



# HINO CITY, TOKYO

Welcome to the hometown of Japan's last samurai corps:  
**The Shinsengumi**

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## The annual Hino Shinsengumi Festival

Hino Shinsengumi Festival is an annual special event which takes place on the second Saturday and Sunday in May. Dress up in Shinsengumi costume and visit Hino's local Shinsengumi sites. Historically, units one to ten of the Shinsengumi consisted of a total of 400 people. Every year, Shinsengumi fans from across Japan come together for a competition, through which they are elected to take on the role of a Shinsengumi commander, such as Kondo Isami or Hijikata Toshizo. You will be able to participate in the parade if you book in advance, so please come and try it out!

- Day 1** Commander Competition  
Takahatafudosen
- Day 2** Shinsengumi Parade  
Takahatafudosen Station Area and Hino Station Area

### Hino's popular Products

#### 1) "Makoto" hand fan (1200 yen)

A folding fan displaying the kanji "makoto" (sincerity), handwritten by Sukekatsu Kawasumi, the chief abbot of Takahatafudosen Kongo-ji Temple. Three seals have been individually impressed onto this product. This is a unique product, which is only available in Hino!



#### 2) "Shinsengumi" Happi (3100 yen)

A "happi" is a type of traditional Japanese coat. This 'Shinsengumi happi' is printed with Dandara (mountain stripes) patterns. You will feel like a true member of the Shinsengumi when you wear it!



### Hino City Tourist Information Center Top 5 best-selling souvenirs

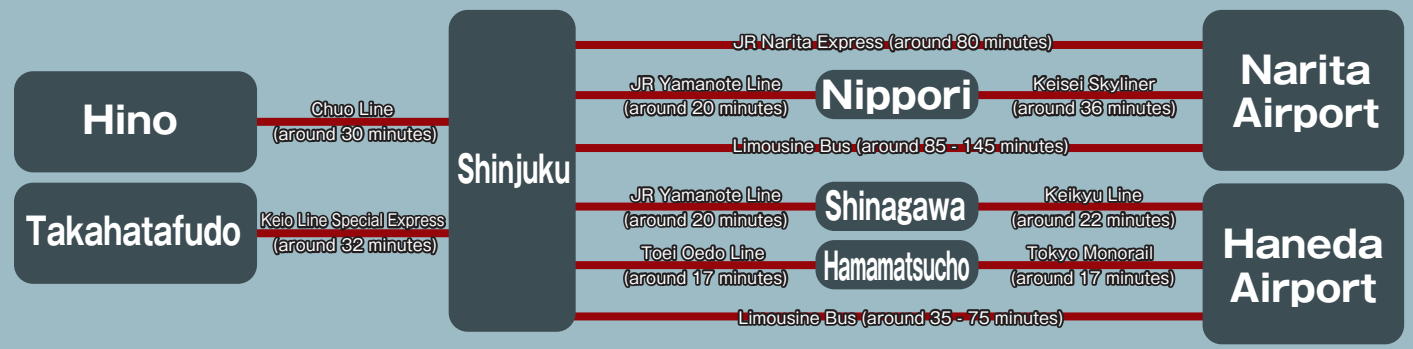
- 1) Hijikata Toshizo Udon (250 yen)
- 2) Hijikata Toshizo File Folder (350 yen)
- 3) Soldier Charm (700 yen)
- 4) "Makoto" Hand Towel (550 yen)
- 5) Hakuoki Plastic Folder with postcard (500 yen)



Free Wi-Fi is available at Hino Station, Hino City Tourist Information Center and Takahata Fudo Station.



### Access to Hino city



## 30 minutes from Shinjuku Hino: City of the last samurai

Hino is home to the likes of the Takahatafudosen Kongo-ji Temple which boasts 1100 years of history, and Tama Zoological Park which is Japan's leading zoo. It is also famous for being the hometown of Japan's last samurai corps (known as the Shinsengumi) and houses many historical documents from that era. Shinjuku to Hino City is a 30-minute ride on the Chuo Line to Hino Station, or a 32-minute ride on the Keio Line to Takahatafudosen Station.



Scan here for an introductory video about Hino City.



# Who were the Shinsengumi: Japan's last samurai?

During the late Edo period (mid-19th century), Japan entered "sakoku" (a period of national isolation) and adopted a samurai system of government. At the end of this period, the Shogunate's power became weaker and public order began to deteriorate, as countries from the West began to make contact with Japan. In Kyoto, forces opposed to the Shogunate began to gain more influence. The "Shinsengumi" were thus set up as a protection force tasked with maintaining public order. The Shogunate were gradually being ousted by opposition movements who

wanted to open Japan up to the world, while Samurai culture was being lost though modernization.

The Shinsengumi consisted of youth who would fight until the very end, who stuck to the principles of "makoto" (sincerity) and who had faith in shogunate government.

Hino City is the birthplace of the Shinsengumi's vice-commander Hijikata Toshizo and Inoue Genzaburo, as well as the place where the leading figures such as Kondo Isami and Okita Soji spent their youth.

**"Hakuoki": a modern anime based on the legend of the Shinsengumi. I am Hijikata Toshizo, vice-commander of the Shinsengumi. I was born and raised in Hino City.**



Hijikata Toshizo Okita Soji Saito Hajime Todo Heisuke Harada Sanosuke Kondo Isami

## Hino City Tourist Information Center



If you want to find out more about Hino City, then this is the place to go. Shinsengumi-themed original merchandise is sold here as well.

Closed every Monday and New Years' holiday (If Monday is a public holiday, it opens on the day after.)  
Opening Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00pm  
Admission: Free  
7-5-6 Hinohonmachi, Hino City  
Tel: 042-585-9072

Start by finding out about everything!

Souvenir Information

Shinsengumi half-day trail

Experience



Our ties of friendship started in here



### Yasaka Shrine

A votive tablet honoring Kondo Isami and Hijikata Toshizo's swordsmanship and the Tennenrishin-ryu martial art is held here.

## Hino-shuku Headquarter



The Hino-shuku Honjin (headquarter) has stood for nearly 150 years. "Honjin" were inns where daimyo (feudal lords) and government officials would rest during their travels. Sato Hikogoro - Hijikata Toshizo's brother-in-law - opened a dojo within the grounds of the "honjin", where the main sword fighters of the Shinsengumi honed their skills.

Closed every Monday and New Years' holiday (If Monday is a public holiday, it opens on the day after.)  
Opening Hours: 9:30 am - 5:00pm (last admission is at 4:30pm)  
Admission: Adults 200 yen, children 50 yen  
2-15-9 Hinohonmachi, Hino City  
Tel: 042-583-5100

Experience

## The Hino City Historical Museum (Shinsengumi heritage Museum)



An exhibition of the vast collection of documents linked to the Shinsengumi. You can try out a sword and dress up for free in traditional Japanese clothing and costumes. Take a souvenir photo with Hijikata or against the recreated backdrop of a historic Kyoto town scape. You can even try out a wooden sword used in the Tennenrishin-ryu martial art. Why not see if you can become a samurai too?

Closed every Monday and New Years' holiday (If Monday is a public holiday, it opens on the day after)  
Opening Hours: 9:30am - 5:00pm (Last admission is at 4:30pm)  
Admission Fee: Adults (high school and upwards) 200 yen, children (elementary and junior high school) 50 yen  
4-16-1 Shimmei, Hino City, Tokyo

Become part of the Shinsengumi



Cosplay as a Shinsengumi soldier!



Unique merchandise only available here!



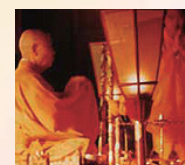
## Takahata Fudo Kongo-ji Temple and the Hijikata Toshizo Statue



Experience

My bronze statue is built here!

A special museum which can only be seen during the afternoon of the first and third Sunday of the month



Takahata Fudo Temple boasts 1100 years of history. It is a large temple furnished with a nio-mon gate and has a distinctive, red, five-storied pagoda. Each day, a ritual is held called "Goma" which uses the power of the Buddha's flame to burn away polluting thoughts. Anyone can take part for free, in the mystical ritual of "Goma". A statue of Toshizo Hijikata and Shinsengumi documents are displayed here.  
733 Takahata, Hino City

### Takahatafudo Station Area



### Hino Station Area



## Inoue Genzaburo Museum



This is a private archive which has been set up in a warehouse by a descendant of Inoue Genzaburo, a member of the sixth unit of the Shinsengumi.

Opening Days: The first and third Sundays of the month  
Opening Hours: 12:00pm - 4:00pm  
Admission Fee: 500 yen (elementary and junior high school: 300 yen)  
4-11-12 Hinohonmachi, Hino City

## Sato Hikogoro Shinsengumi Museum



A private archive which has been set up by a descendant of Sato Hikogoro, the family head and chief of the Hino-shuku Headquarter.

Opening days: The first and third Sundays of the month  
Opening hours: 11:00am - 4:00pm  
Admission fee: Adults 500 yen, elementary and junior high 300 yen  
2-15-5 Hinohonmachi, Hino City

## Hijikata Toshizo Museum



An exhibition of items related to Hijikata Toshizo. It houses Hijikata's favorite sword, the Izuminokami Kanesada, and the archive is built on the grounds of his birthplace. This private archive was established by a descendant of Hijikata.

Opening Days: The first and third Sundays of the month  
Opening Hours: 12:00 - 4:00pm  
Admission Fee: Adults 500 yen, elementary and junior high 300 yen  
2-1-3 Ishida, Hino City

### Manganji station

