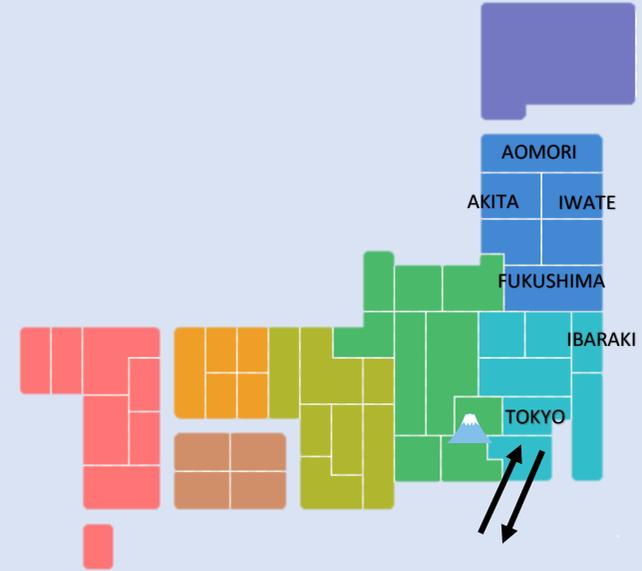


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## Spring Tour (April)

IBARAKI/FUKUSHIMA/IWATE/AKITA/AOMORI



<b>DAY1</b>	HANEDA A.P.  ▷① Hitachi Seaside Park  ▷ ▷② Tsuruga Castle  ▷Hotel Check In ▷Urabandai Hotel
<b>DAY2</b>	Hotel  ▷  ▷③ Chusonji Temple ▷④ Geibikei  ▷Hotel Check In ▷Hanamaki onsen
<b>DAY3</b>	Hotel  ▷⑤ Kitakami Tenshochi for Cherry Blossoms Festival ▷  ▷Aomori City Shinmachi Shopping  ▷Hotel Check In ▷Aomori Hotel
<b>DAY4</b>	Hotel  ▷⑥ Hirosaki castle  ▷  ▷⑦ Neputamura ▷AOMORI A.P.  ▷HANEDA A.P.  ▷BKK

# Tourist spot

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## Hitachi Seaside Park

<https://hitachikaihin.jp/>

Hitachi Seaside Park is perhaps Ibaraki's most famous tourist destination, known for its Instagram-friendly fields of flowers. This huge park is best known for the stunning blue nemophila flowers in the Spring (mid-April onwards) and bright red kochia bushes in the Autumn (October), but there's plenty to see at other times of year including daffodils, tulips, sunflowers and oil-seed rape blossoms. As well as flowers, the park is also home to a small amusement park, traditional Japanese farmhouses, and hosts the annual Rock in Japan music festival.

Once inside the park, visitors can enjoy the walk, rent a bike or ride the Seaside Train to get around. The park is fully wheelchair accessible.

What's more, Hitachi Seaside Park is located close to other destinations such as Aquaworld Aquarium, Hitachinaka Fish Market and Kaitakuen Park, so it's easy to plan a one or two-day trip to all these major sites!

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## Tsuruga Castle

<https://www.tsurugajo.com/>

When the castle was constructed nearly 600 years ago, it was just a traditional Japanese building. However, many famous Japanese military commanders successfully ruled the castle, as it was a key castle located at the center of the Tohoku Area. Around 400 years ago, the castle tower was built, and the castle was officially named "Tsurugajo castle". During the Boshin Civil War that occurred at the end of the Edo Period, many Aizu Citizens were held inside the castle as it was relentlessly attacked by the Meiji government army for a period of one month. Eventually, the Aizu clan was forced to surrender. After the Meiji Period in 1874, Tsurugajo Castle, which was once called impregnable, was completely torn down, except for the stone walls surrounding the perimeters. The current castle tower was rebuilt in 1965.

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## Chuson-ji Temple

<https://www.chusonji.or.jp/>

Chuson-ji Temple in Hiraizumi was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2011 as an important location of Pure Land Buddhism. Along with the renowned golden hall "Konjikido", the temple offers many highlights including Benkeido Hall, Yakushido Hall and Hondo (Main) Hall. The great priest Ennin originally founded Chuson-ji Temple in 850. From the early 12<sup>th</sup> century the founder of the Oshu Fujiwara clan, Kiyoshira, began construction of the temple complex with halls and pagodas calling for peace through the teachings of Buddha. Kiyohira undertook the construction to honour the family he lost during the local wars of the period. Thanks to the abundance of locally mined gold, Hiraizumi flourished for 100 years during the reign of the four generations of Fujiwara clan. One of the earliest designated National Treasures, Konjikido demonstrates the craftsmanship of that period including mother-of-pearl inlay work, openwork and lacquer work. Visitors can learn about the local history and prosperity of the Oshu Fujiwara clan at the Sankozo Museum, a treasure house of precious cultural properties representing Eastern Japan's Buddhist arts.

# Tourist spot



## Geibikei

<http://www.geibikei.co.jp/>

Geibikei Gorge is an officially recognised national monument and is listed as one of the 100 greatest landscapes of Japan. A 2 km stretch of limestone cliffs rises over 50m on either side of the Satetsu River. River tours are available through the gorge guided by boatmen propelling their boats with bamboo poles, an experience unique in all of Japan. The boatmen's traditional singing harmonises beautifully with murmuring streams and adds a particular charm to the tour. Pets are allowed to travel with you on board and passengers can also enjoy feeding the fish swimming elegantly by in the clear waters. Before returning down the river passengers can get out of the boat at the turning point for a walk along the gorge. The walk features a rock known as the Lion's Nose, from which the name Geibikei originated, and also a famous cavity in the cliff on the other side of the gorge. Visitors try their luck by throwing "lucky stones" into cavity in order to make a wish come true!



## Kitakami Tenshochi for Cherry Blossoms Festival

The "Kitakami Tenshochi Cherry Blossom Festival" held a period from April 15 to May 5 bustles with the many flower viewing visitors who visit from a various part of Japan. A vivid carp streamer swims the Kitakami-river sky during a period, and the horse-drawn carriage by which the nostalgic atmosphere is much runs through other full-blown Sakuranamiki where a sightseeing boat is navigated. Sakuranamiki lit up beautifully is reflected in the surface of a river in the evening. Tohoku is learned about as eminent famous place for beautiful cherry blossom, and going north exhibition Kachiji in the riverside in Kitakami-river which flows calmly is ranked as "100 elections of landmark of a cherry tree" "Michinoku trees big cherry tree landmark". When there are also about 150 kinds of over 2 kilometers from a coral bridge, it's called, and I compete for beauty from the Someiyoshino cherry tree which begins to bloom around the middle of April to KASUMIZAKURA at the beginning of May.



## Hirosaki castle

<https://www.hirosakipark.jp/>

Located in Hirosaki Park, Hirosaki Castle is the northernmost remaining castle tower in Japan and is designated an Important Cultural Property well preserved allowing visitors to travel back in time to the Edo Period. As one of Japan's few remaining major castles it is a popular destination for people wanting to enjoy its historic beauty. Particular highlights include the castle tower, five castle gates and three watchtowers. The vermilion Gejo Bridge is the ideal location for photos of the majestic castle. The black and white castle tower stands in stunning contrast with the bright vermilion bridge. Be sure to look out for the Shachihoko on the roof of the three-story castle keep. A rickshaw ride is the smart way to enjoy the scenic beauty of the vast grounds of this castle park.

# Tourist spot



## Nepuramura

<http://neputamura.com/>

Hirosaki is located in the Tsugaru area of Aomori Prefecture. Tsugaru is known for its unique culture, traditions, language and food. A 10meter tall, huge Neputa float and its inner wooden structure welcomes visitors as they enter the hall. Regardless if you are a group or a single individual, our staff will explain about the Neputa festival and perform the flute and taiko drum for you. You will also be able to try your hand at the drum, if you like. Also, Neputa paintings and kite paintings of all the members of the Tsugaru Nishikie Artists Association are on display.

# Land Cost



## ■BUS

40seat Luxury Tipe/3 trunks/1 Driver/Exclude parking fee, Tool way fee and driver cost

## ■Accomodation

1<sup>st</sup> day Active Resort Urabandai Hotel or similar

Japanese room or Western room 【TWN or DBL】 Meal:Dinner and Breakfast

2<sup>nd</sup> day Hanamaki Onsen or similar

Japanese room or Western room 【TWN or DBL】 Meal:Dinner and Breakfast

3<sup>rd</sup> day Art Hotel Aomori Hotel or similar

Japanese room or Western room 【TWN or DBL】 Meal:Breakfast

## ■Sightseeing&Expirence cost

Include

■Meal Breakfast 3times Lunch 4times Dinner 3times Exclude Beverage and extra food.

■Guide Exclude ✕If you need,please ask me.I can arrange guide

**Please contact us as the price  
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