

Japan 2026

Tōhoku 東北

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Tohoku region overview



Shirakami Sanchi World Natural Heritage Site



Towada-Hachimantai National Park



A taste of Tokyo, then bullet train, scenic train, festivals, and National Park walks, drives, and rides

July, August 2026

Lois and Joe - 2 nights (?) in Singapore and 3 weeks (?) in Japan
Michael and Julia - Four weeks in Japan

Map of our proposed itinerary



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
20	21 July Lois and Joe fly to Singapore	22	23 July Everyone flies to Tokyo	24	25 Sumida River Fireworks (25th July)	26 Bullet train to Akita city (4 hrs)
27 Resort-Shirakami (with a two night stop at Juniko)		28 2 nights (?) in Singapore		29 3 nights in Tokyo		30 1 night in Akita
28 Resort-Shirakami (with a two night stop at Juniko)		29 Train to Kuroishi		30 Day and half day trips from Kuroishi (car, train, or bike hire - everyone together or split up)		31 Car hire starts
29 2 nights at Juniko Lakes		30 Summer festival season - Kuroishi Neputa Festival (30th to 5th)		1 Aug Hirosaki Neputa Festival (1st to 7th)		2 Aomori Neputa Festival (2nd to 7th)
3 Road trip through the mountains Scenic drives, walks, ropeways, and boats		4 1 night in Shirakami Sanchi		5 5 nights based in Kuroishi		6 Day trip to Aomori with a visit to Jomon Village maybe an evening visit to the festival
4 1 night in Shirakami Sanchi		5 2 nights at Mt Hakkoda		6 3 nights at Oirase Gorge and/or Lake Towada		7 Aomori Neputa Festival (2nd to 7th)
5 2 nights at Mt Hachimantai		6 1 night at Lake Tazawa		7 1 night in Kakunodate		8 1 night in Tokyo or Narita
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