

Popular Tourist Destinations in Niigata

Sample itineraries by region

1. Castle and Port Town Tours with Salmon Cuisine

[Day 1] Iyoboya Salmon Museum① ... Murakami Lacquerware Pavilion ... Salmon Cuisine in Murakami City ... Castle Town Walking Tour (Antique decor exhibitions in spring② and autumn) ... Lodging at Hotel or Japanese Inn (e.g.Senami or Tsukioka Hot Springs)

[Day 2] Lake Hyoko ... Northern Culture Museum③ ... Niigata City History Museum ... Shopping in Bandai or Furumachi Areas(Optional:Furumachi Geigi⑤) ... Lodging at Hotel or Japanese Inn (e.g.Niigata City or Iwamuro Hot Springs)

[Day 3] Yahiko Shrine④ ... Yahiko Ropeway ... Teradomari Fish Market

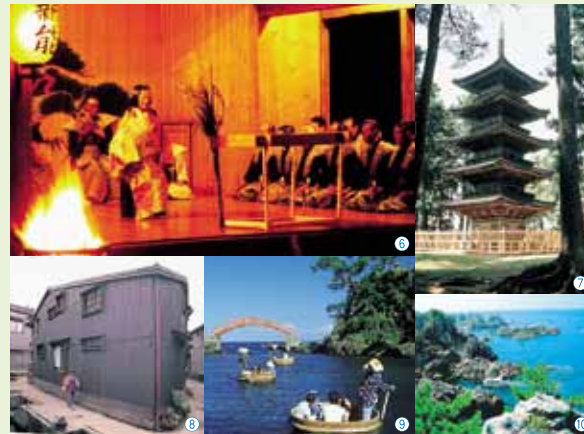


2. Culture & Arts of Sado Island

[Day 1] Noh Pavilion/ Honma Noh Theater⑥ ... Myosen-ji Temple ⑦ ... Sado Island History and Folklore Museum/ Mano Tomb ... Lodging at Hotel or Japanese Inn (Sado City)

[Day 2] Nishi-Mikawa Gold Park ... Shukunegi Village⑧ ... Sengoku Ship Exhibition Hall & Sado Ogi Folk Museum ... Yajima/Kyojima Islets ... Tub Boat Rowing⑨ ... Earth Celebration (August) ... Lodging at Hotel or Japanese Inn (Sado City)

[Day 3] Sado Gold Mine ... Former Sado Magistrate's Office ... Senkaku Bay⑩ ... Osado Skyline ... Sake Brewery Tour



3. Japanese & Samurai Culture

[Day 1] Rinsen-ji Temple ... Kasugayama Castle Ruins⑬ ... Takada Castle (Spring: Cherry Blossom Festival⑪; Summer: Joetsu Lotus Festival) ... Joko-ji Temple ... Lodging at Hotel or Japanese Inn (e.g.Akakura or Uonuma Hot Springs)

[Day 2] Unto-an Temple ... Kaizan-do Hall (Saifuku-ji Temple)⑫ ... Kanko-ji Temple ... Prefectural Museum of History ... (August 2&3: Nagaoka Festival) ... Lodging at Hotel or Japanese Inn (e.g.Nagaoka City or Teradomari Hot Springs)

[Day 3] Teradomari Fish Market ... Yahiko Shrine (Autumn: Yahiko Chrysanthemum Festival)④ ... Northern Culture Museum ③ ... Shimizu-en Garden & Old Row Houses ... Lodging at Hotel or Japanese Inn (e.g.Senami or Tsukioka Hot Springs)



4. Yuzawa & Tokamachi: Snow Festivals, Hot Springs, and Friendly People

[Day 1] Hot Spring Bathing in Yuzawa ... Yuzawa Museum of History and Folklore ... Nobel Laureate Yasunari Kawabata Museum (Hotel Takahan) ... Ponshukan Sake Exhibition & Tasting ... Lodging at Hotel or Japanese Inn (e.g.Yuzawa Hot Springs)

[Day 2] Trying on Kimono⑭ at Kinare Hall ... Mountain Hiking (Echigo-Tsumari Art Exhibits) ... Hegisoba buckwheat noodle lunch⑮ ... Bijin Bayashi Woods⑯ ... Lodging at Hotel or Japanese Inn (e.g.Matsunoyama Hot Springs)



5. Enjoying Nature and the Four Seasons

Nagaoka Area: Yamakoshi Terraced Rice Fields & Nishikigoi Colored Carp Farms ... Yamakoshi Traditional Bullfighting⑰ ... Nagaoka Festival (August 2-3) ... Lodging at Hotel or Japanese Inn (e.g.Yomogihira Hot Springs)

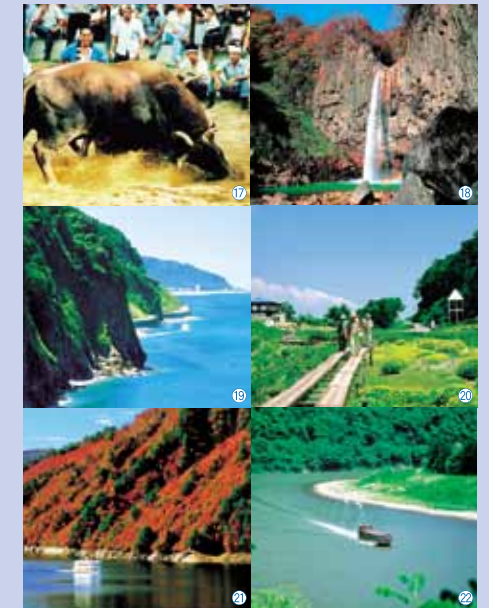
Myoko Area: Naena Falls⑱ ... Imori-ike Park ... Myoko Vistor's Center ... Lodging at Hotel or Japanese Inn (Akakura Hot Springs)

Itoigawa Area: Oyashirazu & Koshirazu Beach⑲ ... Otaki River Jade Straits ... Lake Takanami ... Lodging at Hotel or Japanese Inn

Yuzawa Area: Alpine Flower Park⑳ ... Daigenta Canyon -- Lodging at Hotel or Japanese Inn

Uonuma Area: Okutadami Lake Pleasure Cruise ... Okutadami㉑ /Ginzandaira/Oze Scenic Areas ... Lodging at Hotel or Japanese Inn

Aga Area: Banetsu Monogatari Steam Locomotive ... "Fox Bride Wedding" Traditional Home ... Agano River Cruise㉒ ... Lodging at Hotel or Japanese Inn



6. Niigata Prefecture: Birthplace of Japanese Skiing

Yuzawa/Naeba ski area

Myoko ski area

Minami-uonuma ski area

And Many More Area!

* Optional tour:

Japanese Ski Memorial Museum㉓

