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- Other Services**
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Please note that almost all museums:

- *1) Have discounts for groups, youth / children and international students. Also, additional admissions fees may apply for special exhibitions and events.
- *2) Are open on national holidays, even when they fall on the museum's closed days. The museum will be closed from the end of December to early January.
- *3) Are closed from the end of December to early details.

Please inquire for further details.

Museums

With a unique history as one of the prominent cities in the Tohoku region and richly diverse geographical features, Sendai is a multi-layered, kaleidoscopic city. And it is museums that best embody the city's diversity and dynamism. From paleolithic stone tools to cutting-edge contemporary museums are there to take you on the wonderful journey of curiosity.

The Sendai Museum Experience

This leaflet is designed to support you in enjoying museums in Sendai, and is specifically designed for foreign visitors and residents in Japan. One side provides you with basic information, such as a list of museums and a map of the area, while the other side offers you a more casual, first-hand museum report from foreigners living in Sendai, sharing with you the charms of the museums from a foreign perspective. Sendai's wide and rich variety of museums is one of its highlights. We hope this leaflet will enrich your experience in the city!

Bus Stop Map

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7 Sendai City Museum of History and Folklore

仙台歴史民俗資料館

This museum introduces the lifestyle and history of Sendai since the Meiji period. The museum director, as well as currently active writers, prefecture, which previously served as army barracks.

Access: 5 minute walk from JR Tsutsujigaoka station on the Senzoku line.

Admission: 500 yen * 1

Closed Days: Mondays, the 4th Thursday of every month * 2 * 3

Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m. (last admission 4:15 p.m.)

Tel: 022-292-9956 Fax: 022-257-6401

3-7 Gion 1-chome, Miyagin-ku, Sendai 983-0842 (in Tsutsujigaoka Park)

3M Sendai City Science Museum

アリエーエ仙台市科学館

Located in the lush Daibonura Forest Park, there are 3 exhibition rooms for natural history, science and technology, and lifestyle.

Access: 5 minute walk from Ashibagaoka station on the Yamkoku subway line.

Admission: 500 yen * 1

Closed Days: Mondays, the 4th Thursday of every month * 2 * 3

Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m. (last admission 4:00 p.m.)

Tel: 022-276-2201 Fax: 022-276-2204

4-1 Daibonura Shinrim Koen, Aoba-ku, Sendai 981-0903

8 Sendai Literature Museum

仙台文学館

This museum introduces historic writers since the Meiji period: Banmu Doi, Tsun Shimazaki, and Harashi Inoue, the first museum director, as well as currently active writers.

Access: 20 minutes by bus (excluding express buses) from bus stop No. 20, 21, 22 or 23 at Sendai Station West exit. Get off at the Kizuna 2-chome / Bungaku-mae bus stop, then walk for 5 minutes.

Admission: 400 yen * 1

Closed Days: Mondays, the 4th Thursday of every month * 2 * 3

Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.)

Tel: 022-271-3171 Fax: 022-271-3044

7-1 Kizuna 2-chome, Aoba-ku, Sendai 981-0902

2 Jomon Site Park

仙台市縄文の森広場

This museum has restored a village that dates back to the Jomon era, excavated at the historic ruins of Yamadaonodai. It offers workshops such as making earthenware.

Access: 30 minutes by bus from bus stop No. 7 or 8 (outside Sendai Station West exit). Get off at the Yamada Taihaku Shobu-mae bus stop, then walk for 5 minutes.

Admission: 200 yen * 1

Closed Days: Mondays, the 4th Thursday of every month * 2 * 3

Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Tel: 022-307-5665 Fax: 022-743-6771

10-1 Yamada Ueno-dai, Taihaku-ku, Sendai 982-0815

9 sendai mediatheque

せんたいメディアテーク

This facility offers citizens activities related to art and visual culture, and is furnished with libraries, galleries and studios, as well as serving other functions.

Access: 10 minutes by bus from Sendai Station West exit bus stop No. 9. Get off at the "mediatheque" bus stop. You can also walk from Kotodai-koen station on the Yamkoku subway line (6 minutes). Alternatively, you can get off at the "Joho Kagaku Kenkyu-mae" bus stop, then walk for 4 minutes. You can also use the "Loopie Sendai" sightseeing bus.

Admission: 150 yen * 1

Closed Days: Mondays, the 4th Thursday of every month, except for December opening times

Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. (some services may have varying closing times)

Tel: 022-713-3171 Fax: 022-713-4482

2-1 Kasugamachi, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8281

3 Sendai Astronomical Observatory

仙台市天文台

A comprehensive astronomical exhibition gallery equipped with a planetarium, astronomical telescope named Homma room and a 1.3 m diameter telescope named Homma.

Access: 30 minutes by Aiyashi Kanko bus from bus stop in front of Richmond Hotel, near Sendai Station. Get off at the "Shibuhigaoka 7-chome Kita / Temnodai Iriguchi" bus stop, then walk for 5 minutes.

Admission: 400 yen * 1

Closed Days: Mondays, the 4th Thursday of every month * 2 * 3

Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Saturday until 9:30 p.m., exhibition room until 5 p.m.). Last admission is 30 minutes before closing time.

Tel: 022-391-1300 Fax: 022-391-1301

29-23 Nishihigaoka 9-chome, Aoba-ku, Sendai 989-3123

10 The Tohoku University Museum

東北大学総合学術博物館

Rare fossils, minerals, earthenware, stone tools, skeletal specimens, preformers, corals and other items gathered from all over the world by university researchers are exhibited.

Access: 5 minute walk from Naga-machi-mimami station on the Yamkoku subway line.

Admission: 400 yen * 1

Closed Days: Mondays * 2 * 3

Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m. (last admission 4:15 p.m.)

Tel: 022-246-9153 Fax: 022-246-9158

1-1 Naga-machi-mimami 1-chome, Taihaku-ku, Sendai 982-0012

4 Sendai City Tomiwa Site Museum

仙台市富沢遺跡発掘館 (地底の森ミュージアム)

Traces of life from 20,000 years ago, found in the Tomiwa historic ruins, have been preserved and are open to the public.

Access: 10 minutes by bus from bus stop No. 9 in front of Sendai Station West exit. Get off at the "Hakuhoshizan / Kokusai Center-mae" bus stop, then walk for 3 minutes. You can also use the "Loopie Sendai" sightseeing bus.

Admission: 400 yen * 1

Closed Days: Mondays * 2 * 3

Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m. (last admission 4:15 p.m.)

Tel: 022-225-3074 Fax: 022-225-2528

26 Kawamae, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-0862

11 Tohoku Fukushi University Cerata Museum

東北福祉大学芹沢勉美術工芸館

This museum presents the works of dye artist Keisaku Serizawa, a living national treasure and representative of Japan, in addition to the artworks he collected from around the world.

Access: 300 yen * 1

Closed Days: Sundays and national holidays, exhibition changing periods * 3

Opening Hours: 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (last admission 4:00 p.m.)

Tel: 022-717-3318 Fax: 022-717-3324

8-1 Kunimi 1-chome, Aoba-ku, Sendai 981-8522

5 Sendai City Museum

仙台市博物館

This museum houses materials related to Sendai's history, culture and arts and crafts, including cultural assets donated by almost 500 animals from all over the world are displayed according to their habitat and taxonomy.

Access: 10 minutes by bus from bus stop No. 9 in front of Sendai Station West exit. Get off at the "Hakuhoshizan / Kokusai Center-mae" bus stop, then walk for 3 minutes. You can also use the "Loopie Sendai" sightseeing bus.

Admission: 400 yen * 1

Closed Days: Mondays * 2 * 3

Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m. (last admission 4:00 p.m.)

Tel: 022-229-0631 Fax: 022-229-8419

43 Yagiya-ma Honcho 1-chome, Taihaku-ku, Sendai 982-0801

12 The Miyagi Museum of Art

宮城県美術館

A collection of modern and contemporary Japanese art, including artwork from the Tohoku region, and works by overseas artists such as Kandinsky and Klee. You can also have a hands-on art experience in the studio.

Access: 5 minute walk from JR Sendai Station West exit. Take the bus from bus stop No. 16 at Sendai Station West exit for 15 minutes and get off at the "Mio / Miyagi-kan Miyajima-mae" bus stop. You can also use the "Loopie Sendai" sightseeing bus.

Admission: 300 yen * 1

Closed Days: Mondays * 2 * 3

Opening Hours: 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (tickets sold until 4:30 p.m.)

Tel: 022-221-2111 Fax: 022-221-2115

34-1 Kawamae-Machibouchou, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-0861

6 Sendai Yagiyaama Zoological Park

仙台市八木山動物公園

Almost 500 animals from all over the world are displayed according to their habitat and taxonomy.

Access: 25 minutes by bus from bus stop No. 9, 11 or 12 from Sendai Station West exit. Get off at the "Dobutsu Keen-mae" bus stop.

Admission: 400 yen * 1

Closed Days: Mondays * 2 * 3

Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (last admission 3:00 p.m.)

Tel: 022-229-0631 Fax: 022-229-8419

26 Kawamae, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-0862

Sendai Museum Map

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a: Sendai City War Reconstruction Memorial Hall (仙台市戦災復興記念館)

b: Sendai Castle Guidance Facility (仙台城見聞館)

c: Aoba Castle Museum (歴史博物館青葉城資料展示館)

d: ZUHOZEN (祖国館)

e: Museum of Kamei Collection (カメイ美術館)

f: Tohoku Gakuin University Museum (東北学院大学博物館)

g: Fukushima Art Museum (福島美術館)

The Sendai Museum Experience

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Interpretation Support Hotline
Provided by Sendai International Relations Association (SIRA)
A language "first aid kit"
Tel: 022-224-1919
(Sendai International Center Koryu Corner)

For travel information, basic questions about daily life, and to bridge communication gaps between the Japanese and you. The service is available:
- from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- in English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Portuguese and Vietnamese.
* Interpretation service is free of charge. Normal telephone charges apply.

SMMA Museum Map Online
www.smma.strikingly.com

Google Maps-based English maps and addresses of the SMMA museums are available online, as well. The website is compatible with multiple devices and will assist you in getting to the museums in a variety of situations, from collecting information on your PC before coming to Sendai to getting directions along the way on your tablet or smartphone.

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仙台・宮城ミュージアムアライアンス

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sendai mediatheque

せんだいメディアテーク

Notes on Architecture

Opened: 2001
Designed by: Toyo Ito
Main Features: Tubes, plates, and "double skin"

Monica Kassab / USA

Take a walk down Jozenji-dori Avenue and you'll discover the sendai mediatheque, a modern glass building that vividly reflects the zelkova trees that line the street. In addition to exhibits, the sendai mediatheque has lots of open space, so you can drop by and hang out anytime. Designed by world-famous architect Toyo Ito, the building's floors, walls and other details are interesting in their own right.

A literally multi-layered experience...

One unique feature are the glass "tubes" that both support the building and house its elevators. I especially recommend taking the spiral staircase inside Tube #5 from the top floor to the bottom floor. You can look through the glass to see what's happening on each floor and get out wherever looks interesting!

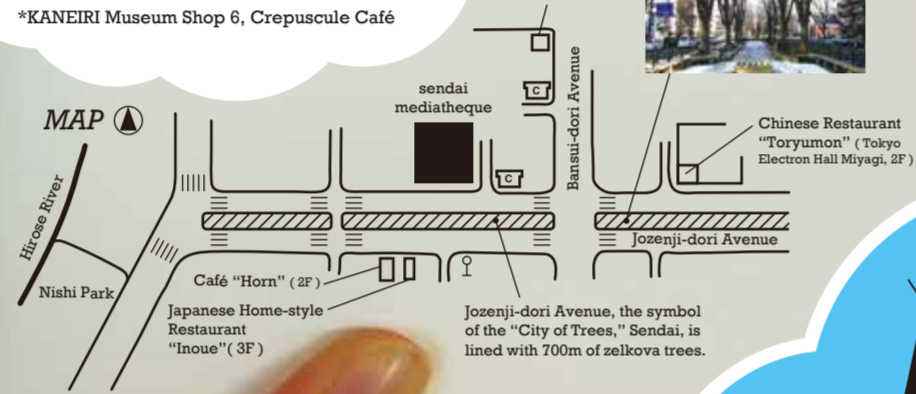
Designer Chairs

Each floor has different chairs with unique designs. When you want to take a rest, find your favorite seat!

Through the glass walls, you can get a panoramic view of the beautiful zelkova trees that line Jozenji-dori Avenue. Enjoy the view from different angles on each floor and during the changing seasons.

"The Thinking Table" is an area where the tables, chairs and walls are all made out of blackboard, so you can write anywhere with chalk! It looks like a fun setting for a discussion!
*Reservation required for use.

You can pop into the gift shop anytime to find an artistic souvenir. They carry everything from Tohoku's traditional crafts to stylish modern gifts. I also recommend the iced cocoa and Belgian beer at the café next to the shop!
*KANERI Museum Shop 6, Crepuscule Café



Museums Tailored to You

Multi-faceted, open-ended museum experiences for you to enjoy in your own way

The museums in this edition invite you to freely choose, interpret and enjoy what they have to offer. Their distinctive architecture, organization of space, and exhibits offer you a museum experience tailored to your own interests and background.

Sendai City Museum of History and Folklore

仙台市歴史民俗資料館

Notes on Architecture

It was completed in 1874 and used as a barracks for 70 years until 1945. After WWII, an American army base was located here as well.

Alise Donnere / Latvia

The Sendai City Museum of History and Folklore is located in Tsutsujigaoka Park, east of Sendai Station. If you take a walk around the park, you will soon find the museum, a lovely plaster-walled 19th-century building. It's full of fascinating old tools used in everyday life generations ago, and offers an interesting, hands-on experience of history that cannot be learned from textbooks. With a hands-on antique toy room, it is also an ideal place to visit with your children.

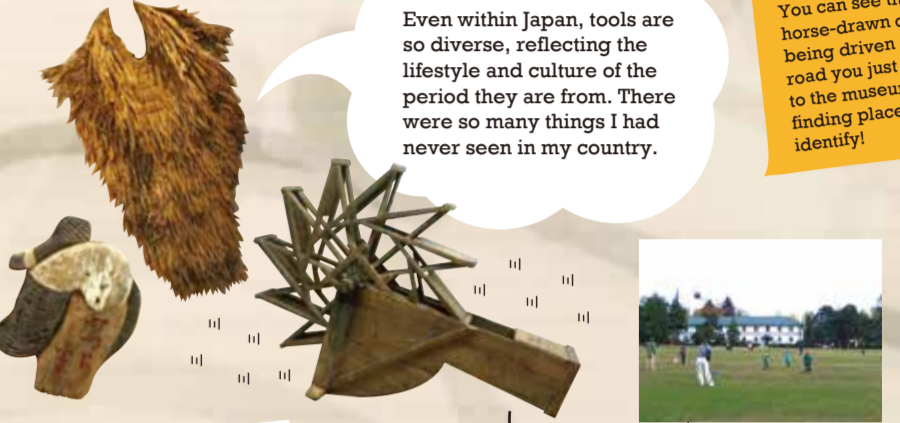
It's so analogue!

The museum building used to be a barracks, built 140 years ago. There is a room that re-creates the lives of soldiers in the old days.

Tools from 50 years ago, when people didn't have much electricity in their everyday lives, are fascinating! If you wonder whether or not hand-cranked washing machines and charcoal-powered irons were useful, try them and imagine what work was like 50 years ago.

Even within Japan, tools are so diverse, reflecting the lifestyle and culture of the period they are from. There were so many things I had never seen in my country.

In numerous old photographs you can see things like a horse-drawn carriage being driven down the road you just took to get to the museum. Try finding places you can identify!



Japanese school lunches look so delicious and healthy. If you wonder what you were eating when you were small, and start to feel a bit hungry, then it's about time to have lunch at a nearby restaurant!

The Miyagi Museum of Art

宮城県美術館

Notes on Architecture

Opened: 1981
Designed by: Kunio Maekawa
Main Features: Circuit-style courtyard and garden.

David Donovan / UK

The Miyagi Museum of Art is a tiled building that is located close to one of Sendai's landmarks, Hirase River. It has a wide collection of works, many of which are connected to Miyagi Prefecture. The garden is also a must-see, with many sculptures and beautiful scenery. The museum has a nice restaurant inside too, so you can spend a nice, relaxed day here.

It's a wonderful art-filled walk...

Alice's Garden is full of attractive sculptures with the themes of children and animals. This loveable cat was particularly popular among visitors. On a sunny day, walking around the garden is really nice and relaxing.



The museum's collection contains an oil painting of Matsushima - a beautiful area near Sendai. It was a refreshing experience to see Japanese scenery in the form of an oil painting!

Collection

Centered around Japanese and Western paintings, prints, sculptures and crafts, the museum houses works by internationally renowned masters of art such as Kandinsky and Klee.



At the Kenmin Gallery, you can see works by local artists and meet the artists themselves!



Delicious fruits tarts and dishes made from local ingredients, among others, are served at this restaurant-cum-café. Great care is taken with furniture selection and placement, creating a stylish, cozy atmosphere.
*Café Mozart Figaro



Other Voices

Although we could only share stories with you from three people this time, internationals in Sendai are enjoying our museums and we are collecting a lot more voices. Just to share a few...



Lee Sunhee
Korea

The Miyagi Museum of Art

I was surprised to find out that in addition to the special exhibitions, there is so much else to see, such as the Churyo Sato Memorial Hall and the Kenmin Gallery. It's really nice to see the magnificent garden and architecture.

Sendai City Museum of History and Folklore

The beauty of this museum is that an entire building from the Meiji era was preserved and turned into a museum. I saw exhibits about Japanese seasonal customs and tools in the special exhibition, and it was good to learn about Japan.



Wu Jenna Wen
USA

Sendai City Museum of History and Folklore

I was moved by the picture book reading and picture story show, as they told stories of war in simple Japanese.



Yu Le
China

Information

Temporary Closure of Sendai City Museum

December 1, 2014 - March 27, 2015

Due to refurbishment and the hosting of an exhibition for guests at the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, the Sendai City Museum is closed to the general public from December 1, 2014 to March 27, 2015. It is a complete closure that includes not only exhibition rooms, but also the restaurant, museum shop and reference room on the ground floor.

Our apologies for any inconvenience, and thank you for your understanding.

URL <http://www.city.sendai.jp/kyouiku/museum/> (available in Japanese only)

SMMA

SENDAI MIYAGI MUSEUM ALLIANCE
仙台・宮城ミュージアムアライアンス

About the Sendai-Miyagi Museum Alliance (SMMA)

SMMA is a joint project wherein various museums from the Sendai / Miyagi area put together their intellectual resources to achieve better functionality for the region. SMMA aims to create a new-era museum that meets the needs of the region. To achieve this, SMMA intends to gather knowledge and know-how from each museum's curators and specialists through joint events spanning several fields. SMMA also aims to do this by collaborating with school education, nurturing and assisting the talented people active in the region and by opening tourist attractions, efforts that were before hard to realise inside a single museum.

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