

ENGLISH

黒石

KUROISHI CITY

BLACK STONE

Kuroishi is made up of the characters Kuro and Ishi. Kuro means black. Ishi means stone. The characters here have been written so that they convey both Kuroishi and Black Stone.

Experience the Essence of KUROISHI

ねぶた祭り

Neputa Festival

Witness a parade through streets with giant warriors, demons, and beautiful ladies. Kuroishi Neputa is a traditional festival with hundreds of years of history. Hand-made floats depicting Japanese mythology in a traditional art-style parade through the streets, accompanied by flutes, chanting, and giant drums that will shake you right down to your bones. Moving through the streets built hundreds of years ago, Kuroishi's Neputa will help you drift away into a time unknown to most.



よされ Yosare

Watch thousands of people dance through streets where samurai once walked. Kuroishi Yosare is said to have come from a time when men and women would sing love-songs to each other.

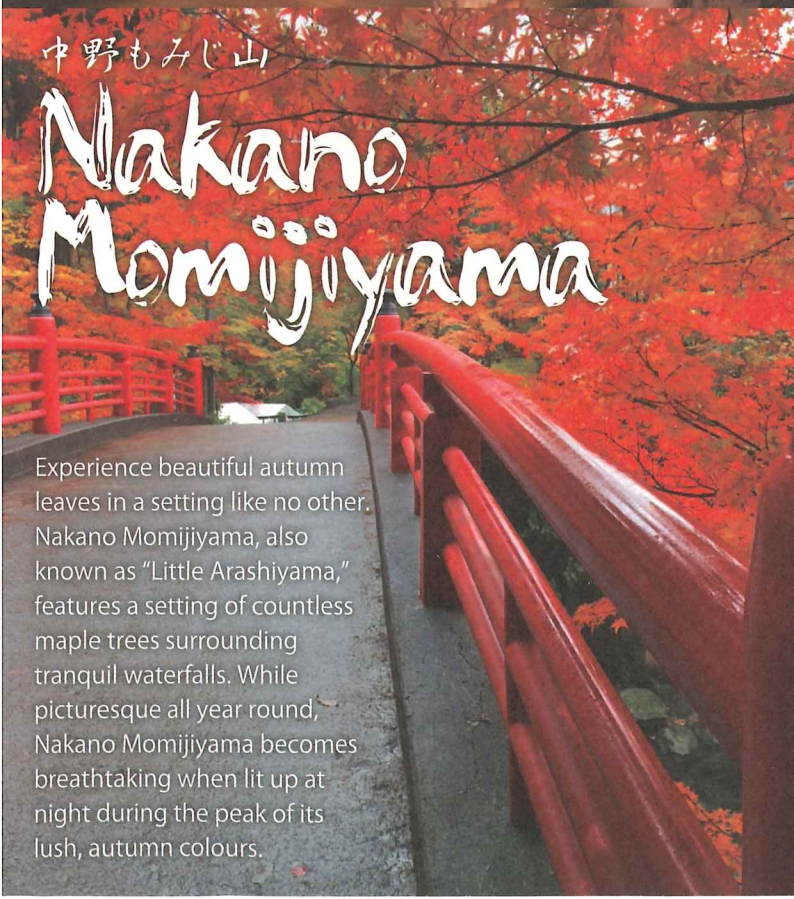
These days it involves countless people gathering in the streets of Kuroishi and doing flowing dances to the sounds of Shamisen (a traditional stringed Japanese instrument) and singing. You can get swept away in the fun yourself. When everyone starts dancing in a circle, it's possible for anyone to hop right in!



中野もみじ山

Nakano Momijiyama

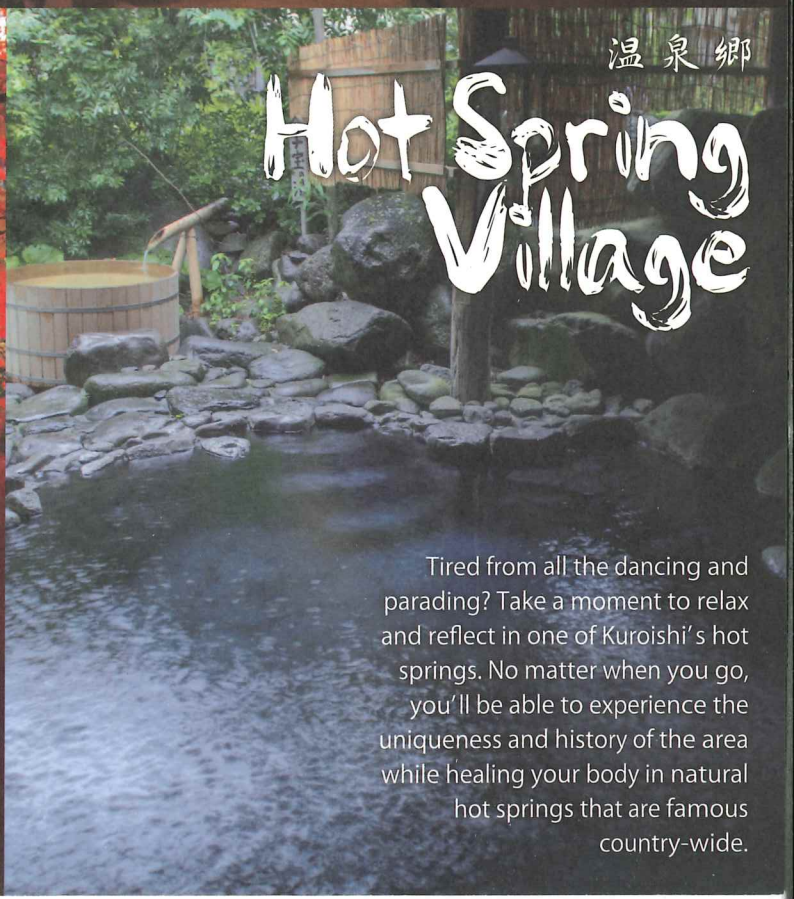
Experience beautiful autumn leaves in a setting like no other. Nakano Momijiyama, also known as "Little Arashiyama," features a setting of countless maple trees surrounding tranquil waterfalls. While picturesque all year round, Nakano Momijiyama becomes breathtaking when lit up at night during the peak of its lush, autumn colours.



温泉郷

Hot Spring Village

Tired from all the dancing and parading? Take a moment to relax and reflect in one of Kuroishi's hot springs. No matter when you go, you'll be able to experience the uniqueness and history of the area while healing your body in natural hot springs that are famous country-wide.



林檎

Apples

Due to its dramatic differences in day and night time temperature, Kuroishi produces some of the world's most incredibly sweet apples. There's even a chance for you to pick your own. Stop by, and treat yourself.

こけし Kokeshi

Kokeshi are traditional dolls that originate from the Tohoku region's hot springs from the Edo period. Tsugaru Style Kokeshi are unique to this region of Japan and are often decorated with motifs such as flowers, daruma, and other traditional Japanese styles of art. It's even possible to experience making one yourself. Experience unique culture and meld it with your own.

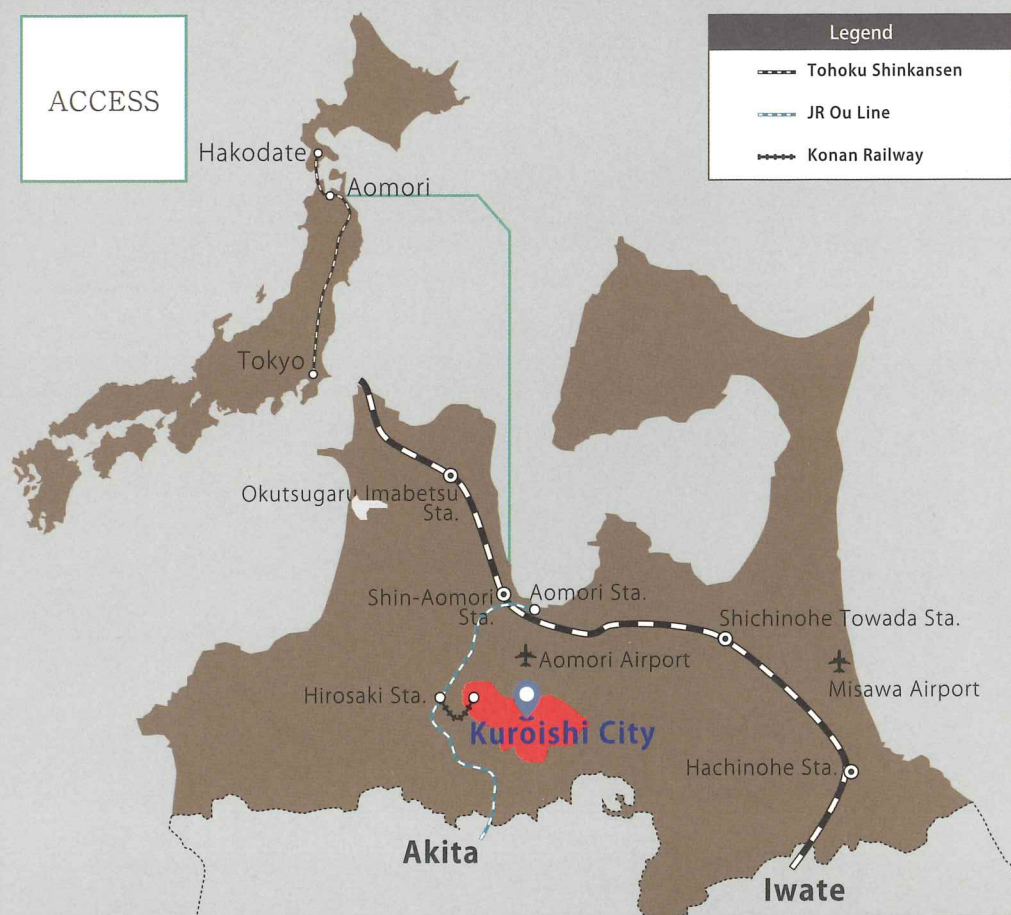


日本酒 Japanese Rice Wine

Kuroishi has breweries with countless years of history. This history, along with the blessing of the perfect natural resources for making rice wine means Kuroishi has some of the best "sake" Japan has to offer. Come and see the breweries, still standing after hundreds of years.



ACCESS



Legend

- Tohoku Shinkansen
- JR Ou Line
- Konan Railway

From Outside Aomori Prefecture

By Shinkansen

Tokyo Station	3h	Shin-Aomori Sta.
Sendai Station	1h 30 mins	
Shin-Hakodate Hokuto Sta.	1h 5 mins	

From Within Aomori

By Train

Shin-Aomori Station
JR Express Train Tsugaru 26 mins
Hirosaki Station
Konan Railway Konan Line 19 mins
Tsugaru Onoe Station
4 mins
Tanbo Art Station (Seasonal)
6 mins
Kuroishi Station

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