

# Bounty of nature, juicy fruits



## Cherries

Mid May – mid July

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

No.1 producer in Japan

## La France Pears

Late October – 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.

## 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!!



## Grapes

Mid August – mid October

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



## Peaches

Late July – Early October

Beautiful peaches are juicy and tasty!



## Apples

Early September – late December

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

# 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.



Oda Nobunaga

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.



## Takeisao Shrine

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



## 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.



## Soba Buckwheat Noodles

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



## Events 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 740m and create a fantastic atmosphere. A number of events are held during the festival.



### July Oku no Hosomichi Tendo Safflower Festival

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.



### 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!



### November Reiwa 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.

