

# Hirosaki

Hirosaki City is a castle town located in the southwestern part of Aomori Prefecture. It boasts the highest apple production in Japan and is characterized by its retro townscape lined with samurai residences and Western-style architecture. The Hirosaki Cherry Blossom Festival in the spring is particularly popular, attracting many tourists from both Japan and abroad.

## Hirosaki Cherry Blossom Festival

With about 2,600 cherry trees of 52 varieties, Hirosaki Park is widely considered one of the best places in Japan to enjoy cherry blossoms. The cherry blossoms adorn important cultural properties, including the castle tower, turrets, and castle gates, which have stood since the Edo period after the castle was built in 1611.



## Cherry Blossom Heart

There is a popular photo spot where the cherry blossom branches look like they are forming a heart. It is not on the map, so try to find it.



## Former Hirosaki City Library

This Renaissance-style Western building is notable for its twin octagonal towers. It served as the Hirosaki City Library until 1931.



## Cherry Blossom Tunnel

A row of cherry trees stretches for about 300 meters, creating a breathtaking tunnel of blossoms when they are in full bloom.



## Former 59th National Bank

Built in 1904, this Renaissance-style building features a unique blend of Western and Japanese architectural elements, including a fire-resistant earthen storehouse structure. It is designated as a National Important Cultural Property of Japan.



## Hirosaki Seven Cherry Blossoms

There are around 700 cherry trees of 40 varieties that bloom after the Somei Yoshino in Hirosaki Park.

Seven specially selected double-flowered varieties are known as the "Hirosaki Seven Cherry Blossoms." The Kanzan variety is especially popular, and the Kanzan Tunnel in the Shinomaru area is a must-see.



## TOGEKURIGANI (Helmet Crab)



This crab is in season during the cherry blossom period. In Hirosaki, it is a popular local delicacy enjoyed during cherry blossom viewing.



## MANJIFUDA

Manjifuda are small tags with unique designs and the name of a shop in Hirosaki. Enjoy collecting them during your visit.



## KONANTETSUDO



This local railway has two lines: the Konan Line and the Owani Line. The Konan Line runs through scenic rice fields, while the Owani Line passes through beautiful apple orchards.

## Who is Sakura Miku?

Sakura Miku is a derivative character of Hatsune Miku, appearing from the end of winter to early spring dressed in a seasonal costume.

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