



Enjoy along with your cable car trip

Map of things to see in historic Sakamoto



SAKAMOTO CABLE CAR

2025m

The longest length in Japan



Sakamoto Cable Railway



Enjoy panoramic scenery of Mt. Hiei and Lake Biwa

from the 2,025-meter route of Japan's longest cable car

Information

Route Connecting Cable Sakamoto Station with Cable Enryakuji Station (about 2.0 km) Travel time 11 min. Capacity 140 passengers

Schedule

Dates	First departure	Departure times	Last departure
March through November	8:00 AM	Every hour on the hour and at 30 past (With additional departures as passenger volume warrants)	5:30 PM
December through February	8:30 AM		5:00 PM

Group discounts

		School groups			
Group size	Normal groups	Junior high school	High school	Other	
5 to 7	School trip discount	25% off	15% off	—	
8 to 24	10% off	25% off	15% off	10% off	
25 to 99	15% off	30% off	20% off	20% off	
100 to 299	20% off	40% off	30% off	30% off	
300 or more	30% off	50% off	40% off	40% off	

*Complimentary service: For groups of 25 to 99 passengers, one passenger rides free of charge. For groups of 100 or more, one additional passenger rides free of charge for every additional 50 passengers.

Regular fares

Adults: ¥870 (one way) / ¥1,660 (round trip)
Children: ¥440 (one way) / ¥830 (round trip)

Access

- Located about 2 km from the Shigasato Ramp on the Nishi-Otsu Bypass.
- Shuttle bus service is available from Hieizan-Sakamoto Station on the JR Kosei Line (which is served by special rapid service) and from Sakamoto-hiezanguchi Station on the Keihan Ishiyama-Sakamoto Line.

Shuttle bus service

- Located 7 min. from Hieizan-Sakamoto Station on the JR Kosei Line (25 min. on foot).
 - Located 3 min. from Sakamoto-hiezanguchi Station on the Keihan Ishiyama-Sakamoto Line (about 15 min. on foot).
- Availability: No service is available on April 13 and 14 due to the Sanno-sai Festival.
Times: Twice hourly service is available from about 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Hieizan Railway Co., Ltd.

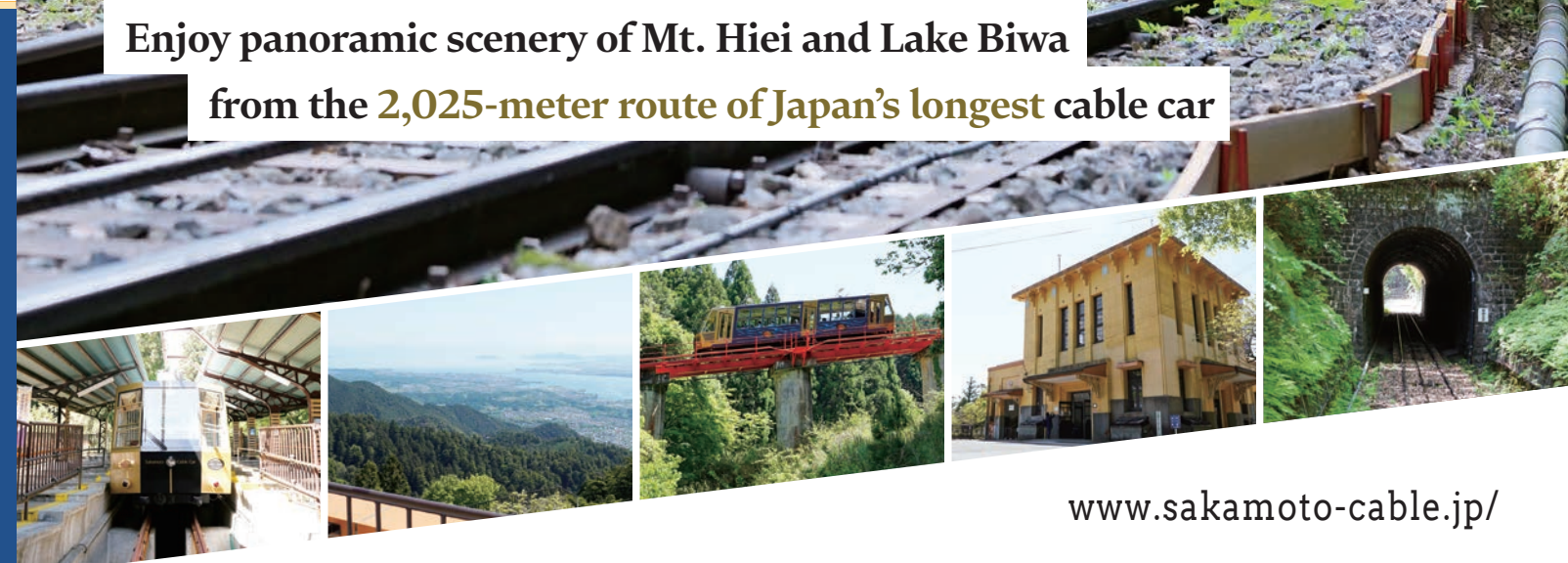
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From the station, from the railcar,
and from accessible outdoor areas,
there's plenty to photograph as you
travel via Japan's longest cable car.

▼There's even a vantage point from which
you can view cable cars in profile.

Sakamoto Cable, which opened in 1927 as Japan's longest cable car route,
travels 2,025 meters from Sakamoto to Hieizan Enryakuji in 11 minutes.
With views of Lake Biwa from the cable car's windows as it travels
through a mountain valley, views of the cable cars themselves as they
travel through the route's beautiful, mountainous setting, and Taisho-style
station buildings that are registered Tangible Cultural Properties, you'll
find plenty to photograph! Enjoy a leisurely journey by cable car as
picturesque scenery unfolds around you.

Sightseeing
destinations near
Enryaku-ji Temple

ENRYAKUJI AREA



Konpon Chudo Hall (To-do)
at Enryaku-ji Temple



Garden Museum Hiei



L'Hotel de Hiei

Check out the
view of Lake
Biwa from the
station's roof!

Cable Enryakuji Station

Housed in a two-story,
Western-style,
steel-reinforced structure,
Cable Enryakuji Station, which
like Cable Sakamoto Station
was built in 1925, features an
interior and exterior that
evoke the history of the Taisho
period. The building is
registered with the Japanese
government as a Tangible
Cultural Property, and it has
been chosen as one of the
Kinki region's 100 most
appealing stations.

Panoramic view/

Mountain Terrace

On the roof and second floor
of Cable Enryakuji Station
you'll find two Mountain
Terraces, which offer
panoramic views stretching
from the summit of Mt. Hiei to
Lake Biwa. On clear days you
can even see Chikubu Island in
the distance.



Both the Taisho-style station and the route's
cable cars look great in photos!



Motate Yama Station

Located partway up the
mountain, this intermediate
station, which features a steeply
sloped platform and lies along a trail up
Mt. Hiei, has a reputation for being
secluded and relatively unexplored. The
tomb of Ki no Tsurayuki, the Heian-period poet
who wrote the *Tosa Nikki* ("Tosa Diary") and who
admired Motateyama's picturesque landscape, is
located nearby.

The route
steepens after a
long tunnel.

Watch for both cars passing each
other as they go opposite directions!

Turnout



Since ascending and descending
cable cars share the same track,
there's an intermediate "turnout"
that lets them pass each other.
Don't miss the moment that *En-go*
and *Fuku-go* pass through the
turnout going opposite directions.

Horaioka Station

This intermediate station is located on the
Sakamoto end of the route. A number of stone
Buddha figures dug up at the time of the
station's construction can be seen here. They
are said to memorialize people who lost their
lives when Oda Nobunaga lay siege to Mt. Hiei
in the 16th century.



Stone Buddha figures
(Horaioka Jizo statues)



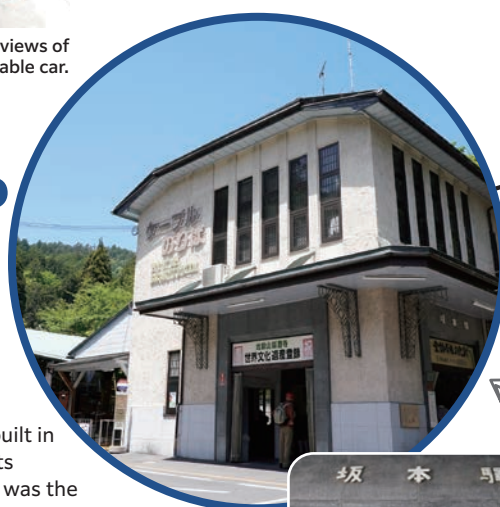
The platform offers head-on views of
the cable car.



The station's interior features
retro-style colors and a nostalgic
Taisho vibe.

Cable Sakamoto Station

Board the cable car in
Sakamoto, which flourished
in the vicinity of Enryaku-ji
Temple. The Western-style
station, which occupies a
two-story wooden building built in
1925, gained popularity for its
adoption of what at the time was the
most recent Western architecture
style. The building was registered with
the Japanese government as a
Tangible Cultural Property in 1997.



A sign bearing the
station's original
name can be seen
at the entrance.

Sightseeing destinations near Sakamoto

SAKAMOTO AREA



Hiyoshi Taisha Shrine



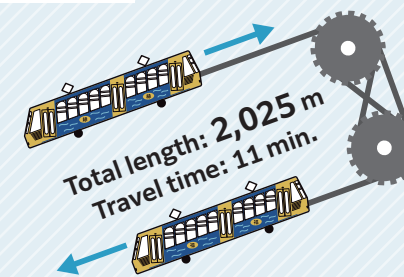
Kyu Chikurin'in Garden



Saikyo-ji Temple

How the cable cars work

Cable cars, which are staffed by
conductors rather than drivers, are
hauled up the steep slope using the
"well-bucket" method. Drivers
operate the cable cars from Cable
Enryakuji Station at the summit.
Seen from the sides, the cable cars
look like parallelograms due to the
steep slope. Both the cars and the
platforms incorporate steps to make
it easier for passengers to
accommodate the incline.



Total length: 2,025 m
Travel time: 11 min.

This hoist lies at the heart of the cable car
system. Power from the motor is
transferred to pulleys to reel in the cable.



The hoist is controlled from the operator's room.



En-go
(Car 1)

Fuku-go
(Car 2)