

Things to Do in Nagaoka

Take the local line to Nagaoka Station (9 stops, 45 minutes, 760yen)
(You can transfer at this station to go on to Sanjo and Niigata city.)

Nagaoka is a mid-sized city with everything you are looking for: Shopping, Restaurants, Malls, Movie Theaters, night life, various events, and more. There is a lot to do near the station, and bus services to get you out a bit further.

Within the station are many shops, restaurants, tourist info booth, bus guides, and more! And the streets just in front of the station are busy with activities, and fun at night too!

Aore: (アオーレ長岡) This is the city office for Nagaoka, and the outside courtyard is the site for many events from concerts, to food festivals, to cultural days (Like the annual Africa day) and more. There is a Moss Burger within it, and a convenience store. The semi-pro Nagaoka Basketball team plays here in the gym behind the courtyard. Fun to visit even without an event as the architecture is amazing. Just 3 minutes walk from the station. Check the events webpage for events info: <https://www.ao-re.jp/event/> (IN Japanese so use TRANSLATE)



Yukyuzan Park (2.8K, 35 minute walk from Nagaoka Station – share a taxi?)

This park (悠久山公園) is right behind Nagaoka University. It is a lovely park with Aoshi Shrine (蒼柴神社), a buddhist temple of Kenshoji (堅正寺) and a little zoo featuring a monkey habitat! There are also Japanese warlord castle buildings to explore



Nagaoka Castle Ruins

The ruins of this castle are just in front of Nagaoka Station. You may think of them as just some rocks for a fountain, but look carefully. It is a castle dating back to the early 1600s! Just in front of these ruins is a statue (Uchiagetsutsu Monument) of the fireworks launcher!!



Jomon Kaen Doki

Also right within the station area is this very special showing of pottery from the Jomon period. The Jomon period was between 14000-3000BCE!

Firework Information room (1-4-10 Dori | Aore Nagaoka)

Just 100m from the station is a special display of the firework culture of Nagaoka – how the fireworks are built, what they look like before exploding and how big the “bombs” are.



Machinaka Firework Museum (Within the Aore area 2-2-6 Otedori | 5 Fields, Citizen Center)
Stop by and have a quick look to learn about this very important part of Nagaoka culture!

Kikzakebansho – Sake Tasting – Also right at the station.... If you would like to sample Niigata sakes, this is the place for you (similar one in Echigo Yuzawa station)! 1-611-1 Jonaicho CoCoLo Nagaoka 2F

Nagaoka Earthquake Disaster Archive Center (KiokuMirai) 2-6 Otedori, Nagaoka, Phoenix Ohte East 2F (FREE)

<http://c-marugoto.jp/facility/nagaoka.html>

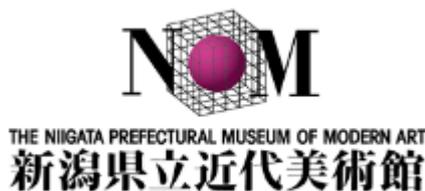
Located just a 5 minute walk from Nagaoka Station, this is an interesting display of what happened in the 2004 earthquake, lessons learned and more. It is worth a quick visit.

Riverside Senju - Mall Shopping and Movie Theaters (3.5K from Nagaoka Station)

Riverside Senju (2-278 Senshu, Nagaoka 940-2093) is a popular indoor mall with everything you need from clothing, to fancy coffee and *international products* (don't miss KALDI Coffee Farm), to a big grocery store, Starbucks coffee, to a food court with McDonalds and many Japanese and western booths, and nice restaurants including steaks and buffets (lower level) and Pizza Hut pizza, Mister Donuts and **Uniqlo!** The movie theater is the dark brown building connected by a 2F walkway from the mall (you can give blood here too!). Be sure the movie is subtitled and not in Japanese (unless you want to practice your Japanese!).



Take the bus to the Red Cross Hospital. The mall is across the street. *BUS: From Nagaoka Station Oteguchi Exit Platform 2, take the Nagaoka Eki-mae-Ote Ohashi (Bridge) / Nisseki Byoin (Red Cross Hospital) Line, and get off at the Nisseki Byoin-mae bus stop. (The bus ride takes about 12 minutes.)*



Niigata Prefectural Museum of Modern Art (430yen)

<https://kinbi.pref.niigata.lg.jp/english/>

The museum is located in a very nice and big park (Senshugahara Furusato no Mori Park) near Riverside Senju (next bus stop after Red Cross Hospital), and houses a the works of Taiko, and 19th century western art from styles such as Barbizon and Les Nabis. To name a few more:

Rodin's The Thinker, Monet's Frost on the Plains of

Colombes, and Dupre's The Shepherd are for viewing! Check it out at <https://kinbi.pref.niigata.lg.jp/collection-kanko/collections.php> (bilingual).

It has special exhibitions as well, so check the website before going to see what is on.

Upcoming special Exhibition: **The Science Behind PIXAR**

October 12 (Sat.) to November 24 (Sun.), 2019

This hands-on exhibit lets guests learn about the science that is fundamental to making PIXAR animation possible. Learn about specialized animation technology and methods such as modeling and rigging, all through your favorite PIXAR characters from movies like Toy Story, Finding Nemo, and more!

Bus from Nagaoka Station: Take the central loop-line bus (Ote Exit, platform No.8) and Get off at "Kenritsu Kindai Bijutsukan" (Approx. 15 min.)

For MANY more ideas and support, check out this PDF flier in English

<https://www.city.nagaoka.niigata.jp/kurashi/cate13/chikyuhiroba/file/maitabi-en.pdf>