TEL : 0555-72-0165**  
Spice Rental Carr **TEL : 0555-75-2486**

### Route Bus

FUJIKYU BUS (Kawaguchiko) **TEL : 0555-72-6877**  
FUJIKYU BUS (Gotenba) **TEL : 0550-82-1333**

### Express Bus

FUJIKYU Call Center (Kawaguchiko) **TEL : 0555-73-8181**  
Keio Express Bus (Tokyo) **TEL : 03-5376-2222**  
FUJIKYU Call Center (Gotenba) **TEL : 0550-82-2555**

Traffic information  
around Mt. Fuji



Transportation  
around Lake  
Kawaguchi



Long-distance  
express bus

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### Travel Chat Support

Have questions about  
traveling to Mt. Fuji?  
Ask us anything! From  
finding a guide driver, taxi,  
restaurant, hotel, or mountain  
lodge to discovering exciting  
ordermade activities, we're  
here to help with all your  
travel needs.



**Alex Ryo Kurosu**  
Mt. Fuji Times Producer

I will support your  
travel in Mt. Fuji. Feel  
free to ask me anything.

## MT.FUJI EXCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES

- Mt. Fuji Morning Retreat
- Mt. Fuji Night Retreat
- Yabusame Festival Experience
- Ordermade activity



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