

Host international conferences at a hot spring hotel in Yamagata!

Yamagata offers some of the best accommodations in Japan for hosting international conferences.



Introduction

With hot spring facilities in every city, town and village of the prefecture, Yamagata is a veritable kingdom of hot springs, many of them quite unique.

There are hot springs for every taste, including some surrounded by abundant nature, others located amidst quaint historical buildings, and even some that are said to have beautification and revitalization effects.



Hot spring hotels are the most renowned traditional accommodations in Japan and are highly popular with domestic and overseas tourists for they include hot baths. Hot spring hotels can be truly unique and delightful locations for participants of international conferences during lectures and meetings, but also during reception parties and banquets.

There are plenty of unique venues to choose from when sorting out how to plan an international conference in Yamagata.

Hot spring hotels in Yamagata prefecture are a perfect fit for a large conference, or even just a smaller seminar or workshop, as they are fully equipped for international conferences and are already often used for domestic ones.



1. List of accommodations available for conferences

Here are some of the host spring hotels available in Yamagata prefecture to hold international conferences.

Ski and highland resort “Zao Onsen”

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Zao Onsen is traditional Japanese hot springs facility with 1900 years of history. It is located in a tourist mountain resort village that can be enjoyed all year round, offering activities like trekking, mountain climbing or just strolling among beautifully colored leaves from spring to autumn, and in winter, skiing, snowboarding and trekking. Numerous charming and enjoyable events and activities are often held in Zao all year round.



TAKAMIYA HOTEL JURIN

Budget: Middle (free Wi-Fi available)
3 Meeting & banquet rooms (max 250 people)
Number of rooms: 58
-Twin rooms: 5
-Japanese-style rooms: 47
-Western and Japanese rooms: 6
<http://www.zao.co.jp/lang/en/jurin/>



TAKAMIYA RESORT RURIKURA

Budget: Middle (free Wi-Fi available)
1 Meeting & banquet room (max 80 people)
Non-smoking room
Number of rooms: 40
-Twin rooms: 30
-Japanese-style rooms: 6
-Western and Japanese rooms: 4
<http://www.zao.co.jp/lang/en/rurikura/>



Mountain resort offering outdoor activities



Famous Juhyo snow-monsters in winter

Old style castle and health resort “Kaminoyama Onsen”

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Kaminoyama onsen is becoming internationally known for its scenic beauty and positive effects for medical recovery following illness.



TSUKIOKA HOTEL

Budget: Middle (free Wi-Fi available)
 6 Meeting & banquet rooms (max 400 people)
 Number of rooms: 103
 -Japanese rooms: 85
 -Single rooms: 10
 -Twin room: 1
 -Special rooms: 6 /
 -Presidential suite: 1
 Non-smoking rooms
<http://tsukioka.co.jp/>



Kaminoyama Castle



Foot spa
(Free)



Home of Shogi, Japanese Chess “Tendo Onsen”

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Tendo City is located approximately in the center of the Yamagata Basin, and is famous for its hot springs and for being the center of production of wooden pieces used for Shogi, the Japanese chess. Local delicacies include cherries, apples and peaches, such as the high quality La France cultivar. Seasonal festivals include the Tendo Cherry Blossom Human Shogi Festival in spring, the Safflower Festival in early summer and the Camp Heisei Pan Battle Festival in winter, among others.



TAKINOYU Japan Onsen Ryokan

Budget : Middle (free Wi-Fi available)
 7 Meeting & banquet rooms (max 400 person)
 Number of rooms : 99
 -Single room : 6
 -Japanese-style room : 93
 -Western and Japanese room : 6
<https://www.rvokan-onsen.com/>

Production of shogi pieces is the best in Japan



Duty-free shop



Conference rooms in hot spring hotels

Accommodations offer various conference and meeting rooms.



Lecture in a tatami room



Max 500 people

Poster Session Venues



Guest Rooms (Japanese style with tatami and/or bed)



2. Enjoy delicious meals

Yamagata is home to many kinds of local sake and wine, and also delicious fruits like cherries, Yamagata beef, and numerous delicacies. Traditional banquet halls are perfect venues to discover local food and drinks as they can also host traditional art performances during a reception dinner.



Unique Venues of Hot Spring Hotels

Japanese style banquet hall



Welcome banquet in Japanese garden.



Banquet at the Ukiyo-e Art Museum

The Yamagata Convention Bureau will offer aid for entertainment expenses up to 100,000 JPY.

Yamagata Maiko (Yamagata apprentice geisha)

Yamagata maiko are entertainers performing Japanese dance, singing and playing shamisen in traditional Japanese-style restaurants. Guests are invited to take pictures with these young performers dressed in colorful kimonos.



Hanagasa (Flower hat dance)

Hanagasa is a traditional dance from Yamagata, famous for its shouts of “Yasho Makasho” and sounds of Japanese drums. While the Hanagasa festival is held every summer in Yamagata City, Hanagasa dance groups often perform the dance in halls of hot Spring hotels in order to entertain guests.



Please enjoy the famed Japanese hospitality at traditional hot spring hotels.

3. Enjoy the various tourist attractions after the conference

Yamagata prefecture boasts numerous tourist attractions and offers many opportunities, including industrial visits or experience-oriented sightseeing, which can include like writing Japanese characters (kanji) on a piece of Japanese chess, picking cherries and so on.

Volcanic crater lake in Mt. Zao, hot springs and ski resort



Dewa-sanzan (a trio of sacred mountains) and Yamadera Temple



Yamagata Castle ruins in Kajo Park

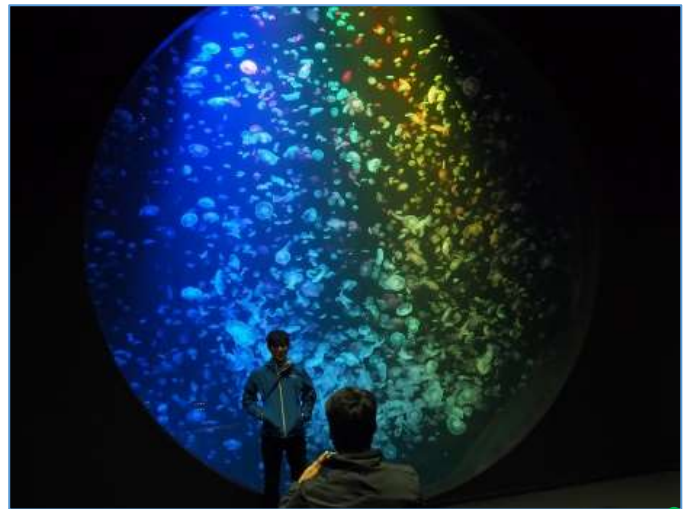
Secluded atmospheric hot spring village of Ginzan Onsen



Mogami River boat cruise to enjoy seasonal views



Kamo Aquarium – it has a remarkable tank with some of the world's rarest jelly fish



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5. Full support by the Japanese government and the Convention Bureau

The Yamagata Convention Bureau will support organizers in cooperation with PCO (Professional Congress Organizer) members, travel agencies and event suppliers, etc.
Main international conference support system

- Financial aid if the number of participants who also stay at the hot springs hotel facilities is 50 or more (1,500 JPY per person coming from Japan, 5,500 JPY per person coming from overseas & 3,000,000 JPY limit)
- Financial aid for transportation expenses if the number of participants is 50 or more (up to 1,000 people & 100,000 JPY limit)
- Financial aid for entertainment expenses (100,000 JPY limit)
- Welcome signboards posted at Yamagata Airport and JR station nearest to the venue.

Where is Yamagata and what kind of place is it?

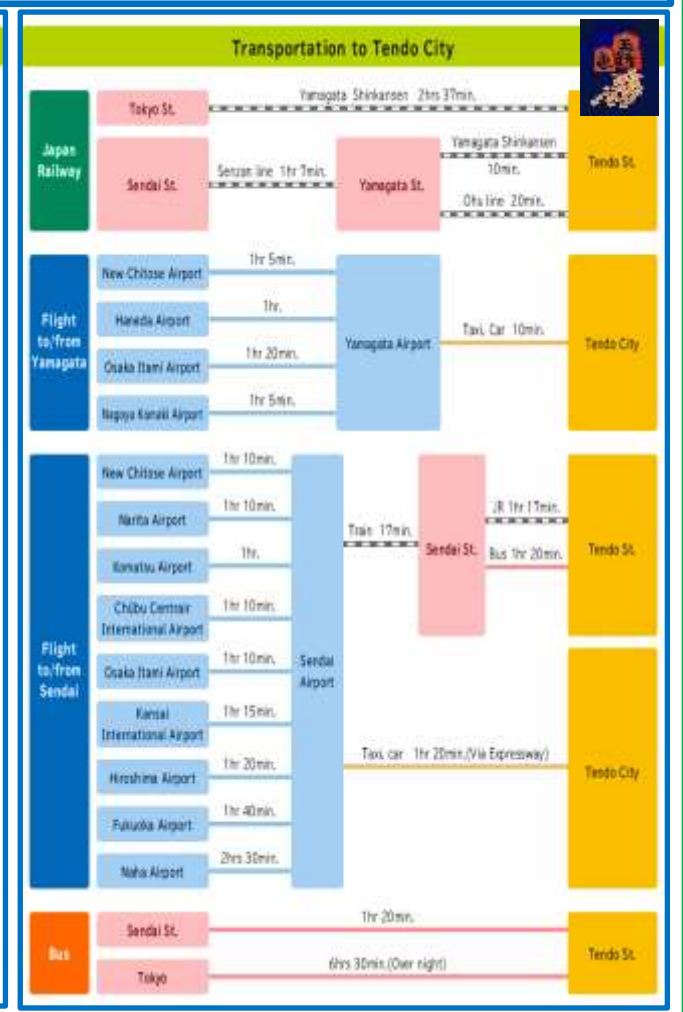
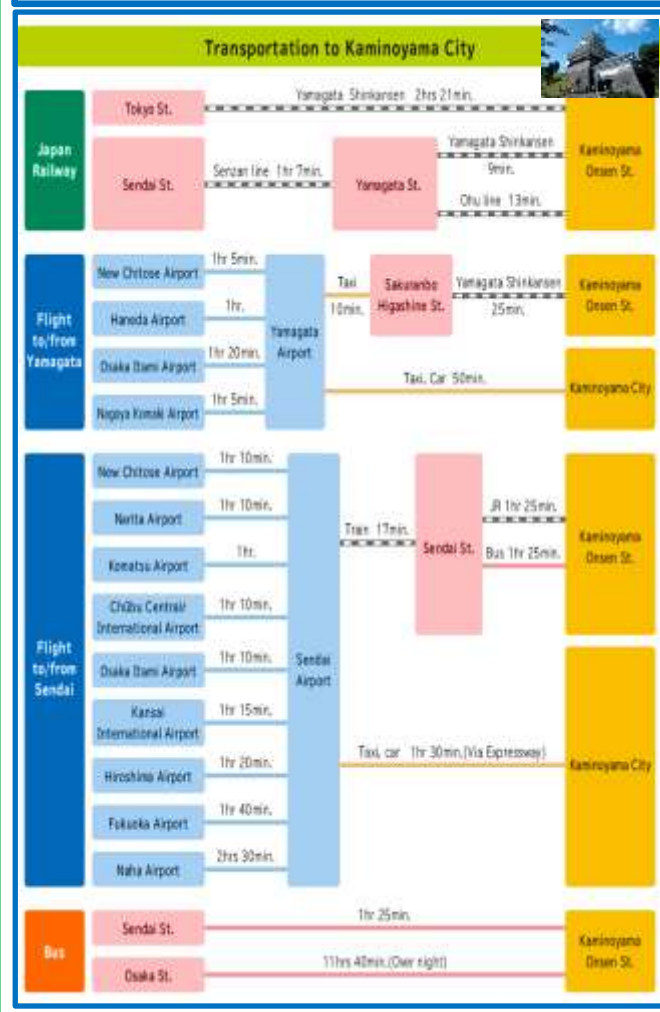
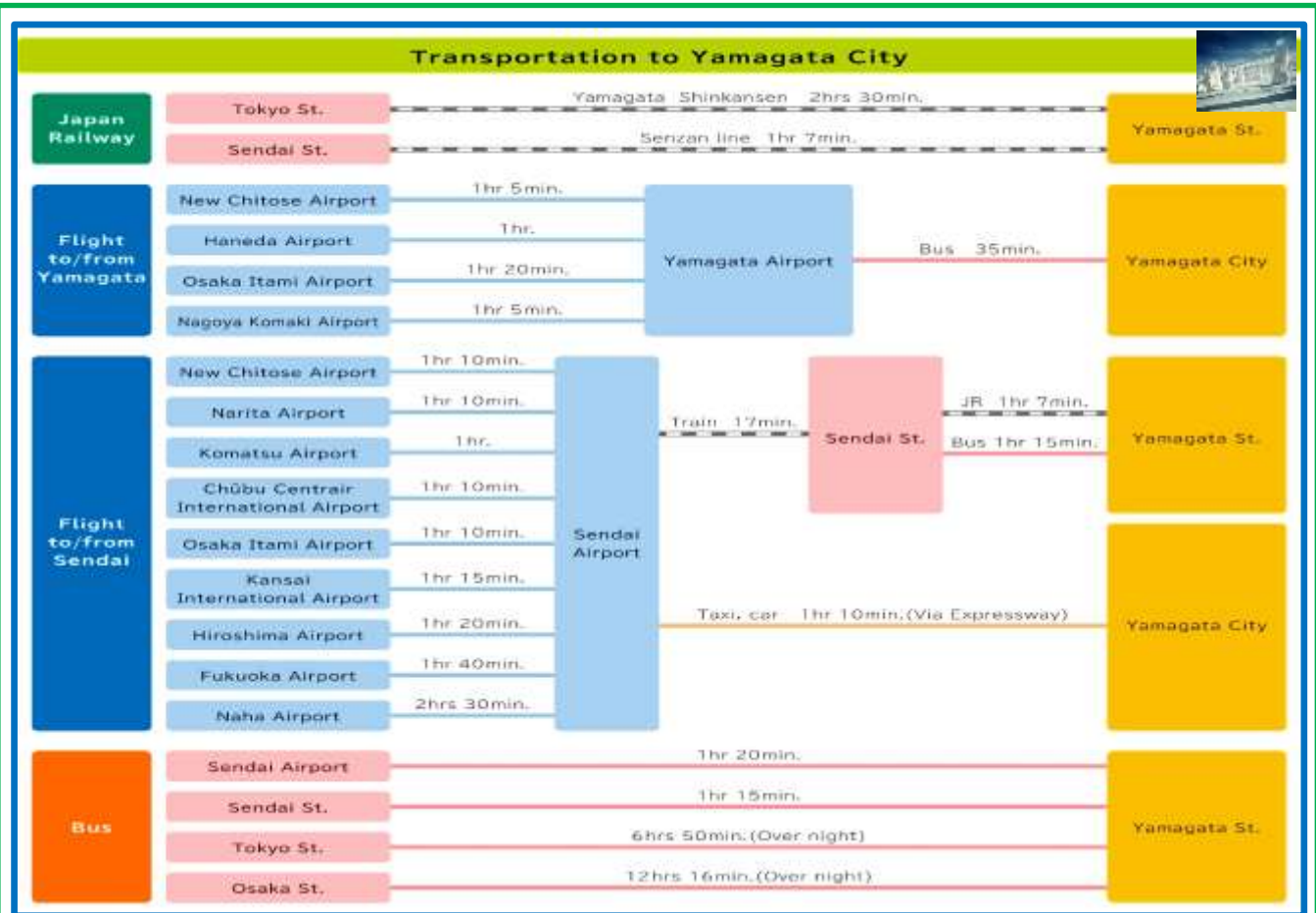
Yamagata prefecture is home to diverse and abundant nature, including mountains, rivers, and the ocean. It is located in the northeastern region of Japan known as Tohoku.



"Safflower"
Flower of prefecture

Yamagata is 2 hours 45 minutes away from Tokyo by the Yamagata Shinkansen Super Express train.





We look forward to
welcoming you here in Yamagata.



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Links:

Yamagata Prefectural Government <http://www.pref.yamagata.jp/>

Yamagata Prefecture Tourist Information <http://yamagatakanko.com/>

Tamamiya Hotel Group (Yamagata city) <http://www.zao.co.jp/lang/en/>

Zao Onsen Ski Resort <http://www.zao-spa.or.jp/english/>

Tsukioka Hotel (Kaminoyama city) <http://tsukioka.co.jp/>

Kaminoyama Onsen <http://kaminoyama-spa.com/english/>

Takinoyu Japan Onsen Ryokan (Tendo city) <https://www.ryokan-onsen.com/>

Tendo Onsen <http://www.tendoonsen.or.jp/>

Ginzan Onsen (Obanazawa city) <http://www.ginzanonsen.jp/>

Mogami River Boat Cruise <http://www.blf.co.jp/index.html>

Kamo Aquarium (Tsuruoka City) <http://kamo-kurage.jp/>