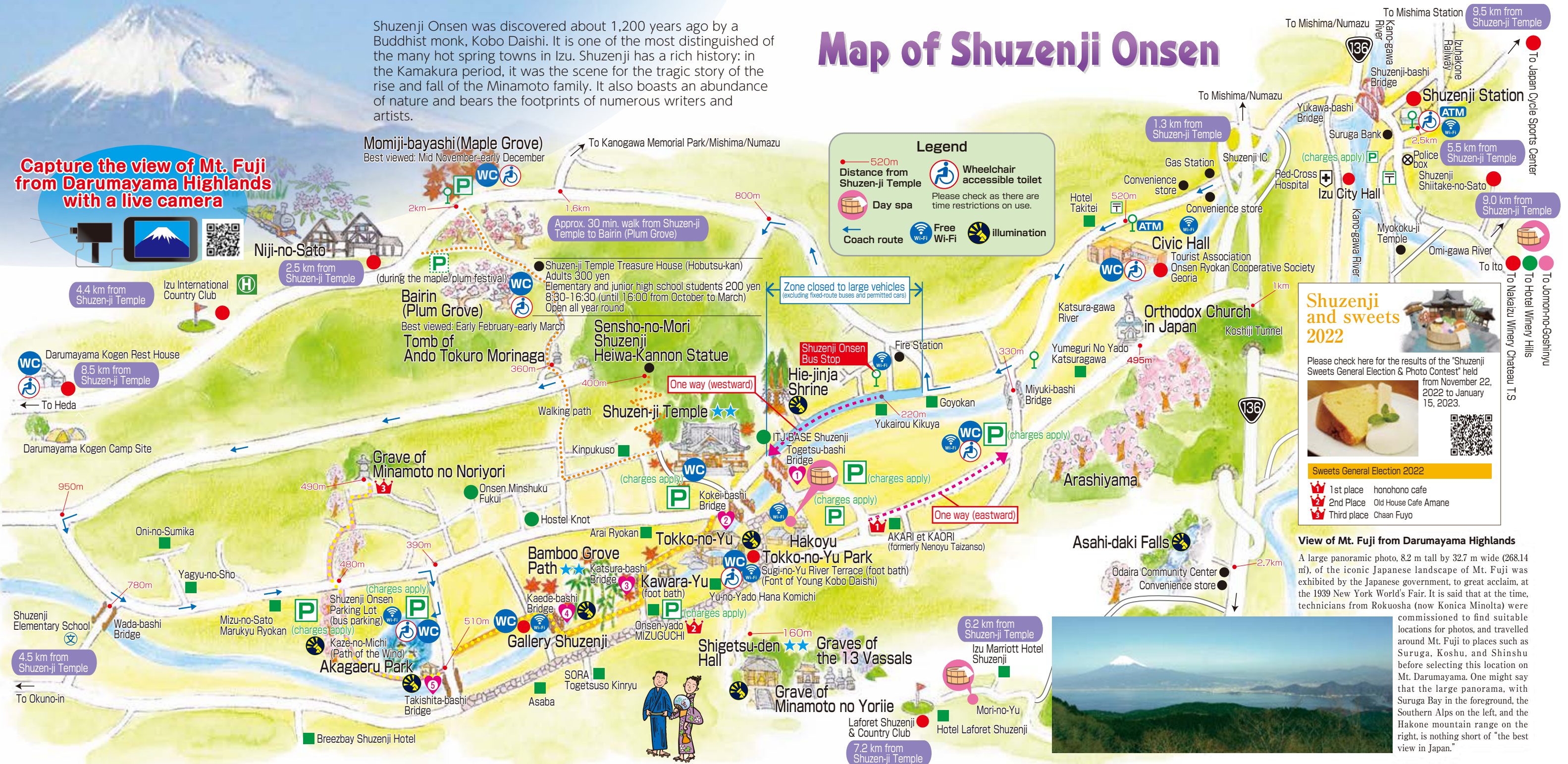


Map of Shuzenji Onsen

Shuzenji Onsen was discovered about 1,200 years ago by a Buddhist monk, Kobo Daishi. It is one of the most distinguished of the many hot spring towns in Izu. Shuzenji has a rich history: in the Kamakura period, it was the scene for the tragic story of the rise and fall of the Minamoto family. It also boasts an abundance of nature and bears the footprints of numerous writers and artists.

Capture the view of Mt. Fuji from Darumayama Highlands with a live camera



Hot Spring Resort Walking Course for Michelin 2-Star Attractions (approx. 90 minutes)

Michelin Green Guide Japan

Shuzenji Onsen Resort, Shuzenji Temple, the Bamboo Grove Path, and Shigetsu-den Hall received 2-star ★★ ratings in the guide. The "Michelin Green Guide Japan" is a guide book published in France in March 2009 and 2011 that introduces Japanese tourist attractions.



Shuzenji Temple

According to legend, the ancient temple of Shuzenji was founded by (※1) a Buddhist monk Kukai (Kobo Daishi) in 807. In (※2) the Kamakura period, it was the scene for the rise and fall of the Minamoto family. Shuzenji Temple Treasure House (Hobutsu-kan) contains important items such as the masks that provided inspiration for Kido Okamoto's masterpiece "Shuzenji Monogatari" (The Mask Maker's Story). (Michelin 2 stars★★)



Hie-jinja Shrine

Adjacent to Shuzenji Temple, Hie-jinja Shrine was once the guardian shrine of Shuzenji Temple. The shrine precinct contains the Meoto-sugi, two large cedar trees that stand side by side like husband and wife, as well as a Quercus gilva oak tree that has been designated as a cultural property by Shizuoka Prefecture. The precinct also houses the ruins of Shinko-in Temple (only Koshinto pagoda exists today), where Minamoto no Noriyori lived in confinement.



Shigetsu-den Hall

Shigetsu-den Hall is a sutra library that was built by (※3) Hojo Masako to pray for the soul of her son Yorie. The grave of (※4) Minamoto no Yorie, the second shogun of the Kamakura period, stands in the grounds, along with the graves of his 13 vassals. (Michelin 2 stars★★)

*1 Kukai (Kobo Daishi) One of Japan's most distinguished monks, who was active in the early Heian period (794-1185)
*3 Hojo Masako Wife of Minamoto no Yoritomo, founder of the Kamakura shogunate



Bamboo Grove Path

Spectacular bamboo trees line both sides of the path along the Katsura-gawa River. Halfway down the path is a circular bamboo bench, on which visitors can lie on their back and look upward to enjoy a beautiful view of the blue sky and green bamboo. (Michelin 2 stars★★)



Kaede-bashi Bridge

Bright red-colored bridge over the Katsura(gawa) River, which flows through the hot spring resort. From the bridge, visitors can enjoy seasonal landscapes along the Katsura(gawa) River, with fresh green leaves in early summer and red leaves in fall. One of the bridges of the "Bridges of Lovers" tour.

*2 Kamakura period The period from 1185 to 1333, when the shogunate was based in Kamakura
*4 Minamoto no Yorie Second shogun of the Kamakura shogunate. Son of Hojo Masako and Minamoto no Yoritomo, founder of the Kamakura shogunate



Kawara-Yu (foot bath)

Once a popular communal bath, Kawara-Yu opened as a foot bath on April 3, 2010. Why not enjoy a foot bath while listening to the murmur of the river partway through your walk.



Tokko-no-Yu

A symbol of Shuzenji Onsen, legend has it that Kobo Daishi, impressed by a young boy who he found washing his sick father in Katsura(gawa) River, struck a river rock with his tokko (a Buddhist ritual implement), imparting the river hot spring healing properties. It is said to be the oldest hot spring in Izu.