

Shonan  
**Oiso Town**

Tourist Attraction No.

**185**

<History・Japanese Culture>

The final abode of the literary master that became the pioneer of modern literature

**Shimazaki Toson Old House**



Explanation of  
Tourist Attraction

Toson Shimazaki was born to a family that ran an inn for government officials in Magome Village, Chikuma Prefecture (currently Nakatsugawa, Gifu Prefecture) in 1872. In 1941, he came to Oiso to see the burning of New Year's gate decorations, which led to him moving to Oiso. He had a great love for the temperate climate of Oiso and spent about two and a half years there until he passed away on August 22nd, 1943, his last words being, "What a cool breeze". Toson's final piece of writing, which was unfinished, "Gate of the Orient", was written in this house.

selling point

It is a three-roomed single-storied private house with Taisho glass used for the sliding doors and the care that Toson, who believed in modesty, took with it can be felt even now.

Address	88-9 Higasikoiso Oisomachi Naka-gun Kanagawa-ken
Opening Hours	9:00-16:00 (Closed on Monday, December 29th ~ January 3rd)
Availability of Parking	—
URL	<a href="http://www.town.oiso.kanagawa.jp/isotabi/look/meisyo/kyuushimazakitousontei.html">http://www.town.oiso.kanagawa.jp/isotabi/look/meisyo/kyuushimazakitousontei.html</a>

Recommended Season

All year

Group/Individual Mark



Group



Individual

Target Regions

Europe, North America, Oceania, Asia

Access

10 min walk from Oiso Station (JR Tokaido Line)

Specific Model Route Details

Individual

JR Tokaido Line [Yokohama Station] +++ (40 min) +++ JR Tokaido Line [Oiso Station] ... Walk (10 min) ... Shimazaki Toson Old House (40 min) ... Walk (10 min) ... Oisogeihinkan (the former Kinoshita family residence) (Lunch 60 min) ... Walk (6 min) ... Sawada-miki Memorial Hall (hidden Christians avoiding persecution museum) (60 min) ... Walk (10 min) ... JR Tokaido Line [Oiso Station] +++ (40 min) +++ JR Tokaido Line [Yokohama Station]

Start

Yokohama Station

Goal

Yokohama Station

Time Required

4 hours 30 min



Nearby Sightseeing Spot

**Former Residence of Yoshida Shigeru**



A facility built by restoring the residence where Shigeru Yoshida, who was prime minister after the war, lived in his final years. The reception building that was built around 1947 and the annex designed by Isoya Yoshida between 1955 to 1964 were primarily reconstructed.

**Shigitatsuan**



Shigitatsuan is a haikai (genre of poetry) dojo that has lasted since the Edo period and is said to be one of the three great haikai dojos in Japan, on par with Kyoto Prefecture's Rakushisha and Shiga Prefecture's Mumyo-an. Shigitatsusawa, where this dojo is located, has also been designated as a historic town.