

# Chichibu and Nagatoro - 2 Days Cherry Blossoms in early April Wisteria and Phlox in late April

Hitsujiyama Park is located in Chichibu, and is only two hours from Tokyo. It is one of the most popular sites in spring. With the green Chichibu landscape in the background, the beautiful spring floral paradise of the park seems to come right out of a postcard. Further north, the small town of Nagatoro, known for its gorges, has been selected as one of Japan's 100 most famous places for its 3,000 cherry blossoms.

#### **Recommended travel:**

Those going to see the sakura of Hitsujiyama Park in early April, can also enjoy those of Nagatoro. Those going to see the fields of Phlox of Hitsujiyama Park in mid-late April, can also enjoy some species of late cherry trees as well as the wisteria flowers of Nagatoro.

# Day 1: Tokyo/Chichibu/Nagatoro

Depart Ikebukuro Station for Seibu-Chichibu around 9:00am. (Duration: about 1 hour and 25 minutes).

**Chichibu** is a town in Saitama Prefecture known for its impressive landscapes and beautiful nature, including mountains that offer many hiking opportunities. Just 90 minutes by train from central Tokyo, Chichibu attracts many visitors who wish to escape the hustle and bustle of the metropolis.



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Visits and meals at your convenience.



#### Visit Suggestions:

# Hitsujiyama Park

Leave from Chichibu station for Nagatoro around 3 p.m. (Duration: about 25min)

### Nagatoro

One of the 100 most famous cherry blossom viewing spots in Japan. In April, all the cherry trees in Nagatoro bloom at the same time. In particular, Kita Sakura Dori and Minami Sakura Dori avenues run through a tunnel of flowers, creating a spectacular view. There are also illuminations.

Diner and night at a Ryokan. (Check in at 5:30)

# Day 2: Nagatoro/ Tokyo Breakfast at the Ryokan.

Visits and meals at your convenience.





#### Visit Suggestions:

#### Hodosan Shrine

Hodosan Shrine is an ancient shrine in nagatoro where visitors come to pray for protection against natural disasters. In late-March and early-April, you can see shidare-sakura (weeping cherry trees) and somei-yoshino cherry trees.

### Hodosan Ropeway

Takes you to the top of Mount Hodo. The hiking trails at the summit offer beautiful views of the surrounding landscapes.

### Nagatoro Gorge Cruize

In the late afternoon, depart Ohanabatake for Tokyo by train.



Nagatoro

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