

# FASCINATING FUKUSHIMA

**JAPAN** Photos of Fukushima





# Spring

It is the season where trees sprout, and flowers blossom.  
Fukushima has many spots known for their flowers.  
In particular, the pink cherry blossoms  
blending into the scenery of each region  
bring the joy of spring to local people.

## 2 Hanamiyama (Fukushima City) MAP E-2

Located in an area centered around a community of farmers that grow flowering trees, this spot is famed for the plum, cherry blossom, flowering peach, purple magnolia, forsythia, and other flowers blossoming here. One of Japan's most famed photographers has praised it as a flowery paradise.

### Access

JR Fukushima Station ▶ Approx. 15 min by bus or taxi







### 3 Miharu Takizakura (Miharu Town) MAP E-3

An enormous cherry blossom tree, estimated at over 1,000 years of age, and held as one of Japan's three great cherry blossom trees. In bloom, its hanging branches resemble a great waterfall. Illuminated at night.

#### Access


JR Miharu Station ▶ Approx. 20 min by bus or taxi  



### 4 Kasumigajo Castle Park (Nihonmatsu City) MAP E-3

A nature-rich park around the ruins of a castle, with restored gates and stone walls. Roughly 2,500 cherry blossom trees bloom here in spring.


#### Access

JR Nihonmatsu Station ▶ Approx. 5 min by taxi 

### 5 Kannonji-gawa River (Inawashiro Town) MAP D-3

Cherry blossom trees are planted along both shores of the river for about 1km, allowing you to listen to the murmur of the river while walking under their boughs.

#### Access

JR Kawageta Station ▶ Approx. 1 min on foot 





**6 Nicchu Railway Line** MAP C-2  
**Weeping Cherry Blossom (Kitakata City)**

The Nicchu Railway Line, a train line abandoned in the 1980s, has been refurbished into a walkable path, with 1,000 weeping cherry blossoms trees blooming along its length of roughly 3km.

**Access**

JR Kitakata Station ▶ Approx. 5 min on foot

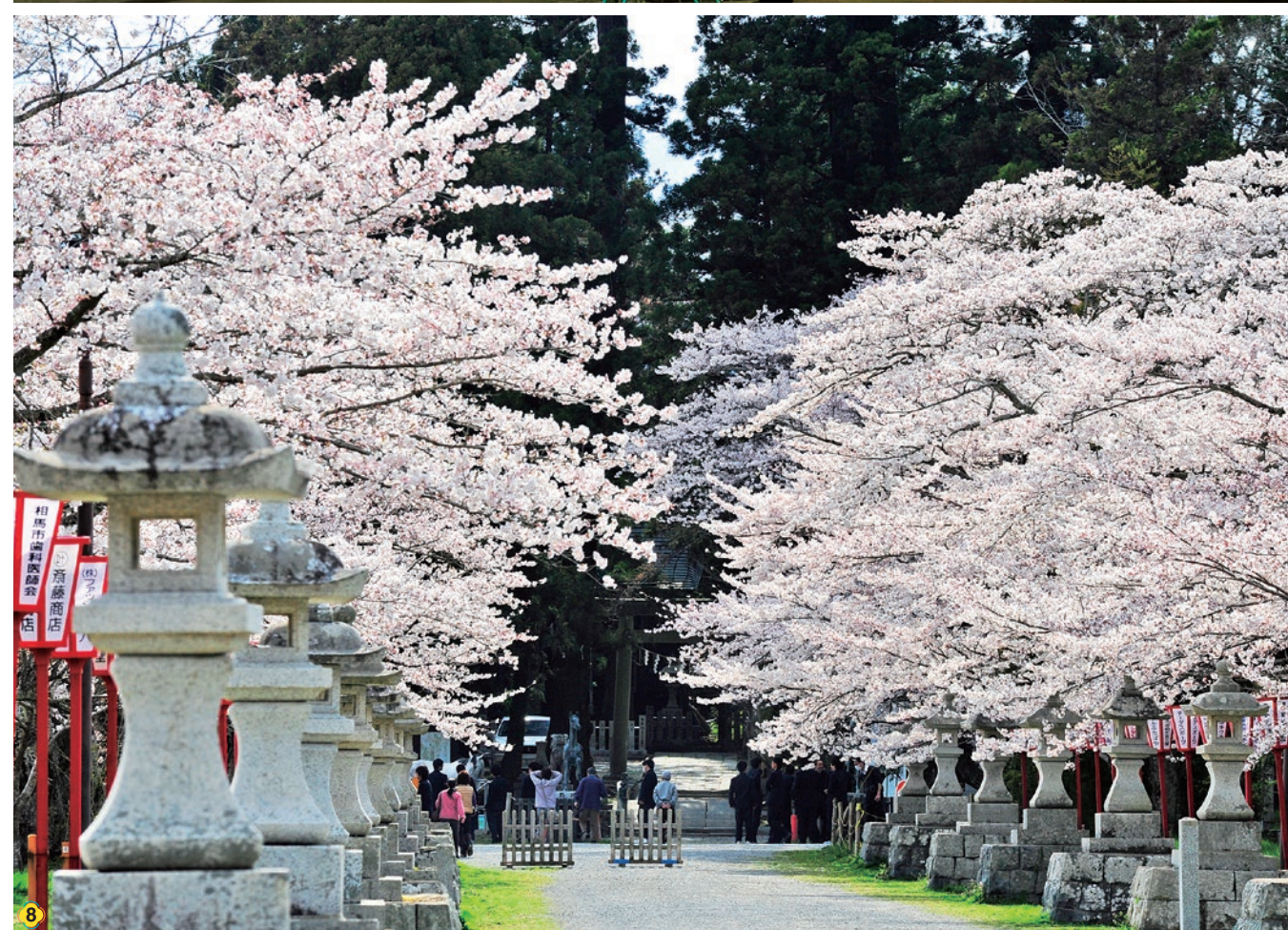


**7 Ogawasuwa Shrine**  
**(Iwaki City)** MAP G-5

Within the shrine grounds is a weeping cherry blossom tree said to be over 650 years old. Illuminated at night.

**Access**

JR Ogawago Station ▶ Approx. 20 min on foot



**8 Baryo Park (Soma City)** MAP G-2

A park based on restored ruins of a castle from somewhere around 17th to 19th century. Some 600 cherry blossoms trees bloom around the park and along the moat surrounding the castle.

**Access**

JR Soma Station ▶ Approx. 15 min on foot





# Summer

Summer brings beautiful greenery, and a feeling of freedom.  
People travel from all over to experience  
Fukushima's mountains, rivers and oceans,  
or to experience each region's traditional festivals.

## 9 Sannokura Plateau Sunflower Field (Kitakata City) MAP C-2

The slopes of the Sannokura Ski Resort become the Tohoku region's greatest sunflower field during summer. From the field, you can survey the incredible vista of the Aizu Basin.

### Access

JR Kitakata Station ▶ Approx. 30 min by Bus or Taxi



## 10 Hinoemata Kabuki Performance (Hinoemata Village) MAP A-5

This farming village is famous for its traditional theater, which has continued since the 18th century in the Edo period. The performance takes place on a historical thatched roof stage, with the villagers acting as both performers and backstage staff.

### Access

Aizu Railway  
Aizukogen-Ozeguchi Station ▶ Approx. 1 hour and  
10 min by bus



## 11 Fukuman Kokuzo Bosatsu Enzoji Temple (Yanaizu Town) MAP C-3

The Buddhist priest Tokuitsu opened this temple in the beginning of the 9th century. The Aizu region's speciality toy, 'Akabeko', is based on the legend of the red cow passed down in this temple.

### Access

JR Aizu-Yanaizu  
Station ▶ Approx. 10 min on foot



## 12 Fruit Picking MAP E-2

Fukushima grows many fruits, such as peaches, pears, and apples. The Anzai Orchard in Fukushima City, and other touristic orchards in the prefecture, let you experience picking various seasonal fruits.

### Access (to Anzai Orchard)

JR Niwasaka Station ▶ Approx. 15 min on foot





### 13 Soma Nomaai Festival

(Soma City, Minamisoma City etc.) MAP G-2

A traditional event where armored horseback warriors compete in 'kacchu keiba' (armored horseback racing), 'shinki sodatsu-sen' (competing to capture sacred flags thrown into the air), and more.

Access (to Hibarigahara Saijochi festival venue)

JR Haranomachi Station ▶ Approx. 10 min by bus or taxi



### 14 Mugenkyo

MAP B-3

(Mishima Town, Kaneyama Town)

The Tadami river, offering a fantastical vista with its shroud of mist, can be traversed by a scenic ferry ride.

Access (to Hayato ferry dock)

JR Hayato Station ▶ Approx. 3 min on foot



### 15 Aquamarine Fukushima (Iwaki City)

MAP G-6

Themed after the Pacific Ocean off Fukushima's coast, where hot and cold currents clash, this aquarium makes learning fun. The triangular tunnel lets you observe creatures swimming around in the enormous tank.

Access

JR Izumi Station ▶ Approx. 15 min by bus or taxi



### 16 Hattachi Coast (Iwaki City)

MAP G-5

The coast is known as a perfect spot to watch the sunrise. Near the shore, there is a mystical islet with a torii shrine gate, known as Bentsenjima, connected to the coast with a vermillion-painted bridge.

Access

JR Hisanohama Station ▶ Approx. 5 min by taxi



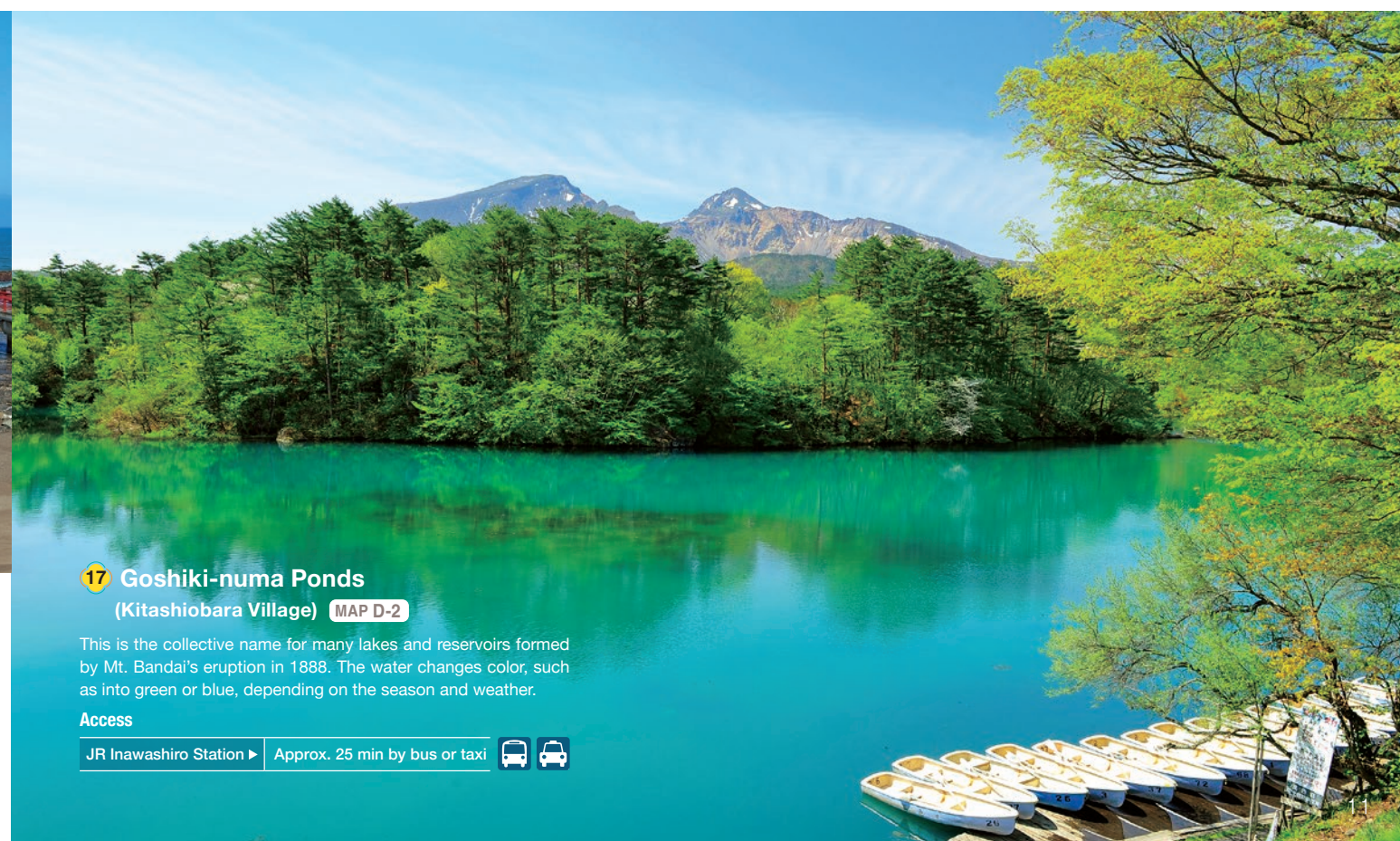
### 17 Goshiki-numa Ponds

(Kitashiobara Village) MAP D-2

This is the collective name for many lakes and reservoirs formed by Mt. Bandai's eruption in 1888. The water changes color, such as into green or blue, depending on the season and weather.

Access

JR Inawashiro Station ▶ Approx. 25 min by bus or taxi





# Fall

Fall is the season where the heat of summer abates,  
and the climate becomes pleasant.  
Enjoy the red and yellow-dyed leaves of the season,  
and visit spots that let you admire the beauty of nature,  
or get closer to history and culture.

## 18 Bandai-Azuma Skyline (Fukushima City) MAP D-2

A sightseeing road running along the Azuma mountain range, which has an average height of 1350m. Viewing spots are dotted along the road, and it is particularly known for its beautiful fall leaves.

### Access (to Jododaira)

JR Fukushima Station ▶ Approx. 1 hour by taxi



## 19 Shiramizu Amidado Temple (Iwaki City) MAP G-5

A Buddhist temple built in 1160, it is designated as a national treasure. Surrounded by a beautiful Japanese garden that includes lakes and bridges, in fall, it harmonizes with the colored leaves around it.

### Access

JR Uchigo Station ▶ Approx. 25 min by bus  
Approx. 10 min by taxi



## 20 Hanitsu Shrine (Inawashiro Town) MAP D-3

A shrine venerating Hoshina Masayuki, the feudal lord of the Aizu Domain in the 17th century. The grounds have been planted with many colorful Japanese maple trees.

### Access

JR Inawashiro Station ▶ Approx. 10 min by taxi







**21 Yamamoto Fudoson Temple**  
(Tanagura Town) **MAP E-6**

A Buddhist spiritual spot reached after climbing 130 stone steps. In fall, you can see beautiful colored leaves along the path.

**Access**

JR Chikatsu Station ▶ Approx. 10 min by taxi 



**22 Mt. Adataro (Nihonmatsu City)** **MAP E-2**

A 1,700m tall mountain popular with climbers. It's also known as a good spot for fall leaves, with a viewing spot 1,300m up, which can be reached by cable car.

**Access (to Okudake entry point)**


JR Nihonmatsu Station ▶ Approx. 50 min by bus   
Approx. 30 min by taxi 

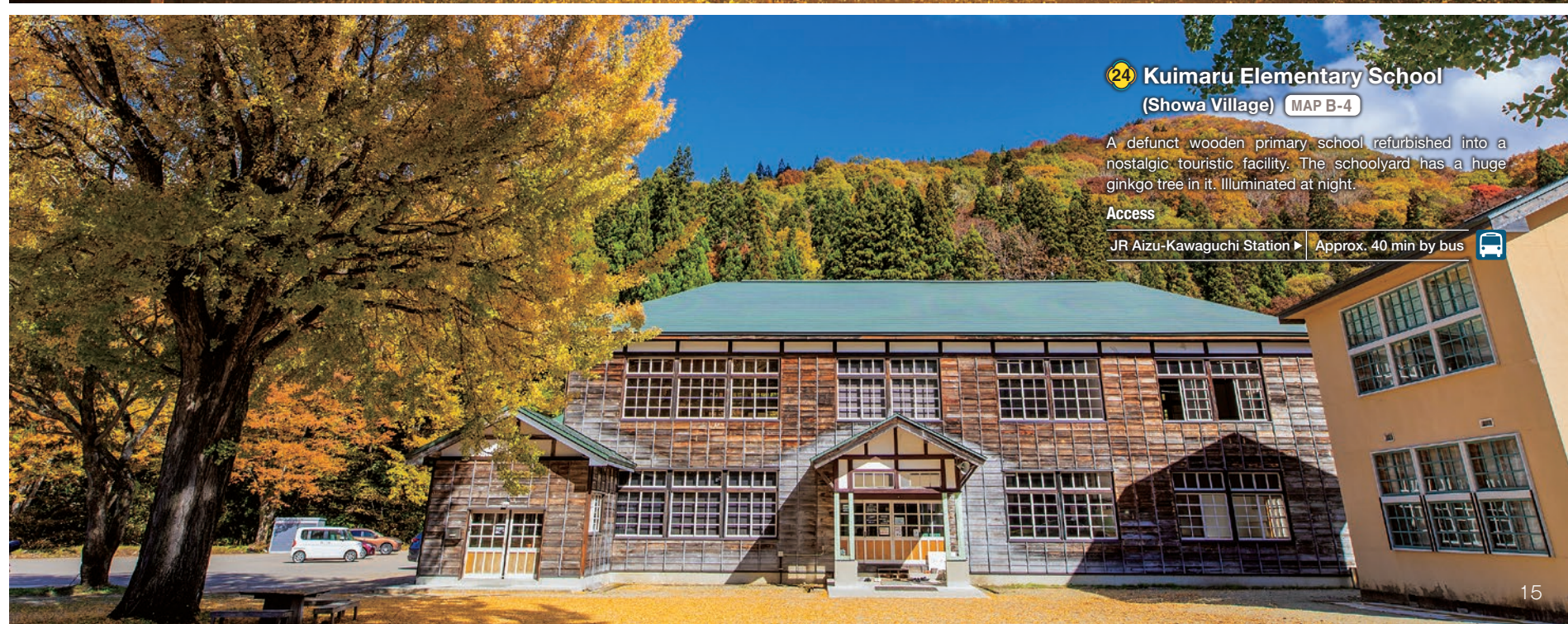


**23 Shingu Kumano Shrine Nagatoko**  
(Kitakata City) **MAP C-2**

'Nagatoko' is a worship hall held up by 44 pillars. In late fall, the great ginkgo tree before the shrine scatters its leaves, creating a scenery that looks as though the ground has been spread with yellow carpet. Illuminated at night.

**Access**

JR Kitakata Station ▶ Approx. 15 min by taxi 



**24 Kuimaru Elementary School**  
(Showa Village) **MAP B-4**

A defunct wooden primary school refurbished into a nostalgic touristic facility. The schoolyard has a huge ginkgo tree in it. Illuminated at night.

**Access**

JR Aizu-Kawaguchi Station ▶ Approx. 40 min by bus 



# Winter

Fukushima's winter is harsh but beautiful.  
The fantastical views coated in pure white snow  
will cleanse your heart from the sight alone.  
You can also enjoy winter sports here.

## 25 Tadami River Bridge No. 1 (Mishima Town) MAP B-3

The JR Tadami Line is a railway line going between many breathtaking vistas. The multiple railway bridges across the Tadami river are popular as well. The Tadami River Bridge No. 1 is especially popular, and there is even a viewing point next to the Michi-no-Eki Ozekaido Mishima-juku (Roadside Station).

### Access

JR Aizu-Miyashita Station ▶ Approx. 5 min by taxi





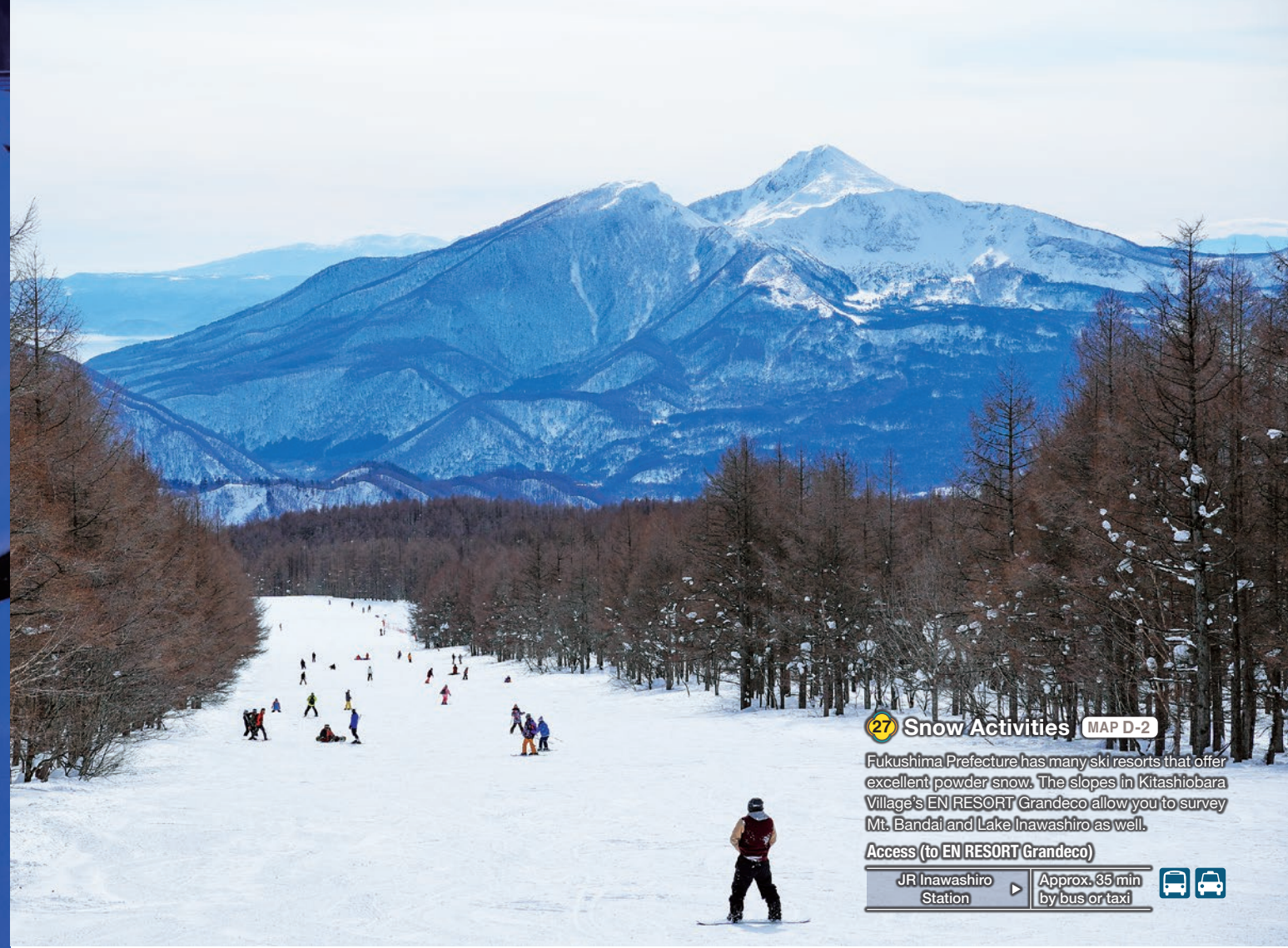


**26 Ouchi-juku (Shimogo Town)** MAP C-4

A place where a street lined with old Japanese-style inns of the 17th century from the Edo period still remain. Over 30 thatch-roofed eateries and souvenir shops line the street.

**Access**

Aizu Railway Yunokami Onsen Station	▶	Approx. 15 min by bus or taxi	 
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**27 Snow Activities** MAP D-2

Fukushima Prefecture has many ski resorts that offer excellent powder snow. The slopes in Kitashiobara Village's EN RESORT Grandeco allow you to survey Mt. Bandai and Lake Inawashiro as well.

**Access (to EN RESORT Grandeco)**

JR Inawashiro Station	▶	Approx. 35 min by bus or taxi	 
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**28 Lake Inawashiro (Inawashiro Town,  
Aizu-Wakamatsu City, Koriyama City)** MAP D-3

Japan's fourth largest lake. It has a beach where you can get a great view of the lake and the famed Mt. Bandai at once. Swans arrive here in winter.

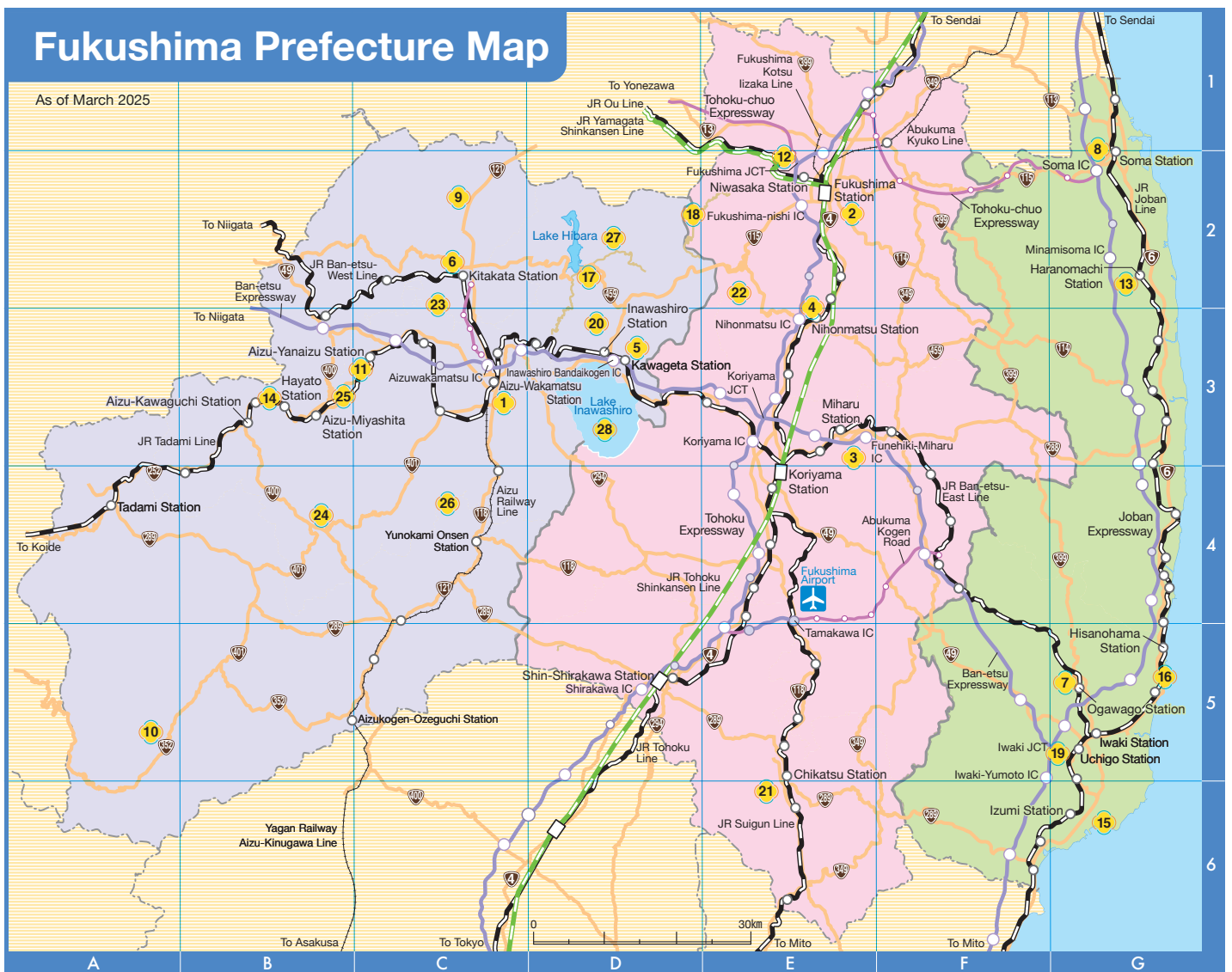
**Access**

JR Inawashiro Station	▶	Approx. 15 min by taxi	
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# Fukushima Prefecture Map

As of March 2025



The positions, scale on the map, and required times listed are estimations.

## Access to Fukushima Prefecture

### From Tokyo To Fukushima Pref. (Fukushima Station)

Approx.  
**90 min**  
by shinkansen!

#### Airplane

Sydney, Australia	Approx. 10 hours	Tokyo
Los Angeles, USA	Approx. 11 hours	
London, UK	Approx. 11 hours	

#### Railway

Sendai	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line	Approx. 20 min	Fukushima
Tokyo	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line	Approx. 1.5 hours	

#### Expressway

Sendai	Tohoku Expressway	Approx. 1 hour	Fukushima
Tokyo	Tohoku Expressway	Approx. 3 hours	

### Visit Fukushima



### Fukushima Travel



## Railway Map

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