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Ports & Excursions

Aomori, Japan

The capital of the Aomori Prefecture in northern Japan, Aomori derives much of its beauty from the apple orchards and cherry blossoms that encompass its landscape and the snow-covered Hakkoda Mountains that look on from a distance. Throughout its history, the city has been stricken with misfortune time and time again - in 1910, a fire destroyed Aomori, and during World War II, the city was left in ruins following an air raid - yet it always prevails.

Aomori is perhaps best known for its renowned Nebuta Festival, an elaborate yearly event in which participants illuminate giant paper representations of samurai warriors, animals, and popular cartoon characters while parading them through the streets.

Points of Interest

1 Hirosaki Castle

Sitting atop a stone wall, this 17th-century feudal castle features a tower with three elegant roofs, a moat and five gates, and is framed by over 2,500 enchanting cherry trees that blossom every spring.

2 Seiryuu-ji Temple (Grand Buddha)

The "Blue-Green Dragon Temple", Seiryuu-ji was built in 1982, and features Japan's tallest sitting bronze Buddha, which is beautifully illuminated during the yearly Festival of Ten Thousand Lights.

3 Tsugaru-han Neputa-mura (Tsugaru Province Neputa Village)

Admire the extravagant Nebuta Festival parade floats and drums at this hands-on village, which boasts a charming Japanese garden, a crafts workshop and performances of traditional music.

4 Tachineputa no Yakata

At "The Hall of Standing Neputa," you'll have the chance to view three of the renowned Nebuta floats on display. Each stands about 22 meters tall and weighs around 17 tons.

5 Tsugaru Kanayama Kiln

Aomori is known for its copper-colored pottery, and here you'll find kilns, galleries and a variety of creations on display. A café and gardens also occupy the site.

6 Hakkoda Mountains

This beautiful mountain range is made up of stratovolcanoes and lava domes. The scenery is a major draw for hikers, though skiers enjoy the heavy snowfall on the rolling slopes in winter.

7 Seibi-en (Japanese Garden)

An impressive garden with bridges, waterfalls and ponds, this century-old site also includes a gold-leafed mausoleum dedicated to the Seito family, who commissioned the spectacular garden.

8 Lake Towada

Tucked inside Towada-Hachimantai National Park, this spectacular massive crater lake is a wonderland of nature surrounded by undulating hills of ancient forest, and water so translucent you can see 32 feet below the surface.

Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Best of Aomori (Guided in English)
AOJ-100 | Aomori, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit: 2 6 | M | 8 hours | from **$149.00**

Take off on a thrilling adventure that features the drama and beauty of Aomori's famed attractions. Behold the panoramic vistas atop Mt. Hakkoda. Walk in the 4,000-year-old footsteps of the area's earliest settlers at Sannai-Maruyama and end the day with Japan's largest seated Buddha. Also Visit Nebuta House "Wa Rasse" having opened in January 2011, you can see 5 award winning floats from the previous festival.

Hirosaki Castle Park, Neputa Festival Floats & Garden (Guided In English)
AOJ-110 | Aomori, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit: 1 3 7 | S | 7 hours | from **$139.00**

Travel to Hirosaki for a breathtaking tour of the city's most famous landmarks. Visit 400-year-old Hirosaki Castle Park, home of the famous cherry blossom festival. Then, get an up-close look at exquisite parade floats used in the annual Nebuta festival. Followed by a stroll through the beautiful Seibi-en Garden.

Highlights of Aomori (Guided in English)
AOJ-200 | Aomori, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit: 2 | M | 3.25 hours | from **$69.00**

Behold the sights of Aomori's honored past with a visit to two celebrated sites. First, visit Japan's largest seated Buddha. Travel to Nebuta House "Wa Rasse" where you can see eye-popping 5 award winning floats from the previous festival.

Warrase Museum & Sannai Maruyama Ruins (Guided in Japanese)
AOJ-209 | Aomori, Japan | Group Size: 40

M | 3.25 hours | from **$45.00**

Behold the sights of Aomori's honored past with a visit to two celebrated sites. First, step back 5,500 years in time with a tour of the spectacular Sannai-Maruyama Ruins. Travel to Nebuta House "Wa Rasse" having opened in January 2011. You can see eye-popping 5 award winning floats from the previous festival.

Hirosaki Castle Park & Neputa Festival Exhibition Hall (Guided In English)
AOJ-210 | Aomori, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit: 1 3 | S | 5.5 hours | from **$89.00**

Travel to Hirosaki for a breathtaking tour of the city's most famous landmarks. Visit 400-year-old Hirosaki Castle Park, home of the famous cherry blossom festival.

Hirosaki Castle Park & Neputa Festival Exhibition Hall (Guided In Japanese)
AOJ-214 | Aomori, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit: 1 3 | S | 5.5 hours | from **$79.00**

Travel to Hirosaki for a breathtaking tour of the city's most famous landmarks. Visit 400-year-old Hirosaki Castle Park, home of the famous cherry blossom festival.

Highlights of Goshogawara (Guided In English)
AOJ-230 | Aomori, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit: 4 5 | M | 4.5 hours | from **$69.00**

Visit Goshogawara for a fascinating look at the region's famed art and culture. First, tour Tsugaru Kanayama Kiln for a look at the beautiful pottery reminiscent of the objects made several millennia ago. Next, marvel at the spectacular standing floats that are used in one of Japan's most celebrated festivals.

Highlights of Goshogawara (Guided in Japanese)
AOJ-234 | Aomori, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit: 4 5 | M | 4.5 hours | from **$49.00**

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Special Interests

Sukayu Hot Spring Onsen Experience (Guided in English)
AOJ-240 | Aomori, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will see: 6 | M | 4.75 hours | from **$99.00**

For centuries, the Japanese have enjoyed the health and socializing benefits of the hot springs bath. Spend a day in the Hakkoda Mountains Sukayu Onsen, soaking up the scenery and enjoying lunch.

Sukayu Onsen (Guided in Japanese)
AOJ-244 | Aomori, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will see: 6 | M | 4.75 hours | from **$99.00**

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Nature & Wildlife

Mt. Hakkoda Aerial Tram & Lake Towada Cruise (Guided In English)
AOJ-140 | Aomori, Japan

You will visit: 6 | S | 8 hours | from **$139.00**

Discover nature's awe-inspiring beauty with visits to some of Japan's most popular spots. Soar in an aerial tramway to Mt. Hakkoda for panoramic views. Next, travel past the picturesque mountain stream known as Oirase, Finally, travel to crystal clear Lake Towada for a sightseeing boat ride.

Oirase & Lake Towada (Guided in Japanese)
AOJ-144 | Aomori, Japan

You will visit: 6 | S | 8 hours | from **$129.00**

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Activities & Adventures

World Heritage Site
Walking in Shirakami Mountains (Guided in English)
AOJ-385 | Aomori, Japan

S | 8 hours | from **$109.00**

Put on your comfortable shoes for a day-long trek through the last virgin beech forest in Japan. Renowned as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Shirakami Mountain area is home to black bears, monkeys, golden eagles and beech forest.

World Heritage Site
Walking in Shirakami Mountains (Guided in Japanese)
AOJ-389 | Aomori, Japan

S | 8 hours | from **$99.00**

Put on your comfortable shoes for a day-long trek through the last virgin beech forest in Japan. Renowned as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Shirakami Mountain area is home to black bears, monkeys, golden eagles and beech forest.