

How to get to Niigata

✈ By Plane

Approximate Necessary Time from

- Sapporo (New Chitose Airport) 1 hr 15min
- Sapporo (Okadama Airport) 1 hr 45 min
- Nagoya (Chubu Centrair Int'l. Airport) 1 hr
- Nagoya (Komaki Airport) 55 min
- Osaka (Osaka Itami Airport) 1 hr
- Kobe (Kobe Airport) 1 hr 40 min
- Fukuoka (Fukuoka Airport) 1 hr 35 min
- Okinawa (Naha Airport) 2 hrs 25 min



Approximately
30 min From Niigata City
to Agano City by Car or Bus

🚄 By JR Shinkansen

Approximate Necessary Time from

- Tokyo 2 hrs (On the fastest train: 97 min)
- Nagoya 3 hrs 40 min (By the shortest route)
- Osaka 5 hrs
- Sendai 3 hrs
- Nagano 2 hrs 30 min



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Official Guide

English

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Welcome to Agano City

The above design is based on the first vowel of the name of Agano City “あ”, which is pronounced “ah” (phonetically :/a/) in Standard English. “Ah!” /a/ is the word Japanese use to express wonder and amazement when encountering something new. It is similar to “Wow” in English.

We would like to introduce you to Agano City which is full of wonder and chances to say, “Ahhh!”

We hope it will amaze and impress you.





Nature and Landscapes

There are mountains of 1,000m class, whose center is Mt. Gozu, in the eastern part of Agano City and a great Agano River in the western and southern parts of the city. Nestled in the bosom of the mountains and great river, the vitality of the season of the area surrounding Agano City can be felt.



1 Lake Hyoko

(A Ramsar Site, a wetland site designated to be of international importance under the Ramsar Convention)

More than 5,000 swans come flying over this Park from Siberia in winter.



2 Hyoko Iris Garden

(June is the best time to see.)

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300 thousand Iris flowers of 170 varieties bloom in full glory. These flowers have bloomed in low mountains and highlands since ancient times in Japan. The visitors can see "Koinobori", colorful decorations traditionally displayed for Children's Day on May 5th in Japan, wishing for healthy growth of boys.



3 Double-petaled (multiple petals) cherry trees at Hakuchou Park

(Spring picnic and walk under the blossoms)

In Agano City, cherry blossoms bloom in Spring here in there.

Enjoy a picnic and a walk under the blossoms. The picnic and the walk are called "Ohanami" in Japanese.





4 Fresh Bean Curd (Kawakami Tofu)

Made from soybeans, water and bittern, a special brine. Kawakami Tofu Company has been committed to handmade production since 1929.

5 Japanese Banquet Cuisine (Ikarashi-tei Garden)

At the Ikarashi-tei Garden, enjoy Japanese banquet cuisine with Japanese ingredients at the traditional Japanese house.



Dining and Food

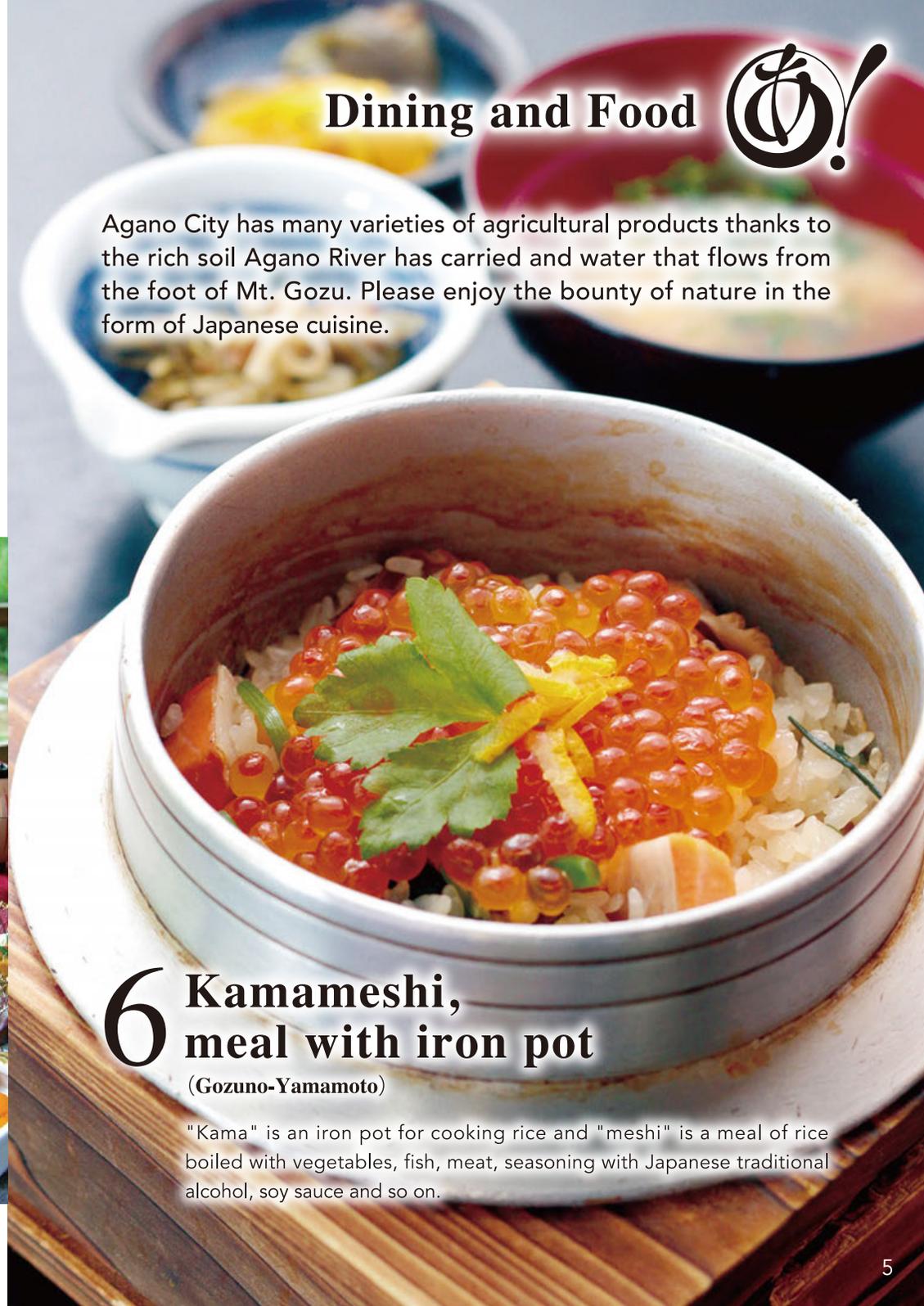


Agano City has many varieties of agricultural products thanks to the rich soil Agano River has carried and water that flows from the foot of Mt. Gozu. Please enjoy the bounty of nature in the form of Japanese cuisine.

6 Kamameshi, meal with iron pot

(Gozuno-Yamamoto)

"Kama" is an iron pot for cooking rice and "meshi" is a meal of rice boiled with vegetables, fish, meat, seasoning with Japanese traditional alcohol, soy sauce and so on.





Traditional Crafts and History

Agano City has a long living history of people, even Paleolithic ruins. The area of the city has many traditional crafts and has cultivated traditional culture.



Yasuda Kawara Oni-gawara, Tenugui are registered as some of the Niigata prefectural traditional crafts.

7 Yasuda Kawara (Yasuda Kawara Road)

Kawara or tiles are made by baking clay in kilns and used on residential roofs in Japan. Yasuda Kawara are made by baking clay from Agano City in high temperature kilns and useful in snowy areas because of their low water absorption, excellent strength and cold and salt resistance. They have been used for the former prefectural assembly hall in Niigata City, shrines and temples. Enjoy a stroll while admiring the tile decorations at the Yasuda Kawara Road.



8 Suibara Daikansyo (Suibara Magistrate's Office)

The Edo shogunate, which was the central government of Japan in the Edo era (1603-1868), established Daikansyos or magistrates' offices in various places. These offices were in charge of tax collection and civil affairs. The Suibara Daikansyo was one of these offices. The office governed a large area including the present Agano City, the neighbouring cities and towns for 123 years from 1746 to 1868. The appearance of the building and its interior of that time were reconstructed faithfully in 1995 and this office was used in the filming of a movie. Visitors may access the interiors of the building.



9 Tenugui, cotton materials (Echigo-kamekonya Fujioka Dyeing Factory)

"Tenugui" is the cotton material used like a towel before introduction of towels of the West to Japan. Tenugui is dyed in various colours. This is dyed using a traditional Japanese dyeing method called "chusen dyeing". The dye is poured onto the fabric, so the dye penetrates the core of the thread, resulting in a finished product that has no front or back.



Hot Springs

Agano City has "Gozu Onsengou" which includes 3 areas of hot springs at the foot of the Mt. Gozu.



10 Mt. Gozu

Mt. Gozu is named for its 5 peaks. "Go" means 5 and "zu" means peaks. This sacred mountain was opened in 809 and a stone Buddha statue is enshrined at each of the 5 peaks.



11 Gozu Onsengou

The 3 onsens at Gozu Onsengou are radium hot springs, which are rare even in Japan. The radium hot springs contain radon that emits a little radiation in air. It is said that absorption of a little radiation to human body stimulates cells, boosts immunity and improves blood flow.



11-A Deyu Onsen



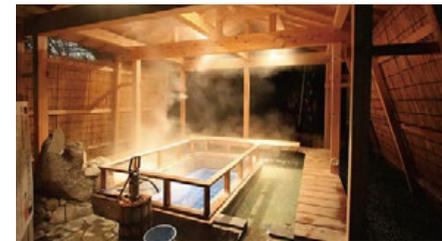
This is the oldest hot spring in Niigata Prefecture, that was established approximately 1200 years ago.

11-B Imaita Onsen



This hot spring has only one inn and you can keep the source of the spring all to yourself.

11-C Murasugi Onsen

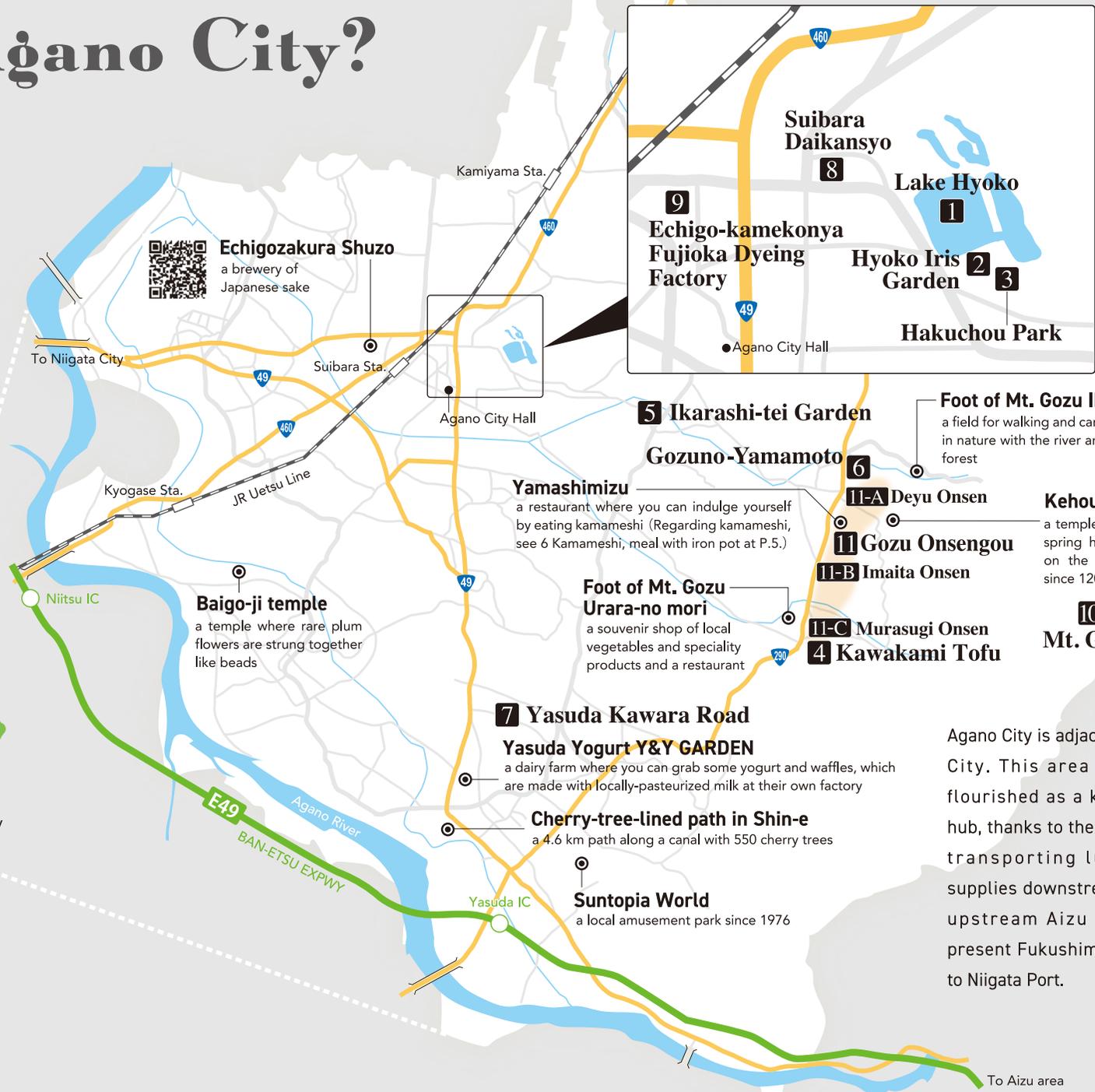
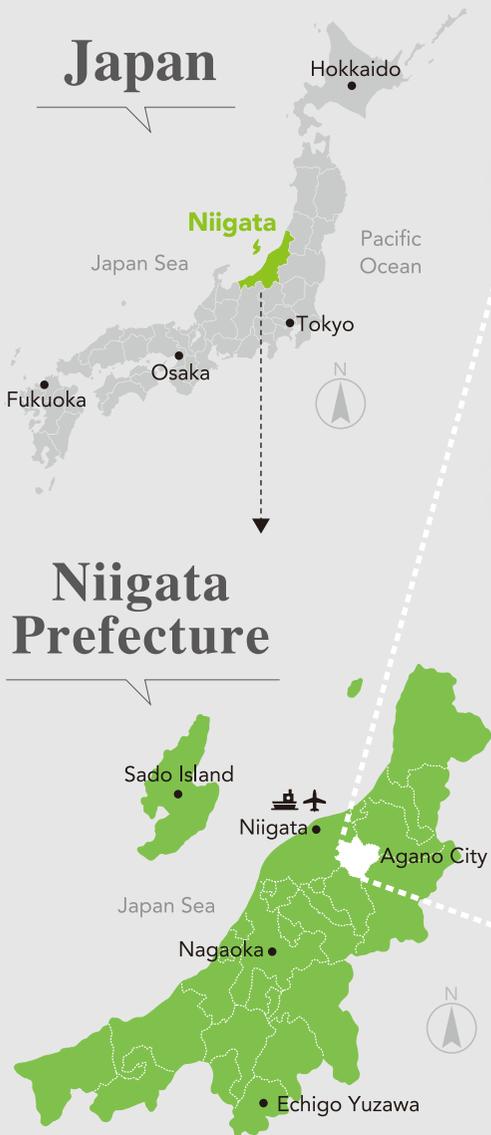


This hot spring contains high levels of radium, which is said to be good for the human body, and many people visit in anticipation of its beneficial effects.



A book that was published approximately 120 years ago has the above picture of the present Deyu Onsen. Many people have gathered to the hot springs in order to cure diseases.

Where is Agano City?



Agano City is adjacent to Niigata City. This area in the past flourished as a key logistics hub, thanks to the Agano River, transporting lumber and supplies downstream from the upstream Aizu area of the present Fukushima Prefecture to Niigata Port.