

Iwamuro Onsen & Ishize

Walking Tour MAP

Iwamuro walking tour guides will show you fabulous historic places!



Walking Guided Tours



A Iwamuro Half Day Onsen Walking Tours

Encounter the history of this hot spring area which was founded more than 300 years ago.



B Ishize Half Day Walking Tours

Explore temples and historic places in this castle town along the Hokkoku Kaido.



C Maze Half Day Trekking Tours upon request

Trek through copper mines and other ruins.

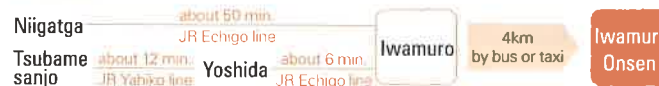
✂ Tour fees : 500 yen each (including insurance)

✂ For reservations : Iwamuro-Onsen Tourist Association
 TEL:0256-82-5715 / FAX:0256-82-5566
 MAIL:mail@iwamuro.info
 •Calls only in Japanese(9:00-19:00)
 •Non-Japanese reservations should be made by email.
 •At least two days in advance

Access



✂ Train



1 hour & 50 min. by Joetsu Shinkansen(Japan Bullet Train) from Tokyo to Niigata

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Iwamuro Walking Tour Guides

Established in 2011, Iwamuro Walking Tour Guide Association provides a walking route guide training course to its staff and has walking courses to explore yet-to-be discovered history and nature.

We now have attractive tour courses where our friendly guides can show you around Iwamuro and its beautiful surroundings.



Walking guides invite you!
"You can enjoy the unique "OMOTENASHI" (hospitality) of Iwamuro!"

The locals will welcome you with their warm smiles and you can enjoy the various hot springs, and savor the wonderful local food. Encountering the fabulous and friendly town people around off-the-beat pure wild woodlands near populated areas will all be something new for you. Take a walking tour in Iwamuro along the Hokkoku Kaido where many tourists come to visit Yahiko Shrine!



A Iwamuro Onsen

The Iwamuro Onsen Hot-spring Spa is over 300 years old, and is well known for its wondrous waters. There is a legend that a wild goose was healed by washing its injury in the running water there. Moreover, as one of the strategic points on the Hokkoku Highway, you can feel its history in the famous and historical spots, ruins, and traces of past writers.

As you go along the road, you can meet and enjoy the warm welcoming faces of the locals as well as tasty traditional foods. Why don't you come and relieve your travel fatigue at here in the beautifully natural and comfortable atmosphere?

	W.C.		Onsen&Hotel
	Restaurant		Shrine
	Parking area		Temple

80m
1 min.

Karamushi is a raw material used to make Ojiya-chijimi and Echigo-jofu textiles.



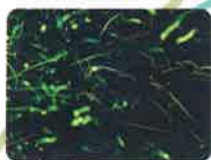
Established in 1913.
How to pray: Bow two times -Clap 2 times
-Bow once again at an inner shrine

9 Iwamuro Shrine

Start of Mt. Matsutake trail

Hiyotsuma-hotaru-hishouchi

A firefly light festival is held every year in late June and lanterns are released into the Yagawa River.



The ruins of Mt. Tenjin-zan Castle

Altitude 234m (approx. 1185-1590). The last lord was Saneyori Oguni. It takes about 40 mins. to reach the top on foot.



Yakushi-Do Hall is believed to be the location of a Buddha of healing for the eyes.

3 Yakushi-Do Hall



Yonaki-jizo
jizo who stops a child crying at night

Praying to Jizo statues is believed to make children stop crying at night.



Spring water well



Shimono-Tsutsumi (reservoir)



Yunosato Park

Gensen Park 2



Yumotoya



START

Let's explore and see!



Sightseeing Facility of Iwamuro Hot Spa Resort -"Iwamuroya"

Ceramic panel paintings of around Iwamuro Onsen spa's scenery



Hokkoku Kaido

Hokkoku Kaido is the secondary route constructed in Edo period.



Hamamatsuya (inn)



Pit-in-hide



Hotel Ohashi (inn)

Yagawa River



KOKAJIYA Karamushi-ya

A renovated traditional folk house.

Shamisenzaka

Start/end point of the road

4 Koushi no Yado Takashimaya Inn

This inn is listed as a National Tangible Cultural Property.

The site of Nanei Kensyu residence

6 Shigenoya

See rice crackers made by hand here!

Site of the Kosatsuba

Fujiya (inn)

Iwamuro Public Hall Iwamuro-jizoan

Wataya (inn)

7 Iwamuro-seika

Handmade crackers with a rich and tasty aroma.

Wadaya

Matsuya (inn)

Komatsuya (inn)

Kotofujiya 8

The origin of Iwamuro rice crackers.

Glass Atelier

Watazen

Kosodate-jizo

The Guardian Deity of child rearing

Musho-an

Japanese "Noh Mask" Studio. Closed to the public.

Atelier of the Ceramist, Yonezawa

Koban

"A pine tree of Tanaka" written by Ryokan 10

GOAL

Muni Parking

Hospital

Agishi-kogikuzakura (Prunus jamasakura)

Marukoyama Park

Start of Mt. Tenjin trail

Isizu Area

Tour Guide Recommendations – Iwamuro Onsen area [Half-Day Walking Tour]



3 min.



5 min.



3 min.



5 min.



5 min.



1 Iwamuroya, meeting point
(Tourist center /shopping & dining)

2 3 Gensen Park (Origin of the hot spring)
Yakushi-Do Hall

4 Takashimaya Inn
(Old village headman's house)

5~8 Iwamuro-seika (Japanese cracker store)
Taste free samples!

10 Iwamuro Shrine

9 "A pine tree of Tanaka"
written by haiku poet, Ryokan

B Ishize area

Ishize is a culturally historic town surrounded by the mountain range of Mt. Tahou, and is a residential area with a long history stretching back to the Jōmon Period (14,500 BC to about 300 BC). Facing the Hokuriku Kaido (Hokkoku Kaido), it is the castle town of Tenjinzan Castle where a magistrate's office was located. It is historic temple town where a mountain pass between the pine trees leads to a shrine and an old sake brewery, it is also well-known as a spiritual area.

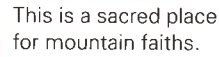


Mt. Yahiko
634m

Mt. Taho 633.8m

As a mountain where gods and buddhas lived, this was once a place for mountain worshiping.

It is said to have once been on the hillside of Mt. Tahou.



This is a sacred place for mountain faiths.

Do not walk in the center line of the approach as it is reserved for the Gods.

▲ to Iwamuro-Ishize route forest road

Ishize shrine 4

Yakushi-Do Hall



Mizukake Fudomyo Ou



It is an ancient temple near Echigo province, with a history stretching back over 1300 years.



Designated as a nationally important cultural property. It is one of the Four Echigo Ascetic Places. It was established in 1446.

Shugetsuji Temple 3

Benkei no Oizuri

It is a wooden box carried on Benkei's back to store items for the pilgrimage.



Iwafune Jizo

One of various old rumors says that, thanks to Iwafune Jizo, the five grains are delivered by ship.



Kameda Bōsai (1752-1826) was a Confucian, a poet, and a scholar from the late Edo period.

Kameda Bōsai Boketsuhi stone monument

Kunshu Sanmonni Iruwo Yurusazu stone monument



Gorin-no-to Tower
Five-story pagoda



This is a 700 year-old cedar tree, designated as a natural treasure in Niigata city.

The Japanese cedar of Ishize 2



The best time to see: May - June and October - November

The cemetery of Ishize magistrate's officers

Minabe-ke keeps Norito (a book of Prayers) about the unfinished Ishize castle

The ruins of Ishize magistrate's office



The planned Ishize castle construction site of Yoita Domain.

Taho Onsen Resort Daironoyu

Sinkodango Tanakaya Ato
Ikarashi Motors

The place where a pine tree of Ishize Tanaka used to be

Ryokan Ikusa-Kusa no Hi stone monument



Osugi's Rose Garden 1
<admission free>



Jousenji Temple 6



This establishment has a history spanning 130 years.

Takarayama Sake Brewery

GOAL

80m
1 min.

Yahiko area Hokkoku Kaido

- W.C.
- Parking area
- Shrine
- Restaurant
- Onsen&Hotel
- Temple

Tour Guide Recommendations – Nature & Historic places [Half-Day Walking Tour]

- 1 Osugi's Rose Garden, meeting point (5 min.)
- 3 Shugetsuji Temple (12 min.)
- 4 Ishize Shrine (12 min.)
- 5 Shouryuji Temple (6 min.)
- 6 Jousenji Temple (6 min.)
- 7 Takarayama Sake Brewery Inc. (10 min.)
- 2 The Japanese cedar of Ishize