Information about sightseeing Spots along the Eizan Railway

Guide to the Rakuhoku area of Kyoto

Why don’t you make a personalized short trip to northern Kyoto.

Maple Tunnel

Between Ichihoji and Nisshin Stations of Eizan Railway. Best season: early May to late June for fresh green leaves; mid- to late November for autumn leaves. A 20-minute Eizan Railway train ride from Daisho-in Station takes you to the so-called “Maple Tunnel.” It is an area with many maple trees between Ichihoji and Nisshin Stations. From the train windows, you can see fresh green leaves in early summer and colorful leaves in autumn.

Maple Tunnel can only be viewed from the train windows.

Convenient & money - saving tickets

One-day Pass

Eizan Railway’s One-day Pass “Ei Kippu”

Buy a one-day pass “Ei Kippu” to fully enjoy your trip along the Eizan Line.

Where to buy: Eizan Railway Daisho-in Station, Shihokai Station, and Kurama Station

Period of availability: Throughout the year

Period of validity: the day of issue only

Price: ¥1,600 (adults), ¥500 (children)

Kurama/Kibune Sansakku Chiketto

Get the one-day pass “Kurama/Kibune Sansakku Chiketto” to enjoy the Kurama & Kibune area!

Where to buy: Eizan Railway Daisho-in Station

Period of availability: throughout the year (except for Oct. 22)

Points

1. This pass is effective for one round-trip between Daisho-in and Kurama Stations. In addition, holders of this pass can board and alight trains between Kibuneguchi and Kurama Stations as many times as they want.

2. The pass covers the admission fees to Kurama Temple and Kibune Shinto shrine. (as of 2013)

Price: ¥1,800 (adults)

Fares and Zones

- To calculate your fare, count the number of zones you will travel through.

Bamboo-cutting Ceremony

Date: June 20
Venue: Kurama Temple

This is one of the oldest religious events in Kyoto. This event is held to pray that rice will be good and not be damaged by pests. People use bamboo sticks to cut the bamboo, and the sound is believed to bring happiness.

Access: about 3 minutes on foot from Kurama Station to the Nunameshi Gate of the temple

Kibune Autumn Leaves Lantern Festa

Date: Mid-November
Venue: Kibune

Colorful lanterns are lit up at night in different ways along the Kibune Line, around Kibuneguchi, and on Kibune Way.

Access: the area along the tracks between Ichihoji and Kibuneguchi Stations (Kibune area)

Kibune Water Festival

Date: July 7 (the following Monday when the day falls on Saturday or Sunday)
Venue: Kibune Shrine

Derived from an ancient rice-making ritual, this festival is held to express gratitude for water. During the festival, various performances, including rice dances and music, as well as tea and kitchen knife ceremonies, are dedicated to the god of rice.

Major events held near Eizan Railway stations

Hatsutaru Festival

Date: the first day of the Tiger in January, according to the old calendar
Venue: Kurama Temple

This festival is held on the legend that Hattotan(3 god of Hatsutaru) first descended to earth at the time of the Tiger on the day of the Tiger in the month of the Tiger. It is said that those who worship Hatsutaru on the day of the Tiger will experience ultimate happiness.

Access: about 3 minutes on foot from Kurama Station to the Nunameshi Gate of the temple

Railway Map/Fare Table

Figures in ( ) indicate amounts of time required from Daisho-in Station (main).

Please note that they show average amounts of time required during daytime operation. They differ slightly according to circumstances. Notably, amounts of time required may be different from the figures when special time schedules are adopted during urgent measures, etc.

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Description of Zones

- Shiga: Eizan Line
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For more information, contact: Eizan Railway at 075/702-4111 (9:00 – 17:00 every day except Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, New Year and New Year (s) holidays)

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Kurama Temple

Kurama Temple is the head temple of the Kurama-kyo Sect. Starting from the main hall, a path with its endless kare-sansui leads to the main hall, the Dojo of the Toyokawa sect (the Pillow Book written by Sei Shonagon). Kurama Temple is also known as Manpuku-ji or “Yoshimizu” and is regarded as a sacred place by the Shinto. The temple is surrounded by rich natural beauty and is the most popular destination in western Kyoto.

Opening hours: 9:00 - 16:30
Admission: ¥ 300 (high school students or older), free (students under junior high school age)
Access: about 3 minutes on foot from Kurama Station to the main hall. About 10 minutes higher up along the path to the main hall.

Kifune Shrine

Located along the Arashiyama River, Kifune Shrine is worshipped as the god of water. The shrine is also known as the shrine of the “Tea Ceremony.” In summer, Water and Sun Festivals are held on the grounds of the shrine. Flowers around the shrine are artistically and uniquely colored and illuminated fantastically at night.

Opening hours: 9:00 - 21:00 (gates are closed at 20:00)
Access: 5 minutes on foot from Kifune Station
Remark: It takes about 5 minutes on foot from Kifune Station to Kibune Station.

Myojin-ji Temple

In 864, at the cherished desire of Great Priest Jikaku (a disciple of Kukai), the founder of the Tendai Sect, Myozen-ji Temple was founded. It is said that Kukai, the founder of the Tendai Sect, planned to build this temple. The temple is surrounded by an ancient Bamboo Forest, and the courtyard of this temple is said to be one of the most beautiful in Japan. The temple is also known as a place where Basho ('a great poet in the 17th century) stayed at the temple, (Basho's cottage) rebuilt in the early Showa Period (Basho's cottage is now a museum) and his students to pay their respects to such a famous poet. In the temple, there are many items that are worth visiting, including the stone garden and famous stone lanterns. It is truly a temple that represents the historical and cultural value of Japan.

Opening hours: 9:00 - 16:00
Access: about 5 minutes on foot from Kibune Station
Remark: It takes about 5 minutes on foot from Kibune Station.

Shosoin Temple: (Also known as Tessen, a building constructed in the early Showa Period in the temple)

Shosoin Temple, also known as Tessen, is one of the most famous temples in Japan. The temple contains many important cultural assets, including pottery, wood carvings, and other items. The temple is also known for its beautiful gardens, which were created in the late 16th to early 17th centuries. Visitors can enjoy viewing attractive fresh green maple leaves in early summer and brilliant colorful maple leaves in autumn.

Opening hours: 9:00 - 17:00
Admission: ¥ 1000 (adults), ¥ 250 (elementary and junior high school students)
Access: about 20 minutes on foot from Enoki Station

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