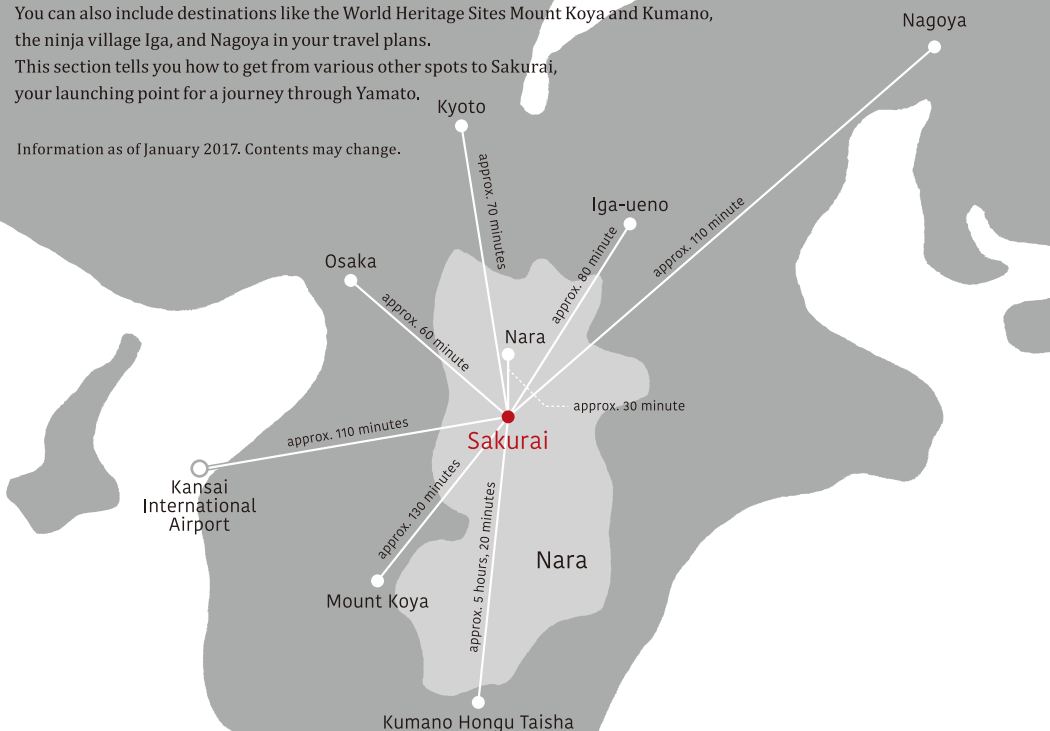


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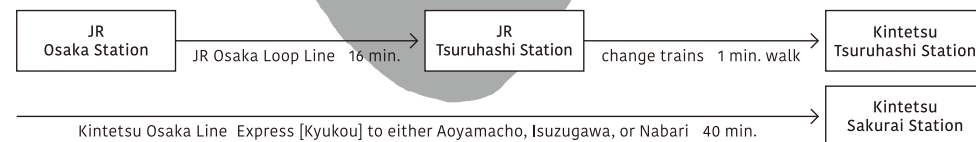
Getting to Yamato

With easy access from Osaka, Kyoto, and Nara, Yamato is great for a day trip. You can also include destinations like the World Heritage Sites Mount Koya and Kumano, the ninja village Iga, and Nagoya in your travel plans. This section tells you how to get from various other spots to Sakurai, your launching point for a journey through Yamato.

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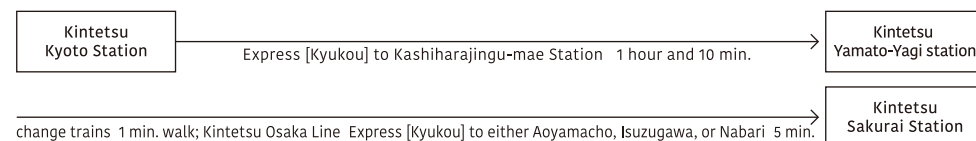


Osaka → Sakurai Time: approx. 60 minutes Fare ¥800



When coming from Osaka to Sakurai, we recommend either the express [Kyukou] or rapid express [Kaisoku Kyukou] to save time. The limited express [Tokkyu] is fast, but it doesn't stop at Sakurai Station. Also, the limited express [Tokkyu] comes with additional charges. Because of the risk of going past Sakurai Station, we don't recommend it. If you do come by limited express [Tokkyu], it's best if you switch at Yamato-Yagi Station to a non-limited express train going to Sakurai.

Kyoto → Sakurai Time: approx. 70 minutes Fare ¥940



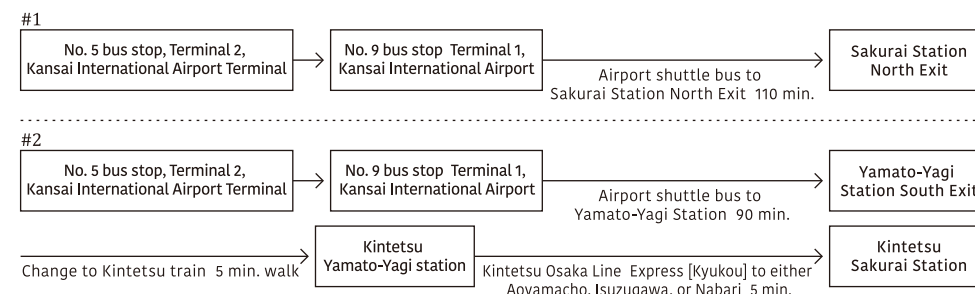
Use either the express [Kyukou] or limited express [Tokkyu] when coming from Kyoto. The express [Kyukou] takes about an hour and 10min. The limited express [Tokkyu] is 50 minutes.

Nara → Sakurai Time: approx. 30 minutes Fare ¥320

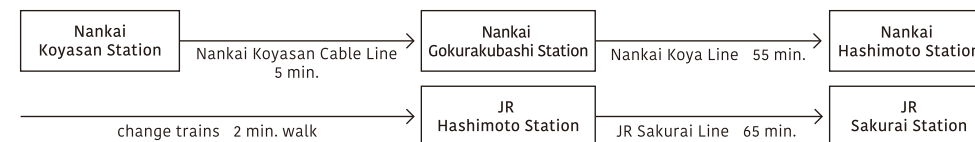


Kansai International Airport → Sakurai 1) Time: approx. 110 minutes Fare: ¥1,950 2) Time: approx. 100 minutes Fare: ¥2,160

Some times of day have a direct bus connection to Sakurai (option #1). If you can't catch one of these, go to Yamato-Yagi Station and connect there (option #2).

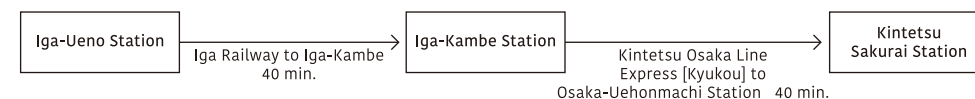


Mount Koya → Sakurai Time: approx. 130 minutes Fare ¥1,670



*JR doesn't run many trains. Also, you may need to wait quite a long time between transfers. Keep this in mind when using JR.

Iga-Ueno → Sakurai Time: approx. 80 minutes Fare ¥1,030



Kumano → Sakurai Time: approx. 5 hours, 20 minutes Fare ¥4,160



Be warned, there aren't many buses.

Nagoya → Sakurai Time: approx. 110 minutes Fare ¥3,830

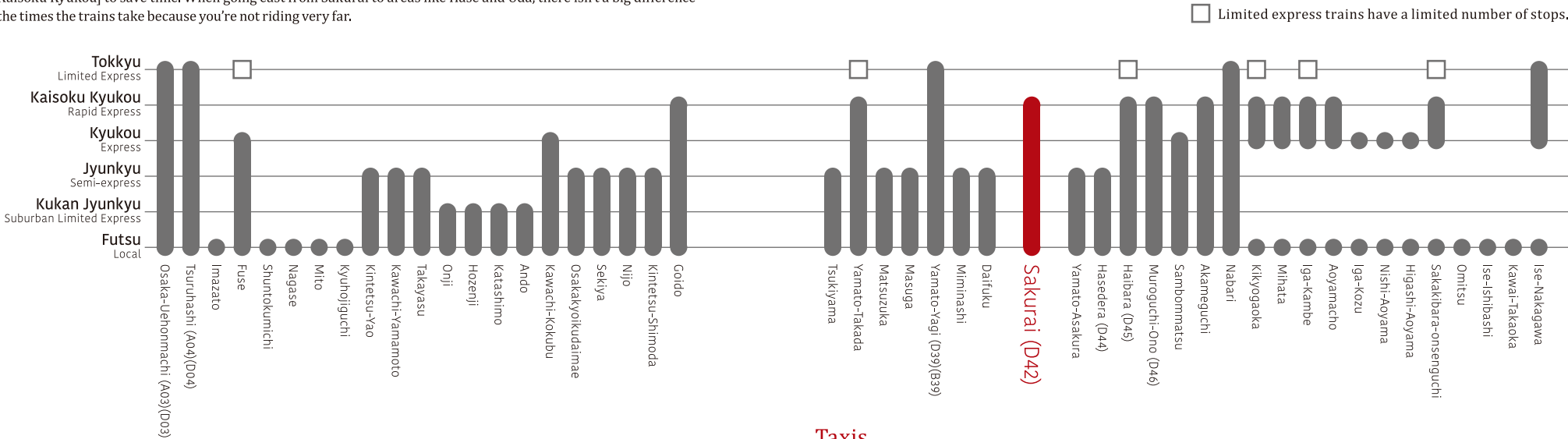


Transit in Yamato

Train

Kintetsu Osaka Line

This train runs east and west in Yamato. It's the main way of getting around in the area. Trains run frequently. However, note that there are six different types of train: limited express [Tokkyu], rapid express [Kaisoku Kyukou], express [Kyukou], semi-express [Jyunkyu], and suburban semi-express [Kukan Jyunkyu], in addition to local trains. Please refer to the route map. When coming from the direction of Osaka to Sakurai using Kintetsu, we recommend either the express [Kyukou] or rapid express [Kaisoku Kyukou] to save time. When going east from Sakurai to areas like Hase and Uda, there isn't a big difference between the times the trains take because you're not riding very far.



JR Sakurai Line

JR runs north and south through the center of Yamato. This line connects Nara Station to Yamato-Takada Station. Use this line when going back and forth between Nara and Sakurai or when you go to Miwa / Yamanobe areas. There are two trains an hour in the morning and evening, and only one train an hour otherwise. Almost all of the trains stop at every station.

Kintetsu Kyoto and Kashihara Lines

These lines runs north and south in the eastern part of Yamato. They connect Kyoto to Kashihara Jingu Shrine in Kashihara City, which neighbors Sakurai City. Use either the express [Kyukou] or limited express [Tokkyu] when coming from Kyoto. The express [Kyukou] takes about an hour and 10 min. The limited express [Tokkyu] is 50 minutes, but you'll need a limited express ticket in addition to a regular ticket.

Buses

Local buses are the best way to travel to sightseeing spots in Sakurai, Tounomine, and Uda areas. There really aren't that many buses, so keep an eye on the time. Check the access column of each destination.

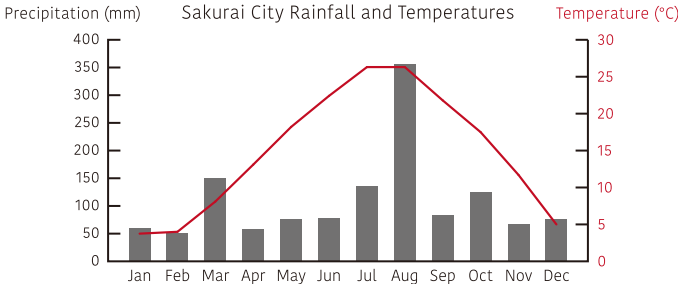
Taxis

You' ll be able to pick up a taxi at any of the train stations. There are hardly any taxis on the streets or at the sightseeing spots, so it's usually better to call one.

Miwa/Yamanobe Area - Sakurai/Tounomine Area - Hase Area		
▶ Hinomaru Kotsu	Tel	0744-42-3255
▶ Sakurai Kotsu	Tel	0744-42-6571
▶ Nara Kintetsu Taxi, Towa office	Tel	0743-63-1131
▶ Tenri Hattori Taxi	Tel	0743-62-1666
▶ Nagara Taxi	Tel	0743-66-0088
▶ Nishimura Taxi	Tel	0744-32-2143
▶ Himawari Taxi	Tel	0745-56-4188
▶ Fuji Taxi	Tel	0744-32-2455
▶ Miyake Kotsu	Tel	0745-44-4000
Uda Area		
▶ Nara Kintetsu Taxi, Uda office	Tel	0745-82-0155
▶ Komiya Taxi	Tel	0745-84-2020
▶ Ote Taxi	Tel	0745-94-2040

Climate

The climate isn't too different from Kyoto or Osaka. The Uda area is a highland and can be a little cooler.



Currency Exchange/ATMs

The Nanto Bank

Currency can be exchanged at the following branches.

▶ Sakurai branch	Address281-4 Sakurai, Sakurai City, Nara Prefecture (from Jan. 2018~)	Tel0744-42-3355
	Address1259 Sakurai, Sakurai City, Nara Prefecture (untill Dec. 2017)	
▶ Tenri branch	Address303-1 Kawaharajocho, Tenri City, Nara Prefecture	Tel0743-63-1811
▶ Yuzaki branch	Address690-1 Yuzaki, Kawanishi Town, Shiki District, Nara Prefecture	Tel0745-44-1881
▶ Tawaramoto branch	Address181-4 Tawaramoto Town, Shiki District, Nara Prefecture	Tel0744-32-8081
▶ Haibara branch	Address2439-6 Haibarahagihara, Uda City, Nara Prefecture	Tel0745-82-1501

Currencies: US dollars, Euro, Canadian dollars, Australian dollars, South Korean won

*Exchange is capped at 500 dollars (USD, CAD, or AUD), 500 Euro, or 500,000 South Korean won per transaction

Hours9:00 to 15:00	ClosedWeekends and holidays
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Tenri Post Office

Sells: US dollars, Euro

Buys: US dollars, Euro, Chinese yuan, Canadian dollars, British pounds, South Korean won, Australian dollars, Swiss francs

*For purchases of foreign currency (bills), exchange is capped at no more than 300,000 yen (Japanese yen equivalent) per transaction.

Address296-5 Kawaharajocho, Tenri City, Nara Prefecture	Tel0743-62-0804
Hours9:00 to 16:00	ClosedWeekends and holidays

*For the services above, you must present some form of legal ID (e.g., passport) to the bank/post office.

Map lists post office and 7-11 ATMs

Lost and Found, Difficulties, Accidents, Etc.

Miwa/Yamanobe Area Sakurai/Tounomine Area Hase Area

▶ Sakurai Police Department	Address49-1 Miwa, Sakurai City, Nara Prefecture	Tel0744-46-0110
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Miwa/Yamanobe Area

▶ Tenri Police Department	Address22-4 Tabecho, Tenri City, Nara Prefecture	Tel0743-62-0110
▶ Tawaramoto Police Office	Address24-1 Shinmachi, Tawaramoto Town, Shiki District, Nara Prefecture	Tel0744-33-0110

Uda Area

▶ Uda Police Office	Address1953-1 Haibarahagihara, Uda City, Nara Prefecture	Tel0745-82-0110
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Illness, Injury, Etc.

Miwa/Yamanobe Area Sakurai/Tounomine Area Hase Area

▶ Saiseikai Chuwa Hospital	Address323 Abe, Sakurai City, Nara Prefecture	Tel0744-43-5001
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Miwa/Yamanobe Area

▶ Tenri Yorozu Sodansho Hospital (Ikoi no Ie)	Address200 Mishimacho, Tenri City, Nara Prefecture	Tel0743-63-5611
▶ Kokuho Central Hospital	Address404-1 Miyako, Tawaramoto Town, Shiki District, Nara Prefecture	Tel0744-32-8800

Uda Area

▶ Uda City Hospital	Address815 Haibarahagihara, Uda City, Nara Prefecture	Tel0745-82-0381
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Information Centers

Sakurai/Tounomine Area

▶ Sakurai Tourism Information Office	AddressInside Kintetsu Sakurai Station	Tel0744-44-2377	Hours8:30 to 17:00	ClosedDec. 29 to Jan. 3
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Miwa/Yamanobe Area

Tenri City Trail Center

Address

577-1 Yanagimotocho, Tenri City, Nara Prefecture

Tel

0743-67-3810

Hours

8:30 to 17:00

Closed

Irregularly

▶ “Shiki no Sato” Tourism Station

Tawaramoto Tourism Association

Address

193 Tawaramoto Town, Shiki District, Nara Prefecture (right after leaving the east ticket gate at Tawaramoto Station on the Kintetsu line)

Tel

0744-33-4560

Hours

9:00 to 16:00

Closed

Tue., Dec.29 to Jan.3

Hase Area

▶ Hase Tourism Center	Address1593-2 Hase, Sakurai City, Nara Prefecture	Tel0744-44-3331	Hours8:30 to 17:00	ClosedTue., Wed., Dec. 29 to Jan. 3
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Uda Area

▶ Uda Midokoro	Uda City Tourism Information Office	Address	2427 Haibarahagihara, Uda City, Nara Prefecture	Tel	0745-88-9049	Hours	9:00 to 17:00	Closed	New Year's holidays
▶ Roadside Station (Michino Eki) Udaji Ouda Akinoyado		Address	714-1 Oudahirou, Uda City, Nara Prefecture	Tel	0745-83-0051	Hours	9:00 to 19:00	Closed	New Year's holidays
▶ Mitsue Village Tourism Information Office		Address	6330 Kozue, Mitsue Village, Uda District, Nara Prefecture	Tel	0745-95-6126	Hours	10:00 to 16:00	Closed	Tue.

Questions about this publication

▶ Tourism & Development Division, Sakurai City Hall	Address432-1 Odonon, Sakurai City, Nara Prefecture	Tel0744-48-3110	Hours8:30 to 17:15	ClosedWeekends and holidays
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