

Yokosuka & Miura
Kamakura City

Tourist Attraction No.

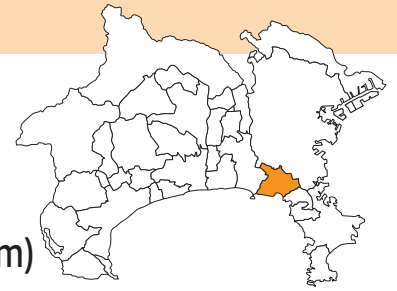
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Limitless fresh air to soothe your weary soul

Kenchoji

(Head temple of the Rinzai school of Zen Buddhism)



Explanation of
Tourist Attraction

Kenchoji is first among the five great Rinzai temples of Kamakura. Hoji Tokiyori invited High Priest Lanxi Daolong of the Song Dynasty to establish this temple in 1253. The main structures, including the main gate, triple gate, Buddhist sanctum, and lecture hall, still remain to this day. The 730 year old Chinese juniper tree located at the front of the temple gives you a sense of its long history. From the Hansobo Shrine at the back, you can embark on the Tenen Hiking Trail.

selling point

Kenchoji's main temple gate has a lower and upper level, making it a "nijuumon" (two-storied gate). Rebuilt in 1775, it is one of the representative temple gates of Kamakura.

Address	8 Yamanouchi Kamakura-shi Kanagawa-ken
Opening Hours	8:30-16:30
Availability of Parking	20 parking spaces (for a fee)
URL	https://www.kenchoji.com/

Recommended Season

All year

Group/Individual Mark

Group Individual

Target Regions

Europe, North America, Oceania, Asia

Access

5 min route bus ride from Kita-Kamakura Station (JR Yokosuka Line)
20 min walk from Kita-Kamakura Station (JR Yokosuka Line)

Specific Model Route Details

Individual

JR Yokosuka Line [Kita-Kamakura Station] ... Walk (1 min) ... Engaku-ji Temple (60 min) ... Walk (20 min) ... Kencho-ji Temple (45 min) ... Walk (20 min) ... Enoshima Electric Railway [Kamakura Station] +++ (7 min) +++ Enoshima Electric Railway [Gokurakuji Station] ... Walk (5 min) ... Jojuin (30 min) ... Walk (15 min) ... Kamakura Kaihin Park Inamuragasaki District (30 min) ... Walk (9 min) ... Enoshima Electric Railway [Inamuragasaki Station] +++ (17 min) +++ Enoshima Electric Railway [Kamakura Station]

Start Kita-Kamakura Station

Goal Kamakura Station

Time Required 4 hours



Nearby Sightseeing Spot

Ichijo Ekan Sanso



Built in Kyoto by Ichijo Ekan, Emperor Go-Yozei's ninth son. It was dismantled and reconstructed in Kamakura in the 34th year of the Showa period (1959) and is one of few locations, though it is in Kamakura, where one can experience Kyoto.

Engaku-ji Temple (main temple of the Rinzai School)



This temple was built in Kamakura period upon the invitation of Chinese monk Mugaku Sogen. It serves as the main temple of the Rinzai School sect of Buddhism and ranks second among Kamakura's Five Mountains. On these ancient temple grounds remain countless structures of old times, including the Reliquary Hall and temple bell which are lauded as national treasures.