# With Side Trips to Mount Fuji: Full Color Travel Guide to Japan's Most Iconic Mountain and Surrounding Area

Mount Fuji is Japan's most iconic mountain and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a popular destination for both domestic and international tourists, and there are many ways to enjoy the mountain, from hiking to skiing to simply taking in the views. This travel guide will provide you with all the information you need to plan your trip to Mount Fuji, including side trips to Hakone, Kawaguchiko, and more.

#### **Getting to Mount Fuji**

There are several ways to get to Mount Fuji, including by train, bus, or car. The most popular way to get to the mountain is by train, and there are several direct trains that run from Tokyo to the Fuji Five Lakes area. The train ride takes about 2 hours and 30 minutes.



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If you are coming from Osaka, you can take the Tokaido Shinkansen to Mishima Station, and then transfer to a local train to the Fuji Five Lakes area. The total travel time is about 3 hours and 30 minutes.

If you are coming from Nagoya, you can take the Tokaido Shinkansen to Shizuoka Station, and then transfer to a local train to the Fuji Five Lakes area. The total travel time is about 2 hours and 30 minutes.

If you are driving to Mount Fuji, there are several highways that you can take. The most popular route is to take the Chuo Expressway to the Fuji Five Lakes area. The drive takes about 2 hours from Tokyo.

#### Where to Stay

There are a variety of hotels and guesthouses located in the Fuji Five Lakes area. If you are looking for a luxurious experience, you can stay at one of the many resorts that are located around Lake Kawaguchiko. If you are on a budget, there are several guesthouses and hostels that offer affordable accommodations.

#### What to Do

There are many things to do in the Mount Fuji area, including hiking, skiing, and taking in the views. If you are looking for a challenging hike, you can climb to the summit of Mount Fuji. The climb takes about 8 hours to complete, and it is important to be prepared for the altitude and the weather conditions.

If you are not up for a hike, there are several other ways to enjoy the mountain. You can take a cable car or a bus to the summit, or you can

simply relax and take in the views from one of the many viewpoints that are

located around the mountain.

In addition to hiking and sightseeing, there are several other activities that

you can enjoy in the Mount Fuji area. You can visit the Hakone Open-Air

Museum, which features a collection of sculptures and other works of art.

You can also visit the Oshino Hakkai, which is a group of eight springs that

are said to have healing powers.

**Side Trips** 

If you have time, there are several side trips that you can take from the

Mount Fuji area. You can visit the historic town of Hakone, which is home to

a number of hot springs and museums. You can also visit the Fuji Five

Lakes, which are a group of five lakes that are located at the base of Mount

Fuji.

If you are interested in hiking, you can hike to the summit of Mount Takao,

which is a popular hiking destination that is located just outside of Tokyo.

You can also hike to the summit of Mount Mitsutoge, which is a mountain

that is located near Lake Kawaguchiko.

Mount Fuji is a must-see destination for any visitor to Japan. With its

stunning scenery and variety of activities, there is something for everyone

to enjoy. Whether you are looking for a challenging hike or a relaxing

getaway, Mount Fuji is the perfect place to visit.

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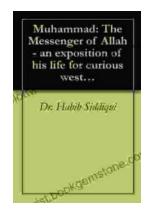
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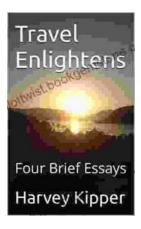
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