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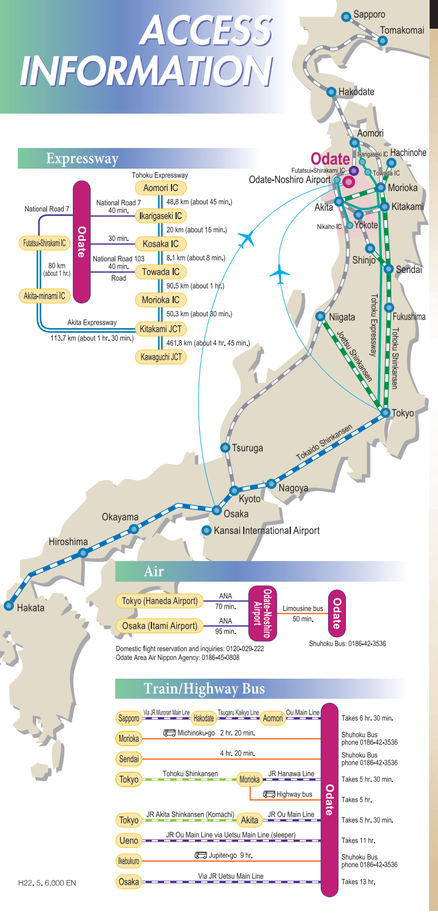

Specialties of Odate

Magewappa

National traditional craft

Origins of Magewappa

Odate Magewappa had traditionally been made by local farmers as a sideline, but the industry fully developed under Lord Satake, who was ordered by the shogunate to rule Akita and came to the fief in 1602. He encouraged lower-class samurai to make Magewappa as a sideline to boost the fief finances.

Magewappa products are made with Akita cedar, known for their beautiful grain and color. They match modern lifestyles and are widely appreciated abroad as well.

Tomburi

The seeds of *Kochia scoparia*, or burning bush, are processed and eaten as a delicacy called Tomburi. The 1-mm green seeds have a texture similar to caviar, and are often called "land caviar" or "field caviar." Tomburi is used in traditional Chinese medicine as well, and is said to help build stamina and have a diuretic effect.

Kiritampo

Origins of Kiritampo

Kiritampo is known nationwide as a local specialty of Akita, and Odate is the proud home of Kiritampo. It is said that Kiritampo was originally developed by locals who entered the mountains to fell Akita cedars or make charcoal, who would knead leftover or burnt rice and baste *miso* on it or put it into chicken *nabe* dish.

In fall when rice is freshly harvested, "Tampo Parties" are held throughout the city, where you can enjoy Kiritampo made with the new rice, as well as plump, juicy Hinai-jidori Chicken.

Akita Cedar Tubs and Barrels

National traditional craft

Origins of Akita Cedar Tubs and Barrels

The history of Akita cedar tubs and barrels dates very far back; tubs estimated to be from the late Heian period (11th century) have been excavated from Akita Castle. In the early 18th century, the industry developed under the protection of the Satake clan, and tubs and barrels were produced in great numbers in Odate.

Today, a wide variety of products, including interior goods, are gaining popularity for their beautiful wood grain and color.

Takenoko (Bamboo Shoots)

The most common bamboo shoots eaten in Akita are *nemagaritake* (*Sasa kurilensis*), or "bent-root bamboo." The bamboo shoots are picked in early summer, around May and June. Compared to other bamboo shoots popularly eaten in Japan, nemagaritake has a milder and sweeter taste, with a fresh, crisp texture. Those that grow around Mt. Tashirodake are especially popular for their thickness and flavor.

Hinai-jidori Chicken

The Hinai-jidori Chicken is a cross between the Hinai-dori, a protected species, and the Rhode Island Red. One thousand Hinai-jidori chickens are raised on a 1,000-m² free-range farm, with thorough care for 180 days. Though the Hinai-jidori Chicken is considered one of Japan's Three Best Chickens, many believe it to be the best chicken in Japan for its unmatched quality and price.

Home of Hachiko the Faithful Dog

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AKITA JAPAN

ガイドマップ大館

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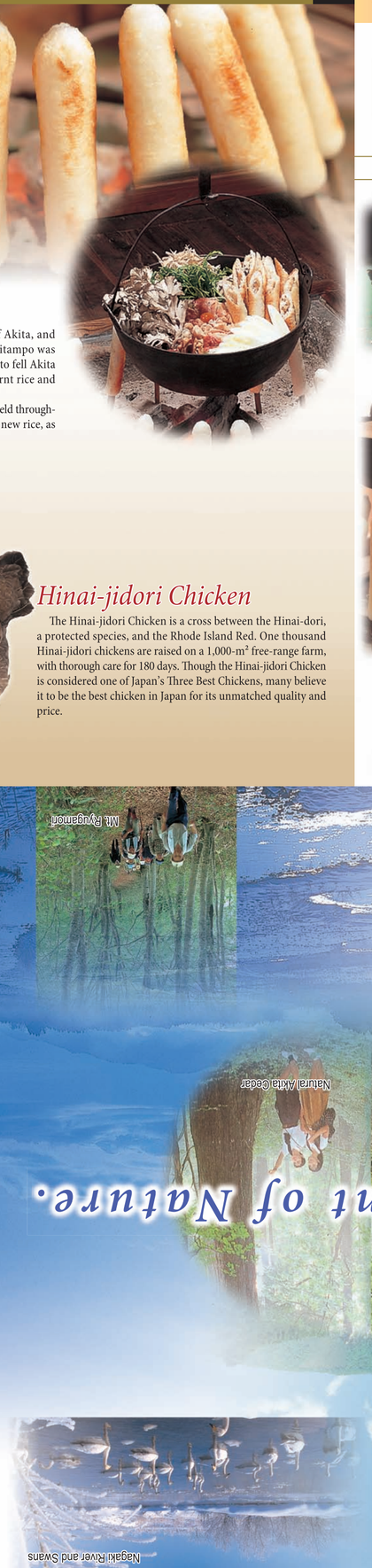
Enchantment of Nature.



Festivals in Odate

Colorful Four Seasons

Odate Festival Calendar

Spring

- **Jajashiko Festival** (April)
- **Cherry Blossom Festival** (April)
- **Odate Spring Market Festival** (May)
- **Bamboo Shoot Festival** (2nd Sun. of June)
- **Rose Festival** (June)
- **Daimichi Shrine Festival/Tokkobayashi** (June)

Summer

- **Nakano Tanabata** (August 13)
- **Daimonji Festival** (August 16)
- **Gojita Bon Dance (Hattagi-odori)** (August)
- **Oayu no Sato Furusato Festival** (August)
- **Odate Shimmei Shrine Festival** (September 10 & 11)

Fall

- **Goshikiko Festival** (October)
- **Odate Kiritampo Festival** (2nd Sat. & Sun. of October)
- **Odate Fall Market Festival** (October)
- **Odate Area Industries Festival** (last Sat. & Sun. of October)

Winter

- **Hinai Tori no Ichi Chicken Market** (4th Sat. & Sun. of January)
- **Amekko-ichi Candy Market** (2nd Sat. & Sun. of February)

■ Hinai Tori no Ichi Chicken Market

This is a festival with the local symbol "Hinai-don chicken" as the theme. You can see local traditional performing arts and various chickens, have fun with the "Human Hinai-don Long Crowing Contest" or "Hinai-jidori Derby" for a chance to win delicious chicken, eat the skewered and roasted "Hinai-jidori Senbayaki," and buy souvenirs.

■ Amekko-ichi Candy Market

This is a 400-year-old festival where various types of candies are sold. It is said that if you eat candy on both days of the Market, you will not catch a cold. Many events are held, such as the White-Bearded God Parade.

■ Cherry Blossom Festival

In late April, cherries come into full bloom in the historical Keiji Park and around Iwagami Reservoir. In Iwagami Furasai on Mori Park, there are thousands of cherry trees of 22 kinds, and the reservoir becomes surrounded by the pale pink of the flowers.

■ Odate Kiritampo Festival

Kiritampo is a local delicacy made with freshly-harvested rice and Hinai-jidori chicken. Come and enjoy events such as "1000 Grilled Tampo."

■ Odate Shimmei Shrine Festival/Odatebayashi

Odatebayashi is a local festival music with a tradition of 400 years since the days of Lord Satake, influenced by the famous Kyoto Gionbayashi festival music. During the festival, which is Odate's inalienable folk cultural property, the city becomes filled with numerous floats and children's mikoshi or portable shrines.

■ Bamboo Shoot Festival

In this festival, you can enjoy local delicacies of the season such as bamboo shoots and fresh wild edible plants from the mountains of the Tashiro region.

■ Daimonji Festival

Daimonji Festival is held on the lunar Bon festival day. In the daytime, women clad in colorful yukata dance Daimonji-odori, and at night, fireworks paint the starry skies.

Facilities, Hot Springs, and Sightseeing in Odate

Sports Facilities

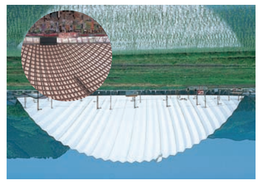
- **Jukai Dome** phone 0186-45-2500
- **Jukai Arena** phone 0186-45-2820
- **Takadate Tennis Court** phone 0186-48-6618
- **Naganeyama Athletic Park**
- **Gurisu Tashiro** phone 0186-54-0555
- **Shimin no Mori Forest Park**

Hot Spring Areas

- **Otaki Hot Springs**
- **Yukisawa Hot Springs**
- **Hikage Hot Spring, Yatate Hot Spring, Yatate Heights** phone 0186-57-2324
- **Hinai Beniyamaso** phone 0186-54-2626
- **Tashiro Hot Spring Yuppura** phone 0186-52-2502
- **Tomu Tomu no Sato** phone 0186-49-0439
- **Takkomori Hot Spring Hachikoso**

Sightseeing Spots

- **Odate Museum** phone 0186-48-2119
- **Akita Dog Museum** phone 0186-42-2502
- **Roken Shrine** phone 0186-56-2212
- **Folk Dance Museum** phone 0186-57-2324
- **Okuzo Kinzan Furusato-kan** phone 0186-50-2032
- **Yukisawa Farmers' Market Center** phone 0186-54-2230
- **Obata Yujiro Memorial Museum** phone 0186-55-1000
- **Premier Hinai** phone 0186-50-7700
- **Tottokan** phone 0186-57-8380
- **Odate Tourism and Products Plaza** phone 0186-42-7502
- **Odate Magewappa Workshop**



■ Jukai Dome

Many sporting and cultural events are held at the Jukai Dome, one of the largest wooden domes in the world. The Dome is surrounded by a broad-leaved forest and has facilities such as a multi-purpose area, a restaurant, and a shop.

■ Hinai Beniyamaso

This municipal hot spring and lodging facility is located inside Beniyama Nature Park. The clear hot spring water is said to be effective for rheumatism, hypertension, and arteriosclerosis. Enjoy a relaxing time at this facility surrounded by nature.

■ Premier Hinai

Premier Hinai is a facility established to promote community activities and tourism, where you can get information on sightseeing spots in and around the city, local specialties and souvenirs, etc.

■ Jukai Arena

This is a sports facility accentuated by the beautiful wood grain and luster of natural cedar. Wealth facilities such as the Main Arena, Sub Arena, Training Room, and Conference Room, it contributes greatly to Odate's sports scene.

■ Takadate Tennis Court

There are 16 well-equipped courts, where many large competitions such as national championships are often held. With a glass shelter, games can be played even in bad weather. There are recreational facilities for all ages, such as a flower-viewing area and a playground.

■ Akita Dog Museum

This museum on the Akita Dog, a national protected species, was built in 1978 as a 50th anniversary project of the Akita Dog Protection Society. There are materials on the Akita Dog pedigree, traditional bear hunting, and Hachiko the Faithful Dog. You can also see real Akita dogs.

Famous for "Hachi: A Dog's Tale" (model for the movie "Hachiko: A Dog's Story")

Akita Dog (national protected species)

■ Tashiro Hot Spring Yuppura

This is a hot spring facility located adjacent to an athletic park and welfare area, which can be used for a variety of purposes: daytime bath, banquet, conference, dining, etc. It is great as a starting point for nature trekking around Mt. Tashirodake. The hot spring water is rich in sodium/calcium chlorides and is said to be effective for various skin and gynecological conditions.

ODATE View MAP

ODATE AKITA JAPAN

●Inquiries

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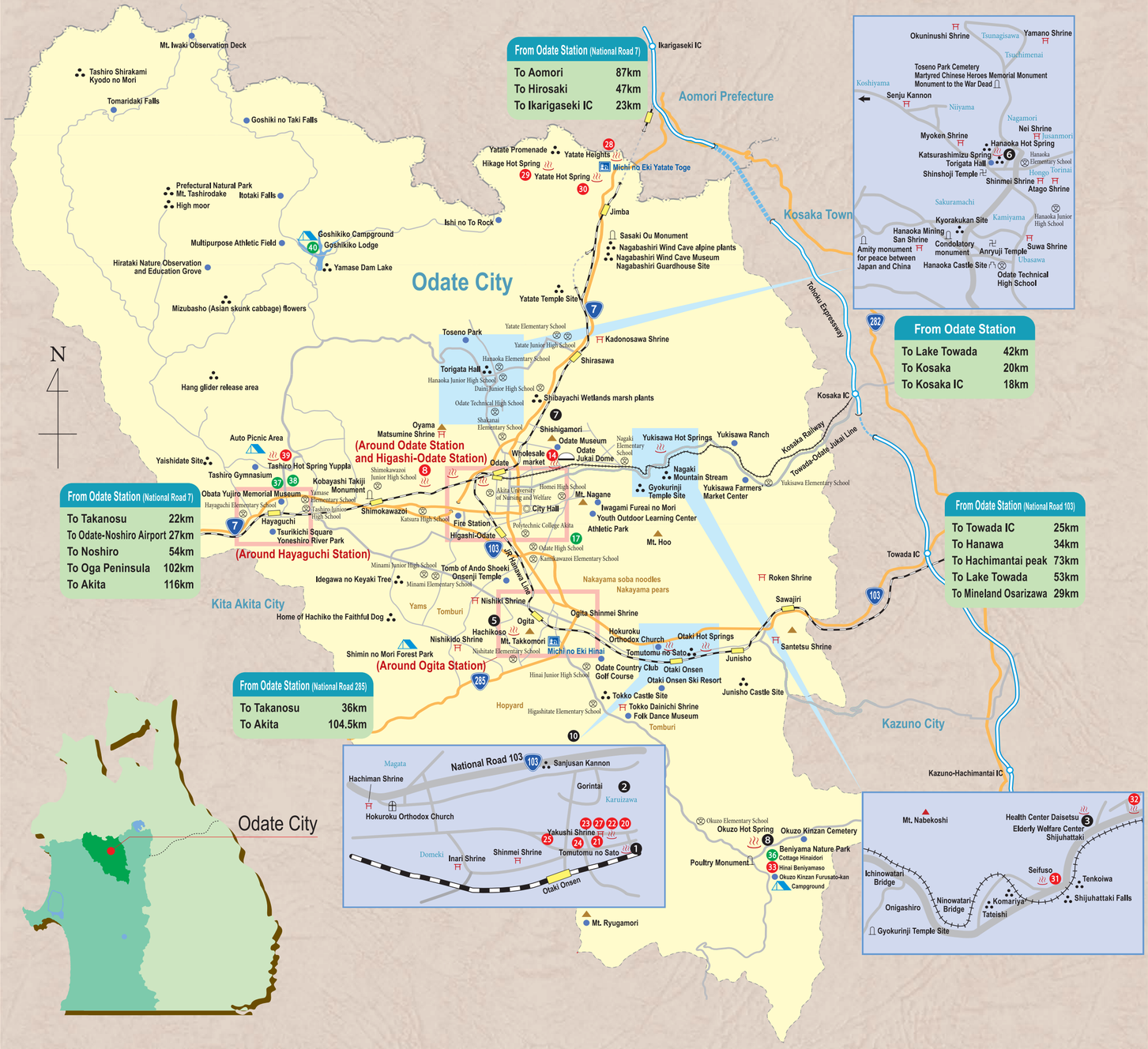

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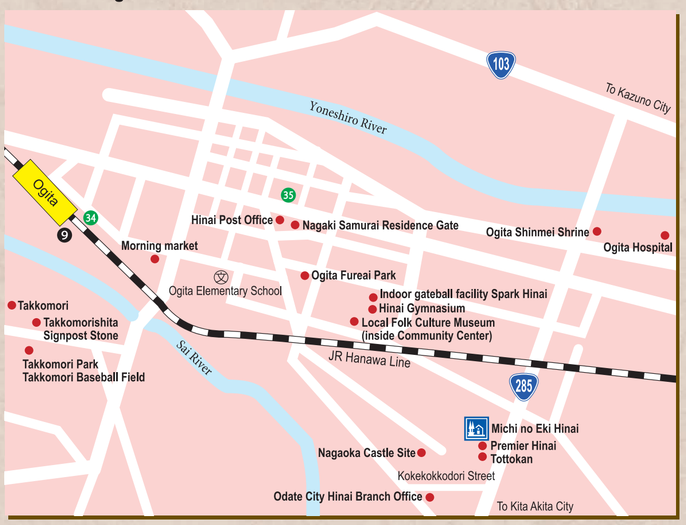

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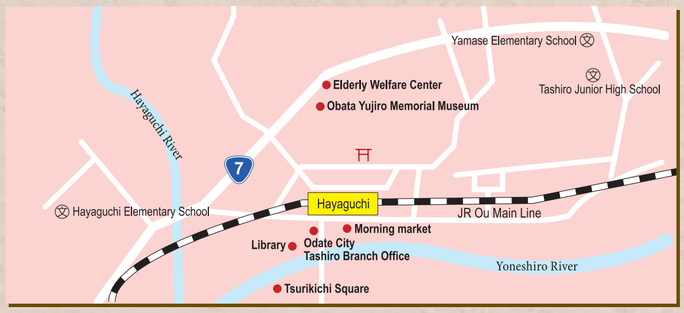

●Around Odate Station and Higashi-Odate Station

●Accommodations

Area code 0186

Facility name	Phone	Guest capacity
Central Odate		
1 Yamada Ryokan	42-0156	25
2 Business Hotel Marusai	43-1044	45
3 Maruso Ryokan	42-4567	10
4 Hotel Route Inn Odate	43-6011	163
5 Tokiwa Ryokan	42-1342	20
6 Hotel Route Inn Odate Station South	44-6055	175
7 Hotel Crown Palace Shuhoku	43-1313	110
8 Nagatoro Hot Spring	43-0345	80
9 Business Hotel Shuzanso	49-4011	50
10 Hotel Juraku	42-4136	48
11 Royal Hotel Odate	49-4511	110
12 Annex Royal Hotel	43-1111	142
13 Pokapoka Onsen Hotel	49-0003	210
14 Furusawa Onsen Koyokan	48-4295	30
15 Ota Ryokan	42-0871	13
16 Business-kan	43-3553	12
17 Minshuku Karasawa	42-8877	31
18 Numadate Heights	59-7888	38
19 Grand Park Hotel Odate	45-1515	220
Otaki Hot Spring		
20 Hotel Semba	52-3508	30
21 Otaki Hotel	52-3718	80
22 Takinoyu Ryokan	52-2010	30
23 Chitose Hotel	52-3515	120
24 Fujiya Hotel	52-3270	110
25 Ichiyo Ryokan	52-2257	35
27 Little Otaki Hot Spring	52-3811	50
Hikage and Yatate Hot Springs		
28 Odate Yatate Heights	51-2311	52
29 Hikage Hot Spring	51-2011	100
30 Yatate Hot Spring	51-2334	50
Yukisawa Hot Spring		
31 Seifuso	50-2030	88
32 Daisetsu	50-2323	120
Hinai and Okuzo Hot Springs		
33 Hinai Beniyamaso	57-2324	40
34 Ryokan Tsubakiso	55-0310	26
35 Tamura Ryokan	55-0151	20
36 Goshikiko Lodge	57-2324	36
Tashiro		
37 Komaya Ryokan	54-6120	30
38 Ryokan Kasumiso	54-6041	24
39 Tashiro Hot Spring Yuppura	54-2626	36
40 Goshikiko Lodge	53-2010	37

● Red circle: hot spring inn

Hot spring inns where non-staying daytime bathing is available

●List of daytime bathing facilities

Area code 0186

Facility name	Location	Phone
1 Tomutomu no Sato	Otaki Hot Spring	52-2502
2 Karuizawa Hot Spring	Karuizawa Hot Spring	52-2905
3 Shijuhattaki	Yukisawa Hot Spring	50-2031
4 Numadate Onsen Kaikan	Numadate Hot Spring	42-9149
5 Hachikoso	Takkomori Hot Spring	49-0439
6 Hanaoka Hot Spring	Hanaoka Hot Spring	46-1171
7 Shakanai Hot Spring Izumiyu	Shakanai Hot Spring	45-2101
8 Okuzo Hot Spring Town Residents' Bath	Okuzo Hot Spring	57-2206
9 Hinai Hot Spring Hinai no Yu	Hinai Hot Spring	45-4588
10 Elderly Production and Activity Facility	Nakano Hot Spring	54-2462

●Facilities where you can try Odate Kiritampo

Area code 0186

Facility name	Phone	Reservation
1 Hokushu Club	42-2033	Necessary
2 Japanese Restaurant Kiraku	42-0274	Necessary
3 Taiho	42-3195	Unnecessary
4 Murasaki	42-0741	Unnecessary
5 Mukashi no Kiritampoya	43-4040	Necessary
6 Gourmet Kimura	49-2939	Unnecessary
7 Akita Hinaiya Odate Honten	49-7766	Unnecessary
8 Hagi Omachiten	42-1166	Unnecessary
7 Hotel Crown Palace Shuhoku	43-1313	Necessary
11 Royal Hotel Odate	49-4511	Unnecessary
12 Annex Royal Hotel	43-1111	Necessary
28 Odate Yatate Heights	51-2311	Necessary
29 Hikage Hot Spring	51-2044	Unnecessary
33 Hinai Beniyamaso	57-2324	Necessary
39 Tashiro Hot Spring Yuppura	54-2626	Necessary

●Access Taxi

Area code 0186

Company name	Phone
Odate Taxi	42-3411
Katsura Taxi	42-1777
Sakura Kotsu	49-3939
Shuhoku Taxi	42-5454
Daiichi Taxi Service	42-2233
Chuo Taxi	42-2526
Hanaoka Taxi	46-1515
Hanaya Taxi	49-1919
Fuji Taxi	42-1001
Hayaguchi Taxi	54-3535
Hinai Taxi	55-0135
Marutaka Taxi	55-0626

●Access Car rental

Area code 0186

Company name	Phone
Toyota Rent-a-Car Akita Odate Office	43-0100
Toyota Rent-a-Car Akita Akita Kita Airport Office	60-0100
Nissan Rent-a-Car Akita Odate Office	49-3284
Nissan Rent-a-Car Akita Odate-Noshiro Airport Counter	60-0023
Nippon Rent-a- Car Odate Office	49-1170
Nippon Rent-a-Car Odate-Noshiro Airport Counter	63-2956
Orix Rent-a-Car Odate-Noshiro Airport Counter	60-0543