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Guidebook of Six Tohoku Prefectures

TOHOKU

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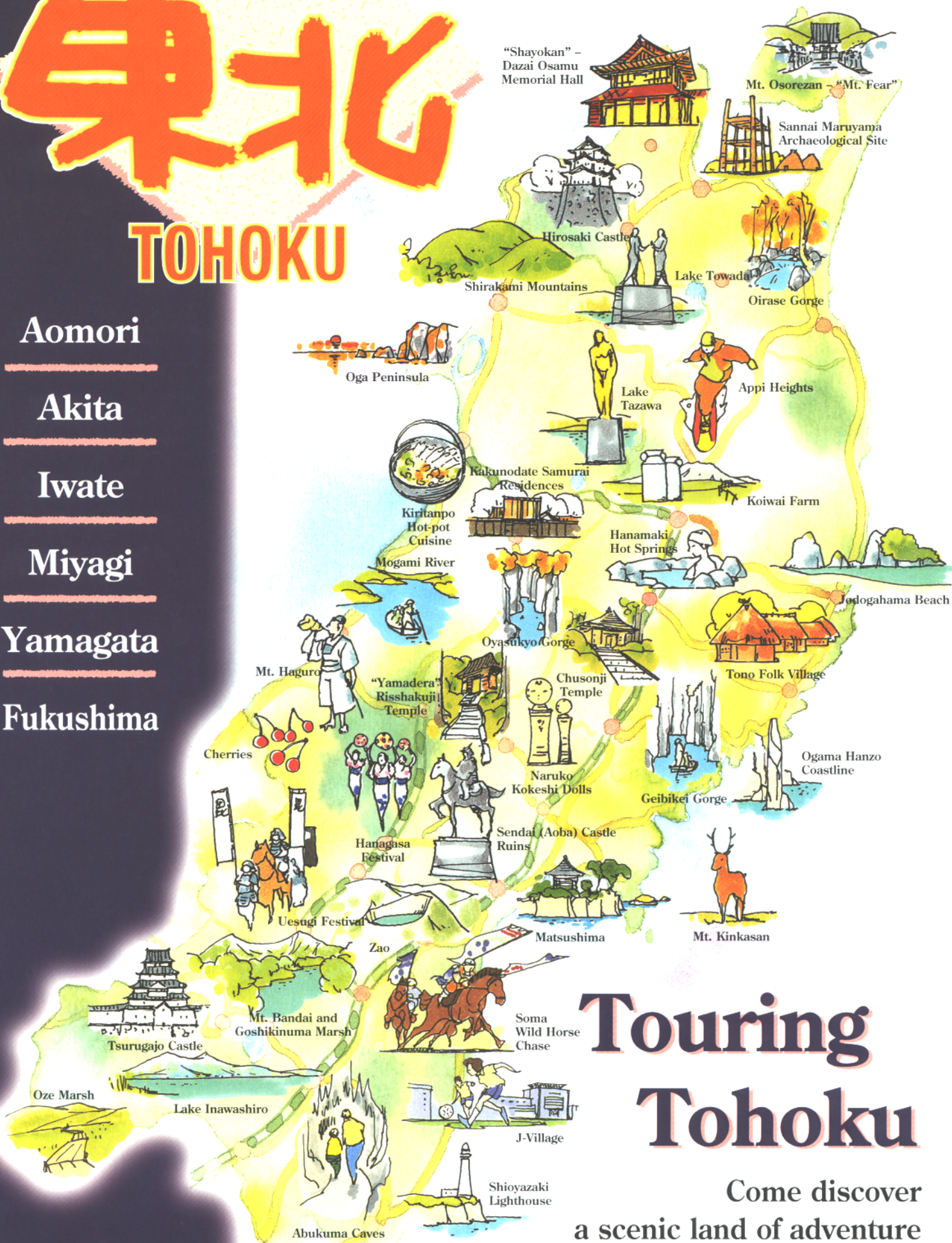
Akita

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Touring Tohoku

Come discover a scenic land of adventure

EVENT GUIDE

Every season in Tohoku brings a vivid change of colors. The calendar is filled with traditional events and fun occasions. We invite you to choose an opportunity to explore a new side of Tohoku.

Jan.

Odawarabiki	Aizu Takada & Aizu Bange, Fukushima 2nd Sat.
Donto Festival	Sendai & elsewhere in Miyagi Jan. 14
Snow Country Blizzard Tour	Kanagi, Aomori Late Jan. to mid Feb.
Zao Snow Monsters Festival	Yamagata-shi, Yamagata Late Jan. to mid Feb.

Feb.

Ogi Festival	Kushibiki, Yamagata Feb. 1 & 2
Iwate Snow Festival	Shizukuishi, Iwate Early to mid Feb.
Gourmet in Fukaura	Fukaura, Aomori Every Sat.
Matsushima Oyster Festival	Matsushima, Miyagi 1st weekend
Hirosaki Castle Snow Lantern Festival	Hirosaki, Aomori Early to mid Feb.
Tsugaru Straits Winter Scenery Tour	Mimimaya, Aomori Early Feb.
Kamifusen Age Festival (Paper Balloon)	Nishiki, Akita Feb. 10
Kariwano Otsunahiki (Great Tug O' War)	Nishi-Senboku, Akita Feb. 10
Daito Ohara Water Festival	Daito, Iwate Feb. 11
All-Japan Wanko Soba Noodle Competition	Hanamaki, Iwate Feb. 11
Shirakawa Daruma Market	Shirakawa, Fukushima Feb. 11
Odate Amekko Ichi (Candy Festival)	Odate, Akita 2nd weekend
Tadami Hometown Snow Festival	Tadami, Fukushima 2nd weekend
Rokugo Kamakura (Bamboo Battle)	Rokugo, Akita Feb. 11 to 15
Namahage Sedo Festival	Oga, Akita 2nd Fri. to Sun.
Hiburi Kamakura Festival (Fire Swinging)	Kakunodate, Akita Feb. 14
Kamakura (Snow Domes)	Yokote, Akita Feb. 15 & 16
Kuromori Kabuki	Sakata, Yamagata Feb. 15 & 17
Kokusekiji Temple Sominsai	Mizusawa, Iwate Mid Feb. (old calendar: Jan. 7 & 8)
Lake Towada Winter Story	Towadako, Aomori Mid Feb.
All-Japan Noh-Hadate Festival	Isawa, Iwate 2nd Sat.
Inukko Festival (Snow Statues of Dogs)	Yuzawa, Akita 2nd weekend
Uesugi Snow Lantern Festival	Yonezawa, Yamagata 2nd weekend
Hachinohe Emburi	Hachinohe, Aomori Feb. 17 to 20
Anba Festival	Namie, Fukushima 3rd Sun.

Mar.

Tsutsukobiki Festival	Hobara, Fukushima 1st Sun.
Shiogama Shrine Hote Festival	Shiogama, Miyagi Mar. 10

Apr.

Yachi Hina Matsuri (Girls Doll Festival)	Kahoku, Yamagata Apr. 2 & 3
Yorunomori – Cherry Blossom Festival	Tomioaka, Fukushima Mid Apr.
Ogawara Cherry Blossom Festival	Ogawara, Miyagi Early to late Apr.
Kitakami Tenshochi Cherry Blossom Festival	Kitakami, Iwate Mid Apr. to May 5
Hitaka Fire-preventing Festival	Mizusawa, Iwate Eve. of Apr. 28 to 29 (main)
Hatsu-uma Festival – Hibuse no Toramai	Nakanuida, Miyagi Apr. 29
Uesugi Festival	Yonezawa, Yamagata Apr. 29 to May 3
Tendo Cherry Blossom Festival – Human Shogi	Tendo, Yamagata A weekend in late Apr.
Sukagawa Peony Garden Opening	Sukagawa, Fukushima Late Apr.
Hirosaki Cherry Blossom Festival	Hirosaki, Aomori Late Apr. to early May
Kakunodate Cherry Blossom Festival	Kakunodate, Akita Late Apr. to early May

Apr.

Spring Maple (Koyo) Festival	Towadako-Nishimeya Area, Aomori Late Apr. to mid June
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May

Spring Fujiwara Festival	Hiraizumi, Iwate May 1 to 5
All-Japan Kokeshi Doll Competition	Shiroishi, Miyagi May 3 to 5
Gun Festival	Hanayama, Miyagi May 5
Yakushi Festival, Green Market	Yamagata-shi, Yamagata May 8 to 10
Rape Flower Festival	Yokohama, Aomori Mid May
Sakata Festival	Sakata, Yamagata May 19 to 21
Sendai Aoba Festival	Sendai, Miyagi 3rd weekend
Tenjin Festival (Bakemono Festival)	Tsuruoka, Yamagata May 25
Motsuji Temple – Kyokusui no En	Hiraizumi, Iwate 4th Sun.
Nagai Kurojishi Festival	Nagai, Yamagata Late May

June

Toyoma Early Summer Noh Performance	Toyoma, Miyagi 1st Sat.
Komachi Festival	Ogachi, Akita 2nd Sun.
Himesayuri Festival	Atsushokano & Nango, Fukushima Early to mid June
Cherry Gathering	Higashine, Sagae & others in Yamagata Mid June to mid July
Chagu Chagu Umakko	Morioka & Takizawa, Iwate 2nd Sat.
Takada Iris Festival	Aizu Takada, Fukushima June 15 to July 5
Motsuji Temple Iris Festival	Hiraizumi, Iwate June 20 to July 10

July

Tsuzureko Odaiko Festival (Great Drum)	Takanosu, Akita July 14 & 15
Great Osorezan Festival	Mutsu, Aomori July 20 to 24
Tsuchizaki Minato Hikiyama Festival	Akita-shi, Akita July 20 & 21
Tajima Gion Festival	Tajima, Fukushima July 22 to 24
Soma Wild Horse Chase	Haramachi, Soma, & Otake in Fukushima July 23 to 25
Onagawa Harbor Festival	Onagawa, Miyagi Last weekend
Air Force Festival	Yamato, Miyagi Last weekend
Nango Summer Jazz Festival	Nango, Aomori
Ofunato Bonfire Festival	Ofunato, Iwate Last weekend
Ofunato-shi Summer Festival	Ofunato, Iwate Last weekend and Aug. 6 & 7

Aug.

Ishinomaki River Festival	Ishinomaki, Miyagi First weekend
Hirosaki Neputa Festival	Hirosaki, Aomori Aug. 1 to 7
Hachinohe Sanja Grand Festival	Hachinohe, Aomori Aug. 1 to 3
Morioka Sansa Odori	Morioka, Iwate Aug. 1 to 3
Koriyama Uneme Festival	Koriyama, Fukushima Aug. 2 to 4
Aomori Nebuta Festival	Aomori-shi, Aomori Aug. 2 to 7
Noshiro Tanabata – Nebu Nagashi	Noshiro, Akita Aug. 3, 4, 6, & 7
Goshogawara Tachi-neputa	Goshogawara, Aomori Aug. 3 to 8
Ichinoseki Summer Festival	Ichinoseki, Iwate First Fri. to Sun.
Shiogama Harbor Festival	Shiogama, Miyagi Aug. 4 & 5
Kanto (Lantern) Festival	Akita-shi, Akita Aug. 3 to 6
Iwaki Harbor Festival	Iwaki, Fukushima Early Aug.
Tanabata Edo Festival (Ukiyoe Lantern)	Yuzawa, Akita Aug. 5 to 7

Aug.

Hanagasa Festival	Yamagata-shi, Yamagata Aug. 5 to 7
Sendai Tanabata Festival	Sendai, Miyagi Aug. 6 to 8
Kitakami Michinoku Performing Arts Festival	Kitakami, Iwate Aug. 7 to 9
Kesennuma Harbor Festival	Kesennuma, Miyagi 1st weekend
Matsushima Toronagashi Fireworks Display	Matsushima, Miyagi Aug. 15
Iwate Fujisawa Noyaki Festival	Fujisawa, Iwate 2nd weekend
Kamaishi Yoisa	Kamaishi, Iwate 2nd weekend
Shizukuishi Yohare Festival	Shizukuishi, Iwate Mid Aug.
Aotake Lantern Festival	Takahata, Yamagata Aug. 15 & 16
Kuroishi Yosare	Kuroishi, Aomori Aug. 15 to 17
Nishimonai Bon Odori	Ugo, Akita Aug. 16 to 18
Tanabu Festival	Mutsu, Aomori Aug. 18 to 20
Hanawa Bayashi	Kazuno, Akita Aug. 19 & 20
Murayama Tokunai Festival	Murayama, Yamagata Aug. 22 & 23
Shinjo Festival	Shinjo, Yamagata Aug. 24 to 26
National Fireworks Competition	Omagari, Akita 4th Sat.

Sept.

Iwakisan Oyama Sankei	Iwaki, Aomori Aug. 1 (old calendar)
All-Japan Kokeshi Doll Festival	Naruko, Miyagi 1st weekend
Japan's Best Taro Cooking Festival	Yamagata-shi, Yamagata 1st Sun.
Ringo (Apple) Picking	Hirosaki & elsewhere, Aomori Early Sept. to early Nov.
Kakunodate Festival	Kakunodate, Akita Sept. 7 to 9
All-Japan Scarecrow Festival	Kaminoyama, Yamagata Early to mid Sept.
Hanamaki Festival	Hanamaki, Iwate 2nd Fri. to Sun.
Miyazawa Kenji Festival	Hanamaki, Iwate Sept. 21
Aizu Fall Festival	Aizu Wakamatsu, Fukushima Sept. 22 to 24

Oct.

Nihonmatsu Chrysanthemum Dolls	Nihonmatsu, Fukushima Oct. 1 to late Nov.
Nihonmatsu Lantern Festival	Nihonmatsu, Fukushima Oct. 4 to 6
Furudono Yawata Shrine Yabusame	Furudono, Fukushima 2nd Sun.
Shibata Chrysanthemum Dolls Festival	Shibata, Miyagi Oct. 20 to Nov. 14
Yagen Fall Colors Festival	Ohata, Aomori 3rd Sun.
All-Japan Taiko Festival	Rikuzentakata, Iwate 3rd Sun.
Salmon Festival	Namie & Nahara, Fukushima Mid Oct. to mid Nov.

Nov.

Shonai Hyakuman-goku Festival	Tsuruoka, Yamagata Nov. 3
Iwadeyama Balloon Festival	Iwadeyama, Miyagi Late Nov.
Taimatsu Akashi	Sukagawa, Fukushima 2nd Sat.

Dec.

Kohata Banner Festival	Towa, Fukushima 1st Sun.
Sendai Pageant of Starlight	Sendai, Miyagi Dec. 12 to 31
Namahage	Oga & Wakami, Akita Dec. 31
Shorei-sai Festival	Haguro, Yamagata Dec. 31 to Jan. 1

Discover hidden local treasures and famous attractions wherever you venture.
Discover the total relaxation of hot springs (onsen).



Owani Hot Springs Resort, Owani

AOMORI

This renowned hot spring site was discovered 800 years ago. Tsugaru feudal lords are said to have enjoyed escaping here to relax. Brimming with reminders of history, Owani is associated with Tamenobu, the first leader of the Tsugaru clan, whose eyes are said to have been healed with its water. Yudamaishi-yakushido temple was founded on this legend. Visitors can also enjoy many activities on the nearby ski slopes, campgrounds, and golf courses.

[Access] ■ By train: JR Ou Main Line to Owani Hot Springs Sta. ■ By car: Tohoku Expy. to Owani Hirosaki IC, then Rte. 7 for 5 km

[Contact] Owani Onsen Ryokan Assn., tel: (0172) 48-3141



Nyuto Hot Springs Resort, Tazawako

AKITA

This rural village offers seven hot springs: Tsuru-no Yu, Kuro-yu, Mago Roku Ganiba, Ogama, Tae-no Yu, and the Kyukamura Tazawako Kogen. The great attraction here is relaxing in the hot springs surrounded by distinctive seasonal colors, from fresh greenery to fall colors to snowy scenery. Enjoy all the charm of your own secret hot-spring retreat.

[Access] ■ By train/bus: From JR Tazawako Sta., take Ugo Kotsu bus bound for Nyuto Onsen ■ By car: From L. Tazawa, take the prefectural rd. for 30 km

[Contact] Nyuto Onsen Assn. (Kyukamura Tazawako Kogen), tel: (0187) 46-2244



Hachimantai Hot Springs Resort, Matsuo

IWATE

This vast highland hot springs resort lies in an area shared by Iwate and Akita. Nearby tennis courts, golf courses, ski slopes, and campgrounds make this a perfect place for outdoor activities year round. After your mountain adventures, stop by for a relaxing soak at the hot springs.

[Access] ■ By train/bus: From JR Morioka Sta., take Iwate Kenpoku bus bound for Hachimantai Royal Hotel to Hachimantai Onsen-kyo ■ By car: Tohoku Expy. to Matsuo Hachimantai IC, then 12 km on the prefectural rd.

[Contact] Matsuo Hachimantai Tourism Assn., tel: (0195) 78-3500



Naruko Hot Springs Resort, Naruko

MIYAGI

Boasting a tradition spanning over 1,000 years, Naruko has long ranked among Tohoku's three leading hot springs with Akiu and Izaka. In Japan, hot springs are classified into eleven types based on their natural substances—this abundant setting boasts nine. Communal bathing has also enjoyed a long history here. Naruko is full of tourists and visitors seeking health benefits.

[Access] ■ By train: JR Sendai Sta. to JR Tohoku Shinkansen Furukawa Sta., then JR Rikuu East Line to Naruko Onsen Sta. ■ By car: Tohoku Expy. to Furukawa IC, then Rte. 47 for 30 km

[Contact] Naruko Tourism & Hotel Info. Ctr., tel: (0229) 83-3441



Yonezawa Jutto, Yonezawa

YAMAGATA

Dotting the foothills of the Azuma Range are ten renowned hot springs including Shirabu. Choose from a spectrum of hot springs, each with their own distinct ambience, from cozy, secluded hideaways to lavish resorts. Take in the sights of the lush natural setting, and you'll soon find yourself wanting to visit all ten.

[Access (to Shirabu)] ■ By train/bus: From JR Yonezawa Sta., take Yamako bus bound for Shirabu Yumoto to Shirabu Onsen Machiai-jo ■ By car: Tohoku Expy. to Fukushima Iizaka IC, then Rte. 13 for 40 km/From Yonezawa, 18 km on main local road

[Contact] Yonezawa Tourism Assn., tel: (0238) 21-6226



Takayu Hot Springs, Fukushima

FUKUSHIMA

The smell of sulfur adds to the distinctive character of Takayu, a traditional hot springs village. The rich, milky-white spring water contains a fair amount of sulfur, which may at first tingle your skin, but it works well on chronic problems including poor digestion and rheumatism. Takayu is also a good starting point for hiking and sightseeing destinations such as the Bandai and Inawashiro area.

[Access] ■ By train/bus: From JR Fukushima Sta., take Fukushima Kotsu bus bound for Takayu Onsen ■ By car: Tohoku Expy. to Fukushima Nishi IC, then 17 km on the prefectural road

[Contact] Azuma Takayu Tourism Promotional Assn., tel: (024) 591-1125



Shimofuro Hot Springs Village

Asamushi Hot Springs

Owani Hot Springs Village

Oga Hot Springs Village

Nyuto Hot Springs Village

Yuda Hot Springs Gorge

Akinomiya Hot Springs Village

Yunohama Hot Springs

Zao Hot Springs

Yonezawa Jutto

Togatta Hot Springs

Higashiyama Hot Springs

Iwaki Yumoto Hot Springs

Hachimantai Hot Springs Village

Naruko Hot Springs Resort

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Hot Springs
Relax at these Japanese onsen

AOMORI

Asamushi Hot Springs, Aomori-shi
Enjoy the many nearby leisure facilities in this area, renowned for a rich history dating back to the Heian period (794-1192).

Shimofuro Hot Springs Resort, Kazamura
This seaside village of hot springs was immortalized in Yasushi Inoue's novel *Kaikyo*. Active since the Edo period (1603-1867), the area is also known for its fine seafood.

AKITA

Akinomiya Hot Springs Resort, Ogachi
Nestled in the western foothills of the Kurikoma plateau is the prefecture's most venerable hot springs resort—a restful, tranquil retreat.

Oga Hot Springs Resort, Oga
Visitors have made this spot on the northern coast a popular place to stay while touring the Oga Peninsula.

IWATE

Hanamaki Hot Springs Resort, Hanamaki
This resort offers eleven hot springs: Hanamaki, Dai, Shin-Yumoto, Matsukura, Takakurayama, Shidotaira, Watari, Osawa, Namari, Kanaya, and Shin Namari onsen. Choose from a variety of attractive accommodations.

Yuda Hot Springs Gorge, Yuda
This entire village lies within the Yuda Hot Springs Prefectural Nature Park. Also famous is the Kawashiri Hot Spring located in the station yard. Its name, "Hot Yuda," is a clever pun on the Japanese word for "hot water."

MIYAGI

Akiu Hot Springs, Sendai
Rated among the three most famous waterfalls in Japan, Akiu Otaki is just one of the spectacles in a well-known area blessed with magnificent natural scenery. Seasonal changes bring beautiful new vistas.

Togatta Hot Springs, Zao
This well-preserved landmark offers refreshment to visitors who come to enjoy the many different resorts dotting the foothills of the Zao Mountains.

YAMAGATA

Zao Hot Springs, Yamagata-shi
Enjoy a casual soak in one of the outdoors baths at the Zao Hot Springs, including a giant outdoor bath that can accommodate up to 200 bathers at the same time.

Yunohama Hot Springs, Tsuruoka
A must-see at this historical hot springs area is the sublime panorama at dusk. The setting sun appears to melt on the horizon into the sea.

FUKUSHIMA

Higashiyama Hot Springs, Aizu Wakamatsu
Boasting a 1,300-year heritage as one of the three most famous hot springs (Oshu-Sanrakukyo) in northeastern Japan, this area has enchanted many legendary Japanese writers and painters.

Iwaki Yumoto Hot Springs, Iwaki
Bubbling up by the former Joban Coal Mine (once the heart of Japan's coal mining region), this hot springs resort is located along the Hama-dori route. The site is reputed to be one of Japan's three oldest springs. With its plentiful supply of steamy mineral water, it's a popular spot.

桜 Cherry Blossom Viewing

Captivatingly delicate blossoms in full bloom. Enjoy the enchantment of spring at a place you've always longed to visit.



Hirosaki Park, Hirosaki

AOMORI

The highlight of a spring visit here would have to be catching a glimpse of the 2,600 flowering cherry trees, including the Yoshino Cherry, Weeping Cherry, and Double Cherry varieties, as their petals nearly eclipse the castle moat. Traditional Japanese scenery abounds with views of the ancient castle, moat, and cherry blossoms, which take on a wholly different beauty when illuminated in the evening. Don't miss the chance to see the petals as they drift and fall, scattering like snowflakes.

[Best viewing] Late April to early May
[Access] From JR Hirosaki Sta., 15 min. by bus to Shiyakusho-mae Koen

Contact: Hirosaki City Sightseeing Information Center, tel: (0172) 37-5501



Kakunodate Samurai Residences, Kakunodate

AKITA

In an elegant city called "the Kyoto of Tohoku," cherry blossoms add cheer to graceful Kakunodate. More than 400 weeping cherry trees (some over 300 years old) line the black walls of the Samurai residences, painting a vivid picture when their branches are blooming.

[Best viewing] Late April to early May
[Access] 15-min. walk from JR Kakunodate Sta.
Contact: Kakunodate Tourist Info. Ctr., Ekimaekura, tel: (0187) 52-1170



Tenshochi, Kitakami

IWATE

Renowned as the most picturesque area in Iwate Prefecture for sakura (cherry blossom) viewing, Tenshochi boasts 10,000 cherry trees and 100,000 azaleas blossoming along the Kitakami River for two kilometers around the Sango Bridge. Take a stroll through a veritable tunnel of flowers.

[Best viewing] Late April to early May
[Access] 15 min. by bus from JR Kitakami Sta. to Tenshochi

Contact: Kitakami Sightseeing Assn., tel: (0197) 65-0300



Hitome Senbonzakura, Ogawara

MIYAGI

Groves of cherry trees stretch for eight kilometers along the Shiroishi River through this city, which has long prospered as a residential area along the Tohoku route. You'll be enchanted listening to the murmuring river as you walk between the flowering trees.

[Best viewing] Mid April
[Access] From JR Sendai Sta., 35 min. via Tohoku Main Line to Ogawara Sta.

Contact: Ogawara Business and Tourism Bureau, tel: (0224) 53-2507



Okitama Cherry Blossom Roads/Kubo Zakura, Nagai

YAMAGATA

This forty-kilometer stretch of cherry blossoms linking the cities of Nan-yo, Shirataka, and Nagai is beloved by many Japanese. Here you can find the largest cherry tree in Tohoku, the 1,200-year-old Kubo-Zakura, which brings to mind a Japanese legend involving the great conqueror Sakanoue no Tamuramaro and the daughter of a local aristocrat named Kubo.

[Best viewing] Mid to late April
[Access] 5-min. drive from JR Akayu Sta.

Contact: Nan-yo City Tourism Assn., tel: (0238) 40-2002
Shirataka Town Tourism Assn., tel: (0238) 86-0086
Nagai City Tourism Assn., tel: (0238) 88-5279



Miharu Takizakura, Miharu

FUKUSHIMA

Miharu Takizakura is one of the three most renowned cherry trees in Japan, along with the Usuzumi cherry tree in Gifu Prefecture and the Jindai cherry tree in Yamanashi Prefecture. Designated as a natural treasure, this red weeping cherry tree is over 1,000 years old. The Takizakura, or Waterfall Cherry Tree, was so named because of its gorgeous blossoms that cascade in full bloom.

[Best viewing] Mid to late April
[Access] 10-min. drive from JR Miharu Sta.
Contact: Commerce and Tourism Representative, Miharu City Affairs, tel: (0247) 62-3960



Recommended! Itinerary for Adventure
The beauty of flowers quickly fades — Catch the best trees in full bloom

Eastern Tohoku: Miyagi & Iwate Course Enjoy an easy stroll through Hitome Senbonzakura and Funaoka Castle Park. The best viewing is from mid to late April.

Miyagi: Hitome Senbonzakura, Ogawara → Funaoka Castle Park, Shibata → Iwate: Tenshochi, Kitakami → Ishiwari Zakura (Rock-splitting Cherry Tree), Morioka

Driving Route	Train Route
From Ogawara via prefectural road to Shibata. To Kitakami via prefectural road & Tohoku Expy. (Murata IC & Kitakami Ezuriko IC). To Morioka via Tohoku Expy. (Kitakami Ezuriko IC & Morioka IC).	Ogawara directly to Shibata. To Kitakami via JR Tohoku Main Line (Funaoka Sta.) and Tohoku Shinkansen (transfer at Sendai Sta.), exit at Kitakami Sta. To Morioka via Tohoku Shinkansen (Kitakami Sta.), exit at Morioka Sta.

Southern Tohoku: Fukushima & Yamagata Course Enjoy the Spring in full bloom with one of the 3 largest cherry trees in Japan. The best viewing is from mid to late April.

Fukushima: Tsurugajo Park, Aizu Wakamatsu → Miharu Takizakura, Miharu → Yamagata: Okitama Cherry Blossom Roads, Nagai → Kajo Park, Yamagata-shi → Tendo Park

Driving Route	Train Route
From Aizu Wakamatsu to Miharu via Ban-etsu Expy. (Aizu Wakamatsu IC & Funehiki-Miharu IC). To Nagai via Ban-etsu Expy. (Funehiki-Miharu IC & Koriyama Jct.) to Tohoku Expy., switching at Shiraishi IC to Rte. 113 & 287. To Yamagata-shi via Rte. 348. To Tendo via Rte. 13.	From Aizu Wakamatsu to Miharu via JR Ban-etsu West Line to Ban-etsu East Line. To Nagai via Ban-etsu East Line, JR Tohoku Main Line (transfer at Koriyama Sta.), JR Ou Main Line (transfer at Fukushima Sta.), and Yamagata RR, Flower Nagai Line (transfer at Akayu), exit at Nagai Sta. To Yamagata-shi via Yamagata RR, Flower Nagai Line to Ou Main Line (transfer at Akayu). To Tendo via Ou Main Line.

Northern Tohoku: Akita & Aomori Course A choice route to local favorites off the beaten track. The best viewing is from late April to early May.

Akita: Kakunodate Samurai Residences, Kakunodate → Kimimachi Zaka, Futatsui → Aomori: Hirosaki Park, Hirosaki → Ashino Park, Kanagi

Driving Route	Train Route
From Kakunodate via Rte. 105 & 7 to Futatsui. To Hirosaki via Rte. 7, and to Kanagi via Rte. 7 & 339.	Kakunodate to Futatsui via Akita Nairiku Jukan RR and JR Ou Main Line (transfer at Takanosu Sta.). To Hirosaki via Ou Main Line. To Kanagi via Ou Main Line, JR Gono Line (transfer at Kawabe Sta.), and Tsurugajo RR (transfer at Goshogawara Sta.), exit at Ashino Sta.



The brief summer in the Tohoku region offers plenty of memories as the drama of dazzling traditional festivals unfolds.



Aomori Nebuta Festival, Aomori

AOMORI

Powerful images of kabuki performers and warriors made of papier-mache gaze down from giant illuminated floats that pass grandly through the dark city streets. Crowds of costumed haneto dancers shout to urge on the floats in a fascinating experience that can only be enjoyed at the Aomori Nebuta Festival. Onlookers can hardly stop from leaping to join in.

[Dates] August 2 to 7

[Main venue] City center and Aomori harbor

[Access] 10-min. walk from JR Aomori Sta.

[Contact] Aomori Tourism and Convention Assn., tel: (017) 723-7211



Kanto Festival, Akita

AKITA

This harvest festival features an evening procession in which 230 poles with 10,000 lanterns, symbolizing stalks of rice, are hoisted in unison, making the city streets glow in a fiery yellow. The impressive lanterns (kanto), each weighing in at about 50 kilograms, are hoisted deftly in this spectacle.

[Dates] August 3 to 6

[Main venue] Tori-machi during the day, Kanto Main Street evenings

[Access] 15-min. walk from JR Akita Sta.

[Contact] Akita City Kanto Festival Committee, tel: (018) 866-2112



Morioka Sansa Odori, Morioka

IWATE

Nothing can be livelier than this colorful summer pageant in Morioka, where 20,000 participants parade through the streets. Wearing traditional bathing robes, 500 flutists, 5,000 drummers, and countless enthusiasts lending vocal support dance through the city. If you find this fascinating festival irresistible, feel free to join the chain of dancers.

[Dates] August 1 to 3

[Main venue] In front of City Hall and Chuo-dori

[Access] 5-min. drive from JR Morioka Sta.

[Contact] Executive Committee of Morioka Sansa Dancing, tel: (019) 624-5880



Sendai Tanabata Festival, Sendai

MIYAGI

Decorations transform Sendai's main streets with bright, colorful bamboo balls and streamers. The 1,500 bamboo decorations made of Japanese paper are what make this gala truly special. Don't miss the Tanabata parade in the evenings from August 6 to 8, celebrating the legend of the weaver and cowherd associated with the Lyra and Aquila constellations.

[Dates] August 6 to 8

[Main venue] City center, Jozenji-dori Ave.

[Access] 10-min. walk from JR Sendai Sta.

[Contact] Sendai Tanabata Executive Committee, tel: (022) 265-8181



Hanagasa Festival, Yamagata

YAMAGATA

A chorus of exciting traditional chants lead the hanagasa (flower hat) performers as they dance in an event full of the summertime atmosphere found in Yamagata. Wearing hanagasa made to look like safflowers, the performers weave through the evening streets, painting a brilliant scene. Be sure to catch a glimpse of the colorful floats leading the parade.

[Dates] August 5 to 7

[Main venue] Main streets downtown, including Tokamachidori, Honcho, and Nanokamachi

[Access] 10-min. walk from JR Yamagata Sta.

[Contact] Yamagata Prefecture Hanagasa Council, tel: (023) 642-8753



Soma Wild Horse Chase, Haramachi, Soma, Odaka

FUKUSHIMA

On the day of this soul-stirring spectacle, you'll feel as if a scene from the ancient "Warring States" is taking place before your very eyes. The festival climaxes when armored warriors on horseback bearing swords and family banners race to capture the two sacred banners launched in the air. This magnificent warrior festival can be traced back over 1,000 years.

[Dates] July 23 to 25

[Main venue] Hibarigahara, Haramachi

[Access] 20-min. walk from JR Haranomachi Sta.

[Contact] Soma Noma Oi Committee, tel: (0244) 22-3064

Recommended!

Itinerary for Adventure

Get your fill of the five largest summer festivals in Tohoku!

Whatever way you plan your visit, you're in for excitement: Experience five outstanding Tohoku summer festivals—or make a small detour to catch other fun events, such as the Soma Wild Horse Chase. From thrilling spectacles to inspiring festivals steeped in tradition, Tohoku's spectrum of summer fun offers enough to satisfy anyone.

An itinerary for Tohoku's Five Biggest Summer Festivals

Aomori: Aomori Nebuta Festival, Aomori-shi → **Iwate:** Morioka Sansa Odori, Morioka → **Akita:** Kanto Festival, Akita-shi → **Yamagata:** Hanagasa Festival, Yamagata-shi → **Miyagi:** Sendai Tanabata Festival, Sendai

Driving Route

From Aomori-shi to Morioka via Tohoku Expy. (Aomori IC & Morioka IC). To Akita-shi via Rte. 46 & 13. To Yamagata-shi via Rte. 13. To Sendai via Yamagata Expy. (Yamagata Zao IC and Murata Jct.) and Tohoku Expy. (Sendai-Miyagi IC).

Train Route

Aomori-shi to Morioka via JR Tohoku Main Line and Tohoku Shinkansen (transfer at Hachinohe Sta.). To Akita-shi via Akita Shinkansen. To Yamagata-shi via JR Ou Main Line. To Sendai via JR Senzan Line.

Highlights

[Nebuta Festival]
[Kanto Festival]
[Sansa Odori]
[Tanabata Festival]
[Hanagasa Festival]

Don't miss the floating pageant and fireworks in Aomori Harbor on the evening of August 7. Over 10,000 lanterns shining against the dark sky create an overwhelming wall of light. Watch closely—you might catch all 33 variations in the legendary Sansa Dance. Enjoy an exciting fireworks display over the Hirose River on the eve of the festival. Join the fun! Spots are reserved for visitors to join in this lively performance.



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Fall Colors

Be inspired by the artistry of nature, which paints the landscape in beautiful hues of red, yellow, and orange.



Lake Towada & Oirase Gorge, Towadako

AOMORI

Nature has hewn a perfect hiking course that winds its ways through 14 kilometers of trees and waterways, affording visitors a rich variety of views, with cascades dotting the terrain along the trails. This area can be enjoyed year-round for its distinctive scenery, but is especially captivating in the fall for its exceptional autumnal beauty.

[Access] Tohoku Expy. to Towada IC, then another 62 km

[Contact] Towadako General Affairs Center, tel: (0176) 75-2506



Daki Gaeri Valley, Tazawako & Kakunodate

AKITA

The Tamagawa River, flowing from Hachimantai, has carved its way through a 10-km long valley with steep cliffs covered in forests of trees. Enjoy a casual hike on the trail to the outstanding highlight of this area, the spectacular waterfall called Mikaeri no Taki.

[Access] Akita Expy. to Omagari IC, then 46 km via Rte. 105 and 46

[Contact] Folake, Tazawako Tourism Information Center, tel: (0187) 43-2111



Mount Kurikoma (Sukawadake) Ichinoseki

IWATE

Towering majestically at 1,627 meters, Kurikoma rises from foothills covered with marshes and hot springs. It's popular as an easy mountain to climb, and when the forests begin turning colors, the slopes are alive with hikers eagerly seeking out the brilliant autumn leaves. At an altitude of 1,000 meters, you can enjoy especially striking colors that set the mountainside aglow.

[Best viewing] Mid Oct. to early Nov.
[Access] From Ichinoseki, 35 km via Rte. 342
[Contact] Ichinoseki Commerce and Tourism Bureau, tel: (0191) 21-2111



Naruko Gorge, Naruko

MIYAGI

A massive gorge, the cliffs here stretch 2.5 kilometers long and 100 meters deep. Take advantage of the hiking trails to immerse yourself in the colorful fall scenery and feel the power of nature around you. The lookout platform affords a breathtaking panorama that makes the perfect background for your souvenir photos.

[Access] Tohoku Expy. to Furukawa IC, then 30 km via Rte. 47

[Contact] Naruko Tourism & Hotel Info. Ctr., tel: (0229) 83-3441



Mogami Gorge, Tozawa

YAMAGATA

Sit back, enjoy a boat ride, and appreciate the gradual changes in forest scenery along the Mogami River, immortalized by the poet Basho in his haiku. View Sennindo Shrine and other sites depicted in Basho's poetry. In the fall, the scarlet of Japanese maples contrasts spectacularly with the blue-green river. If you visit in winter, you can take in the snowy mountainside and savor a meal of fresh salmon on this cruise.

[Access] From Shinjo, 18 km via Rte. 47

[Contact] Tozawa-mura Tourism Assn., tel: (0233) 72-2111



Nakatsugawa Valley, Kita Shiobara

FUKUSHIMA

The swift currents of the Nakatsugawa River, flowing into Lake Akimoto, have eroded the surrounding rocks, forming both small and large waterfalls and creating superb scenery. The gorge, viewed from the Lakeline Bridge, is particularly impressive when leaves are changing colors. Plan for a leisurely hike along the trail, as it's the perfect way to enjoy the autumnal hues.

[Access] Ban-etsu Expy to Inawashiro Bandai Kogen IC, Rte. 115 & 459, then 25 km via Bandai Azuma Lakeline

[Contact] Ura Bandai Sightseeing Assn., tel: (0241) 32-2349



Recommended!

Itinerary for Adventure

Make your way through the mountain fall tapestry for a moving encounter with Tohoku

Autumnal scenery: Yamagata-Miyagi-Iwate Course

Many visitors prefer taking in the relaxing sights accompanied by rhythm of a gently swaying train. This travel plan connects the dots between colorful areas relatively close to stations. The best viewing is from late October to early November.

Yamagata: Mogami Gorge, Tozawa → **Miyagi:** Naruko Gorge, Naruko → **Iwate:** Mount Kurikoma (Sukawadake), Ichinoseki

Driving Route	Train Route
From Mogami Gorge, Tozawa, via Rte. 47 to Naruko Gorge, Naruko. To Mount Kurikoma, Ichinoseki, via Tohoku Expy., 1.5-hour drive from Ichinoseki IC.	Mogami Gorge, Tozawa (a 7-min. walk to the Furukuchi Sta.); JR Rikuu West Line to Rikuu East Line to Naruko Gorge, Naruko (a 5-min. drive to Naruko Onsen Sta.); Rikuu East Line to Tohoku Shinkansen Line (transfer at Furukawa Sta.) to Ichinoseki. Take a bus to Mount Kurikoma (1 hr. 40 min.).

Aomori-Akita Course

This course gives a powerful sense of old Tohoku, with scenery ranking among Japan's best in Aomori's Oirase Gorge and Akita's Daki Gaeri Valley, fairly close to Towadako. The best viewing is from mid to late October.

Aomori: Oirase Gorge, Towadako → **Akita:** Daki Gaeri Valley, Tazawako & Kakunodate

Driving Route
From Oirase Gorge, Towadako: Rte. 102 & 103 to Towada-Odate Jukai Line, then Rte. 282, 341, & 46 to Daki Gaeri Valley, Tazawako & Kakunodate

Miyagi-Fukushima Course

Equally renowned for beautiful fall colors are the mountain roads through the Zao Echo-Line in Miyagi and the Bandai Azuma Skyline in Fukushima. Go for an exhilarating drive through the winding range. The best viewing is from late October to early November.

Miyagi: Zao Echo-line, Zao & Kawasaki → **Fukushima:** Bandai Azuma Skyline, Fukushima-shi → Nakatsugawa Valley, Kitashiobara

Driving Route
From Zao Echo-Line, Zao & Kawasaki: Prefectural road to Tohoku Expy. Shiroishi IC, then Fukushima Nishi IC to the prefectural road until Bandai Azuma Skyline, Fukushima-shi. To Nakatsugawa Valley, Kitashiobara via Rte. 115 & 459, and Bandai Azuma Lakeline.

Winter Festivals

Let winter bring out your spirit of playfulness. Many exciting adventures await you in this winter wonderland.



Emburi Events, Hachinohe

AOMORI

Some 800 years ago, agricultural methods here were taught through dance, a dance that evolved into a folk performance. Dancers wield a farming tool called emburi, which is considered the origin of the dance's name, and the performance closes with a finale in which all 140 performers wearing striking eboshi, or headdresses, dance together.

[Dates] Feb. 17 to 20

[Main venue] Hachinohe Town Hall

[Access] JR Hachinohe Line from Hachinohe Sta. to Hon Hachinohe Sta., then a 5-15-min. walk

Contact Hachinohe Tourism Bureau, tel: (0178) 43-2111



Namahage Sedo Festival, Oga

AKITA

This promotion of local culture combines a fire festival "Sedo-matsuri," which is held during three days of Oshogatsu (New Year), with a traditional event of Oga called "Namahage." A stirring mood is conjured up as onlookers are bathed in the glow of a great bonfire, "Sedo-bi," while performers dressed as ogres dance wildly.

[Dates] Weekend of the 2nd Sun. in Feb. (Fri. to Sun.)

[Main venue] Shinzan Shrine

[Access] From Oga Sta., 1 hr. by bus to Shinzan, then a 20-min. walk

Contact Oga Tourism and Commerce Bureau, tel: (0185) 23-2111



Iwate Snow Festival, Shizukuishi

IWATE

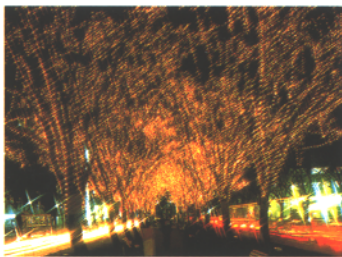
This has long been one of the five largest winter festivals in Tohoku. Set in the spacious pastures of Koiwai Farm, all kinds of events are offered, allowing you to enjoy a snow world of fairy tales. You'll be fascinated by giant snow sculptures in this gala winter fantasia.

[Dates] Early to mid Feb.

[Main venue] Koiwai Farm

[Access] From JR Morioka Sta., 35 min. by bus

Contact Iwate Snow Festival Office, tel: (019) 692-4321



Sendai Pageant of Starlight, Sendai

MIYAGI

When the zelkova trees along Jozenji-dori and Aoba-dori avenues sparkle with dazzling lights, it is a sure sign of winter in Sendai. The glowing tunnel formed by Jozenji-dori is especially romantic. Be sure to bring someone special for a stroll underneath.

[Dates] Dec. 12 to 31

[Main venue] Aoba-dori Ave. and Jozenji-dori Ave.

[Access] A 3-min. walk from JR Sendai Sta.

Contact Sendai Pageant of Starlight Committee, tel: (022) 261-6515



Zao Snow Monsters, Yamagata-shi

YAMAGATA

These unique and somewhat scary shapes are created when mist and water vapor carried by seasonal winds freeze the needles of conifers such as Aomori pines, and have earned the nickname "snow monsters." Every winter these incredible snow monsters appear and are fondly thought of as Zao's statues. Come see nature's bold sculptures of snow, ice, and wind.

[Best viewing] Early Jan. to early Feb.

[Access] From JR Yamagata Sta., 45 min. by bus bound for Zao Onsen

Contact Zao Hot Springs Tourism Assn., tel: (023) 694-9328



Nanokado Hadaka Festival, Yanaizu

FUKUSHIMA

Hadaka Mairi—literally, the Naked Festival—is a famous and very unique festival held during the snowy winter. Clad only in loincloths, men race up the 113 stone steps of the Enzōji Temple, and the scramble up the rope hanging down from the ceiling of Kikkado Hall, the main hall. Mustering up all their strength, those who successfully manage the feat will enjoy good health in the coming year.

[Date] Jan. 7

[Main venue] Fukuman Kokuzoson Enzōji Temple, Kikkado Hall

[Access] A 10-min. walk from Aizu Yanaizu Sta.

Contact Yanaizu Tourism and Commerce Bureau, tel: (0241) 42-2114



Recommended! Itinerary for Adventure

Take your pick of winter-only adventures, or just go for plain fun in the snow

Snowland Experience: Aomori-Akita-Yamagata Course, featuring snow lanterns, Kamakura (snow domes), and snow monsters

This course highlights the snow country along the Sea of Japan coast. Experience firsthand the many wonders of snow country: See igloo-like Kamakura of Akita and snow monsters of Zao, famous throughout Japan. You'll also be mesmerized by the eerie beauty of glowing snow lantern displays.

Aomori: Hirosaki Castle Snow Lantern Festival, early Feb. in Hirosaki→**Akita:** Kamakura, Feb. 15 & 16 in Yokote→**Yamagata:** Zao Snow Monster events, mid Feb in Yamagata-shi.

Train Route
Hirosaki to Yokote via JR Ou Main Line to Yokote Sta. To Zao Snow Monster Site via Ou Main Line to Yamagata Sta., 40 min. by bus to Zao Onsen Bus Terminal, then a 10-min. walk to Zao Ropeway.

Winter Festivals Tour: Iwate-Yamagata-Fukushima Course

The Tohoku winter festivals provide an overwhelming sense of warmth. The distinctive ambiance and traditions of each region continue to thrive today. Enjoy a carefree trip to a snowy area sure to recall childhood memories.

Iwate: Iwate Snow Festival, early to mid Feb. in Shizukuishi→**Yamagata:** Uesugi Snow Lantern Festival, 2nd weekend in Feb. in Yonezawa→**Fukushima:** Ouchijuku Snow Festival, 2nd weekend in Feb. in Shimogo.

Driving Route
From Shizukuishi to Yonezawa via Rte. 46 to Tohoku Expy., Morioka IC & Murata Jct. to Yamagata Expy. and Yamagata Zao IC, then Rte. 13. To Shimogo via Rte. 13 to Tohoku Expy., Fukushima Iizaka IC & Koriyama Jct. to Ban-etsu Expy. and Aizu Wakamatsu IC, then Rte. 118 to Rte. 121.

Train Route
From Shizukuishi to Yonezawa via Akita/Tohoku Shinkansen and Yamagata Shinkansen (transfer at Fukushima Sta.). To Shimogo via Yamagata Shinkansen to JR Tohoku Main Line (transfer at Fukushima Sta.), JR Ban-etsu West Line (transfer at Koriyama Sta.), and Aizu RR (transfer at Aizu Wakamatsu Sta.).

FANTASTIC TOHOKU



Aomori Shirakami Mountains

A pristine beech forest designated a World Heritage site spans the prefectures of Aomori and Akita. This region is home to scientifically valuable flora and fauna, as well as such Japanese national protected species as the golden eagle and black woodpecker.



Akita Shirakami Mountains

The peak of Mount Futatsumori, along the route from Hachimori, affords a broad view of the Shirakami Mountains. Visit the Dakedai Nature Study Forest through the trails of Fujisato to explore an ecosystem reflecting the heart of the forest.



Miyagi Matsushima

One of Japan's three most famous scenic places, this bay contains more than 230 islands of all shapes and sizes. In Matsushima, spectacular panoramas offer distinctive views of majestic Tamonzan, mysterious Sokanzan, beautiful Tomiyama, and gorgeous Otakamori.



Iwate Jodogahama Beach

This beach offers a perfect example of the picturesque scenery along the Rikuchu coastline, and was given its name 300 years ago by the astonished Buddhist priest Reikyo, who uttered, "This must be just like paradise [Jodo]."



Yamagata Yamadera Temple

Visitors to Yamadera can ascend stone steps from the foot of the mountain to explore the temples and stone monuments perched among the crags. Enjoy a magnificent view near the top from Godai Do.



Fukushima Aizu Tsurugajo Castle

The 600-year-old Tsurugajo Castle, renowned as a virtually impenetrable fortress, symbolizes the city of Aizu Wakamatsu. Today the castle stands preserved in a lush park in the heart of the city.

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