Inaniwa-udon noodles

Inaniwa-Udon noodles are local cuisines of the Inaniwa area in Yuzawa City. The traditional way of stretching the dough by hand makes the noodles soft and chewy and smooth. The noodles please many people with the elegant taste, and it's nice as presents.

| Location/View   | Yuzawa City  
|ke (And the whole area of Akita Prefecture) |
| Access          | Year-round   |
| Season          | Year-round   |
| Related links   |

Contact Us[Akita Prefecture Inaniwa Udon Cooperative Association]  
TEL: 0183-43-2029 | Website: [http://www.inaniwa-udon.jp/](http://www.inaniwa-udon.jp/)

Kiritampo

Soup of Hinai-jidori chicken flavored with soy sauce has mild and deep flavor. It is very delicious when this soup soaks into soft and chewy “Kiritampo” made by mashing freshly cooked rice. Burdock and Japanese parsley in the soup are also make this dish more delicious.

| Location/View   | Odate City, Kaduno City,  
(And the whole area of Akita Prefecture) |
| Access          | Year-round   |
| Season          | Year-round   |
| Related links   | Odate City Office, Tourism Division  
(http://kiritampo.org/)  
Birthplace Kazuno Kiritanpo Conference  
(http://www.tanpo.or.jp/) |

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TEL: 0186-43-7072 | Website: [http://kiritampo.org/](http://kiritampo.org/)  
Contact Us [Birthplace Kazuno Kiritanpo Conference]  
TEL: 0186-22-0555 | Website: [http://www.tanpo.or.jp/](http://www.tanpo.or.jp/)

Sake

In Japan, Japanese sake is booming lately. Especially the ones from Akita is becoming popular among sake lovers. Pay attention to 35 Sake breweries in Akita, which keep tradition and continue innovation.

| Location/View   | The whole area of Akita Prefecture |
| Access          | Year-round   |
| Season          | Year-round   |
| Related links   | Akita Sake Brewers Association  
(http://www.osake.or.jp/) |
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Akita’s Speciality Goods Shop

This shop with over 4,000 goods to choose from is only a five-minute walk from the west entrance of Akita Station. One landmark is Atorion, Akita’s information transmission hub. Here you will find Yokote fried noodles, a delicious everyday food unique to the region, Jindai curry, local sake and wine, as well as a variety of local arts and crafts such as kabazakurcherry bark art and magewappa woodwork. Feel free to ask the staff for help in choosing the right souvenir.

Location/View 2-3-8, Nakadori, Akita city, Akita, 010-0001
Access Travel by tour: 30 min. via car from berth (8km)
Individual travel: 5 min. walk from Akita Cyuou Koutou-Kaimono Hiroba bus stop (8km from port)
Season Year-round
Related links Akita’s Speciality Goods Shop
http://www.a-bussan.jp/shop/
Contact Us [ Akita’s Speciality Goods Shop ]

Port Tower Selion

Covered with glass, the Port Tower is a characteristic landmark in the Akita Port and its term of endearment is “Selion.” The tower is 143 m in height and provides panoramic view from the observation deck floor of 100 m high, and there you can look down the Sea of Japan and the urban area of Akita City and overlook the Oga Peninsula, Mt. Taihei, and the unparalleled beauty of Mt. Chokai. From the morning to twilight and night, you can enjoy Akita’s varied scenery full of expression.

Location/View 1-9-1, Tuchizakiminatonishi, Akitashi, Akita, 011-0945
Access 10 min. (800m)
Season Year-round
Related links Port Tower Selion
http://www.selion-akita.com/fac.html
Contact Us [ Port Tower Selion ]
TEL: 018-857-3381 | E-MAIL: info@selion-akita.com | Website: http://www.selion-akita.com/fac.html

Lake Tazawa

This lake has a legend of the girl “Tatsuko” who became a dragon. Its deepest point is 423.4 meters, which is the deepest lake in Japan. Golden statue of Tatsuko stands in the shining azure lake.

Location/View Tazawako, Semboku City, Akita Prefecture
Access By Car: 90min (84km) from the berth.
By Public Transportation: 15min by bus from Tazawako Station and get off at Tazawako-han bus stop.
Season Year-round
Related links Tazawako Tourist Information Center “Folake”
http://www.tazawako.org/
Contact Us [ Tazawako Tourist Information Center “Folake” ]
TEL: | Website: http://www.tazawako.org/
## Kakunodate Samurai Residences Street

The residences of senior, intermediate and lower class samurai in the clan government era have existed Castle Town, Kakunodate, Samurai Residences Street, where has been selected as a preservation district of historic buildings of the country. The contrast of Weeping cherry blossoms, Japanese maples and black wooden walls are brilliant.

| Location/View       | Omotemachi Shimocho, Kakunodate, Semboku City
| Access             | By Car: 70min from the port (65km)
|                    | By Public Transportation: 15 min. walk from Kakunodate Station
| Season             | Year-round
| Related links      | Kakunodate Tourism Guide
|                    | [http://kakunodate-kanko.jp](http://kakunodate-kanko.jp)

Contact Us [Tourist Information Center “Kakunodate Ekimaegura”]
TEL: 0187-54-2700 I Website: [http://kakunodate-kanko.jp](http://kakunodate-kanko.jp)

## Indoor Storehouse (Uchigura) of Masuda

Masuda Town, located at the confluence of Naruse River and Minase River, has developed as a major point of logistics since ancient times. In Naka-Nichinomachi Street was especially prospered in sericulture, cigarettes, etc., there are magnificent built-in storehouses are left in the rear of main building, its frontage is narrow and depth is extremely long. Glossy black plaster and different designs of each storehouses are first-class items as a cultural property.

| Location/View       | Naka-Nanokamachi Street, Masuda Town, Yokote City
| Access             | By Car: 80 min. from the port (91km)
|                    | By Public Transportation: 10 min by bus from Jumonji Station, get off at “Yotsuya-kado” and short walk
| Season             | Year-round
| Related links      | Masuda Town Tourist Association

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TEL: 0162-45-5541 I Website: [http://masudakanko.com/](http://masudakanko.com/)

## Akita Museum of Art

"Traditional events in Akita" a large wall painting by Leonard Fujita in 1937, is displayed at this art museum. In addition, a variety of exhibitions about the arts have taken place at this museum. Beautiful building designed by the architect Tadao Ando is also attraction of this museum.

| Location/View       | 1-4-2, Nkadori, Akita City
| Access             | By Car: 20 min from the port (8.7km)
|                    | By Public Transportation: Take a bus from the port and get off at "Nakadori Nichome" and walk 5 min.
| Season             | Year-round
| Related links      | AKITA Museum of ART

Contact Us [AKITA Museum of ART]
TEL: 018-853-8686
Website: [https://www.akita-museum-of-art.jp/index.htm](https://www.akita-museum-of-art.jp/index.htm)
**Akita Kanto Festival**

Acknowledged as one of the national intangible cultural assets in Japan, the Kanto Festival in Akita City is one of the three major summer festivals in the Tohoku (northeast) region, and has been held to pray for rich harvest for approximately 270 years. Decorated with many lanterns which is regarded as straw rice bags, long bamboo poles is also called Kanto, and Kanto poles swaying in the summer night look like rice field. It has been said that devoting oneself daily and sense of balance is needed to learn the technique to handle long and heavy Kanto poles with complete control and to become a Kanto master. In the Kanto Festival, please enjoy the inherited Kanto technique.

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Akita Kanto Festival Executive Committee

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**Tanabata Edoro Festival**

In the Edo era, a noble woman came to Yuzawa from Kyoto for marriage. She decorated a green bamboo with strip of colorful paper and remembered her life in Kyoto. It's said to be the beginning of this festival. And now, in this festival, hundreds of lanterns decorated with Ukiyo-e and paintings of beautiful women illuminate the streets at night.

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| Access                 | By Car: 90 min from the port (95km)  
By Public Transportation: Short walk from Yuzawa Station |
| Season                 | August 5-7                                           |
| Related links          | Tanabata Lantern Festival [http://www.city-yuzawa.jp/kanko01/687.html] |

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**Komachi Festival**

This festival is held to remember Onono Komachi who is a beautiful female poet in Heian era and to console her soul. First, a ritual Shinto prayer is recited, and shrine maiden purify the place with dance, and then the song about Onono Komachi is sung. And seven beautiful women selected as “Komachi” wearing “Ichimegasa” appear and read poetry aloud written by Onono Komachi.

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| Access                 | By Car: 124 min from the port (108km)  
By Public Transportation: 10min walk from Yokobori Station |
| Season                 | Second Sunday of June and the previous day |
| Related links          | Komachi Festival [http://www.city-yuzawa.jp/kanko01/689.html] |

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