



**G**eibi Gorge, where fantastically-shaped rock formations tower high above, and the lush greenery celebrates the glory of the seasons. Numbered one of the most picturesque spots in Japan, this beautiful gorge was carved from strata of limestone by the Satetsu River. The gorge displays the beauty of the changing seasons not only in the verdant green of spring and the brilliant colours of the autumn leaves, but also in the flowers of the wisteria, the golden-rayed lily and the Geibi sweet flag, as well as the many varieties of fish and birds that congregate here: sweetfish, fresh-water crab, dace, wagtail and water-ousel.



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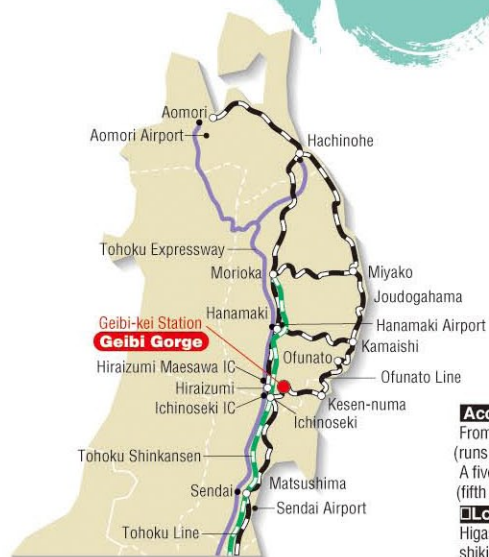
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**Access**

From Ichinoseki Station on the Tohoku Shinkansen or Tohoku Honsen Line, take the Iwate-ken Kotsu Bus (runs once an hour; the trip takes about 40 minutes) and alight at Geibi-kei-guchi.

A five-minute walk from Geibi-kei Station on the Ofunato Line (runs between Ichinoseki on the Tohoku Honsen Line to Mori) (fifth stop out from Ichinoseki, approximately 30 minutes)

**Local Specialties**

Higashiyama Washi (Japanese paper used for sliding doors, calligraphy, wood-block prints, business cards, letter paper, shikishi cards etc), Calligraphy inkstones



# 1 Kyomei-Gan Mirror rock

Reflecting the sparkle of the water off its surface like a giant mirror, this rock is fondly named the Kyomei-Gan, or Mirror Rock.



# 2 Fuji-Iwa Wisteria Rock

Sturdy limbs of wisteria cling fast to the rock and, during the flowering season in late May, paint the whole rock face in brilliant shades of purple.



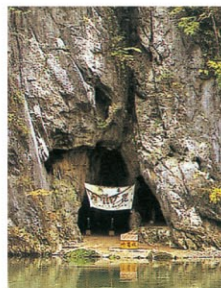
# 3 Ryo'un-Gan Cloud-Kissing Rock

In early summer, river mists veil the Gorge like low-hanging clouds. The rock is named from the way in which it seems to show itself fleetingly between the clouds.



# 4 Bishamon-kutsu Bishamon Cave

At the base of the rock is a cave, inside which stands a shrine to Bishamon-ten, the god of treasure. The cave also provides a fine home for bats.



# 5 Amayoke no Iwa Rain-Shelter Rock

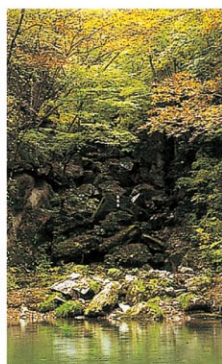
The rock juts out like an awning, and takes its name from the practice of pulling boats over into its shelter to avoid the rain.



# 狢鼻溪 A Boat Trip down Geibi Gorge

# 6 Kotokei Ancient Peach Gorge

A ravine cuts through the rock wall, along which a stream flows from the village above. A scene straight from a Chinese-style landscape painting.



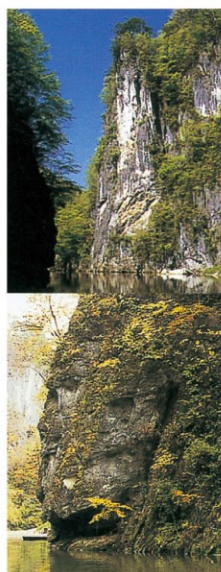
# 7 To'unHoh Cloud-Spewing Peak

When the river mists envelop the Gorge, it appears just as if the rock is spewing out clouds.



# 8 Sofu-gan Mighty Man Rock

These are called husband-and-wife rocks from the way they seem to snuggle close to each other every time the boat passes.



# 10 Shohisen Lesser Tumbling Spring

These gushing springs tumbling down the rock face are also known as Tantan One and Tantan Two.



# 12 Kinpeki-Gan The Brocade Wall

The beautiful, richly-variegated rock face displays a still more impressive pattern of inter-woven reds and yellows during the season of autumn leaves.



# 13 Baryo-Gan Horse's-mane Rock

The ridgeline of the rock has the shape of a horse's head, and the pine trees that stand along the ridge are reminiscent of a horse's mane.



## Song of Geibi

As I pole my boat  
On the clear waters of the Satetsu River,  
The clouds that dull my heavy heart  
Are dispelled by The Lion's Snout.  
Come see for yourself in Old Iwate,  
This wonderful sight, unrivalled elsewhere  
Take the Ofunato Line  
It's not far from Ichinoseki.

# 2 Fuji-Iwa / Wisteria Rock

# 3 Ryo'un-Gan / Cloud-Kissing Rock

# 8 Sofu-gan / Mighty Man Rock

# Ichinose / First Rapids

# Kujira-Iwa / Whale Rock

# Ninose / Second Rapids

# Landing stage

# Miyoshigaoka

# 9 Shofu-gan / Little Woman Rock

# Sannose / Third Rapids

# Ransho-ga-oka / Victory Hill

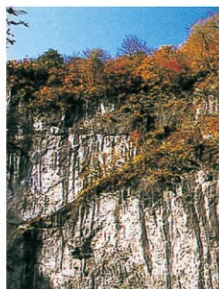
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# 16 Sentai-Gan / The Hermit's Sash

# 15 Daigeibi-Gan / Great Rock of Geibi

# 16 Sentai-Gan The Hermit's Sash

The pattern of diagonal stripes across the rock face gives this rock its name.



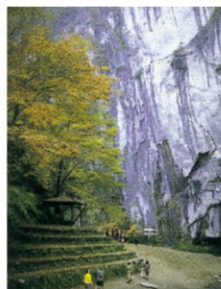
# 17 Shishigahana The Lion's Snout

Partway down the great rock wall can be seen a protrusion that extends downwards, looking just like the snout of a lion. The name Geibi (literally, 'Majestic Snout') comes from the name of this rock.



# 14 Ransho-ga-oka Victory Hill

A hill created by the river current, this provides the perfect spot from which to view the Daigeibi-Gan on the opposite bank.



# 15 Daigeibi-Gan Great Rock of Geibi

The giant wall of rock that stands high and proud at the deepest point into the boat trip. Sheer majesty soaring towards the heavens, overwhelming the greenery of the trees.



The greenery is fresh  
and the water flows  
clear and slow as we  
pole our way on an  
inspiring boat trip  
through the hushed  
grandeur of a Chinese  
landscape.

# 1 Kyomei-Gan / Mirror rock