

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 19th 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.



Ningen Shogi

During the Cherry Blossom festival, surrounded by about 2000 cherry trees in full bloom, Ningen 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



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.

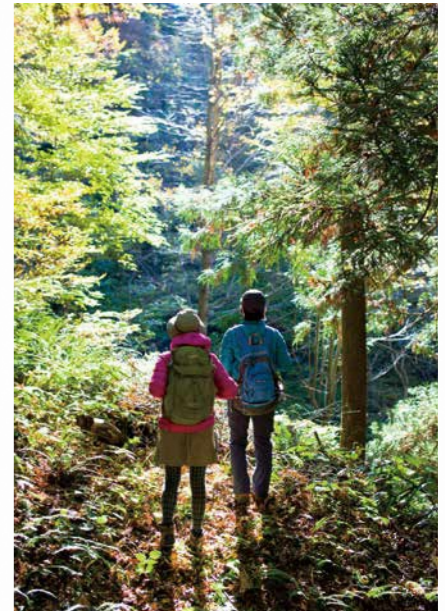
Tendo Onsen Yataimura TOYOKOCHO

Each yatai will use local ingredients to prepare original dishes for you to try. Eat at various yatai and see how each seasonal dish compares to the last. When you get the chemistry right between food and sake it's a thing of beauty, so we suggest asking the shopkeepers what sakes they recommend to try with your dish.



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.



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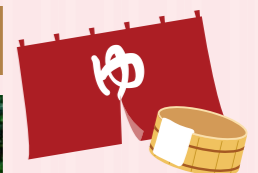
Tendo-Mogami River Yupia Onsen

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

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