

# Seeking the treasures of Morioka & Iwate: places to go in 2023

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## Take an Amazing Stroll through Morioka

### 1 Morioka Traditional Sake Brewery Tour - Try artisanal sake only available here!

Venue: Asabiraki Co. Ltd. (10-34 Daijiji-cho, Morioka, Iwate)  
Date: 18 days between Sept – Oct (excl. Oct 7th & 8th, Sat, Sun, holidays) \*1 time each in morning & afternoon  
Admission: ¥3,600  
Times: ① 10:30am ② 2:00pm

#### Details:

Experience the refined brewing techniques of the Nanbu Toji Master Sake Brewers, and observe the traditional handcrafted sake brewing process. After touring, have a taste of rare sake that can't be found on the market or in stores, together with snacks that complement the special drinks. Visitors can also take home their sake cup as a gift!



### 2 Jazz Live Show and Café - A limited two-day event at one of the most famous buildings in Morioka

Venue: Bank of Iwate Red Brick Building (1-2-20 Nakanohashi-dori, Morioka, Iwate)  
Date: Oct 21 (Sat), 22 (Sun)  
\*1 time each in morning and afternoon (staggered entry)  
Admission: ¥5,000 (incl. 1 coffee & coffee cup)  
\*Tasting available at add. cost  
Times: Morning: 10:30am / Afternoon: 2:00pm  
\*All 4 jazz performances feature different themes during the event period

#### Details:

**[Oct 21 (Sat), 22 (Sun)] <Program>**  
Cafe Talk: Morioka's Artisanal Roasted Coffee  
Jazz Performance: Makiko Suzuki Trio

Experience a unique fusion of jazz and coffee, at the Bank of Iwate Red Brick Building—a venue that's been featured in The New York Times for its beautiful blend of Western and Eastern architecture from the Taisho era. This event takes place with special permission from a venue that is not typically open to food and drink. Come and have a great time at this limited single day jazz cafe event, and immerse yourself in the history and culture of Morioka!



## Bistro Wanko - Restaurant Event Series -

### 3 Experience traditional culture by the waterside, surrounded by the whispers of the Buddhist Pure Land

Venue: Kanjizaio-in Temple Site, Hiraizumi (World Heritage Site) (Hiraizumi Shirayama, Hiraizumi, Iwate)  
Date: Sept 23 (Sat), 24 (Sun)  
Admission: Buffet-style Course: ¥5,500  
Times: 11:00am – 4:00pm

#### Details:

Travel back in time to the Heian period, and enjoy local cuisine and traditional performing arts. A truly unique experience that allows visitors to experience life as Heian nobility.



### 4 Enjoy Wanko cuisine at a castle site gaining global attention

Venue: Morioka Castle Site Park (1-37 Uchimaru, Morioka, Iwate)  
Date: Sept 29 (Fri), 30 (Sat), Oct 1 (Sun)  
Admission:  
Premium Course: ¥15,000  
Buffet-style Course: ¥5,500  
Times: 4:00pm – 8:00pm

#### Details:

Unforgettable experiences that can only be had here, featuring Iwate and its cuisine, as well as the finest in traditional performing arts.



### 5 Gaze at the light and fire of the birthplace of Japan's modern age

Venue: Hashino Iron Mine (World Heritage Site) (2-6 Hashino-cho, Kamaishi, Iwate)  
Date: Oct 7 (Sat), 8 (Sun)  
Admission: Buffet-style Course: ¥6,000  
Times: 4:00pm – 8:00pm

#### Details:

Enjoy dishes made with fresh local ingredients at this World Heritage Site. As the sun sets, experience the enchanting glow of Japan's oldest surviving western-style blast furnace, and take in captivating traditional performing arts showcased on a special stage, as we invite you to a world like never before seen.

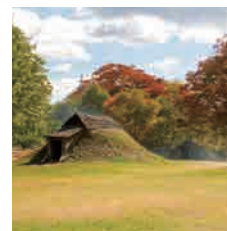


### 6 Surround yourself with autumn colors and enjoy the bounty of a forest from antiquity

Venue: Goshono Jomon Park (World Heritage Site) (2 Goshono, Iwadate, Ichinohe, Iwate)  
Date: Oct 14 (Sat), 15 (Sun)  
Admission: Buffet-style Course: ¥5,500  
Times: 11:00am – 3:30pm

#### Details:

An event held at the Goshono Site (a World Heritage Site), where visitors can enjoy cuisine inspired by the Jomon period alongside the beautiful fall foliage. Also featuring regional traditional performing arts, including taiko drumming and dance!



## International Wanko Soba Championship

### 7 International Wanko Soba Championship - Have fun and make new friends over a bowl of wanko soba

■**Trial: Sept 30 (Sat), 11:00am –**  
Venue: Morioka History and Culture Museum (1-50 Uchimaru, Morioka, Iwate)  
Admission: ¥1,700

#### Details:

**Children:** (4 people per game) 3 games

**General:** (4 people per game) 4 games

\*Each game takes around 2 minutes, with 15 bowls per person

■**Wanko Soba World Championship: Oct 1 (Sun), 11:00am –**  
Venue: Morioka Castle Site Park (1-37 Uchimaru, Morioka, Iwate)  
Admission: ¥2,200

#### Details:

**Children's Group:** 5 teams per game (2 people per team / competition based on the total number of bowls for the two people within the time limit.)

**General Group:** 5 teams per game (3 people per team / competition based on the total number of bowls for the three people within the time limit.)

\*The competition measures the total number of bowls consumed by each team.



\*Information is as of July, 2023



**1 Taste limited handcrafted sake, only available here in Morioka's Traditional Sake Brewery Tour (Morioka city)**

Morioka Sta.	⇒ Approx. 15min by bus ⇒	Get off at Matuo-mae	⇒ Approx. 3min on foot ⇒	Asabiraki Co. Ltd.
		⇒ Approx. 10min by taxi ⇒		
		⇒ Approx. 34min on foot ⇒		

Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from September to October / Iwatekenkotsu Bus, Central Circulation Line (System No. 422) (210 yen)

Bus depot No. 5in front of Morioka Sta.		Get off at Matuo-mae		Asabiraki Co. Ltd.
8:10	⇒	8:24		
9:30	⇒	9:45	⇒ Approx. 3min on foot ⇒	
10:05	⇒	10:19		

※No buses are available in the afternoon from 2:00 p.m., so it is convenient to take a taxi.

**2 Limited 2-Day Jazz Event & Cafe at a Historic Morioka Location (Morioka city)**

Morioka Sta.	⇒ Approx. 12min by bus ⇒	Get off at Bus Center	⇒ Approx. 1min on foot ⇒	Bank of Iwate Red Brick Building
		⇒ Approx. 10min by taxi ⇒		
		⇒ Approx. 23min on foot ⇒		

10/21 (Sat), 10/22 (Sun) Morning Session / Morioka Central City Circulation Bus "Dendenmushi", first via Saiei (left turn)(1ride: 120yen)

Bus depot No. 16 in front of Morioka Sta.		Get off at Bus Center		Bank of Iwate Red Brick Building
9:25	⇒	9:37		
9:45	⇒	9:57	⇒ Approx. 1min on foot ⇒	
10:05	⇒	10:17		

10/21 (Sat), 10/22 (Sun) Afternoon Session / Morioka Central City Circulation Bus "Dendenmushi", first via Saiei (left turn)(1ride: 120yen)

Bus depot No. 16 in front of Morioka Sta.		Get off at Bus Center		Bank of Iwate Red Brick Building
13:05	⇒	13:17		
13:25	⇒	13:37	⇒ Approx. 1min on foot ⇒	
13:45	⇒	13:57		

**3 A Waterfront Experience of Traditional Culture and Winds from Buddhist Pure Land (Hiraizumi town)**

Sept 23 (sat), 24 (sun)

Tohoku Shinkansen(3,560 yen including unreserved seat ticket 1,870 yen) + JR Tohoku Line(200yen)

Hayabusa No.108 Morioka Sta. 9:06	⇒	Ichinoseki Sta. 9:44	transfer	Ichinoseki Sta. 10:15	⇒	Hiraizumi Sta. 10:23	⇒ Approx. 8min on foot ⇒	Kanjizaio-in Temple Site
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JR Tohoku Line Morioka Sta.~Hiraizumi Sta.(1,520yen)

Morioka Sta. 8:56	⇒	Hiraizumi Sta. 10:20	⇒ Approx. 8min on foot ⇒	Kanjizaio-in Temple Site
Morioka Sta. 17:59	←	Hiraizumi Sta. 16:35	← Approx. 8min on foot ←	Kanjizaio-in Temple Site

**4 Enjoy Wanko Cuisine at an Internationally Acclaimed Castle Site (Morioka city)**

Morioka Sta.	⇒ Approx. 6min by bus ⇒	Get off at Moriokajoato-koen	⇒ Approx. 1min on foot ⇒	Morioka Castle Site Park (Special Venue)
		⇒ Approx. 10min by taxi ⇒		
		⇒ Approx. 16min on foot ⇒		

Sept 29 (fri), 30 (sat), Oct 1 (sun) / Morioka Central City Circulation Bus "Dendenbushi", first via Saiei (left turn)(1ride: 120yen)

Bus depot No. 16 in front of Morioka Sta.		Get off at Moriokajoato-koen		Morioka Castle Site Park (Special Venue)
15:05	⇒	15:11		
15:25	⇒	15:31	⇒ Approx. 1min on foot ⇒	
15:45	⇒	15:51		

**5 An Evening of Light and Flame at the Birthplace of Modern Steelmaking (Kamaishi city)**

Oct 7 (sat), 8 (sun)

JR Rapid Train Hamayuri No. 53(2,840 yen including seat reservation ticket for 530 yen)		Shuttle bus(Free of charge)	Arrival and departure from Kamaishi Station
Leaves Morioka Sta. at 11:26	⇒	Arrives at Kamaishi Sta. at 13:58	⇒ Leaves Kamaishi Sta. at 14:45 ⇒ Arrives at Hashino Iron Mine at 15:45

※Overnight stay in Kamaishi City is required because it is after the last train departure time. ← Arrives at Kamaishi Sta. at 21:15 ← Leaves Hashino Iron Mine at 20:15

**6 Amazing Fall Colors at Jomon Forest (Ichinohe town)**

Oct 14 (sat), 15 (sun)

Tohoku Shinkansen(3,570 yen including seat reservation ticket for 2,400 yen)		Shuttle bus(Free of charge)	Ninohe Station West Exit Bus Stop
Hayabusa No.1 Leaves Morioka Sta. at 8:50	⇒	Arrives at Ninohe Sta. at 9:09	⇒ Leaves Nenohe Sta. at 9:40 ⇒ Arrives at Goshono Jomon Park at 10:10
Hayabusa No. 5 Leaves Morioka Sta. at 9:48	⇒	Arrives at Ninohe Sta. at 10:12	⇒ Leaves Nenohe Sta. at 11:00 ⇒ Arrives at Goshono Jomon Park at 11:30
Hayabusa No. 32 Arrives at Morioka Sta. at 15:44	←	Leaves Ninohe Sta. at 15:19	← Arrives at Ninohe Sta. at 14:45 ← Leaves Goshono Jomon Park at 14:15
Hayabusa No. 38 Arrives at Morioka Sta. at 17:44	←	Leaves Ninohe Sta. at 17:19	← Arrives at Ninohe Sta. at 16:15 ← Leaves Goshono Jomon Park at 15:45

Ninohe Sta.	⇒	Approx. 15min by taxi	⇒	Goshono Jomon Park
Ichinohe Sta.	⇒	Approx. 10min by bus, 5min. By taxi	⇒	

**7 Bonds through Bowls, Connecting the World: Have Fun Together at the World Wanko Soba Championship! (Morioka city)**

Morioka Sta.	⇒ Approx. 10min by taxi ⇒	Morioka History and Culture Museum
	⇒ Approx. 16min on foot ⇒	
	⇒ Approx. 10min by taxi ⇒	
	⇒ Approx. 16min on foot ⇒	

Sept 30 (sat) / Morioka Central City Circulation Bus "Dendenmushi", first via Saiei (left turn)(1ride: 120yen)

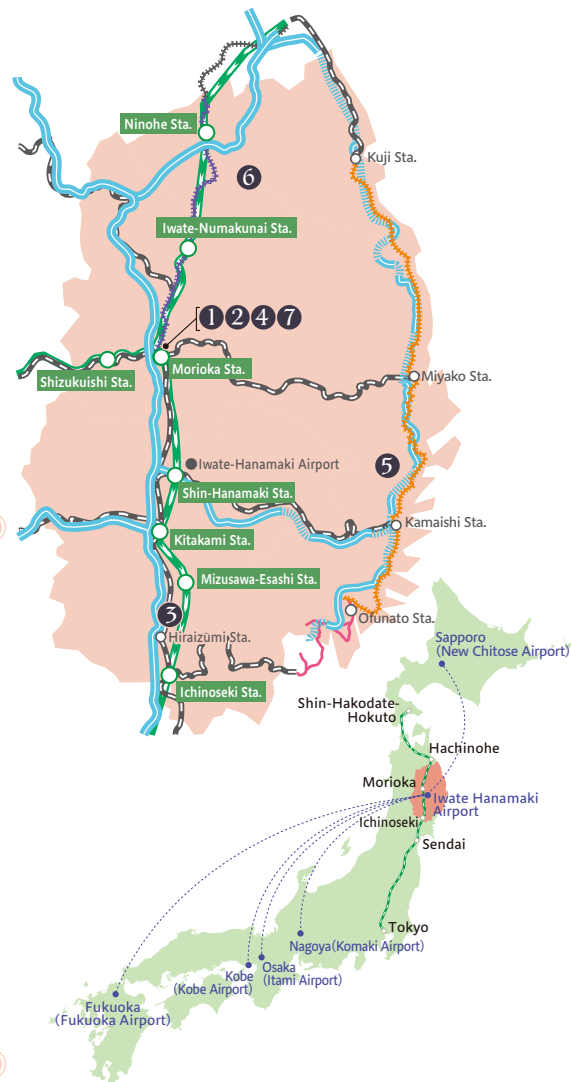
Bus depot No. 16 in front of Morioka Sta.		Get off at Kencho-Shiyakusho-mae		Morioka History and Culture Museum
10:05	⇒	10:14		
10:25	⇒	10:34	⇒ Approx. 4min on foot ⇒	
10:45	⇒	10:54		

Oct 1 (sun) / Morioka Central City Circulation Bus "Dendenmushi", first via Saiei (left turn)(1ride: 120yen)

Bus depot No. 16 in front of Morioka Sta.		Get off at Moriokajoato-koen		Morioka Castle Site Park (Special Venue)
10:05	⇒	10:11		
10:25	⇒	10:31	⇒ Approx. 1min on foot ⇒	
10:45	⇒	10:51		

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Access Information



**✈ Airplane**

Sapporo	JAL: Approx. 55min	Iwate Hanamaki Airport	Morioka Sta.
Nagoya	FDA: Approx. 1hr 10min		
Osaka	JAL: Approx. 1hr 20min		
Kobe	FDA: Approx 1hr 30min		
Fukuoka	JAL: Approx. 2hr		
	FDA (Nagoya connecting flight)		
	Shuttle bus: 45min Taxi: 50min		

JAL (Japan Airlines) ☎0570-025-071

FDA (Fuji Dream Airlines) ☎0570-55-0489

※Shuttle bus service is available between Hanamaki Airport and Morioka Station.

**🚄 Shinkansen**

Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto	Tohoku Shinkansen	Morioka Sta.
	Approx. 2hr	
Tokyo Sta.	Tohoku Shinkansen	Morioka Sta.
	Approx. 2hr 10min	

JR East   
https://www.jreast.co.jp/

**🚌 Bus**

Iwate Transportation   
http://www.iwatekenkotsu.co.jp/

**🚗 Car**

\*Please check the "Iwate Prefecture Road Information Service" for information on route conditions, such as traffic restriction

Iwate Prefecture Road Information   
http://www.douro.com/

Iwate Rental Car Association

Iwate Rental Car Association   
http://www.iwarekyo.sakura.ne.jp/