

## **Mount Tsukuba by car - 2 days and 1 night : Itinerary example** **By car**

Autumn foliage season: End of October - Early December

Best times to visit : Top of the mountain : End of October - Early November

Middle of the mountain : Mid-November - End of November

Foot of the mountain : End of November - Early December

*Tsukuba, located less than 2 hours from Tokyo, is a destination particularly appreciated by hikers in autumn. Mount Tsukuba (877m / 2877ft) is one of the 100 most famous mountains in Japan and its low altitude allows beginners to easily go hiking. The mountain is well known for its double peaks, Mount Nantai and Mount Nyotai, from which can be enjoyed panoramic views of the Kanto plain. When the weather is fine Tokyo can also be seen in the distance. In addition to hiking, enjoy hot springs in a nearby hotel.*



Mount Tsukuba

### **Day 1 : Tokyo / Mount Tsukuba**

Departure for Mount Tsukuba by car (about 2 hours).

Scheduling of sightseeing and meals are at your convenience.

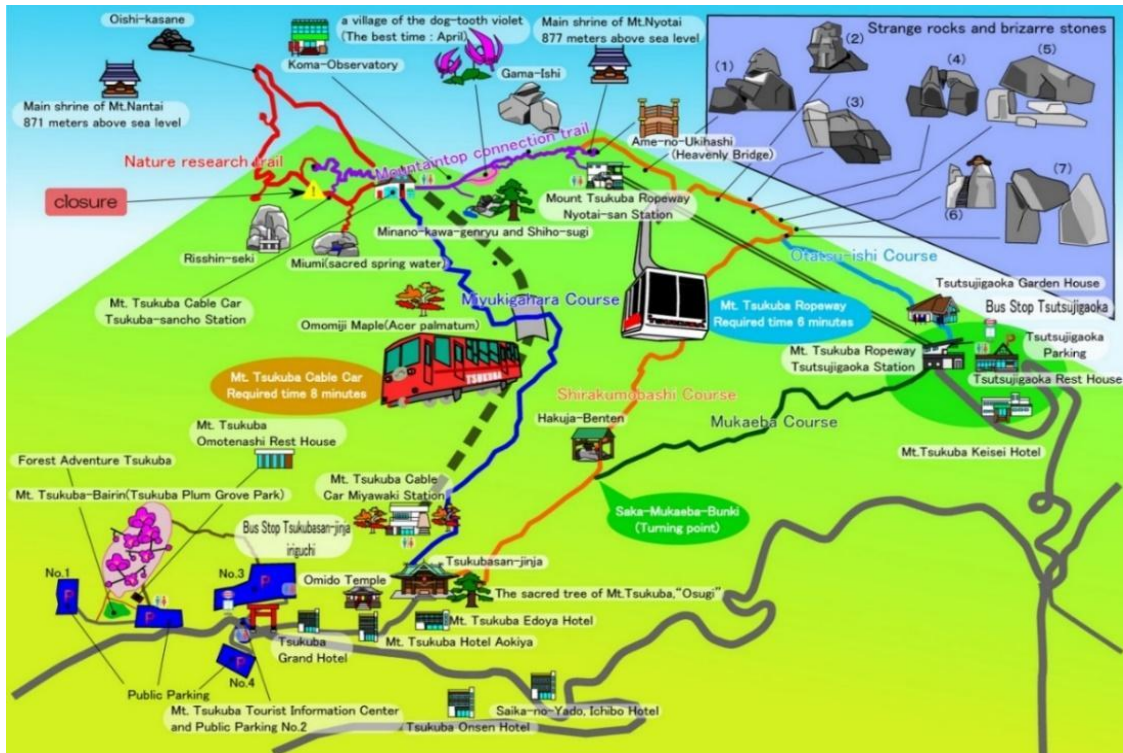
**Mount Tsukuba** has a variety of hiking trails as well as a funicular and an aerial tramway. You can choose your trails according to your personal interests and your physical condition.

Suggested visit :

- **Mount Tsukuba Shrine**

This shrine has a history of about 3000 years and is devoted to the divinities of Mount Nyotai (lit. female body) and Mount Nantai (lit. male body). It is a place of worship for marriage, marital harmony and matchmaking.

Suggested hiking trails :



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- **Miyukigahara hiking trail** (Distance : 2.1 Km, duration: To go 110 min / To return 75 min)  
Popular trail between Mount Tsukuba Shrine and Mount Nantai.
- **Shirakumobashi hiking trail** (Distance : 2.7 Km, duration: To go 140 min / To return 90 min)  
Trail between Mount Tsukuba Shrine and Mount Nyotai.
- **Sancho-renraku hiking trail** (Distance : 850 m, duration: 35 min)  
Trail between Mount Nantai and Mount Nyotai.
- **Mukaeba hiking trail** (Distance : 2.1 Km, duration: To go 65 min / To return 50 min)  
Trail between Mount Tsukuba Shrine and Tsutsujigaoka. Recommended for beginners as there are few rocky areas and it is easy to walk.
- **Otatsu-ishi hiking trail** (Distance 1.0 Km, duration: To go 40 min / To return 30 min)  
Standard trail towards the peak of Mount Nyotai from Tsutsujigaoka.
- **Mount Tsukuba Nature Research hiking trail** (Distance 1.4 Km, duration: 50 min)  
Hiking trail around the peak of the mountain. You can enjoy panoramic views of the Kanto plain.
- **Momiji Festival (autumn foliage festival)**  
During this autumn festival, the leaves of the trees are illuminated from 5 pm to 8 pm and the mountain cable car is operated during special night opening hours.

Dinner and night at the hotel.



## **Day 2 : Mount Tsukuba / Tokyo**

Breakfast and check-out.

Scheduling of sightseeing and meals are at your convenience.

### Suggested activities :

- **Forest Adventure Tsukuba**

Outdoor park with 73 attractions using the natural landscape of the region. Rare activities in Japan such as rock climbing and ziplining are available (reservation required).

Before returning to Tokyo, stop by Tsukuba Science City (about 25 minutes).

***Tsukuba Science City** was built in the 60s in order to find a solution to Tokyo's overpopulation problem as well as ensure a high level of research and education. It's the biggest site for research and development in Japan with its 150 institutes and private research enterprises. Public institutions such as Tsukuba University and JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency) are also present there.*

### Suggested visits :

- **JAXA Tsukuba Space Center**

Created in 1972 in order to promote Japan's aerospace development policy. Genuine rocket engines are on display and a stall selling space food can be found there.

- **Tsukuba Expo Center**

Science museum built in 1985 where one can see one of the biggest planetariums in the world as well as exhibits about science and technology.

At the end of the day, trip back to Tokyo.

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**You can ask us to shorten or lengthen your stay or to complete it with additional destinations.**

**We can also organize the entire logistics of your trip including activities, luggage shipment, car rental or guided visits (in english or in french).**

**Feel free to contact us for a personalized itinerary !**