

# Traveling around Kumano Kodo

## Nakahechi Route by train and bus

Recommended Route



Get unlimited rides in Okayama, Takamatsu, Kinokuni, Amanohashidate, Tottori, Kishi, Shirahama and Kii-Katsura, in addition to the Kansai area!

### Kansai WIDE Area Pass

Get unlimited rides on the Sanyo Shinkansen (incl. NOZOMI and MIZUHO, between Shin-Osaka and Okayama), Limited Express and local trains (incl. Rapid and Special Rapid services) in the area with non-reserved seats (incl. Chizu Express), Kyoto Tango Railway, Wakayama Electric Railway, and West JR Bus in the area.

Valid also on Sanyo Shinkansen "NOZOMI" and "MIZUHO", "Not valid on Tokaido Shinkansen (Shin-Osaka ~ Kyoto / Malbar).

### 5-day

Purchasing abroad  
¥9,000 (Children ¥4,500)

From July 10, 2018  
Purchasing in Japan  
¥10,000 (Children ¥5,000)

"Ekinri Kun" can be used.  
Can also be used in automatic ticket gates.

Use a manned ticket gate where an automatic ticket gate is unavailable.

MCO exchange and ticket sales counters in Japan and ticket booking counters overseas.  
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Ticket sales counters in Japan.  
Stations where Rail-to-cycle "Ekinri Kun" is available.

### 5-day

Purchasing abroad  
¥11,000 (Children ¥5,500)

Purchasing in Japan  
¥12,000 (Children ¥6,000)

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MCO exchange and ticket sales counters in Japan. Tickets are also exchanged and sold in the Takai area and Kyoto Station. Visit the website for details.  
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Stations where Rail-to-cycle "Ekinri Kun" is available.

JR-WEST's website offers a lot of useful travel information!  
"How to use JR-WEST", which gives details on how to use the railways, and "Train Operation Status" are also available!  
<https://www.westjr.co.jp/global/en/ticket/>

\* Due to consumption tax reforms fares are scheduled to be revised in October 2019.

### Koyasan and Kumano Sanzan Discovery by Bus

World Heritage  
Koyasan and Kumano Access Bus

(Route Bus)  
4 round trips on weekdays (AM)/  
2 round trips on Saturdays and Sundays (PM)  
<https://en.visitwakayama.jp/good-to-know/koyasan-kumano-bus/>

- Tokeido, Sanyo Shinkansen Line
- JR Line
- Nankai Koya Line
- Meiko Bus
- Ryujin Bus
- Kumano Kotsu
- Nara Kotsu
- Pilgrimage Route Bus

### Express Kuroshio

A beautiful ocean spreads outside the window of this train that runs along the coastline.

### Recommended Route

**The Day Before**  
Osaka · Kyoto  
Express Kuroshio  
3 hrs from Kyoto Sta.  
2 hr 20 mins from Shin-Osaka Sta.

**Kii-Tanabe Sta.**  
Stay in Tanabe

**The 1st Day**  
Kii-Tanabe Sta.  
1 55 mins by bus  
Gyuba-doji-guchi  
2 0.5 hr on foot (1.3km)  
Chikatsuyu-oji  
3 30 mins to 40 mins by bus  
Stay in Kumano Hongu Onsen Area  
(Yunomine Onsen · Watarase Onsen · Kawaya Onsen)

**Shirarahama Beach**  
The seaside resort of Shirahama is known for its sparkling white sand and frequently tops the list of the Kansai region's best beaches.

**The 2nd day**  
Kumano Hongu Onsen Area (AM)  
4 20 mins to 30 mins by bus  
Hosshinmon-oji  
5 2 hr 30 mins on foot (7km)  
Kumano Hongu Taisha (PM)  
6 From Hongu Taisha-mae to Michi-no-Eki Kumanogawa 20 mins by bus  
Kumano-gawa River Boat Tour  
7 90 mins by traditional boat  
Kumano Hayatama Taisha · Kamikura-jinja  
8 From Shingu Sta. to Kii-Katsura Sta. 20 mins by train  
From Shingu Sta. to Kii-Katsura Sta. 35 mins by bus  
Stay in Katsura Onsen

**The 3rd day**  
Kii-Katsura Sta. (AM)  
9 From Kii-Katsura Sta. to Daimonzaka 20 mins by bus  
Daimonzaka, Kumano Nachi Taisha, Seiganto-ji, Nachi Waterfall  
10 From Nachi-no-Taki-mae to Kii-Katsura Sta. 25 mins by bus  
Kii-Katsura Sta. (PM)  
Express Kuroshio  
4 hrs to Shin-Osaka Sta.  
4 hr 40 mins to Kyoto Sta.  
Osaka · Kyoto  
\* You can stop over at Shirahama Onsen and Wakayama City.  
Express Wide View Nanki  
2 hr 50 mins to Iseishi Sta.  
\* Transfer at Taki Sta. for Iseishi Sta.

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# KUMANO

## The Spiritual Heart of Japan

The Japanese have worshipped nature in its most magnificent forms since the annals of the country's history. In Wakayama's mountains and along the coast, you will find waterfalls, ancient trees and even giant rocks that embody deities. The stunning abundance of nature makes Wakayama one of Japan's most spiritual destinations.

### Kumano Hongu Taisha Grand Shrine

This shrine, with its beautiful sweeping cypress bark roofs, is one of the three main shrines of the Kumano faith. The entrance is up a long flight of stone steps flanked by ancient cedar and cypress trees. The main shrine building is an architectural masterpiece, and there is a treasure hall you can enter for a small fee.

**Hosshinmon-oji**  
This is where you enter into 'the divine precincts of the Kumano Hongu Taisha'.

**Takijiri-oji**  
Once said to be the entrance to the window of this train that runs along the coastline.

**Gyuba-doji Statue**  
Popular as the symbol of the Kumano Kodo Nakahechi, it is said to resemble the Hanayama Pope travelling.

**Nachi Waterfall & Three-storied Pagoda**  
With a cascade of 133 metres, Nachi Waterfall is the highest waterfall in Japan and has been a site of worship since ancient times.

**Hashigui-iwa Rock**

**Legend:**  
Train, Bus, Walk, Boat

### Kumano Nachi Taisha Grand Shrine

One of the three great Kumano shrines, this Shinto shrine's religious roots are in the ancient worship of Nachi Waterfall. Between the shrine and neighbouring Seiganto-ji Temple is an 850-year-old camphor tree believed to be home to another deity. Visitors can pass through a hollow section of the trunk and pray at the small altar inside.

### Kumano Hayatama Taisha Grand Shrine

Together with Hongu Taisha and Nachi Taisha, Hayatama Taisha is one of the three great Kumano shrines. According to tradition, pilgrims would sail down the Kumano-gawa river to this shrine after visiting Hongu Taisha. Compared to the latter, the grounds here feel more open and spacious, and the buildings are painted a striking vermilion. The onsite treasure hall has an impressive collection of invaluable art and artifacts.

### Nachisan Seiganto-ji Temple

Seiganto-ji with its picture-perfect pagoda is thought to have been founded in the early 5th century by a priest from India. It is closely tied to Kumano Nachi Taisha Grand Shrine and for a long time the two functioned as one religious institution. The precincts of the temple have magnificent views of Nachi Waterfall, and it is even possible to see the Pacific off to the south.

### Oyunohara

Until a flood in 1889, this is where Kumano Hongu Taisha stood. The world's largest Torii gate still remains.

### Kumano-gawa River Boat Tour

Ride in a rustic wooden boat down the river to Kumano Hayatama Taisha, part of the pilgrimage route connecting the three great Kumano shrines.

### Tsuboyu Onsen

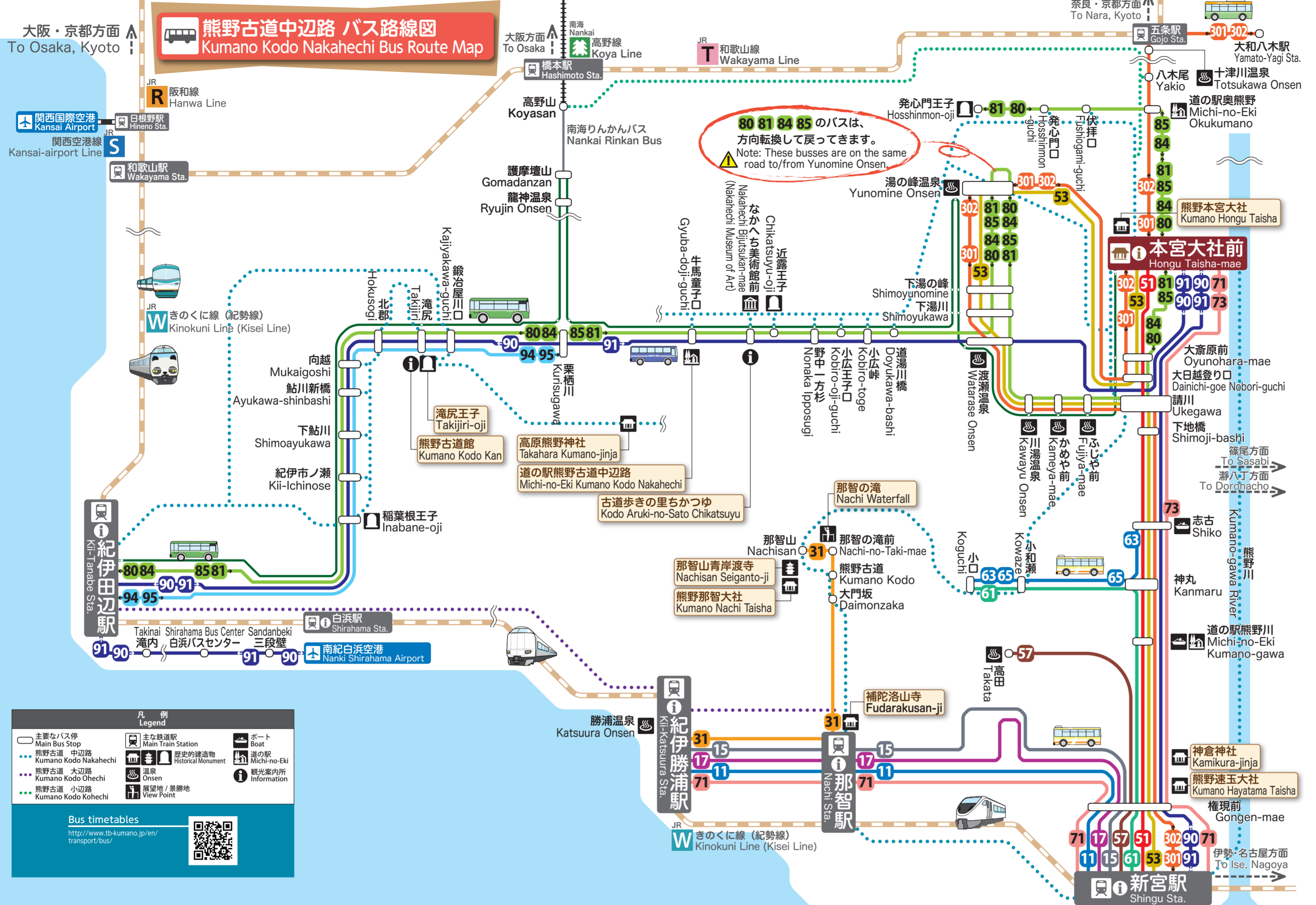
A tiny bath in Yunomine said to have healing properties and water that chan. This unusual onsen is a registered world Heritage site.

### Katsura Onsen

Katsura has more than 100 onsen sources. The open-air baths in the area have fantastic sea views.

**Hashigui-iwa Rock**  
'Hashi' means bridge, and as legend has it, a revered monk attempted to build a bridge from the mainland to Oshima island.

Scale: 1:230,000



大阪・京都方面 To Osaka, Kyoto

熊野古道中辺路 バス路線図 Kumano Kodo Nakahechi Bus Route Map

**凡例 Legend**

- 主要なバス停 Main Bus Stop
- 熊野古道 中辺路 Kumano Kodo Nakahechi
- 熊野古道 大辺路 Kumano Kodo Ohechi
- 熊野古道 小辺路 Kumano Kodo Kohechi
- 主な鉄道駅 Main Train Station
- 熊野古道 中辺路 歴史建造物 Historical Monument
- 熊野古道 大辺路 湯泉 Onsen
- 熊野古道 小辺路 展望地/景勝地 View Point
- ボート Boat
- 道の駅 Michi-no-Eki
- 観光案内所 Information

**Bus timetables**  
<http://www.tb-kumano.jp/en/transport/bus/>

- ### Main Bus Routes
- Kii-Tanabe Sta. → Takijiri ¥960**  
2 81・85・91・95 / 40 mins / runs 13 times a day
  - Kii-Tanabe Sta. → Yunomine Onsen ¥1,940**  
2 81・85 / 100 mins / runs 5 times a day
  - Kii-Tanabe Sta. → Hongu Taisha-mae ¥2,060**  
2 91 / 90 mins / runs 2 times a day  
2 81・85 / 115 mins / runs 5 times a day (via Yunomine Onsen)
  - Hongu Taisha-mae → Yunomine Onsen ¥300**  
1 53・301 / 10 mins / runs 5 times a day  
2 80・84 / 15 mins / runs 5 times a day
  - Hongu Taisha-mae → Hosshinmon-oji ¥460**  
3 81 / 15 mins / runs 7 times a day \*Winter: runs 5 times a day
  - Hongu Taisha-mae → Shingu Sta. ¥1,540**  
1 71・91 / 50 mins / runs 3 times a day  
1 51 / 60 mins / runs 6 times a day  
1 53・301 / 80 mins / runs 5 times a day (via Yunomine Onsen)
  - Shingu Sta. → Hongu Taisha-mae ¥1,540**  
2 51 / 60 mins / runs 6 times a day  
2 53 / 80 mins / runs 2 times a day (via Yunomine Onsen)  
5 71・90 / 50 mins / runs 3 times a day  
5 302 / 80 mins / runs 3 times a day (via Yunomine Onsen)
  - Shingu Sta. → Nachi Sta. → Kii-Katsuura Sta. ¥620**  
1 11・15・17 / 40 mins / runs 28 times a day  
5 71 / 30 mins / runs once a day
  - Nachi Sta. → Nachisan ¥480**  
1 31 / 17 mins / runs 15 times a day
- \*Due to consumption tax reforms fares are scheduled to be revised in October 2019.  
 \*Approximate time required.

路線名 Line	起点 Origin	終点 Destination	経由地 Via	系統番号 Route Number
<b>◇紀伊田辺駅～本宮大社前、高野山方面【龍神自動車】</b> Kii-Tanabe Sta. ~ Hongu Taisha-mae for Koyasan [Ryujin Bus]				
熊野本宮線 Kumano Hongu Line	発心門王子 Hosshinmon-oji	紀伊田辺駅(紀南病院) Kii-Tanabe Sta. (Kinan Byoin)	滝尻、栗栖川、湯の峰温泉、渡瀬温泉、川瀧温泉、本宮大社前	80
	紀伊田辺駅(紀南病院) Kii-Tanabe Sta. (Kinan Byoin)	発心門王子 Hosshinmon-oji	Takijiri, Kurisugawa, Yunomine Onsen, Watarase Onsen, Kawayu Onsen, Hongu Taisha-mae	81
	道の駅熊野 Michi-no-Eki Okukumano	紀伊田辺駅(紀南病院) Kii-Tanabe Sta. (Kinan Byoin)	滝尻、栗栖川、湯の峰温泉、渡瀬温泉、川瀧温泉、本宮大社前	84
	紀伊田辺駅(紀南病院) Kii-Tanabe Sta. (Kinan Byoin)	道の駅熊野 Michi-no-Eki Okukumano	Takijiri, Kurisugawa, Yunomine Onsen, Watarase Onsen, Kawayu Onsen, Hongu Taisha-mae	85
聖地巡礼バス Koyasan & Kumano Access Bus	紀伊田辺駅 Kii-Tanabe Sta.	高野山 Koyasan	本宮大社前 Hongu Taisha-mae	乗降は全て予約制 Reservation only
<b>◇白浜温泉・紀伊田辺駅～本宮大社前～新宮駅【明光バス】</b> Shirahama Onsen, Kii-Tanabe Sta. ~ Hongu Taisha-mae ~ Shingu Sta. [Meiko Bus]				
快速熊野古道号 Rapid (Kumano Kodo)	新宮駅 Shingu Sta.	白浜空港 Shirahama Airport	白浜温泉(三段壁)、滝内、紀伊田辺駅、滝尻、栗栖川、渡瀬温泉、本宮大社前	90
	白浜空港 Shirahama Airport	新宮駅 Shingu Sta.	Shirahama Onsen (Sandanbeki), Takinai, Kii-Tanabe Sta., Takijiri, Kurisugawa, Watarase Onsen, Hongu Taisha-mae	91
熊野線 Kumano Line	栗栖川 Kurisugawa	紀伊田辺駅 Kii-Tanabe Sta.	滝尻 Takijiri	94
	紀伊田辺駅 Kii-Tanabe Sta.	栗栖川 Kurisugawa	Takijiri	95
<b>◇新宮駅～本宮大社前、十津川温泉方面【奈良交通】</b> Shingu Sta. ~ Hongu Taisha-mae for Totsukawa Onsen [Nara Kotsu]				
八木新宮線 Yagi Shingu Line	大和八木駅 Yamato-Yagi Sta.	新宮駅 Shingu Sta.	五条駅、本宮大社前、湯の峰温泉、渡瀬温泉、川瀧温泉	301
	新宮駅 Shingu Sta.	大和八木駅 Yamato-Yagi Sta.	Gojo Sta., Hongu Taisha-mae, Yunomine Onsen, Watarase Onsen, Kawayu Onsen	302
<b>◇新宮駅～本宮大社前、小口・高田方面【熊野交通】</b> Shingu Sta. ~ Hongu Taisha-mae for Koguchi, Takata [Kumano Kotsu]				
川丈線 Kawatate Line	新宮駅 Shingu Sta.	本宮大社前 Hongu Taisha-mae	神丸、志古、講川、講川橋(R168直通)、Kanmaru, Shiko, Ukegawa, Ukegawakaki (R168 Direct)	51
	新宮駅 Shingu Sta.	高田 Takata	神丸、志古、講川、川瀧温泉、湯の峰温泉、Kanmaru, Shiko, Ukegawa, Kawayu Onsen, Watarase Onsen, Yunomine Onsen	53
高田線 Takata Line	新宮駅 Shingu Sta.	高田 Takata	相賀口、相賀 Oga-guchi, Oga	57
	新宮小口線 Shingu Koguchi Line	新宮駅 Shingu Sta.	小口 Koguchi	相賀口、神丸、小和瀬 Oga-guchi, Kanmaru, Kowaze
小口線 Koguchi Line	神丸 Kanmaru	小口 Koguchi	神丸、小和瀬 Kanmaru, Kowaze	63
			小和瀬 Kowaze	65
特急勝浦本宮線 (湯峡連絡) Limited express (Katsura Hongu) (Connect to Dorohicho)	紀伊勝浦駅 Kii-Katsuura Sta.	本宮大社前 Hongu Taisha-mae	那智駅、新宮駅、権現前、志古、講川 Nachi Sta., Shingu Sta., Gongen-mae, Shiko, Ukegawa	71
新宮線 Shinkatsu Line	新宮駅 Shingu Sta.	紀伊勝浦駅 Kii-Katsuura Sta.	黒瀬公園前 Kuroshio Koen-mae	11
那智山線 Nachisan Line	紀伊勝浦駅 Kii-Katsuura Sta.	那智山 Nachisan	市立医療センター、木の川 Shiritsu Iryo Center (Medical Center), Kinokawa	15
			新野高等学校、上地 Shinryo Koko-mae, Kamiji	17
那智山線 Nachisan Line	紀伊勝浦駅 Kii-Katsuura Sta.	那智山 Nachisan	那智駅、大門坂 Nachi Sta., Daimonzaka	31

### バスの乗降方法 How To Ride

#### 乗る Getting on

- 一列に並び Form a line. バス停では一列に並んでお待ちください。 Please form a line when waiting at the bus stop.
- 系統番号と行き先を確認する Check the bus No. and destination. バス前面および側面の系統番号と行き先を確認し、ご乗車ください。 Please check the bus No. destination signs on front and side of the bus.
- 後方乗車の場合、降車は前扉 When getting on from the rear, get off from the front as well. 前扉からお乗りください。 Please get on from the rear.
- 整理券を取る Take a numbered ticket. ※ICカードを読取機にタッチ (奈良交通のみ利用可能) Only available 301, 302 (Nara Kotsu) ※お釣り1円はでない (両替は1,000円以下に限る) Please put the cash and your numbered ticket into the fare box. Please note that no change will be made with the fare box, so be sure to change beforehand if necessary. (Cash up to 1,000-yen bills can be changed into coins.)

#### 降りる Getting off

- 降車ボタンを押す Push the get-off button. 車内放送で降車/バス停の案内の後、お近くの降車ボタンを押してください。 When your stop is announced in the bus, please push the get-off button nearby.
- 運賃を確認する Check the fare. 整理券番号と運賃表示機に書いてある番号が一致する運賃をお支払いください。 To determine your fare, please check the number on the ticket, and look for the fare for that number on the fare display screen.
- 運賃を支払う Pay the fare. 現金と整理券 Cash and your numbered ticket ※ICカードを読取機にタッチ (奈良交通のみ利用可能) Only available 301, 302 (Nara Kotsu) ※お釣り1円はでない (両替は1,000円以下に限る) Please put the cash and your numbered ticket into the fare box. Please note that no change will be made with the fare box, so be sure to change beforehand if necessary. (Cash up to 1,000-yen bills can be changed into coins.)

### JR 紀伊田辺駅 JR Kii-Tanabe Station

紀伊田辺駅 Kii-Tanabe Sta. 観光案内所 Tourist Information Center

- 80 84 紀南病院 (Kinan Hospital) 南部駅 方面 for Minabe Sta.
- 81 85 湯の峰温泉、高野山、Koyasan 方面 for Ryujin Onsen, Koyasan (Transfer at Gomadanzan)
- 90 白浜温泉(三段壁)、白浜空港 方面 for Shirahama Onsen (Sandanbeki), Shirahama Airport
- 5 71 新宮駅 方面 for Shingu Sta.
- 30 文島、上富田庁舎、富田橋 方面 for Shirahama Onsen (Sandanbeki)

### 本宮大社前 Hongu Taisha-mae

熊野本宮大社 Kumano Hongu Taisha

- 51 53 301 91 新宮駅 方面 for Shingu Sta.
- 80 84 紀伊田辺駅(紀南病院) 方面 for Kii-Tanabe Sta. (Kinan Byoin)
- 81 発心門王子 方面 for Hosshinmon-oji
- 302 大和八木駅 方面 for Yamato-Yagi Sta.

### JR 新宮駅 JR Shingu Station

新宮駅 Shingu Sta. 観光案内所 Tourist Information Center

- 11 15 17 紀伊勝浦駅 方面 for Kii-Katsuura Sta.
- 51 53 本宮大社前 方面 for Hongu Taisha-mae
- 57 高田 方面 for Takata
- 61 小口 方面 for Koguchi
- 71 本宮大社前 方面 for Hongu Taisha-mae
- 90 白浜温泉(三段壁)、白浜空港 方面 for Shirahama Onsen (Sandanbeki), Shirahama Airport