



## Take a walk while taking in the season and history

In the Takao area, northwest of the city of Kyoto, are three mountains, Mt. Takao, Mt. Makinoo and Mt. Togano, collectively referred to as Sanbi.

Jingo-ji Temple at Mt. Takao, Saimyōji Temple at Mt. Makinoo, and Kosan-ji Temple (World Heritage Site) at Mt. Togano house approximately 10,000 valuable national treasures and cultural assets, and its history dates back to the Heian period.

Experience the atmosphere of Takao which has been nurtured by history and culture among the abundant nature showing a variety of expressions throughout the four seasons.



Evening Illumination of the National Treasure Yakushinyōra Buddha



Jingo-ji Temple / Autumn leaves of the bell tower

## Access to Takao



From Kyoto Station: JR Bus (Karasuma-guchi exit bus stop) approximately 50 minutes  
 From Shijo Karasuma: City Bus 8 approximately 45 minutes  
 From Shijo Omiya: JR Bus, approximately 40 minutes / City Bus 8 approximately 40 minutes  
 From Nijo Station: JR Bus approximately 30 minutes  
 From Hanazono Station: Taxi approximately 15 minutes  
 From Uzumasa Tenjingawa Station: Taxi / City Bus 8 approximately 20 minutes  
 From Omuro Station: JR Bus approximately 20 minutes  
 From Hankyu Arashiyama Station: Kyoto Bus ... via Arashiyama - Takao Parkway, to Nishiyama Takao \*Service available in autumn only approximately 40 minutes

## Takao Tourism Volunteer Group Members

🍴 Food ☕ Coffee shop 📺 Gifts 🏠 Inn 🅅 Parking Lot

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Momiji-ya	🍴 🅅	075-871-1005	Yamamoto Shokudo Dining Hall 📺 🅅 075-861-4202
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Takao Chaya Tea House	🍴 🅅	075-872-3810	Suzurishi Tei 🍴 🅅 075-872-3636
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Yoshiden	🍴 🅅	075-861-4205	Nakagawa 📺 🅅 075-861-4211
Takao Kinsutei	🍴 🅅	075-861-0216	Shigetutei 🍴 🅅 075-861-1801
Saimyōji Temple	🍴 🅅	075-861-1770	
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Mototoganoya	🍴 🅅	075-871-6388	Kosan-ji Temple 075-861-4204
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\*Operation months vary by shop, please contact in advance.

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Kosan-ji Temple

## Kyoto Takao

## Sanbi Travel Route Walking Map



Saimyōji Temple

Jingo-ji Temple

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Jingo-ji Temple

Jingo-ji Temple is a Koyasan Shingon sect temple and is an ancient temple known as the treasure trove of esoteric art. Its predecessor is Takao-san Temple, which was one of the 5 temples in Atago (Atagogobo Temples) built by Wake no Kiyomaro from the year 782 - 806. In the 4th year of Daido era (Year 809), Kobo Daishi Kukai arrived and subsequently became the chief priest for 14 years and laid the foundation of the Shingon sect. It houses numerous temple treasures (17 National Treasures, 2833 important cultural properties) from the early Heian period to the early Kamakura period.

### Jingo-ji Temple treasure specially on display



The images of Minamoto no Yoritomo, Taira no Shigemori, as well as 17 National Treasures and 2833 important cultural properties were carefully selected from its possession of the Heian period.  
 (May 1 - May 5, Shoin Hall)

### Suzuriishi

Climbing the stone steps surrounded by tree groves, there is a large rock on the right side said to be the *suzuriishi* (inkstone) of Kobo Daishi.



Saimyōji Temple

Chisen Daitoku, disciple of Kobo Daishi Kukai, established this temple as a branch temple of Jingo-ji Temple (Year 824 - 834). The main hall was rebuilt in 1700 by the orders of Kei-sho-in, birthmother of 5th Generation Shogun Tokugawa Tsunayoshi. The Honzon Shakanyōrai-zō Buddha (Principal image of Buddha) and Jyuichi-men Senjyu Kannonbosatsu Buddha (Eleven faces, thousand hand Buddha) are designated as important cultural properties. The main gate, built at the same time as the main hall (13th year of the Genroku era), is registered as a Kyoto City Tangible Cultural Property along with the main hall.

### Shigetakyō Bridge



The Shigetakyō Bridge painted red, extends to the main path leading to Saimyōji Temple. It shines beautifully in the green scenery of spring and is in brilliant contrast to the autumn leaves.

### The beautiful temple grounds

The temple is also referred to as the "Temple of stone lanterns" and the numerous stone lanterns cover in moss are a sight worth seeing.



Kosan-ji Temple

Renowned World Cultural Heritage temple famous for the Chōju-jinbutsu-giga picture scrolls. Opened in the year 774 with imperial prayer of Emperor Kōnin. Restored by high priest Myoe in 1206. Myoe received Sekisui-in Hall (National Treasure) within this temple as an academic office from Gotoba-in. Kosan-ji Temple has long been said to be a treasure trove of cultural heritage from ancient times. Focusing on the Kamakura Period, it houses the famous Chōju-jinbutsu-giga picture scrolls along with an excess of thousands of other national treasures and important cultural assets.

### Japan's oldest tea plantation monument



High priest Myoe has long been respected as the forefather of tea and Japan's oldest tea plantation still remains.

### Chōju-jinbutsu-giga picture scrolls

There is a replica of the national treasure Chōju-jinbutsu-giga picture scrolls on exhibit at Sekisui-in Hall. It is referred to as the original Japanese manga cartoon.



# Sanbi Travel Route

- Food
- Gifts
- Coffee shop
- Inn
- Photo Spot
- Parking Lot
- Restroom

**Highlight of Saimyōji Temple!**

**Mitsubatsutsuji / Rhododendron dilatatum**  
Crimson Mitsubatsutsuji (Rhododendron dilatatum) begin to bloom behind Saimyōji Temple (Mt. Makinoo) in the spring when cherry blossoms bloom in early April.

From Takaobashi Bridge to Takao Bus Stop on foot approximately 5 minutes

From Takaobashi Bridge to Shigetsukyo Bridge on foot approximately 5 minutes

From Takao Bus Stop on foot approximately 15 minutes

From Makinoo Bus Stop on foot approximately 5 minutes

From Shigetsukyo Bridge to Saimyōji Temple Gate on foot approximately 3 minutes

From Omotesando - Urasando entrance to Kosan-ji Temple Gate on foot approximately 7 minutes

From Shigetsukyo Bridge to Kosan-ji Temple Approach Entrance on foot approximately 10 minutes

From Takaobashi Bridge to Takao Gate Large Parking Lot on foot approximately 10 minutes

From Takaobashi Bridge to Jingo-ji Temple Gate on foot approximately 10 minutes

From Hiraoka Hachimangu Shrine Bus Stop on foot approximately 3 minutes



Tahoto / two-storied pagoda



Jizo-in tower gate

**Highlight of Jingo-ji Temple!**

**Kawarake-nage**  
From the grounds overlooking Kiyotaki River, refresh yourself by throwing an unglazed amulet dish!



◀ To Kiyotaki hiking course (dead end for automobiles)

▼ To Hiraoka Hachimangu Shrine

**Highlight of Hiraoka Hachimangu Shrine!**

**Hanatenjo**  
The richly-colored flowers drawn on the inner temple ceiling "Ceiling of flowers" is very popular with female visitors!



Hiraoka Hachimangu

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▼ To Kyoto

**PICK UP! The four seasons of Sanbi**

There are highlights in each of the four seasons!  
Enjoy the scenery throughout the four seasons in Sanbi that has been loved by millions of people for many years.

**Spring** Wild cherry trees and Mitsubatsutsuji  
The wild cherry trees and Mitsubatsutsuji (Rhododendron dilatatum) in vivid bloom behind Saimyōji Temple from early to mid-April are a must see!

**Early summer** Blue maple  
The season when the "blue maple" is lush and vivid and seems to be transparent. Be refreshed by the fresh greenery and fresh air.

**Summer** Clear water and Genji-botaru fireflies  
From spring to summer, Genji-botaru fireflies (which have been designated as a natural monument) dance the water's surface of the clear water Kiyotaki River and is a fantastic scene to see.

**Fall** Shigetsukyo Bridge of autumn  
The red Shigetsukyo Bridge leading to the main approach of Saimyōji Temple. The bridge will be pleasing to the eyes amongst the highly vivid autumn leaves.

**Fall** Autumn leaves from Sekisui-in Hall  
The view of the moon over the mountains in the twilight from the eaves of the National Treasure Sekisui-in Hall is a sight to see. It will remind you of forgotten poetry.

**Fall** Illumination  
The autumn leaves in the evening are also recommended! The illumination of Takao maple and the special evening viewing of Jingo-ji Temple's grounds and "Kondo" are fantastic. (Mid-November)