

“TSUNAGARU TOHOKU Iwate & Miyagi” online tour

Destinations

■ Nakahama Elementary School

Nakahama Elementary School is located in the southern part of Miyagi prefecture and it has maintained the original damaged structure. This school saved 90 people, including 59 pupils, who evacuated to the rooftop of the school building before the tsunami hit this area.

■ Miracle Pine Tree in Takatamatsubara Memorial park

The coast of Rikuzentakata City in Iwate prefecture was once beloved for its picturesque white sand beaches and pine forest. On the coastal forest once stood 70,000 pine trees, protecting the city from storms and tsunami. The unprecedented tsunami completely destroyed the coastal forest as well as the entire downtown of the city. Among 70,000 pine trees, only one survived the tsunami. This tree has come to be known as the “the Miracle Pine Tree,” and soon became a symbol of hope and recovery for the entire region.

■ Sanriku Railway

The Sanriku Railway has been a symbol of reconstruction following the earthquake and tsunami on March 11th 2011, which inflicted serious damage to its facilities. The railway attracts a number of visitors.

■ Strawberry farm

Sun-drenched Yamamoto town, located in Miyagi prefecture, is the largest production district of strawberries in the Tohoku region. Strawberries from there feature a good balance of sweetness and acidity.

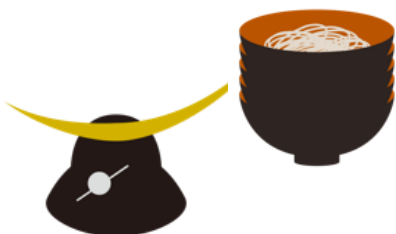
■ Nori seaweed cultivation in Miyagi prefecture

Since Miyagi is located at the northernmost seaweed(nori) producing area, the first seaweed of the year usually comes out from Miyagi, and the roasted nori from this region is usually presented to the Imperial Family.

■ Oyster cultivation in Ishinomaki

After a massive seabed quake sent a devastating tsunami barreling into Japan's northeast on March 11th, 2011, entire towns in Ishinomaki region were destroyed and the local oyster farmers lost everything: their oyster beds, boats, houses, and equipment. French oyster farmers kicked off an aid effort to help them rebuild their livelihoods.

★In addition to the examples above, we are going to visit other destinations, too.



The main theme of the Iwate & Miyagi tour

Local fishing industry recovering from the
devastation caused by the tsunami