

Hijiori Onsen (Hot Spring) Okura Village, Yamagata Prefecture Event Calendar



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Year-round Tourist Guide, First-hand Experience Program



We offer many tours guided by hot spring town guides, such as: "Walk around the hot spring town," "Mini tour around rice terraces and beech forest," "Walk around Jizokura (stone statues), a place of good luck and matchmaking," "Walk around the mine ruins," and "Painting Kokeshi (wooden dolls)."

Location Hijiori Hot Spring Town and surrounding area

June, July, September, and October Hijiori Dam Light-up



Hijiori Dam (Hijiori Sabo Dam), a registered tangible cultural property completed in 1952, is illuminated with soft lights. Please take a walk after a bath while listening to the sound of water. Please check the website as it may be held irregularly. May be canceled due to weather.

Location Around Hijiori Dam

April to December Hijiori Morning Market



Morning at Hijiori Hot Spring begins with a cheerful exchange between the house wife vendors and customers at the morning market. Starting with wild vegetables that are ready in the spring, there are rows of side dishes featuring the latest flavors of the season prepared by the house wife vendors.

Location Hijiori Hot Spring Town

May to June Hijiori Hot Spring Wild Vegetable Food Festival



Hijiori, deep in the snowy mountains, is a treasure trove of delicious wild vegetables. Please enjoy each inn's special dishes made with the thick and tender wild vegetables that are unique to this season.

Location Hijiori Hot Spring inns, Hot Spring Town and surrounding areas

June to September Hijiori Night Market



"If there is a morning market, there can also a night market..." Night stalls are set up in the hot spring town. Enjoy the hot spring town at night.

Location Hijiori Hot Spring Town

June The Month for Fishing in Hijiori Hot Spring Mountain Streams



The Dozan River, which flows through Hijiori Hot Spring, is a mountain stream fishing spot visited by many anglers. At Hijiori Hot Spring, we have designated June as "Mountain Stream Fishing Month" and are working to create a river environment where people can fish.

*Please be sure to purchase a fishing certificate when fishing.

Location Dozan River around Hijiori Hot Spring

June to October Hot Spring Doctor Advice



At Hijiori Hot Spring, a "hot spring doctor" (hot spring treatment specialist) will advise you on the correct way to bathe and provide recuperation guidance. If you have knee or lower back pain, have undergone surgery, or want to improve your health, please feel free to apply. Consultation free of charge.

Location Hijiori Ideyu-kan

July Hijiori Hot Spring Opening Festival



This is a Shinto ritual held on July 14, which is considered to be the opening day of Hijiori Hot Spring. The Jizo Mikoshi (portable shrine) features various activities, including one in which hot water is poured on the portable shrine, during which time the hot spring town is filled with a great bustle. We thank the god of hot springs and praise the great deeds of our ancestors who conserved the hot springs through the ages.

Location Hijiori Hot Spring Town

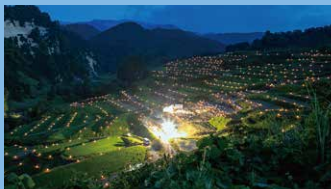
July to October HIJIORI NO HI



On summer nights, lanterns are lit up in the hot spring town. The lantern paintings for "HIJIORI NO HI" are done by artists who stay in the area and research the goings-on. Please enjoy "Hijiori Story," which depicts various aspects of Hijiori Hot Spring's natural surroundings, landscape, lifestyle, and hot spring cure culture.

Location Hijiori Hot Spring Town
Website <https://hijiorinohi.com>

August Shikamura Rice Terrace HOTARUBI Concert



This is an event that features one of Japan's top 100 rice terraces, "The Rice Terraces of Shikamura." The sounds of the concert echo through the terraced rice fields, lit by approximately 1,200 "HOTARUBI" Enjoy this fantastic world that lasts one night only.

Location Special venue for terraced rice fields of Okura Village, in the Shikamura district

August Hijiori Onsen Yuza Shrine Festival



This is a festival at Yuza Shrine (Yakushi Shrine), the god of hot springs. On the 16th, there will be a "Costume Play Bon Dance" and on the 20th, a "sumo tournament" will be held during the main festival.

Location Hijiori Hot Spring Town

January "Hijiori Sange Sange"



This is a New Year's Eve event held by mountain priests that has been passed down in Dewa Sanzan since ancient times. January 7th, dressed in white robes, they pray for a bountiful harvest and good health, and parade through the hot spring town to the sound of the conch shell. Freshly made mochi (rice cake) is served to the visitors.

Location Hijiori Hot Spring Town

January to February Hijiori Fantasy Snow Corridor



This is an event unique to Hijiori, one of the heaviest snowfall areas in Japan. Dim lights gently illuminate a snow wall that is more than three meters high. Enjoy a winter walk amid the light reflected off the snow.

Location Hijiori Hot Spring Town and surrounding area

February JIMENDASHI World Cup in Hijiori



Teams compete to see how quickly they can dig through the snow and reveal the ground. It may seem simple, but it's a profound sport that requires both power and technique.

Location Plaza in front of Hijiori Lifelong Learning Center

March Okura Snow Story



This is a winter tradition in Okura Village. At the Fantasy Snow Corridor, a giant snowman, the "Okura-kun," will be on display. Fireworks are also set off, lighting up the winter night sky.

Location Plaza in front of Hijiori Ideyu-kan