

### **Around Hara and Ashitaka Mountain**

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In the Edo era, there was the Tokaido Road from Edo(Tokyo now) to Kyoto via Numazu. Those days, Hara in Numazu flourished as crossroads. The old houses and many temples along the way still have something nostalgic about those days.

# 19 Hakuin Zenji



Like a certain poem saying "Suruga has two excellent points which are Mt. Fuji and Hakuin Zenji", he is the originator of new religious school of Buddism called Rinzaishu.

## **W** Kokokuji Castle



Hojo Soun, who was famous warlord to have famed the Hojo Family in the war age of Japanese at Odawara, was assigned for the first time as the head of this castle from which he conducted his war.

This castle is recognized

#### as one of the Japan's historical estates.

# **a** Akeno Kannondo



This temple was build in the early years of the Edo Era. It has a mirror celing like the one in the Kara age of China.

There are also a big miscanthus tree and a big willow tree,

both recognized as the national treasures.

# 22 Daichuji Shoromon



This temple, which belong to Rinzai school of Buddhism, was built in 1841. The Shoromon Gate is two storied, wooden poles and hatched roof. This is well-known as the only temple gate in this type. There is a wide plum tree garden in the temple area.

## **&** Kochoji Temple



Kochoji Temple has been the main temple of Hokke school of Buddhism for 600 years.

The gate, built in 1645, called Nioo-mon is well-known and many people visit its canopy in spring.

# **4** Gourmet Way



There is a variety of shops and restaurants standing long the both sides of the way, 3km long from expressway interchange toward Izu Peninsula.