

Entertainment in Tsukuba



A night view inheritance of Japan



Around 100 Japanese maple trees illuminated near Miyawaki Station.



In summer, Tanabata ornaments dancing in the Tsukuba breeze.



The first sunrise of the year from the peak of Mt. Tsukuba. About 6:44 a.m.

Souvenirs & Foods

Gama-no-Abura
A traditional healing ointment, said to be made from oil secreted from toads

Mt. Tsukuba original T-shirt

Steamed Bun filled with 'Rose Pork', a brand of pork from Tsukuba

Fukure Mikan Ramen
Ramen noodles flavored with Tsukuba Mandarin peel

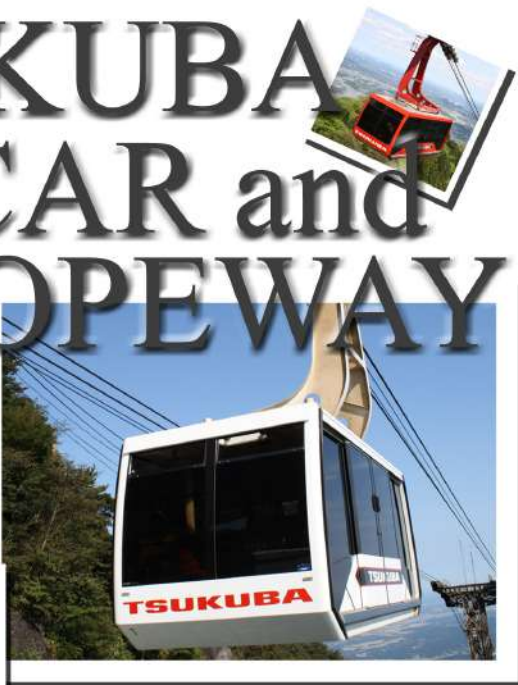
There is also a **Japanese confectionery**

Rice Dumplings with Miso Sauce and Premium Walnuts
Rice Dumplings with Soy Sauce

Mt. TSUKUBA CABLECAR and ROPEWAY

Mt. Tsukuba Cable Car

~ from Tsukubasan-jinja (Mt. Tsukuba shrine) to the mountaintop ~
The cable car line, which was built in 1925, is the second oldest cable car line in the Kanto region, and the fifth oldest in Japan. One of the greatest cable cars in Japan, Mt. Tsukuba cable car links Miyawaki Station and Tsukuba-sancho Station, located on Miyukigahara Plateau. The line is 1,634 meters long with a difference in altitude of 945 meters. The trip takes 8 minutes, covering 3.5 meters per second.



Mt. Tsukuba Ropeway

~ from Tsutsujigaoka to the mountaintop ~
Opened in 1965, the Swiss-made Mt. Tsukuba Ropeway operates from Tsutsujigaoka Station to Nyotai-san Station, a distance of 1,296 meters. The 6 minute trip covers 5 meters per second, with a difference in altitude of 298 meters.

Cable Car					Rope Way				
Month	Weekdays		sats, suns/Holidays		Month	Weekdays		sats, suns/Holidays	
	First Train	Last Train	First Train	Last Train		First Train	Last Train	First Train	Last Train
Apr.	9:20	16:40	9:20	17:20	Apr.	9:20	17:00	9:20	17:20
May.	9:00	17:00	9:00	17:40	May.	9:20	17:20	9:00	17:40
Jun.	9:20	17:00	9:00	17:20	Jun.	9:20	17:20	9:00	17:40
Jul.	9:20	17:00	9:00	17:20	Jul.	9:20	17:20	9:00	17:40
Aug.	9:00	17:20	8:40	17:40	Aug.	9:20	17:20	9:00	17:40
Sep.	9:20	16:40	9:00	17:20	Sep.	9:20	16:40	9:00	17:40
Oct.	9:20	16:40	9:00	17:20	Oct.	9:20	16:40	9:00	17:00
Nov.	9:00	16:40	8:40	17:00	Nov.	9:20	16:40	8:40	17:00
Dec.	9:20	16:40	9:20	16:40	Dec.	9:20	16:40	9:20	17:00
Jan.	9:20	16:40	9:20	16:40	Jan.	9:20	16:40	9:20	17:00
Feb.	9:20	16:40	9:20	16:40	Feb.	9:20	16:40	9:20	17:00
Mar.	9:20	16:40	9:20	17:00	Mar.	9:20	17:00	9:20	17:20

● Leave every 20minutes ● There inspection suspended service in winter.

Tsutsujigaoka Parking Fares		Public Parking Fares	
Car	500yen / 1time	Car	500yen / 1time
Motorbike	250yen / 1time	Motorbike	250yen / 1time
Microbus and Large sized Bus	2,000yen / 1time	Microbus and Large sized Bus	2,000yen / 1time

※ Under10 min Free.
It takes a similar extra charge for each hour.
● April - November
9:00 - 18:00 for weekdays,
9:00 - 19:00 for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.
● December - March
9:00 - 17:00 for weekdays,
9:00 - 18:00 for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Contact International phone number for Japan is +81.

Cable Car & Ropeway
Tsukuba Scenic Railway Co., Ltd
Cable Car Miyawaki Station.....029-866-0611
Ropeway Tsutsujigaoka Station..... 029-866-0945
URL <http://www.mt-tsukuba.com/>

Regular route Bus
Kanto Tetsudo Co., Ltd.....029-822-3724
Kanto Tetsudo Co., Ltd Tsukuba kita.....029-866-0510 URL <http://kantetsu.co.jp/>

Taxi Kantetsu Taxi.....0120-630-590
Parking P Municipal Parking.....029-866-1616
Tsutsujigaoka Parking.....029-866-1385

Train
Tsukuba Express Call Center.....0570-000-298 URL <http://www.mir.co.jp/>
EAST JAPAN RAILWAY COMPANY.....050-2016-1603
URL <http://www.jreast.co.jp/ie/index.html>

Information center
Mt. Tsukuba Tourist Information Center.....029-866-1616
Tsukuba Tourist Information Center.....029-879-5298
URL <http://www.ttca.jp/>

Hot Springs Hotel
Mt. Tsukuba Keisei Hotel.....029-866-0831
[One-day bath service:11:00 - 16:00 closed on Mon.]
URL <http://tsukubasan-keiseihotel.co.jp/>

Mt. Tsukuba Shuttle Bus				Tsutsujigaoka Shuttle Bus			
Tsukuba Center	Numata	Tsukubasan Jinja Inguchi	Tsutsujigaoka	Tsutsujigaoka	Tsukubasan Jinja Inguchi	Numata	Tsukuba Center
8:00	8:29	8:36	8:50	9:00	9:10	9:16	9:50
8:30	8:59	9:06	9:20	9:30	9:40	9:46	10:20
9:00	9:29	9:36	9:50	10:00	10:10	10:16	10:50
9:30	9:59	10:06	10:20	10:30	10:40	10:46	11:20
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● Red print : Suspension on Dec., Feb. and Jan.-Aug., week day ● Blue print : Suspension on Dec.-Feb.				※17:00 17:10 17:16 17:50			

Take your trash home with you. Do not throw cigarette butts away. Do not use fire without permission. Camping on the mountain is forbidden.



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Required time for each trail course

Shirakumobashi Course	110 minutes ascending, 95 minutes descending
Miyukigahara Course	90 minutes ascending, 70 minutes descending
Otatsu-ishi Course	40 minutes ascending, 35 minutes descending
Mukaeba Course	40 minutes ascending, 35 minutes descending
Mountaintop connection trail	30 minutes one way between Nantai Peak and Nyotai Peak
Nature research trail	60 minutes for one loop

Precautions for mountain climbing :

- Please make a detailed plan, and pay attention so that you don't miss buses or other transportation.
- If you lose your way, please turn back, and return down the mountain.
- Please be sure to bring water.
- When the condition of the path is bad, please turn back because it may be dangerous.
- Don't enter places that are not designated for hiking.
- No catching animals, no picking plants.

About Mount Tsukuba(Tsukuba-san in Japanese)

From old times, it has been said "Mt. Tsukuba in the east and Mt. Fuji in the west." Also, because the color of the mountain's surface changes to purple when basking in the morning and evening sunshine, it is said that Mt. Tsukuba is a Reiho (a sacred peak) of the Kanto region, and is called "Shiho", which means "Purple Peak".

Mt. Tsukuba has two peaks: the east peak is Mt. Nyotai (Nyotai-san) at 877 meters, and the west is Mt. Nantai (Nantai-san) at 871 meters above sea level. Mt. Tsukuba is one of the best 100 mountains in Japan, and is known as the lowest of the 100 mountains. (Only Mt. Tsukuba and Kaimondake of Kagoshima Prefecture are less than 1,000 meters.)

One of the most famous shrines in the Kanto region, with a 3,000 year history, "Mount Tsukuba-jinja" (Mt. Tsukuba shrine) is located on the mountainside. There are also main shrines on each of the peaks of Mt. Nantai and Nyotai. Because Mt. Tsukuba has two peaks, Nantai (which means male) and Nyotai (which means female), it is believed that this mountain gives the blessing of marital harmony and matchmaking. Moreover, "Power Spots" (a Japanese coined word which means sacred places with good luck for money, health and advancement in life) are interspersed at various places on the mountain.

The view from the mountaintop is so wonderful, and you can enjoy viewing the second biggest lake in Japan, "Kasumigaura" or the sea of kashima to the east, and the skyscrapers of Tokyo, Sky Tree, Boso Peninsula, and mountain ranges Izu-Hakone, Mt. Fuji and Mt. Asama to the south then Nikko and Nasu to the north.

There are many visitors or climbers all through the year, and this mountain is well known as being unique in that we can use both a cable car and a ropeway. Also, though this is not widely known, Mt. Tsukuba is the best spot for the sunrise viewed from the top of mountain, and where we can enjoy the first sunrise of the year at the earliest time on the Kanto Plain. (That of Inubasaki in Choshi city, Chiba Prefecture is the earliest on the flatland on the Kanto Plain.)

MT. Tsukuba is designed as semi-national park. Therefore, damage to plants, planting, picking plants, catching animals, and making fires, etc. are prohibited.



Recommended spots on Mt. Tsukuba

- Nyotai-sancho (Nyotai Peak)**
It is 877 meters above sea level, and the highest spot on Mt. Tsukuba. You can enjoy the most wonderful panorama.
- Gama-Ishi**
This rock is shaped like a toad and is also called "Oryu-Ishi". It is said that if you can throw a stone into the toad's mouth, you will be lucky with money.
- Mount Tsukuba-jinja**
This is an old shrine, has 3,000 years history, and is one of the most famous shrines in the Kanto Region. It is said that this shrine has the power to bless matchmaking or marital harmony.
- Oishi-kasane**
It is said that if you pile up a stone with your wishes on this spot, they will come true. It is recommend to dedicate your wish by writing it on a "Negai-ishi" (a sacred stone) at Mt. Tsukuba-jinja. (An offering of ¥300 is required.)

Strange rocks and brizarre stones

- Daibutsu-Iwa (Buddha Rock)
- Hokuto-Iwa (The Big Dipper - the rock stands tall in the sky, like the Big Dipper constellation)
- Rimen-Daikoku (A rock that looks like the god of wealth, Daikoku, who carries a big bag on his back)
- Defune-Iritune (Incoming and Outgoing Boats)
- Haha-no-Tainai-Kuguri (Pass Through Mother's Womb)
- Takamagahara (The Plain of Heaven, home of the Gods)
- Benkei-Nanamodori (Priest Benkei's Rock - The rock balances so dangerously, that Benkei, a priest from long ago, tried 7 times before he had the courage to pass to the Pure Land on the other side.)