# Hirosaki Apple Pie Topics





# A book on Hirosaki apple pies has been published by Parco Publishing!

Features apple pie recipes from 20 outlets including patisseries, bakeries, Japanese sweets stores and cafes, complete with beautiful photos! With this book you can recreate the tastes of Hirosaki in the comfort of your own home. Try out a recipe from your favorite store or bring the book with you as you stroll around Hirosaki to find out what makes these apple pies taste so great. There are countless ways to enjoy this book!

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# Apple Pie Taxi



In Hirosaki you can meet taxi drivers, called "Sakura Komachi," who know the city's apple pies inside out! They are apple pie specialists who have meticulously analyzed the sweetness, tartness and cinnamon content of each store's apple pies, and have even passed advanced written exams! They will introduce you to famous stores, hidden spots only locals know, as well as their own personal favorites!

\*The drivers can only offer information in Japanese.

### Check out this special website!

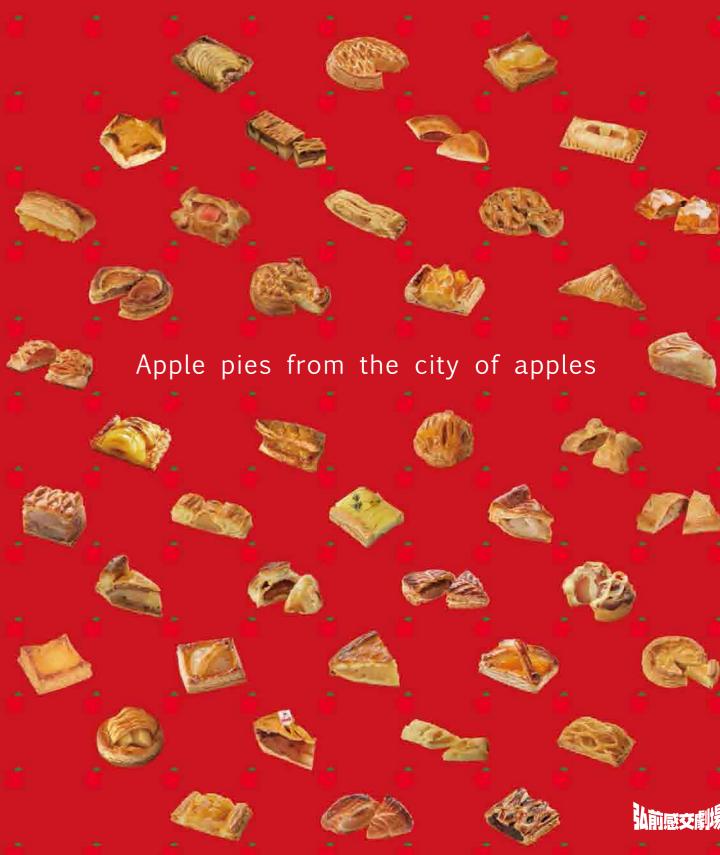
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# Guide Map

Hirosaki Apple Pie



# What is the Hirosaki Apple Pie Guide Map?

Tourism concierges from the Hirosaki Municipal Tourist Center and the Hirosaki City Tourist Information Center have surveyed the stores selling apple pies in Hirosaki, the city of apples! Check out their data, as well as these promotional comments based on in-person tastings.

### How to read the apple pie data

- •Sweetness: The level of sweetness from the apples, caramel and cream is measured on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the strongest).
- Tartness: The level of tartness from the apples, lemon juice etc., is measured on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the strongest).
- Cinnamon: The strength of the cinnamon flavor is measured on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the strongest).
- •The stores in this pamphlet all use Aomori apples for their apple pies.
- •There is a limited number of apple pies at each store, so please check for availability in advance.
- •Temporary and compensatory store closures before and after New Year's, during the bon period, and during Golden Week are not listed.

You can have your apple pies delivered anywhere in Japan from stores with this mark. Check with individual stores for more information.



Stores with this mark have a café area to enjoy apple pie. Business hours vary by store, so make sure to check beforehand. (Pies are also available for takeout.)



Stores with this mark are new additions to the Hirosaki Apple Pie Guide Map.

- •Taste varies from person to person. The data and comments listed here are not definitive statements about the apple pies served at these stores.
- Due to the impact of COVID-19, the information indicated in this pamphlet is subject to change. This includes shortened business hours, as well as changes to business days, days off, and eat-in policies. Contact each store for details.



A crispy, flaky pie crust topped with specially cooked apple jam and freshly sliced in-season apples. The glossy, shiny exterior just screams "delicious," and the aromatic caramelized bottom enhances the crispy texture of the crust



This apple pie, one of the signature items of this long standing Japanese sweets store, features a flaky pie crust and crisp stewed apples. The pie is coated in apricot jam and goes great with green tea.



Large slices of apple, still crisp and juicy, are sure to leave you feeling full! The sweetness of the pie is complimented by the tart Jonathan apples, leaving a refreshing aftertaste. Also available all year round at Funamizu Store 20172-31-1511 and Horikoshi Store 20172-55-8611.



The thin and crispy, 100% butter pie crust is loaded with homemade ripe Fuji apple compote and baked to just the right texture. You can sprinkle cinnamon on afterwards to suit your personal taste. This mildly sweet pie retains the original tartness of the apples, striking a perfect balance with the crispy pie crust.



The Fuji apples are stewed with wine, raisins and walnuts, resulting in a rich aroma and flavor. For this cake-style apple pie, apples are sandwiched between a layer of sponge cake and pie before baking. This pie has been made with pride and care for over 30 years.



A Japanese-style, retro apple pie bearing the unique touch of a Japanese sweets store. The pie crust is soft and light, and every bite is filled with 100% Jonathan-apple, sweet homemade apple jam. You might just end up getting seconds! Individually wrapped, these make for a perfect gift.



The rich, flaky crust is filled with the refined sweetness of apples mixed with homemade white bean jam, with a small slice of apple perched cutely on top. Just like Hirosaki, which features cultural influences from both the East and the West, these pies, though being a western treat, go well with green tea.



Why is the pie so crispy? Hirosaki apples are carefully stewed and inserted into the folded butter crust after it is done baking. Sold since the early Showa period (nearly 100 years ago), these pies have always been a winter-exclusive, with long-term customers eagerly waiting every year for sales to start.



A cute, cherry blossom pink pie made mainly with Jonathan apples. Care is taken to retain the apples' original flavor. There is another, slightly sweeter and crispier variety made from Fuji apples. Both are available as a drink set for ¥700 (including tax). Take a coffee break and enjoy the laid-back atmosphere of the cafe.



A beautifully layered crispy pie with a pronounced butter flavor. The mildly sweet stewed apples have been treated with cinnamon and other spices for a more sophisticated flavor. Add ice cream to your toasty apple pie and enjoy with a coffee or tea. These pies are also available for takeout.



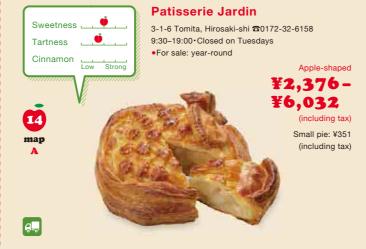
The beautifully woven pie crust uses 100% butter, resulting in a texture that is both rich and flaky. These pies feature Hirosaki's very own refreshingly sweet "Eikoga" apple, with raisins and nuts providing a unique accent.



The pie crust, which is both rich and flaky, is made entirely from scratch. The pronounced sweetness of the pie and Aomori apples is accented with cinnamon and raisins. With an apricot jam for a finishing touch, this slightly tart pie is sure to satisfy your cravings.



Fresh apples harvested in Tsugaru are carefully peeled before baking. Made with Johnathan and Fuji apples, these pies stay fresh for quite a long time and offer a deeply rich apple flavor unique to this store. You may want to share it with family and friends, as it is a bit large for just one person.



These pies are filled with the gentle flavor of softly stewed apples and a simple, unaffected sweetness. Whole pies are all apple-shaped and come in several sizes.



The generous amounts of apple used give these pies an enjoyable texture. If you are looking for an apple pie with sponge cake, this is it!

Also available at Matsubara Store 20172-87-5478.



Cute, delicately folded triangular pies with a caramelized fresh apple filling flavored with calvados and vanilla beans. Enjoy the light, crispy texture of the pie crust accentuated with fruity sweetness.



The ruby-colored apples peeking through the weaves in the pie crust are quite cute. The Johnathan apples featured in these pies are grown with great care and attention in the store's very own orchard. Gently sweet with just the right amount of tartness and a crispy pie crust, these pies let you savor the familiar, good old flavor of Johnathan apples. Contact Tamura Farm for deliveries. (20172-88-3836)



The beautiful, fresh apples and slightly browned crust will set your mouth watering. Containing sliced apples rich in sweetness and a tart compote, these pies offer a contrast of flavors and textures. These apple pies are available only in the fall and winter, when they are in peak season.



These exquisite apple pies are made with ample amounts of Aomori Fuji apples, grown in the Tsugaru Plain. Every bite is full of refreshingly sweet juiciness. Whole pies are vacuum-packed and last up to five days before opening. If you are eating in, you can get a complimentary gelato made from half an apple (¥660, including tax).



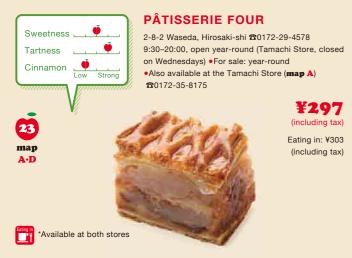
Pie crust kneaded with fermented butter is carefully folded into multiple layers and wrapped around a homemade Fuji apple compote. The tender sweetness and crispy, flaky texture are guaranteed to be addictive!



A pie with crispy, flaky pie crust and plenty of refreshingly tart apples. The butter flavor and faint scent of cinnamon harmonize perfectly, offering a refined sweetness. The cute domed shape is sure to be popular with women and girls, being a perfect little dessert for special occasions.



These apple pies, crispy on the outside and juicy on the inside, feature lots of Aomori (Fuji) apples. The apple's texture and the butter's aroma make for a hard to forget combination.



Cute apple pie with a light crust and lots of apples. Enjoy the original tartness and sweetness of the apples accentuated with a whiff of cinnamon.



This pie features a satisfying combination of crispy homemade pie crust and not overly sweet apples. The true appeal of these pies lies in their perfectly proportioned tartness, sweetness and cinnamon.



These pies feature pesticide-free apples grown by Akinori Kimura. There is an excellent harmony between the crispy pie crust and cream. Enjoy the apple's texture and its tartness balanced with the sweetness of the cream.



These pies are filled with homemade confiture made from Jonathan apples stewed skin and all. The soft texture and moderately sweet, refreshing taste go perfectly with the crispy, flaky crust scented with fermented butter. This pie offers you that refreshingly tart flavor of Johnson apples.



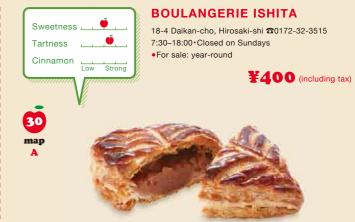
Fresh apple wrapped and baked in a flaky sugar-free crust. These pies are quite unique, as they offer a bare minimum of sweetness. This makes them a perfect match for a sweet drink.



The fragrant combination of apples, almond cream and walnuts is accentuated with a touch of cinnamon and chocolate sponge cake to appeal to more mature palates.



Jonathan apples are halved and stewed with caramel until soft and tart. Wrapped in a folded pie crust with custard cream, these pies feature a baker's touch.



A Chausson aux pommes that strikes a perfect harmony between the crispy golden-brown pie crust on the outside and the tart but sweet homemade apple compote on the inside. These leaf-shape pies, evocative of nature in France, stand out from the rest.



The unique low-temperature vacuum baking, which bakes the apples skin and all, seals in their vivid colors and fresh flavor. These apple pies also contain cream cheese, giving them added mildness.



A homemade apple pie that uses cider from the town of Yoshino, Hirosaki, to provide a finishing touch. The refreshingly sweet apples and butter-rich flaky crust make for a perfect match. Try pairing it with some cider to recreate the joy of eating a whole, fresh apple.



The softly stewed, moderately tart apple looks like a tiny sun floating in the center of the pie, a perfect choice for kids to snack on to get a little boost of energy. The flaky pie and delicious apples are an exquisite match.



The rich and flaky pie crust is loaded with refreshingly tart Jonathan apples for the perfect balance of aroma, sweetness and texture. It is referred to by some as "the standard in apple pies," as the bakery/patisserie which makes it boasts a long, storied history.



Delicately folded pie crust, large pieces of stewed Fuji apples, and a glossy shine make these pies quite charming. Each bite is full of fresh butter flavor and refreshing apple tartness. Don't forget to check out the other variety made with reduced-pesticide Jonathan apples!

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1-6-13 Tomita, Hirosaki-shi 20172-32-8491
9:30-18:30 Closed on Wednesdays
•For sale: From late October to mid-May

Whole

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(including tax)

1 piece: ¥420
(including tax)

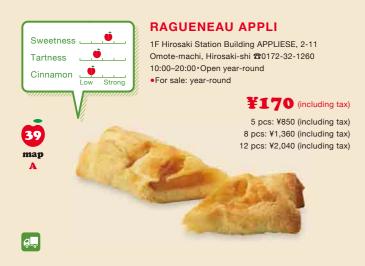
Sold for more than 50 years, these pies feature home stewed Hirosaki Jonathan apples, with just the right touch of rum and cinnamon added for a light, refreshing taste. Enjoy these old-school apple pies!



The butter-rich pie crust made with Aomori wheat brings out the mild sweetness and crispy texture of the apples, going well with the ample amount of butter used. The elaborate, farm basket shape also speaks to the care and love that goes into making each pie. These modest, understated apple pies will appeal to people who appreciate simplicity and quality.



These apple pies, with a moderately sweet flavor and a rich scent of cinnamon, give the apples center stage. It won the 2nd Hirosaki Apple Pie Contest Mayor's Award in 2002 with its carefully crafted, local taste. These pies use Fuji apples for year-round availability.



Patissier's Apple Stick, sold at Ragueneau chain stores, is made with large crispy cuts of Aomori apples dipped in syrup and wrapped with sponge cake in a rich pie crust. You can enjoy fresh from the oven pies at the RAGUENEAU Appli Store.



carefully created in house. You can enjoy these pies at the hotel restaurant. Nothing beats the moment your knife first cuts through the crispy top layer of the pie, with the rich aroma of butter wafting up. This pie is made by one of the oldest hotels in Hirosaki.



An apple pie with a lovely flaky pie crust and Jonathan apples that has been around since the store first opened. Reservations only, so make sure to call in advance!



Crispy, flaky apple pie with a beautiful golden brown leaf pattern and carefully stewed homemade apple compote. The balance between sweetness and tartness makes it appealing to all generations. A refined pie created by a pâtissier who studied traditional confectionery in France.



In keeping with its name "pommes encroûte noir (black apple pie)," the carefully caramelized apple, both sweet and bitter, melts in your mouth, serving as a perfect companion for wine. The sophisticated flavor, produced in a French restaurant, offers a satisfaction that transcends sweets.

# Hirosaki Museum of Contemporary Art Apple Pie

# HIROSAKI BRICK APPLE PIE

¥990 (including tax)

Takeout is ¥700 (including tax) for 1 piece and ¥2,000 (including tax) for 3 pieces

Supervised by chef Michiaki Sasamori of the Hirosaki Italian restaurant Osteria Enoteca Da Sasino, these apple pies feature caramelized apples and specially prepared custard cream, baked in an apple-shaped Nanbu-steel pan.





## CAFE & RESTAURANT BRICK

2-11 Yoshino-cho, Hirosaki-shi ☎0172-40-2775 9:00-21:00 (LO) • Closed on Tuesdays

•For sale: From around October to March

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# Cafes offering apple pie & drink sets



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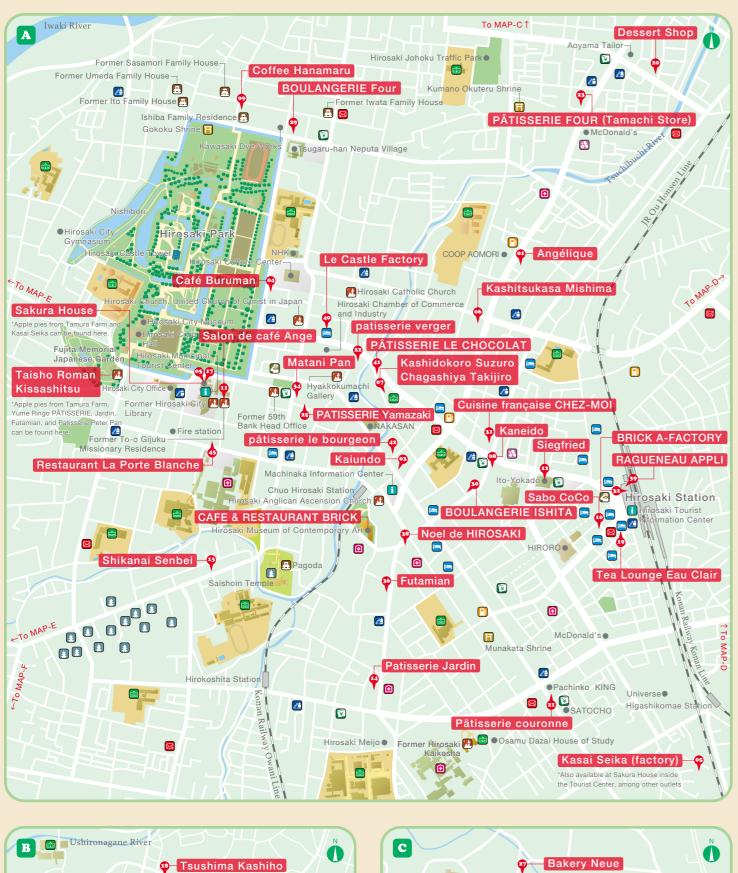
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