

# 小田原 Odawara Guide



## Welcome to Odawara

Located in western Kanagawa Prefecture, Odawara is about 35 minutes by Shinkansen from Tokyo, and serves a role as the gateway to Mount Fuji, Hakone, and Izu. Based on its rich natural environment and temperate climate, it prospered as a castle town where various forms of traditional culture thrived in days of old, as evidenced by its many historical sites and local products. Visit Odawara to know the city, its people, and its artisanship through its history, culture, noted local specialties, nature, and hands-on experiences.

Population : Approx. 189,000

Size : 113.81 km<sup>2</sup>

 小田原市

<http://www.city.odawara.kanagawa.jp>



## Recommended routes for sightseeing

Experience the highlights (history, local traditions and products handed down from the old days, food culture) and touring famous tourist spots in Odawara



10 minutes from Odawara Station

10 mins Walk

### 1 Odawara Castle Park

The castle tower stands in the inner citadel as its centerpiece, Castle Park is a leisure spot for citizens and visitors that is well known for its flowers, including plums, cherries, and hydrangeas.

#### Castle tower

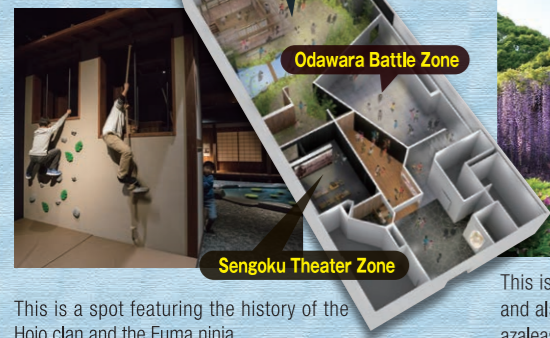


The height of the castle tower from the stone wall is 27.2m, which makes it the 7th tallest tower in the nation. From the top floor, you can enjoy a spectacular view of the city and Sagami Bay.

### Odawara Castle NINJA Museum

Rekishi Kenbunkan Museum (Historical Museum)

Ninja Experience Zone



This is a spot featuring the history of the Hojo clan and the Fuma ninja. You can learn their history such as:  
-Travel back in time to the sengoku period of Odawara  
-Using your whole body and all five senses to experience the life of ninja

### Flowers in Odawara Castle



This is a place for relaxation and refreshment for citizens and also visitors, well known for seasonal flowers such as azaleas, irises, and hydrangeas as well as plum, cherry, and lotus blossoms.

### Kinjiro cafe



Hotoku Ninomiya Shrine, dedicated to Ninomiya Kinjiro, is located right next to Odawara Castle. How about relaxing and enjoying views of seasonal scenery from our cafe to discover the beauty of Odawara and Japan?  
HP: [www.hotoku.jp/kinjiro-cafe/](http://www.hotoku.jp/kinjiro-cafe/)

### Dress up in armor or kimono



Borrow a suit of armor or kimono at the Hommaru Square and take photos with Odawara Castle as the backdrop. Metamorphose into a hero or heroine and slip back into the Warring States era.

### Lunch



Delicious!

### 2 Daruma Restaurant

Museum of Noren-to-Aji (goodwill & Taste)



Daruma restaurant established in 1893. Their fresh fish tempura and horse mackerel sushi are very delicious! The building has been designated as a registered tangible cultural property. It was rebuilt with funds raised from a great catch of yellowtails in 1926.  
HP: [www.darumanet.com/](http://www.darumanet.com/)

### 3 Seikantei



Seikantei was a villa of Marquess Nagashige Kuroda (residence and garden). The construction style of the house is called sukiya-zukuri. sukiya-zukuri is not too formal, it's more free and playful type of construction

### 4 Kamaboko street



This area is near the ocean and has been popular among fishermen for a long time. At the moment, there are starting points of food in Odawara such as main shops of various kamaboko manufacturers, dried food shops, dried bonito shops, traditional restaurants, food courts, and Japanese sweets shops.  
HP: [www.odawarakamabokodori.com/blank-12](http://www.odawarakamabokodori.com/blank-12)

### Gifts

### Odawara's recommended souvenir for foreign visitors



#### Wine

Planned and developed by Odawara Specialty Product Development Council, varieties of Odawara wine (plum, lemon, mandarin orange and Shonan Gold) are typical souvenir of Odawara that incorporate with local products.



#### Castings

This history of Odawara castings can be dated back to the Period of Warring States when Odawara castings were honored by the Hojo family. Subsequently, Odawara castings were also used for making ship bells, temple bells, and cymbals of musical instruments. These products were also exported to all around the world. Send the traditional sound reverberating through Odawara as gifts.



#### Wood Products

The history of woodworking in Odawara started with the Kyoto woodworking masters who came to live here in the Heian period. Traditional artisanal techniques, such as lacquer ware produced with zelkova or other natural wood; marquetry, with its appealing geometric patterns; and the traditional handicraft of wood inlaying, which makes use of wood's texture, still exist today.

### Sightseeing Bus "UMEMARU"

You can buy free ticket, and then embark "UMEMARU" on the date of ticket. Enjoy the beautiful view in the city on the convenient bus!



### Rent-a-bicycle "gururin Odawara"



Move around efficiently! Rental bicycles are useful for touring sightseeing locations.

Let's explore Odawara!

Let's Go!

### Experience! Kamaboko Museum



KAMABOKO (Fish Cake) Museum / SUZUHIRO  
Learn how to make Kamaboko at the famous Suzuhiro Kamaboko Museum. (Admission fee) We exhibit Kamaboko from various regions in Japan and its ingredients.  
HP: [www.kamaboko.com/en/](http://www.kamaboko.com/en/)

If you have trouble during your trip...

### Odawara Station Tourist Information

Our staff will support you. Feel free to drop by.  
Phone: +81-465-22-2339



Let's take a step further...



## Hayakawa

**2minutes**  
from Odawara Station  
by JR Tokaido Line



## Odawara Fishing port

Fresh fish such as horse mackerel from Sagami Bay are caught and unloaded every day. Surrounding it there are many restaurants with reputable freshness and also a white lighthouse that imitates the Odawara Lantern. Morning markets take place at the dock on Saturday morning every two weeks.

### Fishing Harbour Station [TOTOCO ODAWARA]

This facility mainly sells and provides fresh fish, live fish, and fishery product for taste, and also provides agricultural products and local specialties, and releases PR information about tourism and local specialties in Odawara.

URL : <https://www.totoco-odawara.com/>



## Nebukawa

**7minutes**  
from Odawara Station  
by JR Tokaido Line



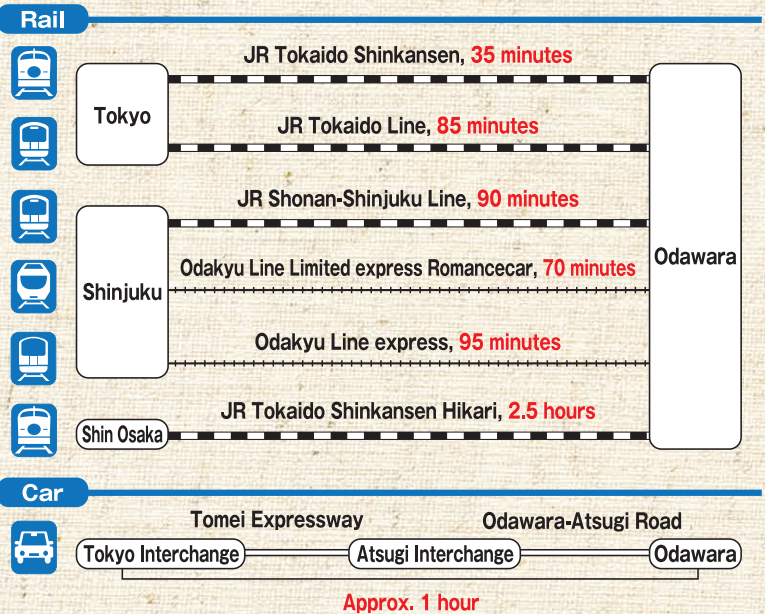
Winter Solstice Observation Tunnel and Optical Glass Stage at Enoura Observatory  
© Odawara Art Foundation (Reservation required through [www.odawara-af.com/en/enoura/](http://www.odawara-af.com/en/enoura/))

## Kataura district

7 minutes from Odawara station by train. In Kataura district, you can entertain yourself with a touching landscape featuring contrast provided by scattered orange fields and the vast Pacific Ocean. When you look at the ocean on a sunny day, there will be a divine landscape; with the morning rising sun from the ocean and lighting up its surface, the sky and ocean blend into each other at their horizon and tint your heart blue.



## A c c e s s



## Tourist Information

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Website: <http://www.city.odawara.kanagawa.jp/kanko/>

Odawara Tourism Association ..... Phone: +81-465-22-5002  
Website: <http://www.odawara-kankou.com/>