

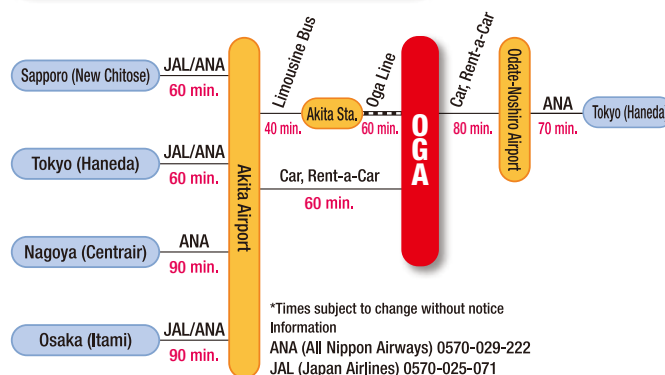
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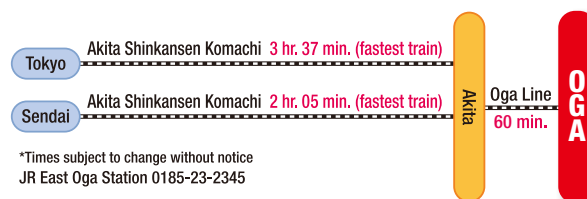
# Transportation

Approximate Times to Oga, Akita

## BY AIR



## BY TRAIN



### Information

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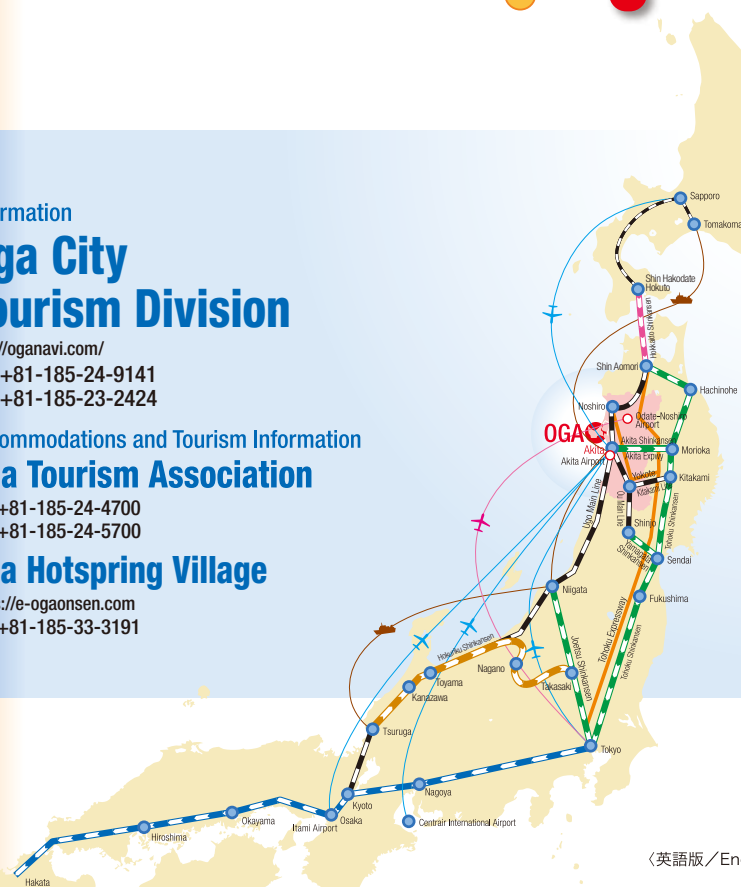
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# AKITA JAPAN

入道崎灯台 / Nyudozaki Cape



(英語版 / English)



## Ishiyaki Cuisine

Drop a red-hot rock into a cedarwood task full of fresh seafood and seaweed and you get a delicious plume of tempting steam. Enjoy the fantastic broth and pure fun of this traditional cuisine.



## Hatahata-zushi

Oga's coastal waters provide a bountiful catch of sailfin sandfish early every winter. Sandfish is combined with new rice, a fermentation starter, seaweed, and vegetables. This mixture is pickled into a traditional Oga treat.

## Melons

The Oga area has been producing high-quality melons for more than four decades. Popular summer varieties include *Bijin Red* and *Akita Bijin*.



## Oga Pears

Widely known in the back country, Japanese pear is rich in sweetness and juice, and has a distinctive aroma.



## Oga Shottsuru Yakisoba

A popular local fried noodle dish made with *shottsuru*, one of Japan's Three Great Fish Sauces; special noodles into which powdered *wakame* seaweed and kombu tangle stock are kneaded; and a variety of fresh seafood.



## Miso, Soy Sauce, More

Fine ingredients from Oga's rich natural environment are crafted into traditional foods like miso, soy sauce, *shottsuru dashi* (sardine-based fish broth), and miso pickles. Recent innovations include ramen noodles with crab, shrimp, and scallop extract cooked right in.



*The salt breeze on your cheeks  
as the sun sinks into the sea  
is a phenomenal accompaniment  
to a fresh, delicious Oga dinner.  
Tasting seasonal foods from seafood  
to wild edible plants from the mountains  
is what travel is all about -  
getting in touch with the local culture.*

# Local Products





# Oga Tourism and Transportation Map



## Oga Onsenkyo Village

Acacias and ocean surround this quiet hot spring area on the gentle slopes of northern Oga. Enjoy relaxing baths and fabulously fresh seafood.

## Paragliding

The gentle slopes of Mt. Kanpuzan are excellent for paragliding. For the novice and beginner, there are lessons available.



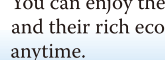
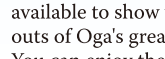
## Miyazawa Beach

With clean, clear water, Miyazawa Beach is one of Akita's best beaches for swimming and has been selected as one of Japan's 100 Best Swimming Beaches. Enjoy marine sports such as swimming, windsurfing, and more.



## Nyudozaki Cape

Nyudozaki Lighthouse  
Glass-Bottomed Boat Pier  
40° N Line



## Diving

Highly experienced guides are available to show you the ins and outs of Oga's great diving spots. You can enjoy the waters of Oga and their rich ecosystems so come anytime.



## Oga Aquarium GAO

The huge Main Tank which recreates the environment of Oga's coastal waters is a must see. You can see a wide variety of marine life, such as Akita's symbol fish *hatahata* (sandfish) and penguins; Gota the polar bear is especially popular with children.



## Namahage Auto Campsite (Caravan campsite)

We are a campsite with 70 lot auto campsite, camping car exclusive site, free site (no sectioned lots), and cottages. There is also a natural hot spring facility right nearby which makes it more appealing.



## Michi-no-Eki Oga "Ogare"

Fresh seafood right from the ocean, and vegetables directly from the fields of oga are lined up in Michi-no-Eki Oga. Adding to that, souvenirs such as namahage crafts and local processed products can be found here.



## Oga Golf Club

The two courses here are integrated into the natural environment of Mt. Kampu's gentle slopes. A great view of the peninsula is an added bonus as you play.



## OGA ISLAND PARK HUBAGO

OGA ISLAND PARK HUBAGO is the nickname of the new creative base in front of Oga Station, combining the words "HAVE A GO!" and "HUB", meaning connection or base.

## Oga General Tourist Information Center

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### Nyudozaki Cape

The northernmost cape on the Oga Peninsula is located right on the 40° N latitude line. Enjoy a marvelous view of sea, particularly at sunset. Just look for the striped lighthouse that is the Cape's symbol.

# Nature

### The Godzilla Rocks

The silhouette of Godzilla stands out here on the rocky coastline of Shiosezaki Cape. Come in the evening for the best views of Godzilla roaring at the sea and setting sun.



Hachibodai Observation Tower

Among the peculiar and beautiful scenery making this area one of Oga's most popular destination are low-relief, broad volcanic craters called maars, caused by shallow explosive eruptions.



### Mt. Kanpuzan

**“One of the top 100 Grassland Villages to leave for the Future in Japan.”**

This gently sloping, 355-meter mountain is grassy top to bottom. Enjoy the great view of the Oga Peninsula and even mountains further inland from the rotating observation deck at the peak.



### Daisankyo Rocks

This bridge-like rock formation was sculpted by fiercely lashing waves. Take a sightseeing boat to get the best views of this dramatic coastal scenery.



### Unosaki Beach

Unosaki has been chosen as one of the nation's one hundred best beaches. Low tide is particularly fascinating and fun, as two hundred meters of ocean floor is revealed through only a thin sheet of water.



### Glass-Bottomed Boats



Enjoy an tour of the ocean floor without even getting wet!

### Sightseeing Boats



Tour boats allow you to enjoy the rugged, jagged, mysterious, and dramatic coastline of the Oga Peninsula.





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## Namahage Sedo Festival

This grand winter festival is the fusion of *Namahage*, a folk tradition Festival, a Shinto ceremony. Sacred fires light the precincts with *Namahage* dance and drums are performed. Finally, fifteen *Namahage* from the mountain bearing torches, bringing the night to its clim

# History & Legends

## The Legend of the Namahage

— The 999 Steps —

Legend has it that, once upon a time, the Han emperor brought five demonic ogres with him to Japan. These *oni*, as they are commonly called in Japanese, stole crops and young maidens from Oga's villages. The distressed villagers decided to trick the *oni* with this proposal: if the *oni* could build a flight of one thousand stone steps to Goshado Shrine in a single night, village maidens would be offered to them; if not, they were to leave Oga for good. The *oni* accepted the challenge, but when they had completed the 999th step, a quick-witted villager mimicked the crowing of a rooster. The *oni*, thinking it was already dawn, fled in panic and never came back again.



Oga no Namahage UNESCO intangible cultural heritage designated in 2018

### National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties

This New Year's Eve ritual is observed throughout Oga; it is such an ancient tradition.

*Namahage* in demonic masks and straw garments make the rounds of houses in their village. They burst into houses and find young wives and children who are hiding, and tell them to work hard, study hard, and obey their parents or in-laws. The masters of the houses "protect" their family members, affirming that they all behave well. The *Namahage* are then placated with sake and food. According to one account, *Namahage* are deities who visit villages to celebrate the New Year. This tradition is designated as a national intangible folk cultural property.







### Shinzan Folklore Museum

The *Namahage* ritual year-round. The captivating, the banter between the household head is humorous, and accentuated the atmosphere of this traditional home.

tion, and the Sedo where the dynamic *Namahage* march down the street.



### Shinzan Shrine

Shinzan Shrine, located on Mt. Shinzan, stands surrounded by majestic cedars. It is one of the most historical and the most revered shrines on the Oga Peninsula, deeply associated with the famous folk tradition *Namahage*. In February the *Namahage* Sedo Festival is held in the precincts.



### 10,000 Buddhas of Shinzan

This hall, once part of a temple called Koboji, holds more than 10,000 wooden Buddhist statues despite being only 5.4 meters on a side. This exceedingly rare site is of particular folk-religious interest.



### Namahage Museum

Explore the mystery of Oga's *Namahage* folk tradition. Enjoy the costumes and demonic masks of the *Namahage*, or check out the video presentation.



### Akagami Shrine Goshado (National Important Cultural Properties)

Goshado, the central hall of Akagami Shrine, is thought to have been built around the turn of the seventeenth century. It is a rare site associated with the ancient Akagami Gongen worship; the view of the five pavilions spreading out side by side amidst the mountains is simply magnificent. Elements such as the frog-leg struts and tie beam carvings typify Akita's religious architecture, making this site of a significant historical value. The reliquary shrine in the central hall is designated as a national important cultural property.