

Sightseeing Map and Timetables



Niigata City Loop Bus

"Everywhere is an Art Museum cotocoto" Bus



"What's Michael" Bus
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Niigata City History Museum "Minatopia" and
Shinano River Water Shuttle

Niigata City Loop Bus Fare

One-Day Pass: Adult ¥500, Child ¥250

※ Show your valid One-Day Pass to receive special discounts & more! (Only valid the day of the pass.) ※ Paper versions of One-Day Passes can only be purchased with cash.

■ Sales Locations (販)

Bus Information Center (Niigata Station/Bandai City Bus Center), Niigata City Tourist Information Center, Niigata City Aquarium "Marinepia Nihonkai", The Saito Villa, Northern Culture Museum Niigata Branch, Niigata City Art Museum, Niigata City History Museum "Minatopia", Aizu Yaichi Memorial Museum, Hotel Nikko Niigata

Single Ticket: Adult ¥260, Child ¥130

※ Show a certificate of disability & get discounted fare.
※ Payment can be made using IC cards such as Ryuto, Suica & Suica compatible IC cards.

Contact ◆ Niigata Kotsu Bus Information ☎025-246-6333
◆ City of Niigata Tourism Promotion Division ☎025-226-2612

With **RYDE PASS**, you can use the **One-Day Pass** on your smartphone!



One-Day Passes are available with the app since 2024. After purchasing the ticket with the app, just show the screen (see left) to the driver when you get off! You won't have to search for the ticket in your bag or risk losing it.



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Niigata CITY OFFICIAL TRAVEL GUIDE
<https://www.nvcv.or.jp/>



Niigata City Bus Routes

<https://transfer.navitime.biz/niigatabrt-newsystem/pc/map/Top>



More information here! ▶



Free Wi-Fi is available on the City Loop Bus SSID : Niigata_City_Free_Wi-Fi

*Facility hours & prices may vary.

8 Former Ozawa Family Residence



One of Niigata's oldest Machiya (a Japanese town house), this estate belonged to the Ozawa family, which made its fortune as a shipping magnate.

☎025-222-0300 Hours: 9:30-17:00
Closed: Mon. (unless a holiday), the day after a holiday, the New Year's holidays & other days as necessary

9 Niigata City History Museum "Minatopia"



Niigata City's history & culture are introduced by the architecture, videos, dioramas, materials & more.

☎025-225-6111 Hours: 9:30-17:00
(Tickets are on sale until 4:30 p.m.)
Closed: Mon. (unless a holiday), the day after a holiday, 12/28-1/3 & other days as necessary

10 Pier Bandai



Restaurants & markets selling fresh fish, locally grown vegetables, rice, processed food products, local sake, & more!

☎025-249-2560 (Bandai Nigwai Sozo)
Hours: 9:00-21:00 (varies by shop)
Closed: Varies by shop

11 Aizu Yaichi Memorial Museum



Introduces Aizu Yaichi's many achievements as an art history scholar, poet, & calligrapher.

☎025-282-7612 Hours: 10:00-18:00
Closed: Mon. (Tue. instead if Mon. is a holiday), the New Year's holidays & between exhibits

12 Niigata Memorial Museum of Culture



The museum introduces 170 cultural figures with important ties to Niigata prefecture. You can get information on other local museums throughout the prefecture.

☎025-250-7171 Hours: 10:00-17:00
(Admission until 16:30)
Closed: Mon. (Tue. instead if Mon. is a holiday)



Check out the website for the Motor-assisted **Niigata 2km Share Cycle** & recycled **Rent-a-Cycle**

*Please check our website for the latest information.

Niigata 2km Share Cycle

Rent-a-Cycle

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1 Tsurui Museum of Art



The museum collection includes approximately 1,750 pieces of predominantly modern Japanese art. No permanent exhibit. 4 special exhibits per year.

☎025-247-3311 Hours: 10:00-17:00
(Admission until 16:30) Closed: Sun., holidays, the New Year's holidays & between exhibits

2 Niigata City Manga & Anime Museum



Experience the world of manga & anime through interactive exhibits & popular special exhibits.

☎025-240-4311 Hours: 11:00-19:00
(Opens at 10:00 on Sat., Sun. & holidays)
Closed: 1/1 & other days as necessary

3 Niitsu House



This Western-style building was constructed as a guest house for foreign visitors by the oil baron & businessman Niitsu Tsunekichi.

☎025-228-5050
*Closed until early April 2026 (subject to change)

4 Niigata City Aquarium "Marinepia Nihonkai"



Staff can be found in every area ready to help you have fun while learning.

☎025-222-7500 Hours: 9:00-17:00
(Closes later some days during the summer)
Closed: 1st Thu. & Fri. in Mar., 12/29-1/1

5 The Saito Villa



Established as a guest house of the Saito family, which was one of Niigata's 3 most powerful business conglomerates.

☎025-210-8350 Hours: 9:30-18:00 (Closes at 17:00 from Oct.-Mar.)
Closed: Mon. (unless a holiday), the day after a holiday, 12/28-1/3 & other days as necessary

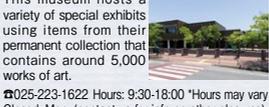
6 Northern Culture Museum Niigata Branch



Previously the second residence of the Ito family, which established the Northern Culture Museum. Aizu Yaichi spent his final days here.

☎025-222-2262 Hours: 9:30-17:00 (Closes at 16:30 from Dec.-Mar.)
Closed: Mon. (Tue. instead if Mon. is a holiday) & end of Dec. 25-Feb.

7 Niigata City Art Museum



This museum hosts a variety of special exhibits using items from their permanent collection that contains around 5,000 works of art.

☎025-223-1622 Hours: 9:30-18:00 *Hours may vary
Closed: Mon. (contact us for info on other closures)
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1 Ponshu-kan MAP B-3
(Niigata Sta.) Sake Tasting Room

A store with sake gathered from breweries all over the prefecture and machines that dispense sake samples. For ¥500 you can try up to five different famous brands of your choice.



025-240-7090
Hours: 9:00-21:00 (Sake tasting from 9:30-20:30 Last entry at 20:15)
Open same days as the station building

Show your pass! 1 extra token with ¥500 purchase of 5 sake tasting tokens

2 Suzakaya Soba MAP B-3
Niigata Sta. Location

Ojiya "Hegi Soba" buckwheat & seaweed noodles made with natural spring water.



025-241-7705
Hours: 11:00-24:00
Open every day Seats: 100

Show your pass! 5% off all food & drinks

3 Tsukushi MAP B-3

50th anniversary! Built on the concept of "a quaint collaborative restaurant showcasing Dad's Japanese tastes and Junior's Italian tastes." You can enjoy both Japanese and Western food.



025-243-4599
Hours: 11:30-13:30 L.O., 17:30-22:00 L.O.
Closed: Sun. Seats: 15

Show your pass! A free shot of sake per customer

4 Fuhaku Bandai MAP B-3
Ramen

Enjoy an array of ramen flavors, including white miso vegetable, spicy miso vegetable, pork salt vegetable & seasonal variations. The interior is styled like a café & is also popular with women.



025-248-2089
Hours: 11:00-22:00 (21:30 L.O.)
Closed: 1/1
Seats: 24

Show your pass! Upgrade to a larger portion of noodles at no extra cost

5 Mikazuki MAP B-3
Bandai City Bus Center Location

A local fast-food chain with 21 locations in the prefecture. Mikazuki's "Italian" is one of Niigata's most representative "B class gourmet" dishes.



025-241-5928
Hours: 10:00-20:00
Closed: 1/1
Seats: 54

Show your pass! ¥50 discount on Italian, Curry Italian & White Italian dishes

6 Kitchen Kayama MAP B-3

One of the oldest Western restaurants in the Bandai area. Enjoy authentic, carefully prepared Western cuisine. Open for lunch & dinner.



025-247-0967
Hours: 11:30-13:30, 18:00-21:00
Closed: Wed. & other days as necessary Seats: 41

Show your pass! 1 free drink or purin (caramel custard) per customer with food order (while supplies last)

7 Shinano River Water Shuttle MAP B-3

In addition to regularly scheduled shuttles, enjoy the 25 min or 45 min-long river cruises, which run on Sat., Sun. & holidays. Reservations required on weekdays.



025-227-5200
Phone Hours: 9:00-18:00
May stop running due to winter weather

Show your pass! ¥50 off 1 drink

8 Blue Cafe MAP B-2

This charming and unique café has large table seats as well as window facing sofas so that the feelings of privacy & openness coexist.



025-201-7885
Hours: 11:00-18:00
Closed: Mon. & other days as necessary Seats: 39

Show your pass! ¥50 off cake sets

9 Ebisu-tei Main MAP C-2
Ramen & Gyoza Dumplings

Known for their dandan noodles, they have 15 varieties from white sesame to creamy carbonara.



025-225-1039
Hours: 11:00-14:30, 17:30-23:00 (22:00 on Sat.)
Lunch only on holidays Closed: Sun. (Open for lunch on Sun. when Mon. is a holiday) Seats: 30

Show your pass! Upgrade to a larger portion at no extra cost

10 Furukawa Sengyo MAP C-2
Niigata Local Fish Specialty Shop

In addition to the locally caught fish platter selected by professionals, the "choinomi set (a plate of fish & an alcoholic beverage)" is a popular choice to enjoy Niigata's local alcohol.



025-223-2966
Hours: 11:00-17:00 Closed: Thu.
Seats: 35

Show your pass! ¥50 discount when you spend ¥1,500 or more on a meal

11 Onigirigumi MAP C-2
Niigata Furumachi Location

This specialty shop is famous for its onigiri rice balls made with ingredients from around the prefecture, such as koshinikari rice and salt from the Sasagawa Nagare area along the Sea of Japan coast.



025-311-4175
Hours: 08:00 until sold-out
Closed: Wed.

Show your pass! ¥100 discount when you buy rice balls

12 hickory03travelers MAP C-2

Here they have various goods & t-shirts made by young designers as well as products incorporating designs & concepts original to Niigata.



025-228-5739
Hours: 11:00-17:00 (Sat.-18:00)
Hours may vary Closed: Mon. (Tue. instead if Mon. is a holiday)

Show your pass! Get ¥500 off when spending more than ¥3,000

13 Furumachi Kouji Factory MAP D-2

Fermented drinks made from high quality rice malt produced in Niigata. This drink's uniqueness is its fragrance & sweet flavor, which is a natural result of fermenting the rice.



025-228-6570
Hours: 10:00-17:00
Closed: Tue.
Seats: 3

Show your pass! ¥100 off purchases of ¥1,000 or more (with tax)

14 Restaurant Kirin MAP D-2

This long-standing restaurant serves classic dishes such as hayashi rice (hashed beef with rice) and omelette rice.



025-222-5335
Hours: 11:00-14:00 L.O., 17:00-20:30
Closed: Some days as necessary Seats: 29

Show your pass! ¥200 off omelette rice

15 Pia-ken MAP D-2
Japanese & Western Dining

Est. 1923. Enjoy traditional cuisine and original flavors.



025-266-1661
Hours: 11:30-13:30, 17:00-22:00
Closed: Sun. & holidays
Seats: 125

Show your pass! 1 free after-meal drink (can't be used with other promotions)

16 Gelateria Popolo MAP D-1

A local favorite with a brilliant line up of gelato made from delicious milk & fresh, seasonal ingredients.



025-223-6676
Hours: 10:00-sundown
Open every day

Show your pass! Upgrade your "double" to a "triple" for free

17 Sakyukan Saryo Rikka MAP C-1

Formerly the Bank of Japan's Niigata Branch Director's company residence. The gallery regularly features special exhibits & cultural events.



025-222-2676 Hours: 9:00-21:00 (Closes at 19:00 from Dec-Feb.) Closed: Mon. (Tue. instead if Mon. is a holiday), the day after a holiday (Tue. if Sat. or Sun. is a holiday) & the New Year's holidays

Show your pass! Coffee ¥600 → ¥300

18 Mayfair MAP C-1
English Tea Salon

A refined and elegant tea salon where you can enjoy afternoon tea and a healthy lunch in a relaxed atmosphere.



025-211-7007
Hours: 11:00-18:00
Open every day Seats: 18

Show your pass! Free specialty cookie with food/drink orders

19 Ramen Tsumugi MAP C-2

Run by an artisan who has over 30 years of experience in the ramen industry. Light shoyu ramen, which is surprisingly rich in umami, is their most popular menu item.



Hours: 11:00-14:00, 17:00-20:00 ※Lunch only on Wed. & Sun. (Closes at 15:00 on Sun.)
Closed: Open every day Seats: 13

Show your pass! 1 free marinated soft-boiled egg when you order a noodle dish

20 Furumachi Yabusoba MAP C-1

A long-established and beloved soba shop in Furumachi. The soba centers around Hokkaido's seasonal flavors, featuring handmade and custom blended noodles with 8 parts buckwheat flour and 2 parts wheat flour.



025-222-7982
Hours: 11:00-20:00 (Closes at 15:00 on Tue. and 17:00 on Sun. & holidays)
Closed: Wed. and the 3rd Tue. of every month Seats: 70

Show your pass! 1 free kuzumochi dessert

21 Inakaya MAP B-1
Local Cuisine (Furumachi Main Branch)

"Wappa Meshi" was invented by the first owner in 1952. Enjoy a reasonably-priced Wappa rice set full of local flavors like noppe stew.



025-223-1266
Hours: 11:30-14:00, 17:00-21:00
Closed: 12/31 & 1/1
Seats: 120

Show your pass! A free cup of local Niigata sake (or a soft drink) with order of any Wappa set

22 Ramen Kurai MAP C-1

Ramen with a clear chicken & seafood broth. From the ingredients & preparation to the bowl it's served in, they've carefully chosen everything.



025-211-8758
Hours: 11:00-14:30, 18:00-20:00 (11:00-16:00 Sat., Sun., & holidays) or until sold-out
Closed: Mon. (open on holidays) Seats: 14

Show your pass! 1 free soy-marinated boiled egg

23 VOVO MAP B-1
Curry Specialty Store

Popular original curry made with carefully selected ingredients and unique spice combinations.



025-224-9249
Hours: 11:30-14:30 L.O., 17:30-19:30 L.O. Closed: Wed. & other days as necessary Seats: 14

Show your pass! 1 free coffee or lassi per customer with food order

24 Horaiken MAP B-2

This long standing Chinese restaurant started as a food stall over 60 years ago. Take-out menu (yakisoba stir-fried noodles, gyoza dumplings, etc.) is also available.



025-222-7208
Hours: 11:00-14:00, 17:30-20:00
Closed: Sun. & holidays

Show your pass! ¥100 off noodle dishes

25 Sakanaya Katagiri Torakichi MAP B-1

Enjoy Niigata's bounty of fresh fish at this building with over 110 years of history.



025-201-8082
Hours: 11:00-15:00, 17:00-21:00 (Dinner by reservation only)
Open every day Seats: 40

Show your pass! 1 free soft drink

26 Minato Chaya MAP B-1

Yukimuro matcha bavarois is the cafe's most popular menu item. Inside the shop, valuable materials are on display so that visitors can learn about Niigata City's history.



025-201-8082
Hours: 11:00-15:00
Open every day Seats: 16

Show your pass! 1 free soft drink

27 Gotokuya Jube MAP B-1
Combined Cafe

Pets welcome. A relaxing combination cafe where you can also dress up as an Oiran and have your photo taken professionally. A great place to stop by while sightseeing and strolling around the area.



025-201-6896
Hours: 9:00-22:30
Open every day Seats: 40

Show your pass! 1 free pancake

28 Tanakaya MAP A-2
Main Branch Minato Kobo

Famous for Niigata sasadango (sweet dumplings). Seasonal Japanese sweets, rice cakes & rice balls made from Niigata rice.



025-225-8822
Hours: 9:00-18:00 (Closes at 17:30 from Dec.-Feb.)
Open every day Seats: 20

Show your pass! ¥50 off soft serve ice cream

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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7	8	9	10	11	12
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Show your One-Day Pass to get discounts & freebies!

Full of discounts, services, and other special offers! Use the bus wisely and tour around Niigata!

Regarding Promotions
To receive promotions, passes (the application screen for RYDE PASS) must be presented when ordering at restaurants, or prior to entry at tourist facilities. One-day passes cannot be used with other promotions. In some cases, the listed promotions may not be available.

L.O. stands for "last order" and is your last chance to order food before the kitchen closes.



Mascots for Niigata, The City of Manga and Anime

Loop Bus Timetables

★Note: Departure times are subject to change depending on traffic conditions.
For information on service cancellations and route changes due to severe weather and events, please check @niigatakotsubus on X.



"Everywhere is an Art Museum cotocoto" Bus
Runs on the green times



"What's Michael" Bus
Runs on the orange times

April 1 – October 31 ※1 on peak weekends, there will be a total of three buses running (an increase of one compared to weekdays and Sun.) The additional bus times, written in white, will be serviced by a non-wrapped bus.

Regular Schedule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays between July 19 and August 31, 2023. (※1 Peak Weekends Sched.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1 Niigata Station	9:30	10:00	10:20	10:40	11:10	11:30	11:50	12:20	12:40	13:00	13:30	13:50	14:10	14:40	15:00	15:20	15:50	16:10	16:30	17:00
2 Bandai City	9:36	10:06	10:26	10:46	11:16	11:36	11:56	12:26	12:46	13:06	13:36	13:56	14:16	14:46	15:06	15:26	15:56	16:16	16:36	17:06
3 Honcho	9:38	10:08	10:28	10:48	11:18	11:38	11:58	12:28	12:48	13:08	13:38	13:58	14:18	14:48	15:08	15:28	15:58	16:18	16:38	17:08
4 Higashibori-dori Rokuban-cho	9:40	10:10	10:30	10:50	11:20	11:40	12:00	12:30	12:50	13:10	13:40	14:00	14:20	14:50	15:10	15:30	16:00	16:20	16:40	17:10
5 Hakusan Park	9:43	10:13	10:33	10:53	11:23	11:43	12:03	12:33	12:53	13:13	13:43	14:03	14:23	14:53	15:13	15:33	16:03	16:23	16:43	17:13
6 Niitsu House	9:45	10:15	10:35	10:55	11:25	11:45	12:05	12:35	12:55	13:15	13:45	14:05	14:25	14:55	15:15	15:35	16:05	16:25	16:45	17:15
7 Gokoku-jinja Shrine	9:48	10:18	10:38	10:58	11:28	11:48	12:08	12:38	12:58	13:18	13:48	14:08	14:28	14:58	15:18	15:38	16:08	16:28	16:48	17:18
8 Marinepia Aquarium	9:56	10:26	10:46	11:06	11:36	11:56	12:16	12:46	13:06	13:26	13:56	14:16	14:36	15:06	15:26	15:46	16:16	16:36	16:56	17:26
9 Nishi Ohata Sakaue	10:00	10:30	10:50	11:10	11:40	12:00	12:20	12:50	13:10	13:30	14:00	14:20	14:40	15:10	15:30	15:50	16:20	16:40	17:00	17:30
10 Northern Culture Museum Niigata Branch	10:02	10:32	10:52	11:12	11:42	12:02	12:22	12:52	13:12	13:32	14:02	14:22	14:42	15:12	15:32	15:52	16:22	16:42	17:02	17:32
11 Furumachi Kagai	10:04	10:34	10:54	11:14	11:44	12:04	12:24	12:54	13:14	13:34	14:04	14:24	14:44	15:14	15:34	15:54	16:24	16:44	17:04	17:34
12 Former Ozawa Family Residence	10:08	10:38	10:58	11:18	11:48	12:08	12:28	12:58	13:18	13:38	14:08	14:28	14:48	15:18	15:38	15:58	16:28	16:48	17:08	17:38
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14 Pier Bandai	10:18	10:48	11:08	11:28	11:58	12:18	12:38	13:08	13:28	13:48	14:18	14:38	14:58	15:28	15:48	16:08	16:38	16:58	17:18	17:48
15 Niigata Nippo MEDIA SHIP	10:22	10:52	11:12	11:32	12:02	12:22	12:42	13:12	13:32	13:52	14:22	14:42	15:02	15:32	15:52	16:12	16:42	17:02	17:22	17:52
16 Niigata Station	10:27	10:57	11:17	11:37	12:07	12:27	12:47	13:17	13:37	13:57	14:27	14:47	15:07	15:37	15:57	16:17	16:47	17:07	17:27	17:57

November 1 – March 31 No service Dec. 28 - Jan. 3

Weekdays ※2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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