

April
Cherry Blossoms



The sakura bloom throughout the city in early April, but the most beautiful place to enjoy these iconic flowers are around Odawara Castle. This area is considered one of the best places to view cherry blossoms in all of Kanagawa.

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Oden Summit



Oden is a traditional Japanese food enjoyed throughout Japan. There are many ingredients and types of oden and this is a celebration of the many types of oden. Many oden ingredients are made in Odawara which is why the summit is held here.

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Hojo Festival



This is one of the biggest events in Odawara. Odawara culture and history is closely connected to the time of the samurai and the castle. This parade through the city includes groups of dressed samurai, music, and food stalls on the castle grounds.

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Shimosoga Umbrella Burning



Selected as one of the top 50 cultural festivals in Kanagawa. This activity has a history of about 800 years when the Soga Brothers burned umbrellas after avenging the death of their father. This is considered one of the great "Revenge" stories in Japanese culture and history.

Museum Exhibits

- Odawara Castle "Swords of Odawara"
- Natural History Museum "Super Ordinary Species"
- Enoura Observatory
- Samurai Gallery "Spirit of the Samurai"
- Houtoku Museum

Local Experiences and Activities

Walking tour of Castle, Samurai, Ninja History

A bilingual local guide will take you on a tour of this beautiful town. Stimulate your senses as you gain insight into the history of the town, samurai, and ninja as we explore the area.



Zen Experience with Monk

Enjoy this exclusive experience held in the main keep of Odawara Castle after hours. Hosted by a bilingual monk, this experience will guide you through the techniques, methods, and reasons behind zen.



Ninja Experience

Join an expert on the history and techniques of the ninja for this experience that has you doing and learning about the techniques and tools of these mysterious people.



Make Traditional Japanese Food

Kamaboko is the most popular item from Odawara. Make and eat this traditional food. The Suzuhiro Village also has a microbrewery, restaurants, and hands on activities.

Kazamatsuri Station (two stops from Yumoto Station) <https://www.kamaboko.com/en>



Day Trips from Odawara

