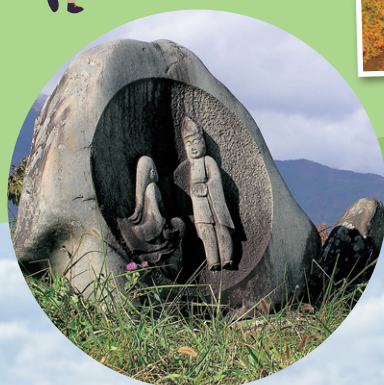




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# Nagano Yamagata Village

## Dosojin and the Soba Village



### Introducing Yamagata Village

The village stands at an elevation of 700 m. Located approximately in the center of Nagano prefecture. The village has been blessed with a climate that features little precipitation and large temperature differences between summer and winter.



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# Would You Like to Try Some Delicious Soba?



Yamagata Village is quite well known among “soba connoisseurs” for its soba. Starting with “Karasawa Soba Village,” many restaurants using locally produced delicious ingredients to create handmade soba are located in Yamagata Village.



## Karasawa Soba Village

Along the road to Kiyomizu Kogen are a number of soba restaurants. This area has a long history of using the water from the Karasawa River to turn water wheels in order to grind flour needed to make soba, and even to this day that simplistic taste from the past carries on. There are also many other restaurants where you can try delicious soba within the village.



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## Local Specialty Yamachi Soba

This is the local specialty of Yamagata. Chinese yam and soba specially produced from the village come together for this dish. The Chinese yam is finely cut into a thin noodle-like shape and served together with soba. The smooth texture of the noodles combined with the crunchy taste sensation are the best.

Detailed information about Yamachi Soba can also be found here.



# Why Not Try Harvesting Seasonal Fruits and Vegetables With Your Own Hands?

Fruits and vegetables such as asparagus, blueberries, etc. are the treasures of Yamagata Village. Why not try a memorable experience harvesting outside in nature?



## Harvesting Experience

A reservation made in advanced is required to participate.

Yamagata Village has an abundant variety of fruits and vegetables. We recommend spending a day in the great outdoors enjoying the experience of harvesting fruits and vegetables. After, you can make your way to the farmers' market, where the farmers bring their seasonal and proudly grown produce for you to buy and take home.



## Asparagus

Mid-May to Mid-June

You can pull the sweet asparagus that have moved their way to the surface with your own hands.

## Blueberries

Mid-July to Mid-August

There are many picking farms available within the village that become very busy with customers during the summer season. You'll lose track of time having so much fun picking.



Detailed information about harvesting experience can also be found here.









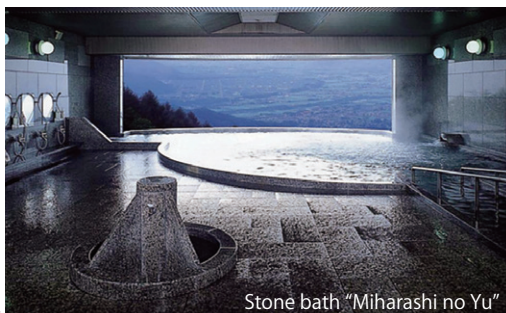


# Welcome to Kiyomizu Kogen



At an elevation of 1,300 m, the Kiyomizu Kogen allows for views overlooking Matsumoto and Azumino. This plateau also features the accommodation facility, Skyland Kiyomizu, as well as the famous temple, Kiyomizu-dera. Feel refreshed as you walk through the new green foliage in spring, enjoy the cool breeze blowing across the plateau in summer, and enjoy seeing the bright, colorful fall leaves during fall.

## Skyland Kiyomizu



Stone bath "Miharashi no Yu"

Enjoy a therapeutic time inside a Japanese cypress wood bathtub or a marble bathtub that features a man-made onsen powered by radium ore. The spectacular view below of Matsumoto Basin can be seen from both bathtubs. Whether you wish to visit on a day trip to bathe, celebrate with a party, or even hold a workshop, the accommodation can meet all of your needs.



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## Jigenzan Kiyomizu-dera

Detailed information about the Kiyomizu-dera can also be found here.



▲Kannon Statues Lining the Path to the Temple



▲Deep snow Covering the Grounds



▲Thousand-Armed Kannon

Located at Kiyomizu Kogen with a sweeping view of Matsumoto Basin, this temple is disconnected from the world below, creating a quiet and solemn atmosphere that will make you feel somewhat nostalgic.

According to the legend, in the spring of the year 729, Gyoki came to visit, enshrining a statue there of the Thousand-Armed Kannon that he himself had carved. After, in the late 8th century, Sakanoue no Tamuramaro, while on his conquest to conquer the Emishi, came to pilgrimage at Kiyomizu-dera in this village, and while praying for the success of his conquest, due to its miraculous properties, decided to move the Thousand-Armed Kannon statue to Kyoto, which is said to have been the cause for the establishment of the Kiyomizu-dera in the Higashiyama Ward of Kyoto. The truth behind that story is uncertain; however, across the entire country, at approximately 100 different temples with the same name in kanji, almost all of them are read as "Seisuiji," while the reading "Kiyomizu-dera" is much less common. It's difficult not to feel the connection between this temple and the Kiyomizu-dera of Kyoto.

The principal idol of worship at the temple is the wooden statue of the Thousand-Armed Kannon that is stored inside a miniature shrine inside the inner sanctum of the main hall and is said to have been made in the Edo Period. The Thousand-Armed Kannon statue features one pair of arms that join together above the statue's head in a "Kiyomizu" style which is the same pose as the statue from the Kiyomizu-dera in Kyoto.

