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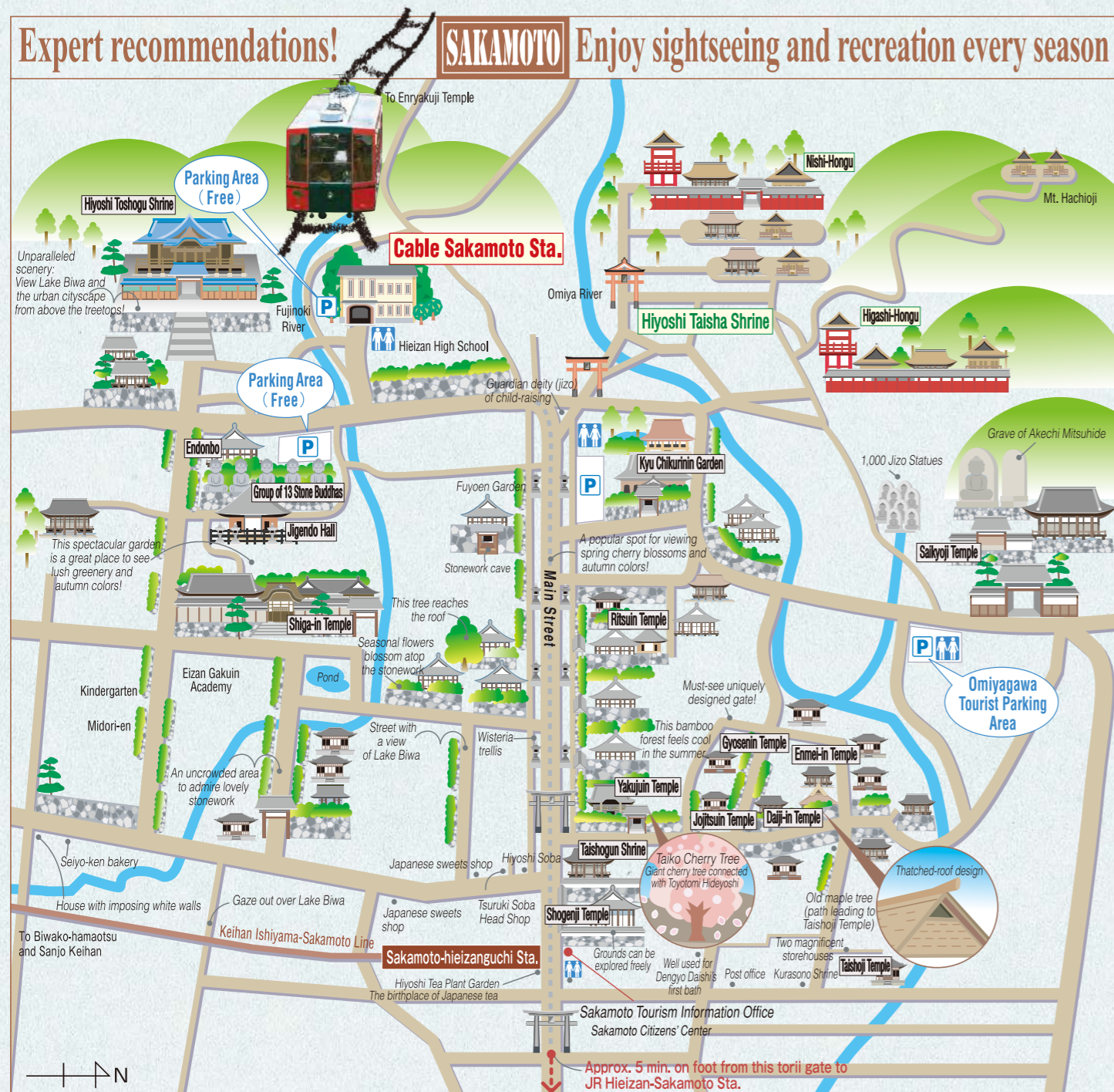
SAKAMOTO

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Sakamoto Cable Railway



Overview of Operations

◆ **Operating Area:** Cable Sakamoto Sta. ↔ Cable Enryakuji Sta. (2.0 km)

◆ **Travel Time:** 11 min. ◆ **Passenger Limit:** 140

◆ **Timetable**

Period	First Departure	Departure Times	Last Departure
March - November	8:00AM	•Every hour on the hour •Every 30min. past the hour	5:30PM
December - February	8:30AM	(More departures when many customers present)	5:00PM

◆ **Group Discounts**

No. of People	Normal Group	Student Groups		
		Junior High School	High School	Other Schools
5 or more	School trip discount	25% discount	15% discount	—
8 or more	10% discount	25% discount	15% discount	10% discount
25 or more	15% discount	30% discount	20% discount	20% discount
100 or more	20% discount	40% discount	30% discount	30% discount
300 or more	30% discount	50% discount	40% discount	40% discount

Fare Waiver for Groups

Fare waived for 1 passenger in groups of 25–99 people, and for 1 passenger of every 50 group members above 100 in groups of 100 or more.

◆ **Regular Fares**

Adults: ¥870 (one way) / ¥1,660 (round trip)

Children: ¥440 (one way) / ¥830 (round trip)

◆ **Access**

- Approx. 2km from the Shigasato Ramp on the Nishi-Otsu Bypass
- Accessible by shuttle bus from Hieizan-Sakamoto Sta. on the JR Kosei Line (Special Rapid Service trains stop here) and Sakamoto-hieizanguchi Sta. on the Keihan Ishiyama-Sakamoto Line

Shuttle Buses

7 min. from Hieizan-Sakamoto Sta. on the JR Kosei Line (approx. 25 min. on foot)
3 min. from Sakamoto-hieizanguchi Sta. on the Keihan Ishiyama-Sakamoto Line (approx. 15 min. on foot)

[Not in Service] April 13 and 14 due to the Sanno-sai Festival.

Operating Time: Around 9:00 AM to around 5:00 PM, two buses per hour

Other Buses

Kojak Bus: 7 min. on foot from Hiyoshi Taisha-mae bus stop (take a bus bound for Saikyoji Temple)

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Admire stunning scenery while riding on Japan's longest cable car route

Japan's longest cable car route, first opened in 1927.

Travel between Cable Sakamoto Station and Cable Enryakuji Station in 11 minutes.

A relaxing and satisfying ride



Hiyoshi Taisha Shrine

The head temple of Hiyoshi Shrines and Hie Shrines throughout Japan. Its unique *Sani o Torii* gate is also called Sougo Shinmon (gate for all deities) and is aligned east-west and pays reverence to all of Japan's Shinto deities. The vermilion of the torii, crimson red of autumn maple leaves and clear waters of the Omiya River match perfectly with clear, serene autumn skies for breathtaking scenery.



Kyu Chikurinin Garden

This expansive garden incorporates a view of Mt. Hachioji in the background. The "Amanogawa Seki" tea house and gazebo, both designated cultural properties of Otsu City, provide serene outdoor scenery throughout the four seasons.



Saikyoji Temple

Originally established by Shotoku Taishi and later restored by Shinsei, Saikyoji Temple is the head temple of the Tendai Shinsei sect of Buddhism. The main hall, made entirely of Zelkova wood, and the guest reception hall that was relocated from Fushimi Castle, are both designated as important cultural properties. There are also fusuma sliding door paintings by Kano-school artists, graves of the Akechi family (including Akechi Mitsuhide), 25 stone bodhisattva statues, and many other sights to see.



A panoramic Lake Biwa view over the tracks on a steep slope—a majestic scene only possible from our cable cars.



Motate Yama Sta.



The area around Motate Yama Station has abundant natural scenery. Ki no Tsurayuki, Heian-period (794–1185) author of the *Tosa Nikki* (Tosa Diary), enjoyed views of Lake Biwa from this point and is said to be buried here. There is also a memorial pagoda for the Petzolds, a German couple.

A point along the route to watch for: the track splits into two in what is called a "turnout," enabling cable cars going different directions to pass each other.

Cable Enryakuji Sta.



Cable Enryakuji Station: This two-story, steel-reinforced Western-style station building was completed in 1925 and is a nationally registered tangible cultural property. It was selected as one of the top 100 stations in the Kinki region.



Konpon Chudo Hall (To-do) of Enryakuji Temple. Enryakuji Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was established by Dengyo Daishi and is the head temple of the Tendai sect of Buddhism. Temple buildings are scattered around the mountain in the three areas of To-do ("East Pagoda"), Sai-to ("West Pagoda") and Yokawa, and known collectively as Hieizan Enryakuji Temple.



Shaka-do Hall (Sai-to)



Yokawa Chudo Hall (Yokawa)



After passing through a fantastic tunnel of trees, the form of Mt. Hiei comes into view at last.

Horaiooka Sta.



A number of stone Buddhas, dug up during construction of the cable car line, are located near Horaiooka Station. It is said by some that these statues honor those who lost their lives in Oda Nobunaga's siege of Mt. Hiei.



Cable Sakamoto Sta.



Cable Sakamoto Station: This station building, completed in 1925, is a two-story wooden structure built in a Western style. It is said to have been popular at the time for its modern, Western-style architecture, and is now a nationally registered tangible cultural property.



Discover New Delights in Romantic Taisho-period Style

Taisho-period (1912–1926) station buildings and rolling stock renovated in 1993 feature European-style designs with large windows for a romantic atmosphere reminiscent of Taisho-period Japan that puts the heart at ease. Train platforms are long staircases running alongside the cars. Enjoy passing over numerous bridges, various curves, a long tunnel and more. The seats face downward and away from the mountaintop, giving you the sense of being pulled upward from behind and superb views of the scenery below. All aboard!



The hoist controls in the operator's room at Cable Enryakuji Station



Learn How the Cable Cars Work and Enjoy Your Ride

Total length: 2,025 m
Travel time: 11 min.

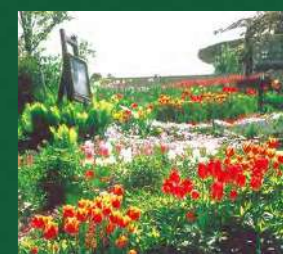


En-go (Car No. 1)



Fuku-go (Car No. 2)

Using the "well bucket" method to haul cable cars up the steep slope, a rope is attached to the cable cars and reeled in. The hoist is located at the mountaintop station, and a motor provides rotating force to reel the rope upward. In order to prevent the rope from slipping, it is wound around pulleys three and a half times in a figure-eight shape.



Garden Museum Hiei

A garden facility with a French Impressionist painting theme. Enjoy viewing Impressionist paintings as well as garden scenery inspired by the Impressionist style.



L'Hotel de Hiei

A mountain auberge nestled in a tranquil environment in the bosom of Mt. Hiei.

Mt. Hiei

