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## Ofunato Kaisen-don: Seafood Rice-bowl

By Foot

Dining

Many fish are caught and unloaded throughout the year at Ofunato Port. This is because Ofunato is part of the Sanriku coast, where the Japan Current and Kurile Current meet, making it one of the fourth largest fishing grounds in the world. The Ofunato Port also has a thriving aquaculture industry. Depending on the season, you can enjoy an array of seafood, such as abalone, oysters, sea urchin, Pacific saury, salmon and tuna.

Location/View	
Access	5-15min via car from port
Season	Year-round
Related links	Ofunato City Official Website <a href="https://www.city.ofunato.iwate.jp">https://www.city.ofunato.iwate.jp</a> Ofunato Tourism and Products Association Website <a href="http://www.sanriku-ofunato.or.jp">http://www.sanriku-ofunato.or.jp</a>

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## Ofunato Pacific Saury

By Foot

Dining

Ofunato Port has the largest catch of Pacific saury in all of Honshu. The scrumptious fish is in its peak season in autumn. To welcome visitors to the port, cooks will charcoal grill Pacific saury and give it out for free, when it's the right season. Ofunato is also famous for Pacific Saury Ramen; depending on the restaurant, the saury is used as a main topping, or in making the broth.

Location/View	
Access	0-15min walk from port
Season	September-November
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## Central Downtown Area (Kyassen Ofunato, and more)

By Foot

Shopping

The central shopping area of Ofunato is located right next to the port. The shops are brought together by the concept of the sea, and their variety allows visitors to enjoy, play, eat and connect with one another. The area is lively with locals, and with various events held throughout the year. Furthermore, Saito Seika, which makes the famous confectionary, the Kamamo no Tamago, has its main shop in this area: the Kamome Terrace. There, visitors can enjoy shopping for Japanese sweets, cakes and western sweets, and they can even enjoy unique activities such as making their own Kamome no Tamago sweets.

Location/View	Ofunato City, Ofunato-cho, Aza-nonoda 10-3, Iwate Prefecture 022-0002
Access	10 min walk from the berth (1km)
Season	Year-round
Related links	Ofunato City Official Website <a href="https://www.city.ofunato.iwate.jp">https://www.city.ofunato.iwate.jp</a> Ofunato Tourism and Products Association Website <a href="http://www.sanriku-ofunato.or.jp">http://www.sanriku-ofunato.or.jp</a>

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## Goishi Coast

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

This mystical coastline, which stretches on for 6 kilometers in the south of Ofunato, is designated as a national place of scenic beauty and as a national natural monument. The coast has a natural beauty which has been formed across the ages, ranging from dramatic sea caves, massive rock formations and islands, to the still harmony of pine forests, which rustle in the ocean breeze. At the Goishi Beach, which is where the name of the coast originated from, the beach is covered in smooth black pebbles polished by the waves, which resemble the stones in the Japanese game of Go.

Location/View	Ohama, Massaki-cho, Ofunato-city, Iwate 022-0001
Access	Tour: 20 min via car from berth (10km) Individual: Take Iwatekenkoutsu Goishi Line Bus to "Goishi-Kaigan" bus stop
Season	Year-round
Related links	Ofunato City Official Website <a href="https://www.city.ofunato.iwate.jp">https://www.city.ofunato.iwate.jp</a> Ofunato Tourism and Products Association Website <a href="http://www.sanriku-ofunato.or.jp">http://www.sanriku-ofunato.or.jp</a>

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## Hiraizumi World Cultural Heritage Site

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

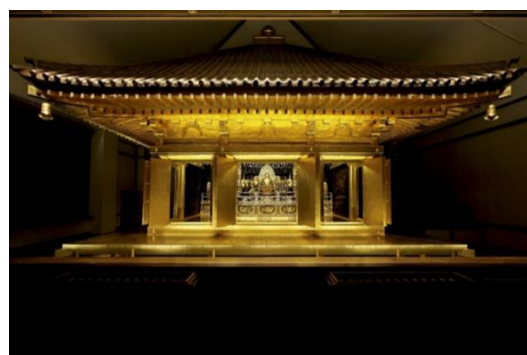
Hiraizumi has many pristine examples of Pure Land Buddhism, such as the Chuson-ji Temple and the Motsu-ji Temple Garden. As part of their "Pure Land" ideology, ancient people created temples and gardens in harmony with nature, incorporating untouched rivers and mountains into their design. They were able to make their ideal world of the "Pure Land", where the temples and gardens were one with the surrounding nature. It's said that the ideal world represented in Hiraizumi's philosophy can only be found in Hiraizumi.

Location/View	Hiraizumi Town, Hiraizumi Aza-Hanatachi 44
Access	Tour: 140 min by car (85km)
Season	Year-round
Related links	Hiraizumi Iwate, World Heritage Information Center <a href="http://www2.pref.iwate.jp/~sekaiisan/index.html">http://www2.pref.iwate.jp/~sekaiisan/index.html</a> Hiraizumi's Cultural Heritage <a href="http://www.town.hiraizumi.iwate.jp/hiraizumi/top.html">http://www.town.hiraizumi.iwate.jp/hiraizumi/top.html</a>

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Website: <http://www.town.hiraizumi.iwate.jp/site/>



## Geibikei Gorge (Ichinoseki City)

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

The Geibikei Gorge, one of the 100 most famous views of Japan, is a gorge which was made from an iron sand river that eroded limestone. The gorge stretches on for roughly two kilometers. The precipitous cliffs alongside the river boast a height over 100 meters, and the deep valley is registered as national place of scenic beauty. The specialty of the Geibikei Gorge is that skilled boatmen will guide visitor as they row a boat with just one pole, down the gorge. Visitors can enjoy the different scenery of the gorge throughout all four seasons.

Location/View	Ichinoseki City, Nagasaka Azamachi, Higashiyama-cho, 467, Iwate Prefecture, 029-0302
Access	Tour: 90 min via car from berth (59km) Individual: Ride the Iwatekenkoutsu Ichinoseki Bus Line from Berth to "Geibi-kei Station" bus stop
Season	Year-round
Related links	Ichinoseki City Official Website <a href="https://www.city.ichinoseki.iwate.jp/">https://www.city.ichinoseki.iwate.jp/</a> Geibi Tourism Center Website <a href="http://www.geibikei.co.jp">http://www.geibikei.co.jp</a>

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## Denshoen (Tono City)

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Main Attractions

The Denshoen in Tono City is a traditional folklore establishment which recreates the livelihoods of famers from the past. The Kikuchi Family Magariya House is also located inside, which is registered as a national important cultural property. You can experience traditional events, folktales, folk craft making and performances inside as well. There is also the Oshirado Hall, where a thousand small statues of the Oshirasama god are placed, creating a mystical atmosphere.

Location/View	Tono City, Tsuchibuchi-cho Tsuchibuchi, 6-5-1, Iwate Prefecture, 028-0555
Access	Tour: 90 min via car from berth (53km) Individual: Take the Hayachine-Bus Tsuchibuchi Line from the port, to the "Denshoen Station" bus stop.
Season	Year-round
Related links	Tono City Official Website <a href="http://www.city.tono.iwate.jp">http://www.city.tono.iwate.jp</a> Denshoen Park Website <a href="http://www.denshoen.jp/">http://www.denshoen.jp/</a>

**Contact Us [Tono city Industry Department Tourism Exchange Section]**

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## Mt. Goyo

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

Mt. Goyo, which is part of the Kitakami Mountain Range, is located between two cities, Kamaishi and Ofunato, and one town, Sumita. The mountain is famous throughout Japan for being one of the top one hundred mountains for flowers—in all seasons besides winter you can see various flowers ranging from azaleas and rhododendrons to cherry blossoms. At the peak you'll be rewarded with a view of the Pacific Ocean spreading out into the distance and the stunning scenery of the Sanriku coast.

Location/View	Ofunato City, Hikoroichi-cho, Aza-Kamikashi, Iwate Prefecture, 022-0006
Access	Tour: 30 min via car from berth (22km) Individual: Take Iwatekenkoutsu Hikoroichi Line Bus to "Goyo-onsen" bus stop
Season	
Related links	Ofunato City Official Website <a href="https://www.city.ofunato.iwate.jp">https://www.city.ofunato.iwate.jp</a> Ofunato Tourism and Products Association Website <a href="http://www.sanriku-ofunato.or.jp">http://www.sanriku-ofunato.or.jp</a>

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## Ofunato Port Welcoming Ceremonies for Cruise Ships

By Foot

Topics

At the port, there will be many booths featuring goods and treats from Ofunato. The Ryori Daigongen, which is the largest automated dancing lion head in Japan, will welcome and see off visitors. Locals will also put on performances with dance and music, including performances with drums and brass band. Locals welcome visitors from their hearts, by putting together a handmade welcome.

Location/View	Ofunato City, Ofunato-cho, Aza-Nonoda 124, Iwate Prefecture, 022-0002
Access	1 min walk from port (10m)
Season	Year-round
Related links	Ofunato City Official Website <a href="https://www.city.ofunato.iwate.jp">https://www.city.ofunato.iwate.jp</a> Ofunato Tourism and Products Association Website <a href="http://www.sanriku-ofunato.or.jp">http://www.sanriku-ofunato.or.jp</a>

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## The Miracle Lone Pine Tree (Rikuzentakata City)

By Public Transport

Topics

In the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami of 2011, the pine forest of 70,000 trees, which had protected Rikuzentakata City from tsunamis in the past, was almost completely washed away. The Miracle Lone Pine Tree, however, was not. The Takata Pine Forest Memorial Park is established around the Miracle Lone Pine Tree, which serves as a symbol for recovery. Inside the park, there is the Iwate Tsunami Memorial Museum and the Takata Roadside Station. The park is a place to remember and honor the victims, while recording the disaster and conveying the lessons learnt to future generations. It is a place to let the world know the region's strong will to recover.

Location/View	Rikuzentakata City, Kesen-cho Sunamori 176-6, Iwate Prefecture, 029-2204
Access	Tour: 25 min via car from berth (14km) Individual: Take JR Ofunato Line BRT Bus to "Kiseki no ippommatsu Station" bus stop
Season	Year-round
Related links	Rikuzentakata City official website <a href="http://www.city.rikuzentakata.iwate.jp">http://www.city.rikuzentakata.iwate.jp</a> Tohoku Government Park Office Website <a href="http://www.thr.mlit.go.jp/m-park/memorial_park/takada.html">http://www.thr.mlit.go.jp/m-park/memorial_park/takada.html</a>

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## San Andres Park

By Foot

Topics

This park is about a 5-minute walk from Ofunato Port. From the viewing deck at the park, you can see a gorgeous view of the port. The park was named as the San Andres Park due to how, in 1611, a delegation from Spain came and visited Ofunato Port. Because their visit happened to fall on Saint Andrew's Day, they named Ofunato Port as "San Andres" (Saint Andrew in Spanish).

Location/View	Ofunato City, Ofunato-cho, Aza-sasazaki, Iwate Prefecture 022-0002
Access	5 min walk from port (200m)
Season	Year-round
Related links	Iwate Prefecture Official Website <a href="https://www.pref.iwate.jp/">https://www.pref.iwate.jp/</a> Ofunato Tourism and Products Association Website <a href="http://sanriku-ofunato.or.jp/">http://sanriku-ofunato.or.jp/</a>

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## Sanriku Ofunato Summer Festival

By Foot

Topics

This festival is the largest sea festival in Tohoku. The Ofunato Station area, where the festival is held, bustles with locals who dance throughout the streets. Roughly 8,000 fireworks are set off, consisting of many types, such as underwater fireworks. Boats, decorated with lights, parade around the bay. You can't miss seeing the fireworks set off from the sea up close.

Location/View	Ofunato City, Ofunato-cho, Chayamae 42, Iwate Prefecture 022-0002
Access	10 min. walk from port (900m)
Season	1st Friday-Saturday in August
Related links	Ofunato City Official Website <a href="https://www.city.ofunato.iwate.jp">https://www.city.ofunato.iwate.jp</a> Ofunato Tourism and Products Association Website <a href="http://www.sanriku-ofunato.or.jp">http://www.sanriku-ofunato.or.jp</a>

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