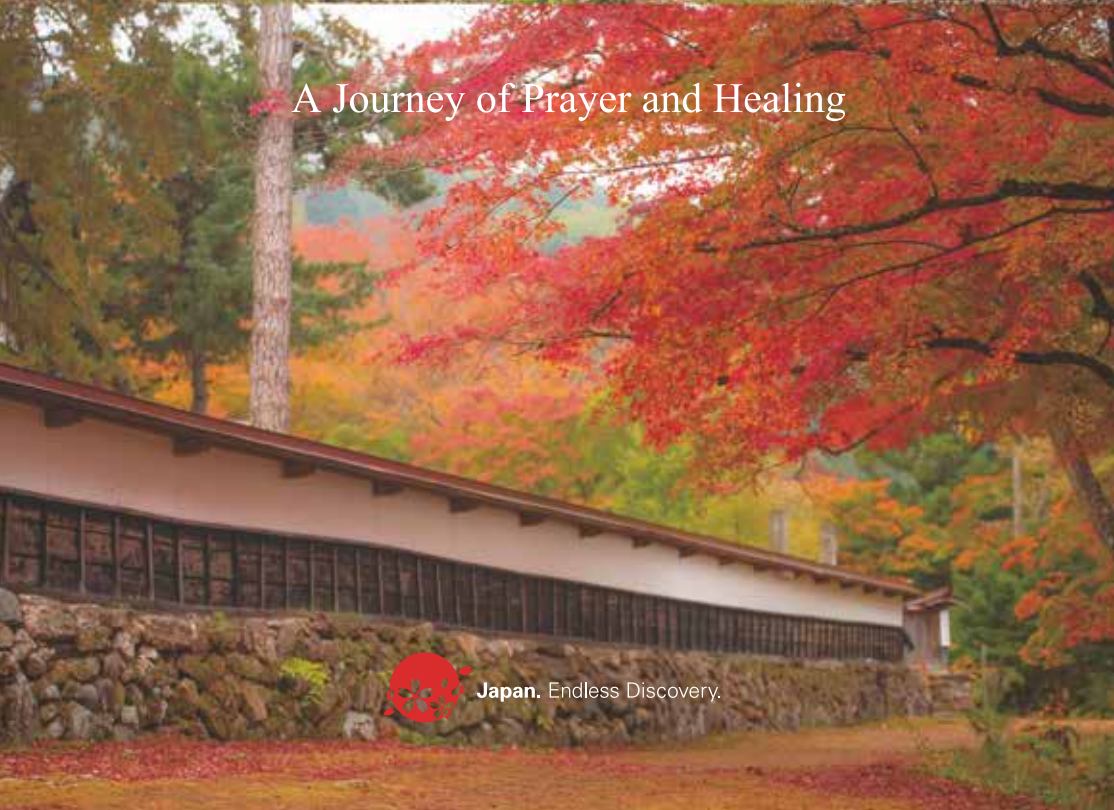


Akabeko Home Town



# Aizu Yanaizu



A Journey of Prayer and Healing



Japan. Endless Discovery.

## Access Map

Tohoku area



## Access to Aizu Yanaizu

By air

By car



By train





### 1 Mitama Matsuri (Spirit Festival) Floating Lantern and Fireworks Festival

Lanterns are floated down Tadami River, and a big fireworks festival is held to mourn the spirits of the departed.

Access: 15 min on foot from Aizu-Yanagi Station on the JR Tadami Line (to the venue)

### 2 Tadami River and Enzoji Temple

Plenty of red-scaled redfins can be seen from the red parapets of Kiyohime Bridge.

Access: 15 min on foot from Aizu-Yanagi Station on the JR Tadami Line

### 3 The Greenery of Tadami River

The view from the balcony of Enzoji Temple's Kiko Hall.

Access: 15 min on foot from Aizu-Yanaizu Station on the JR Tadami Line



# Summer



# Spring



### 1 Cherry blossoms at Aizu-Yanaizu Station (JR Tadami Line)

The illumination begins when the cherry blossoms bloom.

Cherry blossom viewing season: late April

Access: Aizu-Yanaizu Station on the JR Tadami Line

### 2 Tadami River and Zuikoji Bridge

Rows of cherry trees and rapeseed blossoms tell the coming of spring.

Access: 15 min walk from Aizu-Yanaizu Station on the JR Tadami Line





# Autumn

## 1 Yanaizu Winter Festival Sai no Kami

A traditional fire festive held to pray for health.  
\*Held the 1st Saturday of February  
Access: 15 min walk from Aizu-Yanaizu Station on the JR Tadami Line (to the venue)

## 2 Tadami River and Enzoji Temple in Winter

A pleasantly sunny morning.  
Access: 15 min walk from Aizu-Yanaizu Station on the JR Tadami Line

## 3 Nanoka-do Hadaka Mairi (Naked Man Festival)

An odd yet traditional festival held each year on the night of January 7th.  
Access: 7 min on foot from Aizu-Yanaizu Station on the JR Tadami Line

## 1 The white earthen walls on the grounds of Enzoji Temple

The contrast with the red autumn leaves makes this a popular spot for photo shoots.  
Access: 7 min on foot from Aizu-Yanaizu Station on the JR Tadami Line

## 2 Tsumujikura Fall

A waterfall at the foot of Mt. Hakase, the tallest in Yanaizu. (Height: upper level 25m, lower level 60m)  
Access: 30 minutes by car from Aizu-Bange IC

## 3 The grounds of Enzoji Temple

In autumn, the entire area of Enzoji Temple is painted red with autumn foliage.  
Access: 7 min on foot from Aizu-Yanaizu Station on the JR Tadami Line







### 1 Okunoin Bentendo

A thatched-roof temple erected roughly 600 years ago that has been designated an Important Cultural Asset.

Located at the confluence of the Tadami and Ginzan Rivers, this land has long been afflicted by floods, so Benzaiten was enshrined here to ward off flooding.

### 2 Chigo Parade

Held on the 10th of August every year to remember the ancestors.

Children holding lanterns and wearing period costumes parade along the Tadami riverside to Uobuchi.

The lanterns floating down the river afterward at dusk is magical.

### 3 Nanoka-do Hadaka Mairi (Naked Man Festival)

An odd festival passed down in Yanaizu for thousands of years. On the night of January 7th every year, at the ringing of a bell on the temple grounds, men climb to the gong in Kiko Hall, and it is said that the fierce battle that ensues brings a year of health, wealth, and fulfillment of prayers. This started with a legend in which the power of the people drove out the dragon god living in Tadami River.

### 4 The view from Kiko Hall

### Yanaizu Akabeko Family

The Yanaizu Akabeko Family has four members, father Fukutaro, mother Mitsuko, son Mo-kun, and daughter Ai-chan. Find all members of the family while walking around town.



### The legend of the Akabeko

A great earthquake that hit the Aizu area in 1611 leveled the main hall of Enzoji Temple and houses in Yanaizu as well, creating massive damage. In 1617, a new hall was rebuilt on the present rock. The timber used at the time was donated by villages upstream of the Tadami River and was transported to Yanaizu by the river, but the people were at a loss as to how to get the timber from the river onto the big rock. Just then, a herd of red cattle appeared out of nowhere to help carry the timber. Thanks to them the main hall was completed, and this is where the story of Akabeko originates. Folk crafts featuring Akabeko are widely popular as talismans to ward off disaster and to pray to the gods.



Fukuman Kokuzo Bosatsu

## Enzoji Temple

One of three Kokuzo Bosatsus (Akasagarbha Bodhisattva) in Japan, with 1200 years of history

Fukuman Kokuzo Bosatsu Enzoji Temple, a famous temple in the Aizu region, has attracted even greater faith than in the past. Along with the ones at Daimanji Temple in the village of Tokai, Ibaraki Prefecture and at Nomanji Temple in the town of Amatsukominato, Chiba Prefecture, this is counted as one of the three Kokuzo Bosatsu in Japan. According to legend, Kobo Daishi received a sacred tree from a Tang high priest, and after returning to Japan, he split the tree into three pieces and threw it in the ocean, where they floated to Ibaraki, Chiba, and Yanaizu. Hearing this story, Kobo Daishi carved the Kokuzo Bosatsu into that tree. Later, when Enzoji Temple was founded by Tokuitsu Daishi in the year 807, he enshrined that carving of the Kokuzo Bosatsu said to be the work of Kobo Daishi.

\*Enzoji Temple and its grounds are not a sightseeing spot, but rather a place of religious worship, so please be quiet. Also, photography within the temples is prohibited.





## Miniature Wood Carvings (Fuzan Kobo)

The world-class craftsmanship of Yanaizu. Little gods sit enshrined within walnut or sesame wood.



## Awa Manju, a specialty of Yanaizu

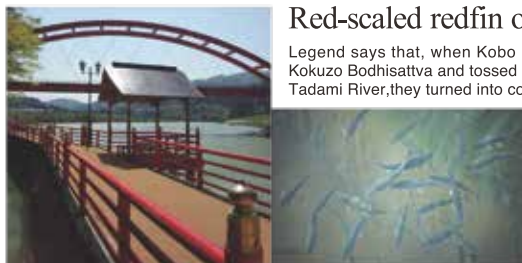
About 190 years ago, after a string of fires and disasters, a craftsman living at Enzoji Temple had a baker dedicate this pastry at the gate of the temple to pray that disaster would not strike again.

\*There are shops selling limited-edition cherry blossom flavored awa manju from March to April.



## Red-scaled redfin of Uobuchi

Legend says that, when Kobo Daishi carved the Kokuzo Bodhisattva and tossed the scraps into the Tadami River, they turned into countless big-scaled redfin. These sacred fish are considered important by the local people.



The view of Enzoji Temple from Zuikoji Bridge (Illuminated in winter)

# The streets surrounding the temple Monzen Town

Monzen Town, Yanaizu, centered around Enzoji Temple, where pilgrims and merchants flourished.

This place welcomes travelers, from the pilgrims of the past to the visitors to Yanaizu Hot Springs today.

## Kobo Oshimizu

Legend has it that long ago, Kobo Daishi, who carved the bodhisattva statue, broke open a hole in a rock with his walking stick to bring forth spring water as his way of thanking the local people, who worshiped him and treated him with hospitality. This water, beloved by the townspeople, continues to spring forth to this day.



The promenade going from Enzoji Temple to Okunoin Bentendo



Kiko Hall in autumn (left) and Niomon (right)





# Yanaizu Town Map

10 min by car to a popular viewing spot!



10 minutes by car to the entrance to an observatory, a popular viewing spot in the neighboring town of Mishima where you can see the view of the Tadami Line Number 1 Tadami River Bridge. Walk up the promenade 10 minutes from Oze Road Mishima Inn to see an incredible view.



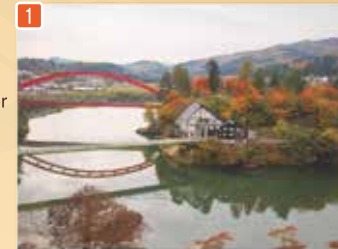
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## Yanaizu Hot Spring Lodging

- 1 To-no-bo Azumaya
- 2 Ryokan Uchidaya
- 3 Flower Hotel Takinoya
- 4 Seiryu-no-Yado Kawachi
- 5 Tsukimigaoka Cho-min Center
- 6 Kahan-no-Yado Tsukimitei

## Recommended Photo Spots



Cherry blossom season: End of April to early May

Autumn foliage season: End of October to early November

If you go up the promenade behind the Fukuman Kokuzo Bosatsu Enzoi Temple for about 20 minutes, you will find a wooded plaza in a park.



## Restaurants

- 1 Soba-Dokoro Funaki
- 2 Kankou Bussankan Seiryuen
- 3 Furusato
- 4 Suzuya Shokudo

- 5 Ikoi-no-Yakata Hotto in Yanaizu
- 6 Tsukimigaoka Cho-min Center
- 7 Kitchen Noeru
- 8 Kaachan no Manma-ya
- 9 Gotemba Chaya
- 10 Minoya Shokudo
- 11 Light Dining Yume-ya
- 12 Ramen Hiro
- 13 Kitchen Yanagi
- 14 Olive
- 15 Izakaya Kuma-no-ko
- 16 Bread Factory Akabeke





### Tsukimigaoka Cho-min Center

61-2 Suwamachiko, Yanaizu  
TEL +81(0)241-42-2302  
☐ IN 3:00 p.m. / OUT 10:00 a.m.  
☐ 1 night, two meals starting at ¥7,540  
\*A separate bathing tax will be charged.  
☐ Private bath rentals: unavailable  
☐ Wi-Fi (1F hall only)  
☐ Payment: Cash (¥) / Credit



### Ryokan Uchidaya

174 Jikemachiko, Yanaizu  
TEL +81(0) 241-42-2021  
☐ IN 3:00 p.m. / OUT 10:00 a.m.  
☐ 1 night, two meals starting at ¥10,800  
\*A separate bathing tax will be charged.  
☐ Private bath rentals: please ask  
☐ Wi-Fi availability (entire hotel)  
☐ Payment: Cash (¥) only



### Seiryu-no-Yado Kawachi

150-1 Shitadairaotsu, Yanaizu  
TEL +81(0) 241-42-2600  
☐ IN 3:00 p.m. / OUT 10:00 a.m.  
☐ 1 night, two meals starting at ¥11,880  
\*A separate bathing tax will be charged.  
☐ Private bath rentals: please ask  
☐ Wi-Fi availability (entire hotel)  
☐ Payment: Cash (¥) / Credit



### Kahan-no-Yado Tsukimitei

2271 Zuikojiko, Kotsubaki  
TEL +81(0) 241-42-2348  
☐ IN 3:00 p.m. / OUT 10:00 a.m.  
☐ 1 night, two meals starting at ¥8,640  
☐ Private bath rentals: please ask  
\*There are no hot springs.  
☐ Wi-Fi availability (first and second floors only)  
☐ Payment: Cash (¥) only



## Yanaizu Hot Springs

Yanaizu Hot Springs are said to be drawn from a sacred spring source within the grounds of Enzōji Temple.



### To-no-bo Azumaya

173 Jikemachiko, Yanaizu  
TEL +81(0) 241-42-2250  
☐ IN 3:00 p.m. / OUT 10:00 a.m.  
☐ 1 night, two meals starting at ¥10,800  
\*A separate bathing tax will be charged.  
☐ Private bath rentals: unavailable  
☐ Wi-Fi availability (entire hotel)  
☐ Payment: Cash (¥) only

\*Nightly rate can be negotiated depending on whether meals are included



### Flower Hotel Takinoya

153 Jikemachiko, Yanaizu  
TEL +81(0) 241-42-2010  
☐ IN 3:00 p.m. / OUT 10:00 a.m.  
☐ Accommodation only: starting at ¥5,400  
\*A separate bathing tax will be charged.  
☐ Private rental baths: outdoor bath is available/  
Please ask about the indoor baths  
☐ Wi-Fi availability (entire hotel)  
☐ Payment: Cash (¥) / Credit



### Road Station Aizu Yanaizu

A tourist center where you can find souvenirs, a dining area, spacious parking and restrooms.

☐ Rest Stop Aizu-Yanaizu  
☐ TEL +81(0) 241-42-2324

In addition, you can enjoy the spacious foot bath here free of charge, there are plenty of hands-on activities you can try.



### Awa Manju Making [Reservation required]

Try making awa manju, a pastry with 190 years of history.

- ☐ Experience time: Approx. 60 minutes
- ☐ No. of participants: At least three people
- ☐ Location: Hotto in Yanaizu
- ☐ Experience fee(per person): 1,200 yen(including tax)

There is also a mini-plan to make three awa-manju (600 yen) available



Hands-On

Please make a request with this QR code.



**You have to book five days in advance. Please pay the fee directly to each facility.**

April to November (Three seasons of spring, summer and fall)



### Akabeko Painting

Create an original, one-of-a-kind Akabeko in the land where this legend was born!

- ☐ Experience time: Approx. 60 minutes
- ☐ No. of participants: From one person
- ☐ Location: Michi-no-Eki Aizu Yanaizu (Kanko Bussan-kan / Seiryuen)
- ☐ Experience fee(per person): 800 yen(including tax)

### Yanaizu Sightseeing Boats

You can get on an SL and take the line down to Tadami River. This experience is also popular with children and families. Please enjoy superb views you can only see from a boat.

- ☐ Experience time: Approx. 60 minutes
- ☐ No. of participants: From one person
- ☐ Location: Below Zuikoji Bridge
- ☐ Business days: Service only on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays
- ☐ Experience fee(per person): 1,200 yen(including tax)





# Nishiyama Hot Springs

A secret hot spring in a mountain valley with over 1300 years of history, said to be a hideaway of the gods.



A quaint hot spring lodge nestled along the pristine Takiya River.



## Taki-no-Yu Ryokan

829 Nagasaka, Sunakohara  
TEL +81(0) 241-43-2311  
□ IN 3:00 p.m. / OUT 10:00 a.m.  
□ 1 night, two meals starting at ¥13,500

\*A separate bathing tax will be charged.  
□ Private bath rentals: unavailable  
□ Wi-Fi (lobby only)  
□ Payment: Cash (¥) only



## Nishiyama Hot Spring Taki-no-Yu Cosmetics

Soaps, toners, and lotions made using water from Taki-no-Yu, the "Hot Spring of Beautiful Skin," that will make skin smooth and silky. These handmade soaps containing herbal oils and honey are a must.



## Sanson Park Seizan-so

With a large bathing area, outdoor baths, and cafeteria/rest area where you can taste the regional specialty soba (buckwheat noodles), many people come here seeking to heal.

TEL +81(0) 241-43-2727

[Hot Spring Only]

□ Bathing time 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

□ Fee ¥300

□ Closed Mondays (If Monday is a holiday, then the following day)



An unusual Kannon holding a cross that is called the "Maria Kannon."



JAPAN HERITAGE

## Nishiyama Area Map



Japanese heritage  
A tour of the Thirty-three  
Kannon of Aizu

## Kubota Thirty-three Kannon

There are 33 Kannon statues hidden within the mountains of Aizu. The Kannon faith, in which one goes around to each statue in a 234 m lap to pray for safe childbirth and health, is still alive today.





Buffet



Japanese-style pub



Set meals



Light dining Cafe



Western



Ramen



Yanaizu sauce katsu-don



Soba

# List of Restaurants in Yanaizu



## Nishiyama Area

### 18 Nishiyama Hot Spring Sanson Park Seizan-so



Opening Time 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Parking 40 vehicles  
Close Monday (when Monday is a holiday, the following day)  
921 Nagakubo, Sunakohara TEL.+81(0) 241-43-2727

### 19 Mansaku



Opening Time 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (evenings require reservations)  
Parking 10 vehicles  
Close Wednesday  
240-1 Idaira, Sunakohara TEL.+81(0)241-43-2950

### 20 Tearoom Yamaneko



Opening Time 10:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Parking 3 vehicles  
Close Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (Call required before visit)  
267 Idaira, Sunakohara TEL.+81(0) 90-7565-9308

### 9 Gotemba Chaya



Opening Time 11:00 a.m. - until soba runs out  
Parking 15 vehicles  
Close Monday  
311-3 Tonosuko, Hosohachi TEL.+81(0) 241-42-3293

### 10 Minoya Shokudo



Opening Time 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Parking 10 vehicles  
Close No set days off  
138-12 Negaramakiotsu, Hosohachi TEL.+81(0) 241-42-3338

### 11 Light Dining Yume-ya



Opening Time 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Parking 30 vehicles  
Close No set days off  
240-3 Shitadairaotsu, Yanaizu TEL.+81(0) 241-42-2095

### 12 Ramen Hiro



Opening Time 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. , 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Parking 10 vehicles  
Close Tuesday  
225 Shitadairaotsu, Yanaizu TEL.+81(0) 241-42-2044

### 13 Kitchen Yanagi



Opening Time 11:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Parking 5 vehicles  
Close Monday (twice a month)  
168 Jikemachiko, Yanaizu TEL.+81(0) 241-42-2239

### 14 Olive



Opening Time 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Parking Parking available at Machinaka Parking in front  
Close No set days off  
22-2 Ichimachiko, Yanaizu TEL.+81(0) 90-2989-1068

### 15 Izakaya Kuma-no-ko



Opening Time 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
Parking 10 vehicles  
Close No set days off  
384-12 Tannoura, Yanaizu TEL.+81(0) 241-42-2938

### 16 Bread Factory Akabeko



Opening Time 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Parking 4 vehicles  
Close Wednesday  
163 Jikemachiko, Yanaizu TEL.+81(0) 241-42-7111

\* For locations, please see the map on pages 9-10 (page 13 for the Nishiyama area).



### 5 Ikoi-no-Yakata Hotto in Yanaizu



Opening Time 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Weekends and holidays: until 15:00)  
Parking 200 vehicles  
Close 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month  
151-1 Shitadairaotsu, Yanaizu TEL.+81(0) 241-41-1077



### 6 Tsukimi-ga-Oka Cho-min Center



Opening Time 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Parking 70 vehicles  
Close Open every day  
61-2 Suwamachiko, Yanaizu TEL.+81(0) 241-42-2302



### 7 Kitchen Noeru



Opening Time 11:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Parking 10 vehicles  
Close Wednesdays and the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month  
1936 Mursanoueotsu, Yanaizu TEL.+81(0) 241-42-2951



### 8 Kaachan no Manma-ya



Opening Time 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Parking 20 vehicles  
Close Saturday and Sunday  
1795 Kanayazawaotsu, Yanaizu TEL.+81(0) 241-42-2007



### 1 Soba-Dokoro Funaki



Opening Time From 11:00 a.m. Closes when soba runs out  
Parking 30 vehicles  
Close No set days off  
543 Ryuzoanhei, Yanaizu TEL.+81(0) 241-42-2385



### 2 Kankou Bussankan Seiryuen



Opening Time Weekdays 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Weekends and Holidays 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Parking 100 vehicles  
Close Open every day (closed on Monday during winter)  
179 Shitadairaotsu, Yanaizu TEL.+81(0) 241-42-2324



### 3 Furusato



Opening Time 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Parking 20 vehicles  
Close No set days off  
138-57 Negaramakiotsu, Hosohachi TEL.+81(0) 241-42-2633



### 4 Suzuya Shokudo



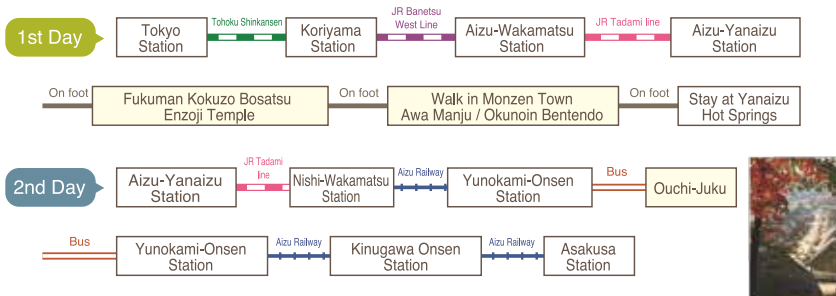
Opening Time 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Parking 4 vehicles  
Close Days that end in 7  
145 Jikemachiko, Yanaizu TEL.+81(0) 241-42-2516

\*Meals featuring local cuisine are provided at the various ryokan (inns). Please make a reservation at the inn.

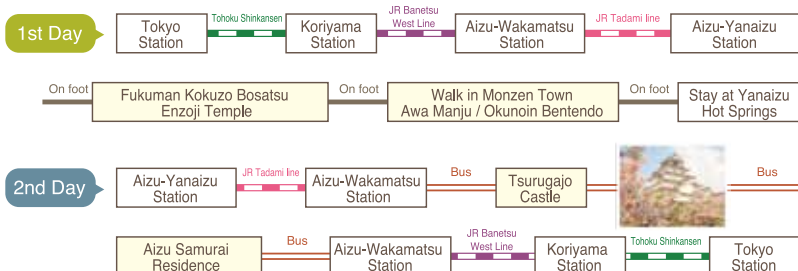


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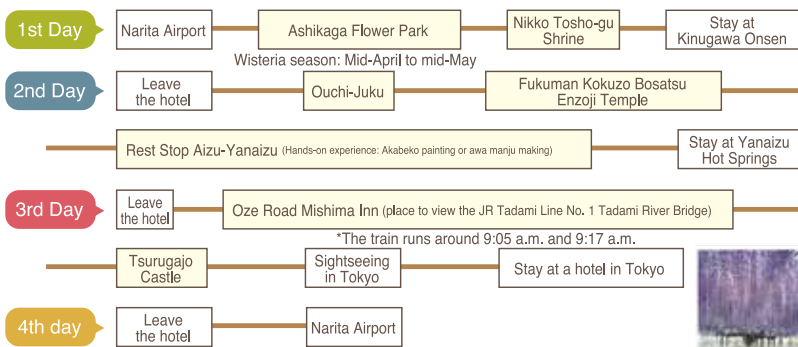
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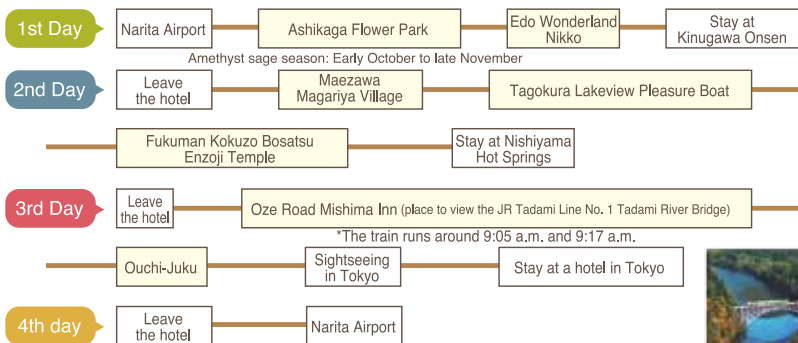
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Winter

## Seasonal Festivals & Events



January 7th Nanoka-do Hadaka Mairi (Naked Man Festival)



(Above) Snow at Enzoji Temple  
(Left) The 1st Saturday of February Aizu Yanaizu Winter Festival



Cherry blossom season: End of April to early May



Autumn



Autumn foliage season: End of October to early November



River mist arises out of the difference in temperature between the river and the surrounding air. It can be seen primarily on summer mornings or evenings.

Summer

(Above) Season for river mist: Late June to late July  
(Below) August 10 Mitama Matsuri (Spirit Festival) Floating Lantern and Fireworks Festival