

Yokosuka & Miura
Kamakura City

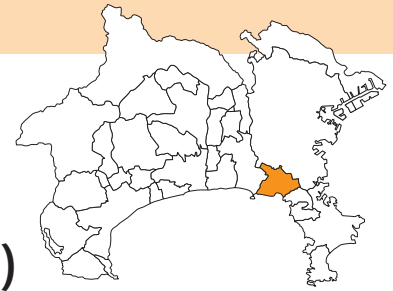
Tourist Attraction No.

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Stand amidst narrow paddy fields at "Ajsai-dera" (hydrangea temple)

Meigetsuin Temple (Kenchō-ji, a Rinzai Zen temple)



Explanation of
Tourist Attraction

Meigetsu-iori, or Bright Moon Hermitage, was originally built by Tsunetoshi Yamanouchi of a local noble family, to mourn his father Toshimichi during 1160 of the Eiryaku era. Later, the Saimyō-ji temple built by Hōjō Tokiyori was incorporated into a Zen temple complex for Rankei Dōryu by Hōjō Tokimune. Later still, Uesugi Norikata reorganized the temple as Zenkōji, converting the hermitage into the head sub-temple. In the early Meiji era, the Zenkōji temple complex was destroyed, with only the Saimyō-ji temple left remaining. The founding priest was Shugon Misshitsu.

selling point

We are constructing a garden to allow our visitors to not only enjoy the early summer hydrangeas and late fall colors but to appreciate the nature of the paddy fields throughout the rest of the year too.

Address	189 Yamanouchi Kamakura-shi Kanagawa-ken
Opening Hours	[June] 8:30-17:00 [Other months] 9:00-16:00
Availability of Parking	—
URL	https://www.city.kamakura.kanagawa.jp/kamakura-kankou/meisho/07meigetuin.html

Recommended Season

June, July, November, December

Group/Individual Mark

Group Individual

Target Regions

Europe, North America, Oceania, Asia

Access

10 min walk from Kita-Kamakura Station (JR Yokosuka Line)

Specific Model Route Details

Individual

JR Keihin-Tohoku Line [Sakuragicho Station] === Route bus (30 min) === Sakuramichi Bus Stop ... Walk (5 min) ... Sankeien Garden (90 min) ... Walk (4 min) ... Sankeien-Iriguchi Bus Stop === Route bus (40 min) === JR Yokosuka Line [Yokohama Station] +++ (20 min) +++ JR Yokosuka Line [Kita-Kamakura Station] ... Walk (3 min) ... Hachinoki Kita-Kamakura (Lunch 60 min) ... Walk (1 min) ... Tokeiji Temple (40 min) ... Walk (6 min) ... Meigetsu-in Temple (60 min) ... JR Yokosuka Line [Kita-Kamakura Station] +++ (2 min) +++JR Yokosuka Line/ Enoshima Electric Railway [Kamakura Station] +++ (11 min) +++ Enoshima Electric Railway [Hase Station] ... Walk (10 min) ... Hase-dera Temple (30 min) ... Walk (10 min) ... Enoshima Electric Railway [Hase Station] +++ (10 min) +++JR Yokosuka Line/ Enoshima Electric Railway [Kamakura Station]

Start Sakuragicho Station

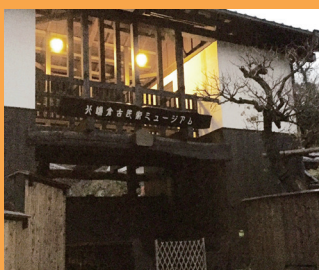
Goal Kamakura Station

Time Required 7 hours 30 min



Nearby Sightseeing Spot

Kitakamakura Old Private House Museum



This folk house built over a century ago has been repurposed as an exhibition space. You can enjoy permanent original doll exhibits as well as seasonal exhibits and projects. The Akemi Abe original doll exhibit "Families of the Showa Era" is a permanent exhibit here.

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.