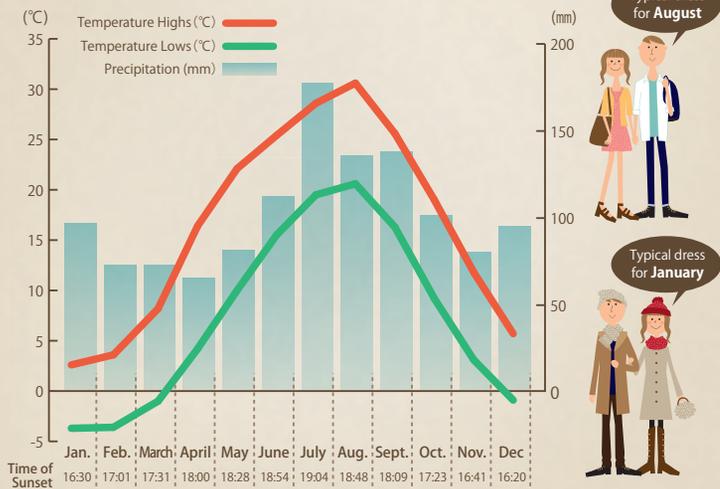


## Aizuwakamatsu City Climate

\*Temperature and rainfall averages taken from 1981 to 2010  
 \*Data taken from the sunset in Fukushima on the 1st of each month (circa 2015).  
 ■ Data Provided by the Japan Meteorological Society



## Information

### Sightseeing

**Aizuwakamatsu Station Tourist Information Center (English)**

☎ (0242) 32-0688

**Aizuwakamatsu International Association (English,Chinese)**

☎ (0242) 27-3703

**Tsurugajo Castle Tourist Information Center (English)**

☎ (0242) 29-1151

Aizuwakamatsu City Tourism Division

☎ (0242) 39-1251

Aizuwakamatsu Tourism Bureau

☎ (0242) 23-8000

### General Hospitals

Fukushima Medical University Aizu Medical Center ☎ (0242) 75-2100

Takeda General Hospital ☎ (0242) 27-5511

Aizu Chuo Hospital ☎ (0242) 25-1515

Yamaga Clinic ☎ (0242) 29-6611

### Police

Aizuwakamatsu Police Department ☎ (0242) 22-5454

### Transportation

JR East Japan Telephone Center ☎ (050) 2016-1600

Aizu Railway ☎ (0242) 28-5885

Aizu Bus, Wakamatsu Office ☎ (0242) 22-5555

Bicycle Rental for Sightseeing in Aizu (Aizuwakamatsu Tourism Bureau) ☎ (0242) 27-4005

Aizu Bicycle Rental (Takahashi Shokai) ☎ (0242) 22-1492

JR Station Bicycle Rental (Aizuwakamatsu Station Car Rental) ☎ (0242) 24-5171

### Websites

Aizuwakamatsu City  
<http://e.samurai-city.jp/>

Aizuwakamatsu Tourism Bureau  
<http://www.aizukanko.com/>

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

Aizuwakamatsu International Association  
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 Tourist Information Center

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<http://e.samurai-city.jp/> Aizuwakamatsu City 965-8601



# Samurai



# Merchants

## Land of the Last Samurai

Located in the southern part of the Tohoku area, Aizuwakamatsu City has flourished as a major northeastern city since ancient times. In particular, it served as a political and military center, and was famous for its line of celebrated military commanders turned Aizu lords. In 1590, Gamo Ujisato became the lord of Aizu. He was famous as the Christian Lord who brought art and culture to Aizu, and as a star pupil of the esteemed Japanese tea master, Sen-no-Rikyu. We have Ujisato to thank for preserving the Senke Schools of Tea Ceremony to this day.

Sometime later, in 1643, Hoshina Masayuki, brother of Tokugawa Iemitsu, the 3rd shogun of the Edo Bakufu, became the lord of the Aizu clan.

The Edo Bakufu (also known as the Tokugawa Shogunate) was in control for 225 years, during which the culture of the samurai was at its strongest. In 1868, a huge war similar to the American Civil War broke out in Japan. This war is known as the Boshin Civil War. The battle occurred between the new government, whose aim was to make a new Japan focused on western principals, and the samurai forces of the Tokugawa shogunate which had been in power until then.

Though many of the clans allied themselves with the new government, the Aizu clan fought bravely on the sides of the Tokugawa Shogunate until the very end. Saito Hajime of the Shinsengumi was one of these brave fighters. However, faced with the new technologies of the Meiji government, the Aizu clan was forced to surrender. Aizu became the setting for the last battle of the samurai, and many lives were lost. There are still photographs that exist, showing the damage done to Tsurugajo Castle during the battle.

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Tsurugajo 146 years ago

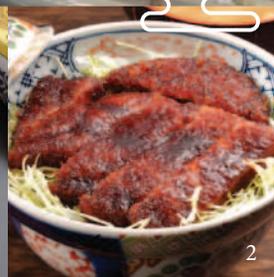


## The merchant culture that brought about the revival of the castle town

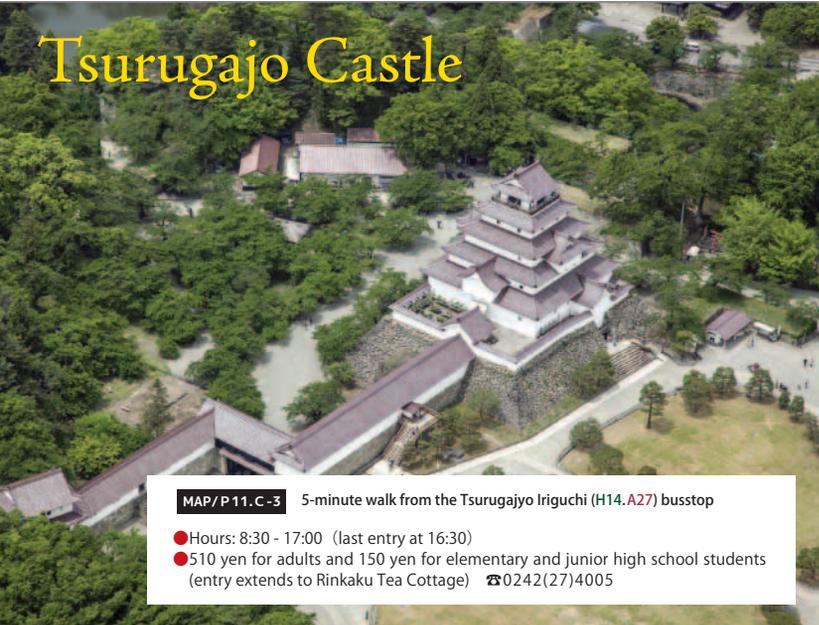
After the Boshin Civil War, merchants played an important role in the reconstruction of Aizu. Much of the Aizu castle town had been devastated by fire in the Boshin War, and the new government had ordered many of the samurai to leave Aizu.

At that time, merchants were at the center of the ruined castle town's reconstruction. They began to revive traditional industries such as sake brewing, Aizu lacquerware, and the like which had also been hit hard by the war, but would become the driving force behind Aizu's development.

Noguchi Hideyo, world famous bacteriologist and figure on the 1,000 yen note, spent his youth in Aizu.



# Tsurugajo Castle



MAP/P 11.C-3 5-minute walk from the Tsurugajyo Iriguchi (H14.A27) busstop

- Hours: 8:30 - 17:00 (last entry at 16:30)
- 510 yen for adults and 150 yen for elementary and junior high school students (entry extends to Rinkaku Tea Cottage) ☎0242(27)4005

The castle tower of Tsurugajo is the largest in eastern Japan. It is second only to Edo Castle (the imperial palace) in castle area size. Aizu is the only place in all of Japan where the castle tower roof features red tiles.



## Rinkaku Tea Cottage

MAP/P 11.C-3

A tea house built by Sen Shoan, the son of Sen-no-Rikyu. In order to enter the tea house, all swords had to be removed. Though the class system during the time of the samurai was strict, only in the world of the tea room was there equality. You can enjoy drinking green tea here.

- Same hours as Tsurugajo Castle Tower
- 200 yen (+310 yen to see the Castle Tower as well) for adults and free for elementary and junior high school students
- Matcha charge/fee (not included with admission)

## Aizu Matsuri

The main event is the Aizu Clan parade, which features historical samurai figures. The parade starts at Tsurugajo Castle, and travels around the city.

- 3 days surrounding September 23rd



# The Spiritual Culture of the Samurai Still Lives

Modern Japan began with the tragedy of the Aizu samurai and ordinary people. After the war in Aizu, though the samurai no longer existed in Japan, Aizuwakamatsu preserved the spirit of the samurai to this day, by continuing to teach the children of Aizu the "Aizu Clan Precepts".

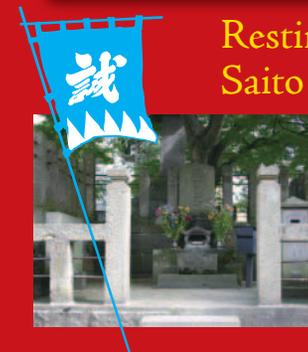
1. Be kind to others.
2. Say "Thank you" and "I'm sorry".
3. Do not act in cowardice.
4. Have pride for Aizu, and show respect to your elders.
5. Follow your dreams.

## The Aizu Clan Precepts

**Do not do what you must not do.  
That which is forbidden must not be done.**

## Resting place of the Last Samurai, Saito Hajime Amidaji Temple

MAP/P 14.E-1



The tomb of Saito Hajime (later known as Fujita Goro) can be found at Amidaji Temple in Nanokamachi. As captain of the Shinsengumi, he fought to the end alongside the Aizu clan against the new government army. Saito Hajime is well known even in foreign countries, and has been portrayed in manga, anime, and movies.



\*Illustration

## A Volunteer Guide's Tsurugajo Castle Site Recommendations



The Aizu Clan was able to resist the onslaught of the new government for one month during the Boshin Civil War. Evidence of castle technologies from the siege can still be found all around the grounds.



The support beams of the corridor bridge could be easily cut and removed, and the high stone walls helped to ward off enemy invasion



The Kita-de-maru that served as the entrance to the castle was made very strong, in order to block invasion by enemy forces



Inari Shrine, located on the castle grounds of Tsurugajo, is known as a spot of power, which protected the castle

## Volunteer Guide (by appointment)

To request a guide, call Aizuwakamatsu Tourism Bureau ☎0242(27)4005 <http://www.tsurugajo.com/>

## Tsurugajo Castle Guides

- Tours of the castle and castle grounds are available in English and Chinese.
- Reservations (English): [http://www.tsurugajo.com/language/eng/v\\_index.html](http://www.tsurugajo.com/language/eng/v_index.html)
  - Reservations (Chinese): [http://www.tsurugajo.com/language/cha/v\\_index.html](http://www.tsurugajo.com/language/cha/v_index.html)

**City Guides** \*reservations and guides are available only in Japanese at this time  
Groups or individuals can enjoy a tour around the city by chartered bus, private vehicles, or even by bicycle. You will be asked to provide your guide's lunch and transportation fees.

- Reservations: [http://www.tsurugajo.com/kankou/v\\_yoyaku.html](http://www.tsurugajo.com/kankou/v_yoyaku.html)

- Price: Free \*you must still pay admission fees
- Hours of availability: 9:00AM-4:00PM
- Guide holidays: December 30th to January 3rd, and training days (irregular)

# Oyakuen Garden



## Oyakuen Medicinal Herb Garden

Oyakuen was originally used as the villa of the Aizu lord, but was later used by the second lord of Aizu as a medicinal herb garden to save the people of Aizu. Though the Aizu clan became the first in Japan to export valuable Korean ginseng to China, they were also able to export the plant cultivation research done in Oyakuen. You may also enjoy Japanese tea in the garden's small tea house. Reservations required

MAP/P 12. D-2

A few steps from the Oyakuen (H21) bus stop on the Haikara-san route and 5 minutes on foot from the Oyakuen Iriguchi (A20) bus stop on the Akabe route

●Hours: 8:30 - 17:00 (last entry at 16:30) ●320 yen for adults, 270 yen for high school students, and 160 yen for junior high and elementary school students ☎0242(27)2472

# Aizu Clan Nisshinkan School



## Aizu Clan Nisshinkan School

The restored school through which all children of the Aizu Clan samurai passed. It is here that young boys learned the spirit of the samurai. Classes such as chemistry and astronomy were taught. The Aizu clan taught not only martial arts, but was also eager to teach academic lessons, at a level that was said to be regarded highly throughout Japan.

Outside of map area

About 20 minutes (2,500 yen) by taxi from Aizuwakamatsu Station

●Hours: 9:00 - 17:00 (last entry at 16:00) ●620 yen for adults, 500 yen for senior and junior high school students, and 450 yen for elementary school students ☎0242(75)2525



**Samurai Activities** Meditation: 500 yen for 40 minutes, 10 or more persons (reservations required) / Tea ceremony: 540 yen for 40 minutes, 10 or more persons (reservations required) / Note: The above activities require a museum entrance fee.



# Aizu Bukeyashiki

## Aizu Bukeyashiki (Samurai Residences)



The mansion of the Aizu clan's chief retainer Saigo Tanomo, which has been faithfully restored and open to the public. Come experience what daily life was like for the samurai. Nearby shops selling quality Aizu souvenirs are also available.

MAP/P 12. D-3

A few steps from the Aizu Bukeyashiki (H30.H24.A11.A17) bus stop

●Hours: 8:30 - 17:00 from April through November, 9:00 - 16:30 from December through March  
●850 yen for adults, 550 yen for senior and junior high school students, and 450 yen for elementary school students ☎0242(28)2525



**Samurai Activities**

Archery (April - November): 200 yen for 15 minutes (4 arrows), 1 - 5 persons (reservations required for 10 or more persons)  
Note: Museum entrance fee is required.



## Gravesite of the Aizu Clan Leaders, the Matsudairas

The location of the grave of Lord Hoshina Masayuki, founder of the Aizu clan and the first lord of Aizu.

This family tomb is the final resting place for the 2nd through the 9th and final generation of the Aizu feudal lords. The large gravesite and stone monuments here are rare even in Japan, and are visited by many people. It is a spot of great power.

MAP/P 13. D-3

10-minute walk from the Innai (H29.H25.A12.A16) bus stop



## Sazaedo

A Buddhist temple that features two spiral staircases, for going up and down. Visitors can take a tour of the strange building without ever passing through the same place twice. The Sazaedo was showcased as one of the rarest buildings in the world in a British architectural magazine.

MAP/P 12. D-1

5-minute walk from the limoriyama-shita (H36.A5) bus stop

●Hours: 8:15 to sunset from April through December, 9:00 to 16:00 from January through March ●400 yen for adults, 300 yen for senior high school and college students, and 200 yen for junior high school and elementary school students ☎0242(22)3163



## Tombs of the Byakkotai

During the Boshin war, 16 and 17 year old samurai were assigned to a military brigade in order to protect their home, Aizu. However, defeated by the modern weapons of the new government forces, the boys were forced to escape to limoriyama. From there, they saw what appeared to be the castle tower wreathed in flames. Though the boys discussed with each other the best course of action, they chose the noble death of the samurai, and committed seppuku.

MAP/P 12. D-1

5-minute walk from the limoriyama-shita (H36.A5) bus stop

# Merchant Culture

## Enjoy the Townscape on Foot

Why not enjoy a leisurely stroll around the historic town? You're sure to encounter friendly locals, popular goods, and delicious food.

Shibukawa Donya(Nanokamachi Street) MAP/P 14. E-1



# Sake

## Popular Aizu Sake

Although Japanese sake and cuisine are held in high regard all over the world, it is the sake produced here in Fukushima Prefecture that has been ranked number one in Japan at the national sake contest for the last three years. Moreover, more than half of the sake in this contest Fukushima sake is produced by Aizu breweries. Aizu sake is so delicious because of the basin-specific climate, and pure groundwater.



The area around Mitsutaya (Keirinji Street) MAP/P 15. F-1



## Merchants and historical buildings that supported the revival

Edo era buildings which survived the Boshin Civil war still exist, as do a number of European-style houses and warehouses which were built after the war. It is in these preserved buildings that the Aizu original industries of the samurai era were revived by merchants, and still thrive today.



The Suehiro Sake Row of Buildings (Yamatomachi Street) MAP/P 15. F-2



The area around the Shirokiya Lacquerware Shop (Nanokamachi Street) MAP/P 16. G-1



Aizu Lacquerware P18



Folk Toys P17



You can enjoy a tour of the sake brewery

Brewery Tours P9

**Nagurayama Sake Brewery**  
☎0242(22)0844  
MAP/P 12. C-2

**Tatsuizumi Sake Brewery**  
☎0242(22)0504  
MAP/P 11. C-1

**Ishibashi Sake Brewery**  
☎0242(27)0313  
MAP/P 10. A-3

**Kaishuichi Sake Brewery**  
☎0242(25)0054  
MAP/P 11. C-1

**Eisen Sake Brewery**  
☎0242(73)2300  
Outside of map area

**Tsurunoe Sake Brewery**  
☎0242(27)0139  
MAP/P 15. F-1

**Takabashi Shosaku Sake Brewery**  
☎0242(27)0108  
Outside of map area

**Hanabaru Sake Brewery**  
☎0242(22)0022  
Outside of map area

**Suebiro Sake Brewery**  
☎0242(27)0002  
MAP/P 15. F-2

\*All breweries use local rice produced in Aizu as the starting ingredient



Enjoy sake tasting before you buy your souvenirs!

**Aizu Miyaizumi Sake Brewery**  
☎0242(27)0031  
MAP/P 11. C-3



Folk craft: Akabeko (children's toys)  
民芸品:赤べこ

# AIZU WAKAMATSU MAP SAMURAI CITY

## 凡例 Explanatory Notes

- 英語対応観光案内所  
Tourist Information Center (English)
- ハイカラさん&あかべえバス停  
Haikara-san & Akabe bus stop
- ハイカラさんバス停  
Haikara-san bus stop
- あかべえバス停  
Akabe bus stop
- 主な史跡  
Historic spot
- お寺  
Temple
- 神社  
Shrine
- レンタサイクル  
Bicycle rental
- 郵便局  
Post office
- コンビニエンスストア  
Convenience Store
- 銀行  
Bank
- 警察署・交番  
Police・Koban
- 飲食店  
Restaurant
- カフェ・喫茶店  
Café
- 博物館・資料館・美術館  
Museum・Art Museum
- ホテル  
Accommodation
- 病院  
Hospital
- 酒造  
Sake brewery
- 漆器店  
Lacquerware store
- 絵ろうそく店  
E-rousoku (painted candle) shop
- 民芸品店  
Souvenir shop
- 手作り体験できる店  
Workshop classes
- ピンとピンの間の数字は距離を表している  
the number between pins indicates the distance between the two locations
- 無料  
Tax Free Shop
- Aizu Free Wi-Fi設置店舗  
Aizu Free Wi-Fi Spot

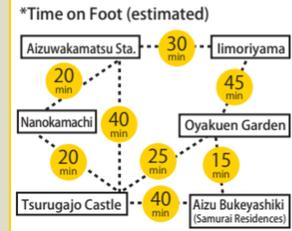
### Free Wi-Fi "Aizu Free Wi-Fi"

Tourist facilities such as Tsurugajo Castle at the Aizuwakamatsu Station Tourism Office offer free Wi-Fi.

**How to Use This Service:**  
1. From the Wi-Fi Settings Screen, select "Aizu\_Free\_Wi-Fi".  
2. Once the browser has launched, Press the connect (各接続) button, check the Terms and Agreements Statement, and click the "I Agree" (同意する) button.

\*Re-login will be required after 3 hours. (You can connect to the service up to 3 times per day).

※Wi-Fi is free at locations where this mark is displayed.



## Classic Town Bus Haikara-san & Akabe

Vintage Bonnet-Style Buses for Sightseeing in Aizuwakamatsu

**Haikara-san:**  
Buses leave every 30 minutes from the Aizuwakamatsu Station bus stop (first bus: 08:00, last bus: 17:30)

**Akabe:**  
Buses leave every 30 minutes from the Aizuwakamatsu Station bus stop (first bus: 09:15, last bus: 16:15)

1 Single ride 210 yen for adults  
110 yen for elementary school children

2 1-day pass 500 yen for adults  
250 yen for elementary school children

Where to buy a 1-day pass  
Aizu Bus Information Booth at Aizuwakamatsu Station, Aizu Bukeyashiki (Samurai Residences), Tsurugajo Kaikan, Higashiyama Onsen Kanko Kyokai, Tsurugajo Tourist Information Center, Iimoriyama Tourist Information Desk, Oyakuen Garden, Aizuwakamatsu Tourism Bureau, members of the Aizuwakamatsu Inns and Hotels Association, Eki Café

Note: 1-day passes are not sold on the bus. Please obtain your pass in advance at the above locations.

Aizu Bus, Wakamatsu Office ☎0242-22-5555

## Aizu Gurutto Card for Greater Travel Convenience

2,670 yen for adults, 1,340 yen for children

The card gives you unlimited 2-day access to the following transportation systems within the Aizu region: JR and Aizu Railway lines, Aizu Bus, Aizuwakamatsu City Classic Town Bus (Haikara-san and Akabe), and Bandai Tōto Bus. In addition, the card entitles you to discounts and/or other benefits from participating tourism and lodging facilities and restaurants.

**Where to Buy Aizu Gurutto Cards**  
Aizuwakamatsu Station / View Plaza Aizuwakamatsu / Top Tour Aizuwakamatsu Office / Aizu Bus - Wakamatsu Station Information Booth / Aizu Bus Tourism ATS / Higashiyama Onsen Kanko Kyokai / Nanukamachi Station Eki Café

Inquiries:  
Aizuwakamatsu Station Tourist Information Center (English) ☎0242(32)0688  
Aizu Card Administration Council ☎0242(23)8000  
Aizuwakamatsu Tourism Bureau ☎0242(39)1251 (closed Sat., Sun. & national holidays)

## Tour Our Town on Wheels Bicycle Rentals

There are four bicycle rental stations in Aizuwakamatsu, all located at strategic points linking popular tourist sites. Cycling is a great way to get to know our city.

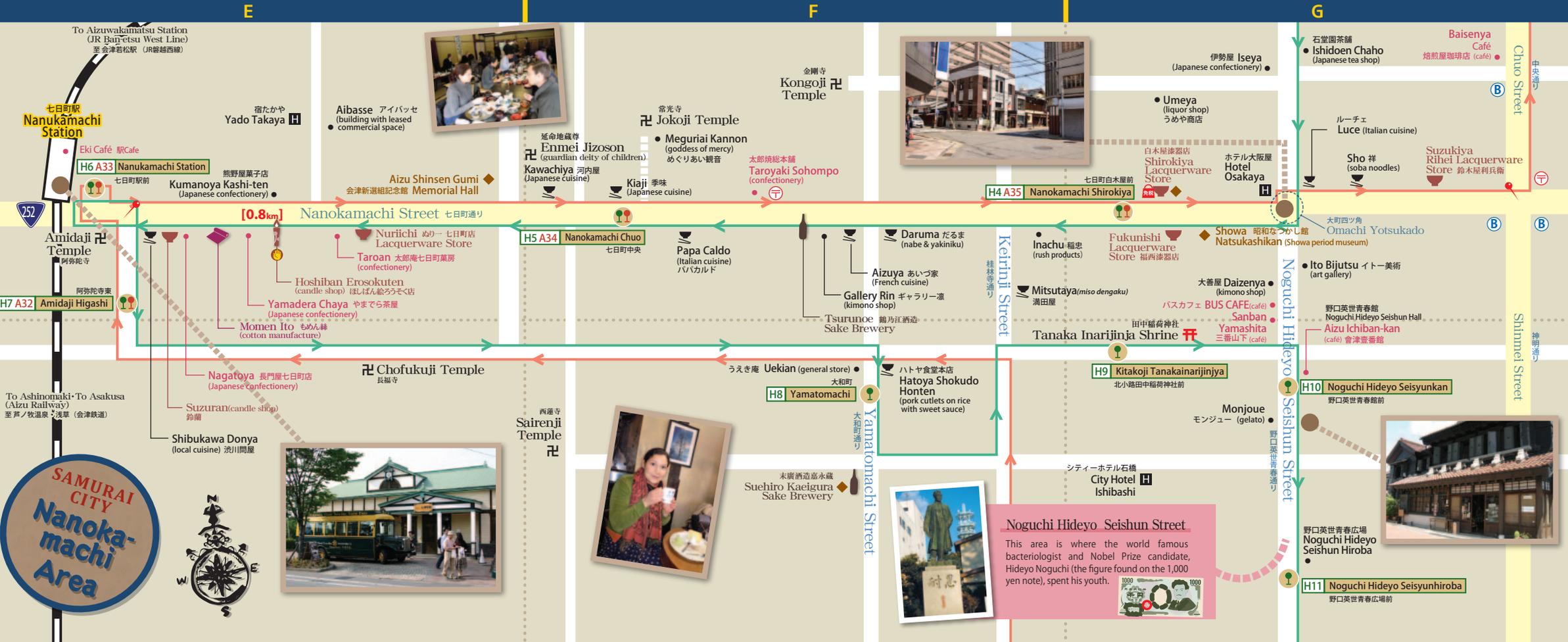
- Rental charge: 500 yen per bicycle for a full day's use.
- Bicycles are available for use from 9:00 to 16:30.

- Tsurugajo Station
- Oyakuen Station
- Omachi Station (Aizu Machikata Denshokan)
- Iimoriyama Station (city-operated parking lot)

Inquiries: Aizuwakamatsu Tourism Bureau ☎0242-27-4005

Aizu Bicycle Rental (Takahashi Shokai) ☎0242(22)1492  
1,000 yen for 1 day / 600 yen for 2 hours / 300 yen for each additional hour

JR Station Bicycle Rental (Aizuwakamatsu Station Car Rental) ☎0242(24)5171  
1,500 yen for 1 day / 500 yen for 2 hours or less / 1,000 for 2-4 hours



**Recommended Goods**



**Acoustic x Nodate**  
non-electric wooden acoustic speaker-mount for I-phones  
:9,000 yen~  
b-prese [MAP/P 15.F-4]



**Yuhohana Yokan**  
a popular onsen specialty since long ago: 85 yen(1 stick)  
Matsumotoya [MAP/P 13.D-3]



**Awamanju**  
sweet made from steamed chestnuts with anko inside:100 yen (per piece)  
Kawachiya [MAP/P 15.F-1]



**Shichifuku Dango**  
7 kinds of dango representing Nanukamachi:90 yen (per piece)  
Kumanoya Kashi-ten [MAP/P 14.E-1]



**Floresta** [MAP/P 12.D-1]  
a doughnut shop that serves healthy, delicious donuts. There is also a café.  
:Donuts: 130 yen (per donut)~



**Lacquerware cups**  
cute lacquerware goods :1,200 yen (1 piece)~  
Suzuran [MAP/P 14.E-1]



**Aizu Cotton Pochettes**  
handmade accessories made from traditional Aizu cotton:1,500 yen (per piece)  
Momen Ito [MAP/P 14.E-1]



**Aizu Ichiban-kan** [MAP/P 16.G-2]  
a café related to Noguchi Hideyo : Coffee: starting at 400 yen (per cup)~



**Mitsurou**  
candle made from honeycomb: 480 yen (per piece)~  
Bus Cafe [MAP/P 16.G-1]



**Uraeto Bashi, Zodiac Chopsticks**  
lucky Aizu painted chopsticks: 1 set: 2,700 yen  
Nuriichi [MAP/P 14.E-1]



**Recommended Cafes**  
Aizu Campaign Crew Natsuko Tsunoda

**SAMURAI CITY City Hall Area**



There are plenty of shops and restaurants to visit in the area where you can enjoy a drink or delicious food at night!

The magic of the castle town at night  
From the beginning of July to the end of November, the historical buildings of Aizuwakamatsu City will be lit up at night.



# Goods and Activities

Here are some traditional items of Aizu that have been cherished through the ages.



## Akabeko

Akabeko (red cow) is one Aizu's most famous traditional toys. The head bobs up and down and side to side when the cow is moved. Legend has it that the toy protected children from an epidemic.

Bansho Handmade Crafts [MAP/P 12. D-1](#)  
 Warabi [MAP/P 11. B-2](#)

## Aizu Lacquerware

When Gamo Ujisato became the lord of Aizu, he brought lacquerware artisans from Oumi who began making lacquerware in Aizu. Local maki techniques, including gold leafing, are famous all over Japan.

- Fukubun Lacquerware Store [MAP/P 11. B-1](#)
- Seki Lacquerware Store [MAP/P 11. B-2](#)
- Suzuzen Lacquerware Store [MAP/P 11. B-2](#)
- b Prese Lacquerware Store [MAP/P 15. F-4](#)
- Nuriichi Lacquerware Store [MAP/P 14. E-1](#)
- Shirokiya Lacquerware Store [MAP/P 16. G-1](#)
- Fukunisi Lacquerware Store [MAP/P 16. G-1](#)
- Suzukiya Rihei Lacquerware Store [MAP/P 16. G-1](#)



## Aizu Painted Candles

A high-quality craft with a long history in Aizu. It is said that around 300 years ago, the majority of the candles used in Edo (the capital) were produced here in Aizu.



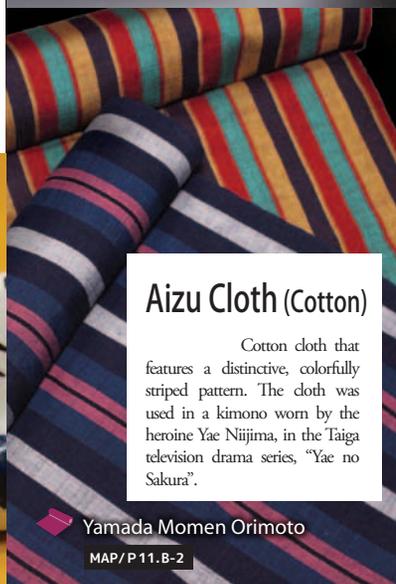
Ozawa Candle Shop [MAP/P 15. F-4](#)  
 Yamagataya Honten [MAP/P 16. G-3](#)  
 Hoshiban Erosokuten [MAP/P 14. E-1](#)



## Okiagari Koboshi

Because this figure stands right back up after it's knocked down, Okiagari Koboshi have become a beloved symbol of luck and resilience. It is custom to buy one more than the number of people in your family.

Yamada Folk Craft Workshop [MAP/P 11. B-1](#)



## Aizu Cloth (Cotton)

Cotton cloth that features a distinctive, colorfully striped pattern. The cloth was used in a kimono worn by the heroine Yae Nijjima, in the Taiga television drama series, "Yae no Sakura".

Yamada Momen Orimoto [MAP/P 11. B-2](#)

Hands-on Activities

### Folk Crafts

#### Okiagari Koboshi

Activity: 30 minutes to 1 hour  
700 yen - 870 yen

Yamada Folk Craft Workshop

☎0242(23)1465 [MAP/P 11. B-1](#)

Aizu Bukeyashiki (Samurai Residences)

☎0242(28)2525 [MAP/P 12. D-3](#)

Tsurugajo Kaikan

☎0242(28)2288 [MAP/P 11. C-3](#)

Aizu Clan Nisshinkan School

☎0242(75)2525 [Outside of map area](#)

### Folk Crafts

#### Akabeko Painting

Activity: 30 minutes to 1 hour  
840 yen - 870 yen

Bansho Handmade Crafts

☎0242(27)4358 [MAP/P 12. D-1](#)

Warabi

☎0242(24)0020 [MAP/P 11. B-2](#)

Aoi Craft Workshop

☎0242(27)6400 [Outside of map area](#)

Tsurugajo Kaikan

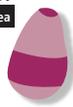
☎0242(28)2288 [MAP/P 11. C-3](#)

Aizu Bukeyashiki (Samurai Residences)

☎0242(28)2525 [MAP/P 12. D-3](#)

Aizu Clan Nisshinkan School

☎0242(75)2525 [Outside of map area](#)



### Traditional Crafts

#### Maki-e Lacquerware

Activity: 1 - 1.5 hours  
1,080 yen - 3,240 yen

Lacquerware Studio Suzutake

☎0242(27)9426 [Outside of map area](#)

Suzuzen Lacquerware Store

☎0242(22)0680 [MAP/P 11. B-2](#)

Bansho Handmade Crafts

☎0242(27)4358 [MAP/P 12. D-1](#)

Fukubun Lacquerware Store

☎0242(22)2846 [MAP/P 11. B-1](#)



### Traditional Crafts

#### Painted Candles

Activity: 40 minutes - 1 hour  
864 yen - 1,620 yen

Hoshiban Erosokuten

☎0242(27)1873 [MAP/P 14. E-1](#)

Ozawa Candle Shop

☎0242(27)0652 [MAP/P 15. F-4](#)

Yamagataya Honten

☎0242(22)5769 [MAP/P 16. G-3](#)

\* It is better to make reservations in advance for activities  
\*prices include tax



## Fruit Picking

enjoy picking fruit in the surrounding farm areas from early summer to autumn.



# Food

## Aizu Specialties



Aizu's cuisine is sure to be a pleasant addition to your journey



### The cuisine of Aizu is rooted in the everyday lives of the common people

During winter, the mountainous Aizu area is covered in snow. Due to the snowy climate, the traditional dishes of Aizu are

usually foods preserved through drying or salting, which are then cooked using a variety of techniques. Modern local food, which includes sauce katsudon and ramen, is also popular.

Enjoy the town at night by visiting the local izakaya, and trying out some of the regional food and sake.



### Sauce Katsudon

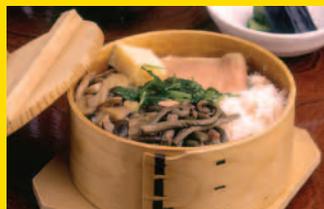
A popular dish featuring fried pork cutlets on top of Aizu-grown rice and layered with thinly sliced cabbage. The freshly fried cutlets are flavored with a special sauce.

- 🍷 Nakajima [MAP/P 16.G-3](#)
- 🍷 Shirokujyaku Shokudo [MAP/P 12.C-2](#)
- 🍷 Tontei [MAP/P 12.D-3](#)

### Ramen

Ramen has long been a very popular dish in Aizu, as evidenced by the fact that the region originated the Kitakata Ramen, one of the top three types of ramen in Japan.

- 🍷 Medetaiya [MAP/P 12.C-2](#)
- 🍷 Ipputei [MAP/P 12.D-3](#)



### Wappameshi

A local dish of rice and food steamed in a circular wood container.

- 🍷 Takino [MAP/P 16.G-4](#)
- 🍷 Togoto [MAP/P 10.B-2](#)



### Aizu Rice

The climate and pure water specific to the basin produces delicious rice which is recognized nationally as top of its class.



### Aizu Horse Meat

Because of the meat's pink color, it is called sakura (cherry blossom). It is often enjoyed with sake.

- 🍷 Tsuruga [MAP/P 16.G-4](#)
- 🍷 Yoshita [MAP/P 16.G-4](#)

## Traditional Aizu Dishes

*Kozuyu*, *Nishin Sansho-zuke*, and *Bodara-ni* are local dishes that have been enjoyed in the mountainous land of Aizu since olden times.

- 🍷 Shibukawa Donya [MAP/P 14.E-1](#)
- 🍷 Tagoto [MAP/P 10.B-2](#)
- 🍷 Takino [MAP/P 16.G-4](#)



### Bodara-ni

Cod fillets dried to a rock-like hardness are softened in water and stewed in soy sauce and sugar for many hours until the meat and bones are soft enough to eat.



### Nishin Sansho-zuke

This consists of *migaki nishin* (dried herring fillets) sandwiched between *sansho* (Japanese pepper) leaves and pickled in vinegar, sake (rice wine), and soy sauce. It's a great companion with sake.



### Kozuyu

A hearty soup made from dried scallop stock and seasoned with salt and soy sauce. The soup contains taro, carrots, *shiitake* mushrooms, and other vegetables, plus tiny balls of wheat gluten called *mamefu*. Kozuyu is a regional specialty and a must for wedding feasts in Aizu.



### Dengaku

Said to have been the staple for samurai during a battle; skewers of food basted in miso and grilled.

- 🍷 Mitsutaya [MAP/P 15.F-1](#)
- 🍷 Ohide Chaya [MAP/P 12.D-3](#)



### Handmade Soba Noodles

Aizu produces fine-quality *sobako* (buckwheat flour) that offers excellent aroma and flavor.

- 🍷 Kiriya [MAP/P 12.D-2](#) [MAP/P 16.G-3](#)
- 🍷 Sho [MAP/P 16.G-1](#)



### Aizu Jidori (local chicken)

Aizu Jidori are locally bred chicken which have been bred over a long period of time, and produce firm meat (from living free range).

# Onsen and Inns



\*Onyado Toho's open-air bath, "Sora no Yu"



\*Enjoy the foot baths in Kagayaki Park



Higashiyama Geigi



## Higashiyama Onsen

An old onsen village located near Aizuwakamatsu City. An onsen village with ambience, situated along the banks of the Yugawa mountain stream.

health benefits  
gastrointestinal/ stomach disorders, women's health related diseases, neuralgia, rheumatism

◆Higashiyama Onsen Kanko Kyokai  
☎0242-27-7051  
<http://www.aizu-higashiyama.com/>



## Ashinomaki Onsen

Surrounded by mountains, Ashinomaki Onsen is blessed with beautiful natural surroundings. You can also enjoy the onsen's abundant waters on a one day trip.

health benefits  
neuralgia, gastrointestinal/stomach disorders, skin diseases

◆Ashinomaki Onsen Kanko Kyokai  
☎0242-92-2336  
<http://www.aizu-ashinomaki.jp/>

## Hotels and Inns in Aizuwakamatsu City

From homey traditional Japanese inns, to affordable "business hotels", to large urban-style hotels with modern facilities- there are a variety of accommodations to choose from, depending on your preferences.

◆Aizuwakamatsu Ryokan Hotel Kumiai ☎0242-28-9221  
<http://www.aizu-ryokan-hotel.com/>



### By Train from Tokyo

#### With Bullet Train

Narita International Airport/Haneda Airport – Tokyo – (Tohoku Shinkansen: 1 hr 20 mins) – Koriyama – (Ban-etsu West Line: 1 hr 10 mins) – Aizuwakamatsu

#### Without Bullet Train

•Asakusa – (Tobu Kinugawa Line: 2 hrs) – Kinugawa Onsen – (Yagan Line/ Aizu Line: 2 hrs 10 mins) – Aizuwakamatsu  
•Shinjuku – (JR Line/ Tobu Kinugawa Line : 2 hrs) – Kinugawa Onsen – (Yagan Line/ Aizu Line: 2 hrs 10 mins) – Aizuwakamatsu

### From Regional Airports

#### Fukushima Airport

– (Transit bus: 40 mins) – Koriyama Station – (Ban-etsu West Line: 1 hr 10 mins) – Aizuwakamatsu  
–Koriyama Station – (Highway bus: 1 hr 5 mins) – Aizuwakamatsu Station

#### Niigata Airport

– (Transit bus: 30 mins) – Niigata Station – (Highway bus: 1 hr 50 mins) – Aizuwakamatsu Station

#### Sendai Airport

– (Airport Line/ Tohoku Line: 17 mins) – Sendai Station, East Exit – (Highway bus: 2 hrs 25 mins) – Aizuwakamatsu Station

### By Highway Bus

#### Tokyo

Shinjuku Station, New South Exit – (4 hrs 20 mins) – Aizuwakamatsu Station **(Reservations required)** **Aizu Bus** ☎0242-22-5555

#### Sendai

Sendai Station, East Exit – (2 hrs 25min) – Aizuwakamatsu Station

#### Niigata

In front of Niigata Station – (1hr 50 min) – Aizuwakamatsu Station

### The Charms of Aizu Course

■ Tokyo – (Tobu Line) –Nikko – (Yagan Line/ Aizu Line) –Aizuwakamatsu (you can use the Shuyu Buses to get around the city) – (Ban-etsu West Line/ Tohoku Shinkansen/ JR Local lines) – Matsushima –(Tohoku Shinkansen) – Tokyo

■ Tokyo –(Highway bus or Tohoku Shinkansen/ Ban-etsu West Line) –Aizuwakamatsu (you can use the Shuyu Buses to get around the city) – (Highway bus: or Ban-etsu West Line) – Niigata – (JR Local lines/ Hokuriku Shinkansen) – Kanazawa – Kyoto

■ Nikko – (Tobu Line/ Yagan Line/ Aizu Line (2 hrs 40 min)) –Aizuwakamatsu

■ Matsushima –(Senseki Line/ Tohoku Shinkansen/ Ban-etsu West Line (3 hrs)) – Aizuwakamatsu