

# Flight Considerations

JAL flies direct from BOS to NRT, via the Boeing 787 Dreamliner

- Non-Stop
  - JAL:
    - get window seat, A or K, for better shoulder room
      - avoid aisle / center seats, as you can't drop the armrests
    - target row 1 or 8 (bulkhead rows)
      - With Layover
      - ANA (JFK, ORD -> NRT)
      - plane: Boeing 777-300ER (avoid 787, much narrower!)
      - roomiest seats available
      - United (EWR, SFO, ORD -> NRT)
      - plane: Boeing 777-300ER, 787
      - Singapore Airlines (JFK -> NRT)
      - plane: Boeing 777-300ER, Airbus 350
      - downside: wide seats but not sleep diagonal to lay flat

## Themes

Themes: Matsuo Basho (松尾芭蕉), Date Masamune (伊達政宗)

Mogami (最上氏) and Date (伊達氏) clans

## 宮城県

### 仙台市

Major history of city began with Date daimyō, Date Masamune.

名物、食品: 牛タン、炉端焼き、ずんだ餅

酒:

名物: 柳宇和氏、こけし

Yamagata Castle, connected to Date Masamune

Ōsaki Hachiman-gu (国宝大崎八幡宮), shrine ordered built by Date Masamune

# 新潟県

名物: 酒

## Trip Overview

### Visit Sendai

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* Day 1
* [[https://maps.app.goo.gl/hUTSJg2AJbDjyGBg7 | Aoba Joshi (青葉城址), Aoba
castle (Date's) ruins]]
* [[https://maps.app.goo.gl/SG5JpmpEbxjDacaA8 | Sendai City Museum (仙台市
博物館), Date Masamune's armour]]
* [[https://maps.app.goo.gl/qurZxort1rpHDWZ88 | Zuihōden (瑞鳳殿)]]: grave
of Date Masamune
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### Visit Matsushima (松島)

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* Zuiganji Temple: first built 828 CE, rebuilt by Date Masamune in 1609 as
his family temple
* Entsuin Temple: built to honor Masamune's grandson, Mitsumune
* Godaido
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### Visit Hiraizumi

- Chusonji Temple
- Motsuji Temple
- Takadachi Giko-do: place where Minamoto no Yoshitsune (first samurai of Kamakura shogunate) committed seppuku; Date Masamune built a memorial to honor it in 1683 and Matsuo Basho visited in 1689

### Visit Yamagata

- [Yamadera / Rissyakujī \(立石寺\)](#): Basho composed famous haiku here
- [Mogami River Boat ride](#): Basho took a boat tour and wrote haiku about the power of the river
- Kajo Park: original seat of power of Mogami Clan.
- Mogami Yoshiaki Historical Museum: Mogami Yoshiaki's actual battle armor—complete with a bullet dent from a matchlock gun
- Senshoji Temple: temple holds the family graves of the Mogami Clan, including the final resting place of Mogami Yoshiaki

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