

WELCOME TO AOMORI

Discover Hirosaki

Castle town history, delicious apples, and Japanese architecture.
Explore the city conveniently with the Dotemachi Loop Bus.



Dotemachi Loop Bus

Bus Number

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The most convenient way to see the city. The bus runs frequently (every 10 mins approx.) and connects Hirosaki Station with the castle, shopping districts, and cultural sites.

Fare Information
¥150 Loop Bus

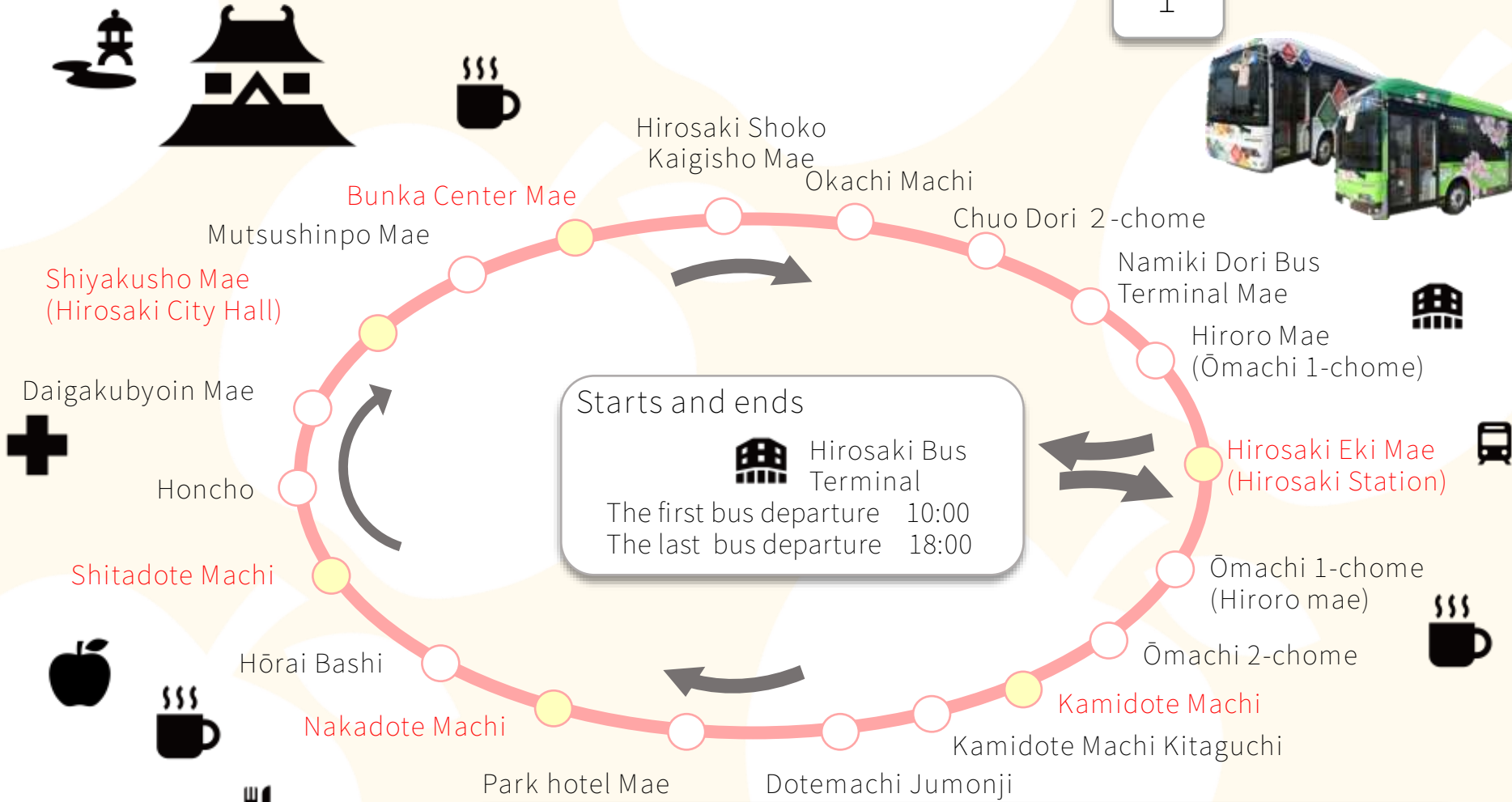
How to ride
Konan Bus



Dotemachi Loop Bus Map

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Key Bus Stops

- Hirosaki Eki Mae Gateway to Hirosaki's Surrounding Areas
- KamiDote Machi Food & Shopping street
~Shitadote Machi
- Shiyakusho Mae (City Hall) Access to Castle & Fujita Memorial Garden
- Bunka Center Mae Access to Castle & Neputa Village

Hirosaki Castle



Built in 1611, Hirosaki Castle served as the home of the Tsugaru clan. The castle grounds cover a massive 49.2 hectares, featuring six main areas surrounded by three moats. You can explore the inside of the three-story castle keep, which was rebuilt in 1811.

[Admission Info] A ticket is required for the Honmaru (Main Bailey), Kita no Kuruwa (North Bailey), and the Botanical Garden. [Tickets can be purchased at the entrance of each facility.](#)



Nearest Stop

Shiyakusho Mae/Bunka Center Mae

[Website](#)



Bus to Hirosaki Castle Depart from JR Hirosaki Station

The Dotemachi Loop Bus starts running from 10:00 AM.

If you're arriving earlier, please take a local bus to the castle. Different buses stop at different gates, so be sure to check which gate is closest to your destination!

Ōte Mon

Board at Station



Look for these bus numbers

20

21

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350

351

Get off at

[Shiyakusho Mae](#)

or [Shiyakusho Mae](#)

[Kouen Iriguchi](#)

Best for:

Fujita Memorial Garden,
Hirosaki Municipal Tourist
Center Information Desk

Higashi Mon (East Gate)

Board at Station



Look for these bus numbers

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Get off at

[Bunka Center Mae](#)

Best for:

Tsugaru-Han Neputa Village

Kamenoko Mon (North Gate)

Board at Station



Look for these bus numbers

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Get off at

[Kamenoko Mon Mae](#)

Best for:

Tsugaru-Han Neputa Village
Naka-cho Historical House
Preservation Area

Tsugaru-Han Neputa Village



The Hirosaki Neputa Festival is a celebrated summer tradition, designated as an Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Japan.

At Tsugaru-Han Neputa Village, you can experience the festival's spirit year-round through its towering Neputa floats, traditional Tsugaru crafts, and powerful live Tsugaru Shamisen performances.



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Bunka Center Mae(Dotemachi Loop Bus)

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Kamenoko Mon Mae(Local Bus)

Bus numbers

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[Website](#)

FUJITA MEMORIAL GARDEN



Kenichi Fujita, a Hirosaki native and the first president of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, commissioned this villa in 1921.

The expansive 5.4-acre grounds feature a hilltop garden with stunning views of Mt. Iwaki, and a lower garden known for its peaceful pond and irises.

After your stroll, relax at the “[Taisho Roman Cafe](#)” located inside the historic Western-style house, where you can enjoy a variety of local apple pies.

You can also find delicious sweets and local crafts at the on-site “[Takumi-kan.](#)”



Nearest Stop

Shiyakusyho Mae

[Website](#)

Saishoin Temple Five-Storied Pagoda



Saishoin Temple was the most prestigious temple in the Hirosaki domain. Its iconic five-story pagoda, completed in 1667, is one of only 22 surviving from the Edo period (1603–1867). Standing at 31.2 meters, it is celebrated as the northernmost historical five-story pagoda in Japan.



Nearest Stop

Honcho

[Website](#)

Hirosaki Museum of Contemporary Art



The Hirosaki Museum of Contemporary Art is housed in a century-old red brick warehouse that once served as a cider brewery. It represents a seamless fusion of industrial heritage and modern creativity.

A must-see highlight is the “A to Z Memorial Dog” by world-renowned artist Yoshitomo Nara, a proud native of Hirosaki.



Nearest Stop

Nakadote Machi

[Website](#)

Local Specialties



Kaiyaki-miso (Miso-grilled Scallop Dish)
A unique local dish where beaten eggs and miso are cooked in a large scallop shell used as a pan.



Niboshi Ramen (Dried Sardine Ramen)
Famous in Hirosaki, this ramen features a rich broth made from dried sardines (*niboshi*) with an intense umami flavor.

 **Nearest Stop** "At various bus stops"

Hirosaki City lists shops that openly welcome international visitors.
Guide to International Visitor-Friendly Shops [Google Maps](#)





Apple Pie



Hirosaki City is the leading producer of apples in Japan. Packed with vitamins, minerals, and fiber, our apples are as nutritious as they are delicious.

In Hirosaki, known as the “Apple City,” local pastry shops offer a wide variety of unique apple pies made with fresh, crisp fruit. Grab a “[Hirosaki Apple Pie Guide Map](#)” to explore the city and find your perfect slice!



Nearest Stop

"At various bus stops"

[Get the "Apple Pie Guide Map"](#)

[Maps](#)



Shopping



Dotemachi Shopping Street

This historic main street is the heart of Hiroasaki. Lined with a mix of retro shops, modern cafes, and specialty stores, it is the perfect place to enjoy a stroll and shop for local goods.

※This photo was taken during an event. Please note that this road is usually open to traffic.



Nearest Stop

Between "Kami-dotemachi"
& "Shita-dotemachi" Bus stops



Souvenir Shop "Sakura House"

Located inside the Hiroasaki Municipal Tourist Center, this shop offers a wide variety of local specialties. You can find popular apple pies from various local bakeries, apple juice, sake, and traditional crafts all in one place.



Nearest Stop

Shiyakusho Mae

i Tourist Information Center



Hirosaki Station Tourist Information Center

It's conveniently located inside JR Hirosaki Station, this is the perfect place to start your trip. The friendly staff provide sightseeing maps, pamphlets, and bus schedules.



Nearest Stop

Hirosaki Eki Mae



Hirosaki Municipal Tourist Center Information Desk

It's located in Ōtemon Square, the gateway to Hirosaki Castle. Knowledgeable staff provide detailed sightseeing advice, maps, and pamphlets.



Nearest Stop

Shiyakusho Mae

Journeys from Hirosaki Station



Hirosaki Station

Hirosaki Station is the central hub for exploring the Tsugaru region.

It provides easy access to the JR Ou Line, the JR Gono Line, and the Konan Railway, allowing you to travel conveniently in all directions.



Nearest Stop
Hirosaki Eki Mae

① Aomori & Shin-Aomori Area (JR Ou Line)



- Shin-Aomori Station approx. 20min
- Aomori Station approx. 40min



② Goshogawara & West Coast Area (JR Gono Line)



- Goshogawara Station approx. 45min
 - Fukaura & Juniko Area approx. 2-3hours
- Tachineputa Museum, Transfer to Tsugaru Railway (Stove Train).
Aoike Pond (Blue Pond), Koganezaki Furofushi Onsen.



③ Akita & Odate Area (JR Ou Line)



- Owani Onsen Station approx. 10min
 - Akita approx. 2-3hours
- Hot spring resort area, Owani Onsen Ski Resort.
Akita Dog Visitor Center, Kiritanpo (local cuisine).






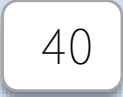









④ Kuroishi Area (Konan Railway)



- Kuroishi Station approx. 30min
- Nakamachi Komise Street

Attractions Not Covered by Dotemachi Loop Bus

Spot (Bus Stop)	Bus Number Board at Hirosaki Station	Website URL Google Maps
Hirosaki City Apple Park (Tokiwazaka)	Bus Number  21 Board at Station 	Website Maps
Zen Temple Area (Shigemori Machi)	Bus Number  20  Board at Station 	Maps
Naka-cho Historical House Preservation Area (Kamenokomon Mae)	Bus Number  40  Board at Station 	Maps
Iwakiyama Shrine (Iwakiyama Jinja Mae)	Bus Number  30 Board at Station 	Website Maps
UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site Shirakami Sanchi Visitor Center (Tashiro or Nishimeya Mura Yakuba Mae)	Bus Number  20  Board at Station 	Website Maps

Journeys from Chuo Hirosaki Station (Konan Railway)



Hirosaki Chuo Station



Nearest Stop

Nakadote Machi

Owani Onsen Area (Terminus)
Owani Station approx. 30min

- Owani Onsen



A historic hot spring town famous for its healing waters and "Owani Moyashi" (local bean sprouts).

- Owani Onsen Ski Resort

Popular for winter sports.



Transfer

Connects to the JR Ou Line (Owani Onsen Station) for Akita or back to JR Hirosaki Station.

We also post info about other tourist attractions and events on our Instagram. Be sure to follow us for the latest updates!

WELCOME TO HIROSAKI
YOUR HOME IN JAPAN

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