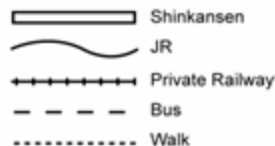




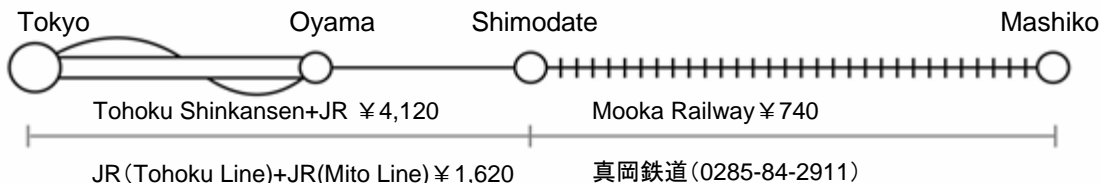
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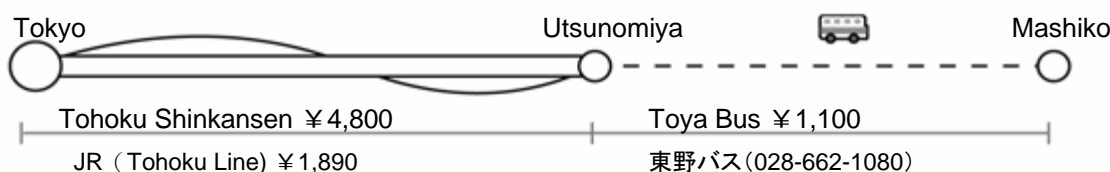


How to get to Mashiko from Tokyo

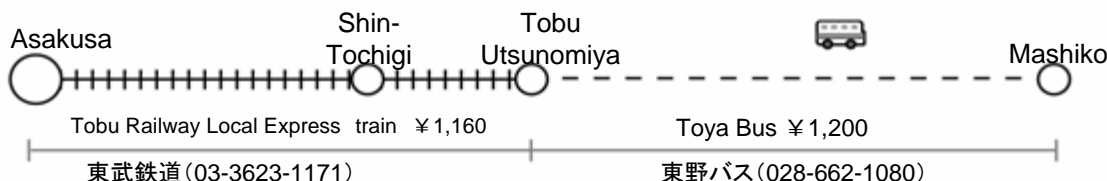
1 By JR+Mooka Railway



2 By JR+Toya Bus



3 By Tobu Railway+Toya Bus



JR Schedule (Times are subject to change)

Train	Time required	Seats	Departure times	
			From Tokyo	From Utsunomiya
Tohoku Shinkansen	45-50 min.	Reserved & non-reserved	Every 10-30 min. (between 6:04 and 22:46)	Every 15-30 min. (between 6:25 and 22:53)
Limited Express	1 hr. 30 min.	Reserved & non-reserved	17:41 (from Shinjuku) 16:20, 16:50, 17:18, 19:03 (from Ueno)	7:21, 8:36 (to Shinjuku)
Rapid Train	1 hr. 30 min.	Non-reserved	Every 10-30 min (from Ueno) (between 6:53 and 22:20)	Every 30-60 min. (between 7:21 and 21:16)

Toya Bus Schedule (1 hour / ¥1,100) (Times are subject to change)

Tobu Utsunomiya Sta. to Mashiko Sta.	Mashiko Sta. to Tobu Utsunomiya Sta.
※7:00 8:12 9:22 10:12 11:02 11:52 □12:45 13:37 □14:22 15:02 15:47 16:17 △16:57 17:32 △17:55 18:27 19:00 20:30 ※21:40	※6:05 6:20 □6:45 ※7:00 □7:20 7:40 8:30 9:25 10:30 11:30 12:35 13:35 14:35 △15:15 15:40 □16:20 17:15 18:00 ※19:05

□ NOT operated on Sat.

※NOT operated on Sun. & national holidays

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To Visit the Pottery Kilns

¥1,100

JR Utsunomiya / Tobu Utsunomiya Miyanohashi Uchimachi

Get off at Uchimachi Bus Stop.

*When you come from JR Utsunomiya Sta., It's easier to catch the bus at Miyanohashi Bus Stop which is about 4-min walk away from the station. (or 5 min. by bus from Tobu Utsunomiya Sta.)

One way fare from Miyanohashi to Uchimachi or Mashiko is 1,100Yen.

HOW TO GET AROUND

Mashiko is famous for Mashiko-yaki(Mashiko Potteries) and pottery kilns are located all over the town. When you are coming from Utsunomiya, Uchimachi Bus Stop is the most convenient place to start your trip.

ACCOMMODATIONS

There are more than 10 inns, but no western-style hotels.

Ryokan

New Mashiko Onsen Hotel (ニュー益子温泉ホテル) ¥8,000(1 room/2 persons)~ ¥11,150(1 room/1 person)~	Tel: (0285)72-7011 (Simple English spoken)
Rate: per person per night including dinner and breakfast	

Minshuku

Yamaji ¥5,500 & up	Tel: (0285)72-2525 (English not spoken)
Furusato(ふるさと) ¥6,825 & up	Tel: (0285)72-3156 (English not spoken)
Rate: per person per night including dinner and breakfast	

For further information, please contact:

*Tourism Section of Mashiko Town Office, Tel: 0285-72-2111 (English not available)

*Mashiko Tourist Information, Tel: 0285-70-1120 (A little English spoken)

WHAT TO SEE

VISITS TO POTTERY KILNS: There are 300 pottery kilns in the town. At such kilns as TSUKAMOTO KILN(つかもと) and MASHIKOYAKI KYOHAN CENTER, you can observe the whole process of pottery making and participate in the pottery making classes.

TSUKAMOTO KILN(つかもと製陶所)

■Tel: (0285)72-5151 or (0285)72-3223 (Reservation number, little English spoken)

■Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. (enter by 4 p.m.)

■Closed on Thur. & every other Wed. only for visiting Factory

■Classes (hand-wheels, Reservation is required.): ¥1,050 + price of work (¥720~) + carriage

In case of individual visitor, it's not necessary to make a reservation for just painting or kneading clay by hand.

It takes about 2 months to bake the pottery.

MASHIKOYAKI KYOHAN CENTER(益子焼共販センター)

Wholesale and retail of potteries from 270 kilns in the town.

Well-known pottery fairs are held here in May and Nov.

■Tel: (0285)72-4444

■Open daily from 9:00a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

■Classes: ¥1,050(1 hr) / ¥1,580(2 hrs.) / ¥2,100(half a day) / ¥3,150(one day)
+ price of work (¥740~) + carriage for a course.

Reservation is required.

It takes about 2 months to bake the pottery.

Overseas mailing service is not available.

MASHIKOYAKI SANKOKAN(益子参考館)

A museum which has about 30 pieces by Shoji Hamada, a ceramist who is a living national treasure, and many other arts & crafts works. The studio is open to the public.

■Tel: (0285)72-5300

■Admission: ¥800

■9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (enter by 4:30)

■Closed on Mon. New Year Season and during Feb.

Access: About 15 min. walk from Mashiko-Chugakkomae Bus Stop which is one stop prior to Uchimachi Bus Stop.



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