

Private and Customized Tours

(English speaking guides available)

We recommend this program to those

Who look for an English speaking guide.

Who want to reserve a guide all to themselves.

Who want us to arrange and coordinate their own tours, answering their aims and needs.

From a light hike to a hard-core trek or mountaineering, an in-house exclusive mountain guide will arrange and coordinate your own original tour.

We are willing to take care of you from the preparation, e.g. health care, equipment, clothes, itinerary, if you expect us to do it.

Major Courses

*The followings are just examples. Please ask us about other courses.

Mt. Iwaki

Mt. Iwaki is one of the best 100 mountains in Japan and the highest mountain in Aomori (1,625m), called Tsugaru-Fuji. Rockwood Hotel & Spa is situated at the foot of Mt. Iwaki. The hotel was named after Iwaki which exactly means Rock and Wood. The mountain has several trails, from easy ones to strenuous ones, appealing to all levels of trekkers.



Mt. Iwaki, seen from an apple orchard at the foot of the mountain.

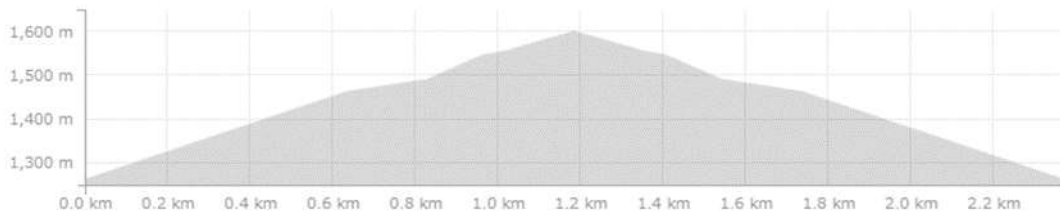
【Skyline Course】

From the mid of June to the end of October (beginner)
A vehicle takes you to the eighth station of the mountain.
This is the easiest route to get to the top of Iwaki. If you use a trekking chair lift from the eighth station to the ninth station, an ascent gets even easier.



Just an hour hike takes you above clouds.

Distance : 2.4km / Elevation Gain : 338m / Duration : Approx. 4 hours



【Hyakuzawa Course】

From July to October (Intermediate~Experienced)
At around the tree line, you can quench your thirst with cold spring water. Shortly, a small pond will be in front of you, where beautiful alpine flowers bloom in early summer. This course is full of variety.



Alpine flowers bloom around the pond “Tanemaki Nawashiro.”

Distance : 9.8km / Elevation Gain : 1,286m / Duration : Approx. 6~7 hours



*There are four other trails which lead to the top of Mt. Iwaki, each having its own characteristic. You can combine them for an ascent and a descent.

One of the primrose family, endemic in Mt. Iwaki, “Michinoku Kozakura.”

Anmon Area

The easiest access to UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Shirakami Mountain Range, with several routes from easy ones to strenuous ones.

【Beech Forests in UNESCO World Heritage Site】

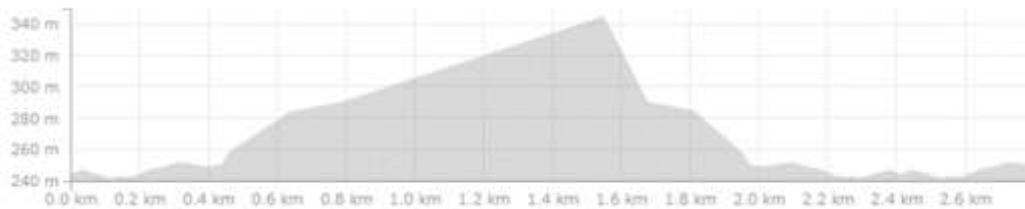
From April to November (Beginner)

This course is recommended to those who want to step into forests inside UNESCO World Heritage Site. You will be healed and refreshed by the sight of beautiful beech forests, the sound of streams, and the taste of cold spring water.



Whatever the season or the weather is, beech tree forests shows their beauty and wonder at that moment.

Distance : 2.8km / Elevation Gain : 131m / Duration : Approx. 2 hours



【Anmon Falls】 From July and October (Beginner~Intermediate)

Daiichi Taki or the first fall, which is located in the highest point, has a drop of 42 meters, Daini or the second 37 meters, and Daisan or the third 26 meters. On sunny and hot summer days, you can enjoy diving into the stream and the falls.

Daiichi Taki, the biggest among all three falls.



Distance : 6.1km / Elevation Gain : 217m / Duration : Approx. 4 hours



【Traversing Takakura to Anmon】 June to November (Intermediate)

You start hiking from Tsugaru Pass, where the landmark beech tree in the Shirakami Mountain Range, Mother Tree, is enshrined. You will traverse Takakura Mountains, walking back to the Anmon Area.

Distance : 5.2km / Elevation : 600m / Duration : Approx. 4 hours



Juniko

There are 33 ponds and lakes in the Juniko Area, including Aoike, famous for its mysterious color.

【Hike through all 33 ponds】

From May to November (Intermediate)

You will be visiting all 33 lakes and ponds in this program, full of highlights, including Aoike with its mysterious color and Japan Canyon with its magnificent cliffs.



You will come down to the bottom of Japan Canyon after hiking through all 33 ponds.

Distance : 12km / Elevation Gain : 230m / Duration : Approx. 5 hours



Mt. Shirakami

Needless to say, Mt. Shirakami (1235m) represents the whole Shirakami mountain range. The mountain boasts a wonderful view of the core World Heritage Site and Japan Sea

【Mt. Shirakami】

From June to October (Intermediate~Experienced)

You will tell how versatile the ecosystem of Shirakami is, going through the ascent from the coast to the top, 1235m. You can quench your thirst with cold spring water which comes from ancient beech forests.



The view from the top of Mt. Shirakami.

Distance : 13.7km / Elevation Gain : 1,052m / Duration : Approx. 7 hours



【Traversing from Mt. Shirakami to Juniko】

From June to October (Experienced) 2 days with a hut stay
We stay at a hut which is on top of Mt. Shirakami and traverse to Juniko. This course is full of highlights and is highly recommended by a mountain guide.



The ridge stretching from Mt. Shirakami to Juniko and Japan Sea.

Distance : 19.8km / Elevation Gain : 1,174m / Duration : Day 1 Approx. 4.5 hours, Day 2 Approx. 8 hours



Notes

*Please consult us for other courses and routes.

*Depending on the reservation circumstances and the availability of guides, your booking may not be accepted.

*Cost per person (including tax)

JPY16,000 (for 2 people) / JPY11,000 (for 3) / JPY8,500 (for 4) / JPY7,500 (for 5 and more)

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