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**Japanese Plums**

The Haruna and Misato Plum Groves contain 220,000 plum trees, both in terms of quantity and growing area. Takasaki is the largest producer of Japanese plums in central Japan, and it makes many of the city's specialty dishes use wheat flour to create distinctive slippery and springing texture. Visitors can also taste Takasaki udon, which is made from a locally grown strain of wheat and full bodied sake with a true sake aroma.

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(dried pickled plums)

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**Transportation Guide**

- **By Air:** Narita Airport to Takasaki Station (Highway Express Bus) about 50 min.
- **By Rail:**
  - Shinkansen (Nagano Station to Takasaki Station) About 1hr. 20 min.
  - Joestu Shinkansen (Nagano Shinkansen) (Nagano Station to Takasaki Station) about 50 min.
- **By Car:**
  - Joshinetsu Expressway
    - From Kita-Kanto Expressway: Omiya Station
    - To Kita-Karuizawa: Shinjuku Station
    - To Niigata: Maebashi IC
    - To To Kita-Karuizawa: Joshin Dentetsu
    - To Nagaoka: Hagiwara IC
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    - To Shinshu: Fujioka IC
    - To Kita-Kanto Expressway: Shin-machi

**Spa**

A number of Japan's leading onsens are located just outside Takasaki. Most of the area has a large number of road onsens which you can visit while driving to the region. The following are the most popular among them:

- Kurosawa Onsen (Artificial Onsen) Hamayu Sansou
  - (+81) 27-372-4126 (day trip only)
  - (+81) 27-378-4126 (hotel accommodations available)
- Kurabuchi Summer Festival/Kurabuchi Branch Office (Kurabuchi-machi Sannokura)
  - (+81) 27-350-8811 (day trip only)
- [Babbling Water] (hotel accommodations available)
  - (+81) 27-374-9226 (hotel accommodations available)
- Okukawaura Onsen (Artificial Onsen) Hamayu Sansou
  - (+81) 27-322-2916 (hotel accommodations available)
  - (+81) 27-374-9131 (hotel accommodations available)
- Kurabuchi Welfare Center Seseragi-no-yu [Babbling Water]
  - (+81) 27-378-2333 (hotel accommodations available)
- Tozenji Temple
  - [Communion Hall]
  - (+81) 27-350-8811 (day trip only)
  - (+81) 27-322-2916 (hotel accommodations available)
- Anan Matsu
  - (+81) 27-322-2916 (hotel accommodations available)
  - (+81) 27-322-2916 (hotel accommodations available)
- Joestu Shinkansen
  - (+81) 27-350-8811 (day trip only)
  - (+81) 27-322-2916 (hotel accommodations available)
- Takasaki IC
  - (+81) 27-350-8811 (day trip only)
  - (+81) 27-322-2916 (hotel accommodations available)
- Aimagawa Onsen
  - (+81) 27-350-8811 (day trip only)
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  - (+81) 27-322-2916 (hotel accommodations available)
- Shiraiwa Kannon
  - (+81) 27-350-8811 (day trip only)
  - (+81) 27-322-2916 (hotel accommodations available)
- Kannon-yama Onsen
  - (+81) 27-350-8811 (day trip only)
  - (+81) 27-322-2916 (hotel accommodations available)
- Kuroiwa
  - (+81) 27-350-8811 (day trip only)
  - (+81) 27-322-2916 (hotel accommodations available)
- Lake Haruna Car Camping Campsite
  - (+81) 27-350-8811 (day trip only)
  - (+81) 27-322-2916 (hotel accommodations available)
- Miyagi
  - (+81) 27-350-8811 (day trip only)
  - (+81) 27-322-2916 (hotel accommodations available)

**Spa House**

- Lake Haruna Car Camping Campsite
  - (+81) 27-350-8811 (day trip only)
  - (+81) 27-322-2916 (hotel accommodations available)
- Miyagi
  - (+81) 27-350-8811 (day trip only)
  - (+81) 27-322-2916 (hotel accommodations available)
Seasonal Flowers

Hanadaka Viewing Flower Hills
- mid April to early May

Tokumei-en Autumn Leaves:
- mid November to early December

Flowers

Takasaki City
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In addition to Takasaki City, Kannon Yama, Lake Haruna, Haruna Shrine, Daruma, and Takasaki Festival, the Kannon Yama viewpoint is a popular spot for enjoying the natural beauty and atmosphere of the mountain. Visitors can enjoy looking out at the surrounding mountains and view over 15 types of flowers throughout the year, including rape blossoms (late March to early April) and cherry blossoms (late April to early May) which bring new flowers to be admired. You can sense the seasons in Takasaki through the mountains and view over 15 types of flowers throughout the year.
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Lake Haruna

Hanadaka Viewing Flower Hills

Haruna Temple

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Japanese Plums

Takasaki is the largest producer of Japanese plums in eastern Japan, both in terms of quantity and growing area. The fruit is used to make plum wine, plum juice, as well as umeboshi.

Takasaki udon is made from a locally grown strain of wheat. The noodle is hard but distinctive slippery and springing texture. Visitors can also try the Okirikomi, a local stew made from wide noodles called “Kinu-no-nami” that gives the noodles their full bodied sake with a true sake aroma. Sake is made from rice and brewing by y. Sake is brewed at the Makino Sake Brewery using Mt. Haruna’s famous spring water to create a water. The Makino Sake Brewery uses Mt.

There are many onsens in Takasaki that are surrounded by nature. A number of Japan’s leading onsens are located just outside Takasaki.

- Kusatsu Onsen (1 hour 30 minutes by train, or 30 minutes by bus from Takasaki Station)
- Takasaki Kannon-yama Onsen Kin Zansou  (Kin Lodge) (+81) 27-374-9226 (hotel accommodations available)
- Haruna Onsen Spa House (+81) 27-322-2916 (hotel accommodations available)
- Harunako Onsen [Lake Haruna Onsen] Lakeside Yusuge (+81) 27-378-2333 (hotel accommodations available)
- Gunma Onsen Yasuragi-no-yu  [Comfort Waters] (+81) 27-378-4126 (hotel accommodations available)
- Takasaki Kannon-yama Onsen (Ide-machi) (+81) 27-374-9131 (hotel accommodations available)
- Haruna Onsen [Lake Haruna Onsen] Yuge-motoyu (+81) 27-378-3000 (day trip only)
- Takasaki New Year’s Day Concert/Gunma Music Center (Takamatsu-cho) Hatsumode 1st
- Takasaki Raibu Festival  [Takasaki Thunder Dance Festival]/ Motenashi Hiroba [Welcome Plaza] (Takamatsu-cho)
- Haruna Plum Blossom Festival/Haruna Cultural Hall
- Haruma Festival Fireworks/ Haruna Lakefront (Harunako-machi)
- Sarugaku Grounds (Shin-machi)
- Haruma Festival Fireworks

Onsen (Hot Springs)