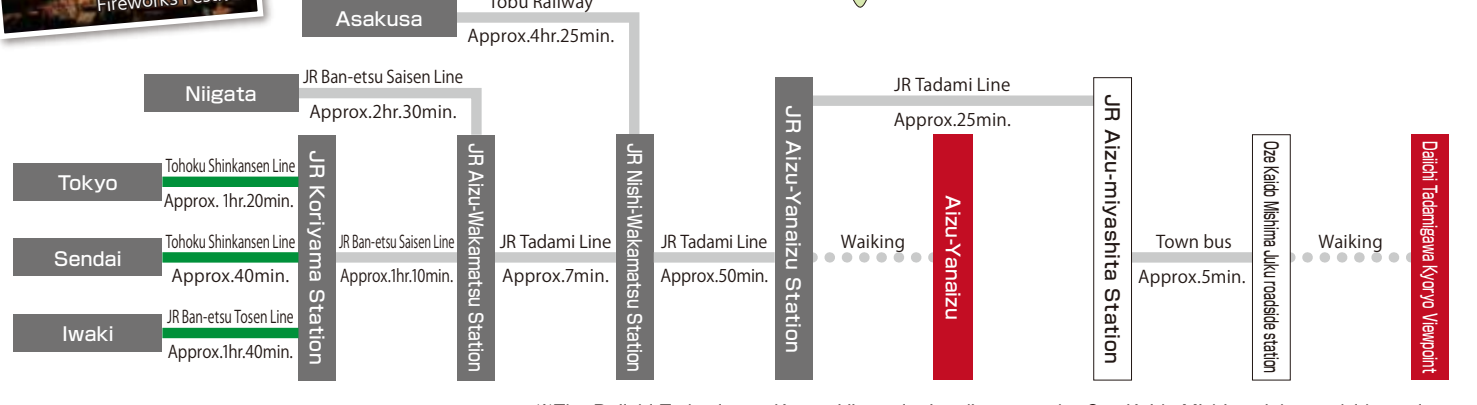
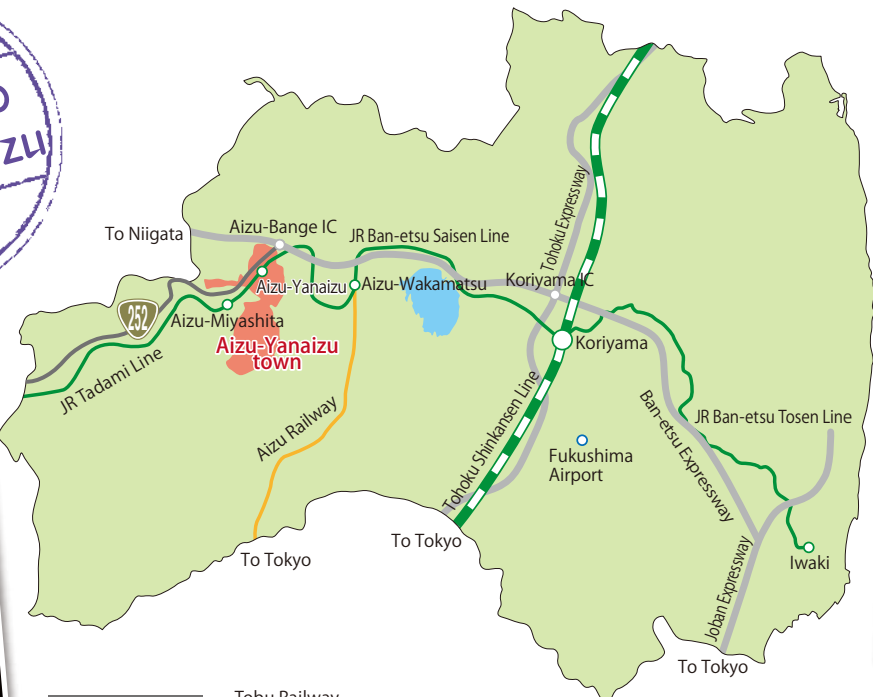


Access to
Aizu-Yanaizu



※The Daiichi Tadami-gawa Kyoryo Viewpoint is adjacent to the Oze Kaido Mishima Juku roadside station.

Daiichi Tadami-gawa Kyoryo Viewpoint

Why not take a stroll?

The Tadami railway line and the greenery along the river bank weave together beautiful scenery throughout the four seasons.

The JR Tadami Line runs through the town of Mishima along the Tadami River. The east-west running river and rails cross paths several times throughout the town. The scenery woven by the flow of the Tadami River and the steel bridges of the Tadami Line is symbolic of the coexistence of nature and mankind. The curved lines of the steel bridges floating in the river fog and the powerful train rushing forward in white snow is a truly fantastic sight. In addition, the mountain cherry blossoms in spring, the fresh greens of summer, and the vividly colored leaves of autumn display the beauty of the landscape transforming with the season.

The JR Tadami Line was selected as the No.1 Most Beautiful Railway Line for Autumn Leaves by "Nikkei Plus 1" in 2008 and as the No.3 Beautiful Local Train Line for Winter Landscapes in 2003.

How to use the town buses

There are two types of buses in operation that allow access to the Daiichi Tadami-gawa Kyoryo Viewpoint: the regularly scheduled "Teiki Bus" and the "Demand Bus," which operates based on reservations.

Cost	Teiki Bus schedule (to the Viewpoint)	Demand Bus schedule (to the Viewpoint)
Adults - 500 yen one way	JR Aizu-miyashita Station - Oze Kaido Mishima Juku roadside station Departs at 7:35 Arrives at 7:40	Departs at 10:20 (reservation cutoff time 8:00) Arrives at 10:30 Departs at 13:20 (reservation cutoff time 12:00) Arrives at 13:30
Children - 300 yen (age 12 and under) one way		

※Prices and times are current as of September 2017. Subject to revision.



Inquiries	Mishima-machi Tourism Association TEL: (+81)241-48-5000 FAX: (+81)241-48-5000
Homepage	http://www.mishima-kankou.net/
Information	Early April - late December (closed during winter due to snow accumulation)

Yanaizu Map Ready, Set, Go for a walk

Welcome to Yanaizu Town, home of Akabeko!

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Let's start with a temple visit!

Fukumankokuzobosatsu Enzo-ji Temple

One of Japan's three famous Kokuzobosatsu.

This Fukumankokuzobosatsu Enzo-ji Temple was established approximately 1200 years ago by the noted priest, Tokuitsu. After Enzo-ji temple was established here it became the hub of Aizu's Buddhist faith and continues to retain its standing in history. Roughly 500 thousand worshippers visit this Fukumankokuzobosatsu annually as it stands quietly in this town famous for its onsen (hot springs) as the center of Yanaizu Town's tourism.

Additionally, many worshippers can be seen in Yanaizu Town on spiritual sightseeing tours visiting the temples and shrines scattered around the Aizu region.

But what is probably of the greatest interest to someone reading this is "profit." Allow me to tell you about it. It is said that if you pray before the Kokuzo Bosatsu image of Buddha three times a year you will never have money troubles. This image sits in the lotus position with the sword of wisdom in his right hand and the jewel of wealth and happiness in his left showing infinite mercy, like a clear sky. In other words, happiness and knowledge, two things which are infinite, spread as boundlessly as the sky is big from the Yanaizu area. You must first press your hands together and give thanks for the life you have led thus far.

Akabeko was actually a souvenir from this area!!



Akabeko's birthplace, Yanaizu...

Some 400 years ago in 1611, the Aizu Region was hit with a major earthquake which brought great damage to Yanaizu Town as well destroying the homes of priests, such as the Kokuzo-do, and citizens alike and resulting in numerous deaths.

Later, in 1617, the Kokuzo-do (main hall) was built on a giant crag for the first time. The materials used in the reconstruction of the temple were donated by the villages upstream of the Tadami River and the river was used to carry the materials, however getting the materials up the crag proved extremely difficult. Just then, as if guided by Buddha, a herd of strong-looking red-haired cows appeared and helped the black-haired cows who were carrying the building materials allowing a magnificent Kokuzo-do to be built.

It is said the red-haired cows did not wait for the completion of Kokuzo-do, but disappeared without a trace. Later, out of appreciation for the cows who carried the building materials a lucky cow statue was built and called "Akabeko" after the red-haired cows who were so earnest in the help they provided. It is widely known as "Akabeko," which transmits patience and strength as well as brings good fortune. For this reason, Yanaizu Town is said to be home to the origins of Akabeko.



Nanokado Hadaka Mairi (7th day Naked Festival)

Every year on January 7th at Ushinokoku (8:30 p.m. in modern times) the bell echoing throughout the temple grounds signifies the start of a traditional event of bravery where men wearing nothing but a loincloth seek out the Owaniguchi (temple bell) of Kikko-do temple. It is known throughout the country as an odd festival to ward off illness and disaster, answer prayers, and invite wealth for the year, and throngs of tourists come to see it every year. Any man can participate, regardless of age.
Inquiries: Yanaizu Tourist Association Tel (+81)-241-42-2346

As long as you're here, you might as well go for a walk!

A fun tour of famous spots...



①Fukumankokuzobosatsu Enzo-ji Temple

One of Japan's three largest Kokuzon temples. In addition to the image of Fukumankokuzobosatsu, within the temple grounds there is the Kikko-do hall, Nio-mon Gate, bell tower, treasure house, living quarters, and other buildings, as well as many monuments engraved with tanka and haiku poetry. While taking a walk through the grounds don't miss the Ningyozuka (monument to dolls), Toju Kuyohi (monument to the Paulownia tree), the Houki Sugi (revered cedar tree), the Shidare Goyomatsu (weeping pine tree), and the lucky cow.



⑥Kiyoshi Saito Museum of Art, Yanaizu

The works of the world renowned woodblock print artist from Aizu, Kiyoshi Saito, are displayed here, including his "Aizu no Fuyu" (Winter in Aizu) series. Appreciate the four seasons of Aizu and the Tadami River, which were beloved to the artist. Artist Kiyoshi Saito was born in Aizubange town in 1907. He taught himself painting, and the winter scenery of his birthplace, Aizu, depicted in the woodblock prints "Aizu no Fuyu" (Winter in Aizu) is considered his life's work. His subjects crossed a wide range of genre and his rare talent and unflinching efforts were rewarded in 1951 when he became the first Japanese person to win an award at an international exhibition after the war at the Sao Paulo Art Biennial. He went on to receive numerous honors both in Japan and overseas, and in 1995 he was honored as a National Contributor to Culture. In his later years he moved to Yanaizu Town and continued creating in earnest until his death at age 90. The Kiyoshi Saito Museum of Art holds a variety of exhibits to ensure as many people as possible can see his works.



②Okunoin Bentendo

Built in the middle of the Muromachi period, it is a single story building with a pyramidal roof built in the Zenshuo style. The entire building displays a magnificent splendor and attention should be paid to techniques of the finer details, in particular the decorative carvings and sculptures. It is registered as a National Important Cultural Property.



③Zuikoji Park

Crossing the suspension bridge, Enzo-ji Temple appears magnificent when viewed from this park on a hill. This quiet, romantic park offers a 360 degree view of Yanaizu's onsen (hot spring) town. It is the perfect place to take photos standing opposite Enzo-ji temple and the onsen town. It also equipped with restrooms.



④Uobuchi

No fishing is allowed in this area where the protected species of fish, Ugui (Japanese dace), colonize. The water has two layers of rock with a depth of approximately 7m. The fish hibernates between December and March hiding between the rocks. Around mid-April they begin appearing on the surface fervently seeking food. It is truly a sight to behold!!

⑤Festival of Spirits Ryuto Fireworks Festival

Held on August 10th every year to coincide with the Buddhist memorial service held at Fukumankokuzobosatsu Enzo-ji Temple. Lanterns are lit on the water and a children's procession is held in memory of those who have passed away. The fireworks begin at 7:30pm. and roughly 4,600 shots are set off near the spectators at this Yanaizu Town, which means you can feel each shot shake throughout your body.



⑦Kankobussankan Seiryuen (Tourist Goods Center)

This roadside station features the signature products of the Oku-Aizu region. It is not only a store but it also has an exhibition space and an area for eating and drinking. A Yanaizu original sauce cutlets rice bowl, sauce cutlet hamburger, Hakase soba, or Awa soft-serve ice cream. Fresh produce grown in Yanaizu is also available and you can see soba being made.



⑧Ikoi-no-yakata Hotto in Yanaizu (Relaxation spot) Jomon-kan/Yutori (Foot bath)

At the roadside station, a rest stop can be found inside the building along with local specialty items and souvenirs available for purchase. There are also restaurant facilities, and you can purchase the famous Yanaizu Awa Manju (dumplings) or Cha Manju.



⑨Kubota 33 Kannon

In the Kubota area, near Nishiyama Onsen (hot springs), there is a low mountain called Mt. Kannon with spectacular views. There are 33 stone kannon remaining here that are approximately 170 years old. Particularly eye-catching is number 7, the Maria kannon. Traveling from numbers 1 through 33 covers 234m.



⑩Nishiyama Onsen Sanson Park Seizanso

Located in Nishiyama Onsen (hot springs), which offers a scenery of beautiful nature and plentiful hot spring water, there is a restaurant and relaxation space, as well as hall large enough for banquets. You can also try the local specialty, Hakase soba here.



⑪Miniature sculptures "Fuzan Kobo"

Aizu's craftsmen are among the best in the world. On walnuts, sesame seeds, or inside rice husks, teeny tiny Ebisu and Daikoku, all seven of the Lucky Gods, or the twelve protectors of the zodiac all smile with lively expressions. This is a traditional craft with an auspicious meaning.

Various souvenirs for you who knows the real deal Souvenirs and local specialties of the four seasons

Awa Manju come before all else

Approximately 190 years ago, Enzo-ji Temple and the surrounding area met with a vast fire and as a lucky charm against ever meeting with further disaster (awanai in Japanese), Katsugan, the head priest at the time, came up with idea for these dumplings made with millet (awa in Japanese). Later, through the efforts of dumpling makers, the delicious Awa Manju of today were born.

Aizu Yanaizu Sauce cutlets rice bowl

A bed of cabbage is laid over rice followed by a fluffy fried egg and finally sauce cutlets to create the Aizu Yanaizu Sauce Cutlets Rice Bowl.



Yanaizu Boat Tour

Experience the Tadami River on the Yanaizu Boat Tour; and see the sights from a new point of view.

Days of operation/ Sat, Sun, public holidays
Hours of operation/9a.m.-5p.m.
Offered services/ Tadami River tours, and row boat rentals
Cost/Tour boat adults 1,100 yen children 550 yen
Parking... Please use the parking lot at the Aizu-Yanaizu Roadside Station.
※3-minutes on foot
147 Shitadairaotsu, Yanaizu, Yanaizu-machi, Kanuma-gun, Fukushima, 696-7201

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Enjoy Yanaizu Town to the fullest!

Akabeko Painting Experience



Ikoi-no-yakata Hotto in Yanaizu
Shitadairaotsu 151-1, Yanaizu
TEL (+81) 241-41-1077
[Time] Approx. 60 minutes
[Fee] Large Akabeko 1,030 yen Small Akabeko 720 yen



Awa Manju Making Experience

Experience making Yanaizu's famous Awa Manju while infusing them with the wish to never meet with disaster!
Koike Confectionary
[Time] 60 minutes
[Fee] Adults 1,000 yen, students 800 yen
TEL (+81) 241-42-2554
※From 10 people



Pizza Making Experience

Ikoi-no-yakata Hotto in Yanaizu
Shitadairaotsu 151-1, Yanaizu
TEL (+81) 241-41-1077
[Time] Approx. 30 minutes
[Number of people] From 5 people
[Pizza oven charge] 3,100 yen
[Cost of ingredients] 850 yen/person



Yanaizu Map

Approximate walking time

● JR Aizu-Yanaizu Station	— Fukumankokuzobosatsu Enzo-ji Temple	Approx. 7 minutes
● Fukumankokuzobosatsu Enzo-ji Temple	— Okunoin Bentendo	Approx. 5 minutes
— Uobuchi	— Uobuchi	Approx. 7 minutes
— Zuikoji Park	— Zuikoji Park	Approx. 7 minutes
● Uobuchi	— Roadside Station "Aizu-Yanaizu"	Approx. 7 minutes

Saijiki-no-sato List of Events

January 1st	Prayers offered on New Year's Day
4th	Yokkado (Picking up cards for luck)
7th	Nanokado Hadaka Mairi (7th day Naked Festival)
First Saturday and Sunday in February	
29th	Aizu Yanaizu Winter Festival
May 8th	Kubota 33 Kannon's Festival
	Flower Festival
	Mt. Hakase opens
July 8th	Dainichi Nyorai Festival
August 10th	Spirit Festival, Children's Procession
	Ryuto Fireworks Festival
19th	Okunoin Bentendo Okomori (all-night gathering)
September 30th	Kugatsudo Okomori (all-night gathering)
Second Saturday in October	Aizu Yanaizu Akabeko Festival
Second Sunday in October	Ningyozuka Kuyo (Memorial service for dolls)

