



Yuza's history was created by the mountain, folk beliefs and the lives of the people who lived here

Misaki Park

Visited by the poet Basho too



Great views from here!

Misaki Park straddles Yuza and Nikaho in Akita. The former Ushuhama Kaido and a walking path take visitors past great views.

Former Aoyama Residence

Important national cultural property



A grand residence built on a fortune made from herring fishing

Tour this impressive structure, dating from the late 19th century and view the Aoyama family's artworks.

Yuza Storytelling Pavilion

Restored village chief assistant residence



Entrance free of charge!

Visit this reconstruction of a 300-year folk house.



After exploring Yuza, relax in a warming bath

Chokai Onsen Recreation Center Apon Nishihama



A day-tripper hot spring by the beach



Reinvigorate in this natural hot spring



Try the nearby Yuttari foot bath too!

Map on p.14

Hot springs bubbling up on the beach

Plentiful flow from this sodium chloride (weak saline) spring warms bathers. If you're feeling hungry, try the next-door Torimitei for a set lunch.

Odaira Lodge

Day-tripper hot spring at elev. 1,000 m!



The "bath with a view" is on the 3rd floor

Map on p.06

Open from late April to late October

The communal bath of the lodge near Mt. Chokai Odaira-guchi. Welcomes climbers and visitors out for a drive on the Chokai Blue Line Road.



If you're visiting Yuza, do stay overnight; there are several accommodation options.

Beachside Area



Chokai Onsen Yurari



Yunota Onsen Sakataya Ryokan



Maruto Ryokan



Nishihama Cottages & Campground



Tsuruya Ryokan

Mt. Chokai Area



Shirai Shizenkan



Odaira Lodge



Takinokoya Hut




Ohama Hut



Omuro Hut



Plenty of recreational activities, and for those who want to try local living, short-stay opportunities

Location	Activity	Season	Time	
Shirai Shizenkan	Hands-on soba- and udon-making	Year-round	2-3 hrs.	<p>Local life tryout facilities in the Mt. Chokai foothills</p>  <p>Map on p.10</p>
	Bamboo dish- and chopstick-making	Spring, fall	2 hrs.	
	Make-your-own pizza	Mid-May-September	3 hrs.	
	Nature adventure	Special event	2-4 hrs.	
Yuza Town 0234-28-8257 (Settlement Promotion Unit)	Trial stay	Year-round	1-7 days	<p>For persons interested in relocating to Yuza. Free accommodations for 1- to 7-night stays.</p> 



Hands-on learning at Shirai Shizenkan



Soba-making at Shirai Shizenkan



Accommodation for trial stays



Trekking and climbing aren't the only activities on offer. Enjoy Yuza's beaches, campgrounds, parks and recreation facilities.

Beaches

Check the Yuza Chokai Tourism Association website for details on beach opening dates and facilities.



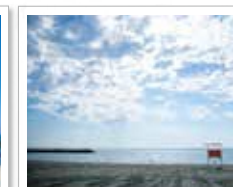
Nishihama Beach

Plenty of nearby tourism facilities too! See below. ↓



Kamaiso Beach

Enjoy exploring rock pools and bubbling springs!



Jurizuka Beach

A beach with a casual vibe



Sannomata Winter Recreation Facility

A great place to ski in winter



Multidome "Friendly"

All-season dome for sports

Recreation Facilities

Nishihama Cottages & Campground

Campground with 6 cottages and communal toilet and shower facilities.



Parks and Child-friendly Facilities



Forest Park Yupotto

Climb the giant play structure



Chokai Panorama Park

Park with Mt. Chokai views



Yuza Children's Center Wakuwaku Miraikan

Has giant indoor play structures



Enjoy Mt. Chokai's rich nature and seasonal events, attractions and rituals.



Amahage



The frozen Ni-no-taki Waterfall



Cherry blossoms at Nakayama Riverside Park



Yuza Fireworks Festival



Mt. Chokai SEA TO SUMMIT



Salmon bare-handed catching contest

Dates for events may change from year to year. For more information, contact the Yuza Chokai Tourism Association at 0234-72-5666.

Spring skiing (from late April)

Swimming at the beach

Trekking in the Takase Gorge and Ichi-no-taki and Ni-no-taki waterfalls

Visiting Mt. Chokai's waterfalls

Summer climbing on Mt. Chokai (from July 1)

Month Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May. Jun. Jul. Aug. Sep. Oct. Nov. Dec.

Rituals and festivals

Early January Amahage

A new year event in Yuza recognized by UNESCO as an intangible cultural asset

Folk event in Takinoura, Mega and Torisaki. Amahage, messengers of the deities bringing happiness, visit the hamlets to ward off evil.



Early April Yasara

Folk event in Tarugawa, Nakayama and Hirazu. Misfortunes are consigned to a straw effigy to pray for safety of families and the villager.



May 3

Daionbei Festival Warabioka Ennen Festival of Warabioka Kuchinomiya

May 4 and 5

Fukura Festival Fukura Dengaku Festival of Fukura Kuchinomiya

May 15

Four Major Festivals Suwabe Festival Festival of Fukura Kuchinomiya

Festival at Hongan-ji Temple honoring Suwabe Gonzaburo, who helped victims of a Mt. Chokai eruption and earthquake.

1st Sat. of July

Yokomachi Shindai Kagura

Sacred dances are offered at Suwa-jinja Shrine.

July 14

Ohamaide Ritual Chokaizan Omonoimi-jinja Shrine



July 16 Four Major Festivals

Taihoi Festival

Festival honoring priest Bunrin, who helped prevent reassignment of the Shonai lord to another domain during the Edo period.

August 6, 15, 20

Sugisawa Hiyama

Intangible folk cultural asset

Dances transmitted to villagers by Mt. Chokai shugendo priests, performed at Sugisawa Kumano-jinja Shrine.



October 2

Sosho Inari Festival

Festival at Warabioka Kuchinomiya honoring Yabe Sadakane, an Edo magistrate who helped prevent reassignment of the Shonai lord to another domain.

October 14

Four Major Festivals

Sato Masayasu Festival

Festival on Railway Commemoration Day honoring Sato Masayasu, father of Japanese railways.

November 10

Four Major Festivals Sato Tozo Festival

Festival honoring Sato Tozo, who planted black pines on the sand dunes to stop sand from encroaching, to protect people's livelihoods.

Events

Late January

Yuza Tarafuk Festival

Codfish soup, a Shonai winter staple, is served. Unlike other regions, the soup also includes fugu blowfish.

Early February to early April

Doll Festival at the Former Aoyama Residence



Early April to late April

Nakayama Riverside Park Sakura Festival

End of April

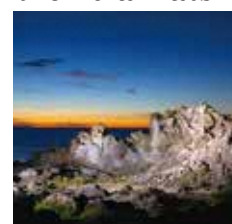
Chokai Blue Line Road opening ceremony

Prayers for road safety and a performance by the Chokai taiko drum preservation society.



Mid-July to mid-August

Illumination of the stone statues of the 16 arhats



Last Sat. of July

Yuza Fireworks Festival

Fireworks display at Nishihama Beach



Last half of August

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Sporting event with kayaking, cycling and hiking from the Sea of Japan to the top of Mt. Chokai.

Early September

"Oku-no-Hosomichi" Chokai 2-Day March

A 2-day walk for people from all over the country, who come to enjoy Yuza's nature.

4th Sun. of October

Yuza folk entertainment performance

Local folk performing arts presented at the Yuza Town Lifelong Learning Center Hall. Groups from other prefectures also perform.



Late October

Salmon bare-handed catching contest

A fun event at the Gakko Riverside Park, with participants using their bare hands to catch salmon that have swum up the river



Hokodate-guchi

Odaira-guchi

Odaira Lodge

Lake Chokai

Summit

Summit Area

Yunodai-guchi

pp.05-6

A map of the Gakko River area, showing various landmarks and scenic spots. The map includes a river, roads, and several circular inset photos. Key locations labeled include:

- Flank Area** (top right)
- pp.09-10** (large text in the upper center)
- ni-no-taki Waterfall** (top center)
- Ichi-no-taki Waterfall** (top right)
- Takase Gorge** (left center)
- Dohara Waterfall** (center)
- Sanyu** (right center, with a fork and spoon icon)
- Gakko River dam** (bottom right)
- Warabiok-guchi** (bottom center)
- Shirai Nature Lodge** (bottom left, with a tree icon)
- Sui** (bottom left, with a cup icon)

Scenic descriptions and photos:

- Great view of the Shonai plain from here** (text near Takase Gorge, with a circular photo of a waterfall).
- Great scenery at Gakko River dam** (text near the dam, with a circular photo of a dam and mountains).

**Heartland of
Mt. Chokai
shugendo**

Yuza Area

Oyaki

Wadaya

Yuza Elementary School

Japanese Cuisine Fujiya

Maruki Shokudo

Green Store

Tsuruya Ryokan

Komugi Bakery

Sakaeken

Yaza Town Office

Wakuwaku Miraikan

Ken-chan Ramen, Yuza shop

Nakaya Confectionery L'pa shop

Convenience store

Aodaisho

Hongan-ji Suwabe Festival

Yuza High School

Gakko Riverside Park

Yuza Station

Yuza Curry Main Store

Yuza Chokai Tourism Association

Yuza curry

Gakko River

Cream-filled fruit sandwiches

Warabioka/Sugisawa Area

A map of the Gakko River area, showing various landmarks and sightseeing spots. The Gakko River flows from the top left towards the bottom right. The Nikko River is shown at the bottom right. Key locations include:

- Sugisawa Hiyama**: A red torii gate and a circular inset image of a red torii gate.
- Sugisawa Kumano-jinja Shrine**: A red torii gate.
- Yuza Storytelling Pavilion**: A circular inset image of a traditional Japanese building.
- Warabioka Ennen**: A circular inset image of a red torii gate.
- Also the site of the Sosho Inari festival**: A circular inset image of a red torii gate.
- Chokaizan Omonoimi-jinja Shrine Warabioka Kuchinomiya**: A circular inset image of a traditional Japanese building.
- Ryuto-ji Temple**: A circular inset image of a traditional Japanese building.
- Ryuto-ji Temple Garden of the Yamamoto-bo lodging**: A circular inset image of a traditional Japanese building.
- Sugi Isami Warabioka Sake Brewery**: A circular inset image of a traditional Japanese building.

Roadside Station Chokai Furatto

Your one-stop center for
Yuza foods and souvenirs

Roadside Station Furatto, where you can find produce, seafood, souvenirs and restaurants. Oysters are a major draw every summer.



Fish market
Genkina Hama-ten



Farmer's market
Himawari-no-kai



Dining options here

Fast food court

Ramen Aji-no-eki
The ramen broth is made from flying fish

Bakery Hoh-ho
Freshly baked bread