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Bus Information for *Shuni-e* Ceremony site

The term of "Otaimatsu"

Mar.1th,2017(Wed.)~11th(Sat.)	19:00
12th(Sun.)	19:30
13th(Mon.)	19:00
14th(Tue.)	18:30

Site

Todaiji Temple Nigatsu-do Hall



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Shuni-e (Otaimatsu)

Known as "Omizutori" or "Otaimatsu", this ceremony is observed to usher in the spring of the new year. The name "Omizutori" comes from the fact that the monks draw water from the well and offer it first to Buddhist deities on the midnight of 12th. The origin of "Otaimatsu" dates back to the days when torches were used for illumination when monks were led to Nigatsu-do Hall. The ritual to show repentance to the eleven-faced Goddess of Mercy has been held since 752. During the ceremony, people pray until midnight for world peace and happiness after kindling "Otaimatsu" at the ring of the bell.

- ※ On March 12th, admissions are scheduled to be limited due to congestion. In addition, traffic restriction is imposed on the same day. Visitors are advised not to use a car.
- ※ Even on days other than March 12th, visitors might not be able to go near "Nigatsu-do Hall" according to police instructions depending on congestion on Saturday and Sunday.

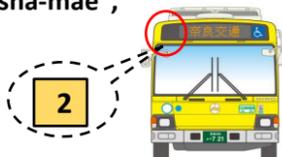
Access for the site

Take a yellow Nara City Loop Line Bus(Clockwise②)from JR Nara Sta. or Kintetsu Nara Sta. Get off at "Todaiji-Daibutsuden/Kasugataisha-mae", close to the bus stop.
(Fare : one-way 210 yen(adult)/110 yen(child))
Runs every 10min.

Required riding time

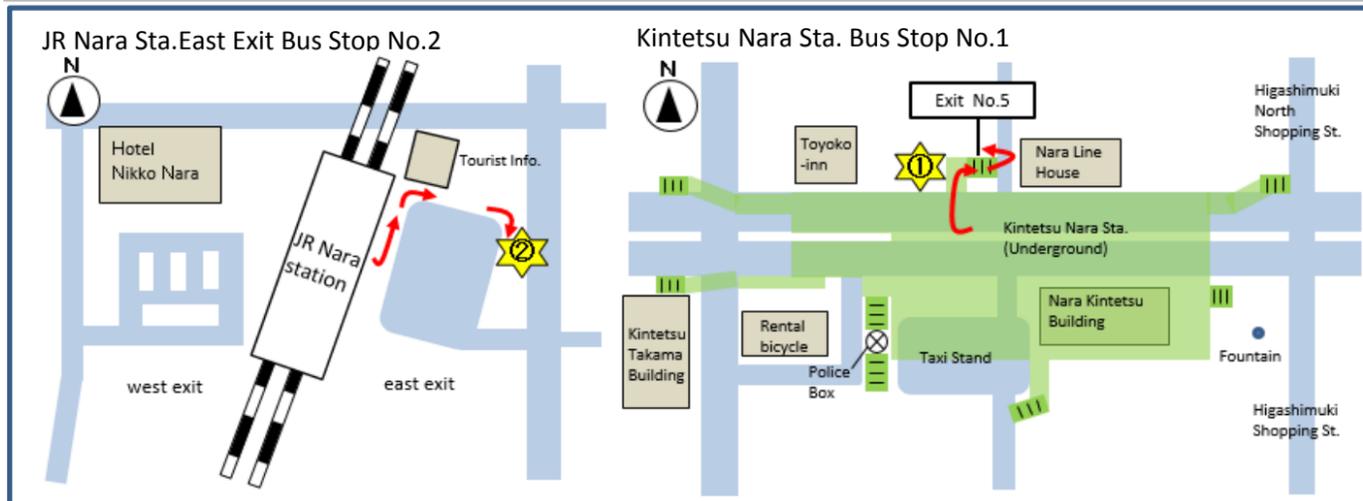
- JR Nara Sta.
→Todaiji-Daibutsuden/Kasugataisha-mae 10min.
- Kintetsu Nara Sta.
→Todaiji-Daibutsuden/Kasugataisha-mae 5min.

※Please note that buses may be delayed due to the traffic conditions.

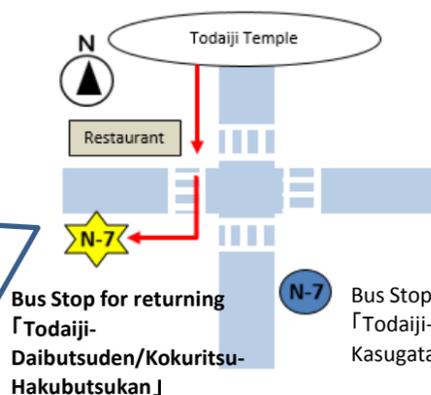


Bus Stop(JR Nara Sta. or Kintetsu Nara Sta. →Todaiji-Daibutsuden/Kasugataisha-mae)

How to take the bus



Bus Stop(Todaiji-Daibutsuden/Kokuritsu-Hakubutsukan → JR Nara Sta. or Kintetsu Nara Sta.)



Please take a bus from Todaiji temple to JR Nara Sta. or Kintetsu Nara Sta.

- ※Runs every 10min.
- ※All buses will stop at Kintetsu Nara and JR Nara station from the bus stop "Todaiji-Daibutsuden/Kokuritsu-Hakubutsukan".

