

“Discover the Best of Hirosaki and Hakodate: Must-See Spots, Tastes, and Experiences”

## HIROSAKI



**Grilled Scallop with Miso**

A traditional local dish where a large scallop shell is heated, and dashi broth, miso, green onions, scallops, and eggs are added. It was once a special dish made to provide nutrition.



**Apple Pie**

Hirosaki is Japan's top apple-producing city. Over 30 stores in the city offer apple pies, using different apple varieties depending on the season. The shapes and flavors vary by store, so try different pies and find your favorite!



**Tsugaru Shamisen**

The shamisen is a three-stringed instrument that originated in China and was modified in Japan. The Tsugaru shamisen uses a thick plectrum and is known for its intense performances. Enjoy the powerful sound that conveys deep emotions.



**Mount Iwaki**

Known for its beautiful cone shape, Mount Iwaki is also called the "Mount Fuji of Tsugaru." It is the highest mountain in Aomori Prefecture. With stunning views year-round and easy access by car up to the 8th station, you can enjoy breathtaking scenery.

## HAKODATE



**Hakodate Magistrate's Office**

Hakodate Bugyosho was a facility used as the government of Hokkaido and the window to foreign countries during the mid-19th century. Part of the facility was restored and opened to the public in 2010.



**Seafood rice bowl**

Seafood rice bowl is one of the most popular dishes in Hakodate. Eateries specializing in this favorite local dish are located en masse at the morning market located in front of Hakodate Station.



**Hakodate Christmas Fantasy**

This is annually held from December 1 to 25, is an iconic winter event in Hakodate. An immense Christmas tree is floating in the bay fronting the Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse, with fireworks every day at 18:00. Soup bars will also be out on the sidewalks of Hakodate Bay.



**Ramen**

Hokkaido ramen has a diverse style depending on where it is made. Hakodate is famous for its salt-flavored ramen, with a light but flavorful clear salt broth.



SPRING

ひろはこ  
HIROSAKI x HAKODATE

WINTER  
SNOW MIKU

**HIROSAKI x HAKODATE = HIROHAKO**

"Hirohako" refers to Hirosaki and Hakodate, with the name created by combining two characters from each of the two cities.

Tourism campaigns are held in both cities during spring for cherry blossoms and winter for illuminated snow scenery, so please come and visit. Scan the QR code on the back for more details.

SAKURA MIKU and SNOW MIKU are the official support characters for the spring tourism campaign and winter tourism campaign.

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# HIROSAKI

In winter, enjoy the illuminated snowy landscapes and light-up of Western-style buildings. In spring, visit famous cherry blossom spots like Hirosaki Castle and Goryokaku Park. Experience the beautiful scenery of Hirosaki City and Hakodate City!

# HAKODATE

## Hirosaki Cherry Blossom Festival

With 52 varieties and about 2,600 cherry trees in full bloom, this is one of the top cherry blossoms viewing spots in Japan. The cherry blossoms adorn important cultural properties, including the castle tower, turrets, and castle gates, which have stood since the Edo period after the castle was built in 1611.



## Hirosaki Seven Cherry Blossoms

There are around 700 cherry trees of 40 varieties that bloom after the Somei Yoshino in Hirosaki Park. Seven specially selected double-flowered varieties are known as the "Hirosaki Seven Cherry Blossoms." The Kanzan variety is especially popular, and the Kanzan Tunnel in the Shinomaru area is a must-see.



## Apple Blossom Festival

After the cherry blossoms, enjoy the apple blossoms in Hirosaki with the highest apple production in Japan! The foot of Mt. Iwaki, still capped with lingering snow, is covered with blooming apple flowers, offering a unique spring scenery in Tsugaru.



## Former Hirosaki City Library

This Renaissance-style Western building is notable for its twin octagonal towers. It served as the Hirosaki City Library until 1931.



## Winter Cherry Blossom Light Up

In winter, the cherry trees of Hirosaki Park are covered in snow and illuminated, creating a breathtaking scene that resembles cherry blossoms in full bloom. This beautiful sight captivates all who visit.



## Former 59th National Bank

Built in 1904, this Renaissance-style building features a unique blend of Western and Japanese architectural elements, including a fire-resistant earthen storehouse design. It is a National Important Cultural Property.

## Hirosaki Electrical Fantasy

Known for its castle town atmosphere and abundance of Western-style buildings, Hirosaki transforms into a fantastical scene with snow and lights. In addition to illuminating historical buildings such as Western-style mansions, various parts of the city are adorned with illuminations.



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## Old Public Hall of Hakodate Ward

This is a notable historic building in Hakodate, designated as important cultural property. It has a magnificent main hall and rooms reserved for special guests.



## View from Mt. Hakodate

From the summit of Mt. Hakodate (elevation:334m), not only can the town of Hakodate be observed, but so can the Tsugaru Strait. The view from Mt. Hakodate was published in the Michelin Green Guide Japan with a three-star rating. The panoramic night view is especially impressive.



## Goryokaku Park

The Site of Goryokaku Fort, designated as a national special historic site, is a park blessed with nature. You can enjoy walking around through beautiful scenery in four seasons: Cherry blossoms in spring, green trees in summer, autumn leaves in fall and snow in winter.



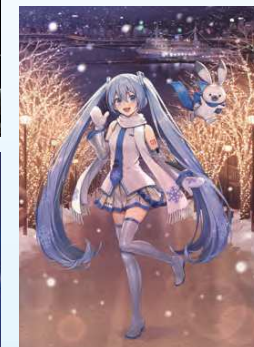
## Hakodate Park

This park has 360 cherry trees and its come into full bloom in the springtime. You can enjoy the magnificent view of the sea and cherry blossoms. And also visitors can go for a ride on Japan's oldest Ferris wheel at Children's Theme Park, "Kodomo no Kuni", which is in one corner of the park.



## Trappistine Convent

The convent's front garden welcomes sightseeing visitors and features some splendid cherry blossoms. This is the ideal spot for taking a photo that captures the beauty of the red-brick cathedral together with the stunning blossoms.



## Hakodate Illumination

The Hakodate Illumination comprises the city's famous hills, Hachimanzaka and Nijukenzaka, as well as the streets in the Bay area with their churches and the Old Public Hall.

## Hot-Tubbing Monkeys

The Tropical Botanical Garden, located at a nook of Yunokawa Hot Spring, has a lot of Japanese monkeys. In winter, the pool in the breeding ground is filled with hot spring water. You can see the monkeys soaking themselves in the hot water.

