

HOW TO GET TO OBUBU TEA FARMS

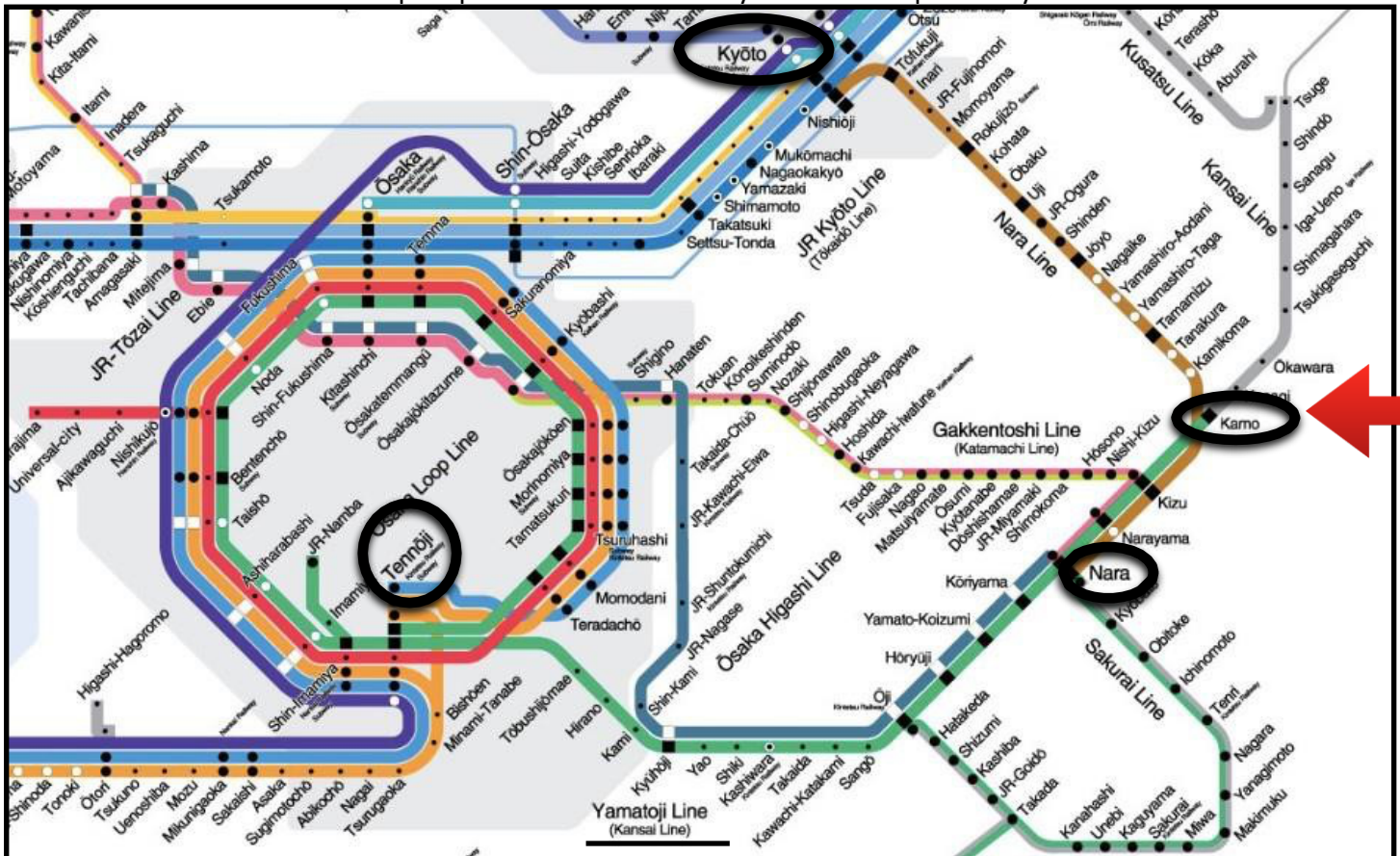
Getting to Obubu, located in Wazuka town, requires a little bit of effort but it isn't hard. We'll show you how and once you arrive, you'll see why Wazuka is considered one of the most beautiful villages in Japan.

Wazuka is easily accessible from Nara (1 hour away), Kyoto (1.5 hours away) and Osaka (2 hours away).

Whichever town is your starting location, we advise you to take the JR train to Kamo Station (the closest train station to Obubu). From Kamo Station, you can:

- take a taxi (bring the Obubu address in Japanese written below to show the taxi driver)
- take the cheaper and very reliable Bus #65 to Wazuka (it is the only bus at the West exit of the train station). The bus stop closest to Obubu is called Higashi-wazuka and Obubu is a two minute walk away.

Please note that the transport price stated below may differ at the point of your travel.





KYOTO

If your departure city is Kyoto, please plan 1.5 hours from departure. See directions below.

-Go to Kyoto Station, the main railway hub for Kyoto.

-While large, the Kyoto Station is well laid out. Simply follow the signs for the JR Line and buy a ticket from the ticket machine for Kamo Station (加茂). **The price is ¥960.** Refer to our “Ticket Machine & Ticket Gate” guide for machine assistance.

-After you’ve purchased your ticket, enter through the ticket gates and look up at the electric display boards for trains to “Uji, Nara” (display boards are located throughout the station) to see when the next trains are and which track you will be departing from. Information on the boards alternates between Japanese and English every few seconds. **Your train will be either on tracks 8,9 or 10.** There are local trains and rapid trains. We advise you take a rapid train!

-Your train will be leaving Kyoto on the JR Nara Line for Kizu. You’ll need to make a transfer at Kizu station to the JR Yamatoji Line (Platform 2). The transfer will be included in your fare of ¥960 and once you’ve made this transfer, you are one station away from Kamo (your final train destination).

-See below for details once you arrive at Kamo Station.

OSAKA

If your departure city is Osaka, please plan 2 hours from departure. See directions below.

-Go to Tennoji Station, a main subway/rail hub, easily accessible by many lines.

-Buy a ticket to Kamo Station (Refer to our “Ticket Machine & Ticket Gate” guide for machine assistance.) **The price is ¥990.**

-Enter through the main JR Lines (Central Gate) and look immediately after at the electric display boards for trains to “Oji, Nara, Takada” (display boards are located throughout the station) to see when the next trains are, and which track you will be departing from. Information on the boards alternates between Japanese and English every few seconds. **Your train will be either on track 15 or 16.** There are local trains and rapid trains. We advise you take a rapid train!

-Go to the train track. Make sure your train’s destination is Nara (奈良), Kamo (加茂), or both (奈良方面加茂). If you take the Nara-bound train, you will have to get out at Nara station and wait on the same platform for the next train to Kamo. You can check if you are on the right track by consulting the display boards. If you take a Kamo-bound train or a Nara/Kamo train, simply stay in your seat and enjoy the scenery!

-See below for details once you arrive at Kamo Station.



NARA

If your departure city is Nara, please plan 30 minutes from departure. See directions below.

-Go to the NARA JR Line train station.

-**Buy a ¥240 train ticket** Go to the NARA JR Line train station and check the electric display boards to see when the next Kamo-bound train is and which track you will be departing from. Information on the boards alternates between Japanese and English every few seconds.

-**Your train will be on track 4 or 5.**

-Get on the train, sit down and relax. You will be at Kamo before you know it!

-See below for details once you arrive at Kamo Station.

HELP FINDING YOUR TRAIN

Consult the electric display boards located throughout the station to see when and where your train is departing. Information on the boards alternates between Japanese and English every few seconds. The display boards indicate several things:

-**Type:** whether the train is local or rapid.

-**Train Name/Boarding Position:** look to the edge of the train platforms and you will notice various numbers written on the ground. These inform you where the train doors are and how many cars the train has. Check on the information board to know where your train will stop and to line up at a corresponding number.

-**Departure Time:** whew, this one's easy!

-**Destination:** if this is in Japanese, wait a few seconds and it will switch to English.

-**Arrows:** this helpful arrow will inform you which side of the platform your train is arriving.



FROM KAMO STATION TO OBUBU

LEAVING THE STATION

Head out the ticket gates and make a right turn toward the West Gate, where both the bus and taxis to Wazuka can be found.

If you are taking the bus: (Please be advised that the following information may not have been updated on google maps. The latest bus information is accessible at <https://rb.gy/ouehy>)

- Bus #65 is the only bus departing from the West exit of Kamo Station.
- Our tea tour begins at 11:00 AM so you will need to take the bus that leaves the train station at 10:10 AM. The next bus is more than an hour later. (If you miss this bus, it's alright but you will probably want to take a taxi so you can be on time for the start of the tour.)
- The bus stop nearest to Obubu is Higashi-wazuka. The 10:10 AM bus arrives there at 10:32 AM and Obubu is located a short two minutes walk away!
- When you are getting on the bus, please enter through the middle doors and take a little ticket from the orange machine.
- You will pay for the bus ticket when exiting the bus.
- The price will be ¥540. It is ok if you don't have exact change as the machine can also exchange bills and coins for smaller coins. After exchanging money, you will then need to pay.**

Weekday Kamo Station Departure Times	Weekday Higashi-wazuka to Kamo Station Returning Times
7:50 AM (8:10 AM on weekends)	6:36 AM (Not on weekends)
9:05 AM (9:11 AM on weekends)	6:57 AM
10:10 AM	7:41 AM
11:40 AM	8:41 AM
1:40 PM	9:41 AM
2:40 PM	10:39 PM
3:40 PM	12:09 PM
4:40 PM	2:09 PM
5:50 PM	3:09 PM
7:20 PM	4:11 PM
8:20 PM	5:11 PM
	6:21 PM
	7:51 PM
Note: Bus times are the same on weekends otherwise stated.	



Boarding the bus

The bus entrance is the door in the middle of the bus. On the side is an orange box with a white panel that distributes tickets. Take a ticket to indicate where you boarded the bus.

Priority seats for elderly and handicapped passengers.

You may sit in these seats, but if an elderly or handicapped person boards the bus, it is proper manner in Japan to let them have your seat.



Getting change for the ¥540 fare and paying when exiting at Higashi-wazuka.

The little terminal next to the driver is where you both pay and get change to pay. The clear box toward the front is where you deposit your money when exiting the bus. If you have exact change, please place your money and your ticket stub inside.

If you don't have exact change:

- To get change from larger coins, use the slot closer towards you and smaller coins will come out at the bottom.
- To get change from bills, use the slot on the side just below and to the right of the coin slot. Please don't use a bill larger than ¥1000 for this.

The exchange machine will not have kept payment for your ride. After you receive smaller coins, please pay ¥540.

Getting off the bus

At the front of the bus, this display shows the name of the next stop. The numbers below are the fare (match the number on your ticket stub to the top number 1 to 20 to find out your fare). Again, you want to get off at Higashi-wazuka. When the panel displays Higashi-wazuka (this is the first stop after the fare changes to 540), please press one of the buttons on the walls or seats to indicate that you would like to get off. The button will light up once someone on the bus has pressed it.

Wait until this Kanji appears. !
This means your stop, Higashi-wazuka, is next.



This box indicates you got on at the first stop and how much you need to pay. Once the box changes to ¥530, press stop.

FINDING THE OFFICE

When you exit the bus, take in the view! Tea fields, rice fields, the fresh country air! If you look in the direction the bus is travelling, to your left you will see a large shop and a bridge. You'll head in this direction but will make a right at the intersection (do you see the sign indicating Obubu?). This road will take you between two forests and past a shrine entrance. Follow the road as it turns left and slopes downward. At the bottom is a 3-way intersection. Obubu is to the left at the bottom of the hill.



****If you take a taxi, please give them this information. You can also say**

“Obubu Cha En ni onegaishimasu.” **

Obubu's Address:

619-1201 京都府相楽郡和束町園大塚2 京都おぶぶ茶苑

[Remember, Taxi Drivers automatically open and close the doors to the cab and will assist in loading your luggage. No tips required.]

The cost by taxi to Obubu is approximately ¥3000.

At the bottom of the hill, this house will be on your left. You've reached Obubu! Come in and share with us the wonders of tea.



WELCOME TO OBUBU TEA FARMS!