



Fruit Kingdom Yamagata

By Public Transport

Dining

You can enjoy a wide variety of fruits in the Fruit Kingdom Yamagata; the domestic largest crop cherry, the third largest crops watermelon as well as grape, and the queen of European pear La France. Shonai Melon, Shonai Persimmon, and Kariya Pear are all produced in Shonai region. You can also experience various types of fruit pickings in various fruit farms in the prefecture throughout the year.

Location/View	
Access	
Season	Cherry: June-Early July Grape: August-Early October
Related links	Yamagata Tourist Information Center https://yamagatakanko.com/en/fruits



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Gastronomy in Gourmet Paradise Shonai

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Dining

The Shonai Plain is a fertile field known as one of the domestic major rice production areas and has various popular indigenous vegetables. You can enjoy rich food cultures there; Tsuruoka City was designated a UNESCO City of Gastronomy in 2014, and Sakata City has many French restaurants which use local crops and fresh-caught local seafood, and this cuisine, called Sakata-French, goes surprisingly well with sake.

Location/View	
Access	
Season	Year-round
Related links	TSURUOKA Creative City of Gastronomy https://www.tsuruokagastronomy.com/ Sakata Tourism https://sakatacity.com/toeat/ Gourmet Paradise Shonai https://syokunomiyakoshounai.com/english/



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Yamagata Sake and Yamagata Wine

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Dining

Yamagata Prefecture is one of the best sake brewery sites and features high-quality sake gaining global recognition. Today, 51 breweries work hard every day to improve their quality. Yamagata is the third largest grape-producing prefecture and one of the best wine-growing areas in Japan. In the prefecture, 19 winery companies make great wines from locally grown grapes. Please enjoy our best sake and wine.

Location/View	
Access	
Season	Year-round
Related links	Yamagata Tourist Information Center https://yamagatakanko.com/en/liquors



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Sakata Yume no Kura (Sankyo Rice storehouse)

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Shopping

Sakata Yume no Kura comprises of 2 out of 12 buildings of Sankyo Rice Storehouse, which was erected in 1893 and was used until September 2022. The facility offers an array of souvenirs, a café, a restaurant, and a museum. The museum displays a spectacular hanging decoration called “Kamekasahoko” crafted in 1834 by order of the wealthy merchant family Honma and sells various folk handicrafts.

Location/View	1-1-20 Sankyomachi Sakata-city Yamagata ,998-0838		
Access	Travel by tour:14 min. via car from berth(6.5km) Individual travel:Short walk from Runrun Bus/Sakata Station-University Line/Sankyo Soko Mae bus stop(6.5km from port)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	4 buses
Related links	Tohoku Tourism Promotion Organization https://www.tohokukanko.jp/en/attractions/detail_1332.html		



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Somaro

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Main Attractions

The ryotei-restaurant culture during the Edo period (1603 – 1868) comes to life again. A visit can be like stepping back in time. Enjoy watching Sakata maiko (similar to geisha) dance. At the noontime show, you can have a delicious maiko bento (boxed lunch) while watching the dance.

Location/View	Maikozaka 1-chome Hiyoshi-cho Sakata-shi Yamagata-ken Japan		
Access	Travel by tour:10 min. via car from berth(5km) Individual travel:Short walk from “kotobukicho” runrunbus Stop		
Season	Year-round		
Related links	Sakata Tourism https://sakatacity.com/todo/somaro/		



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Kamo Aquarium

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Main Attractions

The Kamo Aquarium is recognized in the Guinness World Record Book as an exhibition with more than 50 kinds of jellyfish. The highlight of this aquarium is one of the world’s largest jellyfish tanks, which has a diameter of 5 meters. The water space where various colorful types of jellyfish swim around looks fascinating. You can also enjoy the beautiful taste of healthy jellyfish with a lot of collagen throughout the year, including dishes and desserts using globally rare jellyfish as an ingredient.

Location/View	657-1, Aza-Okubo, Imaizumi, Tsuruoka City, Yamagata, 997-1206		
Access	Travel by tour:50 min. via bus from berth(35km) Individual travel:Short walk from “Kamo Aquarium” Bus Stop		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	Available
Related links	The Kamo Aquarium https://kamo-kurage.jp/english/		



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Mogami River Cruise

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Main Attractions

The Mogami River is the mother river running through Yamagata Prefecture. The river tour takes about 1 hour starting from Tozawa village, which used to flourish as the hub of water transportation on the Mogami River, to the Mogami River Port. You can enjoy the view of Mogami Gorge in all four seasons, with shiny fresh leaves and red leaves reflecting in the water's surface, while listening to the cheerful songs of the boatmen.

Location/View	86-1, Oaza-Furukuchi, Tozawa-mura, Mogami-gun, Yamagata, 999-6401		
Access	60 min. via car from berth (45km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	Available
Related links	Yamagata Tourist Information Center https://yamagatakanko.com/en/attractions/detail_4446.htm		

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Ginzan Hot Springs

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Main Attractions

Ginzan hot spring is the setting of the TV drama "Oshin." This area is surrounded by mountains with rows of multi-storey wooden traditional Japanese inns built between the end of the Taisho and early Showa Eras along both sides of the Ginzan River running in the middle of the hot spring resort. The scenery takes you back to ancient times and is never boring. You can also rent kimono and hakama, traditional Japanese clothing from the Taisho Era, and have your photo taken.

Location/View	Ginzan, Obanazawa City, Yamagata		
Access	Travel by tour: 2 hours 30 min. via car from berth (94km) Individual travel: 2 hours 30 min via car from port (94km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	5-6 buses
Related links	Yamagata Tourist Information Center https://yamagatakanko.com/en/attractions/detail_2832.htm		

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Dewa Sanzan

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Topics

The Three Mountains of Dewa (Dewasanzan) consist of Mt. Haguro, Mt. Gassan and Mt. Yudono. It is said that the mountains represent current life (Haguro), previous life (Gassan) and future life (Yudono), respectively. The Dewasanzan pilgrimage represents a journey of reincarnation, where people enter from Mt. Haguro, dedicate themselves to spiritual practice at Mt. Gassan and undergo a pilgrimage to be reborn at Mt. Yudono. Mt. Haguro's avenue of cedars has a three-star rating in the Michelin Guide.

Location/View	
Access	
Season	Year-round
Related links	Association for Promotion of the Dewa Sanzan https://nihonisan-dewasanzan.jp/en/

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Festivals and Fireworks

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Topics

There are various festivals held within the prefecture, such as Hanagasa Festival (hana means a flower, gasa (or kasa) means a hat) in Yamagata City, Shinjo Festival with its 260 years of history in Shinjo City, and Sakata Festival with its 400 years of history in Sakata City. Firework festivals take place at many places between July and August; famous festivals are Sakata Fireworks and Akagawa Fireworks.

Location/View	
Access	
Season	
Related links	Yamagata Tourist Information Center https://yamagatakanko.com/en/festivals/



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Yamatagta's nature

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Topics

The view from the eighth station of Gassan, Midagahara, will make you stunned with the overwhelmingly beautiful landscape. Being as one site, Mt. Chokai and Tobishima Island was designated a member of Japanese Geoparks Network in 2016. Cherry blossoms against a background of white snow-covered mountains in spring, colorful autumn leaves in Mogamikyō Gorge... Come and feel these Yamagata's nature brought by the beautiful seasonal landscapes.

Location/View	
Access	
Season	Year-round
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Yamagata Relax in hot spring

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Yamagata is a kingdom of hot springs, where you can find hot spring in every city, town, and village in the prefecture. Every hot spring welcomes visitors with its own taste and various features, such as the color and feel of water and positive effects. Experience heartwarming hot springs in Yamagata: Relax in hot spring, meet with locals, and enjoy local dishes.

Location/View	
Access	
Season	Year-round
Related links	Yamagata Tourist Information Center https://yamagatakanko.com/en/attractions/index_1_2_36_0_.html



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Sokushinbutsu

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Sokushinbutsu is self-mummified Buddhist monks, or living Buddha, who underwent austere mountain asceticism to eliminate body fat and bodily fluids for preventing from rotting and preserve their bodies “forever.” This practice was done to pray for the people’s salvation. Sokushinbutsu embodies those monks’ prayer for people’s “eternal” happiness. Most of the Sokushinbutsu in Japan are enshrined in temples in Yamagata prefecture.

Location/View	
Access	
Season	Year-round
Related links	



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