

Around one hour from Asakusa Station - easy access on Tobu's Limited Express Ryomo

The natural beauty of fall destinations in Tatebayashi & Ashikaga area

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In this edition, we introduce Ashikaga & Tatebayashi area, reachable in only around one hour from Asakusa Station on board the Limited Express Ryomo. Highlights include the flowers of Tatebayashi, which include azaleas and moss phlox, as well as the Ashikaga Flower Park, destinations which are beautiful not only in spring but also in fall, when red leaves fill the Momiji Valley, fall colors are reflected in a temple floor, autumn roses and cosmos flowers are on view at the Tobu Treasure Garden, and a local winery celebrates its harvest.

Stunning reds and yellows at famed fall color destinations

◆ **Orihime Park – Enjoy a walk through the blazing red Momiji (red autumn leaf) Valley**
 Momiji Valley in Orihime Park, Ashikaga City, Tochigi Prefecture, is home to around 1000 trees that produce incredible fall colors. Many tourists visit the valley, especially during the peak viewing season of early November through early December.

<https://www.city.ashikaga.tochigi.jp/site/kouen-syukai-50on/kouen-orihime-momijidani.html>



◆ **Hotoku-ji Temple; famous for fall colors reflected in the polished temple floor**
 Hotoku-ji Temple in Kiryu City, Gunma Prefecture, boasts more than 100 trees bearing beautiful fall leaves reflected in a specially-polished floor, the size of 28 tatami mats, in the main temple hall. This special and popular event, “Yuka Momiji (floor full of fall colors)” is unique even in the Kanto region and held every year. The temple also offers views of Mt. Narukami, one of the 100 most famous peaks in the Kanto Region, contributing to a true ‘fall color paradise’. This year’s leaf-viewing festival takes place from November 9 (Mon) to 23 (Sat).

https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction_Review-g1021165-d6614474-Reviews-Hotoku_ji_Temple-Kiryu_Gunma_Prefecture_Kanto.html



Tobu Treasure Garden; Alive with the Colors of Fall Roses and Cosmos Flowers

Tobu Treasure Garden in Tatebayashi City, Gunma Prefecture displays a range of colorful flowers depending on the season, including seven different zones depicting seven different “stories” with 7 “scenes” which are told through roses of different varieties and colors. To showcase the roses, the park holds an Autumn Flower Festa from the end of September through to late October. In addition to the roses, the 5,000m² park also includes hundreds of thousands of popular cosmos flowers, dazzling in pink, orange, red and yellow.

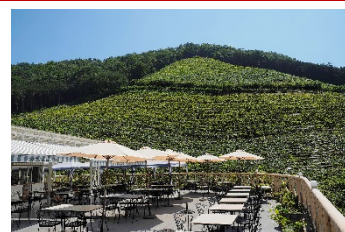
<http://treasuregarden.jp/en/>



Enjoy wine and beautiful vineyard scenery at the COCO FARM & WINERY

The COCO FARM & WINERY in Ashikaga City, Tochigi Prefecture, uses its own-making facilities to produce made-in-Japan wine from 100% Japanese grapes grown in the winery’s own vineyard and contract farmer’s vineyard. COCO FARM & WINERY uses no chemical fertilizer or weed killer, and a fermentation process that principally harnesses natural yeast to make wines which have featured at international conferences and on first-class flights. Tasting sessions and tours are available. Food and wine is available at the winery cafe. A harvest festival is held every November.

<https://www.cocowine.com/>



The ‘Furatto Ryomo Tobu Free Pass’ - a convenient ticket for visitors to the Tatebayashi / Ashikaga area

This ticket allows unlimited journeys for three days on trains and major bus routes in Kiryu, Ota, Tatebayashi, Isezaki, Midori in Gunma and Ashikaga and Sano in Tochigi. It also provides discounts and special offers at more than 200 participating stores and attractions, making it the ideal ticket for visitors experiencing the Japanese fall on a short trip close to Tokyo. <https://www.tobujapantrip.com/en/ticket/ryomo/>

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