

The rising sun, or Goraiko, from the 6th Station of Mt. Fuji



- From Tokyo, exit at the Kawaguchiko IC of the Chuo Expressway
- From Shizuoka, exit at the Fujiyoshida IC of the Higashi Fuji Goko Highway By Train, transfer to the Fuji Kyuko Line at JR Otsuki Station for Mt. Fuji Station

Mountain Hut Information

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- Fuji Subaru Line Tollgate
- ■Chuo Expressway Tomei Expressway
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Fujikvuko Bus Information

8.5 Station Goraikokan

8 Station

6 Station

5 Station | Sato Gova

Fujikyu Expressway Bus Telephone Reservations Center

Name

Honhachigome Tomoekan

Fuii-san Hotel

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Fujiichikan

Kamaiwakan

Hinodekan

Hana Gova

Nanagome Tomoekan

Satomidaira ★ Seikanso

Secretary of Fujiyoshida City Guide's Association

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From the Boundary of Heaven and Earth, Look upon the World from Japan's Highest Peak.

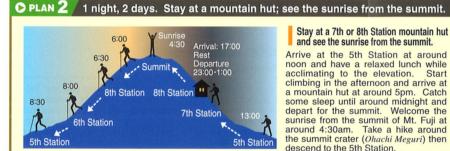
At 3776 meters, Mt. Fuji is Japan's highest peak and the most climbed mountain in the world. The summit is believed to mark the border between heaven and earth. The views of clouds stretching out like a vast ocean, as part of a magnificent 360 degree panoramic view, await those that complete the arduous climb. Reaching the top of the mortal world excites the spirit like no other place can.

3 Plans to Enjoy Climbing Mt. Fuji!

PLAN 1 1 night, 2 days. Stay at a mountain hut; see the sunrise from a mountain hut.

around the 7th or 8th Station and proceed to the summit after sunrise.

Arrive at the 7th or 8th Station at around 5pm and stay overnight at a mountain hut. This allows climbers to gradually acclimate to the elevation and climb at a relaxed pace. Welcome the sunrise the following morning from the great view of the mountain hut. This plan is ideal for those that are not determined to see the sunrise from the summit. This relaxed plan offers climbers with plenty of time to rest at the mountain hut.



Stay at a 7th or 8th Station mountain hut and see the sunrise from the summit.

Arrive at the 5th Station at around noon and have a relaxed lunch while acclimating to the elevation. Start climbing in the afternoon and arrive at a mountain hut at around 5pm. Catch some sleep until around midnight and sunrise from the summit of Mt. Fuii at around 4:30am. Take a hike around the summit crater (Ohachi Meguri) then

PLAN 3 2 nights, 3 days. Stay in mountain huts; climb at a relaxed pace.



Stay one night while climbing and another night while descending. This is a more leisurely plan that's easier on the body.

Stay at a mountain hut between the 5th and 7th Station on the first day. Use this time to enjoy the short *Ochudo* (Middle Trail) Hike at the 5th Station. Welcome the sunrise from the mountain hut on the next morning. Then, climb to the summit during the day without having to deal with the crowds that climb throughout the night. After summiting, stay another night at a mountain hut around the 8th Station while enjoying the unique nighttime view of the lights from far below.

COLUMN 1

There's more to climbing Mt. Fuji than just reaching the summit!

It's only natural to aim for the summit when climbing Mt. Fuji, but there are many ways to enjoy climbing Mt. Fuji without having to reach the summit. The sunrise can be viewed from anywhere on the Yoshida-Guchi Climbing Trail and magnificent views could be enjoyed through-out the entire climb. There are also viewing platforms at each of the mountain huts between the 5th and the 7th Stations. For those not wanting to continue their climb to the summit, any one of the mountain huts along the way will provide an enjoyable destination.

COLUMN 2

Another Mt. Fuil?

Wonderful views of far off mountains like Mt. Yatsugatake, the Northern and Southern Alps, the grand panorama of the Boso Peninsula (in Chiba Prefecture), and the Tokyo Harbor



Mt. Fuii. However, some may witness the rare sigh Mt. Fuji's shadow being mysterious power of Kago

COLUMN 3

The Inside Scoop on Mountain Guides and Mountain Huts.

The trail leading to Mt. Fuji's summit is safe and wellmost experienced mountain climbers. The best way to ensure a safe and success-

huts and mountain guides Guides may be arranged in mountain huts.



Inquiries about Fuji Climbing Buses

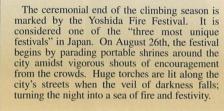
Breathtaking History and Culture Fujiyoshida

Mt. Fuji has been revered since ancient times as a sacred mountain. Its serene beauty emits feelings of peace and tranquility to those who climb its slopes. Following the steps of the ancients on the traditional Yoshida-Guchi trail will be a memory hikers will always cherish.

Ceremony marking the opening of the Yoshida-Guchi trail on June 30th every year.

Fire torches along the street

■The Yoshida Fire Festival



Regulation of private vehicles on the Fuji Subaru Line toll road During certain periods of

the peak season, the Fuji Subaru Line is closed to private vehicles.

http://www.yamanashi-kankou.jp kankou/traffic/parking/ fujihokuroku_parking.html (Japanese only)

Fujikyu Yamanashi Bus Phone: 0555-72-6877

Mt. Fuji Climbing Guide Map http://www.city.fujiyoshida.yamanashi.jp/div/english/html/

Yoshida-Guchi Climbing Trail

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Please use the shelters at the 7th and 8th Station in case of an emergency during July and August

Fuijvoshida Tourist Information Center

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Mt. FUII CLIMBING GUIDE MAP STARTING FROM THE YOSHIDA-GUCHI CLIMBING TRAIL.

Average Time: Ascent: Approximately 10 hours and 50 minutes. Descent: Approximately 6 hours.

Natural beauty and profound history are woven into the Yoshida-Guchi Climbing Trail. Experience the thrill of climbing Mt. Fuji's traditional pilarim's route to the summit.

Equipment for Climbing Mt. Fuji. Climb Mt. Fuji

Hiking Boots

One should have durable shoes or boots that cover the ankles and have thick soles. Make sure to tie shoes or boots securely to avoid ankle rubbing.

Warm, layered, and easy to wear clothing is best. Prepare a fleece or sweater outer layer, and warm under layers that wick away sweat and moisture. Other necessary clothing include wind breakers, hats to protect from the sun and to keep one's head warm, and gaiters for when descending the mountain to keep sand and pebbles out of shoes.

There are places around the 7th and 8th Stations that require scrambling over rock surfaces; gloves will protect the hands from injuries and keep them warm.

Flashlight/headlamp

Necessary for climbing at night. Headlamps free the hands.

Water

Water is not readily available on Mt. Fuji. It is possible to purchase water at mountain huts, but please be sure to bring an amount of water that will not overburden you. At least 500-1000ml per person is necessary.

Backpack

A backpack that is light, fits the body, and can be carried for a long time is an indispensable climbing companion.

Rain Gear

Rain can occur without warning on Mt. Fuji. It is good to prepare full upper and lower water-proof rain gear.

■Plastic bags

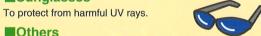
For valuables that should not get wet.

For mountain huts, food, water, and services on the mountain.

Food/snacks

Easy to eat food that quickly regains lost energy is best.

Sunglasses



Medical/Insurance card, band-aids, sunscreen, cell phone, warm packets small towel, etc.

Please take all garbage home with you. Also, we request you to leave a tip when you use the toilets. Help us keep Mt. Fuji beautiful.



▲①The Summit An impressive view that lifts the spirits.

The summit is finally reached after ascending the steep grade from the 8th Station, passing through the torii gate, and up the stairs toward the summit's Sengen Shrine. The ecstasy of reaching the highest point in Japan is beyond

▲ The Real 8th Station (Honhachi-gome) Junction between the Yoshida-Guchi and Subashiri-Guchi Trails.

At a high elevation, the 8th Station is called a grand meeting point of the Yoshida-Guchi and Subashiri-Guchi trails, from here they continue together to the summit

▲96th Station Area. (Roku-gome)

Mt. Fuji finally starts to get steep.

After passing several historic sites at the 5th Station and arriving at the oth Station Safety Center, one merges with the Fuji Subaru Line 5th Station trail. Many mountain huts and a lively climbing trail lie ahead.

▲85th Station Area. (Go-gome)

Experience the real Mt. Fuji while aiming for the summit.

The 5th Station marks the boundary between the mortal and sacred world. At an elevation of approximately 2,300 meters, one can make a full lap around Fuji's mountainside on the "Ochudo" hiking trail, on which lies the Komitake Shrine where interesting tales of mountain tengu (goblins) are told. Stretching to the summit from the 5th Station is a field of high altitude flora brilliantly mixed against the rough red slope.





View of the summit (6th Stn.)

Rest your legs while viewing the grand scenery.

In the rich forest between the 3rd and 4th Stations, hikers' footsteps cross the hardened lava of eruptions long passed. Climb past the 3rd and 4th Stations on the stone pathway, and arrive at the Inoue Mountain Hut, where one may enjoy the

After continuing a short distance, one arrives at the 5th Station and Sato Gova

▲ **6**2nd Station Area. (Ni-gome)

Women's Holy Ground

Up until the Edo Era, women were prohibited from climbing past the 2nd Station. About 1km uphill and southeast of the 2nd Station is a holy ground for women. Until 1832, women were not permitted to hike past this point and thus worshipped Mt. Fuji from this sacred ground. Also located at the 2nd Station is Omuro Sengen Shrine. The main sanctuary of the shrine was moved to Fujikawaguchiko town, and today, all that remains is a quiet, mystical altar amidst a rich forest.

▲ **5**1st Station Area. (Ichi-gome)

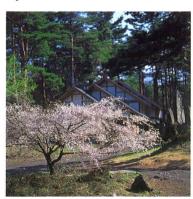
Located at the 1st Station is Suzuhara Shrine, where the spirit of Dainichinyorai is enshrined. In times passed, many religious rites were held here, but in the 3rd year Omuro Sengen Shrine (2nd Stn.) of Kyoroku (1530) the original structure was gutted by fire. The shrine was rebuilt,

▲ ③ Nakanochaya

Approximately one hour and 20 minutes uphill from The Kitaguchi Hongu Fuji Sengen Shrine, hikers find

Standing among the forest is a number of memorial stones left by previous climbers. Hybrid species of Fujizakura (cherry trees), Alpine Roses, rhododendrons, and other

bear, deer, and wild boars.



■Kanadorii

This torii gate located on route 139 "The Road to Mt. Fuji" in Fujiyoshida was taken and used for its metal in 1942 for World War II and rebuilt in 1956.

Toriis signify the boundary between heaven and earth. The area from Kanadorii is observed as the start of Mt. Fuji's



▲ **7**4.5th Station Area. (Yongo-goshaku)

history of the Gozaiishi Sengen Shrine, and grand views of the landscape below.

View from (5th Stn.)

Shrine of Dainichinyorai

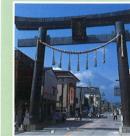
and during the Meiji Era became prominently known as the Suzuhara Shrine

A treasure house of plants and animals.

the serenity of Nakanochaya (tea house).

flowers grace the area.

The Nakanochaya area is also the home of mountain cats, Japanese squirrels



sacred area



Gozaishi Sengen Shrine (4.5th Stn.)

▲4 Umagaeshi

Entering the sacred space of Mt. Fuji

Umagaeshi

Years ago, Umagaeshi marked the entrance to the holy area of Mt. Fuji and thus it was here that proceeding by horses was prohibited. The section of the Yoshida-Guchi

Climbing Trail between Umagaeshi and the 5th Station is called "Kiyama Sanri." This

▲②Memorial Stone to the Fallen

A prayer for the safety of mountain climbers.

Every year on May 22nd a small service is

held at this unique memorial stone at the

start of the Yoshida-Guchi Trail to honor the

casualties of Mt. Fuji and to pray for a safe

climbing season. Those who attempt to

summit Mt. Fuji should offer their prayers

▲ ■ Kitaguchi Hongu Fuji Sengen Shrine

The start of the Yoshida-Guchi Climbing Trail.

Based on the history of the Mt. Fuji

pilgrims, the Kitaguchi Hongu Fuji Sengen

Shrine is the starting point of the traditional Yoshida-Guchi Climbing Trail.

From here to Nakanochaya the trail follows

a paved road, and climbers can enjoy

isurely hike along a walking path

for a safe climb here.

Climbers of Mt. Fuji.

bountiful area is filled with shrines. Buddhist stone images, and historic relics.