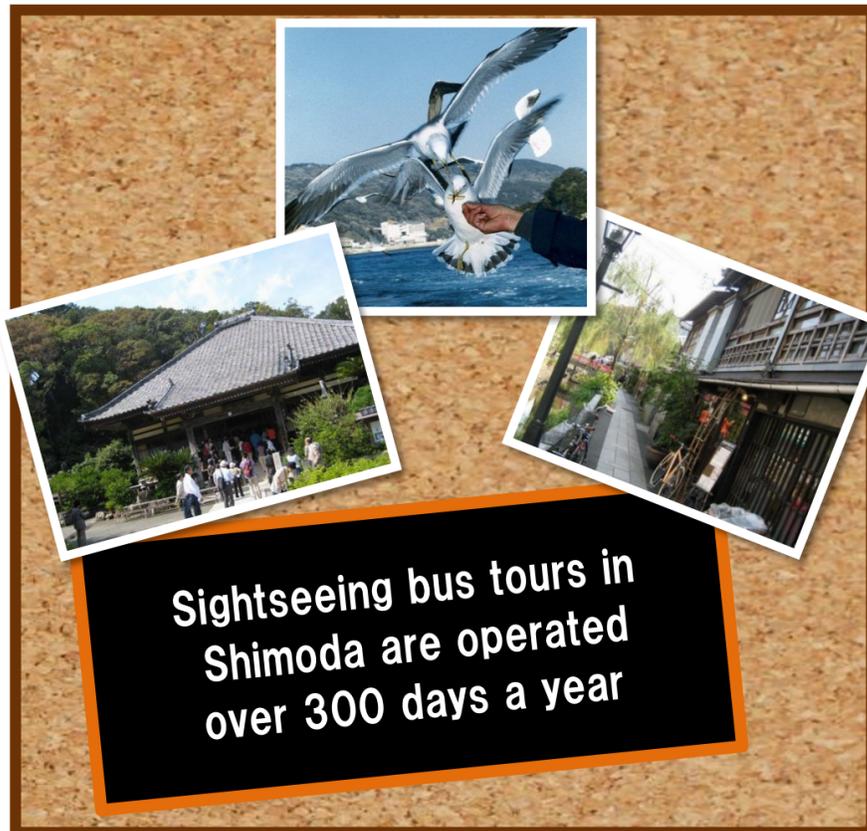
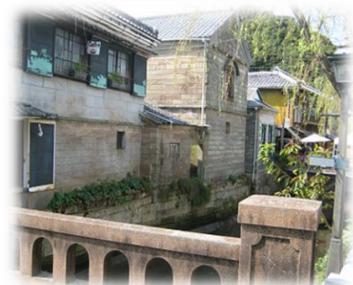


# Shimoda sightseeing tour by **TOKAI BUS**



## General information of Shimoda

Shimoda is a historical city located 50km south of Ito. This small port town played an important role 160 years ago. In 1853, Commodore Perry visited Japan with four war vessels (people called them Kurofuno, the black ships, with a critical feel to the Edo Shogunate that could do nothing against Perry's visit.) and asked the Shogun to open the country and create commercial treaties with the Western powers, that ended Japan's isolation policy from the world since 1639. In the following year the U.S. and Japan concluded a treaty of amity, and then Shimoda was opened as one of new international trading ports. From 1856 to 1859, the Japan's first U.S. Consulate General was set up here, and Townsend Harris was assigned as a consul. Some following spots tell us the atmosphere in those days.



### Gyokusenji Temple (玉泉寺)

Harris, the 1st consul to Japan started living in this temple for almost 3 years and made it the 1st consular office of Japan. During his stay, Harris demanded local people to provide him with milk and beef (Until that time Japanese had no custom to consume them). There is a monument decorated with the image of cow in the precinct, which shows this is the first place a four-legged animal was slaughtered.



### Ryosenji Temple (了仙寺), Perry Road (ペリーロード)

In 1854, the Treaty of Shimoda between U.S. and Japan was signed here. Thousands of jasmines planted in the garden give this temple an alias, "Jasmine Temple". Perry road was originally built as the approach to Ryosenji. There were numbers of Geisha houses along the street in the Edo period. These old buildings over 100 years have now renovated to shops, jazz bars, or cafes.



### Hofuku Temple (宝福寺)

This temple is known for the tomb of Okichi, the tragic Geisha (ironically happiness). When the consul Harris had a disease, she was assigned as his nurse. In Japan, that kind of career didn't exist at that time, so they thought that she was forced to become a concubine of a foreigner. After unemployed, she became lonely in people's glacial stares, then started addicting herself to drinking till suicide at last. Her family temple declined to give her a burial, so this temple instead entombed her with mercy.



### Cape Tsumeki-zaki (爪木崎)

This cape is very famous for the wild lilies (Suisen) blooming in winter. There are comfortable paths through the wild flower field or along the seashore to the beautiful lighthouse.



### Shimoda Park (下田公園)

There remains a fortification of 500 years ago. 3 million Ajisai (hydrangeas) blooming in June attract many travellers.



Next to the park, the Shimoda aquarium is there.

### Nesugata (Sleeping) Mountain (寝姿山)

It's name is after the shape of the mountain that looks like a female in sleep. There is a ropeway connected from the place near Shimoda sta. to the summit, from where a spectacular view of Shimoda city and bay is available.



## Sightseeing bus tour in Shimoda by Tokai Bus

Sightseeing bus tours are operated twice a day all the year around except summer season. (Jul 16- Aug 31)  
There are season courses to meet your interest, all includes each entrance fee. Reservation in advance is secured but walk-in entry is quite possible.

Morning courses (10:05 - 13:00)

<b>Kurofune Course</b> 3/11-5/31,7/1-15,9/1-12/19 <b>Adult 3,700 JPY</b> <b>Child 1,910 JPY</b>	 Shimoda Stn. 10:05	 Shimoda port Cruise	 Shimoda Museum	 Ryosenji Tempke & Perry Road	 Shimoda Aquarium	 Shimoda Ropeway 12:50(estd)
<b>Sakura Course</b> 2/10~3/10 <b>Adult 2,400 JPY</b> <b>Child 1,200 JPY</b>	 Shimoda Stn. 10:05	 Shimoda port Cruise	 Hofukuji temple	 Local Cherry Festival	 Shimoda stn. 13:05(estd)	
<b>Ajisai Course</b> 6/1~6/30 <b>Adult 2,900 JPY</b> <b>Child 1,470 JPY</b>	 Shimoda Stn. 10:05	 Shimoda port Cruise	 Gyokusenji temple	 Shimoda Park	 Shimoda Aquarium	 Shimoda stn. 13:05(estd)
<b>Suisen Course</b> 12/20~2/9 <b>Adult 3,000 JPY</b> <b>Child 1,500 JPY</b>	 Shimoda Stn. 10:05	 Shimoda port Cruise	 Gyokusenji temple	 Cape Tsumeki-zaki	 Hofukuji temple	 Shimoda Ropeway 12:50(estd)

An afternoon course (14:00 - 16:45)

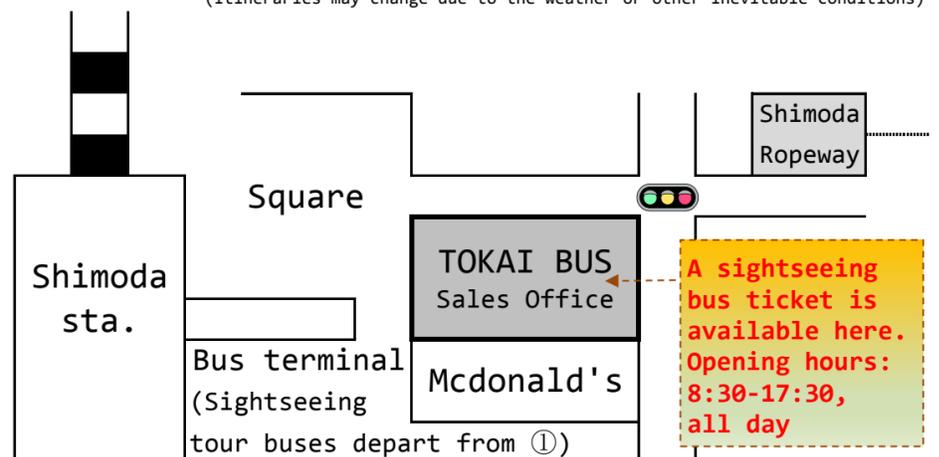
<b>Kaikoku Course</b> 4/1-7/15, 9/1-3/31 <b>Adult 2,950 JPY</b> <b>Child 1,520 JPY</b>	 Shimoda Stn. 14:00	 Shimoda port Cruise	 Shimoda Aquarium	 Ryosenji Tempke & Perry Road	 Hofukuji temple	 Shimoda stn. 16:45(estd)
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(Itineraries may change due to the weather or other inevitable conditions)

When buying the sightseeing bus ticket at our sales office, you receive the seal that proves you are a participant of the tour.

Even if your tour includes Shimoda Ropeway at last, the tour itself ends at just beside the the ropeway entrance. (1 min. walk from the station)  
After that you can take the ropeway anytime for free even on another day by showing the seal to the ropeway staff.

And if you wish to take more time at the last destination, Shimoda aquarium, in case that you join Kurofune or Ajisai course, you can leave the tour there (please don't forget to notify the guide of it), and the local bus returning to Shimoda station can also be taken at no cost by showing the seal to the bus driver. The busstop of Shimoda Aquarium is in front of its main gate, from where the buses leave every 30 minutes daytime. All of the services are for Shimoda station only.



## How to use "Tokai bus"(local lines)

Using local buses in Japan may be intimidating to foreign tourists but worth a try. To spend some time with local people in the same vehicle and exchange a few words may spice up your trip.



- ① Enter and exit the bus through the front door.
- ② Pick up a number-printed ticket from the vending machine next to the driver even if you board from the first stop or have a seal mentioned above.
- ③ The fare of Tokai Bus is not flat. Check it on the display above the windshield.
- ④ The coin changer does not accept high value banknote. To bring small change with you in advance is recommended.
- ⑤ Press the button after the announcement of the stop to signal the driver that you wish to get off at the next.
- ⑥ Drop the fee with number-printed ticket into the clear receptacle. If you have the seal and the stop is in the valid area, please show it to the driver.