

Akita's NAVI

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Use the "Akita's NAVI" guide app to easily get information on sightseeing spots and transportation. The "Akita's NAVI" app provides information on buses, trains, shared taxis, and other public transportation as well as sightseeing destinations and event information with recommended sightseeing route suggestions. It will help you plan your trip!

Usage guide here ➡



How to download

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Discover Akita!



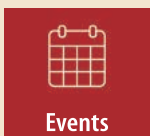
Meet the beautiful "Akita Maiko"

Maiko and Geiko give lively, elegant performances in traditional tatami rooms with poetry, dance, and shamisen. The geisha district of Gion in Kyoto is the most famous place for this, but in Akita one can meet these Maiko "Akita beauties" as well.



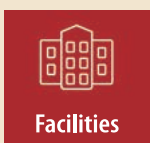
The hometown of Hachiko, the loyal dog

Hachiko, the most famous loyal dog in Japan, is an Akita Inu. Among the six breeds of dogs in Japan that are nationally designated natural monuments, the Akita Inu is the only large-sized dog. They are known for their tightly curled tails and perky upright ears. Outside of Japan they are affectionately called Japanese Akita or the Great Japanese dog.



Events

It provides information on events and routes to get to the event venues.



Facilities

Search for information on facilities by area, category, and keyword.



Route search

You can search for routes, travel time, and fees to your destination using public transportation.

- Specify your current location, where you want to leave from, or your destination and the route, times, and associated fees will be displayed.
- In addition to stations and bus stops, you can specify any point on the map.
- You can also display the timetables by tapping on a station or bus stop on the map.



Access to Akita

Tokyo	By air	From Haneda Airport to Akita Airport Approx. 1 hr 5 mins (ANA/JAL)
	By rail	From Haneda Airport to Odate-Noshiro Airport Approx. 1 hr 10 mins (ANA)
	By rail	From Tokyo Station to Akita Station As quick as 3 hr 37 mins (Akita Shinkansen "Komachi")
Osaka	By air	From Itami Airport to Akita Airport Approx. 1 hr 25 mins (ANA/JAL)
	By rail	From Osaka to Akita Station Approx. 2 hr 10 mins (Shinkansen)
Nagoya	By air	From Chubu Centrair International Airport to Akita Airport ... Approx. 1 hr 25 mins (ANA)
	By rail	From Nagoya Station to Akita Station Approx. 2 hr 10 mins (Shinkansen)
Hokkaido	By air	From New Chitose Airport to Akita Airport Approx. 1 hr (ANA/JAL)
	By rail	From Sapporo to Akita Station Approx. 2 hr 10 mins (Shinkansen)
Sendai	By air	From Sendai Airport to Akita Airport Approx. 1 hr 10 mins (ANA/JAL)
	By rail	From Sendai Station to Akita Station As quick as two hours (Akita Shinkansen "Komachi")



Information

Worried that you won't be able to understand the language in Akita when you visit for the first time? Then please visit a local tourist office at any local area in Akita.

*All facilities are free

Tourist Information Center

Akita City Tourist Information Center

Foreign language: English
Address: Inside JR Akita Station, 7-1-2 Nakadori, Akita
Phone: 018-832-7941
Hours: April - October / 9:00 - 19:00, November - March / 9:00 - 18:00
Closed: December 31 to January 2

Oga Tourist Information Center

Foreign language: English
Address: 1-1 Shinhamacho, Funagawaminato Funagawa, Oga
Phone: 0185-24-4700
Hours: 8:30-17:00

Kakunodate Tourist Information Center

Foreign language: English
Address: 394-2 Kamisugawasa, Kakunodate, Senboku
Phone: 0187-54-2700
Hours: 9:00 - 18:00 (October - mid-April closes at 17:30)

Senboku Tazawako Tourist Information Center

Foreign language: English, Korean
Address: 68 Osaka, Tazawako, Obonai, Senboku
Phone: 0187-43-2111
Hours: 8:30 - 17:30

See details here!

<http://www.akitafan.com/en/first>

Inquiries about Akita

Akita Tourism Support Center

Foreign language: English
E-mail: support@akita-kanko.com
Phone: 018-838-0225
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00 (Excluding Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, year-end holidays and New Year's holidays.)



Time required to reach stations closest to main sightseeing destinations from Akita station

Destination (station)	Odate	Kazuno-Hanawa	Higashi-Noshiro	Akita-Shirakami	Omagari	Kakunodate	Tazawako	Oga	Ugo-Honjo	Kisakata	Yokote	Yuzawa
Required time*	Approx. 1 hr 25 mins	Approx. 2 hr 17 mins	Approx. 1 hr 20 mins	Approx. 1 hr 48 mins	Approx. 30 mins	Approx. 45 mins	Approx. 57 mins	Approx. 1 hr	Approx. 40 mins	Approx. 1 hr 4 mins	Approx. 47 mins	Approx. 1 hr 6 mins

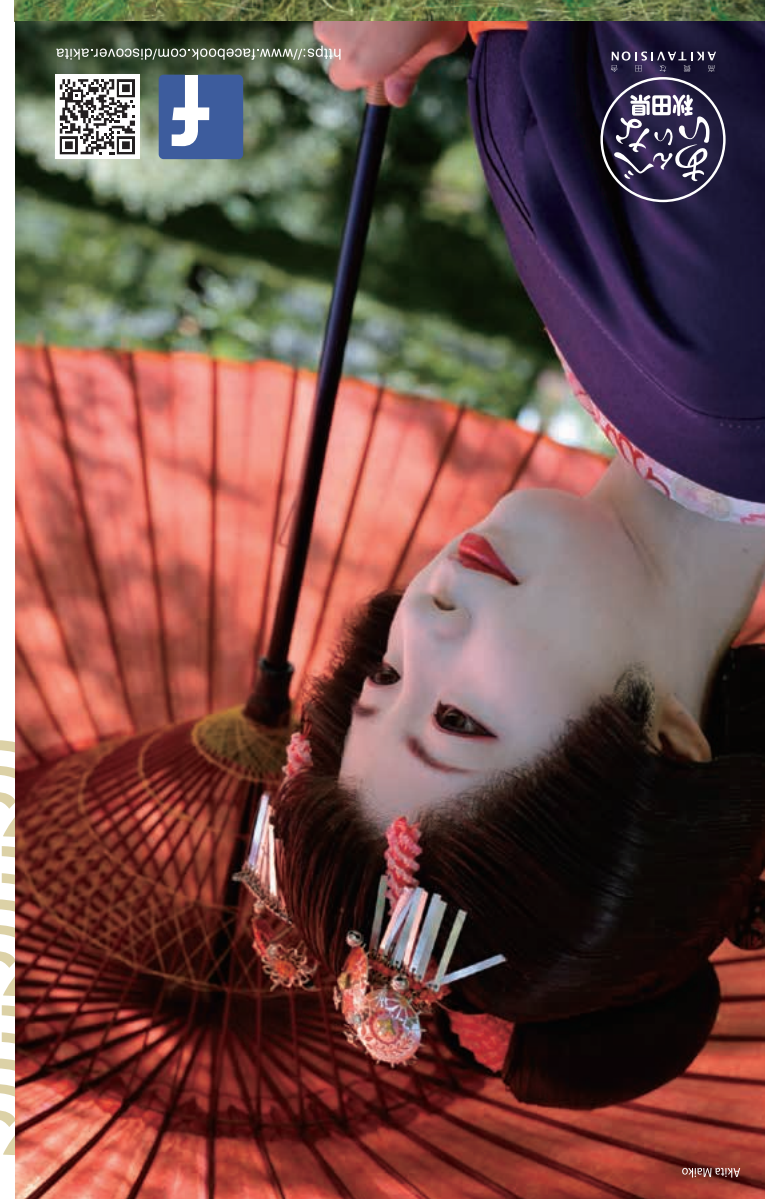
*Shortest time possible by train

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Hot springs

You are welcome anytime at these famous hot springs that are renowned throughout Japan.

A-1 Nyuto Onsen-kyo
The seven hot springs located at the foot of Mt. Nyuto are collectively called "Nyuto Onsen-kyo." These seven hot springs all have separate sources. In fact, there are more than 10 different springs all possessing various properties.



A-2 Hachimantai Onsen-kyo
This popular hot spring area is located in a vast natural area 1,000 meters above sea level.



A-3 Oga Onsen-kyo
This hot spring area is located in Oga, which is famous for "Namahage." There are numerous hot spring facilities where visitors can enjoy the natural environment of the Sea of Japan and Oga, and have their fill of seasonal local foods.



A-4 Sukawa Onsen Kurikoma Sanso
This outdoor bath with a panoramic view of the vast surrounding natural environment is famous. Visitors can enjoy viewing the changing scenery throughout the seasons.



Recommended!
Enjoy fireworks every month!
In addition to the National Fireworks Competition held in August in Daisen – the "fireworks town" now holds monthly fireworks displays. Now, fireworks displays can be enjoyed not only in the summer, but also with the cherry blossoms, fall colors, and in the snow.
▶ <http://daisenkankou.com/fireworks/calendar.html>

B-1 Omagari Fireworks
This is a fireworks competition in which all the best fireworks manufacturers from around Japan assemble. Spectators are wowed with the amazing force and sound of this performance in the midsummer night sky.
[Held in Daisen on the last Saturday in August]



B-4 Kamakura
This Little New Year (Koshogatsu) event is held to honor the water god. Children inside the Kamakura snow huts are treated to amazake and mochi rice cakes.
[Held in Yokote – February 15 – 16]

B-5 Namahage Sedo Festival
This is a folk event from Oga. At the climax, the striking figures of the Namahage descend from the snowy mountains. It's a spectacular sight!
[Held in Oga on the 2nd Friday through Sunday in February]



B-2 Nishimonai Bon Odori
This is one of the three most famous Bon Odori festivals in Japan, with a history dating back 700 years. The dance gives a very otherworldly impression.
[Held in Ugo from August 16 – 18]



B-3 Akita Kanto Festival
This is one of the three major festivals in the Tohoku region. Countless glowing lanterns strung on bamboo poles waver like the ears of rice plants in this stunning festival.
[Held in Akita on August 3 – 6]



Experience Akita

During the summer or the winter, try doing something that is only possible in Akita!

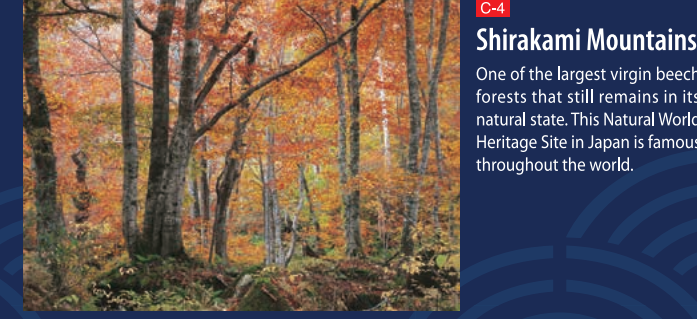
The natural landscape of Akita is gorgeous. Visitors can enjoy various leisurely activities throughout all four seasons in the mountains, on the coast, or around the lakes.



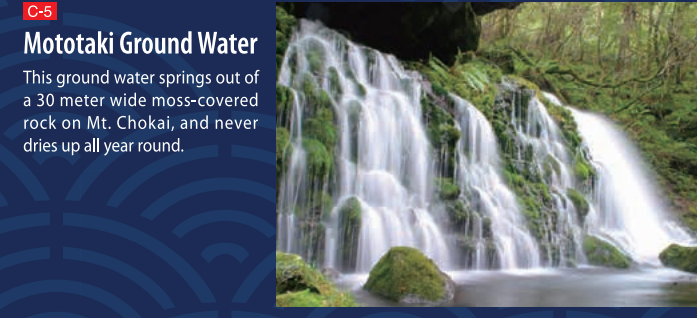
Skiing
Akita gets a lot of snowfall in the winter, and thus is home to abundant winter sports activities. Each area has ski resorts with various courses including the Tazawako Ski Area and the Moriyoshi Ski Resort.



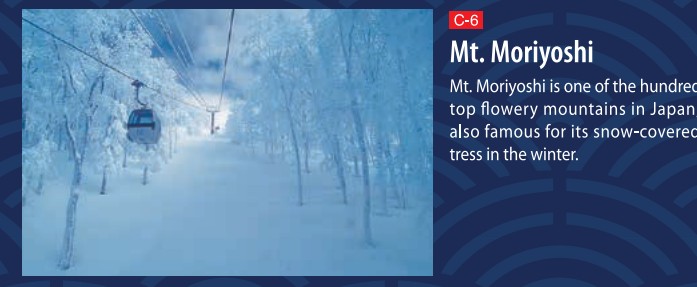
C-3 Lake Tazawako
Tazawako is the deepest lake in Japan. The clear azure surface of the lake that doesn't freeze during the winter is impressive. Visitors can of course enjoy strolls around the lake, and can even rent canoes to go paddling.



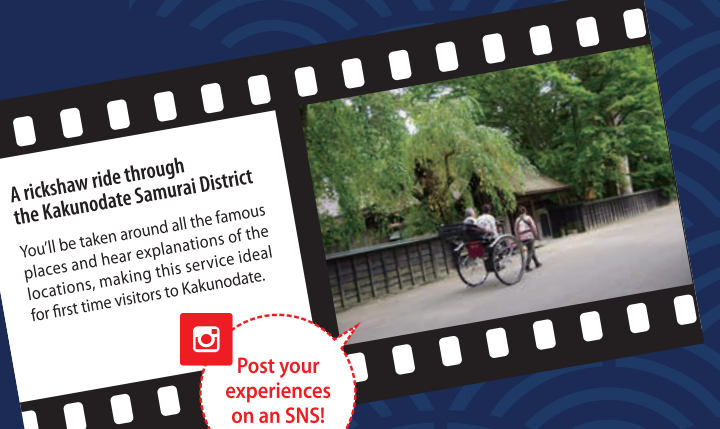
C-4 Shirakami Mountains
One of the largest virgin beech forests that still remains in its natural state. This Natural World Heritage Site in Japan is famous throughout the world.



C-5 Mototaki Ground Water
This ground water springs out of a 30 meter wide moss-covered rock on Mt. Chokai, and never dries up all year round.



C-6 Mt. Moriyoshi
Mt. Moriyoshi is one of the hundred top flowery mountains in Japan, also famous for its snow-covered tress in the winter.



C-1 Kakunodate Samurai Residence
Experience history firsthand in these old samurai residences and the traditional cityscape that still remains in Kakunodate. Visitors can enjoy riding a rickshaw and wearing a kimono while exploring the streets of the samurai district.
Post your experiences on an SNS!

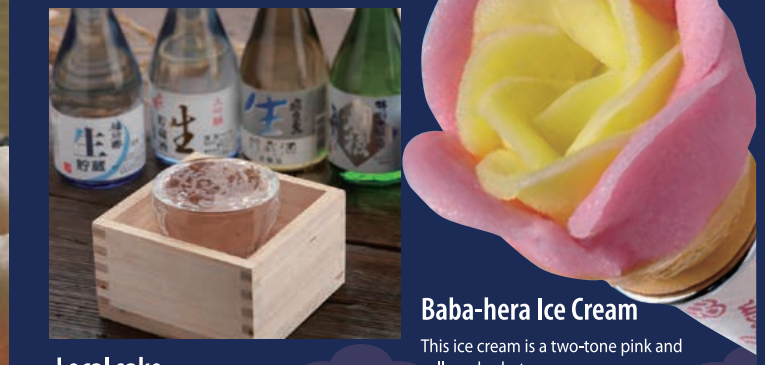


Food

Akita is overflowing with gourmet food. The roots of Japanese cuisine are right here.



Inaniwa udon
One of the big 3 udon noodles in Japan. Their smooth texture on your tongue, firmness, and elegant flavor are striking.



Baba-hera Ice Cream
This ice cream is a two-tone pink and yellow sherbet.



Iburi-gakko
These traditional pickled daikon from Akita are made by smoking daikon suspended above an "irori" hearth and then pickling them in rice bran.



Junsai
This is a type of aquatic plant. You will be amazed at the smooth way it slides down your throat. More Junsai is harvested here than anywhere else in Japan!



Kabazaiku
Made using the bark of mountain cherry trees. A popular craft item.

Traditional crafts

Hand-made masterpieces by artisans using all natural materials. They make perfect souvenirs.



Kawatsura Lacquer ware
These traditional craft items boast an 800 year history. Bowls and small dishes made of beautiful yet strong lacquer ware.



Odate Magewappa
The texture of Akita cedar adds appeal to these traditional craft items. Lunch boxes, cups, and similar items are quite popular.