KEIO PLAZA HOTEL HACHIOJI NEWS

Healing Hot Springs

Keio Takaosan Onsen Gokurakuyu

Keio Takaosan Onsen Gokurakuyu is a natural hot spring at the foot of Mt. Takao, near our Keio Plaza Hotel Hachioji and is easily reached from central Tokyo. The variety of baths and water types include cypress baths that remove impurities from the skin; special themed baths that change periodically, and to suit the season; and outdoor rock baths surrounded by nature.

The restaurant's specialty is tororo soba — buckwheat noodles topped with grated mountain yam - and is one of the many delicious dishes and snacks on offer.

Body and foot massages are also available to help you relax — a perfect way to unwind after a day hiking on Mt. Takao.

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (last entry: 10:00 p.m.)

Entrance Fee

¥1,000 for adults (13 and older) ¥500 (for children)

* Prices slightly higher during peak seasons

Connected to Takaosanguchi station on the

* There is also a bus running between Takaosanguchi station and Keio-Hachioii station. where Keio Plaza Hotel Hachioii is located.

www.takaosan-onsen.in/english/



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 Fruit plate service for stays longer than seven nights

 Extra fees for the Express laundry service will be waived (for Royal members only)

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Concierge is available to help you plan the perfect trip and will make any arrangements for you that you request.

As part of our varied cultural experience options, all of our staying guests can experience the art of Japanese tea-making in our authentic tea ceremony room, Sho-fu-an. A 30-minute session, for up to four people, includes Japanese tea and sweets.

Guests can also try on traditional Japanese wedding kimono and be photographed by an optional professional photographer. Space for this truly unique experience is limited to two couples a day, so be sure to reserve your place in advance.

Additionally, koto harp recitals are held in the 3F lobby on Thursday and Sunday afternoons. And guests are able to see displays of ikebana flower arrangements four times a year, as well as take part in free ikebana workshops.

Our Premier Grand Services' Concierge arranges all details to your specifications.

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The Tokyo Sake Private Limousine Tour

Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo is now offering a chauffeured limousine tour of sake breweries in western Tokyo in collaboration with Keio Taxi Company. Up to six guests will be able to visit two of the participating three sake breweries -

Ishikawa Brewery, Tamura Brewery, and Ozawa Brewery — as well as the Kushi Kanzashi museum of traditional ornate hair combs. English-speaking drivers are available on request

Tour days: Tuesday to Sunday (one tour per day)

Cost: ¥50,000 for a car seating up to four guests; ¥55,000 for a car seating up to six guests

- * An additional ¥3,000 will be charged on Saturdays and holidays
- * For reservations and inquiries, contact the Club Lounge Concierge
- * Reservations must be made by 5:00 p.m. the day before the tour.





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• The Hina-matsuri Festival



At the ROOTS of BEAUTY

Bonsai and Japanese etiquette









Health, Luck, and Happiness

The beauty and grandeur of the Hina-matsuri festival for girls

Every year, through February and March, the Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo celebrates the Hina-matsuri festival, a time when families pray for the health and growth of their daughters. The main lobby, and other locations inside the hotel, will showcase 6,500 handmade hanging silk dolls — the largest number ever on display at the Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo — which are said to trap evil spirits and bring girls good luck. The central set of dolls represents figures from the Japanese court of the Heian period (794-1185 A.D.), including the Emperor and Empress, ladies in waiting, and musicians. Each hanging ornament has been carefully crafted and carries its own special charm. They are sure to delight

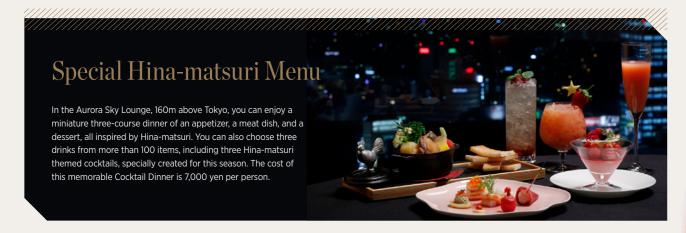
Ten of the hotel's restaurants are also doing something special for the Hina-matsuri festival, with menus offering colorful and exquisite dishes that highlight this time of year through fresh, seasonal ingredients.

everyone who sees them.











At the Roots of Beauty

Bonsai and Japanese etiquette

Like the carefully crafted miniature dolls of Hina-matsuri, the art of bonsai — where miniature potted plants are cultivated and pruned — also began in the Heian period (794–1185 A.D.). Through to the Meiji era (1868–1912 A.D.), Japanese women were introduced to bonsai as part of their learning on refinement and etiquette, which was said to help instill a sense of beauty in their souls.

Items will be on display — such as a selection of traditional pots, and paintings depicting *bonsai* from the Meiji period — that show how *bonsai* played a role in the lives of Japanese women in the past. There will also be a variety of eye-catching *bonsai* for our guests to see.



THINGS TO DO NEAR KEIO PLAZA HOTEL TOKYO

Nature as Art

Masterpieces at a *bonsai* museum

The Omiya Bonsai Art Museum in Saitama allows visitors to experience the delicacy of *bonsai* masterpieces along with a collection of *bonsai*-related artifacts, such as *bonsai* pots, miniature landscape stones, *bonsai*-related woodblock prints, and much more. For each of the four seasons, 50 selected pots

of bonsai are always on display in the garden and gallery. On the grounds around the museum is Omiya Bonsai Village where some of the bonsai are available for purchase. Staff will happily show you which plants can be taken onboard airplanes as carry-on.

Operating hours: Mar-Oct, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m & Nov-Feb, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00

Closed on Thursdays

Admission: 300 yen, Adult

Location: Five-minute walk
from Toro station on the JR
Utsunomiya line, approx. 35
minutes from Shinjuku station
www.bonsai-art-museum.jp/en/



