

# Map of Shuzenji Onsen

Shuzenji Onsen was discovered about 1,200 years ago by a Buddhist monk, Kobo Daishi. It is one of the most distinguished of the many hot spring towns in Izu. Shuzenji has a rich history: in the Kamakura period, it was the scene for the tragic story of the rise and fall of the Minamoto family. It also boasts an abundance of nature and bears the footprints of numerous writers and artists.

**Capture the view of Mt. Fuji from Darumayama Highlands with a live camera**



4.4 km from Shuzenji Temple  
Izu International Country Club  
8.5 km from Shuzenji Temple  
Darumayama Kogen Rest House  
Darumayama Kogen Camp Site

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**Momiji-bayashi (Maple Grove)**  
Best viewed: Mid November-early December

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**Legend**

- Distance from Shuzenji Temple: 520m
- Wheelchair accessible toilet
- Day spa
- Coach route
- Free Wi-Fi
- illumination

Please check as there are time restrictions on use.

**Shuzenji Station**  
9.5 km from Shuzenji Temple  
To Mishima/Numazu  
To Japan Cycle Sports Center  
To Mishima/Numazu  
To Ito  
To Jomono-Goshinyu  
To Hotel Winery Hills  
To Nakazu Winery Chateau TS

**Shuzenji and sweets 2022**  
Please check here for the results of the "Shuzenji Sweets General Election & Photo Contest" held from November 22, 2022 to January 15, 2023.

**Sweets General Election 2022**

- 1st place: honohono cafe
- 2nd Place: Old House Cafe Amare
- Third place: Chaan Fuyo

**View of Mt. Fuji from Darumayama Highlands**  
A large panoramic photo, 8.2 m tall by 32.7 m wide (268.14 m<sup>2</sup>), of the iconic Japanese landscape of Mt. Fuji was exhibited by the Japanese government, to great acclaim, at the 1939 New York World's Fair. It is said that at the time, technicians from Rokuosha (now Konica Minolta) were commissioned to find suitable locations for photos, and travelled around Mt. Fuji to places such as Suruga, Koshu, and Shinshu before selecting this location on Mt. Darumayama. One might say that the large panorama, with Suruga Bay in the foreground, the Southern Alps on the left, and the Hakone mountain range on the right, is nothing short of "the best view in Japan."

**Hot Spring Resort Walking Course for Michelin 2-Star Attractions (approx. 90 minutes)**

**Michelin Green Guide Japan**

Shuzenji Onsen Resort, Shuzenji Temple, the Bamboo Grove Path, and Shigetsu-den Hall received 2-star ★★ ratings in the guide. The "Michelin Green Guide Japan" is a guide book published in France in March 2009 and 2011 that introduces Japanese tourist attractions.



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**Shuzenji Temple**

According to legend, the ancient temple of Shuzenji was founded by (※1) a Buddhist monk Kukai (Kobo Daishi) in 807. In (※2) the Kamakura period, it was the scene for the rise and fall of the Minamoto family. Shuzenji Temple Treasure House (Hobutsu-kan) contains important items such as the masks that provided inspiration for Kido Okamoto's masterpiece "Shuzenji Monogatari" (The Mask Maker's Story). (Michelin 2 stars★★)



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**Hie-jinja Shrine**

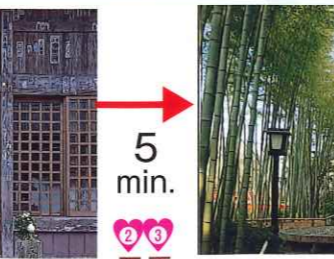
Adjacent to Shuzenji Temple, Hie-jinja Shrine was once the guardian shrine of Shuzenji Temple. The shrine precinct contains the Meoto-sugi, two large cedar trees that stand side by side like husband and wife, as well as a Quercus gilva oak tree that has been designated as a cultural property by Shizuoka Prefecture. The precinct also houses the ruins of Shinko-in Temple (only Koshinto pagoda exists today), where Minamoto no Noriyori lived in confinement.



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**Shigetsu-den Hall**

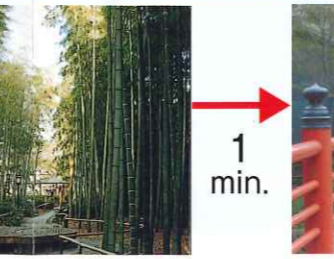
Shigetsu-den Hall is a sutra library that was built by (※3) Hojo Masako to pray for the soul of her son Yorilie. The grave of (※4) Minamoto no Yorilie, the second shogun of the Kamakura period, stands in the grounds, along with the graves of his 13 vassals. (Michelin 2 stars★★)



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**Bamboo Grove Path**

Spectacular bamboo trees line both sides of the path along the Katsura-gawa River. Halfway down the path is a circular bamboo bench, on which visitors can lie on their back and look upward to enjoy a beautiful view of the blue sky and green bamboo. (Michelin 2 stars★★)



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**Kaede-bashi Bridge**

Bright red-colored bridge over the Katsura(gawa) River, which flows through the hot spring resort. From the bridge, visitors can enjoy seasonal landscapes along the Katsura(gawa) River, with fresh green leaves in early summer and red leaves in fall. One of the bridges of the "Bridges of Lovers" tour.



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**Takishita-bashi Bridge**

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**Tokko-no-Yu**

A symbol of Shuzenji Onsen, legend has it that Kobo Daishi, impressed by a young boy who he found washing his sick father in Katsura(gawa) River, struck a river rock with his tokko (a Buddhist ritual implement), imparting the river hot spring healing properties. It is said to be the oldest hot spring in Izu.

\*1 Kukai (Kobo Daishi) One of Japan's most distinguished monks, who was active in the early Heian period (794-1185)  
\*3 Hojo Masako Wife of Minamoto no Yoritomo, founder of the Kamakura shogunate

\*2 Kamakura period The period from 1185 to 1333, when the shogunate was based in Kamakura  
\*4 Minamoto no Yorilie Second shogun of the Kamakura shogunate. Son of Hojo Masako and Minamoto no Yoritomo, founder of the Kamakura shogunate

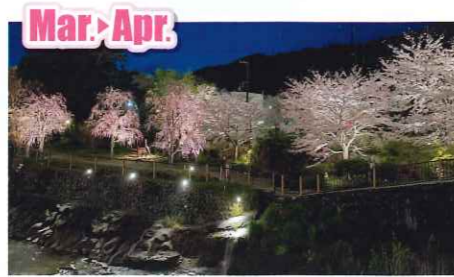
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Events and Nature



## Shuzenji Plum Grove Blossom Viewing

**Time:** Early Feb. to early Mar.  
**Place:** Shuzenji Plum Grove  
 1,000 magnificent, early blooming red and white plum trees herald the coming spring in Shuzenji. From the hilltops, visitors can also see Japan's famous Mt. Fuji and take in the spectacular view of this grand mountain through the plum trees.



## Cherry Blossoms in Shuzenji

**Time:** Mid Mar. to early Apr.  
**Place:** Various areas across the onsen town  
 Local early-blooming cherry blossoms, Shuzenji kan-zakura, reach their peak beauty in mid-March. Other varieties such as Yoshino cherry blossoms and weeping cherry blossoms bloom soon after. Visitors can even enjoy nighttime cherry blossoms at Akagaeru Park.



## Yukumi-shiki Ceremony

**Time:** April 21st  
**Place:** Shuzenji Onsen Town  
 The Yukumi-shiki is a festival giving thanks for the hot springs. Dressed in kimono, young women receive Tokko-no-Yu hot spring water in water pails displaying the names of local ryokan inns from monks. Then they offer the water to Kobo Daishi at the main hall of Shuzenji Temple.



## Fireflies in the park

**Time:** Late May to mid-June  
**Place:** Akagaeru Park  
 Firefly viewing is a beloved early summer tradition. Enjoy the quiet Shuzenji night and the dance of the soothing, magical light.



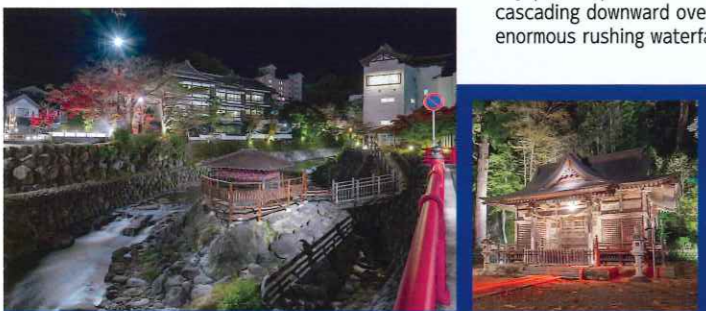
## Kobo Daishi Hono Fireworks Festival

**Time:** Aug. 21st  
**Places:** Shuzenji Onsen Town  
 Fireworks fly into the sky from the mountains behind Shuzenji Temple, bathing the hot spring town in light and color. Enjoy the impressive finale up close, with fireworks cascading downward over the Katsura River like an enormous rushing waterfall.



## Autumn Leaves in Shuzenji

**Time:** Mid-Nov. to early Dec.  
**Place:** Shuzenji Onsen Town, Shuzenji Maple Grove, Shuzenji Niji-no-Sato (fee required)  
 During the autumn season, various spots all around Shuzenji turn brilliant shades of red and gold. Explore the atmospheric Shuzenji Onsen Town with its beautiful autumn maple leaves, Shuzenji Maple Grove—one of the largest and most impressive maple tree groves on the Izu peninsula—and Shuzenji Niji-no-Sato with approximately 2,000 brightly colored autumn trees to enjoy.

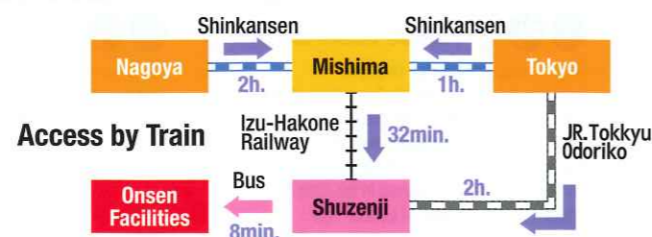


## Night at Shuzenji Onsen Town

After the sun sets, scattered lamps light the way. Enjoy following the lights and the rushing Katsura River to explore various spots in this onsen town on a night filled with pleasant warmth both from the hot spring water and the lamps.

## Secrets of Shuzenji Onsen

- 1 The water used in the basin at the entrance to Shuzenji Temple is actually from a hot spring.
- 2 Visitors can splash hot spring water over the statue of Chigo Daishi and wish for good health
- 3 The spring water can make skin more beautiful



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