

OMAGARI'S FIREWORKS



30cm in diameter fireworks
Warimono category
(Chrysanthemum and peony types)



30cm in diameter fireworks- Freestyle category

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August Omagari National Fireworks Competition (Omagari's Fireworks)

The best pyrotechnists are chosen from all over Japan to compete for the No.1 fireworks artist title in the Omagari National Fireworks Competition. The pyrotechnists create each and every firework ball with all their souls by their own hands for this competition, which is the most influential fireworks event across Japan. The viewing site is situated along a river with mountain views in the background, maximising the powerfulness of sound and lights of the fireworks.

(Date: Last Saturday of every August)



Creative Category



Daisen-the city where fireworks are set off every month.

- January / Countdown Fireworks
- February / Ota Fire Festival
- March / Collection of New Fireworks Creations
- April / Amanime Sakura Fireworks Viewing
- May / Gathering of Fireworks Critics
- June / Naraoka Sanaburi Sake Fireworks
- July / Omagari Nursing School's Tanabata Fireworks
- July / Hanabi-dori Shopping Street Tabanata Fireworks
- July / Kyowa Tanabata Fireworks
- August / Furusato Nishisen Festival
- August / Semboku Saika Festival
- August / Donpan Festival
- September / Kamioka Nangai Fireworks Competition
- October / Omagari's Fireworks of The Chapter Autumn
- October / Yotsuya Festival
- November / All Japan Zangetsu Fireworks Parachute Catching Competition
- December / Illumination Fireworks of Southern Omagari

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March
Collection of New
Fireworks Creations



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June
Naraoka Sanaburi Sake
Fireworks



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July
Hanabi-dori Shopping Street
Tabanata Fireworks



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July
Kyowa Tanabata Fireworks



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October
Omagari's Fireworks of
The Chapter Autumn



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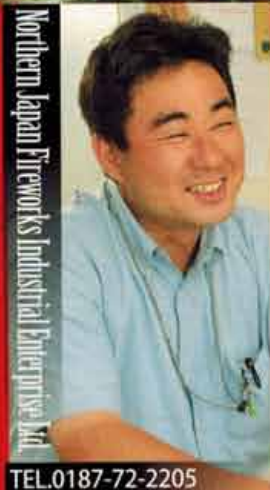
November
All Japan Zangetsu Fireworks
Artist Championship

September
Kamioka Nangai Fireworks

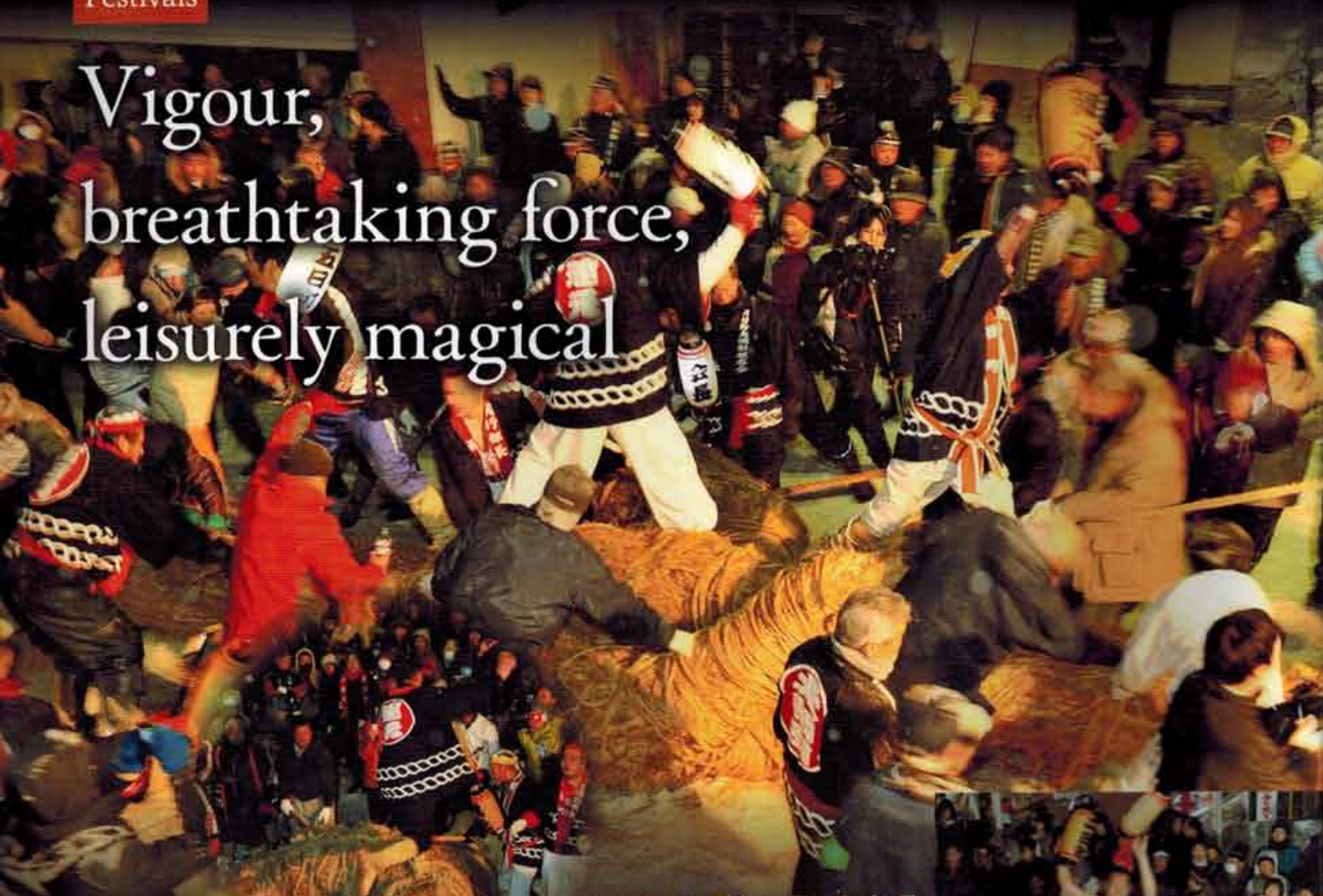


Impression,
Powerful Echoes,
and Contest of Lights

Pyrotechnists of Daisen City



Vigour, breathtaking force, leisurely magical



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National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Asset: Kariwano Great Tug-of-war

Every 10th of February

The great rope is composed of two ropes, the Ozuna (male rope), which is 64 metres in length and the Mezuna (female rope), 50 metres. The two ropes are tied up and are pulled by roughly 6000 people in the freezing cold winter night of February 10th.



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Yasaka Shrine Bonden Festival

Mid-January

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Hotta-no-saku Winter Festival

Every 3rd Saturday of February



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Toriko-no-mai Kagura Performance

15th of February



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Omagari Tug-of-war

15th of February



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Oshikiri Hiburi Kamakura Festival

Mid-February



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Dakerokusho Shrine Bonden Festival

End of March



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Kashima Nagashi

End of June



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Saika Semboku Summer Festival
15th of August



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Donpan Festival
16th of August



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Kakumagawa Bon Festival Dance
16th of August



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Summer Festival Omagari
Every 3rd Sunday of August



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Higashi-nagano Sasara Dance
Mid-August



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Hachiman Shrine Festival
15th of September



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River-crossing Bonden Festival

1st of February

Men carrying colourful Bonden (flag buoys) go from house to house offering their blessings, then take the river boat to cross the Omono River.

From there the men climb up to the top of Mount Izu to the shrine and give their offerings in order to complete the ritual. Even though there are several Bonden offering rituals, the river-crossing Bonden only takes place in Daisen City.



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Ota Fire Festival

Every 3rd Saturday of February



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National Scenic Beauty of Japan 'Former Ikeda Family Gardens'

Formerly owned by one of the three biggest landlords of the Tohoku region, the Former Ikeda Family Gardens were built surrounding a pond. The geographic size of the gardens is 42,000m², roughly the size of Tokyo Dome. The gardens are home to Japan's largest three-legged stone lantern, which is 4 metre tall and 4 metre wide.

Fresh Impressions amongst Ancient Ambience



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National Historical Site Hotta no Saku (The Ancient Wall of Hotta)

The Hotta no Saku is said to be a government building built in early Heian period (784-967). With an appointment, a tour guide called the 'Saku no Annai-nin' will take you around and provide you with more information on the history of the site.



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The spiritual Karamatsu 'Norakuden'

This is the only full-fledged Noh theatre in all of Akita Prefecture. It is modeled after Nishi Honganji's Kita Noh Theatre in Kyoto, and is regularly scheduled with Noh performances.



Following Footsteps of the Past

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Kurashi no Rekishikan (Folklore Museum)

The Mineyoshikawa Elementary School, which was closed down in 2008, has been converted into a folklore museum which displays a collection of approximately 4000 items.



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Magari-ya 'Mizuho's Home'

This Magariya style of houses can rarely be seen today. This facility was restored and in the Doma (earth floor) area of the house visitors are given the opportunity to experience pounding rice cake using mortar and pounder.



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Red Japanese Pinewood House

This house of the good old time (Magariya) was revived with traditional architectural technique called the Sashikizuki (carving wood) and has been converted into an Otzen-inn.



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National Registered Tangible Cultural Property 'Magariya'

(Akita Prefectural Agricultural Science Museum) Built in 1900, this southern Magariya style house has a thatched roof and it brings one's mind to way of living back in the old days.



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National Site of Scenic Beauty 'Former Ikeda Branch Family Gardens'

The gardens are located approx. 3km east-northeast of the Ikeda Family Gardens. Same as the main branch, the landscapes of the gardens are drawn after the shape of the family crest of the Ikeda family, which is shaped like a hexagon. The gardens are hidden gems for autumn leaf viewing.



Karamatsu-yama Amatsuhi-no-miya Shrine



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Since ancient time, people having been praying at the shrine for safe childbirth and fertility. It is said to be a 'power spot' which gives its visitors peace of mind and solace.



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Main hall of Karamatsu Shrine



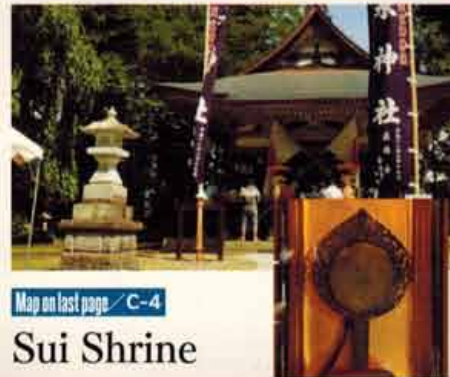
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Suwa Shrine



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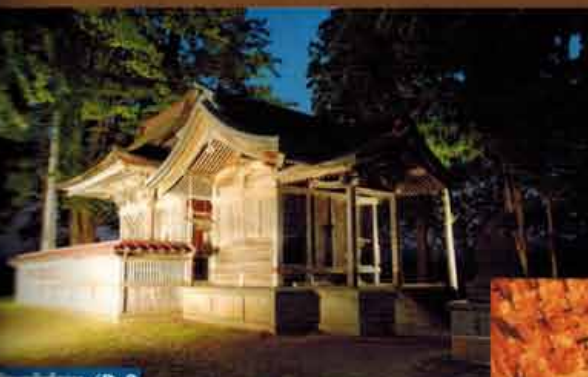
Yakushi (the healing Buddha) Shrine



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Sui Shrine

This bronze mirror of the 11th century is the only national treasure in the Akita Prefecture. The mirror is engraved with a thousand-armed Kannon surrounded by eight attendants and others. A replica of the statue is being exhibited at the Nakasen Civic Centre-Donparu.



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National Important Cultural Property Koshiou Shrine

Designed by Master Jinbee from Hida, the shrine, which is considered to be an exemplar of buildings in the Muramachi period (1333-1573 CE), is characterised by its dynamic architecture and elegant engravings.



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Yakushi Shrine's Sanjusan-kannon

Old pines and 33 Saigoku Nannons are lined up along both sides of the path to the shrine. Legend has it that holy water gushes out between the shrine's flagstones. Until today the shrine remains to be one of the prefecture's holiest places.

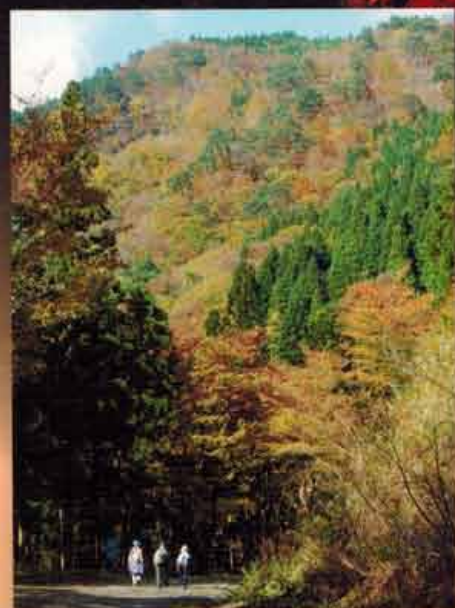
The breath of mother nature's woods that are beautiful in all seasons



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The Magi White Waterfall

The Magi White Waterfall is a gentle waterfall that is situated next to a road. Waters from several waterfalls merge to form the Magi White Waterfall and falls down into Sainai River. The algae that grows on the wall of the waterfall adds a sense of coolness to the waterfall.



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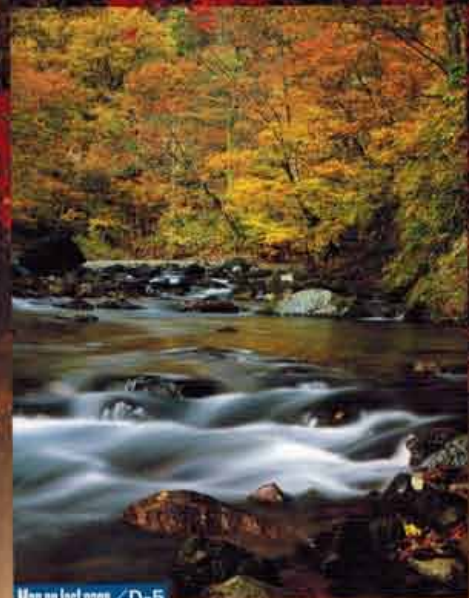
A stroll around the Kawaguchi Gorge

Mountains that are painted by the trees and transparent streams

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The Magi Gorge and Kawaguchi Gorge

The Kawaguchi Gorge that have several beautiful waterfalls and the Magi Gorge both lead to the peak of Yakushi-oka. The beautiful sceneries there make the locations very popular as hiking courses.



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Kawaguchi Gorge

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Mt. Obu's Giant Cedar

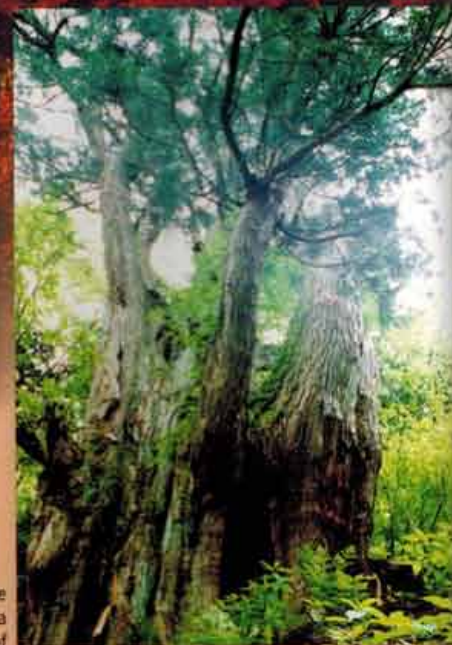
With a 12.4 wide trunk in diameter, the cedar is the widest in the prefecture and is said to be more than a thousand years old. It is ranked amongst the 'Top 100 of Forest Giants'.



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The Sode-kawa Cliff

The cliff was created by volcanic activities and it looks especially stunning when it is covered in maple foliage.





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ThYotsubashi's Pine Tree

Located in the country area of Ota Kunimi, the pine tree stands alone without anything tall nearby it.



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The Okanezuka's Pine Trees

The pine trees are located near the Kannari Bridge in Nakasen. These pine trees form a uniquely shaped canopy.



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The Giant Zelkova of Houzou Temple

The Giant Zelkova of Houzou Temple is located in Jinguji. The tree is considered to be approx. 950 years old and is ranked number 1 in the prefecture for its size and vigour.



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The Row of Cedar Trees in Karamatsu Shrine

The 160 metre long row of old cedar trees that leads to the Karamatsu shrine is said to be planted by Lord Satake in 1680 and is a prefectural-designated natural monument.



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Utsuno's drooping cherry-trees

These drooping cherry-trees are a type of cherry trees that is called 'Edohigan' and are grown wildly in the mountains.

Around the streams and rivers that moisten Daisen, one can feel the breath of nature and peacefulness



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Cooking Classes

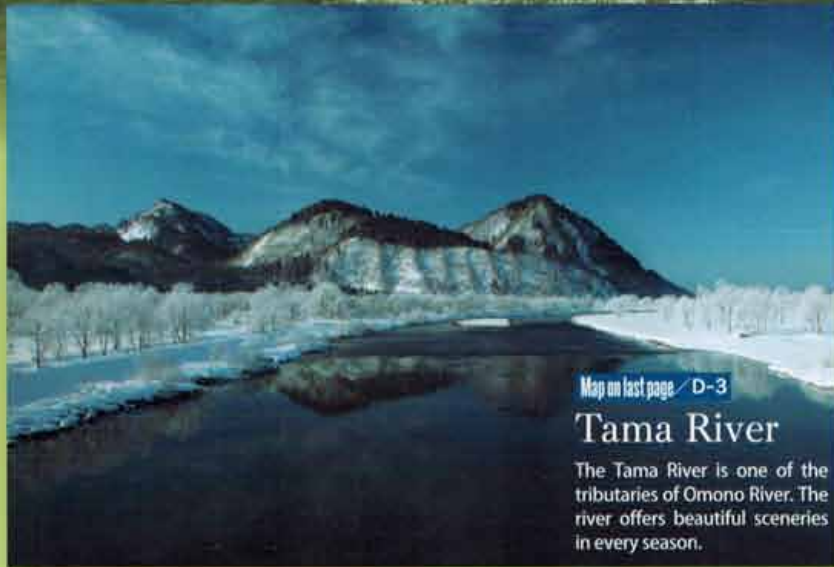
These classes teach you how to prepare salmon (Sake) in the most delicious fashion. There are also several events that are about salmon.



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Salmon Fishing

The salmon fishing apparatus used here, which is called the "Uwai", is the largest in scale throughout the country.



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Tama River

The Tama River is one of the tributaries of Omono River. The river offers beautiful sceneries in every season.

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Canoeing in the Omono River

The grand Omono River and highly transparent Tama River offer a relaxing canoe experience in the nature.



Be close to the rivers, enjoy the rivers.



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Himegami Park

The park offers a view of the town. From there you can also see the Ou mountains in a distance.

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View from Mt. Odai

Pear tree with countryside view in the background. The location is often used to film TV commercials.





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Sainai River

The souvenir shop 'michi no eki Nakasen', combined with Mt. Yaotome, is a well-known location for cherry blossom viewing. There you can take pictures of full-blown sakura together with the Akita Shinkansen in the background!



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Sasakura Park



(Fireflies village-firefly viewing spot)

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Hotaru-no-sato



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Mt. Hagurolkoi Forest



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Nangai Fureai Park



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Iida Swamp Fishing Park



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Ota Fureai Sato



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Nagagawara Community Park



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Yokozawa Park



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Nishisemboku Takayashiki no Mizu-bashou



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Omagari Family Ski Slope



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The Deep Blue That is Drawn by Traditional Glaze and Pottery



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Akita Naraoka-style Pottery

This climbing kiln has been used since ancient time, and is still in use to make products. These folk handicrafts are both practical and beautiful, and are characterised by the blue glaze called 'Namakoyu'. The headrests' seat covers of the Green Car sections on the Akita Shinkansen 'Komachi' are dyed with Namakoyou.



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Workers squeezing new brew of sake from unfiltered sake

Sake Brewery

Daisen City is famous for its sake breweries and has the largest number of breweries in the prefecture. The sake here is brewed using ancient techniques that are passed down from generation to generation and the breweries have a commanding and refined atmosphere.



Omagari Natto-jiru

(Miso soup with fermented soybeans)

Each region and household has their own recipe of the soup, especially the way in which the Natto is grinded. As such, the dish is a truly local and traditional food of this city. (Omagari Natto-jiru) Umemono Research Society
www.nattojiru.com



Omagari Curry U-men

(Yummy Ramen)

The Omagari Curry U-men is a well-known local food in the Daisen Omagari region. Served in soya sauce flavoured soup with bonito bouillon, curry roux and finely chopped spring onion, the ramen (Chinese noodles) gives a taste of the good old days.



Daisen Komekko

(Rice) Burger

The burger's ingredients such as rice powder, Iburigakko (smoked radish pickles), Tochu pork (the pigs are fed with barks of Tochu - a kind of hardy rubber tree), spring onion and seasonings are all locally made products.



Iburigakko

The Daikon (white radish) is smoked and is then pickled. This kind of pickles is aromatic and has a crunchy texture.

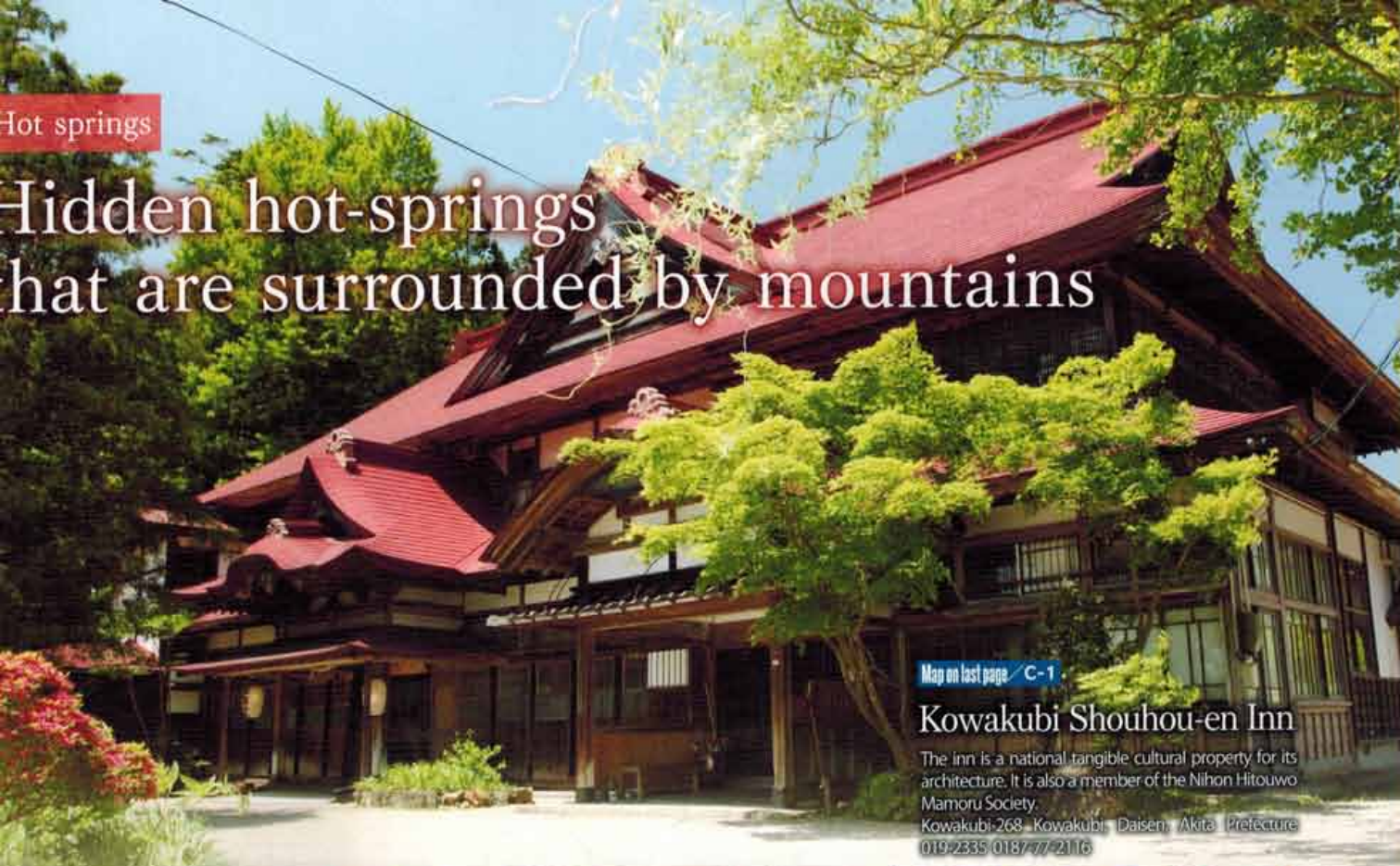


Simmered Royal Fern Kayaki (in shell)

Zenmai (royal fern), is a type of vegetable that is wildly grown in mountains of this region and can be enjoyed throughout the year.

Hot springs

Hidden hot-springs that are surrounded by mountains



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Kowakubi Shouhou-en Inn

The inn is a national tangible cultural property for its architecture. It is also a member of the Nihon Hitouwa Mamoru Society.
Kowakubi-268 Kowakubi, Daisen, Akita Prefecture
019-2335 0187-77-2116



Shouhou-en Outdoor Hot-spring

Warmth and Relaxation in hot-springs of Daisen City



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Kowakubi Hotel

This hotel, known as the Dress-inn, has a unique customer service as it is also a photo studio with formal dresses provided for its customers who would like to have dressed-up photo-shoot.

Uenodai-28-7 Kowakubi, Daisen, Akita Prefecture 019-2335, Japan 0187-77-2211



Hot-Spring Facilities and Others Telephone no. Address

Hot-Spring Facilities and Others	Telephone no.	Address	Map on last page
Karamatsu Mountain Villa and Hot-spring	TEL.018-893-2211	Tobayashiki 91 Kiyosawa-cho, Daisen, Akita Prefecture 019-2401, Japan	A-2
Kiyawa Hot-spring Shika-no-Yu	TEL.018-893-2615	Shimo 214 Kiyowanaka, Daisen, Akita Prefecture 019-2401, Japan	A-2
Kowakubi Hot-spring 'Omozogawa Kaniko Omokawase'	TEL.0187-69-3311	Uenodai Kowakubi, Daisen, Akita Prefecture 019-2335, Japan	C-1
Iwakura Hot-spring (member of Shiroki Flower Museum Society)	TEL.0187-74-2345	Yumoto 1 Nango, Daisen, Akita Prefecture 019-2394, Japan	E-2
Yu-no-Kami Hot-spring Shintozaki	TEL.0187-74-2468	Izumida 72 2 Nango, Daisen, Akita Prefecture 019-2391, Japan	E-2
Matsukida Hot-spring 'Nangai Parasol Kar'	TEL.0187-74-2310	Mitsukida 44 2 Nango, Daisen, Akita Prefecture 019-2391, Japan	D-2
Kamioka Hot-spring 'Daie-no-yu'	TEL.0187-67-1700	Shirayama 66-1 1 Inagi, Daisen, Akita Prefecture 019-2301, Japan	D-2
Shibaki-no-sato Kouryu Plaza 'Saku-no-yu'	TEL.0187-69-3311	Hidomori 148 Yamada, Daisen, Akita Prefecture 014-0072, Japan	D-3
Sui Sanyaki	TEL.0187-68-2639	Tsuji 215 4 Onogawashiro, Daisen, Akita Prefecture 014-0072, Japan	D-3
Nakasono Hot-spring	TEL.0187-88-1471	Ayayaki 114 Ochochikusa, Daisen, Akita Prefecture 019-2302, Japan	D-4
Kawaguchi Hot-spring 'Ookasano'	TEL.0187-88-1717	Osachi 19 75 Ochochikusa, Daisen, Akita Prefecture, Japan	D-5
Yamane Hot-spring 'Sakura Sui'	TEL.0187-56-3660	Nagatsuna 91 Nagano, Daisen, Akita Prefecture 014-0007, Japan	C-3
Daisen City 'Yacome Kouryu Center'	TEL.0187-56-3670	Nagatsuna 98 Nagano, Daisen-shi, Akita Prefecture 014-0007, Japan	C-3

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Nishisemboku Nukumori Hot-spring 'Yumeria'

This outdoor hot-spring offer stunning view at twilight. There is also a photo gallery of actor Toshiro Yanagiba.

Yamakitanosawa-5-4 Kariwano, Daisen, Akita Prefecture 019-2112, Japan 0187-87-3100





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Remains of Arakawa Mining Site

The former Arakawa Mining Site was discovered in 1700 and was soon opened as 'Naoyama' by the Akita Domain. The site was in rapid development around mid Meiji period and flourished as the country's number one copper mine, but the mine was closed in 1940. The brick walls outside the mine resemble a castle or fortress.



The mine's thickener



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Kashi Dining Hall

A dining hall with a nostalgic atmosphere



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Kyowa dam Miyama Lake

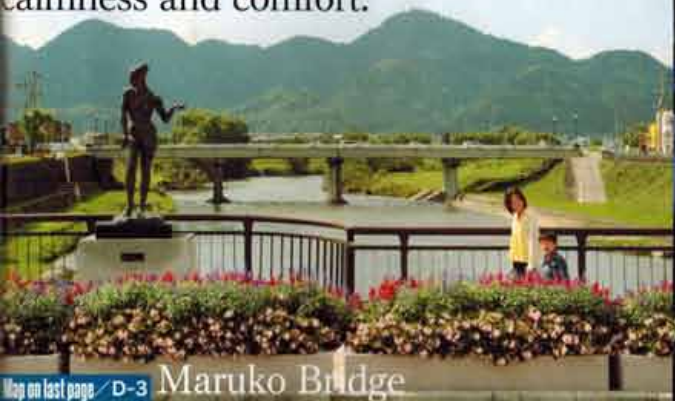
The Kyowa dam is a concrete gravity dam and it offers stunning views in autumn leaf viewing season as you can see the contrast of the dam and the mountains that are covered in red maple leaves.



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View of Sunrise on New Year's Day

When one looks out onto the mountain from the bridge, one will experience calmness and comfort.



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JR Omagari Train Station



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A ceremonial hall surrounded by mountains
A tranquil chapel with the singing of insects and birds.



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Akita Prefectural Agricultural & Science Museum

Fireworks Week





The Mascot Character of Daisen City "Marubi-chan"

Mascot Characters of All Japan Jumbo Bunnies Festival: 'Dekarabi-kun' (right) and 'Dekarabiko-chan' (left)



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EVENT INFORMATION

Omagari New Talent Music Festival
Omagari Civic Hall (Omari Hinode-Cho) ☎0187-63-8766
Annually in the beginning of January

A Akita Obako-Bushi (folk-song) Contest
Omagari Civic Hall (Omari Hinode-Cho) ☎0187-63-8766
Annually the beginning of June

Periodical Noh Performance
Mahoroba-Karamatsu "Nohgakuden" ☎018-892-382
Annually in the beginning of August

All Akita 500 Years Baseball Tournament
Kamioka Stadium etc. ☎0187-63-1111
Annually in late September

Nanbu Chubei's Cup Ground-Golf Tournament
Ota Fureai-no Sato ☎0187-88-1119
Annually in September

Akita Ohara-Bushi (folk-song) Contest
Ota Cultural Center ☎0187-88-1119
Annually in September

B Ou-Ota Road Race
Ou-Sanso Hotel (Start/Goal) ☎0187-88-1119
Annually in October

Mt. Kuromori Health Marathon
Mt. Kuromori Piedmont (Kariwano) ☎0187-75-1115
Annually on the National Sports Day

Lake Miyama Autumn Festival
Arakisawa Park (Aza Okawamae, Kyowa-Funaoka) ☎018-892-3706
Annually in the beginning of October

Japan Jumbo Rabbit Festival
Donpan Plaza (In front of the Nakasen Branch Office) ☎0187-56-2111
Annually on the 3rd Sat. and Sun. (Schedule)

Daisen Harvest Festival
Daisen Area ☎0187-63-1111
Annually in Late October

Tohoku Shogi (Japanese Chess) Championship
Omagari Civic Hall (Omari Hinode-Cho)
Annually in the beginning of November

C Akita Ameuri-Bushi (folk-song) Contest
(Kamioka Farm Village Environment Improvement Center) ☎0187-72-2414
Annually in November

Periodical Noh Performance

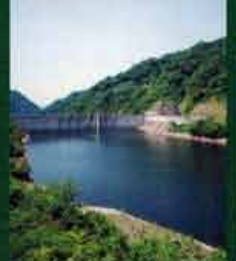


D Akita Obako-Bushi (folk-song) Contest



Omagari New Talent Music Festival

E Lake Miyama Autumn Festival



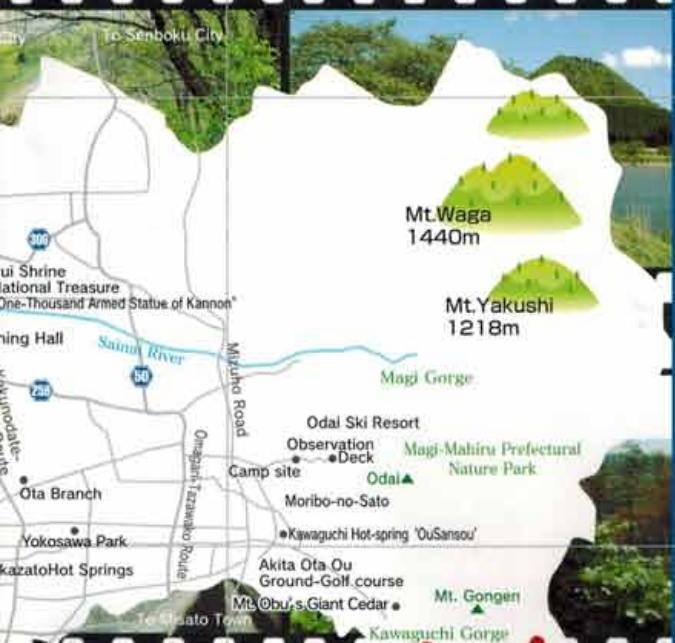
Nanbu Chubei's Cup Ground-Golf Tournament



Danpan Jiccha - the Ojisan (Grandpa) lives in Nakasen, birthplace of the Donpan Festival



Dakemaru-kun: the image character of Daisen City Kamioka-cho, the birthplace of Junior High School Baseball Competitions



Sasara Dance Official Character, 'Sasarata-kun'



Omagari's Fireworks Official Character, 'Tsutsuden to Tama-char'

ACCESS

Railroad Information

Tokyo — Morioka — Kakunodate — Omagari

Komachi, Akita-Shinkansen (Super Express) approximately 3hrs.5min.

Tokyo — Yamagata — Shinjo — Omagari

Yamagata-Shinkansen (Super Express) approximately 3 hrs. 35 min.
Ou Line - approximately 2 hrs.

Akita — Omagari

Komachi, Akita-Shinkansen (Super Express) approximately 30 min.

Road Information

Senda Minami (South) Exit — Kitakami Junction — Yokote Exit — Omagari Exit

Tohoku Expressway approximately 80 min. Akita Expressway approximately 30 min.

Akita Station — Akita Minami (South) Exit — Omagari Exit

Public Road approximately 20 min. Akita Expressway approximately 30 min.

Morioka — Daisen

Route 46-Route 105 approximately 120 min.

Akita Airport — Daisen

Via Route 13 approximately 60 min.
Using Akita Expressway approximately 40 min.

TOKYO — Omagari Bus Terminal

Long-Distance Night Bus approximately 9 hrs.

Flight Information

Tokyo (Haneda) — Akita Airport — Daisen

approximately 65 min. by Drive, or Airport-Liner (Airport-Express) approximately 60 min.

Nagoya — Akita Airport — Daisen

approximately 70 min. by Limousine Bus approximately 40 min.

Osaka (Itami) — Akita Airport — Daisen

approximately 80 min. by Komachi, Akita Shinkansen (Super Express) approximately 30 min.

Sapporo (Shin-Chitose) — Akita Airport — Daisen

approximately 55 min. by Airport-Express approximately 55 min.

Korea (Incheon) — Akita Airport — Daisen

approximately 2hrs.30 min. by Airport-Express approximately 55 min.

Inquiries about Daisen Areas

Omagari Area

Daisen City, Agriculture, Forestry and Commerce, Industry Department / Commerce, Industry and Tourist Division
☎0187-63-1111

Kamioka Area

Kamioka Branch, Citizens Service Division
☎0187-72-2111

Nishi- Senboku Area

Nishi-Senboku Branch, Citizens Service Division
☎0187-75-1111

Nakasen Area

Nakasen Branch, Citizens Service Division
☎0187-56-2111

Kyowa Area

Kyowa Branch, Citizens Service Division
☎018-892-2111

Nangai Area

Nangai Branch, Citizens Service Division
☎0187-74-2111

Senboku Area

Senboku Branch, Citizens Service Division
☎0187-63-3003

Ota Area

Ota Branch, Citizens Service Division
☎0187-88-1111

Daisen Tourist Information Center "GRAND PORT"

6-5 Omagari Tori-Machi, Daisen City, Akita 014-0027
☎0187-86-0888 (Located in JR Station)

Daisen City Tourism & Local-Products Association

3-3 Omagari Tori-machi, Daisen City, Akita 014-0027
☎0187-88-8481



Daisen City, Agriculture, Forestry and Commerce,
Industry Department / Commerce,
Industry and Tourist Division

1-1 Omagari Hanazono-Cho, Daisen City, Akita 014-8601

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<http://www.city.daisen.akita.jp/>

Eight municipalities (Omagari City, Kamioka Town, Nishi-Senboku Town, Nakasen Town, Kyowa-Town, Nangai Village, Senboku Town, Ota Town) were incorporated as Daisen City in 2005