

# SAMURAI CITY Aizuwakamatsu



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# Tsurugajo Castle



MAP/P 5.BC-3 5-minute walk from the Tsurugajo Iriguchi (H14.A27) bus stop

- Hours: 8:30 - 17:00 (last entry at 16:30)
- 520 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.



## 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".



## Rinkaku Tea Cottage

MAP/P 5.C-3

A tea house built by Sen-no- Shoan, the son of Sen-no-Rikyū. 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 Matcha here.

- Same hours as Tsurugajo Castle Tower
- 210 yen (free for elementary and junior high school students)  
Matcha charge /fee.600 yen (not included with admission)

## 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.
6. Have self-restraint.

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



Reenactment!  
Land of the Samurai

## 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

## Resting place of the Last Samurai, Saito Hajime

Amidaji Temple MAP/P 5.A-2



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

## The Aizu-Wakamatsu Foreign Language Volunteer Guide



The Aizu-Wakamatsu foreign language volunteer guide will give guided-tours in Tsurugajo Castle and the surrounding grounds in English or Chinese.

※ A reservation is required at least two weeks in advance. In addition, please understand that we may not be able to meet your request for a tour guide.

### Volunteer Guide (by appointment)

To request a guide, call Aizuwakamatsu International Association ☎0242(27)3703

**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)



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

**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 Ochayagoten tea house. Reservations required

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

- Hours: 8:30 - 17:00 (last entry at 16:30)
- 330 yen for adults, 270 yen for high school students, and 160 yen for junior high and elementary school students. Matcha charge/fee 600 yen

# Aizu Clan Nisshinkan School



## Aizu Clan Nisshinkan School



The restored school through which high-class 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 highest 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)
- 700 yen for adults, 550 yen for senior and junior high school students, and 500 yen for elementary school students

### Samurai Activities

Meditation: 600 yen for 40 minutes, 10 or more persons (reservations required) / Tea ceremony: 600 yen for 45 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/P6.E-3

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

- Hours: 8:30 - 17:00 from April through November. Additional closings in winter.
- 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-minute (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 graves of the family of 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/P6.E-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/P6.D-1

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

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



## Tombs of the Byakkotai

During the Boshin war, 16 and 17 years old samurai boys fought in a battle 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/P6.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/P7.E-4



The area around Mitsutaya (Keirinji Street) MAP/P7.F-4



## 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.



Aizu Lacquerware P8



The Suehiro Sake Row of Buildings (Yatomamachi Street) MAP/P7.F-3



Folk Toys P8



The area around the Shirokiya Lacquerware Shop (Nanokamachi Street) MAP/P7.G-4



Brewery Tours P10



# AIZU WAKAMATSU MAP

SAMURAI CITY

To Kitakata (JR Ban-etsu West Line) 至 喜多方 (JR 磐越西線)  
 To Koriyama (JR Ban-etsu West Line) 至 郡山 (JR 磐越西線)

1

2

3

Nishiwakamatsu Station 西若松駅  
 路線バスターミナル Local Bus Terminal

至 芦ノ牧温泉・浅草 (会津鉄道) To Ashinomaki・To Asakusa (Aizu Railway)

至 芦ノ牧温泉 To Ashinomaki Onsen



**Tourist Information Center (English)** V案内所  
 ☎0242 (32)0688

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**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).

Please note: When using the Wi-Fi network, communication which is not encrypted may be intercepted. Please be aware of this information before connecting to the service.

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



**Tourist Information Center (English)** V案内所

**Bicycle Rental for Sightseeing in Aizu**

**Tsurugajo Castle** 鶴ヶ城  
 鶴ヶ城売店 Shop 茶室 観音堂



Tsurugajo Castle Tower 鶴ヶ城天守閣

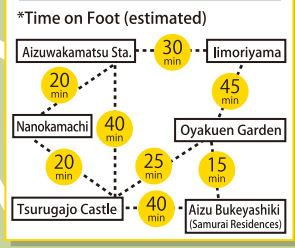


白虎隊士 Byakkotai Youth Brigade (White Tiger Brigade)

### 凡例 Explanatory Notes

- 英語対応観光案内所 **Tourist Information Center (English)**
- ハイカラさん&あかべバス停 **Haikara-san & Akabe bus stop**
- ハイカラさんバス停 **Haikara-san bus stop**
- あかべバス停 **Akabe bus stop**
- 主な史跡 **Historic spot**
- お寺 **Temple**
- 神社 **Shrine**
- 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**
- 酒蔵 **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**
- 免税店 **Tax Free Shop**
- Aizu Free Wi-Fi設置店舗 **Aizu Free Wi-Fi Spot**

Overseas credit cards or UnionPay debit cards can be used to obtain cash at post offices or convenience stores (Lawsons or Ministop only accept UnionPay)



Vintage Bonnet-Style Buses for Sightseeing in Aizuwakamatsu

## Classic Town Bus Haikara-san & Akabe

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

**Akabe:** Buses leave every 30 minutes from the Aizuwakamatsuu 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 600 yen for adults  
300 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, Imoriyama 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

2,720 yen for adults 1,360 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 Toto 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  
Aizuwakamatsu Tourism Bureau ☎0242(23)8000  
Aizuwakamatsu City Tourism Division ☎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.

The stations are open from April 1 to the end of November.  
■ Rental charge: 600 yen per bicycle for a full day's use.  
■ Bicycles are available for use from 9:00 to 16:00.

● Tsurugajo Station ● Oyakuen Station  
● Imoriyama Station (city-operated parking lot)

Inquiries: Aizuwakamatsu Tourism Bureau ☎0242-27-4005

**Bicycle Rental**  
(Electric rental bicycle from the Station)  
Aizuwakamatsu Station Travel Drsk ☎0242(23)8000  
1,600 yen for 1 day / 1,100 yen 4 hours or less



# 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.6.D-1**  
 Warabi **MAP/P.5.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 makie techniques, including gold leafing, are famous all over Japan.

- Fukubun Lacquerware Store **MAP/P.5.B-1**
- Seki Lacquerware Store **MAP/P.5.B-2**
- Suzuzen Lacquerware Store **MAP/P.5.B-2**
- Bikodo Lacquerware Store **MAP/P.5.B-2**
- Nuriichi Lacquerware Store **MAP/P.7.E-4**
- Shirokiya Lacquerware Store **MAP/P.7.G-4**
- Fukunishi Lacquerware Store **MAP/P.7.G-4**
- Suzukiya Rihei Lacquerware Store **MAP/P.7.G-4**



## Aizu Cloth (Cotton)

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

Yamada Momen Orimoto **MAP/P.5.A-2**

## 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 Rosokuten **MAP/P.5.B-2**  
 Yamatagaya Honten **MAP/P.7.G-2**  
 Hoshiban Erosokuten **MAP/P.7.E-4**

## 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.5.A-2**

## Hands-on Activities

### Folk Crafts

#### Okiagari Koboshi

Activity: 30 minutes to 1 hour  
500 yen - 1,250 yen



- Yamada Folk Craft Workshop**  
☎0242(23)1465 **MAP/P.5.A-2**
- Aizu Bukeyashiki (Samurai Residences)**  
☎0242(28)2525 **MAP/P.6.D-3**
- Tsurugajo Kaikan**  
☎0242(28)2288 **MAP/P.5.C-3**
- Aizu Clan Nisshinkan School**  
☎0242(75)2525 **Outside of map area**
- Aizu Kosenkoboshi**  
☎0242(85)6218 **MAP/P.6.D-1**
- Aizu Machikata Denshokan**  
☎0242(22)8686 **MAP/P.5.B-1**
- Warabi**  
☎0242(24)0020 **MAP/P.5.B-2**
- Aizu Etokoboshi**  
☎0242(28)6651 **MAP/P.5.A-3**
- Lotus Wood Village**  
☎0242(93)8488 **MAP/P.5.B-1**
- Matsuyoshi**  
☎0242(24)2503 **MAP/P.6.D-1**

### Folk Crafts

#### Akabeko Painting

Activity: 30 minutes to 1 hour  
990 yen - 1,250 yen



- Bansho Handmade Crafts**  
☎0242(27)4358 **MAP/P.6.D-1**
- Warabi**  
☎0242(24)0020 **MAP/P.5.B-2**
- Tsurugajo Kaikan**  
☎0242(28)2288 **MAP/P.5.C-3**
- Aizu Bukeyashiki (Samurai Residences)**  
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- Lotus Wood Village**  
☎0242(93)8488 **MAP/P.5.B-1**
- Matsuyoshi**  
☎0242(24)2503 **MAP/P.6.D-1**



### Traditional Crafts

#### Maki-e Lacquerware

Activity: 1 - 2 hours  
1,100 yen - 6,000 yen  
\*Reservation required



- Lacquerware Studio Suzutake**  
☎0242(27)9426 **Outside of map area**
- Suzuzen Lacquerware Store**  
☎0242(22)0680 **MAP/P.5.B-2**
- Bansho Handmade Crafts**  
☎0242(27)4358 **MAP/P.6.D-1**
- Fukubun Lacquerware Store**  
☎0242(22)2846 **MAP/P.5.B-1**
- Onmakie Yamauchi**  
☎0242(22)6493 **MAP/P.5.B-2**

### Traditional Crafts

#### Painted Candles

Activity: 40 minutes - 1 hour  
880 yen - 2,100 yen



- Hoshiban Erosokuten**  
☎0242(27)1873 **MAP/P.7.E-4**
- Ozawa Candle Shop**  
☎0242(27)0652 **MAP/P.5.B-2**
- Yamatagaya Honten**  
☎0242(22)5769 **MAP/P.7.G-2**
- Aizu Kosenkoboshi**  
☎0242(85)6218 **MAP/P.6.D-1**

## Fruit Picking

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



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



# 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/P7.G-2
- 🍷 Banban MAP/P6.D-1
- 🍷 Kuishinbo MAP/P7.G-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/P5.C-2
- 🍷 Kurukuruken MAP/P7.G-1
- 🍷 Kitakata menchaya MAP/P6.D-3

### Wappameshi

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

- 🍷 Takino MAP/P7.G-1
- 🍷 Tagoto MAP/P5.A-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/P7.G-1
- 🍷 Yoshita MAP/P7.G-1

### 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/P7.E-4
- 🍷 Tagoto MAP/P5.A-2
- 🍷 Takino MAP/P7.G-1

#### 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/P7.F-4
- 🍷 Ohide Chaya MAP/P6.D-3

### Handmade Soba Noodles

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

- 🍷 Kiriya MAP/P7.G-2
- 🍷 Sakura MAP/P7.E-4
- 🍷 Wada MAP/P6.D-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).

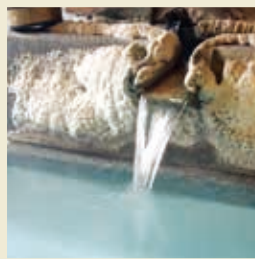
# Onsen and Inns



\*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  
<https://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/>

# 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 six 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.



**Nagurayama Sake Brewery**

☎0242(22)0844

MAP/ P5.C-2

- Reservations required
- Japanese only



**Tatsuizumi Sake Brewery**

☎0242(22)0504

MAP/ P5.C-2

- Reservations required
- Japanese only



**Ishibashi Sake Brewery**

☎0242(27)0313

MAP/ P5.A-3

- Reservations required
- Japanese only



**Kaishuichi Sake Brewery**

☎0242(25)0054

MAP/ P5.C-1

- Reservations required
- Japanese only



**Eisen Sake Brewery**

☎0242(73)2300

Outside of map area

- Sake tour reception shop <Yukkra>
- Reservations required
  - Japanese only



**Tsurunoe Sake Brewery**

☎0242(27)0139

MAP/ P7.F-4

- Reservations required
- Japanese only



**Takahashi Shosaku Sake Brewery**

☎0242(27)0108

Outside of map area

- Reservations required
- Japanese only



**Hanaharu Sake Brewery**

☎0242(22)0022

Outside of map area

- Reservations required
- Japanese only



**Suehiro Sake Brewery**

☎0242(27)0002

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- Japanese only



**Miyaizumi Sake Brewery**

☎0242(27)0031

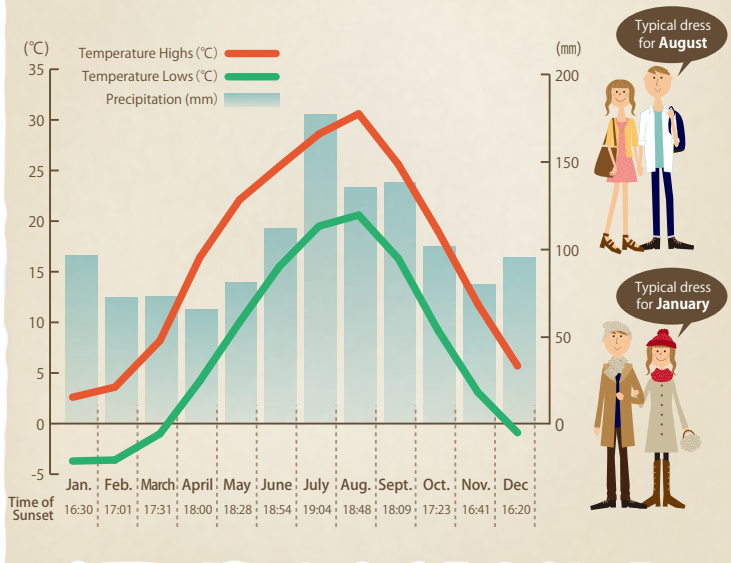
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Enjoy sake tasting before you buy your souvenirs!

## 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  
 Aizuwakamatsu Tourism Bureau

☎ (0242) 39-1251  
 ☎ (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 Wakamatsu Tourism Bureau ☎ (0242) 23-8000

### Websites

Aizuwakamatsu City  
<http://samurai-city.jp/en/>  
 Aizuwakamatsu Tourism Bureau  
<https://www.aizukanko.com/>  
 Gokujo no Aizu Project Council  
<https://gokujo-aizu.com/iti/>



Aizuwakamatsu Station  
 Tourist Information Center



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### By Train from Tokyo

#### ■ With Bullet Train

Narita International Airport/Haneda Airport – Tokyo – (Tohoku Shinkansen: 1 hr 25 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 hrs20mins) – Aizuwakamatsu  
 • Shinjuku – (JR Line/ Tobu Kinugawa Line : 2 hrs) – Kinugawa Onsen – (Yagan Line/ Aizu Line: 2 hrs20mins) – 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 10 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 30min) – 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) – Aizuwakamatsu