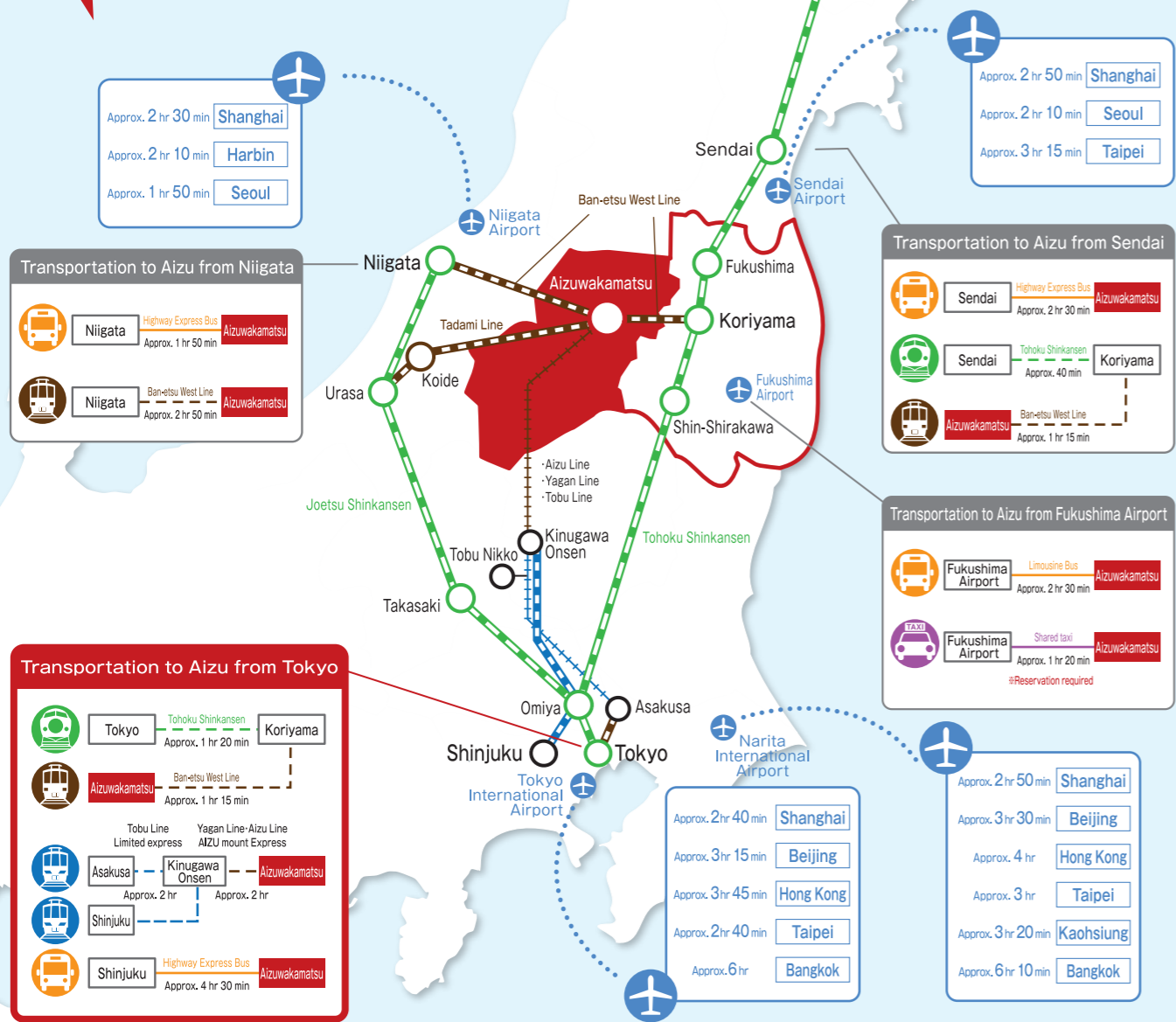


Access to Aizu



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Useful sites

Sightseeing information

Gokujo-no-Aizu
<http://gokujo-aizu.com/iti>

Gokujo-no-Aizu FB
<http://www.facebook.com/gokujounoaiizu.iti/>

Transportation information

East Japan Railway Company <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e>
 (Information by telephone in English, Chinese and Korean) ☎ +81-50-2016-1603

Aizu Railway <http://www.aizutetsudo.jp/>
Aizu Bus <https://www.aizubus.com>

Fukushima Transportation, Inc. <http://www.fukushima-koutu.co.jp>
Fukushima Airport <http://www.fks-ab.co.jp/en>



Multilingual sightseeing information

Central Area Aizuwakamatsu Station
 Tourist Information Center (English) ☎ +81-242-32-0688
http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/location/spot/tic/aizu-wakamatsu_sta.html

Central Area Tsurugajo Castle
 Tourist Information Center (English) ☎ +81-242-29-1151
http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/location/spot/tic/tsurugajo_castle.html

Central Area Roadside Station Aizu
 Yugawa/Aizubange(English) ☎ +81-241-27-8853
<http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/location/spot/tic/07024740.html>

Eastern Area Urabandai Tourist Association
 (English, Chinese and Korean) ☎ +81-241-32-2349
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First Tadami River Bridge Viewpoint
(Mishima Town – Western Area)

MAP P.19 B-2

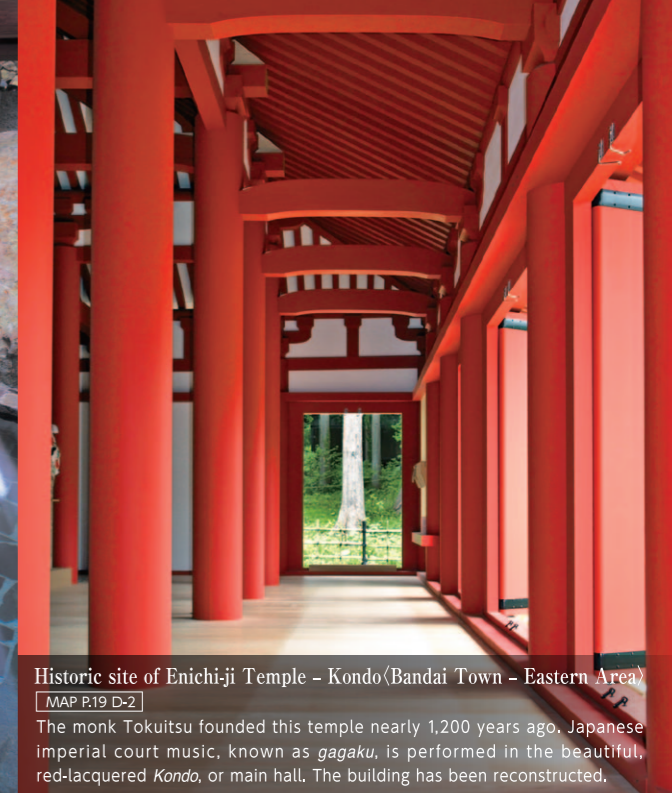
This is a local railway popular for its view of the beautiful valley. Don't miss the sight of the train as it crosses the First Tadami River Bridge.



Ashinomaki Onsen Village(Aizuwakamatsu City – Central Area)

MAP P.19 C-2

Relax in these onsens while enjoying a view of the breath-taking natural landscape. There is an abundance of natural onsens.



Historic site of Enichi-ji Temple – Kondo(Bandai Town – Eastern Area)

MAP P.19 D-2

The monk Tokuitsu founded this temple nearly 1,200 years ago. Japanese imperial court music, known as *gagaku*, is performed in the beautiful, red-lacquered *Kondo*, or main hall. The building has been reconstructed.



Nishiaizu International Art Village
(Nishiaizu Town – Northern Area)

MAP P.19 B-1

The art itself is being displayed in a former junior high school building. Enjoy the tranquil atmosphere of the traditional wooden school which houses these works of art.



Ouchijuku Negi-soba (buckwheat noodles with green leeks)
(Shimogo Town – Southern Area)

MAP P.19 C-3

Negi-soba is a dish of buckwheat noodles served with green leeks, to be used as chopsticks. It is a rare opportunity here in Japan.



The Aizu Tajima Gion Festival(Minamiaizu Town – Southern Area)
Event Dates: July 22nd, 23rd, and 24th

MAP P.19 C-3

The *Gion* festival is a traditional event that has been held for nearly 800 years. It is one of the three biggest *gion* festivals in Japan. Children's *kabuki* is performed, and portable shrines are paraded through the streets.

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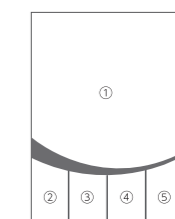
Nature's Four Seasons Aizu: Rich in the History and Culture of Japan

Aizu is rich in nature, whose beauty changes with the seasons. The shrines and temples themselves are surrounded by a sacred, tranquil atmosphere. The ancient spirits of the samurai, culture, and food have been preserved. A variety of Japanese styled buildings and onsens are also available. Aizu has plenty of fascinating things to do for all tourists.

The "Japan" you've been picturing can be found here in Aizu. Beautiful and amazing encounters await you~



Aizu consists of 17 distinctive municipalities. For the purpose of including general regional / location images, we have separated the entire Aizu area into five parts: the central area, eastern area, western area, southern area, and northern area.



Cover Photo

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- ② Nicchu Line Memorial Motor/Walkway (Kitakata City)
- ③ Oze National Park (Hinoemata Village)
- ④ Karariko in Higashiyama Onsen (Aizuwakamatsu City)
- ⑤ Ouchijuku (Shimogo Town)

Winter

Breath-taking scenery and the excitement of the snowy landscape

Aizu's four seasons are distinct, so the same place may be enjoyed a variety of ways in each season. Of the seasons, winter is especially recommended. The pure white snow and extreme cold climate produces an a variety of scenery and landscapes which can be found only Aizu. The winter events we offer include not only skiing and snowboarding, but also hands-on activities like ice fishing.

Eastern Area *Shibuki Go-ri* (Inawashiro Town)
Best season:
Mid-January to Early February

MAP P.19 D-2 *Shibuki Go-ri* refers to the ice on the trees near the shores of the lake, which are made from the strong winds which pass over the water. It is art made by nature itself.



Eastern Area Yellow Fall
(Inawashiro Town, Kitashiobara Village)
Best Season:
Mid-January to Early February

The icicles resemble stalactites, and their various sizes and shapes are breath-taking.



Snow-rafting (All areas in Aizu)
Enjoy the thrill of riding in a "rubber boat", as it is pulled by a snowmobile across a field of snow.



Skiing and Snowboarding (All areas in Aizu)

We are proud of the excellent, powder snow here in Aizu. Along with skiing, the view of the natural surroundings from the top of the mountains is amazing.
*Off-piste skiing and snowboarding are prohibited.

Downhill skiing is addictively thrilling!
It is just like surfing on a cloud.



Eastern Area Ice fishing for pond smelt
(Kitashiobara Village)

MAP P.19 D-1 Fishing seasons are as follows :
Fishing from a *Yakata-bune* (A domed boat) :
November to March
Fishing on the iced-over lake : January to March

Enjoy ice fishing by drilling a hole into the iced-over lake. Fishing equipment and temporary ice-houses are available for rent.



Southern Area Takatsue Snowcat Tour
(Minamiaizu Town)

MAP P.19 B-4 Season: Late-January to Mid-March

On this tour, you will climb the slopes of the ski resort in a snowmobile, for the magnificent winter view from in a mountain peak. Even if you're not good at winter sports, there is plenty for everyone to enjoy.





Southern Area Ouchijuku Snow Festival (Shimogo Town)
Season: Second Saturday and Sunday of February

MAP P.19 C-3

Ouchijuku used to be a post town during the Edo era. Even in winter, the town is full of atmosphere. Stone-lanterns are lit during the Snow Festival, and provide a warm glow.

Southern Area Nakayama Setsugetsuka (Shimogo Town)
Season: Late February

MAP P.19 C-3

A fantastic event that combines the beauty of Aizu's snow (*setsu*), the glowing moon (*getsu*), and the light of candles (*ka*).



Southern Area Tadami Snow Festival (Tadami Town)
Season: Second Saturday and Sunday of February

MAP P.19 A-3

Various events are held on a giant stage made of snow, and a fireworks show is also held. The fireworks glow vividly against the night sky of winter.



Western Area Snow and Fire Festival (Mishima Town)
Season: Second Saturday of February

MAP P.19 B-2

The "Sainokami," is a revival bonfire event to pray for a bountiful harvest. A huge 20 meter bonfire is the center of the event.

Central Area Aizu Painted Candle Festival (Aizuwakamatsu City)
Season: Mid-February

MAP P.19 C-2

I have been there three times already!
The candles painted by children are always great.





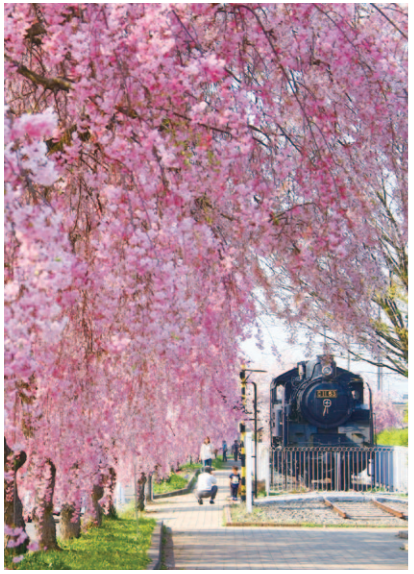
Central Area Tsurugajo Castle
(Aizuwakamatsu City)

MAP P.19 C-2
This is the only castle whose tower boasts the valued "red roof tiles" in all of Japan. It is amazing to see the view of the stately castle surrounded by a thousand cherry blossom trees.

Nature/
History

Exploring the precious nature and history found only in Aizu

Cherry blossoms in spring, greenery in summer, and a multitude of colored leaves in autumn- outside of winter, Aizu has a variety of landscapes visible only during certain seasons. Additionally, Buddhism has prospered here for more than a thousand years. Aizu is therefore known as one of the five biggest Buddhism towns in Japan, and it still hosts a number of historical buildings and Buddhist imagery. You can learn about the history and culture of samurai at Tsurugajo Castle.



Northern Area Nicchu Line Memorial Motor/
Walkway
(Kitakata City)

MAP P.19 C-1
Approximately 1,000 cherry trees bloom in the area around the closed Nicchu Line, which spans nearly 3 kilometers. A steam locomotive is also on display.



Southern Area Oze National Park
(Hinoemata Village)

MAP P.19 A-4

Walking on this trail in the season with bloomed flowers is amazing, and will be a good memory.



Northern Area Shingu Kumano Shrine *Nagatoko*
(Kitakata City)

MAP P.19 C-1

This is the Shinto Shrine from where Yoritomo Minamoto prayed to the gods; it was also used as a secluded mountain dojo for ascetic training by priests. The image of the magnificent *Nagatoko* worship hall is alluring.



Southern Area Tou no Hetsuri
(Shimogo Town)

MAP P.19 C-3

Hetsuri means "cliff" in Japanese. This art is created naturally through weathering and erosion. You can feel the history of millions of years.



Eastern Area Historic site:
Enichi-ji Temple – Kondo
(Bandai Town)

MAP P.19 D-2

It is interesting to see Japan's religious culture and differences of Buddhism among other countries.



Nature / History



Central Area Sazaedo
(Aizuwakamatsu City)

MAP P.19 C-2

This Buddhist temple feature unique winding staircases inside. The building itself looks like a turban shell, and hosts two staircases, which allows visitors to climb the stairs without meeting descending visitors.



Western Area Fukuman Kokuzobosatsu Enzo-ji Temple
(Yanaizu Town)

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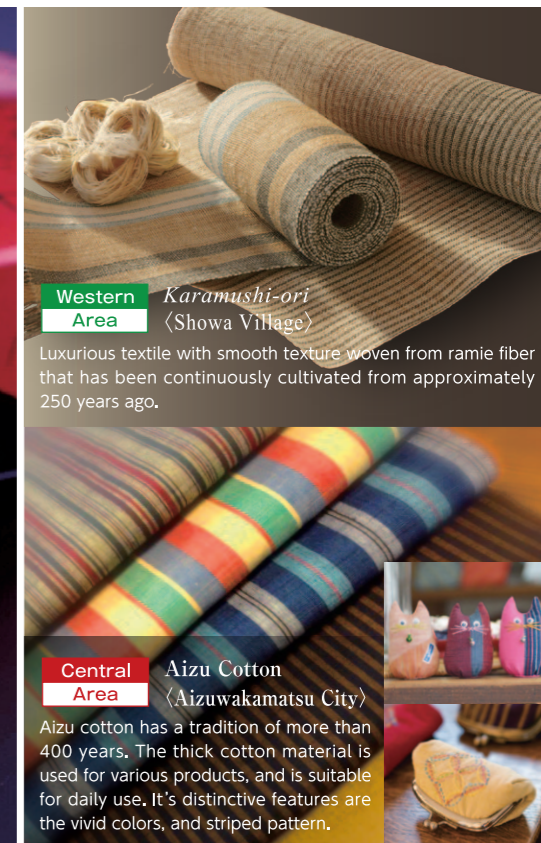
This is one of the three biggest Akasagarbha bodhisattvas in all of Japan. The temple was founded nearly 1,200 years ago. Petting the statue of the bull is meant to bring good luck.



Dengaku (All areas in Aizu)
Dengaku is a rural Aizu dish. A special *miso* sauce is spread on skewered grilled-tofu, taro root and other food. It is usually grilled and eaten by a hearth.



Central Area Aizu Lacquerware (Aizuwakamatsu City)
Mother-of-pearl, gold lacquer, flowers, etc. are applied to Aizu lacquerware using traditional techniques. Lacquerware is a traditional art of Japan.



Western Area Karamushi-ori (Showa Village)
Luxurious textile with smooth texture woven from ramie fiber that has been continuously cultivated from approximately 250 years ago.

Central Area Aizu Cotton (Aizuwakamatsu City)
Aizu cotton has a tradition of more than 400 years. The thick cotton material is used for various products, and is suitable for daily use. It's distinctive features are the vivid colors, and striped pattern.

Local Food/ Souvenirs

Enjoy the local cuisine and traditional techniques of Aizu

All of Aizu's local cuisine is simple yet sophisticated. It was created using the wisdom and resources of people who survived deep snows in winter, and has inherited the spirit of the local samurai. Japanese sake, using pure and delicious water, is also produced to this day. The lacquerware and cotton products of the area are also beautiful and practical, making them very popular as souvenirs.



Kozuyu (All areas in Aizu)
This is the local food which represents Aizu. Kozuyu used to be served only for special events, such as New Year's day, ceremonial occasions, etc.



Soba (All areas in Aizu)
Noodles made from buckwheat are called Soba. People enjoy its smooth texture, and rich flavor. There are many kinds of soba, such as negi-soba (served with green leeks), mizu-soba (using water to dip) and tachi-soba (noodles that have been cut).



Northern Area Kitakata ramen (Kitakata City)
Kitakata ramen is very good. I love it and eat it every week!



Central Area Aizu Hongo Pottery (Aizumisato Town)
Aizu Hongo originated with the baking of roof tiles for Tsurugajo castle nearly 400 years ago.



Western Area Okuaizu Amikumi-Zaiku (Mishima Town)
These craft products are made using plants as material. They are designated as a recognized traditional craft of Japan.

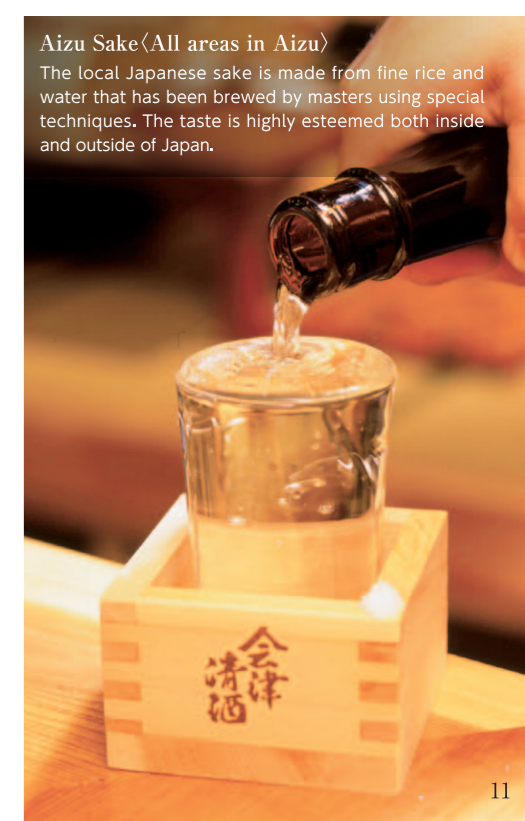


Aizu Hariko (All areas in Aizu)
Aizu Hariko have been made for nearly 400 years. This traditional toy is a lucky charm in the Aizu regions.

Nishin-no-sanshazuke (All areas in Aizu)
A dish of preserved herrings that have been rolled in Japanese pepper-leaves and pickled with soy sauce, vinegar, sake, and so on-it is a regional preserved dish. It is perfect as a snack served with Japanese sake.



Mishirazu-gaki (All areas in Aizu)
It is said that these persimmons were named because they are "too good to stop eating", and are a favorite of the imperial family. These persimmons will melt in your mouth.



Aizu Sake (All areas in Aizu)
The local Japanese sake is made from fine rice and water that has been brewed by masters using special techniques. The taste is highly esteemed both inside and outside of Japan.

Experiences/ Onsen

After you have enjoyed experiencing Japanese culture, enjoy the relaxing Onsen(hot springs)

If you have an interest in Japanese culture, such as zen meditation, Japanese archery, and traditional crafts. Aizu is highly recommended. The time spent enjoying these activities will give you something good to remember about your trip. Don't miss the onsens either. Relax in the bath while enjoying the view outside. The experience will make you forget all your stress.



Central Area MAP P.19 C-2

Zen meditation and Japanese archery experience
Aizu Clan School Nisshinkan
(Aizuwakamatsu City)

Learn about the spirit of Japanese zen through zen meditation, and try out Japanese archery with this experience. Your power of concentration will increase. (Aizu Samurai sprits)



Central Area Higashiyama Onsen Village
(Aizuwakamatsu City)

MAP P.19 C-2
These historical onsens were discovered nearly 1,300 years ago. The onsen water is incredibly good, as are the natural surroundings.



Painting Akabeko (red bull)
(All areas in Aizu)

It's so much fun to paint your own akabeko. It's my lucky charm.



South Area Indigo dyeing at the Okuaizu Museum
(Minamiaizu Town)

MAP P.19 B-4
You can experience the Japanese traditional techniques of dyeing at this old-style farmhouse, featuring a thatched roof.



Tasting and Tour at Sake Breweries (All areas in Aizu)
You can learn about the process of making sake, take a tour in the brewery, and enjoy tasting the sake, for which Aizu is famous all over the world.



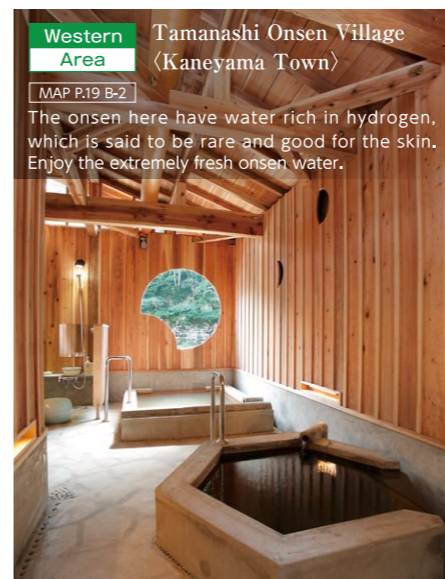
Eastern Area Nakanosawa Onsen Village
(Inawashiro Town)

MAP P.19 D-1
Enjoy the well-known acid sulfur Onsen also called "shionuki no yu" that has one of the largest amount of Onsen water discharge in Japan.



Southern Area Yunokami Onsen Village
(Shimogo Town)

MAP P.19 C-3
Onsen resort with a taste of a rustic mountain town. Yunokami-Onsen Station has a rare thatched roof and a footbath beside the building.



Western Area Tamanashi Onsen Village
(Kaneyama Town)

MAP P.19 B-2
The onsen here have water rich in hydrogen, which is said to be rare and good for the skin. Enjoy the extremely fresh onsen water.



Northern Area Atsushio Onsen Village
(Kitakata City)

MAP P.19 C-1
This onsen water will thoroughly warm your body, due to its high saline concentration. It is also well-known as a spot for good fortune and healthy births.

Central Area



Karariko in Higashiyama Onsen (Aizuwakamatsu City)

MAP P.19 C-2

The Higashiyama *geiko* (Japanese traditional performers, also known as *geisha*) have a long history from the Edo period. Enjoy spending time listening to classic songs, dances, and *shamisen* performances in a traditional Japanese-style room.



Oyakuen Garden (Aizuwakamatsu City)

MAP P.19 C-2



Ryuko-ji Temple (Aizumisato Town)

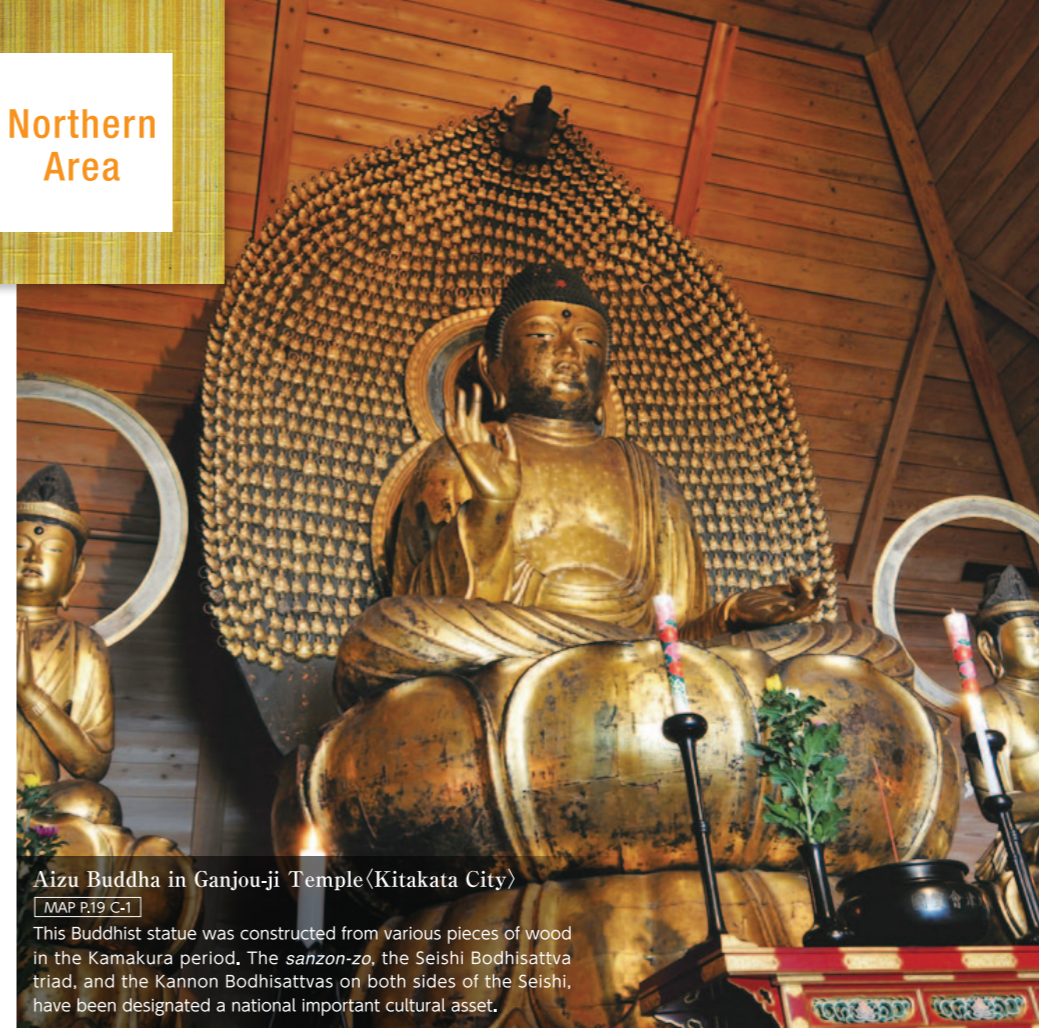
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Basashi (raw horse meat) (Aizubange Town)

MAP P.19 C-1

Northern Area



Aizu Buddha in Ganjou-ji Temple (Kitakata City)

MAP P.19 C-1

This Buddhist statue was constructed from various pieces of wood in the Kamakura period. The *sanzon-zo*, the Seishi Bodhisattva triad, and the Kannon Bodhisattvas on both sides of the Seishi, have been designated a national important cultural asset.



Wakaki Store Brick Warehouse (Kitakata City)

MAP P.19 C-1



Oyamazumi Shrine (Nishiaizu Town)

MAP P.19 B-2



Kitakata Ramen Burger

Roadside Station Kita-no-Sato (Kitakata City)

MAP P.19 C-1



A Castle Town with Plenty of Ancient Tradition

The impregnable Tsurugajo Castle is located in the central area. In this area, there are plenty of places where you can feel and experience the history and culture of Aizu. The *geisha* performance known as *karariko* is certainly worth seeing. With concern to traditional events, Aizu hosts several festivals and events which are rare and unique even in Japan. You can also enjoy onsen with a great view, and local cuisine.



Solemn and alluring shrines and temples await

There are a number of monuments in the Northern Area that have been symbols of religious faith, including the *sanzon-zo* in Ganjou-ji temple, which is unique to the Tohoku region, the hall in the Shingu Kumano Shrine, and the Oyamazumi Shrine, which will grant you one wish in your lifetime. The town which features over 4,000 Japanese warehouses is perfect for a stroll. And don't miss out on Kitakata ramen, one of the three top ramen in Japan.

Recommended Events

Yugawa Village New Rice Festival (Yugawa Village)

Season: Mid-October

MAP P.19 C-2

Yugawa Village is one of the best places in Aizu for rice farming. There are events where you can experience harvesting and tasting new rice. Agricultural produce is also sold.



Otawarahiki (Aizubange Town and Aizumisato Town)

Season: January 14th (Aizubange Town) Second Saturday of January (Aizumisato Town)

MAP P.19 C-2

Men in loincloths are divided into red and white teams (east and west) and pull a large rice bale. It is said that the result of the game determines "rich harvest" or "increase in the price of rice."



(Aizubange Town)

Recommended Events

Aizu Shiokawa Balloon Festival (Kitakata City)

Season: Mid-October

MAP P.19 C-1

This event is an autumnal tradition in Aizu, where 30 hot-air balloons gather from all over Japan. The climax of the event occurs as all of the hot-air balloons float into the sky.



Nishiaizu Snow Festival (Nishiaizu Town)

Season: Early-February

MAP P.19 B-1

Some events only made possible by a snowy environment are available at the festival, including: *kiri-geta* (Japanese wooden sandals) throwing competition, snow sports competitions, snowmobile driving, and more.



Model Course

START

From Aizuwakamatsu Station

About 10 minutes



Tsurugajo Castle (Aizuwakamatsu City)

MAP P.19 C-2

About 30 minutes



Making Aizu-Hongo pottery (Aizumisato Town)

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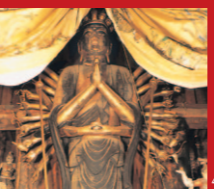
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Lunch - Sauce-Katsudon (katsu: deep fried pork) Roadside Station Aizu Yugawa / Aizubange (Yugawa Village)

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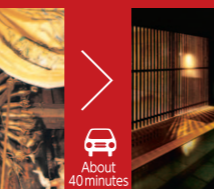
About 15 minutes



Tachiki Kannon (Aizubange Town)

MAP P.19 C-2

About 40 minutes



Higashiyama Onsen Village (overnight stay) (Aizuwakamatsu City)

MAP P.19 C-2

Model Course

START

From Kitakata Station

About 5 minutes



Dyeing Factory Renga Aizu-kata cutting and color printing experience (Kitakata City)

MAP P.19 C-1

About 5 minutes



Sake tasting at the Yamatogawa Sake Brewery (Kitakata City)

MAP P.19 C-1

About 10 minutes



Lunch Kitakata ramen (Kitakata City)

MAP P.19 C-1

About 40 minutes



Nishiaizu International Art Village (Nishiaizu Town)

MAP P.19 B-1

About 30 minutes



Lotus Inn (overnight stay) (Nishiaizu Town)

MAP P.19 B-1

Websites

Aizuwakamatsu City: <http://www.aizuwakamatsu-city.jp/>



Aizumisato Town: <http://www.town.aizumisato.fukushima.jp/>



Yugawa Village: <http://www.vill.yugawa.fukushima.jp/>



Aizubange Town: <http://www.town.aizubange.fukushima.jp/>



Websites

Kitakata City: <http://www.kitakata-kanko.jp/>



Nishiaizu Town: <http://www.town.nishiaizu.fukushima.jp/>



Eastern Area



Mt. Bandai Trekking
(Inawashiro Town, Bandai Town, Kitashiobara Village)

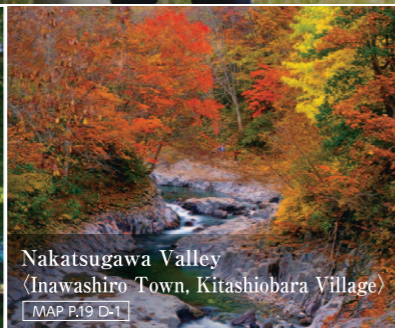
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Mt. Bandai is one of the 100 famous mountains in Japan. Many mountain climbers visit it every year. There are 6 starting points for the Mt. Bandai climb. It takes approximately 2 hours from the Happoudai trail route to the top of the mountain.



Goshikinuma: The mysterious lakes and marshes
(Kitashiobara Village)

MAP P.19 D-1



Nakatsugawa Valley
(Inawashiro Town, Kitashiobara Village)

MAP P.19 D-1



Soba ice cream
Roadside Station Bandai (Bandai Town)

MAP P.19 D-2

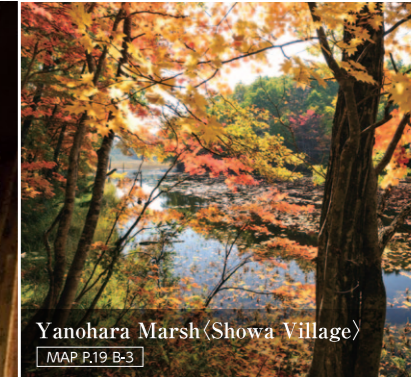
Western Area



Karamushi-ori Experience
Roadside Station Karamushi-ori no Sato
Showa Orihime Koryukan (Showa Village)

MAP P.19 B-3

Karamushi, a rare ramie plant in Japan, are grown in the village. You can make coasters and other items with the *karamushi*-weaving techniques.



Yanohara Marsh (Showa Village)

MAP P.19 B-3



Aizu Jidori (Local chicken)
Loghouse Donguri (Mishima Town)

MAP P.19 B-2



Awamanju (Yanaizu Town)

MAP P.19 B-2

Quality time surrounded by beautiful nature

The Eastern Area of Aizu is surrounded by high mountains, including Mt. Bandai, and the area is well-known for its cool summers and good winter snow. Enjoy the amazing landscapes throughout the year. The volcanic activity of Mt. Bandai provides the area with plenty of onsen water. Furthermore, Mt. Bandai is surrounded by onsen resorts, and located near many beautiful lakes and marshes.

Experience the interesting and ancient customs that are connected to the region

In the West area, you can experience Japanese culture associated with daily life including "weaving crafts" using plant materials such as wild vines and silver vines, and "ramie cloth" made from ramie plants that have been cultivated for approximately 250 years. This area is where you can enjoy the stunning view of the Tadami Line which is also very popular overseas. There are many festivals where travelers can socialize with locals. Human contact with simple, warm locals will add color to your trip.

Recommended Events

An evening of lamp light and Buddhist singing
Historic site of the Enichi-ji ruins/Main hall (Bandai Town)
Season: Mid to late August

MAP P.19 D-2

The world's oldest traditional music, "Buddhist chants," recited by monks echo throughout the fantastically lit-up main hall.



Urabandai Fire Mountain Festival
(Kitashiobara Village)

Season: July 21st

MAP P.19 D-1

Approximately 500 fireworks are displayed while accompanied by music. The fireworks reflected on the surface of Lake Hibara are magnificent.



Recommended Events

Lake Numazawa Festival
(Kaneyama Town)
Season: First Saturday and Sunday of August

MAP P.19 B-2

In this event, a legendary large snake is recreated. On the first night of the event, a fireworks festival is also held out on the lake. The meeting of the large snake structure and the fireworks are the main event of this festival.



Fukuman Kokuzobosatsu Enzo-ji Temple
Nanokadou Hadaka Mairi (Yanaizu Town)
Season: January 7th

MAP P.19 B-2

With the ring of the first bell, nearly 300 men begin their rush to the *owaniguchi**. The hall in the temple is filled with the energy of the participating men.



Owaniguchi: A Buddhist altar equipment that visitors make a sound by shaking an attached rope

Model Course

START
From Inawashiro Station

- Hanitsu Shrine**
(Inawashiro Town)
MAP P.19 D-2
- Historic site of Enichi-ji Temple - Kondo**
(Bandai Town)
MAP P.19 D-2
- Lunch Aizu Yamajio ramen**
(Kitashiobara Village)
MAP P.19 D-1
- Morohashi Modern Museum**
(Kitashiobara Village)
MAP P.19 D-1
- Yokomuki Onsen Village**
(Inawashiro Town)
MAP P.19 D-1

Model Course

START
From Aizuyanaizu Station

- Fukuman Kokuzobosatsu Enzo-ji Temple**
(Yanaizu Town)
MAP P.19 B-2
- Mishima Town Seikatsu Kougeikan Experience on Amikumi-zaiku**
(Mishima Town)
MAP P.19 B-2
- Lunch - Kyoudoshoku Denshoukan Choma-an**
(Showa Village)
MAP P.19 B-3
- Takizawa River Potholes**
(Kaneyama Town)
MAP P.19 A-2
- Hayato Onsen Village (overnight stay)**
(Mishima Town)
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Websites

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<http://www1.bandaisan.or.jp/ib/en/>



Bandai Town:
<http://www.town.bandai.fukushima.jp/>



Kitashiobara Village:
<http://www.vill.kitashiobara.fukushima.jp/docs/2011071200013/>



Websites

Yanaizu Town:
<http://kankou.town.yanaizu.fukushima.jp/>



Mishima Town:
<http://www.mishima-kankou.net/>



Showa Village:
<http://www.vill.showa.fukushima.jp/>



Kaneyama Town:
<http://www.kaneyama-kankou.ne.jp/>



Southern Area



Hinoemata Kabuki (Hinoemata Village)
Season: May 12th, August 18th,
first Saturday of September
MAP P.19 A-4



Maiden Lilies in
Takashimizu Nature Park
(Minamiaizu Town) MAP P.19 B-3



Shingorou
(Shimogo Town, Minamiaizu Town)
Shingorou is a grilled semi-pounded rice
cake on a bamboo skewer. It is covered in
a miso paste and topped with wild sesame.

Beech Forests in Tadami Town
(Tadami Town)

MAP P.19 A-3

This is a popular sightseeing spot where you
can feel abundant nature of Tadami.
"Megumi-no-mori" and "Iyashi-no-mori" are
recommended.

Sanjinsugi Beech Trail:
Four-hour round-trip mountain trail course.

※We recommend that a (paid) guide accompany you
on the above trek. Guide is available only in Japanese.

Aizu is full of the beautiful scenery for which Japan is famous all over the world.

The South area still enjoys intact nature that shows traditional Japanese scenery such as the beech forest in Tadami Town and Oze. The performance of Hinoemata Kabuki, a traditional performing art with a 270-year tradition, can be enjoyed in this area. You can also experience Kabuki-style make-up here. This area is full of Japan's unique culture including irori fireplaces, footbaths, bent houses and local cuisine.

Recommended Events

Walking with
Cherry Blossoms and
the History of Mt. Minami
(Minamiaizu Town)

Season: Late-April

MAP P.19 C-3

Enjoy the hospitality of the area
while learning about the history of
Mt. Minami, while strolling under
the later-blooming cherry trees.



Summer Snow Festival
(Hinoemata Village)

Season: First Saturday and
Sunday of August

MAP P.19 A-4

Snow which has been saved in a
special sheet is used for this event.
A beer garden in the snow and a
watermelon cracking event are also
held, so you can enjoy both the
midsummer sunshine and the cold
of the snow.



Model Course

START
From Yunokami Onsen Station

- Outdoor footbath and Japanese hearth at Yunokami Onsen Station (Shimogo Town) MAP P.19 C-3
- Indigo dyeing at the Okuizu Museum (Minamiaizu Town) MAP P.19 B-4
- Lunch - Tachi-soba (Hinoemata Village) MAP P.19 A-4
- Lake Tagokura (Tadami Town) MAP P.19 A-3
- Fukazawa Onsen Village (overnight stay) (Tadami Town) MAP P.19 A-3

Websites
Shimogo Town:
<http://shimogo.jp/>



Minamiaizu Town:
<http://www.kanko-aizu.com/>



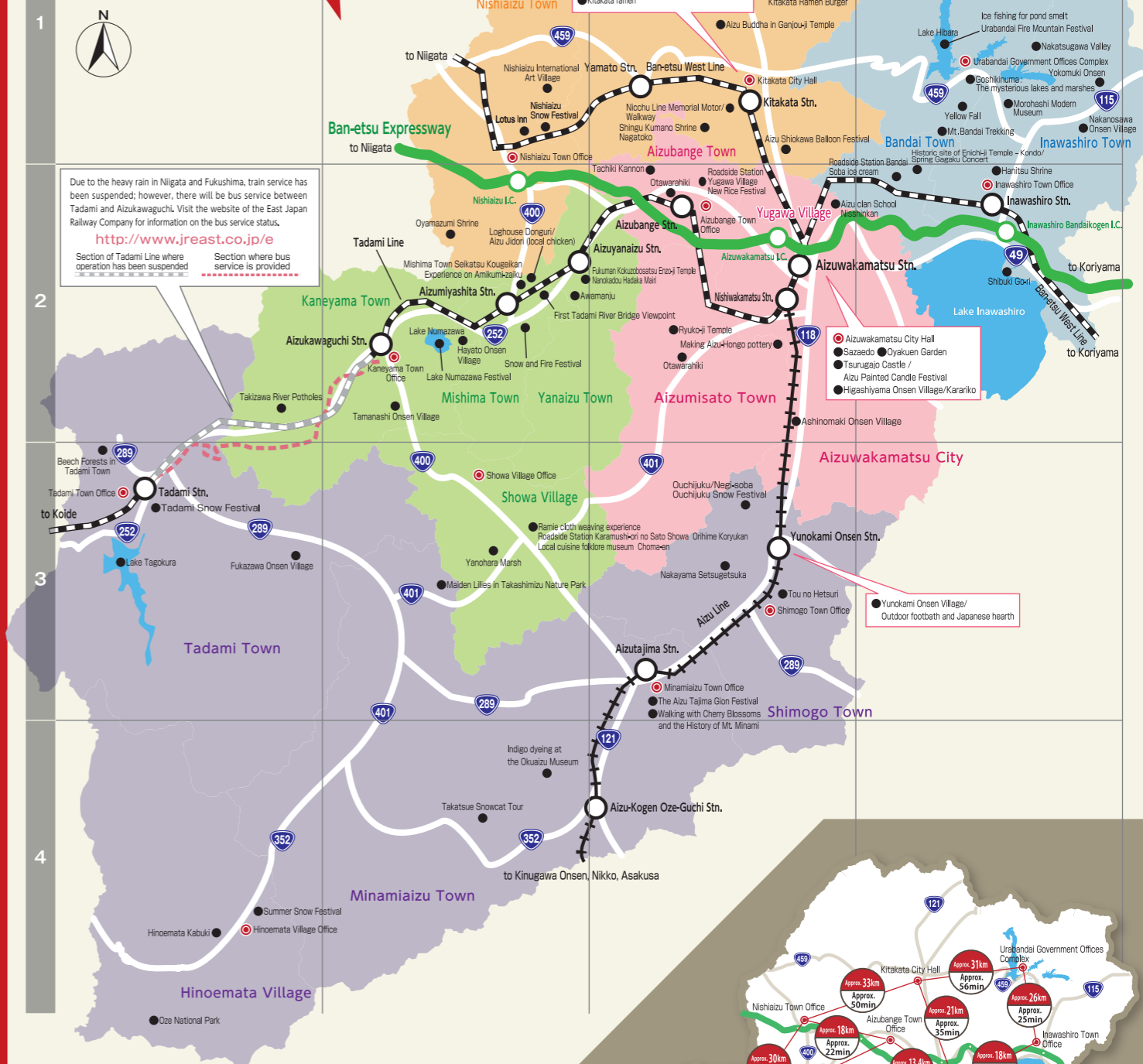
Hinoemata Village:
<http://www.oze-info.jp/e.ts.hp.transer.com/>



Tadami Town:
<http://www.tadaminavi.com/>



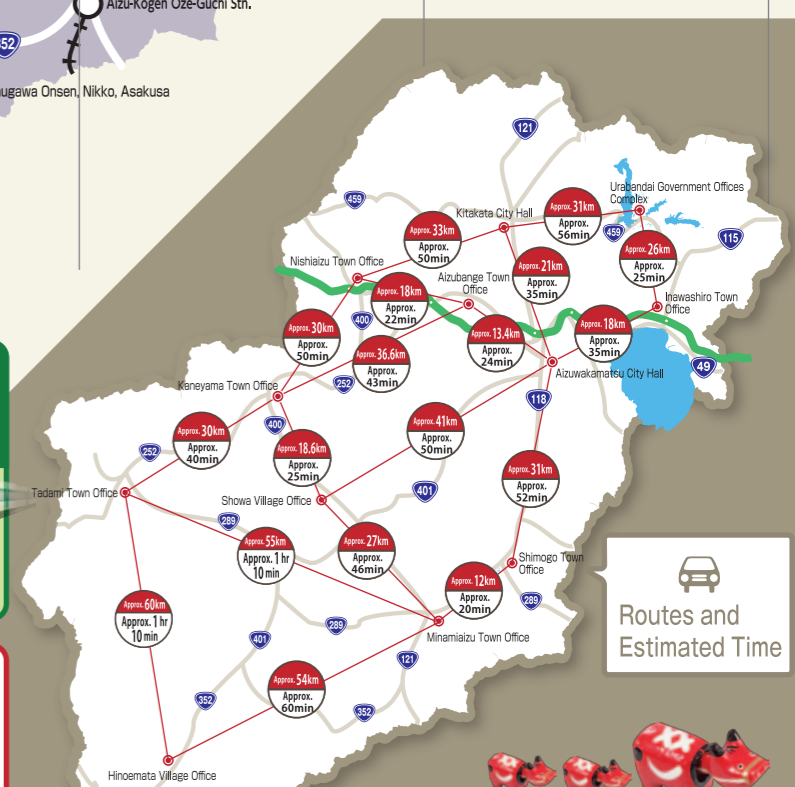
Regional Map of the Area



The new express railcars connect the Tokyo metropolitan area and Aizu!
Tobu Line's new express railcars, "500 series,"
will be extended to Yagan Line and Aizu Line in spring, 2017!

Operating date **Spring, 2017 (TBD)**
Direct service zone **Tobu Line/Tobu Skytree Line/
Asakusa Station - Aizu Line/Aizu Line/Aizu-Tajima Station**
※Yagan Line Via Aizu Kinugawa Line (190.7km)

Japan Heritage listed
"Pilgrimage of 33 Kannon Buddha in Aizu"
"Aizu" is where the Buddhism culture has flowered the earliest in the Tohoku district. The story of re-experiencing the easygoing taste of faith of the Aizu people of former days by walking through post towns and trails and touring 33 temples in various locations of Aizu. was registered as a Japan Heritage narrative in April, 2016.



Routes and
Estimated Time

●The distances indicated on the map are approximations.
The required time listed applies to travel by car under good highway conditions.