Age of Eruptions

- Origin of FujiShrine

Cultural times. Villagers and samurai were attracted to the hot springs and ceramic wells were created around the hot springs during the 4th to 6th centuries. During the 7th and 8th centuries, people believed that the hotspring area represented the origin of the fume of fire, Amaterasu-Omikami. To appease the god, the custom of “pouring” the ashes from the fume (later called hotspring) was established, and the area became a popular site for religious and spiritual activities. Today, many shrines and temples can be found in the area.

- Shugen-do priests and the Fujisan ascents

Shugen sects, which believe in a personal connection to nature, became popular in the 12th century. Monasteries and temples, such as the Shugendo-michi, were built to connect with the mountain. The Fuji-Kawaguchiko area was chosen as the site for the Fuji-Sengen Jinja Shrine, which was established in 1237.

- Fuji-ko and holy site pilgrimages

The “14th Day” of the month (a traditional Japanese practice) was chosen for the rituals. This practice is still followed today. The Fuji-Sengen Jinja Shrine is one of the most important shrines in Japan, and it is visited by thousands of people throughout the year. The shrine is surrounded by many temples, shrines, and natural beauty.

- Diversification of Fuji ascents

Beginning in the 17th century, the number of pilgrims increased, and a number of different routes were created for those who wanted to visit the shrine. Some of the routes are still used today, and they offer a unique and spiritual experience.

- Modernization and Fuji ascents

The modernization of the mountain and the development of new technologies have made it easier for people to visit the shrine. However, the spiritual aspect of the ascents remains unchanged.

Map of pilgrimage routes to Fujisan. The map shows the various routes that can be taken to visit the shrine, as well as the different ways of accessing the mountain. The routes are marked with numbers, and the map also includes information about the shrines and temples that can be visited along the way.