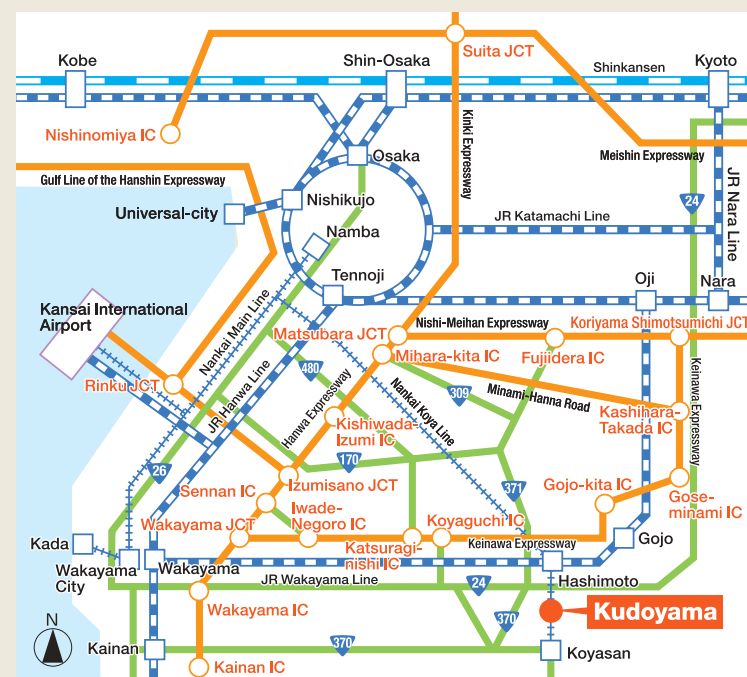


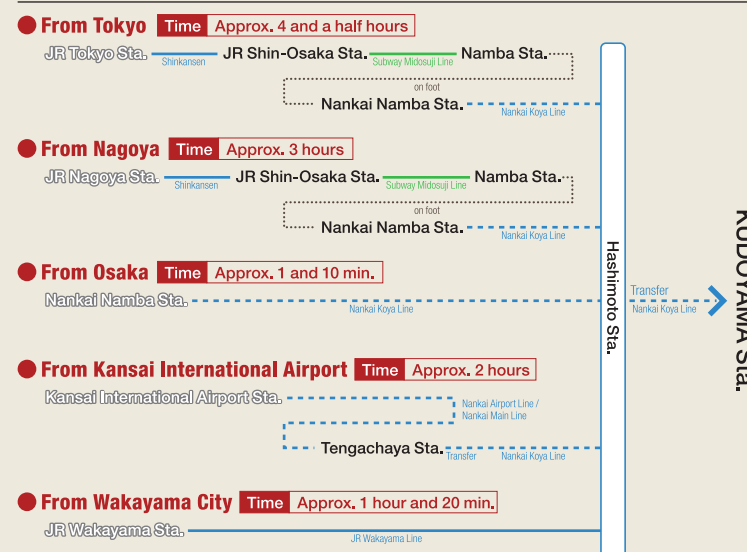
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By Car



By Train



Memories and trash, it's what you bring home.



Leisure and Sightseeing Areas in Wakayama Prefecture

❖ The World Heritage Koyasan Ito-gun Koya Town



Courtesy of: Public Interest Incorporated Association, Wakayama Prefectural Tourist Federation

This is the sacred place of Shingon Esoteric Buddhism founded by Kobo Daishi (Kukai). The two main sacred sites, "Okuno-in" and "Danjo Garan Sacred Temple Complex" are nowadays gaining a loyal following of worshippers. A lot of tombstones, memorial monuments and towers are situated in Okuno-in, so you can feel the openness of the religion; the acceptance of all races and religions.

Koyasan359-3, Koya Town, Ito-gun
(General Incorporated association,
Koya Town Tourist Association)
Tel.0736-56-2468
<http://www.koya.org/>

From Kudoyama Town by car approx. 45 min.

❖ Wakayama Marina City Wakayama City



Courtesy of: Wakayama Marina City

This is a theme park which has the atmosphere of a port on the Mediterranean Sea. The attractions at the amusement park, Wakayama Marina City, include: "tuna filleting performance" held three times a day at the tourism fish market, a fishing park, Kishu Kuroshio Hot Spring and resort hotels.

Kemi 1527, Wakayama City
Tel.0570-064-358
<http://www.marinacity.com/>

From Kudoyama Town by car approx. 60 min.

❖ Adventure World Nishimuro gun, Shirahama town



Courtesy of: Adventure World

The theme of this petting zoo park is "Communication between Humans, Animals and Nature." From children to adults, everyone loves having fun here. Besides the "Breeding Center" and "Panda Love" zone, where five pandas are living, "Safari World," "Marine World" and "Play Zone" are found in the park.

Katata 2399, Shirahama Town,
Nishimuro-gun
Tel.0570-06-4481
<http://www.aws-s.com/>

From Kudoyama Town by car approx.
1 hour and 50 min.

❖ The World Heritage Kumano Kodo Tanabe City, Nachi Katsura Town, Shingu City, etc.



Courtesy of: Public Interest Incorporated Association, Wakayama Prefectural Tourist Federation

Kumano Kodo is designated as "the Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range." It is the pilgrimage route heading to the Three Grand Shrines in Kumano: Kumano Hongu Taisha Grand Shrine, Kumano Hayata Taisha Grand Shrine and Kumano Nachi Taisha Grand Shrine. Recently it has been attracting people as a popular "power spot," a spiritual spot, where you can feel in tune with nature and the surrounding elements.

Komatsubaradori 1-1, Wakayama City
Tourism Division,
Wakayama Prefectural Government
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<https://www.wakayama-kanko.or.jp/>

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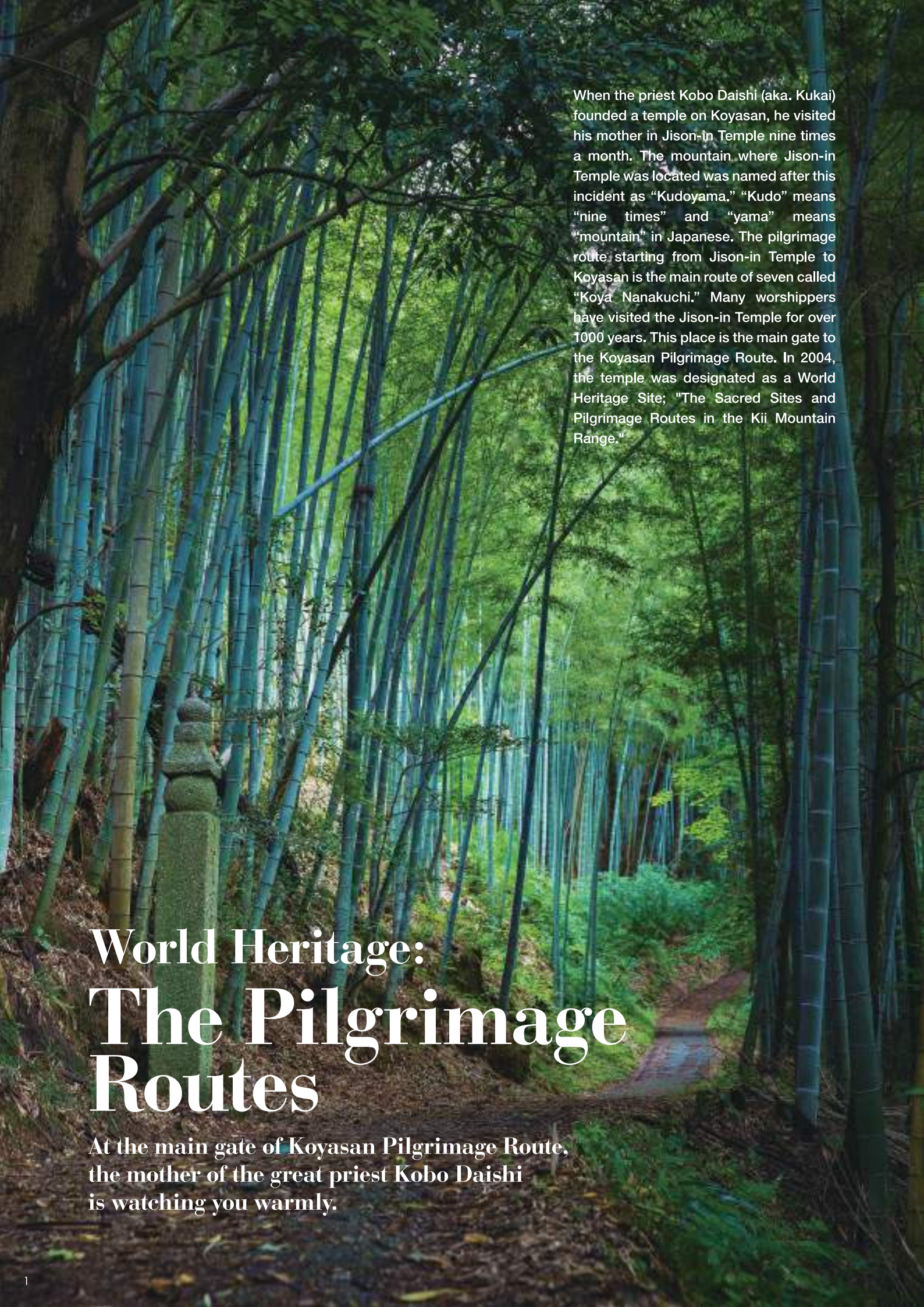


Pilgrimage
to
Sacred
Places

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九度山
KISHU KUDOYAMA

Central
Town Area
Sightseeing
Guide

Visiting the Sacred Places of
World Heritage and Sanada Yukimura
KUDOYAMA



When the priest Kobo Daishi (aka. Kukai) founded a temple on Koyasan, he visited his mother in Jison-In Temple nine times a month. The mountain where Jison-in Temple was located was named after this incident as “Kudoyama.” “Kudo” means “nine times” and “yama” means “mountain” in Japanese. The pilgrimage route starting from Jison-in Temple to Koyasan is the main route of seven called “Koya Nanakuchi.” Many worshippers have visited the Jison-in Temple for over 1000 years. This place is the main gate to the Koyasan Pilgrimage Route. In 2004, the temple was designated as a World Heritage Site; “The Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range.”

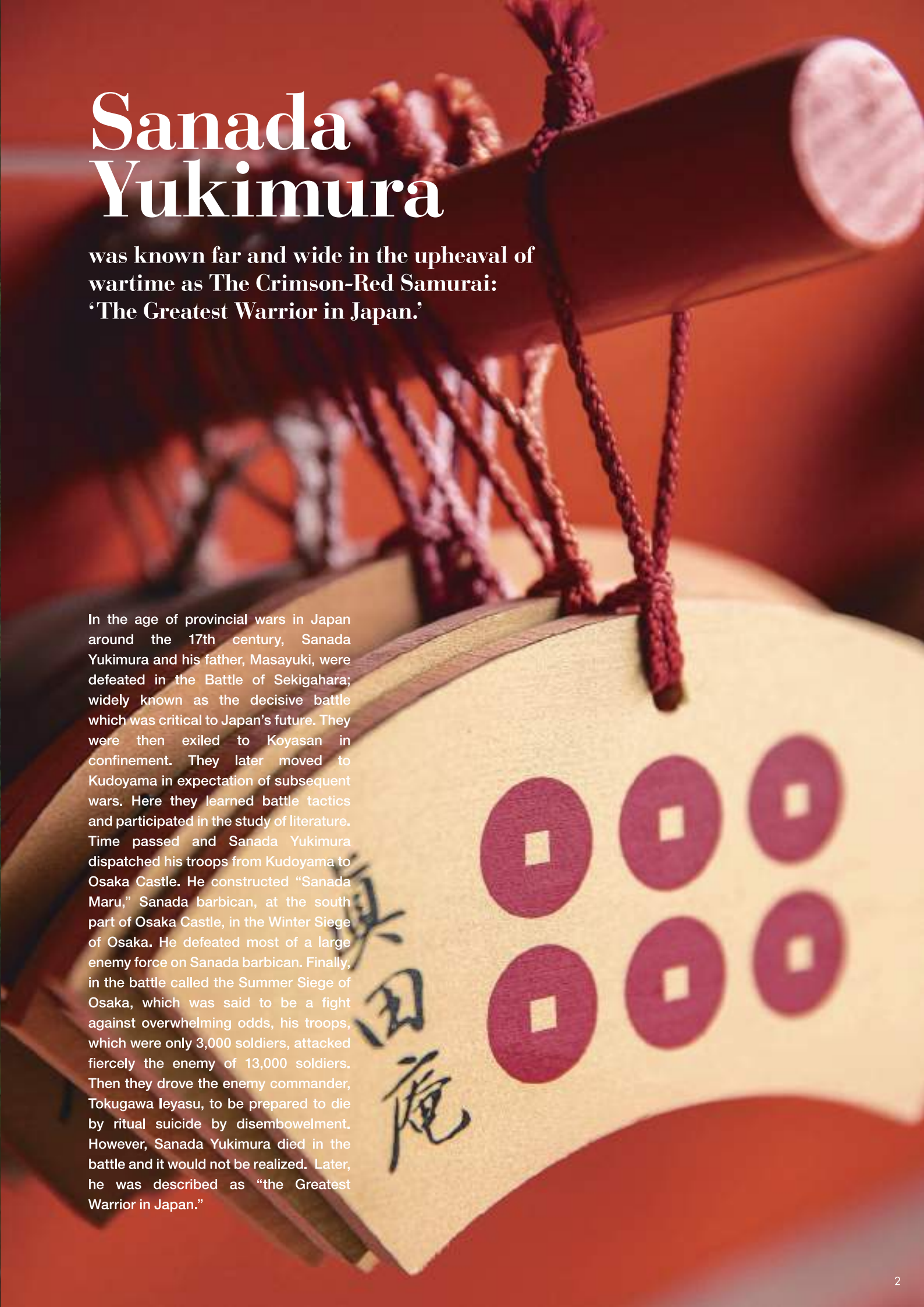
World Heritage: The Pilgrimage Routes

At the main gate of Koyasan Pilgrimage Route,
the mother of the great priest Kobo Daishi
is watching you warmly.

Sanada Yukimura

was known far and wide in the upheaval of
wartime as **The Crimson-Red Samurai:**
‘The Greatest Warrior in Japan.’

In the age of provincial wars in Japan around the 17th century, Sanada Yukimura and his father, Masayuki, were defeated in the Battle of Sekigahara; widely known as the decisive battle which was critical to Japan's future. They were then exiled to Koyasan in confinement. They later moved to Kudoyama in expectation of subsequent wars. Here they learned battle tactics and participated in the study of literature. Time passed and Sanada Yukimura dispatched his troops from Kudoyama to Osaka Castle. He constructed “Sanada Maru,” Sanada barbican, at the south part of Osaka Castle, in the Winter Siege of Osaka. He defeated most of a large enemy force on Sanada barbican. Finally, in the battle called the Summer Siege of Osaka, which was said to be a fight against overwhelming odds, his troops, which were only 3,000 soldiers, attacked fiercely the enemy of 13,000 soldiers. Then they drove the enemy commander, Tokugawa Ieyasu, to be prepared to die by ritual suicide by disembowelment. However, Sanada Yukimura died in the battle and it would not be realized. Later, he was described as “the Greatest Warrior in Japan.”





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World Heritage "The Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range"

Koyasan Choishimichi Pilgrimage Route



In Buddhism, the universe consists of five elements; earth, water, fire, wind and sky. This milestone also represents five elements by shape. From the bottom to top, you will discover a square shape representing the earth, sphere shape representing water, hat-like shape representing fire, crescent shape representing the wind, and finally lotus-flower shape representing the sky.



The Pilgrimage Route from Jison-in Temple to Koyasan is called "Koyasan Choishimichi Pilgrimage Route;" alongside the street you can find 180 milestones. The milestone is called "choishi" and "michi" means road in Japanese. Instead of the milestones, they used to use tall and narrow wooden tablets but the tablets would not last long, so they replaced them with the milestones in the Kamakura Period, around the 12th to 14th centuries. The milestones are set every 109 meters with the first milestone set on the sacred temple complex in Koyasan, called "Danjo Garan Sacred Temple Complex." In the Jison-in Temple, you can find the 180th milestone and it is a starting place to the Koyasan Pilgrimage Route. Visitors used to pray at each milestone until they reached Koyasan. There are seven pilgrimage routes for Koyasan including the Choishimichi Route. The others are as follows; Kuroko-michi Pilgrimage Route, Kyo Osaka-michi Pilgrimage Route, Kohechi Route, Omine Route, Arida Ryujin-michi Route and the Ainoura-michi Route.



The picture shows us the scene: Kobo Daishi (Kukai) met the deity called Kariba Myojin. Kariba Myojin released his black and white dogs and they led Kobo Daishi (Kukai) to Koyasan.



From Jison-in Temple, you will pass through a big stone shrine gate, then climb up 119 stairs and find a vermillion gate. The main hall is located after that gate. Pictured bottom right; from the shrine we can see the sacred mountain of Koyasan. Women used to be prohibited from entering the mountain, so they worshipped the mountain here.

World Heritage "The Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range"
The shrine founded by Kobo Daishi

Niukanshofu-jinja Shrine

This is the old shrine founded by Kobo Daishi (Kukai) in 816 and is located at the start of the Koyasan Choishimichi Pilgrimage Route. The main worship hall is made of wood with it being built in the architectural style of "Ikkensha Kasuga." The brilliantly colored shrine, with a roof covered in bark of the Japanese cypress, is designated as a World Heritage Site. The shrine also possesses several cultural properties such as lion masks for warding off evil spirits, a ceremonial pot and a Japanese sword dedicated by the great warrior, Sanada Yukimura.



Address : Jison-in 835, Kudoyama Town
Tel. 0736-54-2754
Open: 9 am - 5 pm
Admission : Visitors are free to enter

Starting Point of the Koyasan Pilgrimage Route



The seated wooden statue of "Miroku Buddha," pictured below, is enshrined stringently behind a triple door because it is an inherited hidden Buddhist statue Kobo Daishi's era. An investigation in 1961 found that it was made in 892, the Heian Era. Subsequently, it was designated as a National Treasure.



The Priest Kobo Daishi (Kukai) founded this temple in Kudoyama in 816, as an important place of the Koyasan Pilgrimage Route. It was an administrators' office for Koyasan, an accommodation place for people heading there and a training place during winter time. The mother of the priest Kobo Daishi (Kukai) was worrying about her son but Koyasan's rules prohibited women to enter so she stayed in Kudoyama. After his mother died, they set the seated statue of Miroku Buddha to pray for her spirit. Then this temple started to be called Miroku Buddha, alias "Jison-in," and many worshippers began to visit this place as a starting point of the Koyasan Pilgrimage Route.



Wishing pregnancy, a smooth delivery, child rearing, breast-feeding or curing diseases, many visitors dedicate wooden votive tablets, which have the breast icons, to the temple.



World Heritage "The Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range"

Jison-in Temple (Nyonin-Koya, Ketsuenji Temple)

The proper way of tracing the Koyasan Pilgrimage Route is as follows; first visit Jison-in Temple and build affinity with the Miroku Buddha to be forgiven for your sins, then climb up Koyasan. This place is also called Ketsuenji Temple, which means "making-a-good-relationship." Jison-in Temple at the time was located more to the north before it was carried away by the Kino-kawa River Flood in 1540. However, the Miroku Hall had already been moved to its current place so the hall escaped damage.



Pictured left; the Miroku Hall is designated as an Important Cultural Property. Kobo Daishi (Kukai) founded this hall to enshrine the seated wooden statue of "Miroku Buddha" and the statue of his mother. Pictured center; if you touch the Miroku Rock, which is in the little temple, you will feel an affinity with the Miroku Buddha enshrined as an incarnation of Kobo Daishi's mother. Pictured right; Statue of Kobo Daishi's Mother

Address : Jison-in 832, Kudoyama Town
Tel. 0736-54-2214
Open: 8 am - 5 pm
Admission : Visitors are free to enter



This is 180th milestone located between Jison-in Temple and Niukanshofu-jinja Shrine. This is the exact starting point of the Koyasan Pilgrimage Route. It takes 8 hours on foot to cover the 20 kilometers to the central tower, Konpon Daito, on Koyasan. The central tower, Konpon Daito, was founded as an ascetic exercise hall for Shingon Esoteric Buddhism by Kobo Daishi (Kukai).

Sanada Yukimura was born in 1567 as the second son of Sanada Masayuki. Masayuki was the lord of Ueda-jo Castle in Shinano Province, now modern-day Nagano prefecture. With his clever father Masayuki, Yukimura repeatedly fought against the odds, using brilliant maneuvers in his battles. In the Battle of Sekigahara in 1600, Yukimura, belonging to the West Army and headed by Ishida Mitsunari, was defeated by the East Army headed by Tokugawa Ieyasu. He was ordered to live on Koyasan in confinement. Later he was allowed to live with his wife and children on Koyasan where it was strictly prohibited for women to enter the temple grounds. They then moved to Kudoyama and lived there for 14 years. Wearing crimson red armor, he raised the banner of "Six Coins" and rode from Kudoyama into the Siege of Osaka. He was not afraid of death for a good cause. It was his resolution. He died at the age of 49, in the Siege of Osaka. Though they were enemies, Ieyasu was impressed by Yukimura's bravery and posthumously called him "the greatest warrior in Japan". Next we will follow his life in Kudoyama to the last battle.



Address : Kudoyama 1413, Kudoyama Town
Tel. 0736-54-2019
(Kudoyama Town Industry Promotion Division)
Open: 9 am - 4 pm
Admission: Free for temple,
¥200 for Sanada Resource Center
(For a group tour, if you would like a priest as a guide,
you need ¥300 / reservation required)

Sanada Hermitage (Sanada-an), Zenmysh-in Temple

This is the temple of the Koyasan Shingon Sect of Buddhism and it stands on the site where Sanada's father and son stayed whilst living in Kudoyama. In the precinct, you can find the family crest of Sanada, "the Six Coins," on tiles, gates and wooden votive tablets. Sanada Resource Center in the precinct shows us his life in Kudoyama with his items and resources; spear-heads and armor Yukimura regularly used, along with arms, letters, and items for the special flat braids called Sanada Braids. By weaving and selling the braids the Sanada family could manage to live in Kudoyama.

A short trip
to Koyasan

Rengejo-in Temple



Address : Koyasan 700, Koya Town, Ito-gun, Wakayama Prefecture Tel. 0736-56-2233



Sanada Yukimura's Autographed Letter
(property of the Rengejo-in Temple)

Sanada Yukimura's Autographed Letter (property of the Rengejo-in Temple) After the battle of Sekigahara, the defeated Sanada Masayuki and Yukimura were at first forced to stay here in confinement. At the entrance you can find lanterns with the "Six Coins" crest. The room where Sanada Yukimura stayed, called "Jodan-no-ma," is preserved with his items, and is open to the public.

“The Greatest Warrior in Japan”



Portrait of Sanada Yukimura, (property of Ueda City Museum)



Kudoyama-Sanada Museum

The museum is built in accordance with Japanese architectural style to look like an old samurai residence. In its entrance you can meet statues of Sanada's three generations; Masayuki, Yukimura and Daisuke. You can find panel displays and films showing Yukimura's life in Kudoyama, where he lived the longest period in his life. Also, you can enjoy a game in the room modeled after Sanada's residence. Fun for the whole family!

Address : Kudoyama Town, Kudoyama 1452-4
Tel. 0736-54-2727
Open: 9 am - 5 pm (last admission at 4:30 pm)
Closed: Mondays, Tuesdays (If Monday or Tuesday falls on a public holiday, the following weekday is closed)
Admission: ¥500 for adults; ¥250 for children

The spear head which Yukimura used
in the Siege of Osaka
(Property of Sanada Resource Center)

Weaving Sanada Braids Experience



A member of the Kudoyama Sanada Braids Study Group, called "Kudoyama Sanada-himo Kenkyu-kai," teaches you how to make one step by step, so please do not hesitate if you are a beginner at weaving. It takes just 30 minutes to complete. Why not make one as a souvenir?

Sanada Braids were originally simply made for binding packages. However, the Sanada family strategically started to produce them and their subordinates were dispatched to sell them in several provinces for the purpose of espionage. At the Sanada Braids Craft Center, called "Sanada Himo Kobo," you can experience making a hand-woven Sanada braid strap using a loom.



Sanada Himo Kobo
Tel. 0736-54-2237
(Kudoyama Town
Central Community Center)
Address : Kudoyama 1390,
Kudoyama Town
Closed: Closed irregularly
Fee: ¥500 (reservation required)



Sanada Yukimura

Making Sanada Helmet Experience



Sanada Yukimura is famous for his crimson red armor. You can experience making the red helmet with his family crest "Six Coins." Please pay attention to the beautifully detailed parts of the helmet; the brim and the hanging parts of the helmet. You can be Sanada Yukimura by wearing his helmet! It takes one and a half hours and you can take it home.



Tel. 090-8883-3184
Address : Nyugo5-5, Kudoyama Town
(*"Roadside Station Kakinotsato Kudoyama,"*
Experience & Training Center)
Fee: ¥4,000 (reservation required)
Seats available: 1 to maximum10 people

Samurai Parade of Sanada Masayuki, Sanada Yukimura,
and the Sanada Ten Brave Warriors in the beginning of May

Kishu Kudoyama Sanada Festival

The large and popular event is held in Kudoyama Town to commemorate Sanada Masayuki and Yukimura. Sanada Yukimura, clad in red armor and riding a horse, leads the parade. People costumed as "the Sanada Ten Brave Warriors" and children costumed as the firearms troop follow the leader. At the stage, you can see an impressive gunfire demonstration by Kishu Kudoyama Firearms Troop and a splendid performance by the Sanada War Drums and other entertainment. Also, food stalls and various events are held during the festival.

**Kudoyama Town
Sanada Festival
Planning Committee**
Tel. 0736-54-2019
(Kudoyama Town Industry
Promotion Division)



Festivals in Kudoyama



**April, Flower Festival
"Hanamori-sai"**



**August, Demon's Dance Festival
"Shiide Oni-no-mai"**



**August, Ritual Umbrella Parade,
"Kasa-hoko"**



**October, the Deity Ebisu Parade,
"Ebisu-no-owatari"**



**October,
Niukanshofu-jinja Shrine Festival**



**November, the Harvest Festival
in Kudoyama**



Soba-dokoro Yukimura-an

(a buckwheat noodles restaurant)

At a renovated quaint old-style Japanese house, you can enjoy genuine "Shinshu" buckwheat noodles. The noodles are made from buckwheat flour, binding ingredients, and water. Here the ratio of buckwheat flour to other ingredients is 8:2 so the noodles can easily be swallowed.

The dipping sauce for the cold noodles has an authentic darker soy taste. The soup for hot noodles has a light taste preferred by residents here and in the neighboring prefectures. You can also enjoy Kakinoha Sushi, sushi wrapped in persimmon leaves, as a set with noodles.

Address : Kudoyama1404, Kudoyama Town
Tel. 0736-54-3751
Open: 11 am - 6 pm (L.O. 5:30 pm)
Closed: Mondays (If it falls on a public holiday, the following weekday is closed)



Sanada Ikoi Chaya



They sell varieties of handmade Bento (boxed lunch) with locally sourced ingredients: "Six Coins Bento" and "Machi-ishi Bento," and "Breasts Bento," which is associated with Jison-in Temple (reservation required). Japanese noodles, curry rice, ice cream and coffee are available. It is situated on the Sanada Road, so please have a rest here during your sightseeing of the town.

Address : Kudoyama1722-1,
Kudoyama Town
Tel.0736-54-9058
Open: 10 am - 4 pm
Closed: Thursdays

Oyatsu-no-jikan Café style



Address : Kudoyama555-19,
Kudoyama Town
Tel.090-8446-8208
Open: 11 am - 8 pm
Closed: Tuesdays
(sometimes closed irregularly)



This old Japanese inn has been remodeled as a café, yet still retains the Taisho Roman Style atmosphere. You can have "Kudoyama Lunch," "Sanada Lunch" or "Japanese style curry with taro and mushrooms." Using soymilk, "Sanada Pudding" has the shape of a coin so if you buy six, they resemble the famous crest of "Six Coins." It is very popular as a souvenir.



You can try old-fashioned "Persimmon Bread" made from persimmons grown in Kudoyama along with ice-creams and fresh juice made from seasonal fruits. Have fun eating lunch at their dine-in space.



Bakery Café Persimmon

Address : Nyugyo5-5, Kudoyama Town
Tel.0736-54-9967
Open: 9 am - 6:30 pm
Closed: Jan.1st - 3rd



Popular old-style octopus dumplings are available, and the cracker "takosen" is preferred by children. An eat-in space is provided. Why not enjoy a snack when you feel tired of walking around the town?



Octopus Dumpling, Midori-ya

Address : Kudoyama1331-1, Kudoyama Town
Tel.0736-54-2442
Open: 11 am - 5 pm
Closed: Wednesdays



Nestled in front of the charcoal fire of an iron (traditional sunken fireplace), you can enjoy nostalgic local dishes, in which carefully chosen local ingredients are used. Try the masterpieces of "matsutake mushroom and persimmon sushi" and "Dengaku" of tofu, Japanese radish and Konnyaku (Konjac).



Irori-chaya, Wakaya

Address : Nyugyo 94-3, Kudoyama Town
Tel.0736-54-4119
Open: 11 am -
Closed: Closed irregularly

Kudoyama Gourmet

Eat

Here you can find a café serving something tasty with plenty of freshly picked vegetables and fruit from Kudoyama! A variety of Kudoyama specialties associated with Sanada Yukimura are also found here.



Specialized Pizza Restaurant with a Wood-Fired Oven, Mieux

Address : Kudoyama 360-4, Kudoyama Town
Tel.0736-54-3787 Open: 11 am - 2 pm, 5 pm - 8 pm
Closed: Mondays (If it falls on a public holiday, the following weekday is closed)
*Children under elementary school age are unable to enter



Izakaya Mifuku

Address : Jison-in 275-8, Kudoyama Town
Tel.0736-54-4301
Open: 5 pm - 10 pm
Closed: Mondays



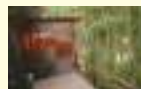
Gratin Café

Address : Kudoyama1314, Kudoyama Town
Tel.0736-54-3190
Open: 11 am - L.O. 2 pm (L.O.3 pm on Saturdays, Sundays & Public holidays)
Closed: Tuesdays • the third Wednesday



Kajika Drive-in

Address : Kamikosawa 293, Kudoyama Town
Tel.0736-54-2620
Open: 8 am - 5:30 pm (From Jan. to Mar. 4:30 pm)
Closed: The 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
(If it falls on a public holiday, the following weekday is closed)



Quilt Café, Mari

Address : Nyugyo 549, Kudoyama Town
Tel.0736-54-2099
Open: 10 am - 5 pm
Closed: Mondays to Thursdays



Tamate-bako

Address : Kudoyama 889, Kudoyama Town,
Tel.0736-54-4069
Open: 11:30 am - 10 pm
Closed: Sundays



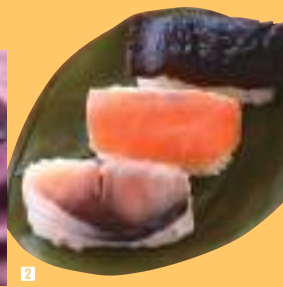
Kisetsu-no-ajidokoro, Narukami

Address : Nyugawa 706, Kudoyama Town
Tel.0736-54-2645
Open: 11 am - 4 pm
Closed: Wednesdays



In a room with many quilts hanging from the walls, you can enjoy original sweets using local fresh ingredients. Handmade bags, small items and ceramic goods are also for sale.

Buy Souvenirs and Specialties



1 Umeshita Hyakkaten / Sanada Braids, straps and ID card holders are for sale. Also, there are many commodities and ceremonial items found in the store.(Kudoyama 1447, Kudoyama Town Tel.0736-54-2059 Closed irregularly) 2 Kuwaraku / Kakinoha Sushi, sushi wrapped by persimmon leaves, are made in the old-fashioned way that avoids using preservatives. This produces a delicate taste with low-sodium. Reservation is required the day before for salmon and shitake mushroom sushi.(Kudoyama1353, Kudoyama Town Tel.0736-54-2600 Closed irregularly) 3 Sanchoku Ichiba Yottette: Local Fresh Market / The market is located at the roadside rest area "Kaki-no-sato Kudoyama Roadside Station." You can find varieties of in season fruits and vegetables and specialties of Kudoyama.(Nyugyo5-5, Kudoyama Town, Tel. 0736-54-4741 Closed: Jan.1st to 3rd) 4 Taiyo Shokuhin / Original seasoning and sauce using local materials, such as Fuyu persimmon. (Kudoyama 1669, Kudoyama Town, Tel. 0736-54-2165 Closed irregularly) 5 Maido Okini Net / Unique products using Fuyu persimmon. Highly recommend is the "Persimmon Dressing;" it has a light, delicate taste with the sweetness of persimmon in its sourness. (Shiide 857-1, Kudoyama Town Tel.0736-54-2226 Sundays & Public holidays) 6 Tanimoto Manju-do / A famous Kudoyama confection, "Kudoyama Shigure" is popular as a souvenir. Seasonal Japanese sweets are available for sale. (Kudoyama 568-3, Kudoyama Town Tel. 0736-54-2362 Closed: Wednesdays) 7 Mastumoto Shoten / Ginjo Sake "Kudoyama Sanada Shirobi" made from rice and water from Koyasan. Please taste it imagining Sanada's romantic story.(Kudoyama 1569, Kudoyama Town Tel. 0736-54-2136 Closed irregularly) 8 The roadside rest area "Kaki-no-sato Kudoyama Roadside Station" / Information on the world heritage sites and Sanada Yukimura are available at the World Heritage Information Center. Here you can find a farmers' market and bakery café. (Nyugyo 5-5, Kudoyama Town Tel. 0736-54-9966 Closed: Jan. 1st - 3rd) 9 Furusato Sanpin Chokubaisho: Hometown Local Market (for a limited time only) / Vegetables and fruits grown in Kudoyama in a rich natural environment are on sale. Local specialties are also available. Freshly picked persimmons can also be found.(Kudoyama 518-1, Kudoyama Town Tel.0736-54-4747 Open from the beginning of October to the beginning of December, open daily)

Paper-Making Experience

Kobo Daishi (Kukai) passed on the paper-making skills to the people in Kudoyama. Until recently, it was a supporting industry of Kudoyama with 100 families engaging in it. The Japanese paper passed on from generation to generation here is called "the Koya Paper," aka "the Kosawa Paper." It is thick and tough so it is used for umbrellas, sliding doors, rain capes, paper bags and lanterns. At this paper making experience course, you can make an original Koya paper in the size of post-card, Shikishi or A3 size. After finishing your yellow-colored paper, draw some pictures or write calligraphy on it to make your own artwork.



Japanese paper is made of Kozo (paper mulberry x kazinoki hybrid) and Albika (Sunset Hibiscus). Firstly combine the ingredients and then proceed to make the paper on the mold and deckle. The way you handle the mold and deckle decides the nuance of the paper.



Apply some pressure to let the water out. If you apply high pressure to it, tough paper is made. In the town, elementary school children make the paper themselves and use it as a graduation certificate. Before starting, please consider the intended purpose of your very own handmade Japanese paper.



Shiyuen

Tel. 0736-54-3484
(Paper-Making Experience: Reservation required)
Address : Jison-in 749-6, Kudoyama Town
Open: 9 am - 4:30 pm
Closed: Mondays, Tuesdays and New Year holidays
Fee: Post-card size ¥300, Shikishi size ¥300, A3 size ¥400

Experience

Strawberry Picking Experience

Jan. 10th - the beginning of May

Some strawberry brands in Kudoyama are as follows; "Beni Hoppe" which is mildly sour but has a rich taste, "Mari Hime" is big and juicy, "Sachinoka" is brightly red and stands out for its sweetness, and "Oi-C-berry" has a high sugar content and high vitamin C. Please enjoy picking and eating juicy and aromatic strawberries.



ICHIGOLAND KAPURI (reservation required)

Tel. 0736-54-3506 Address : Jison-in 1160, Kudoyama Town
Open: Jan. 10th - the beginning of May / 10 am - 5 pm (Last Entry 4 pm)
Fee: Adult (elementary school students or above) ¥1,800, Kids (4 - 5 years old) ¥1,200, 3 years old ¥500, Under 2 years old (with Adult) free.

Strawberry Firm Yuu (reservation required)

Tel. 080-6145-9398 Address : Around Kudoyama 433, Kudoyama Town
Open: Jan. 10th - the beginning of May / 10 am - 5 pm (Last Entry 4 pm)
Fee: Adult (elementary school students or above) ¥1,500, Kids: ¥1,000, Under 3 years old free

Oku Ichigo Nouen, Oku Strawberry Firm (reservation required)

Tel. 0736-54-3733 Address : Jison-in 149-3, Kudoyama Town
Open: The beginning of March - the beginning of May / 10 am - 5 pm (Last Entry 4 pm)
Fee: Adult (elementary school students or above) ¥1,500, Kids: ¥1,000, Under 3 years old free

Kudoyama Pilgrimage Map

- Eating
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Wi-Fi spot
● WAKAYAMA FREE Wi-Fi

The free Wi-Fi is available in tourist facilities, restaurants or supermarkets, etc. in Wakayama prefecture.

Specialized Pizza Restaurant with a Wood-Fired Oven, Mieux



Matsuyama Tsunejiro Memorial Hall

Politician Matsuyama Tsunejiro was born in Kudoyama and you here can find his exhibits: personal belongings and some sketches drawn by painter, Hirayama Ikuo. Tsunejiro's first daughter, Michiko, is the wife of the Japanese great painter Hirayama Ikuo. She is promoting Kudoyama across the country as its culture and tourism ambassador.

Address : Kudoyama1452, Kudoyama Town Tel.0736-54-2414
Open: 10 am - 4:30 pm (Last Entry: 4 pm)
Closed: Mondays, Tuesdays (If it falls on a public holiday, the following weekday is closed) / New Year's Holidays (Dec. 25th - Jan. 10th)
Admission: Adult ¥200 / Elementary and Junior high school students ¥100

Sanada Street Area



Sanada Burial Mound (Legend of Sanada Underground Passage)

This is a burial mound remains of the 6th century. Legend has it that this is the 'underground passage to the Osaka Castle' so Yukimura used this passage to enter the battlefield.



The Old Kayano Family House (Nun Oishi Junkyo Memorial House)

This house is a Cultural Property designated by Kudoyama. The house was built as the village-temple, Fudoin, of Koyasan Shinzoin temple; the village-temple is where priests stay during their visit to the village. This is one of few remaining historical buildings of Koyasan's village-temples. At this temple, the nun Oishi Junkyo used to stay; she left many calligraphic works and paintings here.

Address : Kudoyama1327, Kudoyama Town Tel.0736-54-2411
Open: 10 am - 4:30 pm
Closed: Mondays, Tuesdays (If it falls on a public holiday, the following weekday is closed) / New Year's Holidays (Dec. 25th - Jan. 10th)
Admission: Free



Kudoyama Ceramic Work (Kome-Kin)

This is a 2-meter-high ceramic figure made by Nanki Shohai at the beginning of the 20th century; the Taisho Period. It is an unusual size of ceramic work, even in Japan, and it is familiarly known by townsfolk as the "Komekin no Kintoki" Samurai.



Monument of Buddhist Sculptor, Nokoson

The sculptor Nokoson was born in Bizen, Okayama Prefecture, and moved to Nago in Kudoyama. He sculptured two famous statues, Tamon-ten and Zikoku-ten, for the middle gate of Koyasan. This monument is said to offer blessings for people who suffer from diseases above the neck.

Taimen-ishi, "Face-to-Face" Rock

Even after the priest Kobo Daishi (Kukai), founded a temple on Koyasan, he had a firm faith in the deity of Benzaiten. He often visited the shrine on Mt. Makio-san, in Izumi City. On the way to the shrine, when he was unable to cross the flooded Yoshino-gawa River, the Benzaiten deity appeared and gave him an oracle. This is the place where they met face-to-face so the rock is called "face-to-face rock."

World Heritage Area

Shori-ji Temple

Kobo Daishi (Kukai) enshrined the apotropaic goddess, having the power to avert evil influences or bad luck, called Yakuyoke Kannon here. This is the main entrance to the Koyasan Pilgrimage Route so it is said that many visitors heading for Koyasan came and stayed overnight. Famous "Myohen Cider" of Okuno-in on Koyasan was said to be used for the statue of Nio.

Address : Jison-in Temple749, Kudoyama Town Tel.0736-54-2214 (Jison-in Temple)

The Pilgrimage Routes

Walking plan for sites associated with Kobo Daishi.

World Heritage Pilgrimage Route time 1-2 hours

Kaki-no-sato Kudoyama Roadside Station 7min. Monument of Buddhist Sculptor, Nokoson 3min. Jison-in Temple 3min. Niukanshoku-jinja Shrine 2min. Shori-ji Temple 1min. Shiyuen 15min. Kaki-no-sato Kudoyama Roadside Station

Walking route in Kudoyama

Sanada Yukimura Pilgrimage Route time 2-3 hours

KUDOYAMA Sta. 6min. Sanada Ikoi Chaya 1min. Taimen-ishi 1min. The Old Kayano Family House 4min. Sanada Burial Mound 3min. Sanada Hermitage 2min. Kudoyama-Sanada Museum 1min. Matsuyama Tsunejiro Memorial Hall 1min. Kome-kin 10min. KUDOYAMA Sta.

Let's thoroughly explore Kudoyamakoya

World Heritage & Yukimura Pilgrimage Route time 3-4 hours

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7-hour trekking route, world heritage "Choishimichi Pilgrimage Route," from Jison-in Temple to Koyasan

Choishimichi Trekking Route time 7 hours

Jison-in Temple 80min. Ropponsugi-Cedar Trees 60min. Futatsu Torii 120min. Yatate 120min. Dai-mon Gate 10min. Konpon-Daito