



JAPAN

HAKONE

the other side
of the Rising Sun

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ONSEN IS THE JAPANESE WORD FOR HOT SPRING, AND INDICATES ALSO THE BATHING FACILITIES AROUND THE SPRING ITSELF. *ONSEN* HAVE BEEN FREQUENTED AND LOVED FROM CENTURIES AND, DUE TO ITS VOLCANIC ORIGIN, THE TERRITORY COUNTS A LOT OF THEM. JAPANESE PEOPLE ARE USED TO ENTER AN *ONSEN* NAKED, AS A WAY TO SHOW THEMSELVES TO OTHERS READY TO RELAX AND 'WITH NOTHING TO HIDE'.

WHEN IT COMES TO NAME THE BEST *ONSEN* RESORTS, *HAKONE* IS ALWAYS PRESENT. ITS LOCATION NEAR TOKYO, THE WONDERFUL VIEWS ON MOUNT FUJI, THE GEYSERS, THE LAKE AND THE TEMPLES, THE MUSEUMS AND THE SEVERAL PROMENADES ALONG OLD IMPERIAL ROADS MAKE *HAKONE* A FAVOURITE DESTINATION TO SPEND A FEW DAYS IN RELAX, CLEANSING BODY AND SPIRIT WHILE BATHING IN THERMAL WATER.

THE RED TORII ON THE ASHI LAKE, SIGNING
THE ENTRANCE OF THE HAKONE JINJA SHRINE







THE BATH TUB IN A ROOM OF THE
PUBLIC THERMAL BATHS IN HAKONE





A BLOOMING PLUM TREE IN A COURTYARD OF THE ONSEN GORA KADAN



MORNING MIST IN THE TOGENDAI VALLEY



INSIDE THE OLD AMAZAKE CHAYA TEA
HOUSE, ALONG THE OLD TOKAIDO HIGHWAY



THE HOT SPRINGS OF AWAKUDANI, SO HOT
YOU CAN BOIL EGGS IN THEM







A YOUNG WOMAN HAS HER PICTURE TAKEN IN FRONT OF THE SCULPTURE 'SOUND OF THE WIND' BY JAPANESE ARTIST TAKAO TSUCHIDA



A YOUNG WOMAN ON THE BOAT SAILING ON THE ASHI LAKE. IN THE BACKGROUND, THE RED TORII SIGNING THE ENTRANCE OF THE HAKONE JINJA SHRINE



THE SHRINE OF KUFUKU-IN
AT MOTOHAKONE





THE CABLE CAR LEADING TO THE HOT
SPRINGS OF AWAKUDANI





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