



Heartland of onsens



# Tendo

Checkmate for your trip





# No.1 producer of shogi (Japanese chess) pieces

## Home of shogi pieces

The origin of shogi piece production dates back to the end of the Edo period, the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. At that time, the Tendo-Oda clan suffered financially, as did their retainers. Daihachi Yoshida, the chief retainer, promoted shogi piece making to retainers so that they could make a living without losing their dignity as samurai since shogi is grounded in similar battle tactics.



## Tendo City Shogi Museum

Various shogi pieces, wrought by veteran shogi craftsmen, are on display. You can also see chaturanga pieces, the roots of shogi, and a wide variety of shogi and chess pieces from around the world.



## Hidariuma

*Hidariuma* is a lucky charm believed to bring good fortune because the shape of the lower part of the 'horse' character 馬 resembles a full purse. There is a belief that this charm will protect the owner's fortune from bad luck.



## Human Shogi

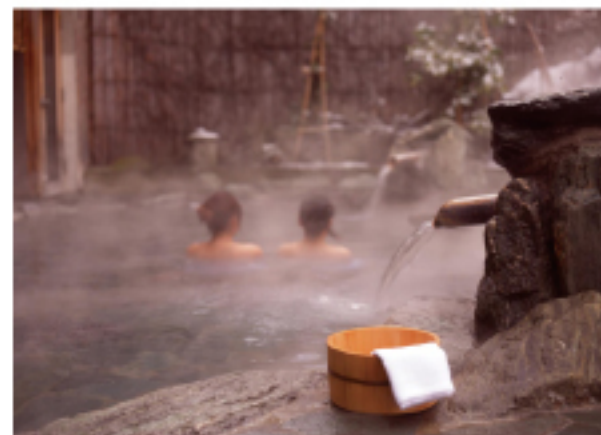
During the Cherry Blossom festival, surrounded by about 2000 cherry trees in full bloom, human shogi is held in Mt. Maizuru Park. Humans clad in *kacchu*, Japanese traditional armor, and kimonos move *koma*, the pieces, in a shogi game.



# Warms up your soul and body

## Healthy walking: "Kurort Path"

Modeled after German 'Kurort' walking routes, geared to improve one's health. Walking through forests with gentle ups and downs brings not only pleasure but also improvement to your health, as well as preventing lifestyle diseases. Soaking in an onsen and refreshing yourself after walking is the best way to finish off your exercise.



## Tendo Onsen

Located in the middle of Yamagata Prefecture, Tendo Onsen has developed as a base for tourists and has the geographical advantage of easy access to both air and rail for those travelling around Yamagata. From traditional Japanese style inns to western style modern hotels, Tendo boasts a variety of choices. You can enjoy strolling around the footbaths at three locations as well as the tourist spots in town.



## Tendo-Mogami River Yupia Onsen

Surrounded by the Mogami river and beautiful nature, this open-air bath (known as a *rotenburo*) is one of the largest in northern Japan.



## Warm hospitality Tendo Onsen Hot Springs & Resorts

### 1 Tendo Hotel



3-1-3 Kamata  
Honcho, Tendo City  
☎023-  
654-5511

### 2 Takinoyu Hotel



1-5-30 Kamata  
Honcho, Tendo City  
☎023-  
654-2211

### 3 Maizuruso



2-4-51 Kamata  
Honcho, Tendo City  
☎023-  
653-3111

### 4 Hotel Osho



1-1-14 Kamata  
Honcho, Tendo City  
☎023-  
653-3155

### 5 Yubo Ichiraku



2-2-21 Kamata  
Honcho, Tendo City  
☎023-  
654-3311

### 6 Sakaeya Hotel



2-3-16 Kamata  
Tendo City  
☎023-  
653-3151

### 7 Azumaso



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Tendo City  
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### 8 Kagetsuro



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Tendo City  
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### 9 Tsuruya



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### 10 Matsu no Yu



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### 11 Tendoso



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# Bounty of nature, juicy fruits



**Cherries**  
Early June – mid July

Ruby red and shiny cherries are full of flavor! That's our Tendo pride.



**Apples**  
Early September – late November

When the north wind starts to blow, the apples turn red and sweet.



**La France Pears**  
Mid November – mid December

La France pears are known as the queen of fruits in Japan because of their mellow and aromatic flavor. Tendo is the largest producer of La France pears in Japan.



**Grapes**  
Mid August – mid October

Juicy grapes are filled with flavor. The finest varieties of grapes, such as shine muscat, are cultivated.



**Peaches**  
Mid July – late August

Beautiful peaches are juicy and tasty!

## November Tendo La France Marathon



At aid stations fresh La France pears are waiting for you. You can eat as much pears as you like after crossing the finishing line!!

# Homeland of the Oda clan

## History of the Tendo-Oda clan

The origin of the Tendo-Oda family was Nobukatsu, second son of Oda Nobunaga, feudal lord of the Warring States period in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. When Nobunaga and his oldest son died at the Honno Temple in Kyoto in 1582, the direct blood line of the Oda family passed to Nobukatsu. The Oda clan was moved to Takahata in Yamagata Prefecture, then later to Tendo where the Tendo-Oda clan was established.

During the Meiji Restoration, the Tendo-Oda clan was allowed to enshrine Oda Nobunaga as a Takeisao deity, the progenitor of the Oda clan. The first Takeisao Shrine was erected at Mt. Maizuru in 1870.



Oda Nobunaga



## Tendo Flea Market "Rakuichi-rakuza"

"Rakuichi-rakuza" were public markets and open guilds started by Oda Nobunaga in the 16th century. This modern day version is held on Ekimae-dori, the main street, where the road is closed to vehicles.



## The family temple of the Tendo-Oda clan Sanbo Temple

Sanbo Temple is the family temple of the Tendo-Oda clan. A portrait of Oda Nobunaga in the sacred hall is believed to be the closest resemblance of him.

## Takeisao Shrine

Here time passes gently and peacefully in contrast to the bustle of tourists in the onsen resort area.



# Festivals and Events

## February & March Tendo hina doll display

Elaborate antique hina dolls that have been passed down through generations among old families. On display are kokinbina dolls, yusokubina dolls and kyohobina dolls.



## April Tendo Sakura (Cherry Blossom) Festival Human Shogi & Weeping Cherry Blossom Festival

During the day, human shogi is held at Mt. Maizuru Park, famous for its cherry-blossoms. In the evening, you can enjoy the weeping cherry blossoms along the Kuratsu river. The cherry trees are lit up along 720m and create a fantastic atmosphere. A number of events are held during the festival.



## July Oku no Hosomichi

Tendo safflowers appear in *Oku no Hosomichi* (The Narrow Road to the Deep North) written by Haiku master Basho. During the festival, safflowers are in full bloom.

## Tendo Safflower Festival



Safflowers in Tendo are pretty, tasty and good for dyeing.



## August Tendo Summer Festival

Tendo Summer Festival is held at the onsen resort. Its highlights are the Hanagasa dance (flower hat dance) parade, Tendo Hanakoma Dance, the shogi portable shrine parade!



## December Heisei Nabe-Gassen (battle of the hot-pot)

This peaceful and tasty battle offers not only Yamagata and Tohoku region hot-pot dishes, but also overseas ones for you to enjoy.





# History & Sightseeing

## Tendo Highlands

Come and enjoy our wonderful nature throughout the year!

Great hiking and camping in summer, great skiing in winter! Great outdoor activities all year round.



## Roadside station Tendo Onsen

The tourist information center provides information on everything you want to know about Tendo. The adjoining Sun Pure farmers market offers locally grown fresh fruit and vegetables in season.



## Waku-waku Land

The water fountain area and a large play area are popular places to spend the day.



## Jakusho Temple

Jakusho Temple is famous for its matchmaking deity, Kannon. Parts of the temple are designated as national important cultural assets and definitely worth a visit.



Power spot for matchmaking



## Tendo Park (Mt. Maizuru)

Mt. Maizuru is situated in the center of Tendo City and beloved as a symbol of the city. You can enjoy the panoramic view of Mt. Gassan, the Asahi mountain range, the Mogami River and more from the viewing area on top of the mountain.



## Atagonuma Water Park

Many people come here every day to take a walk as well as for cherry-blossom viewing in spring.

# Must visit! You don't want to miss out! Museums

## Old Higashi-Murayama County Office Museum

The building has been designated as an important cultural asset as an old western style building built in the 19th century.



## Nishinumata Site Park

A reconstruction of a farming settlement in the late Kofun period (6th -7th century AD)

Ancient dwellings and storage houses for crops have been reconstructed. The information building offers various hands-on experiences such as *magafama* stone bead making, ancient pottery making and ancient firemaking.



Nishinumata Site



## Hiroshige Museum of Art

This museum is devoted solely to the works of Utagawa Hiroshige (1797-1858), an ukiyoe artist whose most famous series of woodblock prints is of the "53 stations of the Tokaido"



## Dewazakura Museum of Art Foundation

The main exhibits here are ceramics and craftwork from the Joseon Dynasty of Korea (the last dynasty of Korea). Also on display is art related to cherry blossoms and sake vessels. The museum holds thousands of artworks.



## Tendo City Museum of Art

This museum exhibits art and culture with a connection to Tendo. There is a public library and civic hall nearby.



## Special Products Crafts & Specialties

### Wine

Good wine is found in Tendo where fruit is of the highest quality!



### Sake

Tendo is blessed with high quality rice and pure water, essential for good saké production. Enjoy our local brew!



### Wood Crafts

Tendo wood crafts are internationally renowned for their functionality and design.



### Tendo Beef

Tendo beef is renowned in Japan as 'black beef'. Its juicy flavor and rich taste will linger on your palate.



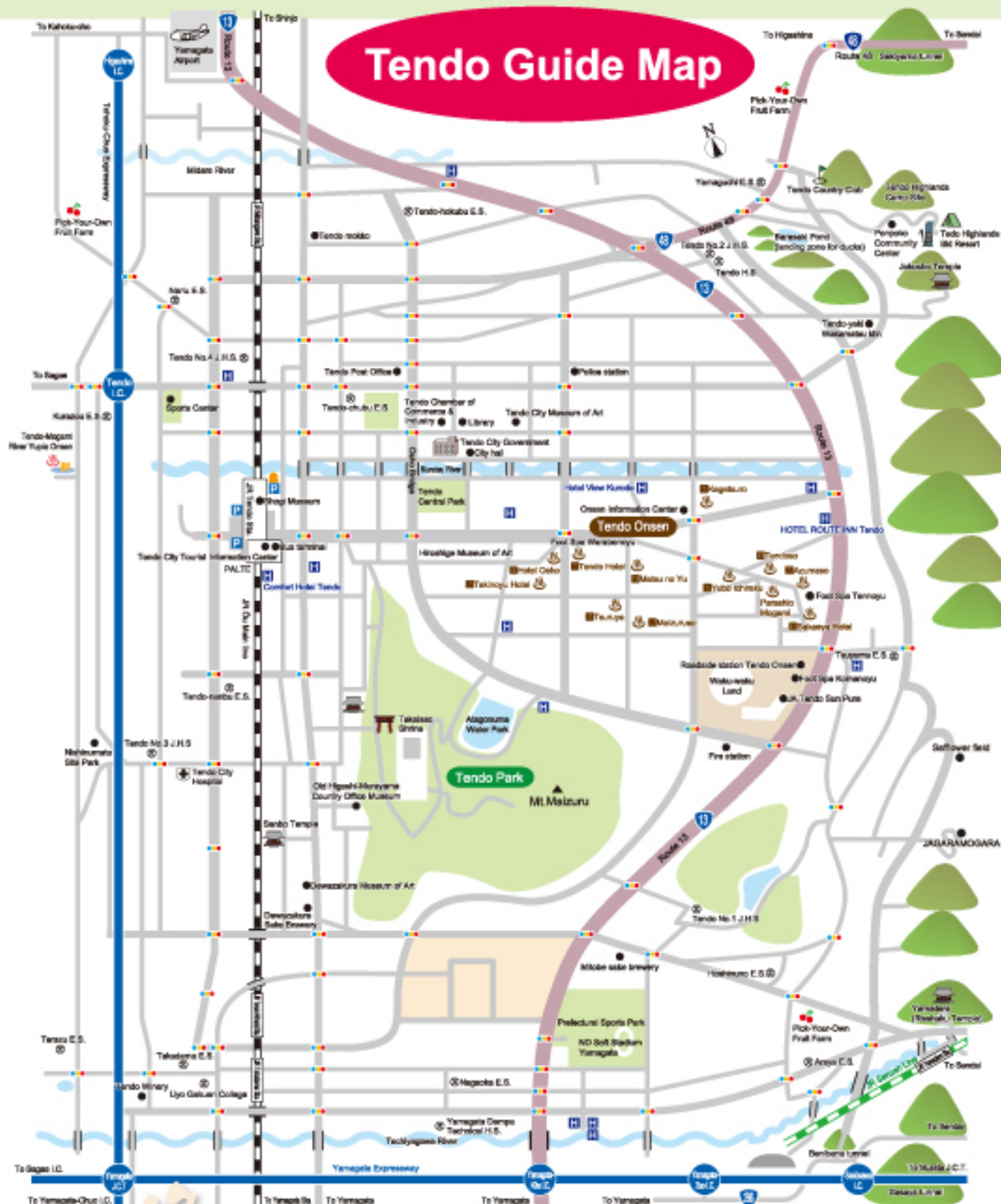
### Soba Buckwheat Noodles

Tendo is perfectly suited for growing buckwheat. Tendo soba was presented to the Shogun during the late Edo era (19th century). Tendo is famous for quality soba buckwheat noodles.





# Tendo Guide Map



## Access Guide to Tendo

	By car	Tokyo 870km	Murata J.C.T. 4hr	Yamagata Expressway 30min	Yamagata-Kita I.C. 10min	Tendo
	By train	Tokyo	Yamagata Shinkansen	Isabel 2hr 40 min	Tendo	
	By plane	Tokyo (Haneda) Airport	Japan Airlines	Yamagata Airport		
		Osaka (Itami) Airport	Japan Airlines	Yamagata Airport		
		Nagoya (Komaki) Airport	Fuji Dream Airlines	Yamagata Airport		
				60min		
				* 10min by car from Yamagata Airport to Tendo Station		

## City Hotels

Hotel View Kuroda	023-654-1515
Hotel Route Inn Tendo	023-656-9511
Comfort Hotel Tendo	023-658-9211

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