



Ginga-kun

Four Seasons along IGR

Events & Festivals

Enjoy nature and tradition through the year.



Kirari-chan



Ninohe Sta.

Cherry Blossoms at Kunohe Castle Ruins

Late April - early May

Experience the history and spring atmosphere at Kunohe Castle Ruin with fully bloomed cherry blossoms.



Aoyama Sta./Morioka Sta.

Chagu Chagu Umakko Festival

Second Saturday in June

Horses with colorful fittings and bells parade a 14-kilometer route from Onikoshi Sozen Shrine in Takizawa City to Hachimangu Shrine in Morioka City.



Kozuya Sta.

Wisteria of Fujishima

Mid to late May

The ancient and giant Japanese Wisteria trees, designated as natural monuments, have been standing for hundreds of years. In spring, they exhibit a fantastical appearance.

Morioka Sta. Sansa Odori Festival

August 1 to 4

Parades and circle dances take place in various streets and locations. The event boasts the largest number of performing taiko drums in Japan during a single festival, and has been recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest Japanese drum ensemble.



Morioka Sta. Funekko-nagashi

August 16

A traditional event designated as an Intangible Folk Cultural Asset of Morioka City. Boats are decorated with lanterns and offerings, set on fire, and floated down the Kitakami River to see off the souls of the deceased and pray for health and well-being.



Iwate-Numakunai Sta.

Lavender at Ishigami Museum of Art

Mid-June to late July

The lavender fields would be full of bloom and seasonal events such as hand-picking activities and guided tours are also available.



Iwate-Kawaguchi Sta.

Kawaguchi Autumn Festival

Late September

Local and traditional folk performances (incl. ancient Shinto music and dancing) and parade of festival floats stroll through the town.



Ninohe Sta.

XMAS NIGHT TOWN in Nanyato

Early December - early January

Ninohe Station and a tower are lit up with beautiful Christmas lights. The Christmas market and stage event are also held.



Ninohe Sta. Ninohe Festival

Early September

A grand festival of three shrines: Tonko Inari Shrine, Atago Shrine, and Akiba Shrine. Some parts of the procession follow the historical scrolls depicting festivals from the late Edo period to the early Meiji period. (mid-19th century)



Morioka Tourism & Convention Association

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Iwate Town Tourism Association

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Ichinohe Town Tourism Association

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Ninohe City Tourism Association

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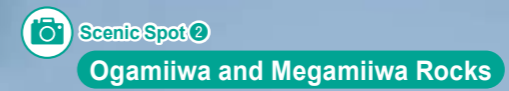
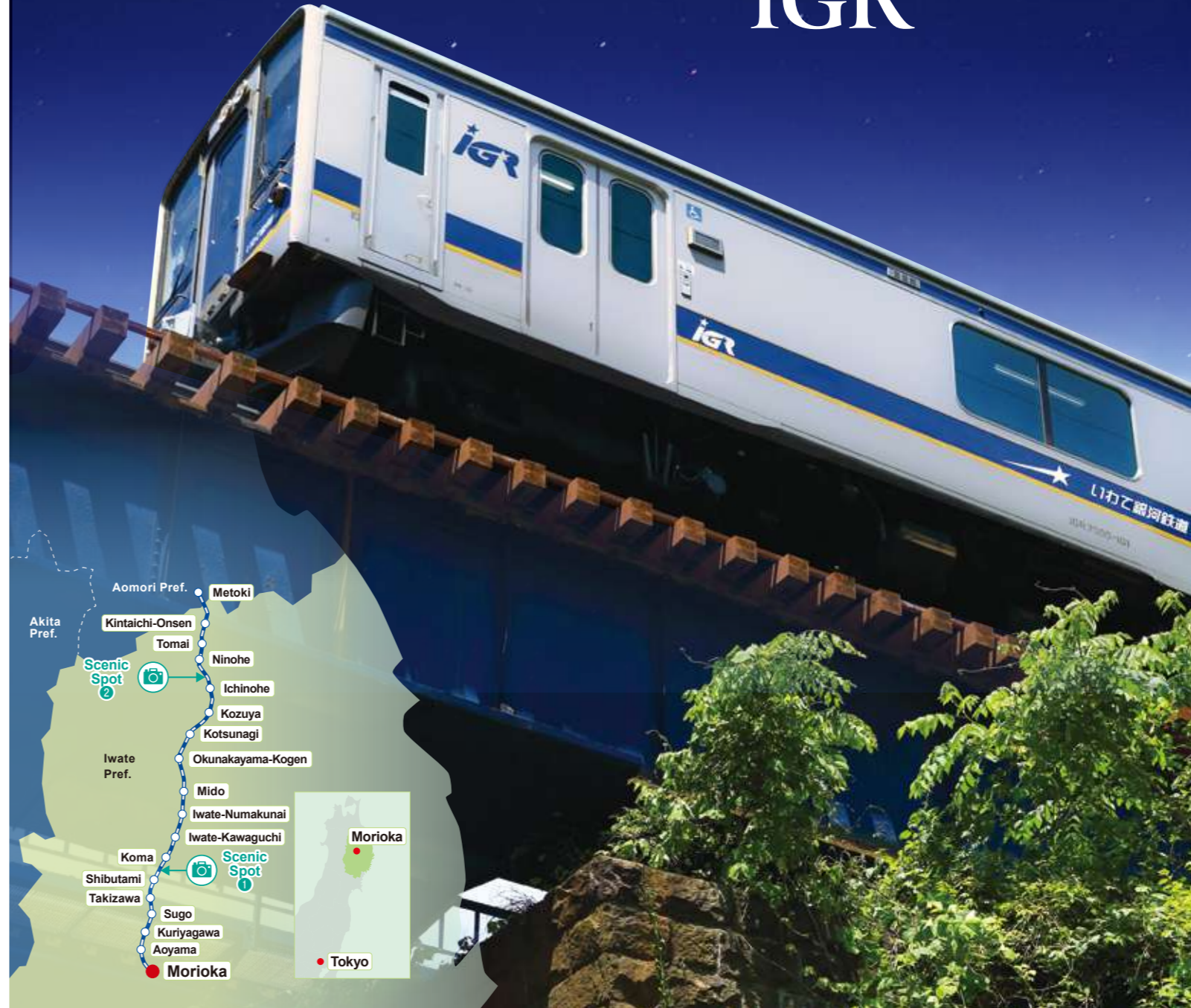


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Some tips to plan an enjoyable train trip

A Stroll along IGR



Whether in unfamiliar or familiar places, going for a walk can lead to new discoveries. Here are some recommendable places to visit along IGR. Hope you will enjoy the train trip and find out your own favorites.

Places to visit along IGR -Iwate Galaxy Railway



Morioka Sta.



Bank of Iwate Red Brick Building

A historic landmark of the Iwate Bank was designed and built in 1911 by the Tatsuno-Kasai Architectural Design Office, which also designed many other famous buildings such as Tokyo Station. Its retro interior has been faithfully restored, and a portion of it has been renovated into a multipurpose hall.

Access: approx. 23 min walk from Morioka Station (1.8km)
Tel: 019-622-1236



Morioka Takuboku & Kenji Museum

Built in 1910, this building was once the head office of the No. 90 Bank and has been renovated into the place to learn about Ishikawa Takuboku and Miyazawa Kenji, both associated with Morioka.

Access: approx. 25 min walk from Morioka Station (2.0km)
Tel: 019-604-8900



MORIOKA KIPPUSHI WATER NEIGHBORHOOD

This Green Space along the Kitakami River that flows near Morioka Station, has cafes, bars, and other stores. In its relaxing atmosphere, people can take a walk on the lawn and enjoy nature as well.

Access: approx. 3 min walk from Morioka Station (Approx. 200m)
Tel: 019-658-8898

Morioka City

Aoyama Sta.

(Aoyama Sta. South Exit)



TARTE TATIN

One of the very well-known pastries in Morioka City has opened a shop in Aoyama Station. You may happen to find the limited edition sweets made with seasonal fruits.

Tel: 019-601-7780



"Tetsu-in" stamp books

"Tetsu-in", the railway version of red ink stamps, designed with IGR Characters are available.

Tel: 019-626-9151
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Takizawa City



Sugo Sta.

SWEETS ATELIER La terre

Local pastry shop using local ingredients for its products. "Hanjuku-cheese" (Soft-baked Cheese Cake) is one of its famous sweets.

Access: approx. 20 min walk from Sugo Sta. / 5 min by bus from Sugo Station (1.6km)
Tel: 019-688-7310

Takizawa Sta.



Umakko Park Iwate

Providing lessons that teach horse rides and how to care horses. You can simply enjoy a stroll around the park as well.

Access: approx. 30 min walk from Takizawa Station (2.4km)
Tel: 019-688-5290



Cafe Wagtail

Located inside the Takizawa station and offering crepes and drinks, so perfect to rest here as you wait for the train. Take-out is also available. Check the website for business hours.

Tel: 070-5625-8575

Iwate Town

Iwate-Kawaguchi Sta.



The Statue of Sonoji Keiko

Spent her childhood in this area and became an actor of Takarazuka Revue, Sonoji Keiko tragically lost her life due to the radiation exposure.

The statue is located on the premises of the community center.
Access: approx. 10 min walk from Iwatekawaguchi Station (800 m)
Tel: 0195-65-3080



Mido Sta.

Mido Kannon Temple

A Buddhism temple of Tendai sect, established by Sakanoue no Tamuramaro, one of the famous Generals in this area, as a prayer place.

Access: approx. 6 min by taxi from Mido Station (4.1km)
Tel: 0195-62-8319



Yuhazunoizumi Spring

Located at the source of the Kitakami River, the biggest and the longest river in Northeast Japan, within the precincts of Mido Kannon Temple.

Tel: 0195-62-8319

Mido Kannon Temple Yuhazunoizumi Spring



Iwate-Numakunai Sta.



Ishigami Museum of Art

An open-air museum where you can enjoy sculpture exhibits and the natural beauty of the Mt. Ishigami throughout the seasons. The "Forest of Flowers and Art" is perfect for a stroll as well.

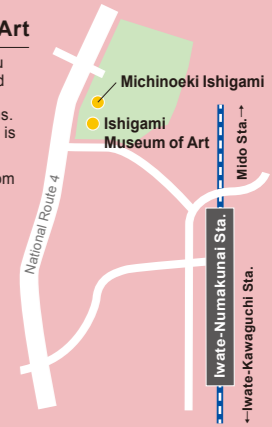
Access: approx. 16 min walk from Iwatenumakunai Station (1.3km)
Tel: 0195-62-1453



Michinoeki Ishigami

Roadside market where you can enjoy local specialties and foods from Iwate Town. There is also a playground for children.

Tel: 0195-61-1600



Ichinohe Town

Okunakayama-Kogen Sta.



Iwate Kodomo no Mori (Iwate Prefectural Children's Center)

A complex where children can enjoy many activities both in-and-outdoor equipment as well as at campsite.

Access: approx. 17 min by bus from Okunakayamakogen Station (5.2km)
Tel: 0195-35-3688



Okunakayama Kogen

You can enjoy nature and outdoor activities such as trekking and fishing, as well as winter sports at the ski resort. Two hot springs are available. After taking a bath, you can taste gelato.

Access: approx. 14 min by bus from Okunakayamakogen Station (4.6 km)
Tel: 0195-35-3131



Ninohe City

Ninohe Sta.



Ninohe City Civic Center

Containing Tanakadate Aikitsu (the founder for physics and aerodynamics of Japan) Memorial Science Museum and Fukuda Shigeo (the world class graphic designer) Design Hall, there are also community facilities such as halls and training rooms for publics.

Access: approx. 18 min walk from Ninohe Station (1.4km)
Tel: 0195-25-5411



Kunohe Castle Ruins (National Historic Site)

Chosen as one of the sequels to the best 100 castles in Japan, it is said to be the last battlefield before unification by Toyotomi. It is also the place where Kunohe Masazane, the lord of this castle, resisted to the end(1591).

Access: approx. 29 min walk from Ninohe Sta. / 9 min by bus and 10 min walk from the station (2.3 km)
Tel: 0195-23-3641



Ichinohe Sta.



Cafe Ichinohebiyori

Located inside the Ichinohe station and offering drinks and sweets. Also, accepting the orders for lunch boxes and holding some workshops (Reservations required).

Tel: 090-7798-7995



Goshono Jomon Park

A park home to the Goshono site, registered as one of the constituent assets of the World Heritage Site "Jomon Prehistoric Sites in Northern Japan." Here, you can learn about the lifestyle and culture that adapted well to the natural processes of the Jomon period (approx. 5,000 to 4,200 years ago).

Access: approx. 36 min walk from Ichinohe Station (2.5km)
Tel: 0195-32-2652

Kintaichi-Onsen Sta.



Kindaichi Hot Springs (Kadar Terrace Kindaichi)

Due to its long history, it is known as the "Samurai Hot Spring." It features inns with legends of "Zashiki Warashi" (believed as a child spirit) as well as accommodations associated with Kindaichi Kyosuke (linguist) and Miura Tetsuo (novelist).

Access: approx. 23 min walk from Kindaichionsen Station (1.8km / To Gadar Terrace Kindaichi)
Tel: 0195-26-8533

