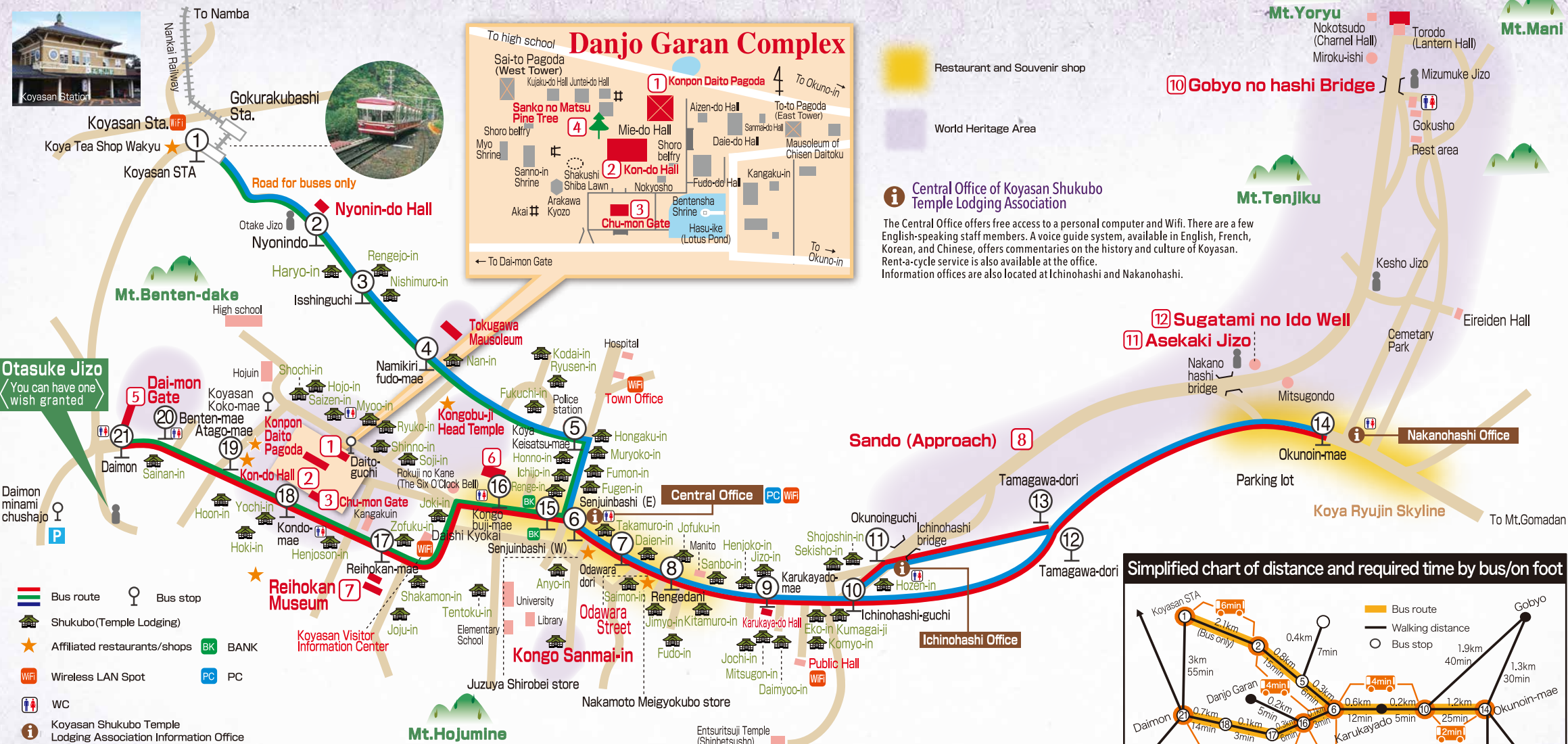


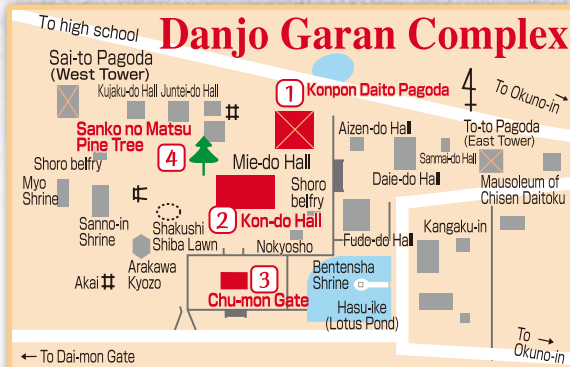
# Map of Koyasan



## Koyasan—the embodiment of the thought of Kukai

It was a solitary monk named Kukai who established this place of worship deep in the mountains for the esoteric Buddhist sect of Shingon. He travelled to China roughly 1,200 years ago to gain the highest levels of knowledge the world had to offer on esoteric Buddhism transmitted from India, as well as astronomy, geology, and civil engineering, before returning to Japan. He was a most uncommon monk, sharing his skills and stories throughout Japan. If anywhere has the most accumulated wisdom and knowledge of Kukai, it is Koyasan.

## Danjo Garan Complex



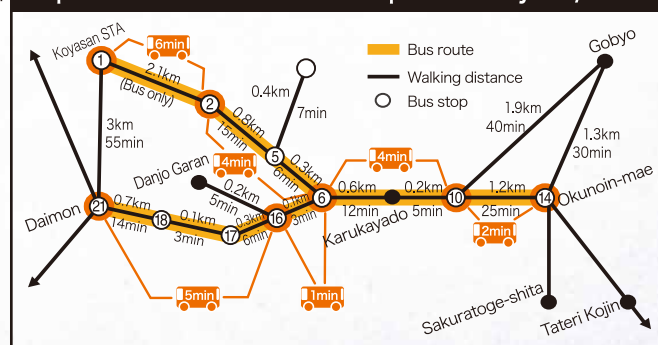
## Central Office of Koyasan Shukubo Temple Lodging Association

The Central Office offers free access to a personal computer and Wifi. There are a few English-speaking staff members. A voice guide system, available in English, French, Korean, and Chinese, offers commentaries on the history and culture of Koyasan. Rent-a-cycle service is also available at the office. Information offices are also located at Ichinohashi and Nakanohashi.

## Okuno-in



## Simplified chart of distance and required time by bus/on foot



## The Highlights of Koyasan

### Danjo Garan Complex

Danjo Garan Complex, the first place where Kukai erected a temple atop Koyasan, comprises one of the two sanctuaries of Koyasan, the other being Okuno-in.

#### ① Konpon Daito Pagoda

The present structure was rebuilt in 1937. The 48.5-meter-high tower painted in vermilion lacquer enshrines a statue of Taizokai Dainichi Nyorai and four statues of Kongokai Buddha. Together with colorful images of other deities painted on the 16 pillars and walls, these statues of Buddha comprise a mandala.

8:30am~5:00pm  
¥200

#### ② Kon-do Hall

As the main hall of the temple complex, the Kondo is used for important Buddhist ceremonies. Although the hall was originally built by Kukai in 819, it has been repeatedly destroyed. The present hall was rebuilt for the seventh time in 1932. The hall enshrines a statue of Yakushi Nyorai as a main deity.

8:30am~5:00pm  
¥200

#### ③ Chu-mon Gate

The original structure of the Chumon gate was destroyed in fire in 1843. One hundred and seventy-two years after the destruction of the original gate, in 2015, the present gate was rebuilt as part of a project to celebrate the 1200th anniversary of Koyasan.



#### ④ Sanko-no-matsu (three-leaf pine tree)

According to legend, shortly before Kukai departed for Japan from China after studying Esoteric Buddhism there, he threw a triple-forked vajra (an instrument used in rituals) toward the Japanese Archipelago in order to discover the best place to propagate Esoteric Buddhism. Since the vajra fell on Koyasan, Kukai erected a temple there. People began to worship three-leaf pine trees growing on the mountain because of the resemblance of their leaves to a triple-forked vajra. Today, many visitors take home fallen pine leaves and treasure them as good-luck charms.

#### ⑤ Dai-mon Gate

Daimon, the majestic gate of the temple complex, measures 25.1 meters high. The present structure was rebuilt in 1705. Two statues of guardian deities stand on both sides of the path.

#### ⑥ Kongobu-ji Head Temple

Kongobuji is the head temple of more than 4,000 temples of the Shingon sect of Buddhism in the world. The temple's highlights include elegant pictures on sliding doors by well-known artists, a grand kitchen, and the room where Toyotomi Hidetsugu was forced to commit suicide.

8:30am~5:00am  
Junior high school student to adult: ¥500; Elementary school student: ¥200  
\*Last entry: 30 minutes prior to closing time

#### ⑦ Reihokan Museum

This museum keeps and exhibits priceless assets of the 1200-year-old temple, including National Treasures, Important Cultural Properties, prefectural cultural properties, and documents of historical importance.

## Okuno-in



#### ⑧ Sando (Approach)

Several hundred-year-old soaring cedar trees stand along the 2-kilometer path leading from Ichinohashi Bridge to the mausoleum of Kobo Daishi (Kukai). More than 200,000 tombs for people of all classes (from common townsfolk to military commanders) have been built among the trees, their presence attesting to the deep faith in this holy mountain.

#### ⑨ KoboDaishi Gobyō Mausoleum

Upon Kukai's death, his disciples erected a mausoleum beside the Tama River with its crystal-clean water. Even today, many people visit the mausoleum to worship Kobo Daishi.

#### ⑩ Gobyō no hashi Bridge

This bridge leads visitors to the mausoleum. Before crossing the bridge and entering the "sanctuary," it is a custom for visitors to groom themselves and make a deep bow to Kukai, who is believed to be still alive in the mausoleum and offering prayers for all people across the world.

#### ⑪ Asekaki Jizo (Sweating Jizo Statue) ⑫ Sugatami no Ido (Mirror Well)

The statue of Asekaki Jizo, standing close to Gobyō-bashi Bridge, is believed to be always perspiring since it deliberately suffers all sorts of pains on behalf of all people. The Mirror Well is located adjacent to this statue. According to a legend, anyone whose reflection does not appear on the well water is destined to die within three years.



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Child: ¥420

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1Day Bus Ticket is available at Koyasan STA bus stop

## From Koyasan Eki-mae

### To Kongobu-ji Head Temple

Take bus bound for Daimon Minami Chushajo, get off at Kongobuji-mae ⑩ and walk a few minutes.

### To Danjo Garan Complex

Take bus bound for Daimon Minami Chushajo, get off at Kondo-mae ⑩ and walk a few minutes.

If the bus for Daimon Minami Chushajo is not available, take a bus bound for Okunoin-mae, get off at Senjuinbashi (E) ⑥, and walk (see the simplified chart).

### To Reihokan Museum

Take bus bound for Daimon Minami Chushajo, get off at Reihokan-mae ⑦ and walk a few minutes.

### To Dai-mon Gate

Take bus bound for Daimon Minami Chushajo, get off at Daimon ② and walk a few minutes.

### To Nyorindo and Tokugawa Family Mausoleum

Take any bus other than the express bus bound for Tateri Kojin/Gomadán-zan. Get off at Nyorindo ② to go there. To go to Tokugawa Family Mausoleum, get off at Namikiri Fudo-mae ④ and walk a few minutes.

### To Okuno-in (Gobyō)

Take a bus bound for Okunoin-mae, get off either at Okunoin-guchi ⑪ or Ichinohashi-guchi ⑫, and walk 40 minutes. You can also ride as far as Okunoin-mae ⑭ and walk 30 minutes.

### ① To Koyasan STA

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	Bound for	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Weekdays (Mon-Fri)	Kongobuji-mae																		46 48
	Okunoin-guchi	29	24	21	17	12	11	3	22	7	5	39	9	3	38	8			
	Okunoin-mae	52	48	43	39	20	19	24		33	20	35	42	26	58	19			
Weekend/holidays	Daimon Minami Chushajo					21	39	20	41	24	22	7	35	39	42	58			
	Kongobuji-mae																		46 49
	Okunoin-guchi	30	14	1	13	16	16	16	1	13	31	2	16	18	14	17			
Weekend/holidays	Okunoin-mae	27	25	22	35	35	40	50		24	43	43	55	50	49	51			
	Daimon Minami Chushajo					25	39	45	45	40	22	13	57						

## Koyasan Tour/ To Koyasan Sta.

### From Dai-mon Gate to Okuno-in

Take a bus bound for Okunoin-mae, and get off either at Okunoin-guchi ⑪ or Okunoin-mae ⑫. If a bus for Okunoin-mae is not available, take a bus bound for Koyasan Eki-mae, get off at Senjuinbashi (W) ⑬, and cross the street to Senjuinbashi (E) ⑥ to take a bus bound for Okuno-in.

### ⑭ Okunoin-mae

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	Bound for	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Weekdays (Mon-Fri)	Koyasan STA	43																	
	Daimon Minami Chushajo																		
	Okunoin-guchi																		
Weekend/holidays	Koyasan STA	46	51	37	24	15	7	11	11	5	14	22	7	14	17	14	12	12	
	Daimon Minami Chushajo			57	51	40	44	39	30	25	38	26	39	40	39	40			
	Okunoin-mae																		

### ⑥ Senjuinbashi (E)

	Bound for	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Weekdays (Mon-Fri)	Okunoin-guchi	39	2	31	27	22	3	11	18	17	6	6	19	13	8	18	2		
	Okunoin-mae		34	53	49	30	29	13	32	30	15	49	52	36	48	29			
	Koyasan STA	49	51	20	15	10	11	19	11	16	10	5	2	11	16	1	0	14	
Weekend/holidays	Okunoin-guchi	40	24	11	23	26	5	18	11	0	7	12	2	5	0	27	1		
	Okunoin-mae		37	35	32	45	17	26	13	23	27	53	26	28	24	59			
	Koyasan STA	52	57	43	3	21	13	17	17	10	2	13	20	23	20	18	18		

### ⑬ Senjuinbashi (W)

	Bound for	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Weekdays (Mon-Fri)	Koyasan STA	29																	
	Daimon Minami Chushajo																		
	Okunoin-mae																		
Weekend/holidays	Koyasan STA	35																	
	Daimon Minami Chushajo																		
	Okunoin-mae																		

### ② Daimon

	Bound for	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Weekdays (Mon-Fri)	Koyasan STA	23																	
	Okunoin-mae																		
	Okunoin-guchi																		
Weekend/holidays	Koyasan STA	29																	
	Okunoin-mae																		
	Okunoin-guchi																		

--- Bound for Sakuragoe-shita (via Ichinohashi-guchi and Okunoin-mae) --- Terminal at Okunoin-guchi --- Bound for Okunoin-mae via Ichinohashi-guchi --- Bound for Okunoin-mae via Ichinohashi-guchi --- Only on days when "Tenku Ichigo" is running (Note 1) Reservation is necessary for the buses bound for Gomadan-zan and Tateri; Contact 0736-56-2250.