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# MT. FUJI and FUJI FIVE LAKES



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"YOKOSO" means "welcome"

## Mt. Fuji and Fuji Five Lakes (富士山, 富士五湖):

Mt. Fuji is Japan's highest mountain. At the foot of the mountain and around its wide base lies a beautiful resort area replete with abundant natural scenery that includes lakes, plateaus, waterfalls and caves. This attractive sightseeing area is also dotted with amusement parks, theme parks and sports facilities. Fuji-kyuko

Line's Fuji-Yoshida and Kawaguchiko Stations are the gateways to Fuji Five Lakes; Mishima, Shin-fuji and Fujinomiya Stations to access the southern and western bases of Mt. Fuji; and Gotemba Station to the eastern base.



**Transportation to Lake Kawaguchi and Mt. Fuji 5th Station**

To	From	Type of transportation	Time required	Fare (¥)
Otsuki	Tokyo	JR LEX "Kaiji" Rapid train (Chuo Line)	1 hr. 20 min. 1 hr. 50 min.	3 060 1 450
	Shinjuku	JR LEX "Azusa," "Kaiji" Rapid train (Chuo Line)	1 hr. 5 min. 1 hr. 35 min.	2 890 1,280
Lake Kawaguchi (Kawaguchiko Sta.)	Otsuki	Fuji-Kyuko Train Line	50 min.	1 110
	Shinjuku	Chuo Line & Fuji-Kyuko Train Line	2 hrs. 47 min.	2,390
	Tokyo (Yaesu South Exit)	JR Bus (03) 3516-1950, FujiKyu Bus (0555) 72-2922	2 hrs. 45 min.	1,700
	Shinjuku BT*	Keio Bus, Fujikyku Bus For reservation call (03) 5376-2222, or go to a travel agent	1 hrs. 45 min. 2 hrs. 25 min.	1,700 2 600

\*Shinjuku Bus Terminal — West side of Yasuda Seimei 2nd Bldg. (2-min. walk from the West Exit of JR Shinjuku Sta.)

**Transportation within the Mt. Fuji and Five Lakes District**

To	From	Type of transportation	Time required	Fare (¥)
Lake Kawaguchi	Fuji-Yoshida	Fujikyku bus	7 min.	230
Lake Sai	Lake Kawaguchi	Fujikyku Lake Sai- Aokigahara shuyu bus	27 min.	680
Asahigaoka(Lake Yamanaka)		Fujikyku bus	30 min.	750
Lake Motosu		Fujikyku bus	27-32 min.	1,240
Asahigaoka(Lake Yamanaka)	Mishima Sta.	Fujikyku bus	1 hr. 37 min.	1,640
Lake Kawaguchi	(via Gotemba Sta.)	Fujikyku bus	2 hrs. 20 min.	2,130
Shiraito Falls(Asagiri Heights)	Shin-Fuji Sta. (via Fujinomiya Sta.)	Fujikyku bus	55 min.	1,030
Lake Motosu		Fujikyku bus	1 hr. 20 min.	1,660
Lake Kawaguchi		Fujikyku bus	1 hr. 55 min.	2,360
Mt. Fuji 5th Station(Kawaguchiko-guchi)	Lake Kawaguchi	Fujikyku Tozan Bus	55 min.	1,500
Mt. Fuji 5th New Station (Kawaguchiko-guchi)	Shin-Fuji Sta. (via Fujinomiya, Fuji Sta.)	Fujikyku Tozan Bus	2 hrs. 15 min.	2 310
	Fujinomiya Sta.	Fujikyku Tozan Bus	1 hr. 40 min.	1,970
	Fuji Sta.	Fujikyku Tozan Bus	2 hrs. 10 min.	2 240
Mt. Fuji 5th New Station(Mishima-guchi)	Mishima Sta.	Fujikyku Tozan Bus	2 hrs. 5 min.	2,390
Mt. Fuji 5th New Station(Gotemba-guchi)	Gotemba Sta.	Fujikyku Tozan Bus	40 min.	1,080
Mt. Fuji 5th New Station(Subashiri-guchi)	Gotemba Sta.	Fujikyku Tozan Bus	1 hr.	1,500

Note: There are more services on weekends and holidays, and in July-August. Service is less frequent from December to February.

**Places of Interest in the Fuji Five Lakes District****■ Fuji-Yoshida**

**Fuji-Yoshida** (富士吉田) has long flourished as the temple town of the Kitaguchihongu-Fuji-Sengen Shrine. Some of its older residences can be seen on the approach to the shrine from Fuji-Yoshida Station. Sightseeing points include a park with abundant greenery and museums, as well as Fujikyku Highland, an amusement park on the western outskirts of the town.

**Kitaguchihongu-Fuji-Sengen Shrine** (北口本宮富士浅間神社) 20-min. walk from Fuji-Yoshida Sta. or 5 min. by bus (take the Fujikyku Bus for Lake Yamanaka and get off at the Asama Jinjamae Bus Stop). Built in 788 to put the minds of local people fearing eruption of Mt. Fuji at ease, a majestic atmosphere prevails within the grounds of this venerable old shrine.

**■ Lake Kawaguchi**

**Lake Kawaguchi** (河口湖) is located in the center of the Fuji Five Lakes, and is a base for sightseeing on the northern foot of Mt. Fuji that is home to many hotels and inns. Lake Kawaguchi is also noted for a view of Mt. Fuji from its northern shore, where the inverted image may be seen on the surface of the lake waters. Also, a superb view of the lake can be obtained here from Mt. Tenjo by taking a ropeway up from the eastern shore.

**Itchiku Kubota Art Museum** (久保田一竹美術館) is 25 min. by bus or 15 min. by taxi from Kawaguchiko Sta. Muromachi Period dyeing techniques expressed in a modern way. The Tsujigahana dyed kimono is a must see. A tea room is available in the annex. Open: 9:30-17:30 (enter by 17:00, Apr.-Nov.); 10:00-17:00 (enter by 16:30, Dec.-Mar.) Closed: Wed. in Dec.-Mar. (open when Wed. falls on a national holiday) and Dec. 26-28. Admission: ¥1,300.

**Kawaguchiko Museum of Art** (河口湖美術館) is 10 min. by bus from Kawaguchiko Sta., then 7 min. walk. Pictures, prints, and photographs are exhibited around the theme of Mt. Fuji. Open: 9:30-17:00 (enter by 16:30). Closed on Tue., a following day of National holiday & year-end-New year's holiday. Admission: ¥800.

**Lake Kawaguchi Pleasure Boat** (河口湖遊覧船) is a European style pleasure boat which makes a tour of the lake over approximately 30 min. Operated 9:00-16:30 every 45min (9:00-17:40 every 40 min. in the summer). Fare: ¥900.

**■ Lake Sai**

**Lake Sai** (西湖) has a quiet atmosphere, and its southwestern shore borders on a forest known as Aokigahara Jukai (Sea of Trees of Aokigahara). It is a mysterious place where one can fully appreciate the copious nature around the foot of Mt. Fuji. Lake Sai is the second smallest lake next to Lake Shoji.

**From the Fuji Five Lakes District to Hakone:**

Take a bus to Gotemba Sta. and transfer to another bus to Sengoku (仙石), Togendai (桃源台).

**Bus fare:**

Gotemba-Sengoku, ¥690;  
Gotemba-Togendai, ¥990.

**To Kyoto:**

Take a direct bus to Kyoto, or take a bus to Mishima or Shin-fuji Sta. and transfer to the bullet train (Shinkansen) to Kyoto.

### ■ Lake Shoji

**Lake Shoji** (精進湖), with a circumference of 5km, is the smallest of the Fuji Five Lakes. About 10 hotels and inns are concentrated around its north shore, while the south shore is home to a guest house village. The view of Mt. Fuji from the lake's north shore is spectacular.

### ■ Lake Motosu

**Lake Motosu** (本栖湖) boasts one of the greatest water depths of all of Japan's lakes, while the exquisite view of Mt. Fuji from its north shore is depicted on the 1,000 yen bill. There is not as much tourist development here as there is around the other four lakes, but one can enjoy the tranquility of nature. There is pristine wilderness here, especially around the west shore.

**Lake Motosu Pleasure Boat** (本栖湖遊覧船) leaves from the pier on the southeast shore of Lake Motosu, 5-min. walk from Lake Motosu Bus Stop. Part of the boat's bottom is glass and afford a view through the highly clear lake water. The fare is ¥900. The boat operates from 9:45-15:00 every 45min. (9:40-15:40 every 40 min. in summer) on Sat. Sun. and national holidays from late Mar. to late Nov. The service is suspended from Dec. to late Mar. Reservation is required (Tel: 0555-72-0029).

### ■ Lake Yamanaka

**Lake Yamanaka** (山中湖) is the largest of the five lakes and is situated at the highest point among them, at 982m. There are many lakefront shops and restaurants, mainly in Asahigaoka. This is one of Japan's most popular resort areas, which is home to a string of pensions, or guest houses.

**Lake Yamanaka Pleasure Boats** (山中湖遊覧船) leave from the Asahigaoka pier on the south shore and from the Yamanaka pier on the northwest shore. 22-min. bus ride from Fuji-Yoshida station to Kankousen Noriba Bus Stop. The boat circumnavigates the lake in about 35 minutes. The fare is ¥900, and the boat operates from 9:25-16:10. The service suspended from Dec. to mid-Mar.

**Lake Yamanaka Library Grove** (山中湖文学の森) 5-min. walk from Bungaku-no Mori Koen Bus Stop. A park built around the woods on the south bank of Lake Yamanaka whose attractions include a nature trail, and two literature museums dedicated to journalist Tokutomi Soho (Tokutomi Soho Museum) and the internationally renowned author Mishima Yukio (Mishima Yukio Museum) respectively. Admission for either facility is ¥300. Open: 10:00-16:30 (enter by 16:00). Closed: Mon (open when Mon falls on a national holiday and closed the following day), Dec. 29-31 & Jan. 6-13.

**Hana no Miyako Park** (花の都公園) is located in a plateau of 1,000 meters above sea level, and you can enjoy many kinds of flowers with Mt. Fuji for a background from April to October. 15-min. walk from Hananomiyako-koen bus stop (20 min by bus from Fujinomiya Sta. or 45 min. by bus from Gotemba Sta. to the bus stop). Open: 8:30-17:30 (Apr. 16-Oct. 15), 8:30-16:30 (Oct. 16-Apr. 15). Closed: Tue., Dec. 1-Mar. 15.

### ■ Asagiri Heights

**Asagiri Heights** (朝霧高原) is the name of the verdant meadowlands stretching across the foot of the west side of Mt. Fuji. A place renowned for dairy farming in Japan, an altitude of between 700-1,000 m. accounts for the cool summers there, making it an ideal spot for recreation and sports.

**Shiraito Falls** (白糸の滝) is 33 min. by bus running every 15-40 min. from Fujinomiya Station. Falling from a 200m-wide cliffside, these falls derive their name shiraito (white threads) from the beautiful way they remind the viewer of strands of silk.

**Lake Tanuki** (田貫湖), 13 min. by taxi from Shiraito Falls, is a pretty man-made lake whose water reflects an inverted image of Mt. Fuji.

### ■ Mt. Fuji 5th Station (富士山五合目)

Mt. Fuji's 5th Station on the Kawaguchiko-Yoshida-guchi Climbing Trail is located at 2,305m. above sea level and is accessible by bus via Fuji Subaru Line. Many tourists, who are not there to climb, also visit the 5th Station where Mt. Fuji's summit is distinctly visible. Many bustling souvenir shops and restaurants can be enjoyed there.

### ■ Climbing Mt. Fuji (富士登山)

Mt. Fuji, is the highest mountain in Japan, stands at a height of 3,776m. The average temperature at the summit is 4.8 °C (40.5F) in July and 5.8 °C (42.5F) in August, with sudden snowfall in summer. It is officially open to climbers in July and August. The most popular way is to start climbing in the afternoon, spend the night near the summit and start climbing again early morning to watch the sunrise on the summit. It takes about 6 hrs. from the 5th Station to the summit, 3-4 hrs. from the summit to the 5th Station. Considered a sacred mountain in the Edo Period, Mt. Fuji is still climbed by groups of worshippers. Being a relatively easy climb, young children as well as elder citizens can enjoy the experience, but a minimum amount of effort should be made, such as the preparation of clothes for cold weather, suitable footwear, enough drinking water and rainwear. Mountain huts (open Jul-Aug.) are so crowded that guests are required to share a room. If you plan to lodge in a hut, reservation is recommended.

- 1) Kawaguchiko-Yoshida-guchi Trail (5 hrs. 30 min. for ascent, 3 hrs. for descent):

Kawaguchiko Sta. — (30 km, 1 hr. by bus) — 5th Station (5合目) — (2 km, 40 min.) — 6th Station — (1 km, 1 hr.) — 7th Station — (1.5 km, 90 min.) — 8th Station — (1.1 km, 1 hr.) — Main 8th Station — (1.2 km, 80 min.) — Summit

**Note:** 1. First-Aid Station is at the 7th Station and is open from mid Jul. to mid Aug.

2 Mt. Fuji Safety Guidance Center (富士安全指導センター) at the 6th Station is also ready to assist you for your climbing safety. Tel (0555)24-6223 (open from Jul 1 to Aug 26).

(For descent) Summit — (1.5 km, 30 min.) — 8th Station — (4.2 km, 2 hrs.) — 6th Station — (2 km, 30 min.) — 5th Station — (50 min. by bus) — Kawaguchiko Sta.

- 2) Gotemba-guchi Trail (8 hrs. for ascent, 3 hrs. for descent):  
Gotemba Sta. — (40 min. by bus) — Gotemba-guchi New 5th Station — (6 hrs. 30 min.) — Summit

(For descent) Summit — (2.8 km, 2 hrs.) — 7th Station — (5 km, 1 hr.) — Sunabashiri — New 5th Station — (35 min by bus) — Gotemba Sta.

- 3) Fujinomiya-guchi Trail (5 hrs. for ascent, 3 hrs. for descent):  
Mishima (三島) — (2 hrs. 5 min.) by bus — New 5th Station — (0.6 km, 20 min.) — New 6th Station — (0.6 km, 20 min.) — 6th Station — (0.6 km, 40 min.) — New 7th Station — (0.5 km, 50 min.) — 7th Station — (1.5 km, 1 hr. 10 min.) — 9th Station — (1.2 km, 1 hr.) — Summit  
(For descent) Summit — (3 hrs. 30 min.) — New 5th Station — (1 hr. 55 min. by bus) — Mishima Sta.

**Note:** First-Aid Station is at the 8th Station and is open from Jul. 26-Aug 21.

- 4) Subashiri-guchi Trail (5 hrs 30 min. for ascent, 2 hrs. 30 min. for descent):

Gotemba Sta. — (1 hr. by bus) — Subashiri-guchi New 5th Station — (2.7 km, 1 hr. 40 min.) — New 6th Station — (2.3km, 1 hr. 20 min.) — 7th Station — (0.6km, 50 min.) — 8th Station — (1.2km, 1 hr. 40 min.) — Summit

(For descent) Summit — (1.5km, 30 min.) — 8th Station — (4.5km, 1 hr. 30 min.) — Sunabarai 5th Station — (30 min.) — Subashiri-guchi New 5th Station — (55 min. by bus) —

## Accommodations: Fuji Five Lakes

Name of facilities	Tel.	Fax.	Room rate (¥)
<b>Lake Kawaguchi:</b>			
Tomino Hotel (H)	(0555)72-5080	(0555)72-5081	¥
Hotel Route Inn Kawaguchiko (BH)	(0555)72-1101	(0555)72-1182	¥
Fujiyview Hotel (H)	(0555)83-2211	(0555)83-2128	¥¥¥
Fuji Lake Hotel (R)	(0555)72-2209	(0555)73-2700	¥¥¥
Ashiwada Hotel (R) [W]	(0555)82-2321	(0555)82-2548	¥
Pension Ami (P)	(0555)76-6855	(0555)76-6854	¥
Blue Poppy (P)	(0555)76-8277	(0555)76-6584	¥
Franchesca (P)	(0555)76-6916	(0555)76-6768	¥
Pension Kakashi (P)	(0555)76-6370	(0555)76-6947	¥
Kamifusen (P)	(0555)76-6518	(0555)76-6346	¥
Lausanne (P)	(0555)76-6656	(0555)76-6262	¥
May Flower (P)	(0555)76-6651	(0555)76-6967	¥
Morning Salada (P)	(0555)76-6812	(0555)76-6218	¥
Pension Noah (P)	(0555)76-6532	(0555)76-6237	¥
Friendly Inn People (P) [W]	(0555)76-6069	(0555)76-6770	¥
Rover Crew (P)	(0555)76-6147	(0555)76-6178	¥
Koan(P)	(0555)76-6447	(0555)76-6461	¥¥
Hotel Sunnide Village (R) [W]	(0555)76-6004	(0555)76-7706	¥
Kawaguchiko Youth Hostel (YH) [W]	(0555)72-1431	(0555)72-0630	¥
<b>Fuji-Yoshida:</b>			
Highland Resort (H)	(0555)22-1000	(0555)22-3115	¥¥¥
Fujiyoshida Youth Hostel (Y)	(0555)22-0533	(0555)22-0533	¥
Fujiyoshida City Hotel (BH) [W]	(0555)24-3300	(0555)24-8889	¥
<b>Lake Yamanaka:</b>			
Hotel Mt. Fuji (H)	(0555)62-2111	(0555)62-3177	¥¥
Cotton Tail (P)	(0555)65-8515	(0555)65-7949	¥¥
Pension HB (P) (open May-Oct)	(0555)65-6671	-	¥¥
Pension Marimo (P)	(0555)62-4210	(0555)65-4210	¥
Yamanakakohan-so Seikei (Y)	(0555)62-0020	(0555)62-4460	¥
<b>Fujinomiya:</b>			
Fujinomiya Fujikyū Hotel (H)	(0544)23-6666	(0544)24-7551	¥
Fujinomiya Green Hotel (BH)	(0544)23-1919	(0544)23-8400	¥¥
Fumoto no ie (Y)	(0544)27-4314	(0544)27-4445	¥
<b>Lake Tanuki:</b>			
Kyukamura Fuji (NV)	(0544)54-5200	(0544)54-2550	¥¥
<b>Gotemba:</b>			
Gotemba Youth Hostel (Y)	(0550)82-3045	(0550)82-3451	¥

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R = Ryokan  
BH = Business Hotel  
Y = Youth Hostel  
P = Pension  
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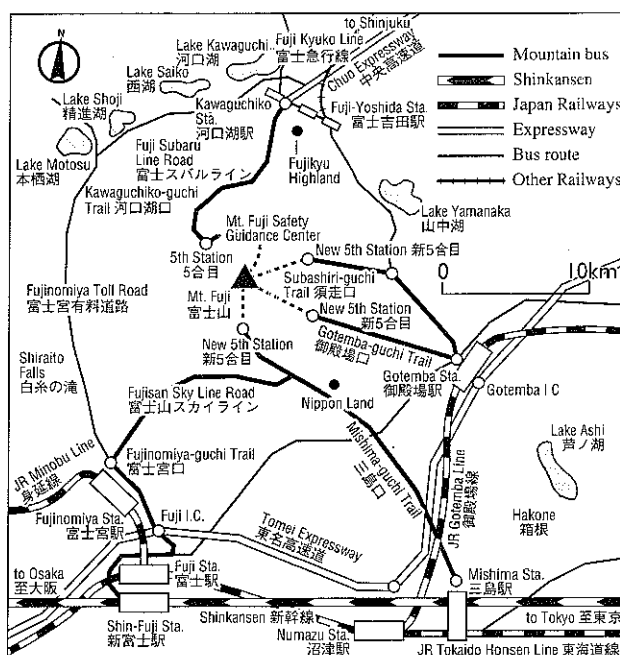
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## Accommodations: Mt. Fuji

There are about 20 mountain huts above the 5th Station (5th Station-8th Station) along the Kawaguchiko-guchi Trail, and 10 of them along the Mishima-guchi Trail. Open from Jul 1 through Aug 26.



Note: Camping on the mountain is prohibited by law.



## TOURIST INFORMATION

## Fujikawaguchiko Tourist Information

Kwaguchiko Station, 3641-1, Funatsu, Fujikawaguchiko-machi, Minami-tsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref. Tel (0555)72-6700  
9:00-17:00; Closed on Dec 29-Jan 3

## Yamanashi Prefectural Fuji Visitor Center

6663-1, Kenmarubi, Funatsu, Fujikawaguchiko-machi, Minami-tsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref. Tel (0555)72-0259  
9:00-17:00 (Mar.-Jun. & Oct.-Nov.); 9:00-18:00 (Jul.-Sep.);  
9:00-16:00 (Dec.-Feb.); Closed on Mon. & the day after national holidays excluding in Jul. & Aug. and Dec 27-Jan 1

## Fujiyoshida Tourist Information Service

Beside Fujiyoshida Station, 2-5-1 Kami-yoshida, Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi Pref. Tel (0555)22-7000  
9:00-17:30; Closed on Dec 29-Jan 4

## Fujinomiya City Sightseeing Information Office

JR Fujinomiya Sta. Tel (0544)27-5240  
9:00-17:00 (Mon.-Fri.), 9:30-16:00 (Sat., Sun. and national holidays)

## Shin-fuji Sta. Sightseeing Information

9:00-18:00; Closed new year holidays Tel (0545)64-2430



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