

TOHOKU SUMMER FESTIVALS: LANTERNS AND LEGENDS

TRADITION AND CELEBRATION IN AOMORI, AKITA, & IWATE

JULY 29 - AUGUST 04, 2025

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Hachinohe Sansha Taisai Festival



Aomori Nebuta Festival



Hanawa Bayashi Festival

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Immerse yourself in the vibrant spirit of Japan's summer, exploring breathtaking landscapes, historic towns, and rare cultural experiences. The Tohoku Summer Festivals: Lanterns and Legends Tour invites you on a journey through Japan's northern treasures—from illuminated festival floats and lantern-making workshops to serene streams and enchanting caves. Discover the heart of Tohoku through its world-famous festivals, local traditions, and unspoiled natural beauty.

TOUR INCLUDES:



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Cultural Activities



20 Meals

THE EXPERIENCE:



Oirase Keiryu Stream - Aomori



Wanko Soba Lunch

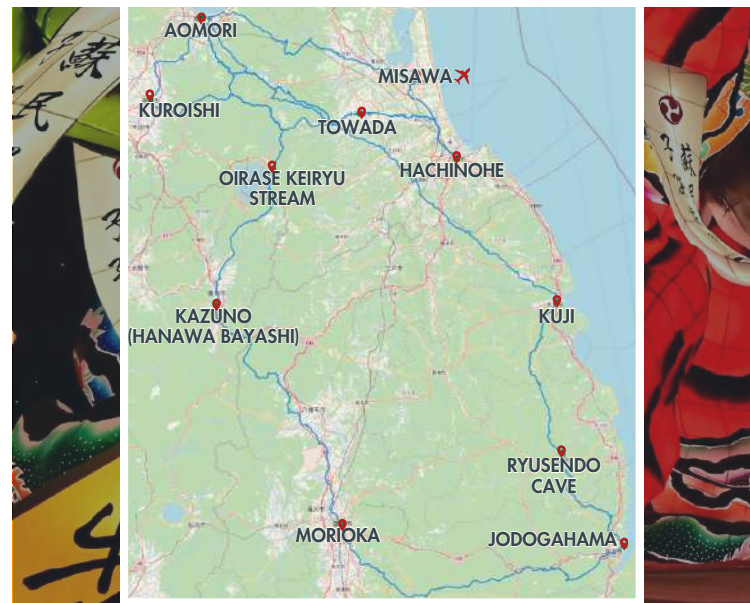


Kiritanpo (rice skewers) making



Ryusendo Cave - Iwate

TOUR MAP:



ITINERARY OVERVIEW:

Day 1 Arrival flight & Aomori Highlights

Join the main group in Misawa (arrival flight, 29 Jul, 11:50). Visit the **Nebuta Museum "Wa Rasse"**, where intricate, illuminated floats bring the spirit of Japan's famous festivals to life. Shop for local delicacies and souvenirs at **A-Factory** before enjoying a hearty dinner at a local restaurant. Unwind in the evening, reflecting on your first full day in Tohoku.

Day 2 Kuji & Ryusendo Exploration

Venture to Kuji City, where the **Amber Center** showcases the art of ancient craftsmanship. After lunch, marvel at the natural beauty of **Ryusendo Caves**, filled with crystal-clear waters and dramatic limestone formations. Experience the tranquility of Tohoku's natural landscapes as you transfer to your next hotel for a relaxing evening.

Day 3 Morioka Adventures

Cruise the serene waters of **Miyako Bay** aboard the *Umineko Maru*, soaking in breathtaking coastal views. Savor a unique dining experience with Morioka's famous **Wanko Soba**, a fun and interactive meal where you see how many bowls of soba you can finish. In the afternoon, enjoy a sake tasting at a local brewery and learn about the meticulous craft behind Japan's beloved rice wine. End the day with a delicious dinner and restful night in Morioka.

Day 4 Akita Festivals & Oirase

Immerse yourself in the traditions of Akita with a hands-on **Kiritanpo-making class**, learning to create this comforting regional dish. Feel the energy of the **Hanawabayashi Festival** as you experience its lively music, dance, and festival games firsthand. In the afternoon, take a tranquil stroll along the lush Oirase Stream, one of Japan's most beautiful river valleys, before heading back to Aomori for dinner.

Day 5 Nebuta Lanterns & Hachinohe

Dive into the creative world of Nebuta lantern-making in Kuroishi City, where you'll craft your own piece of festival art. Stroll down the historic Komise-dori Street, a charming area lined with traditional buildings and local shops. In the evening, immerse yourself in the dynamic **Hachinohe Sansha Taisai**, where illuminated floats, vibrant costumes, and festive music bring the night to life.

Day 6 Towada & Nebuta Festival

Spend the morning in Towada, where you'll learn the traditional craft of recycled weaving, an art form rooted in sustainability and creativity. After lunch, join the excitement of the **Aomori Nebuta Festival**, a highlight of the tour. Watch as spectacular illuminated floats parade through the streets, accompanied by traditional music and energetic dancers. Enjoy a bento dinner in the festival bleachers for the best view of the action.

Day 7 Farewell & Return

Celebrate the journey with a sake brewery visit and a farewell lunch, cherishing the memories made. Bid Japan farewell as you board your flight back to Singapore, carrying the spirit of Tohoku's festivals with you. Main group's departure flight (4 Aug, 16:50).

