

JORAKUE

Feb 14, 10:00 pm to Feb 15, around 10:00 am, Kongobuji Temple

With a rhythmic, musically delivered statement known as, Koushiki, as a central feature, four scenes are recited: the Nehan-kou – the telling of the love for Buddha and the condolence of nirvana; the Rakan-kou – the telling of Ondoku (Thanks and Praise) through which the Rakans (arhats) preach venerable precepts passed down by Buddha himself; the Yuiseki-kou – the telling of the great appreciation of sacred sites (monuments), which are associated with Buddha. Finally, we have the Shari-kou – the story of respect and worship of Buddha's ashes.



SHO-MIE-KU

Mar 21, 9:00am, Okunoin

March 21st represents the anniversary of Kukai's entrance into eternal meditation. At Koyasan, each year, on this day (in accordance to both the lunar and solar calendars), chief priests from every temple of Koyasan gather together and perform a memorial service, MIE-KU, in memory of Kukai. Also on this day, the Hoingobou, the abbot who is selected to lead important religious ceremonies in Koyasan for one year on Kukai's behalf, participates in the memorial service. With attendance of many believers, this ceremony is quite spectacular.



KECHIEN-KANJO

May 3 – 5 and Oct 1 – 3, Kondo, Garan

It is one of the austerity rituals conducted at Koyasan to guide and bring to realization latent spirituality and wisdom of Buddha everyone naturally have – the ritual consists of forming a connection (kechien) with Buddha (respectful lessons of esoteric Buddhism) through the casting of flowers into Mandara, the physical representation of the world of Buddha, and receiving the water of the wisdom of Dainichi Nyorai (the most important deity of esoteric Buddhism) upon the top of the head (kanjo), poured by the Ajari (esoteric Buddhism monk).



MANDO-KUYOE "Candle Festival"

Aug 13, 7:00pm, Okunoin

Mando-kuyoe, "Candle Festival" is a religious festival at which the visitors place some 100,000 lit candles along the approx. 2-km sacred approach from Ichinohashi to Gobyō in order to pray for each and every one of the souls eternally resting in Okunoin, including those of one's ancestors. The Festival is held on the night of August 13th each year, and some 100,000 candles lighting along the sacred approach to Okunoin, create a fantastic sight for all to see.



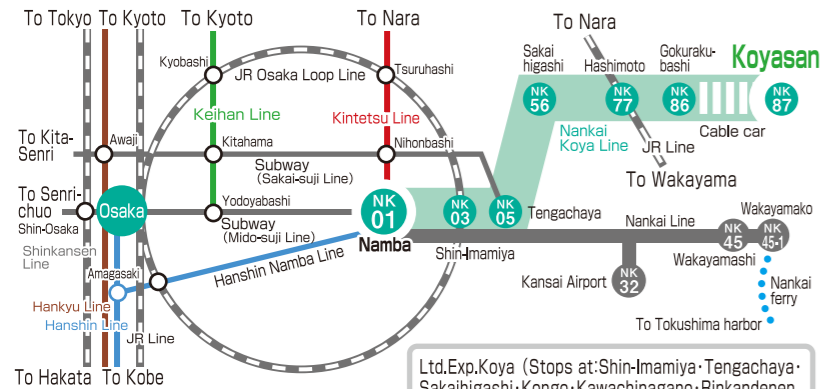
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KOYASAN

The year 2015 marks the 1200th anniversary of the establishment of Koyasan.

Transportation to Koyasan

To get to Koyasan, it takes about 90 min from Namba on the Ltd.Exp.Koya train(or about 110 min by Express) and 5 min on the cable car.



Ltd.Exp.Koya (Stops at:Shin-Imamiya·Tengachaya·Sakaihigashi·Kongo·Kawachinagano·Rinkandenen-toshi·Hashimoto)
Tickets can be purchased up to 1 month in advance.

Koyasan-World Heritage Ticket

Departing Station – Koyasan

Coupons included in the Koyasan-World Heritage Ticket

- Discounted round-trip ticket from the departing station to Koyasan Station
- Free pass for Koyasan bus (Nankai Rinkan Bus)
- 20% discount admission ticket (Kongobuji, Kondo, Kannon Daito, Reihoikan)
- 10% discount at souvenir shops (Juzuya Shirabei, Nakamoto Meikyokudo, Koyachaya Wakyu)

Discount rates
e.g.) From Namba Station: Adult Fee ¥3,350(standard)→¥2,780(Chk: ¥1,400)
With an outward Koya Limited Express ticket: Adult Fee ¥4,110(standard)→¥3,310(Chk: ¥1,800)
NB: Koya Limited Express ticket is for the outward trip only.

Koyasan / Tateri-Kojin Ticket

Departing station – Koyasan – Tateri-Kojin

Coupons included in the Koyasan / Tateri-Kojin Ticket

- Discounted round-trip ticket from the departing station to Koyasan Station
- Discounted round-trip express bus ticket (Nankai Rinkan Bus) from Koyasan Station to Tateri-Kojin-mae

Discount rates
e.g.) From Namba Station: Adult Fee ¥4,960(standard)→¥4,240(Chk: ¥2,140)
With outward Koya Limited Express ticket: Adult Fee ¥5,720(standard)→¥4,770(Chk: ¥2,400)
NB: Koya Limited Express ticket is for the outward trip only.

Timetable [Namba Station - Koyasan Station]

Namba Station → Koyasan Station (Cable car) As of November 11, 2008

	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Weekdays (Mon. - Fri.)	6:00	20	35	50	65	80	95	110	125	140	155	170	185	200	215	230	245
Saturdays/Sundays/National holidays	6:30	24	39	54	69	84	99	114	129	144	159	174	189	204	219	234	249

White - Ltd. Express "Koya/Pinkan" [Please purchase the Ltd. Express ticket] [All seats are for reservation.]
Extra Ltd. Express Services for March - end Oct. Weekdays 11:00
Services available on: Ltd. Express Mon., Tue, and Fri. Koyasan
Black: Rapid Express (Black = 2-door train carriages)
Red: Express (Red = 2-door train carriages)
Black: Local
Connection at the terminal station with a Hashimoto-bound train connecting with a train to Koyasan.
Connection at the terminal station with a train bound for Koyasan.
A: For Kawachinagano
B: For Hashimoto
C: For Koyashita
D: For Koyasan
NB: All Koyasan-bound trains have a transfer to a cable car at Gokurakubashi Station. All Ltd. Express seats are to be reserved in advance.

Koyasan Station (Cable car/Connection at Gokurakubashi) → Namba Station

	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Weekdays (Mon. - Fri.)	36	13	9	3	5	20	32	38	34	10	15	5	3	29	12	40	
Saturdays/Sundays/National holidays	36	27	9	3	5	7	16	12	18	3	20	13	1	6	12	40	

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Services available on: From Namba, Tue, and Fri. Koyasan
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Black: Local
Connection at Hashimoto with Namba-bound Ltd. Express and Express trains.
Connection at Hashimoto with a Namba-bound Express train.
Connection at Hashimoto with a Kawachinagano-bound train connecting with a Namba-bound train.
Connection at Rinkanden-entoshi with a Namba-bound Express train.
B: For Hashimoto
Unmarked: For Namba
NB: A transfer to a cable car at Gokurakubashi Station is required. All Ltd. Express seats are to be reserved in advance.

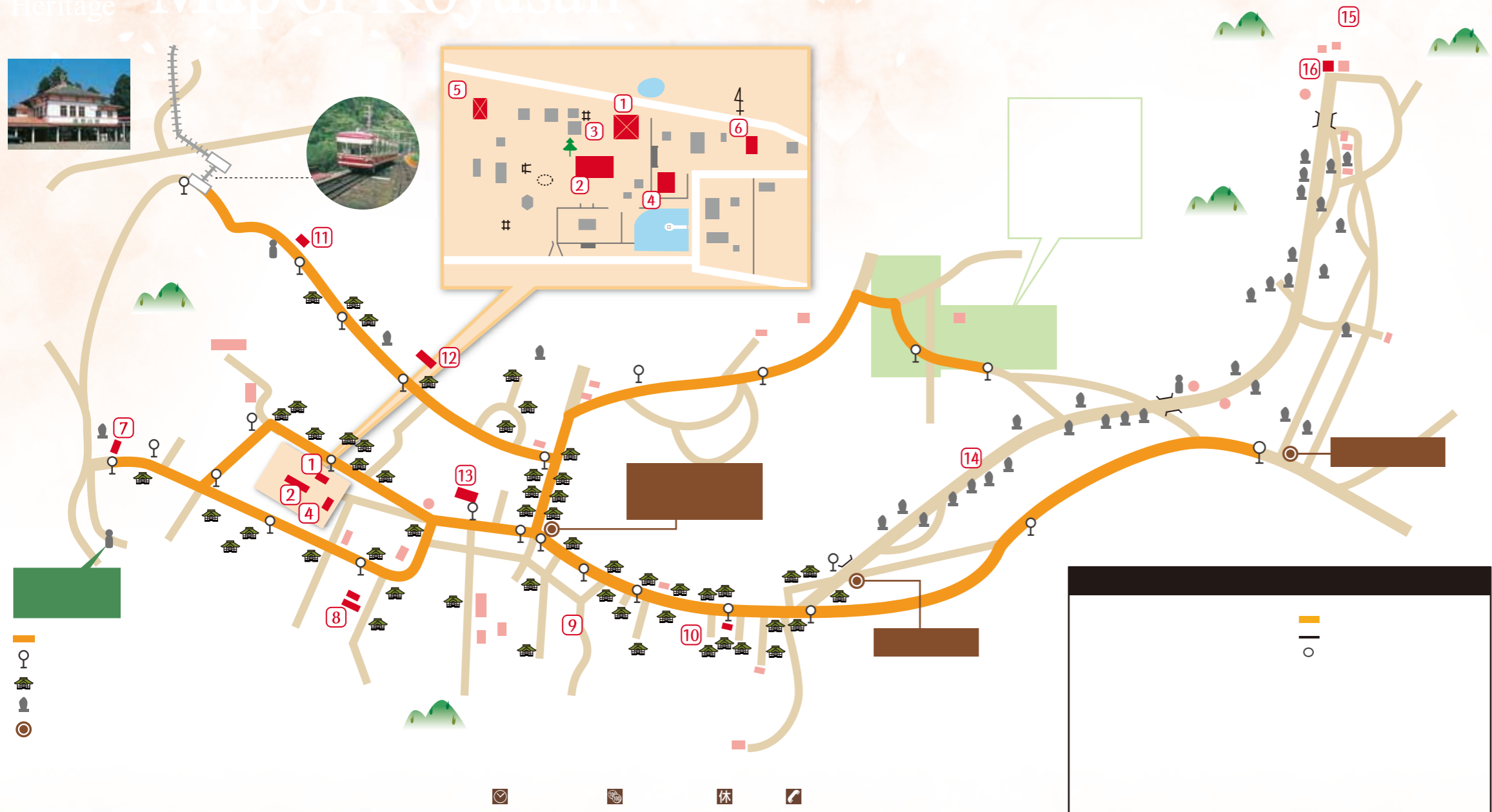
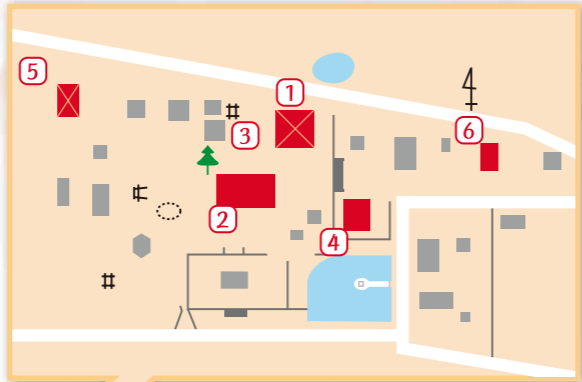


NANKAI Information and inquiries

- Sightseeing and lodging information
Nankai Telephone Center 06(6643)1005
- Nankai Rinkan Bus inquiries and reservations
Koyasan Business Office 0736(56)2250
- Temple lodging reservations and Express Train ticket sales
Nankai Travel International Co., Inc. Namba Business Office 06(6641)8686
- Suggestions and guide to Koyasan sightseeing and lodging
Koyasan Kanko Kyokai (tourist agency) Central Information Office 0736(56)2616



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