

Nakamachi Komise Street



A street filled with small shops with wooden awnings that were built in the Edo Period. The awnings provided shade during the summers, and in the winters they protected people from snow and blizzards. They were indispensable to the people who ran the inns, kimono shops, and other establishments of the time. There are no other examples of this architecture in such large quantities anywhere else in Japan. For that reason, the street was designated one of the “Top 100 Roads in Japan” in August 1987 and a “Preservation Districts for Groups of Traditional Buildings” in July 2005.

Highlights



Important Cultural Property Takahashi Residence



Matsu-no-yu Community Center



Narumi Sake Brewery (Sake Tasting)



IRODORI (Neputa lantern making workshop)

And there's so much more to see at Nakamachi Komise Street!

Website



<https://en.visitkuroishi.jp/> (Kuroishi City)



<https://kuroishi.or.jp/english/tourism-en> (Kuroishi Tourist Association)



Access

Taxi

**Aomori Station –
Nakamachi Komise Street**



【Fare】
10,000 yen

【Time】
55 min.

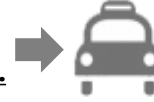
Train and Taxi

**Aomori Station –
Namioka Station
(JR Ou Main Line)**



【Fare】 420 yen

【Time】 25 min.



**Namioka Station –
Nakamachi Komise Street**

【Fare】 3,000 yen

【Time】 15 min.



On foot

**From Kuroishi Station to
Nakamachi Komise
Street**

【Time】 10 min.



Events and Festivals

Kuroishi Neputa Festival

Period : **July 30 – August 5**

The Kuroishi Neputa Festival stands out for having two types of floats being paraded together. (fan-shaped floats called *Ogi Neputa* and layered floats called *Ningyo Neputa*) This joint parade, which is held on July 30 and August 2, draws in many spectators.



Kuroishi Yosare

Period : **August 14 –
August 20**

The Nagashi dance, which is only performed on two nights of the festival (August 15 and 16) draws many performers, all of whom dance in unison through the streets of downtown. The procession of the Nagashi dance is occasionally broken up by the Mawari dance, where spectators can join in and dance in a big circle alongside participants, firing up the atmosphere.

