



Heartland of Onsens

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Checkmate for your trip

No.1 producer of shogi (Japanese chess) pieces

Home of shogi pieces

The origin of shogi piece production dates back to the end of the Edo period, the middle of the 19th century. At that time, the Tendo-Oda clan suffered financially, as did their retainers. Daihachi Yoshida, the chief retainer, promoted shogi piece making to retainers so that they could make a living without losing their dignity as samurai since shogi is grounded in similar battle tactics.



Tendo City Shogi Museum

Various shogi pieces, wrought by veteran shogi craftsmen, are on display. You can also see chaturanga pieces, the roots of shogi, and a wide variety of shogi and chess pieces from around the world.



Hidariuma

Hidariuma is a lucky charm believed to bring good fortune because the shape of the lower part of the 'horse' character 馬 resembles a full purse. There is a belief that this charm will protect the owner's fortune from bad luck.



Ningen Shogi

During the Cherry Blossom festival, surrounded by about 2000 cherry trees in full bloom, Ningen Shogi is held in Mt. Maizuru Park. Humans clad in *kacchu*, Japanese traditional armor, and kimonos move *koma*, the pieces, in a shogi game.



Warms up your soul and body

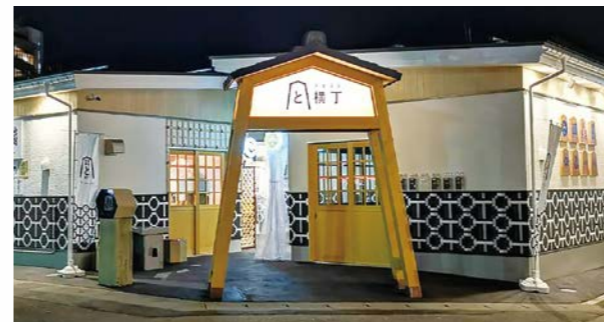


Tendo Onsen

Located in the middle of Yamagata Prefecture, Tendo Onsen has developed as a base for tourists and has the geographical advantage of easy access to both air and rail for those travelling around Yamagata. From traditional Japanese style inns to western style modern hotels, Tendo boasts a variety of choices. You can enjoy strolling around the footbaths at three locations as well as the tourist spots in town.

Tendo Onsen Yataimura TOYOKOCHO

Each yatai will use local ingredients to prepare original dishes for you to try. Eat at various yatai and see how each seasonal dish compares to the last. When you get the chemistry right between food and sake it's a thing of beauty, so we suggest asking the shopkeepers what sakes they recommend to try with your dish.



Healthy walking: "Kurort Path"

Modeled after German 'Kurort' walking routes, geared to improve one's health. Walking through forests with gentle ups and downs brings not only pleasure but also improvement to your health, as well as preventing lifestyle diseases. Soaking in an onsen and refreshing yourself after walking is the best way to finish off your exercise.



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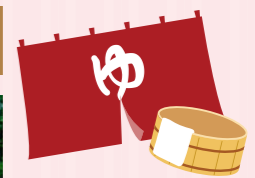
Tendo-Mogami River Yupia Onsen

Surrounded by the Mogami river and beautiful nature, this open-air bath (known as a *rotenburo*) is one of the largest in northern Japan.



Warm hospitality Tendo Onsen Hot Springs & Resorts

1 Tendo Hotel	2 Takinoyu Hotel	3 Maizuruso	4 Hotel Osho	5 Yubo Ichiraku	6 Sakaeya Hotel	7 Azumaso	8 Kagetsuro	9 Tsuruya	10 Matsu no Yu	11 Tendoso
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Bounty of nature, juicy fruits



Cherries

Mid May – mid July

Ruby red and shiny cherries are full of flavor! That's our Tendo pride.

No.1 producer in Japan

La France Pears

Late October – mid December



La France pears are known as the queen of fruits in Japan because of their mellow and aromatic flavor. Tendo is the largest producer of La France pears in Japan.

November Tendo La France Marathon



At aid stations fresh La France pears are waiting for you. You can eat as much pears as you like after crossing the finishing line!!

Events Festivals and Events

February & March Tendo hina doll display

Elaborate antique *hina* dolls that have been passed down through generations among old families. On display are *kokinbina* dolls, *yusokubina* dolls and *kyohobina* dolls.



April Tendo Sakura (Cherry Blossom) Festival

Human Shogi & Weeping Cherry Blossom Festival

During the day, human shogi is held at Mt. Maizuru Park, famous for its cherry-blossoms. In the evening, you can enjoy the weeping cherry blossoms along the Kuratsu river. The cherry trees are lit up along 740m and create a fantastic atmosphere. A number of events are held during the festival.



Grapes

Mid August – mid October

Juicy grapes are filled with flavor. The finest varieties of grapes, such as shine muscat, are cultivated.



Peaches

Late July – Early October

Beautiful peaches are juicy and tasty!



Apples

Early September – late December

When the north wind starts to blow, the apples turn red and sweet.

Homeland of the Oda clan

History of the Tendo-Oda clan

The origin of the Tendo-Oda family was Nobukatsu, second son of Oda Nobunaga, feudal lord of the Warring States period in the 16th century. When Nobunaga and his oldest son died at the Honno Temple in Kyoto in 1582, the direct blood line of the Oda family passed to Nobukatsu. The Oda clan was moved to Takahata in Yamagata Prefecture, then later to Tendo where the Tendo-Oda clan was established.



Oda Nobunaga

During the Meiji Restoration, the Tendo-Oda clan was allowed to enshrine Oda Nobunaga as a Takeisao deity, the progenitor of the Oda clan. The first Takeisao Shrine was erected at Mt. Maizuru in 1870.



Takeisao Shrine

Here time passes gently and peacefully in contrast to the bustle of tourists in the onsen resort area.



The family temple of the Tendo-Oda clan Sanbo Temple

Sanbo Temple is the family temple of the Tendo-Oda clan. A portrait of Oda Nobunaga in the sacred hall is believed to be the closest resemblance of him.



Soba Buckwheat Noodles

Tendo is perfectly suited for growing buckwheat. Tendo soba was presented to the Shogun during the late Edo era (19th century). Tendo is famous for quality soba buckwheat noodles.



July Oku no Hosomichi Tendo Safflower Festival

Tendo safflowers appear in *Oku no Hosomichi (The Narrow Road to the Deep North)* written by Haiku master Basho. During the festival, safflowers are in full bloom.



August Tendo Summer Festival

Tendo Summer Festival is held at the onsen resort. Its highlights are the Hanagasa dance (flower hat dance) parade, Tendo Hanakoma Dance, the shogi portable shrine parade!



November Reiwa Nabe-Gassen (battle of the hot-pot)

This peaceful and tasty battle offers not only Yamagata and Tohoku region hot-pot dishes, but also overseas ones for you to enjoy.



History & Sightseeing

Tendo Highlands

Come and enjoy our wonderful nature throughout the year!

Great hiking and camping in summer, great skiing in winter! Great outdoor activities all year round.



Roadside station Tendo Onsen Mori-na Tendo

The tourist information center provides information on everything you want to know about Tendo. The adjoining Sun Pure farmers market offers locally grown fresh fruit and vegetables in season.



Waku-waku Land

The water fountain area and a large play area are popular places to spend the day.



Jakusho Temple

Jakusho Temple is famous for its matchmaking deity, Kannon. Parts of the temple are designated as national important cultural assets and definitely worth a visit.



Power spot for matchmaking



Tendo Park (Mt. Maizuru)

Mt. Maizuru is situated in the center of Tendo City and beloved as a symbol of the city. You can enjoy the panoramic view of Mt. Gassan, the Asahi mountain range, the Mogami River and more from the viewing area on top of the mountain.



Atagonuma Water Park

Many people come here every day to take a walk as well as for cherry-blossom viewing in spring.



Must visit! You don't want to miss out! Museums

Tendo Oda of village History Museum (Old Higashi-Murayama County) Office Museum

The building has been designated as an important cultural asset as an old western style building built in the 19th century.



Nishinumata Site Park A reconstruction of a farming settlement in the late Kofun period (6th -7th century AD)

Ancient dwellings and storage houses for crops have been reconstructed. The information building offers various hands-on experiences such as *magatama* stone bead making, ancient pottery making and ancient firemaking.



Nishinumata Site



Hiroshige Museum of Art

This museum is devoted solely to the works of Utagawa Hiroshige (1797-1858), an *ukiyo*e artist whose most famous series of woodblock prints is of the "53 stations of the Tokaido"



Dewazakura Museum of Art Foundation

The main exhibits here are ceramics and craftwork from the Joseon Dynasty of Korea (the last dynasty of Korea). Also on display is art related to cherry blossoms and sake vessels. The museum holds thousands of artworks.



Tendo City Museum of Art

This museum exhibits art and culture with a connection to Tendo. There is a public library and civic hall nearby.



Crafts & Specialties

Wood Crafts

Tendo wood crafts are internationally renowned for their functionality and design.



Sake

Tendo is blessed with high quality rice and pure water, essential for good sake production. Enjoy our local brew!



Wine

Good wine is found in Tendo where fruit is of the highest quality!



Tendo Beef

Tendo beef is renowned in Japan as 'black beef'. Its juicy flavor and rich taste will linger on your palate.



