

What to do on the HokuHoku Train line

This line leaves from Muikamachi Station and goes all the way to the Japan Seaside! From Urasa Station go to Muikamachi station (10 minutes and 240yen)



Ideas: Board HokuHoku at Muikamachi and

Get off at Tokamachi (330yen, 14 minutes, and a beautiful ride through the mountains)

Tokamachi is famous for silk, Kimono, their snow festival in February, and the art experience of Echigo Tsumari. A tourism info center is located in the Station.

About 400meters from Tokamachi station, you can find the center for the major art exhibition that crosses the entire city! Echigo Tsumari. Several things are permanently housed in the info center. Going there is worth the visit!

Things to do: https://www.tripadvisor.com/AttractionsNear-g1021360-d4490265-Tookamachi_Station-Tokamachi_Niigata_Prefecture_Koshinetsu_Chubu.html

Tourism bureau English site: <https://www.tokamachishikankou.jp/en/recommend/>

“Home Home” offers various classes and experiences in Tookamachi: <https://homehome.jp/en/> Here are some *examples* of the experiences available. Check out their page for many more!

 <p>Interact With Locals! Tokamachi's Sake & Food Party</p> <p>¥3,240 per person</p> <p>Interact with the locals</p> <p>地域の人や他の旅行者と一緒に、楽しい夜を過ごしませんか？ 最先での新たな出会いや交流は、旅の醍醐味ですよ...</p>	 <p>Black Bass Fishing in Japan's longest river! Sport Fishing, Shinano River</p> <p>¥5,000 - ¥7,000 per person</p> <p>Immerse in nature</p> <p>This is a plan that you can book now to experience Black Bass Fishing in the Shinano River, the longest river in Japan...</p>	 <p>Amazing walk in the picturesque rice terraces in Hoshi-Toge</p> <p>¥9,000 - ¥12,000 per person</p> <p>Immerse in nature</p> <p>Credit card payment</p> <p>*Voted one of Japan's "100 Countryside Selection", the exquisite rice terraces of Hoshi-Toge is Tokamachi's main pic...</p>
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Get off at Matsudai Station (590yen, 24 minutes, and a beautiful ride)

An info center, fun shopping place, and some art work from the Echigo Tsumari are located here. The rice fields near by have interesting art, as does the field behind the main building called “Tsumari in Bloom” Google it!

Get off at Oike Ikoi no Mori Station (1,010yen, 41 minutes)

This is a large park with a beautiful pond in it. Great for a long walk in nature, and camping if you are so inclined. Take a picnic lunch and breath in the nature. This park is a 15 minute walk from the station.

<https://joetsukankonavi.jp/spot-en.php?id=30>



Get off at Saigata Station (1,080yen, 51 minutes, and more natural beauty)

The Japan Seaside is about a 15 minute walk from the station, passing through Saigata park which is home to several temples and shrines (Suwa Shrine, Ekoji Temple, Enzji Temple. Search on Google Maps for support.



Transfer at Saigata Station, and go to Naotsu Station on the Shin-Etsu line

About a 10 minute walk away is the Joetsu Aquarium “Umigatari” which opened in July 2018. (1,620yen entry fee)

Transfer at Saigata station, and got to Jogehama Station on the Shin-Etsu Line (200yen, 9 minutes)

Find the pretty black sand beach of Jogehama. (You can take this train all the way to Nagaoka Station if you prefer a different route home)

Transfer at Saigata station, go to Naotsu Station, transfer again to the Myoko-Haneuma line and get off at Takada Station

Find a big park that is very popular in Cherry Blossom season. Enjoy the castle and grounds.



Please use GOOGLE search to confirm information and routes.