



Contemplate the Eleven-headed Kannon

With its pristine spring cherry blossom, vibrant summer hydrangea, and the rich ochres of its autumn leaves, Hase-dera is one of the symbols of Kamakura, and home to a majestic camphor-wood statue of the bodhisattva Kannon that's more than 1,200 years old.

Completed in the 8th century, this venerable temple complex affords gorgeous panoramic views of Sagami Bay and the cityscape of Kamakura, as well as a museum and other spiritual experiences.

Exclusive special offer Take a private tour of the temple complex with a Hase-dera monk



A local monk will accompany you through the most beautiful of the temple's many precincts, including a trip to the on-site museum. Guests will be welcome to get close to the bodhisattva, and may also pray in the main hall. Guests can also ask to participate in a sutra-copying workshop, and may arrange to trace some of the temple's carvings. This is a rare opportunity to experience some truly historic – and uniquely Japanese – spiritualism. Matcha/Japanese green tea will be served at Kaiko-an Restaurant of the temple with a souvenir.

■ Duration: Between one and two hour



