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MAP B-2 Dandan noodles and gyoza
Ebisutei 笑美寿亭 Main Shop

Dandan noodles is this restaurant's flagship dish. Some 15 varieties are available, ranging from classic red dandan noodles to Carbonara-style creamy dandan noodles.



Red dandan noodles
赤担々麺 ¥913

☎025-225-1039 Hours: 11:00-14:30, 17:30-24:00
(Sat.: Closes at 22:00), only lunch on Nat. Holidays
Closed: Sun. (If Mon. is a Nat. Holiday, open only for lunch on the previous day) Seats: 30

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MAP B-2 Pioneer of ramen shops
Shinkichiya 信吉屋

Wonton noodles are served in clear soup, topped with about five homemade ground pork dumplings. Hurry, quantity is limited!



Wonton noodles
ワンタンメン ¥750

☎025-228-3436 Hours: Opens at 11:00 and closes as soon as noodles run out
Closed: Thu. & Fri. Seats: 38

21
MAP B-2 Ramen Raimi 来味
Higashibori Shop

Light, savory soup flavored masterfully with dried sardines and chicken bones. You can't beat the free upgrades to large and extra-large servings!



Pork fillet noodles
肉そば ¥900

☎025-224-0012 Hours: 11:00-15:00, 18:00-24:00, closes as soon as soup runs out Closed:
Open year-round Seats: 18 Note: After 21:00:
Large serving ¥100, extra-large serving ¥200

22
MAP B-2 Ramen Mangetsu 満月

Serves a varied selection of ramen, from seafood-flavored light ramen to rich miso ramen. Handmade gyoza dumplings are also worth a try.



Hot miso ramen
辛味噌ラーメン ¥830 (lunch)

☎025-222-8852 Hours: 11:00-14:00, 17:00-5:00 (L.O. 4:45)
Closed: Sun. & Nat. Holidays (Subject to change) Seats: 18

23
MAP B-2 Sankichiya Main Shop
三吉屋

Famous for Niigata light soy sauce ramen. Light soup made by boiling dried sardines and pork bones pairs excellently with ultra-thin noodles.



Ramen
中華そば ¥650

☎025-222-8227 Hours: 11:00-16:00, 17:00-19:00
Closed: Tue. Seats: 22

24
MAP C-3 Aoshima Shokudo
青島食堂 Higashibori Shop

Founder of Nagaoka ginger soy sauce ramen. The combination of pork knuckle broth, ginger, and dark soy sauce create a characteristic savory flavor.



Aoshima ramen
青島ラーメン ¥800

☎025-222-5030 Hours: 11:00-20:00
Closed: Thu. Seats: 8

01
MAP B-4 Soba Suzakaya Soba
須坂屋 Niigata Sta. Area Shop

Restaurant well known for Ojiya soba made with natural spring water and glueweed. Conveniently located in front of Niigata Station, this shop is visited by many celebrities.



Hegi soba (Medium) for 2
to 3 people へぎそば ¥2,110

☎025-241-7705 Hours: 11:00-1:00
(Closes at 24:00 on Sun. & Nat. Holidays)
Closed: Open year-round Seats: 100

02
MAP B-3 Mikazuki みかづき
Bandai-city Shop

This shop's iconic dish "Italian" is one of Niigata's leading culinary delights. Specially made thick noodles are served with stir-fried vegetables and topped with an original sauce.



Italian イタリアン
¥350

☎025-241-5928 Hours: 10:00-20:00
Closed: 1/1
Seats: 62

03
MAP B-2 Tonkatsu Taro
とんかつ太郎

Unlike usual katsudon, freshly deep-fried pork cutlet is eaten with sauce only, no egg. Called tarekatsudon, this dish has become one of Niigata's representative local dishes.



Katsudon (Pork cutlet
over rice) カツ丼 ¥1,080

☎025-222-0097 Hours: 11:30-14:30, opens
at 17:00 and closes as soon as ingredients
run out Closed: Thu., 3rd Wed. of the month
Seats: 37

04
MAP B-2 Local cuisine 田舎家
Inakaya Main Shop

This shop's popular dish is wappameshi. Rice cooked in lightly seasoned dashi broth is topped with seasonal fish and other ingredients and steamed. Wappa refers to the cedar box it is in.



Oyako wappa set 親子わっぱ
セット ¥2,530 (Night: ¥2,860)

☎025-223-1266 Hours: 11:30-14:30,
17:00-22:00 (Closes at 21:00 on Sun. & Nat.
Holidays), L.O. 30 min. before closing, respectively
Closed: Open year-round Seats: 100

The Five Major Ramens of Niigata



While Niigata is often associated with rice, sake, and seafood, many people don't realize that it is in fact a ramen haven with one of the highest ramen shop density to population in Japan. Niigata has five major types of unique ramen: Tsubame pork fatback; Nagaoka ginger soy sauce; Niigatajima light soy sauce; miso with wari soup; and Sanjo curry. Enjoy ramen hopping to try the various ramen shops in the city of Niigata.

Check out these places too! Sightseeing spots in Niigata City

01
MAP B-3 Niigata Manga
Animation Museum

A museum specializing in manga and anime. There is an experience corner that conveys the charm of manga and animation.



☎025-240-4311 Hours: 11:00-19:00 (Opens at 10:00 on
Sat., Sun. & Nat. Holidays) Closed: 1/1 & between exhibits
Admission: ¥200 *Separate charges for special exhibits

02
MAP A-3 Pier Bandai

Sells fresh fish, fresh vegetables from the farm, rice, sake, and other Niigata specialties. Restaurants on premises.



☎025-249-2560 (Bandai Nigiwai Creation)
Hours: 9:00-21:00 (Varies by facility)
Closed: Varies by facility

03
MAP C-2 Hakusan Jinja Shrine

With a history of over 1,000 years, this shrine protects all of Niigata. It is known to fortify good relationships (enmusubi), and has a beautiful garden.



☎025-228-2963
Opens: No fixed hours
Closed: Open year-round

04
MAP B-1 The Niigata Saito
Villa

Former villa of the Saito family, a wealthy merchant family that was considered one of Niigata's three major zaibatsu (business conglomerates). Scattering of precious trees, aesthetic designs, and much more to see.



☎025-210-8350 Hours: 9:30-18:00 (10/1 to 3/31:
Closes at 17:00) Closed: Mon., following day of Nat.
Holiday, 12/28 to 1/3, other temporary closures
Admission: General admission ¥300

Niigata City Loop Bus Fare



One-Day Pass:
Adult ¥500, Child ¥250

Show your valid One-Day Pass to receive special discounts and more! (Only valid the day of the pass.)

■Sales Locations (販)

※Passes can also be purchased on the bus
Bus Information Center (Niigata Station/Bandai City Bus
Center), Niitsu House, Niigata City Aquarium *Marinepia
Nihonkai*, Saito Villa, Northern Culture Museum Niigata
Branch, Niigata City Art Museum, Niigata City History Museum
Minatopia, Aizu Yaichi Memorial Museum, Hotel Nikko Niigata

Single Ticket:
Adult ¥210, Child ¥110

※Show a certificate of disability
and get discounted fare.
※Payment can be made using IC
cards such as "Ryuto," "Suica,"
and "Suica" compatible IC cards.

Contact

◆Niigata Kotsu Bus Center
Office ☎025-246-6333
◆City of Niigata Tourism
Policy Division ☎025-226-2608



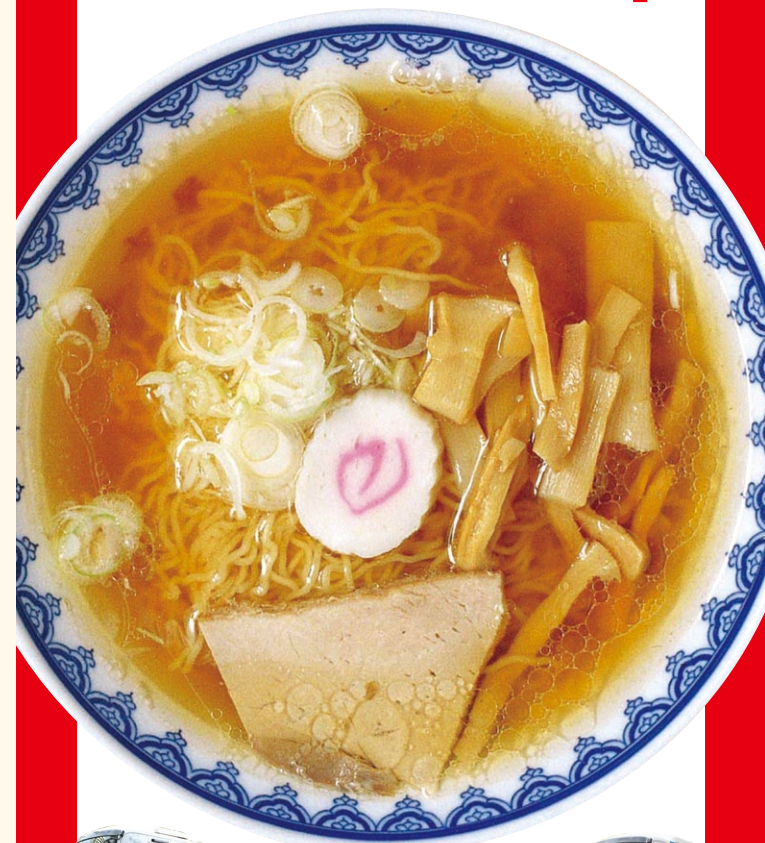
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Niigata City Loop Bus Ramen Map



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**Satisfy your ramen and culinary
cravings while sightseeing by bus!**

Komachi

Monthly Niigata Komachi, launched in 1992.
A local food and travel magazine in Niigata
Prefecture with a circulation of 55,000.

01 Menya Shagara しゃがら MAP A-4 Niigata Sta. Shop

This restaurant's flagship dish is tonkotsu soy sauce ramen made with generous amounts of pork fatback. Located inside JR Niigata Station.



Soy sauce ramen
醤油らーめん ¥700

None Hours: 9:00-22:00 (L.O. 21:30), 9:00-11:00 morning menu, closes as soon as soup runs out Closed: Open year-round Seats: 33

02 Sakamoto 01 坂本01 MAP A-4 Niigata Sta. Area Shop

A famous restaurant noted by the Michelin Guide. Its ramen features beautifully cut noodles. The soup is made with beef tallow.



Soy sauce ramen
醤油らーめん ¥700

025-250-7767 Hours: 11:00-15:00, 17:00-22:00 (Sun. & Nat. Holidays: 11:00-20:00) Closed: Open year-round Seats: 13

03 Echigo Hizomen 無尽蔵 MAP A-4 Mujinzo Hanazonoya

This restaurant's selling point is uncooked noodles containing persimmon juice. To match the thick noodles, it offers various soups, including soy sauce broth that mixes meat and seafood flavors, as well as miso broth.



Vegetable hot miso ramen
野菜辛味噌らーめん ¥946

025-290-6366 Hours: 11:00-23:00 (L.O. 22:30) Closed: Open year-round Seats: 41

04 Darumaya だるまや MAP A-4 Niigata Sta. Area Shop

Darumaya operates many shops in Niigata, Joetsu, and Nagaoka cities. Daruma ramen is an iconic Japanese style tonkotsu ramen.



Daruma ramen
だるまラーメン ¥700

025-250-7508 Hours: 11:00-3:00 (L.O. 2:30), L.O. 21:00 on Sun., closes as soon as soup runs out Closed: Open year-round Seats: 22

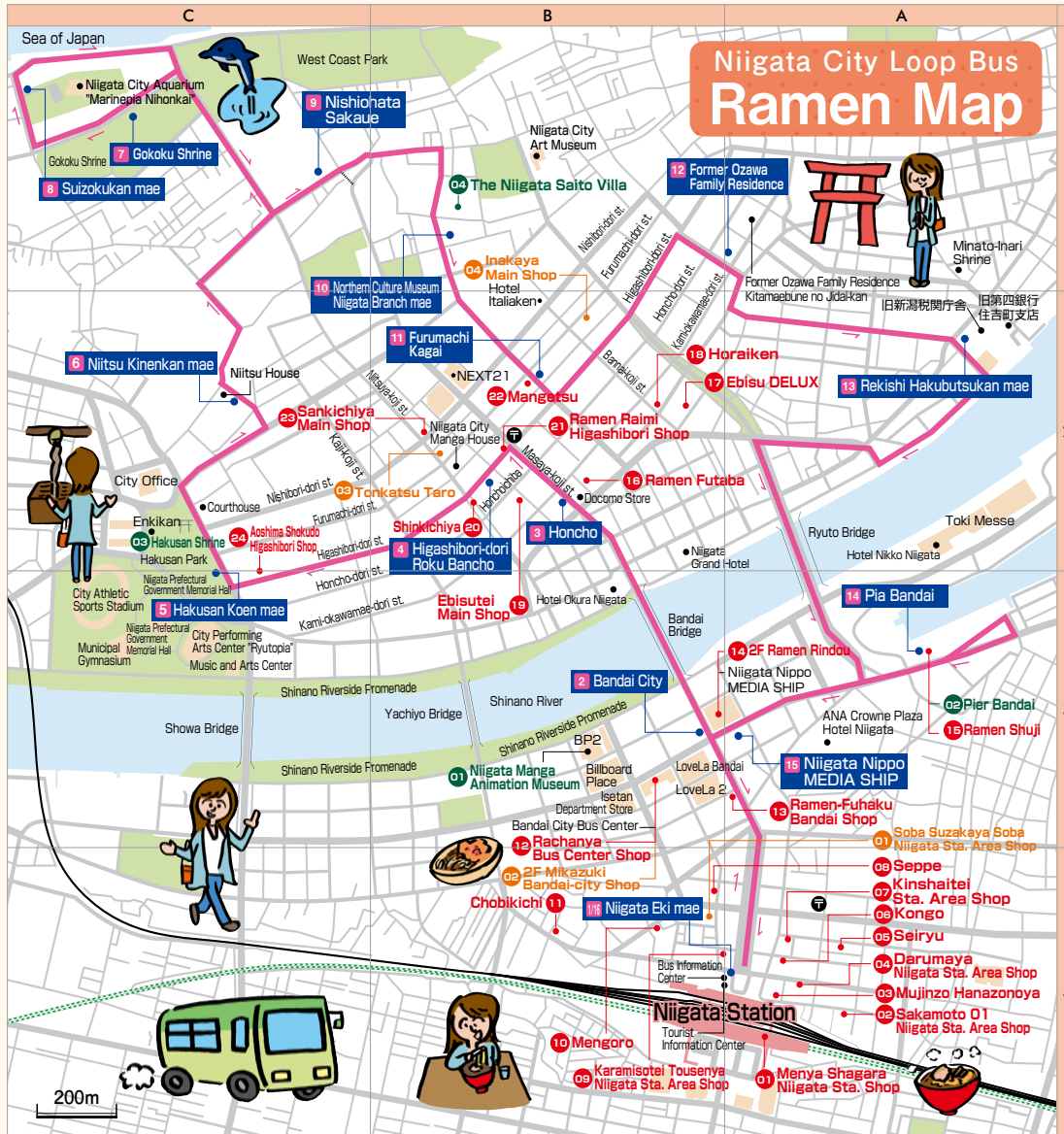
05 Handmade ramen MAP A-4 Seiryu 聖龍

Made by a chef who has worked at a famous restaurant, indulge in tasty handmade thick noodles that have sat overnight and a soup packed with the sweetness of pork fatback.



Mapo tofu ramen
マーボメン ¥750

025-241-5558 Hours: 10:30-14:30, 18:00-1:00 Closed: Sun., Nat. Holidays, Sat. evenings Seats: 27



09 Karamisotei Tousenya どうせんや MAP B-4 Niigata Sta. Area Shop

This restaurant's flagship hot miso ramen has a deep flavor imparted by its unique red and white miso blend.



Hot miso ramen
辛味噌ラーメン ¥800

025-241-6045 Hours: 11:00-1:30 L.O. (L.O. 2:30 on Sat., Sun. & Nat. Holidays) Closed: Closed irregularly Seats: 29

10 Menya Mengoro MAP B-4 麵五郎

Heavy ramen in rich soup made with pork bones and seafood, topped with generous portions of pork fatback. A great dish to finish the night on your way home from a drinking gathering.



Rich pork fatback ramen
こってり背脂ラーメン ¥760

025-241-7878 Hours: 18:00-4:00 L.O. Closed: Mon. Seats: 22

11 Oretachi no Ramen MAP B-4 Chobikichi ちび吉

A bowl of ramen made in heaven for ginger lovers. The ginger soy sauce ramen has ginger not only in the soup but also in the sauce and oil.



Ginger soy sauce ramen
生姜味噌ラーメン ¥750

025-384-0361 Hours: 11:30-14:00, 18:00-21:00, Sun.: 11:00-15:00 Closed: Mon. Seats: 14

12 Rachanya ラーチャン家 MAP B-3 Bus Center Shop

This restaurant's signature menu item is "rachan," a ramen and chahan (fried rice) set. The dried sardine-based ramen is made to perfection.



Rachan
ラーチャン ¥680

None Hours: 10:00-19:00 (Sat., Sun. & Nat. Holidays: 8:00-18:00) Closed: Open year-round

13 Ramen-Fuhaku 風伯 MAP A-3 Bandai Shop

Offers six varieties of ramen, including seafood tonkotsu soy sauce, tonkotsu salt, and white miso vegetable. Note the chewy noodles.



Seafood Tonkotsu soy
sauce 魚介豚骨しょうゆ ¥748

025-248-2089 Hours: 11:00-22:00 (L.O. 21:30) Closed: Open year-round Seats: 26

14 Ramen Rindou 竜胆 MAP B-3

This restaurant serves traditional flavored ramen with a twist. Its culinary masterpiece, dandan noodles, is entirely handmade, including the condiments.



Dandan noodles
担々麺 ¥900

025-383-6636 Hours: 11:00-14:30 L.O. Closed: Open year-round Seats: 28

15 Ramen Shuji 宗次 MAP A-3

This restaurant's No. 1 recommended shellfish stock salt ramen has a delightful soup stock, made with dried oysters and dried Asari clams. Extra-large serving also available!



Shellfish stock salt ramen
貝ダシラーメン ¥700

025-246-8585 Hours: 11:00-15:00 (Sat., Sun. & Nat. Holidays: 11:00-16:00, 17:30-19:30) Closed: Closed irregularly Seats: 13

16 Ramen Futaba 二葉 MAP B-2

Miso ramen is recommended. Its soup flavored by pork bones and seafood, mixed together with a blend of Hokkaido and Niigata miso, gives this ramen a profound flavor.



Miso ramen
味噌らーめん ¥780

090-7906-0425 Hours: 11:00-15:00, 17:00-21:30 Closed: Thu. Seats: 13 Note: Hours subject to change in April 2020

17 Shrimp ramen shop MAP B-2 Ebisu 海老寿 DELUX

Generous amounts of Nanban (sweet) shrimp, Sakura shrimp, and Akiame paste shrimp are used to make not only the soup stock but also flavored oil, sauce, and noodles. Savor shrimp to your heart's content.



Shrimp soy sauce ramen
海老醤油ラーメン ¥780

025-378-4471 Hours: 11:00-14:30, 17:30-21:00 Closed: Sun. Seats: 25

18 Horaiken 蓬来軒 MAP B-2

This Chinese restaurant has been around for over 60 years. Since its days as a food stall, it has continued to serve Niigata ramen with ultra-thin noodles in light soy sauce soup.



Ramen
らーめん ¥620

025-222-7208 Hours: 11:00-14:00, 17:30-21:00 Closed: Sun. & consecutive Nat. Holidays Seats: 24

07 Kyushu ramen Kinshaitai MAP A-4 きんしゃい亭 Sta. Area Shop

This restaurant pioneered and increased familiarity of Hakata ramen in Niigata. It still serves authentic Hakata ramen made with 100% pork bone broth.



Ramen
ラーメン ¥610

025-241-5791 Hours: 18:00-2:00 (Closes at 3:00 on Fri. & Sat.) Closed: Sun. Seats: 23

08 Honke Niigata Tori Ramen MAP B-4 Seppe せっぺ

This restaurant boasts light tasting, piping hot soup that brings out the delicious flavors of chicken, using ginger, yuzu, and other aromas and tastes.



Chicken clear soup salt
ramen with yuzu aroma
柚子香る鶏清湯ラーメン ¥825

025-241-8282 Hours: 11:30-14:00, 20:00-1:00 Closed: Sun., closed irregularly Seats: 10

06 Kongo こんごう MAP A-4

Grilled flying fish salt ramen is made with soup that blends grilled flying fish, charcoal grilled flying fish, and other flavors to fully bring out the taste of seafood.



Grilled flying fish salt ramen
焼めこんごうラーメン ¥880

025-247-2205 Hours: 11:30-14:00; restaurant name changes to "Urasaki" at night, 18:00-2:00 (Closes at 4:00 on Fri., Sat. and previous day of Nat. Holidays) Closed: Mon. afternoons, closed irregularly in evenings Seats: 14