

Seasons of Eastern Japan
(2-Day/1-Night New Year Trip)

2017 to 2018 ARCHIVE

Shizuoka, Kanagawa,
Chiba, and Ibaraki



TRAIN SUITE
SHIKI-SHIMA

A night photograph of a suspension bridge illuminated with warm white lights. The bridge spans across a body of water, and the lights are reflected on the surface. The background shows dark hills and some distant lights. The overall atmosphere is festive and serene.

Seeing The Old Year Out and The New Year In. A Very Special Once-A-Year Journey

A special New Year experience on Train Suite Shiki-shima.

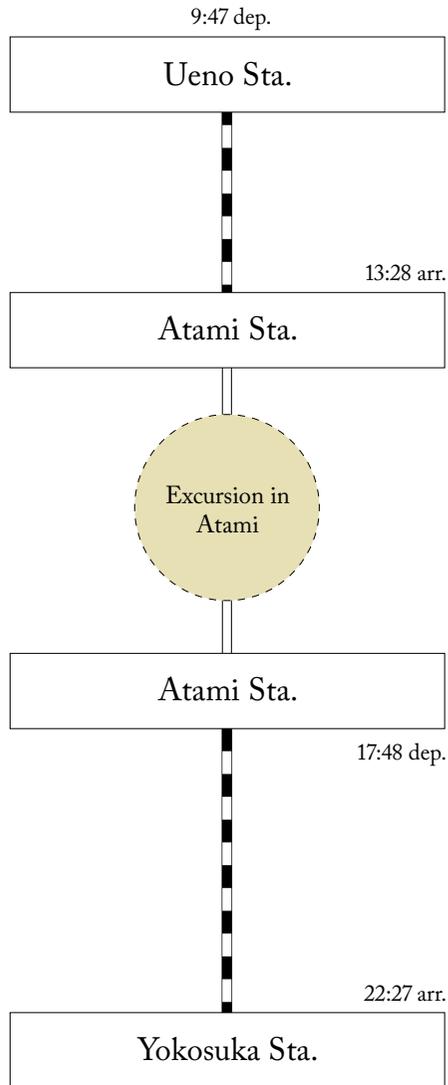
On Day 1 we headed to Atami (Shizuoka Prefecture), an area that has attracted many artists and writers, before seeing in the New Year at the countdown event in Yokosuka (Kanagawa Prefecture). Passengers watched the first sunrise of the year from Wadoura on the Boso Peninsula (Chiba Prefecture) and made their first shrine visit of the year at Kashima Shrine (Ibaraki Prefecture).

Sunday December 31, 2017 to Monday January 1, 2018

[Day 1] Atami, and Yokosuka countdown cruise

[Day 2] Wadoura, and Kashima Shrine

Day 1



Lunch Onboard

Sushi for lunch, prepared by Yukiji Uzawa, head chef of Umihiko in Hotel Metropolitan Edmont

Yukiji Uzawa prepared nigirizushi from the freshest of ingredients for the first meal onboard the train.

Off by coach on an excursion in Atami

Sightseeing Excursion

Excursion in Atami

The first destination was MOA Museum of Art, built on high ground overlooking Atami's Sagami Bay. The passengers enjoyed feasting their eyes on the finest Japanese art.

MOA Museum of Art

MOA Museum of Art reopened in February 2017 after a major renovation. The passengers enjoyed a leisurely look at artworks such as the lacquer-coated door created by Kazumi Murose, a Living National Treasure, for the center of the main entrance, and Nonomura Ninsei's "Tea-leaf Jar with a design of wisteria," which has been designated a National Treasure.



Dinner Onboard



Dinner prepared by Train Suite Shiki-shima chef Hitoshi Iwasaki

The special New Year's Eve dinner was French cuisine prepared by Train Suite Shiki-shima executive chef Hitoshi Iwasaki.

Yokosuka
countdown
cruise

Sightseeing Excursion

Yokosuka countdown cruise

Yokosuka holds a New Year countdown event that always attracts large crowds. The cruiser set sail as the moored ships were lit up with beautiful illuminations. The passengers saw in the New Year with a shipboard countdown party before watching the firework display at midnight from the cruiser.



Yokosuka Sta.

1:16 dep.

Overnight
on the train

Onboard



Lounge Komorebi (Car 5)

Relax over a drink at the end of the day, watching the beautiful scenery stream past the windows.

Day 2

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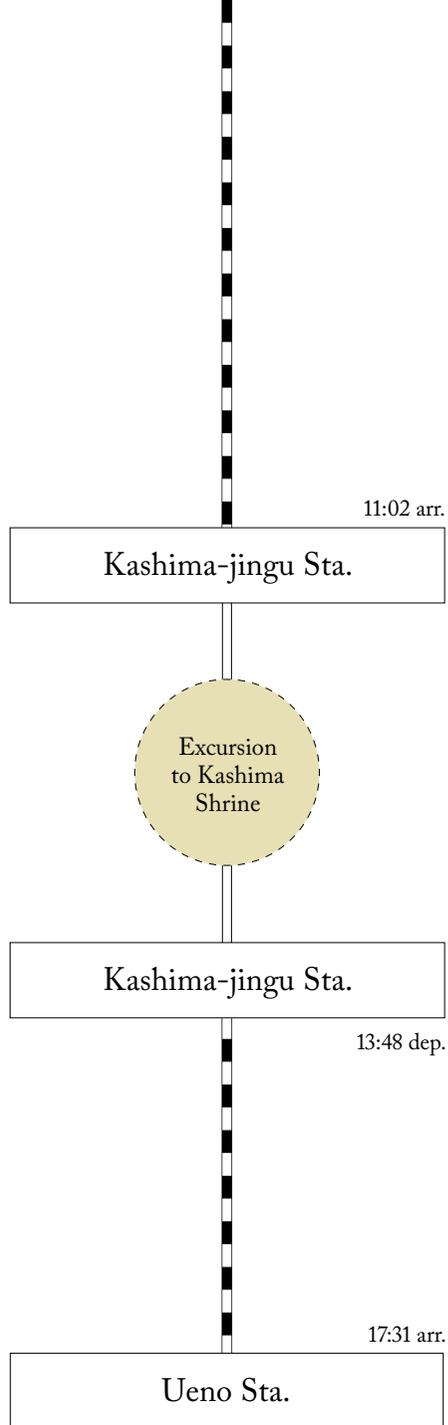
7:12 dep.

Sightseeing Excursion

Excursion in Wadaura

After seeing in the New Year, Train Suite Shiki-shima arrived at Wadaura Station in Minamiboso as morning broke. The passengers disembarked from Train Suite Shiki-shima to watch the first sunrise of the year from Wadaura Station.





Breakfast Onboard

Breakfast of traditional New Year dishes prepared by Train Suite Shiki-shima chef Hitoshi Iwasaki

The first meal to celebrate the New Year consisted of traditional dishes prepared by Train Suite Shiki-shima executive chef Hitoshi Iwasaki.



Off by coach on an excursion to Kashima Shrine

Sightseeing Excursion

Excursion to Kashima Shrine

The first shrine visit of the New year was to Kashima Shrine, in Kashima, Ibaraki Prefecture. It is said to have been founded in the first year of Emperor Jimmu's reign and is the head shrine of the more than 900 Kashima Shrines located throughout Japan.

Kashima Shrine

The passengers prayed at the inner sanctuary of Kashima Shrine, which venerates Takemikazuchi-no-Ōkami, the great god of thunder.



Lunch Onboard

Lunch prepared by Train Suite Shiki-shima chef Hitoshi Iwasaki

The final meal of the journey was French cuisine prepared by executive chef Hitoshi Iwasaki. The passengers enjoyed the combination of exquisite food and beautiful landscapes.





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Route Map

* The photos are all for illustrative purposes only.

* The map on the left is of the route that was followed. Only the main stops are shown.