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# Tsumagoi Village



## Outline

Tsumagoi village is located in the northwest part of the Kanto plains, nestled in the shade of the 2,000 m mountains of Joshin-Etsu Highland National Park.

To the south of Tsumagoi is Karuizawa, a picturesque town that attracts over 8 million visitors every year. With the Shiga highlands to the north, and the world famous Kusatsu spa resort to the northeast, all overlooked by the majestic Mount Asama, Tsumagoi village is surrounded by some of the greatest sightseeing spots in Japan.

Tsumagoi embodies the best of all these great places, combining the rural charm of an agricultural village with the activity of a tourist town, all set in beautiful natural scenery. Not to mention the best summer and autumn cabbage in Japan!

## Attractions

### ◆ Spring in Tsumagoi

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From the middle of May to the beginning of June, tourists flock to the Shakunage gardens in the Asama highlands to see the 15 million rhododendrons in bloom. What's more, from mid June to the early July in Kazawa plateau, visitors can see around 60 million azaleas. This area has been designated a national park in order to preserve its beauty for future generations. It also features many picturesque hiking courses, which draw visitors from around Japan every year.

<Events in Spring>

- Mid-April: Opening of the fishing season at Lake Baragi
- Mid-April: Light-up of cherry blossoms
- April 29: Tsumagoi Market
- Mid-May: Flowering of rhododendron at Asama Plateau

### ◆ Summer in Tsumagoi

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Summer in Tsumagoi is the time when you can see the cabbages, Tsumagoi's most famous produce, on the vast fields located on the skirts of Mt. Asama and Mt. Azumaya.

Tsumagoi stays cool even in the sticky Japanese summer season, making it a great spot for a summer getaway. Visitors can also enjoy numerous events

like the Komakusa Flower Festival in Manza, and the Tsumagoi Summer Festival.

<Events in Summer>

- The 2nd Sunday in June: Start of the mountaineering season in the Baragi highlands
- Late June: Yunomaru Plateau Azalea Festival
- Early July: Tsumagoi Highland Cabbage Marathon
- Last Saturday in July: Tsumagoi Summer Festival
- Late July: Manza Onsen Komakusa Festival
- Late July: Opening of Kazawa Lily garden
- Late August: Asama star cross walk

#### ◆ Autumn in Tsumagoi

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In autumn, people again flock to Tsumagoi to see the vibrant colors of the changing leaves in places like Imamiya Valley, and Maki-Hoshimata mountain pass.

Most of the cabbages are shipped from summer till autumn. Tsumagoi is the best and the most important producing area of cabbage in Japan, as it accounts for 80 percent of all the cabbages consumed in the metropolitan area.

<Events in Autumn>

- Mid-September: “Kyabechu”, the event of shouting your love to your wife in the middle of a cabbage field
- 3 November: Tsumagoi village cultural festival

#### ◆ Winter in Tsumagoi

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There are four ski resorts in Tsumagoi: Manza Onsen Ski Ground, Palcall Tsumagoi Ski Resort, Kazawa Snow Area and Asama 2000 Park Ski Ground. These resorts attract skiers and snowboarders from around the country with their light powdery snow and magnificent views. After a hard day on the slopes, visitors can then relax in one of the numerous onsen resorts nearby.

<Events in Winter>

- Mid December: Ski area opening event
- Late January: Asama Plateau Winter Festival