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TATEYAMA-KUROBE ALPINE ROUTE & GOKAYAMA



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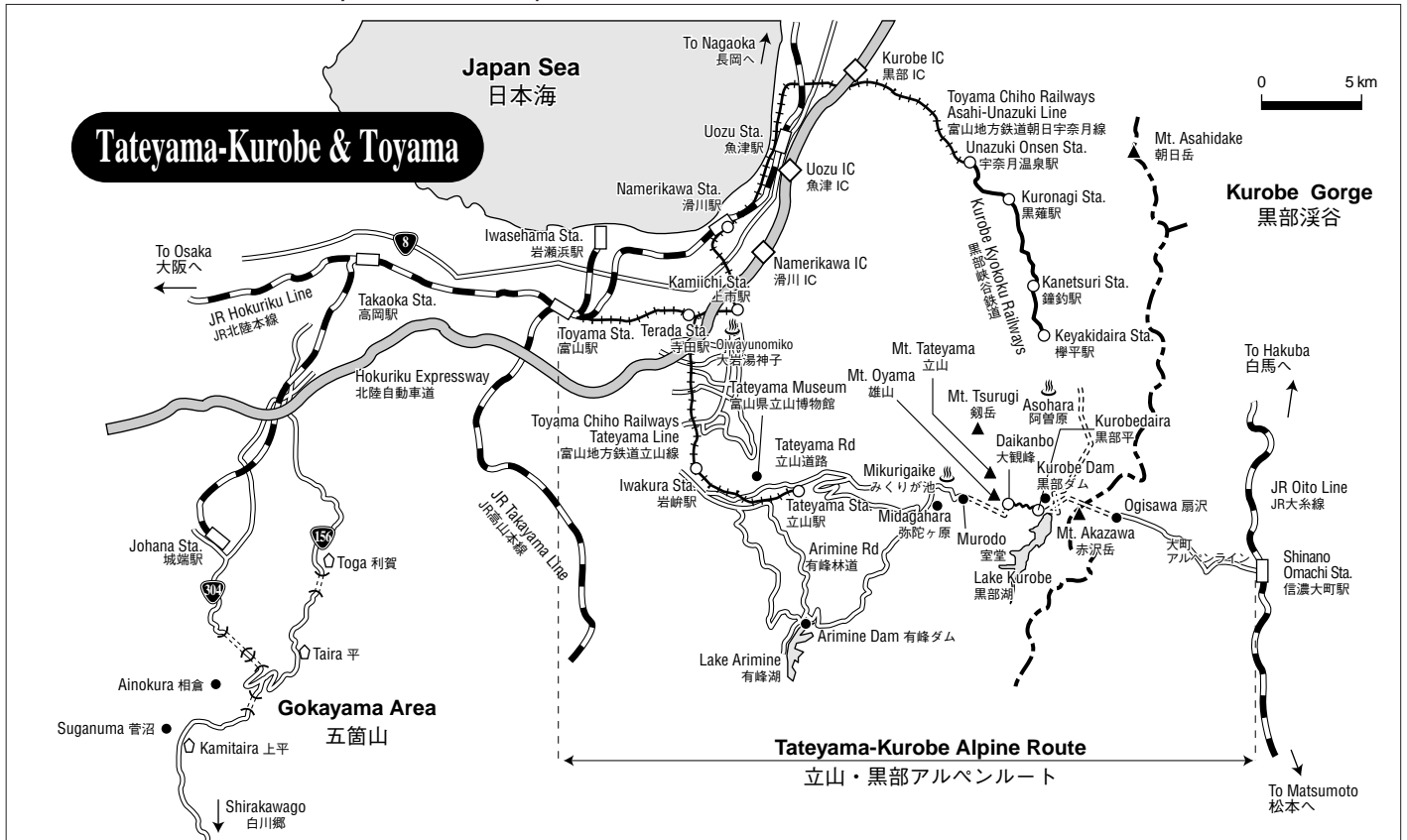
"YOKOSO" means "welcome"

Tateyama-Kurobe Alpine Route (立山黒部アルペンルート)
The route for crossing the Northern Japan Alps by various means of transportation between Shinano-Omachi and Toyama takes 8 hrs. to look around. You can enjoy the alpine nature without heavy climbing equipment. Sneakers, an umbrella and a cold weather outfit are necessary. The whole transportation net-

work is operated only from late Apr. to late Nov. The peak period are summer and the season of autumnal leaves (late Sep. thru late Oct.). See www.alpen-route.com for more information.

Gokayama (五箇山)

Nestled along the deep gorge of Sho River, 33 Gassho-zukuri houses have been preserved in the historic villages of Gokayama including Taira and Ainokura.



Access: Shinano-Omachi and Toyama are gateways to the Tateyama-Kurobe Alpine Route

To Shinano-Omachi:

(Reserved-seat)

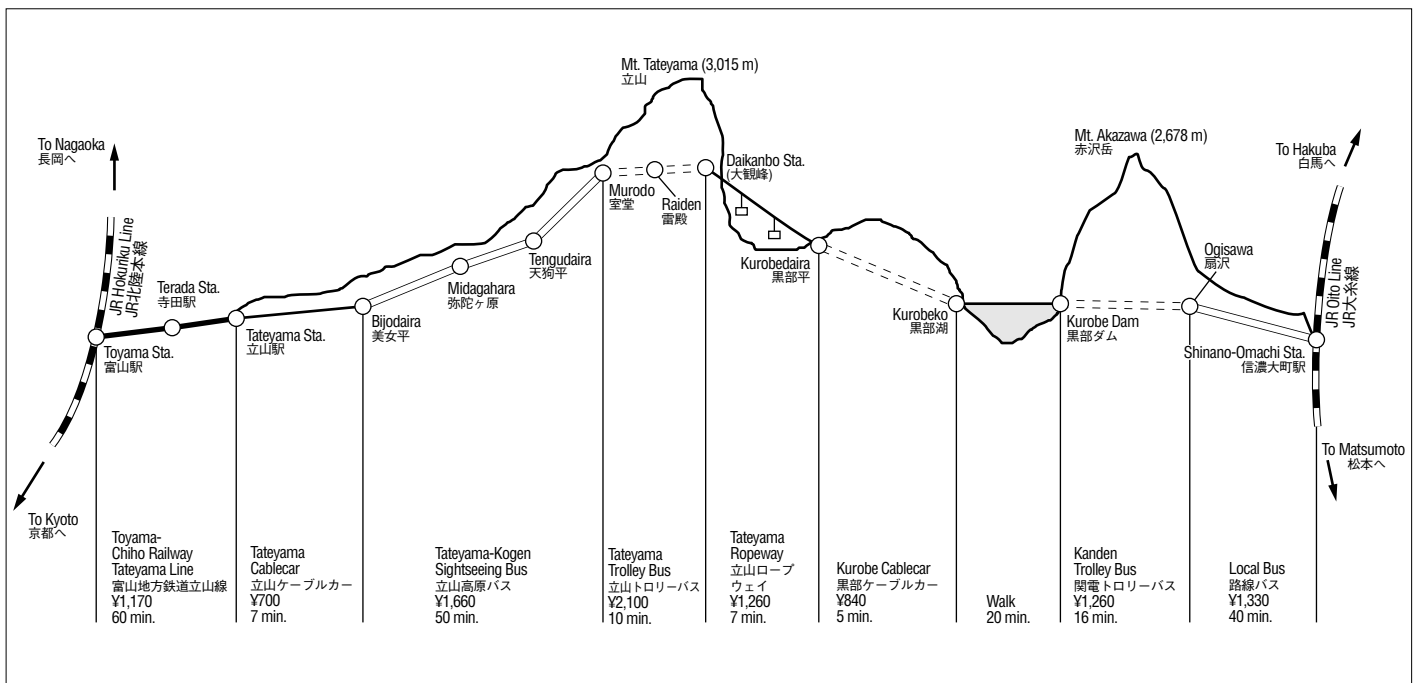
Destination	Type of transportation	Time required	Daily runs	Fare one-way(¥)
Shinjuku Sta.→Shinano-Omachi (Tokyo)	JR Limited Express "Super Azusa"	3 hrs. 10 min.	2	7,440
	Express "Alps"	5 hrs. 15 min.	1	5,880 (non-reserved)
Shinjuku Sta.→Matsumoto	Limited Express "Azusa" "Super Azusa"	2 hrs. 30 min.-3 hrs. 15 min.	17	6,710
Shinjuku Bus Stop→Matsumoto	Express bus	3 hrs. 10 min.	16	3,400
Matsumoto Sta.→Shinano-Omachi	JR local train (Oito Line)	1 hr.	20	650
Shinjuku→Shinano-Omachi	Express bus	3 hrs. 55 min.	2	4,100
Tokyo Sta.→Nagano	JR Nagano Shinkansen "Asama"	1 hr. 20 min.-1 hr. 50 min.	27	7,970
Nagano BT→Shinano-Omachi	Express bus	1 hr. 00 min.	6	1,800
Osaka Sta.→Matsumoto	JR Limited Express "Wide View Shinano"	4 hrs. 00 min.	1	9,120
Nagoya Sta.→Matsumoto	JR Limited Express "Wide View Shinano"	1 hr. 55 min.-2 hrs. 10 min.	13	5,870
Hankyu-Umeda BT→Matsumoto (Osaka)	Express bus	5 hrs. 30 min.	2	5,710

To Toyama:

(Reserved-seat)

Destination	Type of transportation	Time required	Daily runs	Fare one-way(¥)
Tokyo Sta.→Nagaoka Sta.	JR Joetsu Shinkansen "Asahi"	1 hr. 30 min.–2 hrs.	36	8,700
Nagaoka Sta.→Toyama Sta.	JR Limited Express "Furusato Raicho" "Hokuetsu"	2 hrs.-2 hrs. 15 min.	6	5,870
Ueno Sta.(Tokyo)→Toyama Sta.	JR Sleeping train "Hokuriku"	6 hrs. 30 min.	1	16,270 (Berth B)
Haneda Airport→Toyama Sta. (Tokyo)	Airplane (ANA, JAL)	1 hr.	8	18,500
Ikebukuro East BT→Toyama Sta.	Express bus	6 hrs. 50 min.	3	7,340
Osaka Sta.→Toyama Sta.	JR Limited Express "Furusato Raicho" "Thunder Bird"	3 hrs. 10 min.-3 hrs. 35 min.	15	8,490

Tateyama-Kurobe Alpine Route



* Through ticket is available at Toyama Sta. (¥10,320 for adult, one way)

Accommodations: (Most are open Apr. through Nov.)

Name of facilities	Tel.	Room rate (¥)	Name of facilities	Tel.	Room rate (¥)
Tateyama: Seiryuso(R)	(0764)81-1006	10,000	Murodo: Hotel Tateyama(H*)	(0764)65-3333	19,000
Senzanso(R)	(0764)82-1726	7,000	Raicho Onsen Raicho-so(R)	(0764)65-5777	9,000
Midagahara: People's Lodge Tateyama-so(PE)	(0764)42-3535	10,000	Mikurigaike Onsen(R)	(0764)65-3303	10,500
			Kurobe Dam: Lodge Kuroyon(R)	(0764)82-1516	9,000

Accommodation rates are due to change by season or days. Please check the correct rates before you visit.

Remarks:

Standard rates are quoted.

H* = Hotel

Rate per person including 2 meals.

R = Ryokan

Rate per person including 2 meals, tax and service charge.

PE = People's Lodge

Rate per person with 2 meals.

Recommended Walking Route

Murododaira Hiking Route (A 2-hour hike)

This hiking tour takes about 2 hrs., starting from Murodo Terminal - Mikurigaike pond - Jigokudani valley - Raicho-so lodge - Rindoike pond - Midorigaike pond - Tateyama Murodo Sanso lodge, and coming back to Murodo Terminal.

Jigokudani is still an active hot spring and water vapor also spouts out, therefore it is very dangerous to walk off-course. As already mentioned, this tour takes about 2 hrs., but only if you don't stop on the way. Please keep in mind that you need at least 3 hrs. to join this hiking tour because there are many places to see.

Midagahara Hiking Route (A 1 or 2-hour hike)

Midagahara is an area of highlands and is 2,000 meters above sea level. Even the marsh is maintained as a promenade. A short course will take about 1 hr., and the long course will take about 2 hrs.

Various wild flowers of the highlands can be seen in Jul. and Aug. You can enjoy the fall foliage in Oct.

Nature guides of Toyama Prefecture offer voluntary tours on nature in the following areas.

Murododaira Surroundings

Duration: 1-3 hrs.

Period: Jul. 22nd-Oct. 10th. (Everyday)

Starting Time: 9:00 and 13:00.

Meeting Place: In front of the counter of Tateyama Nature Preservation Center 3F.

Midagahara Surroundings

Duration: 1-2 hrs.

Period: May 2nd-Jul. 19th (Sat., Sun., national holidays, and days before national holidays only). Jul. 20th-Aug. 31st. (Everyday)

Sep. 1st-Oct. 10th. (Sat., Sun., national holidays, and days before national holidays only)

Starting Time: 9:40 and 13:30.

Meeting Place: In front of the counter of Tateyama Nature Preservation Center 3F.

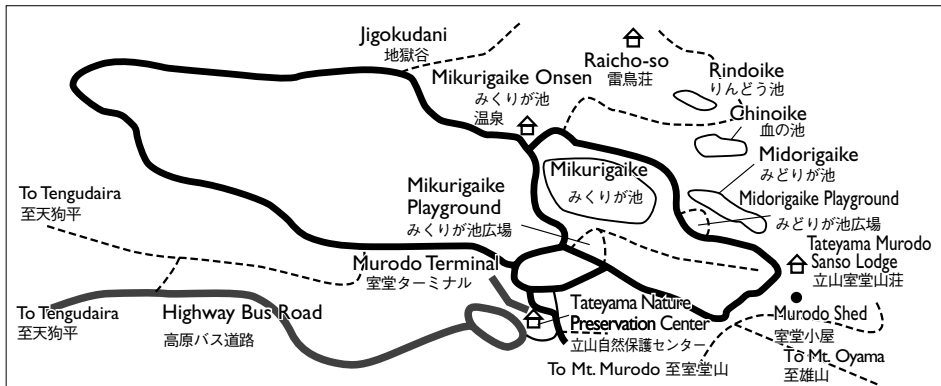
Please note that these tours may be called off due to the weather and other reasons.

Temperature around Murodo

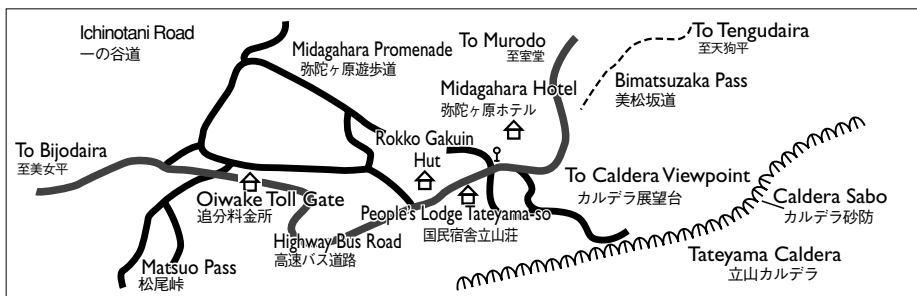
(°C)

	Late-Apr. 4月下旬	Mid-May 5月中旬	Mid-Jun. 6月中旬	Mid-Jul. 7月中旬	Mid-Aug. 8月中旬	Mid-Sep. 9月中旬	Mid-Oct. 10月中旬	Early Nov. 11月上旬
Highest 最高	10	10	13	15	16	12	8	5
Lowest 最低	-5	4	7	11	14	10	2	0

Murododaira Hiking Route (室堂平周辺散策コース)



Midagahara Hiking Route (弥陀ヶ原周辺散策コース)



Other Places of Interest:**Kurobe Gorge** (黒部峡谷)

This is the route of the tramcar going through Kurobe Gorge from Unazuki Onsen to Keyakidaira. Along the line there are many places specializing in open-air baths (rotenburo) such as Kuronagi and Kanetsuri. From the tramcar called Kurobe Kyokoku Railways you can enjoy the panorama of the Northern Japan Alps.

Access: 1 hr. 30 min. from Toyama Sta. to Unazuki Onsen by Toyama Chiho Railways (once an hour). Fare: ¥1,790 (one-way).

5-min. walk from Unazuki Onsen Sta. of Toyama Chiho Railways to Unazuki Sta. of Kurobe Kyokoku Railways.

Kurobe Kyokoku Railways (黒部峡谷鉄道): Operated only from May 1 thru Nov. 30.

Fare (one-way): to Kanetsuri ¥1,030.
to Keyakidaira ¥1,440.

During summer vacation and the season of autumnal foliage it's crowded and difficult to get tickets. Making reservations through travel agencies is recommended.

Gokayama Area (五箇山)

Gokayama is a prefectural natural park including Kamitaira, Taira and Toga villages. In this area there are many houses preserved in the classical Japanese country style dating from the 17th C. if not earlier. Its architectural style is called "Gassho-zukuri". The two hamlets of Ainokura and Suganuma, where these houses are concentrated, were designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site in 1995 along with Shirakawago, another Gassho-zukuri house hamlet several kilometers away from Gokayama.

• **Kamitaira Village** (上平村)

Suganuma Gassho Shuraku (菅沼合掌集落): A neighborhood of a group of 9 Gassho-zukuri houses.

Gokayama Folklore Museum (五箇山民俗館): A museum of village daily life. This building is also a Gassho-zukuri house. Open: 9:00-16:00. Closed: Dec. 29-Jan. 3. Admission: ¥210

The Iwase Residence (岩瀬家): The largest Gassho-zukuri house in Gokayama. Open: 8:00-17:00. Admission: ¥300.

• **Taira Village** (平村)

Ainokura Gassho Shuraku (相倉合掌集落): A group of 24 Gassho-zukuri style houses.

Ainokura Folklore Museum (相倉民俗館): A museum of sericulture, paper-making and tools of daily life in this area. This is one of the traditional Gassho-zukuri houses in Ainokura Gassho Shuraku. Open: 8:30-17:00. Closed: Tue. and daily from Dec. through Apr. Admission: ¥200.

The Murakami Residence (村上家): Important Cultural Property. Open: 8:30-17:00, 9:00-16:00(December-March). Closed: 2nd & 4th Wed. Admission: ¥300.

Gokayama Washi Ricepaper-making Center (五箇山和紙工芸研究館): Gokayama is famous for its paper products. In this center you can try paper-making. Open: 9:00-17:00. Closed: Dec. 29-Jan. 3. Admission: ¥200. Paper-making: ¥300~¥1,000 (per paper).

Accommodations:

Name of facilities	Tel.	Room rate (¥)
Unazuki Onsen:		
Unazuki Entaijiso(R)	(0765)62-1234	15,000~
Unazuki Grand Hotel(R)	(0765)62-1111	15,000~
Unazuki New Otani Hotel(R)	(0765)62-1041	18,000~
Kanetsuri Onsen:		
Kanetsuri Miyamaso(R) (open May through Nov.)	(0765)62-1634	12,000
Toyama:		
Toyama Youth Hostel(YH) [V]	(0764)37-9010	3,940~
New Grand Inn Toyama(BH) [V]	(0764)44-1122	7,350~

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• **Toga Village** (利賀村)


Toga Folklore Museum (利賀民俗館): Exhibition of daily tools and many old documents for making gun powder are located in this Gassho-zukuri style house. Open: 9:00-16:30. Open daily except Wed. Closed from mid-Nov. to mid-Apr. Admission: ¥400.

Toga Performing Arts Park (利賀芸術公園): World-known theater spot with Japan's first International Theatre Festival "Toga Festival" (1982-1999), by Tadashi Suzuki and his company SCOT. Celebrating the new millenium, a new program Toga Summer Arts Program started in 2000, a project of performance, competition, education and conference on performing arts. For information call Japan Performing Arts Foundation at (0763) 68-2356 or (03) 3951-4843.

Accommodations:

Name of facilities	Tel.	Room rate (¥)
Kamitaira:		
Akaokan(R)	(0763)67-3321	12,000~
Taira:		
Gokasanso(M)	(0763)66-2316	7,500~
Kamitaira & Taira Area:		
Gokayama Gassho-zukuri	(0763)66-2468	7,000~
Minshukus	[Tourist Association]	
Toga:		
Starforest Toga(M)	(0763)68-8100	6,500~
Tenjinku-Onsen no Sato(M)	(0763)68-8400	8,000~

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TOURIST INFORMATION

("i" Tourist Information Offices)

Toyama City Tourist Information Center:
 JR Toyama Station, 1-227, Meirin-cho, Toyama City, Toyama Pref.
 8:30-20:00, Closed on Dec.29 - Jun.3
 Tel. (076)432-9751

All information contained in this leaflet is based on data as of November 2002. Transportation schedules, fares and accommodation charges are subject to change. Check with organizations concerned for updated information.