

# Travel on the AKITA NAIRIKU LINE

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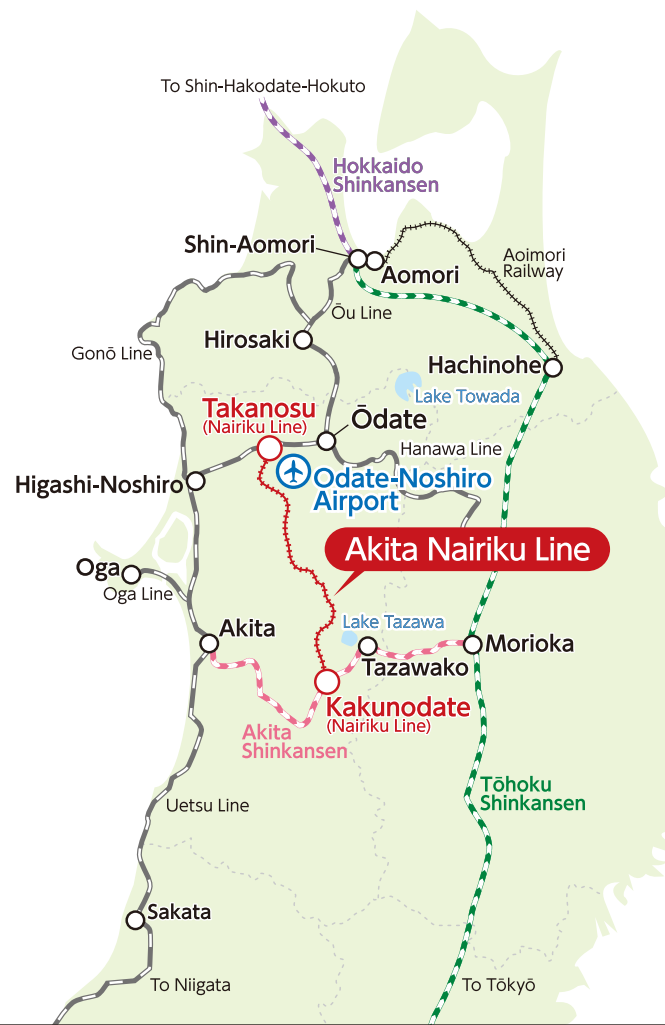
# The Akita Nairiku Line *Mountain Resort Railway*



The Akita Nairiku Line runs for 94.2 km through the inland area of Akita Prefecture from Kakunodate Station, a stop on the Akita Shinkansen Line, to Takanosu Station. The area along the railway line is home to countless natural blessings, including Mt. Moriyoshi, and the view from the train window is nothing less than Japan's original landscape. Passengers on this "mountain resort train" have ample opportunity to experience the timeless Japanese landscape.

## Journey to the spectacular views of the woodland forests, with their colorful fall foliage.

Listen to the attendant's announcements, and look out the window to be greeted by spectacular views. Why not take a relaxing trip on the Nairiku Line, as it travels slowly past glorious views, where you can almost hear the murmuring of the river?





# AREA MAP

## Hirosaki City

Dake Onsen Village  
Mt. Iwaki  
Hyakuzawa Onsen (Asobe-no-Mori Iwakiso)



Hirosaki

Ishikawa

## Aomori Prefecture

Tsugaru Clan Neputa Village

Nagamine

Ikarigaseki



Apples & apple pie



Goldfish neputa



Former Hirosaki City Library



## Akita Prefecture



Hinai-jidori chicken



Tsuzureko big drum



Odate magewappa



Akita dog

Nairiku Line Takanosu (JR Takanosu)

Shimo-Kawazoi

Ōdate

Furusawa Onsen

Seifuso & Yukisawa Onsen, Taisetsu (Yukisawa Onsen Village)

World Heritage cultural site



Isedotai ruins

Nishitakanosu

Jōmonogata

Tashiro Onsen Yuppura

Nukazawa

Hayaguchi

Higashi-Ōdate

To Morioka

Ōtaki-Onsen

## Ōdate City

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### Please be sure to read

- \* The information in this pamphlet is current as of July 2023.
- \* For details on each of the events posted, please inquire with the individual contact point. The details and times of the event may be changed, postponed, or canceled depending on various circumstances, such as weather.
- \* Facility information, products, activities, fees, etc. are subject to change, so please make inquiries in advance.
- \* All photographs and illustrations in this pamphlet are for illustrative purposes only.
- \* The maps shown are abbreviated.
- \* Customers are responsible for their own Internet connection costs.

Details may change due to the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. Please contact each facility before visiting.

Take the Akita Shinkansen "Komachi" to Akita!



Let's go on the Akita Nairiku Line!



Kakunodate Sanso Wabizakura

Saimyoji

Ugoōta

Kakunodate Onsen Kayokan

Wanoi KAKUNODATE & Tamachi Bukeyashiki Hotel

Hotel Folkloro Kakunodate

To Omagari

Nairiku Line Kakunodate (JR Kakunodate)

Akita Art Village Onsen Yupopo

Kakunodate samurai residences

## Kitaakita City



Aniai Station



Neko Bangaku Performance

Aniai

Arase

Kayakusa

Okashinai

Iwanome

Hitachinai

Maedaminami

Chigusa Ryokan

Kobuchi

Quince Moriyoshi (Hot spring)

Animaedaonsen

Ayukko Onsen

To Kamikoani

Katsurase

Yonaizawa

Ōnodai

Aikawa

Kamisugi

Isedotai Onsen Jomon no Yu

Ōgita

Ōdate-Noshiro Airport

To Noshiro

Ōgita

Ōgita

## Akita Nairiku Line

Katsurase

Yonaizawa

Ōnodai

Aikawa

Kamisugi

Isedotai Onsen Jomon no Yu

Ōgita

Ōdate-Noshiro Airport

To Noshiro

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Soma Onsen Ryokan

Kobuchi

Chigusa Ryokan

Ani gondola

Hotel Fusch

Utto Onsen Matagi-no-Yu

Animatagi

Tozawa

Kuma Kuma Park

Kamihinokinai

Sadoori

Ugonakasato

Matsuba

Ugonagatoro

Yatsu

Nishiki Onsen Fureai Plaza Kurion

Tazawako

Lake Tazawa

Itaya craft

To Morioka

Ōgita

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## Semboku City

Tamagawa Onsen & Shin-Tamagawa Onsen



Nyuto Onsen Village

Tazawako-kogen Onsen Village

• Nyuto Onsen Village

Mt. Akita-Komagatake



itaya craft

## Akita Shinkansen



Kakunodate samurai residences



# Semboku Area

## Tourist information

[Tazawako] Semboku City Tazawa Lake Tourist Information Center "Folake" ☎ +81-187-43-2111

[Kakunodate] Semboku City Tourist Information Center "Kakunodate Ekimae Kura" ☎ +81-187-54-2700

[Nishiki] Nishiki Tourist Information Center ☎ +81-187-42-8480



Tazawako Kakunodate  
Tourism Association

## Dakigaeri Valley

Dakigaeri Valley, known for its verdant greenery and autumn foliage, is called the "Yaba Gorge of the Tohoku region." The primeval forest on both sides of the gorge, the waterfalls that flow down its walls, and the distinct blue of the mountain stream are all very beautiful.

- **Inquiries:** Semboku City Tazawa Lake Tourist Information Center "Folake" ☎ +81-187-43-2111  
Semboku City Tourist Information Center "Kakunodate Ekimae Kura" ☎ +81-187-54-2700
- **Access:** About 15 minutes by car from Kakunodate Station, or about 25 minutes by car from JR Tazawako Station [Yobunoru Kakunodate (On-Demand Transportation) Available]



Yobunoru Kakunodate  
(Japanese only)



## Kakunodate samurai residences street

The town layout of the early Edo period (around 1620) can still be found here. Vividly colored flowers and trees stand out against the black-painted walls, enveloping you in the ambience of little Kyoto. Six of the existing samurai residences are open to the public.

- **Inquiries:** Semboku City Tourist Information Center "Kakunodate Ekimae Kura" ☎ +81-187-54-2700

● **Illumination period:** Mid-October to late November (scheduled)



## REGAL RITZ

Treat yourself to exclusive sweets at Akita Prefecture's first-ever Mont Blanc specialty store. The signature baked Mont Blanc is the perfect souvenir to take home!

- **Time:** 10 am - 5 pm
- **Closed:** Year-End and New Year Holidays
- **Inquiries:** ☎ +81-187-49-8285
- **Access:** About 10 minutes by foot from Kakunodate Station



# Kitaakita Area

## Tourist information

Kitaakita City Tourism and Products Association ☎+81-186-62-1851



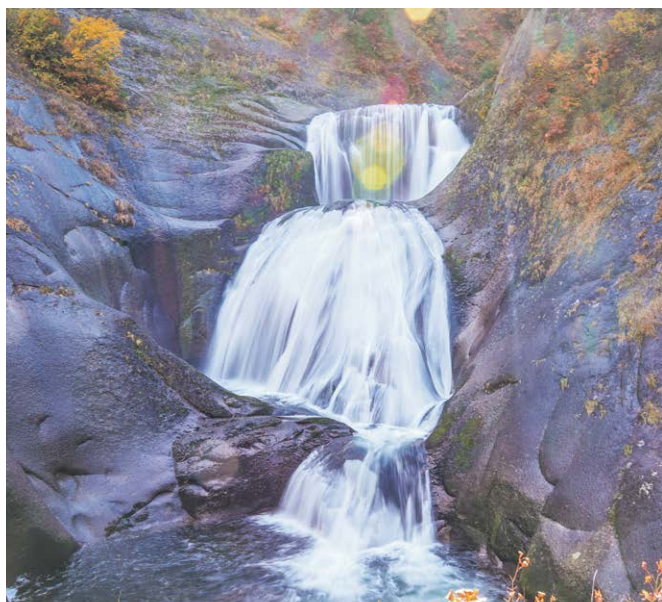
Kitaakita City  
Tourism and  
Products Association  
(Japanese)



### Lake Taihei Pleasure Boat

A man-made lake created upon the completion of the Moriyoshi Dam. The lake, which is home to rainbow trout, white-spotted char, and more, offers a breathtaking view in the fall.

- **Inquiries:** Cottage Laulu ☎+81-186-76-2107
- **Access:** About 55 minutes from Animaedaonsen Station by Mt. Moriyoshi Sightseeing Taxi (shared taxi) [Course F]



### Sankai Falls

A waterfall located at the end of 'Komata Gorge,' also known as the last hidden gem of Akita Prefecture. The sight of the waterfall descending in three stages from a height of around 20 meters is truly awe-inspiring. You can enjoy the picturesque views of Lake Taihei from the Lake Taihei Pleasure Boat, and encounter several waterfalls as you set off on a thrilling trek from Komata Gorge Pier to Sankai Waterfall.

- **Inquiries:** Kitaakita City Tourist Information Center ☎+81-186-62-1851
- **Access:** About 30 minutes by Lake Taihei Pleasure Boat to the Komata Gorge Entrance, and about 40 minutes by foot from there to Sankai Waterfall



### Moriyoshi Morino Terrace Steak House

A steak house has opened in Morino Terrace, an open-air private garden popular for its beautiful woodland forest scenery. Gaze out at the countryside scenery in all of its seasonal glory, in a modern space inspired by snowy landscape.

- **Time:** 11:30 am - 2:30 pm (LO 1:30 pm), 5:30 pm - 9 pm (LO 8 pm) \* Last entry 7 pm
- **Inquiries:** ☎+81-80-8744-9625
- **Access:** About 25 minutes by foot from Katsurase Station



The adjoining dahlia garden showcases over 1,000 dahlias of about 100 different varieties, painting the landscape with a myriad of colors.



# Odate Area

## Tourist information

Odate City Tourism Association ☎ +81-186-42-4360

Odate City Tourism Information Center ☎ +81-186-57-8120



Odate City  
Tourism Association  
"Dodasuka Odate"  
(Japanese)



### Torigata Estate

Torigata Estate was the residence of the Torigata family for over 300 years. Highlights include the atmospheric Kyoto-style garden and a tea house with a thatched roof. The garden reflects each of the four seasons, with vivid scenery during the fall foliage season.

● **Time:** 9 am – 5 pm (From November to March: 9 am - 4 pm)

● **Inquiries:** ☎ +81-186-46-1009

● **Access:** About 30 minutes by bus from JR Ōdate Station, and immediately next to the Torigatakaikan-mae and Hanaakahongo bus stops



### Odate-Kosaka Rail Bike

An activity where you cycle on an abandoned line of the former Kosaka Railway on a rail bike. Pedaling your bike on the tracks will make you feel as if you are driving a train. Enjoy the beauty of nature on a rail bike.

● **Period:** April 16 – November 13

● **Inquiries:** ☎ +81-186-50-2555 (8:30 am - 4:30 pm)

● **Access:** About 20 minutes by bus from JR Ōdate Station, and immediately next to Seifuso-mae bus stop



### Ishida Rose Cafe

A newly-opened cafe in the Ishida Rose Garden. You can also get takeout and explore the garden. The cafe offers lunch items such as pizza and pasta, made of ingredients from the prefecture, as well as soft-service ice cream made to look like a rose, and gift items like cafe.

● **Opening hours:** 10 am – 5 pm (Subject to change depending on season)

● **Inquiries:** ☎ +81-186-59-7672

● **Access:** About 10 minutes by Hachikogo Bus from JR Ōdate Station, then about 10 minutes' walk from Odateshiyakusho-mae bus stop



# Hirosaki Area

## Tourist information

Hirosaki Municipal Tourist Center ☎+81-172-37-5501



Hirosaki Tourism and  
Convention Bureau

### Hirosaki Castle Chrysanthemum and Autumn Foliage Festival

In the fall, Hirosaki Park is home to the beautiful fall foliage of 1,000 maple trees and 2,600 cherry blossom trees. The festival, set mainly in the Hirosaki Castle Botanical Garden, will bring fall to this traditional castle, with flower art exhibitions, chrysanthemum displays by the residents themselves, and more. At night, the special illumination of the fall foliage will give it a different look than during the day.

- Period: October 27 - November 5
- Inquiries: Hirosaki Municipal Tourist Center ☎+81-172-37-5501
- Access: About 15 minutes by bus from JR Hirosaki Station



Photo from 2022



### Hirosaki City Apple Park

An apple-themed park in Hirosaki City - the largest producer of apples in Japan. The park features a shop with apple-related products, an observatory from which you can look out over Mt. Iwaki and the apple orchards, and more. A facility packed to the brim with apple charm, that also offers apple picking.

- Time: 9 am - 5 pm
- Access: About 20 minutes by bus from JR Hirosaki Station

#### Apple Picking Experience

- Period: Early August to Mid-November
- Time: 9 am - 4 pm (Guided tour every 30 minutes)
- Cost: Paid (Contact for details) ● Inquiries: ☎+81-172-36-7439



### BRICK A-FACTORY (in Tsugaru Lounge on the 2nd floor of JR Hirosaki Station)

Offers the best apple-based products in Tsugaru City, such as fresh ciders delivered straight from the A-FACTORY Hirosaki Yoshinomachi Cider Kobo, homemade apple pies, and more.

- Time: 8:30 am - 7 pm
- Inquiries: ☎+81-172-55-0271

