

There are plenty of delicious restaurants and stylish cafes.

Gourmet Akiu

Akiu has lots of great soba restaurants.

SOBA

Packed full of protein, vitamins and minerals, soba buckwheat noodles, is a tasty dish to try. It's also said that eating the noodles is good for your skin.

The buckwheat is milled from seeds and ground on a millstone every morning for the day's use. Feel the aroma and sweetness of SOBA.

Nidaimo Tamakian 二代目たまき庵 [map A10](#)

TEL: 022-399-2120 Open Hours: 11:00am - 3:00pm.
Sat. Sun. national holidays 10:30am - 3:30pm Closed: Thu. and have other irregular holidays.
Near the "Akiu Otaki" bus stop Recommended dish: Zaru Soba (Cold soba noodles with dipping sauce) 825 yen



This restaurant offers authentic Japanese style Western cuisine, which is rare in the Akiu area, and its hamburger and Neapolitan are very popular.

Restaurant HACHI Akiu Onsen Branch
レストラン HACHI 秋保温泉店 [map B11](#)

TEL: 022-397-1548 Open Hours: 10:00am - 5:00pm (L.O. 4:30pm)
Closed: December 31st and January 1st. Near the "Akiu Sato Center" bus stop
Recommended dish: Otonasansu Plate 2,750 yen



"Where the good old meets the new taste."
A 160-year-old house in Akiu, serving beverages and food made with fresh Tohoku ingredients.

Akiusha アキウ舎 [map B12](#)

TEL: 022-724-7767 Open Hours: 11:00am - 5:00pm (Food/L.O. 14:30, Cafe/L.O. 16:00)
Closed: Tue About 5 min. walk from "Rairakyohriguchi" bus stop
Recommended dish: Akiusaiseki Chocoolat 850 yen



Their Margherita pizza's homemade crust is made with domestically produced wheat and natural yeast. This dish is a must try.

Oven in the forest Dottore [map B13](#)
森のオーブンドットレ

TEL: 022-797-5681 Open Hours: 11:00am - 5:00pm (L.O. 4:00pm)
Closed: Wed. Near the "Akiu Onsen Yumoto" bus stop
Recommended dish: Margherita (with a drink) 1,400 yen



Akiu's specialty, Ohagi, has been made for more than 30 years.

OHAGI

Ohagi is mochi (sticky rice cake) with anko (sweet red bean paste) on the outside and has a sticky and soft texture.

Akiu Ohagi is incredibly popular and is handmade at the shop every morning, selling about 5,000 pieces a day.

Supermarket Saichi 主婦の店さいち [map B14](#)

TEL: 022-398-2101 Open hours: 9:00am - 7:00pm
Closed: Every 2nd and 4th Wed. of the month (open if the day falls on a national holiday)
Near the "Akiu Onsen Yumoto" bus stop
Recommended dish: Ohagi (2 pieces) 350 yen



When visiting Akiu Otaki Falls, this facility can be good for a short break. (There is a free rest facility.) Inside the rest house there is also an Italian restaurant that uses local vegetables in their pasta and pizza, and even makes their sauce from scratch.

Otaki Rest House (Italian Kitchen EM)
大滝れすとはうす(イタリアンキッチンエム) [map A15](#)

TEL: 022-399-2214 Open hours: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Closed: Fri and in bad weather Near the "Akiu Otaki" bus stop
Recommended dish: One plate special lunch Special beef curry 1,650 yen



You can taste the rich and sweet soy beans in the Tofu made using Akiu's clear water and Miyagi's Miyagishirome soybeans. Iwate's Abotama soybeans, and Hokkaido Black beans.

Ota Tofu Shop 太田とうふ店 [map A16](#)

TEL: 022-399-2707 Open Hours: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Closed: Tue, Wed. Near the "Kazawa" bus stop
Recommended dish: Bamboo Tofu 864yen



Enjoy popular hamburgers and hotdogs with glasswares. Take home hamburger picks.

Ceder Gallery and Cafe [map A17](#)
CAFE de シーダーギャラリー

TEL: 022-399-5728 Open Hours: 11:00am - 5:00pm
(from December to February: 11:00~16:00) No scheduled holidays
Near the "Maruyama" bus stop
Recommended dish: Akiu Hamburger lunch set handmade buns 1,800 yen



Here you can sip freshly brewed beer and enjoy original cuisine that combines Tohoku Miyagi ingredients with the culture of Wisconsin, U.S.A.

GREAT DANE BREWING [map A18](#)
グレートデーブリーイング

TEL: 022-397-7259 Open Hours: 11:00am - 9:00pm (L.O. 8:30pm) (Shop opens from 10:30am)
No scheduled holidays
Near the "Grand hotel Mae" Takeya Kotsu bus stop, "Biwahaha" Miyagi Kotsu bus stop
Recommended menu: Akiu onsen beer Yuagari pilsner



We're very proud of Togakushi Soba which we mastered in Nagano Prefecture, and our Gallette is made the authentic French way.

SOBA to GALETTE Azumino [map B19](#)
SOBA to GALETTE あずみの

TEL: 022-398-6253 Open Hours: 11:00am - 3:30pm.
Sat. Sun. national holidays 11:00am - 5:00pm (L.O. 4:00pm)
Closed: Tue, 1st and 3rd Wed (Closed the next day if it falls on a national holiday)
Near the "Nozokibashi" bus stop Recommended dish: Gallette from 1,200 yen

● This information was current as of October 2024. There may be changes in information over time.
● Listed prices all include tax. ● Shops may be open throughout the year but may close for the New Year Holidays.



HOW TO ENJOY AKIU 秋保

I want to try making Japanese traditional crafts! This would be a cool souvenir made by yourself.

I want to add something to my SNS about Akiu! Please tell me where is the best spot to shoot photos?



Get to know Akiu Onsen (Hot Springs)

The Origin of Akiu Hot Springs (Folk Tale)

A long, long time ago, a beautiful little girl rode into town on a cow that was loaded with heavy sacks of salt. The townspeople, captivated by her elegance, watched as she rode the cow into the marshes. Steam erupted from the earth and the girl and cow both sunk into the ground and hot water bubbled out. It is traditionally said that this is the origin of Akiu Hot Springs and the girl must have been a manifestation of a Goddess of Hot Springs. This area became famous as a therapeutic hot spring with high salinity and many people have come to bathe here from all over Japan.



Gourmet Akiu

You can enjoy Japanese style full course meals at ryokan, Japanese style hotels. Dishes are vivid and beautiful and you can taste authentic Japanese cuisine. For lunch, new and traditional restaurants compete with each other to make delicious foods such as soba noodles or Italian dishes. Special attention is paid to all of the ingredients that are put into the varied cuisine. You also must try Akiu sweets. Ohagi, even when bought from the supermarket, flies off the shelf and is bought by tourists and locals alike. Baked goods such as Karinto and other sweets are popular to eat in store or to take home.



Spending the Day in Akiu

Akiu Onsen Village is lined with many hot spring hotels and is surrounded by beautiful nature despite being only 30 minutes away by car from the bustling city center of Sendai. There are lovely walking paths along the river which can give you the feeling of hiking. If the weather is good, taking a small trip inside the village is a great way to see more sights. From the Traditional Craft Village where resident craftsmen make gorgeous works for you to admire on your own or make, to a cafe where you can enjoy tea or coffee as you chat with other visitors. Akiu has a relaxing atmosphere that will reveal itself to you as you spend time there.

You can enjoy this lovely hot spring village and change the pace from frenetic city life.

How to use the hot springs



Clean yourself by washing your whole body before getting into the baths.

It is recommended to bathe only half of your body rather than your whole body. Putting towels in the bath is prohibited.

Whenever wearing Yukata, the left side always goes over the right side.

Useful websites

Sendai Tourism Website
<http://www.sentabi.jp/>



It introduces Sendai attractions, dining, recommended courses and access in English, Chinese, Korean and Thai.

Akiu Sato Center Website
<http://akiusato.jp/en>



Delivering Akiu's hot spots, events, history and seasonal information.

Tips in Japan

- Take off your shoes in your hotel room or when entering someone's home.
- Tipping is not required in Japan. Japan doesn't have the custom of tipping. You don't need to tip at hotels, restaurants, for taxis or for anything else.
- Bus fare is paid when getting off the bus. (Please prepare coins for paying your fare) The system for Miyagi prefecture has you collect a boarding ticket when you get on and then pay the fare using the boarding ticket when you get off.

Make your own Akiu souvenirs



Glass Factory Gen ガラス工房元 [map B2](#)
Glass blowing workshop
You can make glasses, plates and little bowls at the glass blowing workshop.
Glass blowing workshop Fee: 4,400 yen
Time required: 30 min.
Advance reservation is required.
*Pick up is from the following day or shipped to you
TEL: 022-398-4123 Open hours: 10:00am - 5:00pm
Closed: Tue. Near the "Nozoki-bashi" bus stop

Workshops

Sendai Kaleidoscopes Art Museum 仙台万華鏡美術館 [map B1](#)
Kaleidoscope workshop
Anyone can enjoy making a kaleidoscope. It's easy and fun. **Kaleidoscope decorating workshop** 4,240 yen/PP
Time required: Approx. 30 min. (off for summer season)
Easy kaleidoscope workshop 1,300 yen/PP
Time required: 10 min.
No entry fee required for only joining workshop experience)
No reservations required.
TEL: 022-304-8080 Open hours: 9:30am - 5:00pm
(Last admission 4:30pm)
Entry fee:
Adults: Uni. Student 900 yen
Elementary, Junior, High school students, Seniors over 70 years old 450 yen
Near the "Matsuba" bus stop

Akiu Traditional Craft Village

Open hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm No scheduled holidays
20 min. walk from "Akiu Onsen Yumoto" bus stop
In Akiu Traditional Craft Village each artisan sets up their own workshops. You have a variety of workshop experiences to enjoy such as painting Kokeshi Dolls.
Akiu Traditional Craft Village Workshop Activities List
① Gangu-an Kokeshi Dolls Shop Kokeshi painting workshop
TEL: 022-398-2673 Fee: 1,500 yen
Time required: 30 min. to 1 hour. Booking is required.
② Sato Kokeshi Dolls Shop Kokeshi painting workshop
TEL: 022-398-2627 Fee: 1,500 yen
Time required: More than an hour. Booking is required.
③ Hirano Craft Shop Jigsaw woodwork workshop (Sunday only)
TEL: 022-398-2958 Fee: 1,000 yen to 1,500 yen
Time required: 1-2 hours. Booking is required.
④ Wagatsuma Kokeshi Workshop for painting Kokeshi and more
TEL: 022-398-2327 Fee: 1,000 yen
Time required: 10 to 30 min. Booking is not required.

Akiu Souvenirs

Yume-no-Mori Miso Karinto [map B4](#)
ゆめの森 みそかりんとう
340 yen/bag
These crunchy treats are made with Sendai Miso.
Sold at Akiu Village AGURIE NO MORI [map A](#), New Mitoya, [map B9](#), Ryokusuteli, [map B9](#), Ki-no-le [map B](#) and the Kaleidoscopes Art Museum Shops, [map B9](#), etc.



Akiu Winery 秋保ワイナリー
AKIU MERLOT
5,610 yen a bottle
Made with 100% Akiu grapes.



Kumanodo 熊野瀧 Lacquerware [map B5](#)
Lacqueredware crafted by Sendai Tansu experts are available for sale.
Okigari Koboshi Tumbler from 6,200yen/each Wine cup 18,000 yen/each
Beer cup 8,800 yen/each Zodiac symbol chopstick rest 1,380 yen/each
A pair of chopsticks from 1,680 yen/each
TEL: 022-398-2661 (Located inside of Akiu Traditional Craft Village)
Open hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm No scheduled holidays
20 min. walk from "Akiu Onsen Yumoto" bus stop
or get off at "Akiu Traditional Craft Village" (Takeya Kotsu)
Reservation required depending on the season



Glass Studio Sho [map A8](#)
ガラス工房 尚
Glassware
Plates from 4,000 yen/each
This studio creates works of art such as tableware, vases, tea sets and more.
TEL: 022-399-5728
Open hours: 10:00am - 5:00pm
Closed: Tue. (Excluding national holidays)
Near the "Maruyama" bus stop



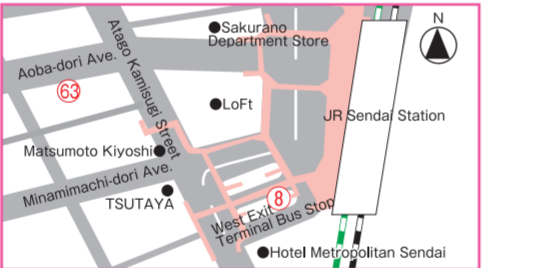
Ishigamigama 石神家 Pottery [map A6](#)
Coffee cup 2,300 yen/ piece
Plate 5,000 yen/ piece
We create gorgeous pottery for daily use.
TEL: 022-399-2283
Open hours: 10:00am - 5:00pm
No scheduled holidays
40 min. walk from "Nagafukuro" bus stop

Gangu-an Kokeshi-ya [map B9](#)
玩愚庵こけし屋
Kokeshi dolls have various facial expressions. Maybe you can find one that resembles you? Smaller kokeshi can fit in your hand and have many different designs.
Said to originally be a child's toy.
KOKESHI
These toys have been unique souvenirs from Tohoku's hot spring areas since the Edo Period around 1800.

(Large) Hyakuso Kokeshi 1,500 yen/piece
(Small) Kosun Kokeshi 1,500 yen/piece
TEL: 022-398-2673
(Located inside of Akiu Traditional Craft Village)
Open hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm Closed: Tue.
20 min. walk from "Akiu Onsen Yumoto" bus stop
or get off at "Akiu Traditional Craft Village" (Takeya Kotsu)
Reservation required depending on the season

Access

You must check open hours and fees at the Sendai City Tourist Information Center on the 2nd floor of JR Sendai Station



Miyagi Kotsu Bus Bound for Akiu Onsen
Sendai Station West Exit Terminal Bus Stop 8

Approx. 50 min. ↓
Akiu Sato Center [map B35](#)

Approx. 2 min. ↓
Akiu Onsen Yumoto [map B36](#)

Approx. 25 min. ↓
Sat. Sun. National Holidays only
3 buses per day
Akiu Otaki [map A37](#)

Train and Bus

Sendai Station
Approx. 30 min. ↓
JR Senzan line
Bound for Yamagata, Sakunami, Ayashi

Ayashi Station
Approx. 15 min. ↓
Sendai City Bus
Bound for Akiu Onsen, Futakuchi

Akiu Sato Center [map B35](#)
Approx. 23 min. ↓
1-3 buses per day
Akiu Otaki [map A37](#)

Approx. 8 min. ↓
Futakuchi [map A38](#)

Taxi From Sendai sta. to Akiu area
Approx. 30 min./Approx. 7,000 yen

This is the best value for your money if you are touring around Akiu!
Sendai Marugoto Pass [map A14](#)
This pass is valid for two full days of rides on the JR Lines between Sendai, Matusushima, Matusushima Kaigan, Yamadera and Shinriki Stations. You can also use Sendai Airport Access lines, Loople Sendai, Sendai City Buses and Subways, Miyagi Kotsu's Sendai - Akiu Otaki Line and Abukuma's Express Line between Tsukinoki and Abukuma stations. This pass is a great value for your trip.
Validity Period: 2 days
Adults: 2,720 yen (Children 1,350 yen)
Buy it at Sendai Airport, Sendai Station and other locations!

Emergency Contact Numbers

Within 72 hours of a large earthquake, large tsunami, or volcanic eruption, Unified SSID for Disaster "00000JAPAN" is launched for use.
You can get and send information extensively through the free public Wi-Fi network "00000JAPAN."

US Embassy in Japan	03-3224-6000	Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Japan	03-3403-3388
Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan	03-3280-7811	Sendai Republic of Korea Consulate General	022-221-2751 *3
Embassy of Malaysia, Tokyo	03-3476-3840	Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Japan	03-3441-4201
Royal Thai Embassy Tokyo, Japan	03-3447-2247	Embassy of the Republic of Singapore in Japan	03-3586-9111
British Embassy Tokyo	03-5789-2433		03-3586-9112
Embassy of Canada in Japan	03-5211-1100	Australian Embassy in Japan	03-5232-4111
The Italian Embassy in Japan	03-5412-6200	Embassy of France in Japan	03-5798-6000
	03-3453-5291	The German Embassy Japan	03-5791-7753
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Interpretation Support Hotline Using a three-way conversation system called Triophone, we offer information about sightseeing and daily life in Sendai and interpretation support in English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Portuguese, Vietnamese, etc. We also offer necessary information during large-scale disasters.
Sendai International Center Sendai Multicultural Center 022-224-1919 (9:00am - 5:00pm) (Interpretation Support Hotline) (Except closed day)