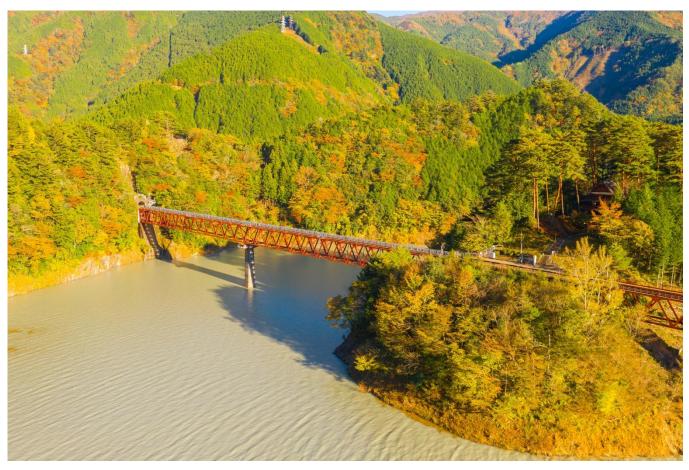


# Shizuoka: Shiraito Falls, Otodome falls and Sumata Gorge 3 days and 2 nights: Itinerary sample

Autumn foliage period: Mid-October to end of November Peak period: Mid-November to end of November

The Shizuoka area is very popular during autumn and is known to host 3 of the best landscapes in Japan at this time. Firstly, Shiraito Waterfall and Otodome Waterfall, both located in Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park, offer a view of contrasting snow-covered Mount Fuji and the colorful leaves. Sumata Gorge is known for its famous "Dream Suspension Bridge" which offers an exceptional view of the beautiful Sumata River valley and its blue water.



Oigawa Road (Shizuoka)



## Day 1: Tokyo / Shiraito falls / Tanuki lake

Morning departure by express bus from Tokyo to Fujinomiya (duration: about 4 hours) Sightseeing and meals are on your own.

## Suggested visits:

# • Fujisan Hongu Sengen Taisha

Fujisan Sengen Shrine was originally built over 1000 years ago for protection against volcanic eruptions. It has since become the most important shrine in the region and the main shrine of over 1300 Sengen and Asama shrines throughout the country.

Transportation by local bus to Shiraito no taki (duration: 30min).

## Suggested visits:

### Shiraito Falls

Located in the southwest of Mount Fuji, Shiraito Falls is ranked among the most beautiful waterfalls in Japan. This 150 meter wide waterfall is fed by spring water from the volcano and flows from the edge of a 20 meter high cliff in thin white streams that look like silk threads. The base of the waterfall is easily accessible from the road via a footpath in just a few minutes.

#### Otodome Falls

These falls are located 5 minutes walk from Shiraito Falls. There is an old story that when the Soga brothers were planning to avenge their father's enemy, the noise of the waterfall stopped for a while. The waterfall (literally the "noise-proof falls") was named after this tale.



Shiraito Falls

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Transfer by local bus.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel.



# Day 2 : Tanuki Lake / Shizuoka / Sumatakyo

Breakfast and check-out. Sightseeing and meals are on your own.

Bus and train transportation to Shizuoka (duration: 1h15).

**Shizuoka Prefecture** is located along the Pacific coast in the southern Chubu region, a few hours southwest of Tokyo. The most famous features of Shizuoka are the iconic Mount Fuji and the Izu Peninsula with its many sea views.

# <u>Suggested visits in Nihondaira</u>:

Plateau which culminates at 307m in the center of Shizuoka city. Nihondaira is famous for its fantastic views of Mount Fuji. The landscape in autumn is particularly beautiful.



View on Mount Fuji

(courtesy of Sébastien Durget)

• **Kunozan Toshugu** (durration : 1 hour)
Connected to Nihondaira via cable car, this shrine is the original burial place of Tokugawa Ieyasu, the first shogun of the Tokugawa shogunate, and thus the oldest of the tōshō-gū (dedicated to the Tokugawa shogunate) shrines in the country.

Transport to Sumatakyo (about 1h40)

• Transportation by steam locomotive (Oigawa Railway)
Ride through the Japanese countryside on a steam locomotive to Sumatakyo Onsen.
You will enjoy the surrounding landscape tinged with autumn colors. This trip is also very popular for families with young children.



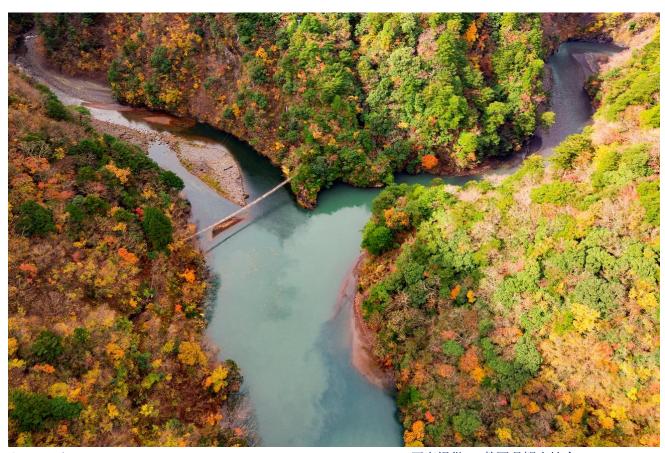
Arrival at Sumatakyo Onsen.

Sumata Gorge is located in a mountainous area full of nature in the foothills of the Southern Alps. There is a suspension bridge called the "Dream Suspension Bridge" which is 90 meters long and 8 meters high and offers an exceptional view of the beautiful valley of the Sumata River.

Check-in in a ryokan at Sumatakyo Onsen. Dinner and night at the ryokan.

# Day 3 : Sumatakyo / Tokyo

Breakfast and check-out. Sightseeing and meals are on your own.



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## Suggested visits:

• **Hike to the gorge and see the Yume no Tsuribashi Bridge.**Sumatakyo Gorge is a great place to enjoy nature in the fall. Thrill seekers will love crossing the Sumata River on the suspension bridge which is only 45 centimeters wide! If you prefer more leisurely activities, the gorge is dotted with hiking trails.



# • Public thermal bath in Sumatakyo Onsen

Sumatakyo's hot springs have restorative benefits for your skin, and the onsen water is the same blue color you saw in the gorge. Enjoy the baths open to the public to relax after your hike.

Back to Tokyo on public transportation (about 4 hours)

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