

## 3 Days / 2 Nights Tohoku Kizuna Festival



### Overall, Tour Overview & Features

This festival is a grand gathering of the six most renowned festivals from the Tohoku region, consolidated into a single venue. The term 'Kizuna' signifies the bonds and connections among the people. In 2026, Morioka City is honored to serve as the host, demonstrating the collective power, spirit, and unity of the Tohoku community.

### *May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 / Arrival in Morioka & Local Exploration on Foot*

"Arrive in Morioka Station, the vibrant gateway to Iwate Prefecture and the proud host of the 2026 Tohoku Kizuna Festival. After your individual arrival and hotel check-in, prepare to explore the lively atmosphere surrounding the station area. In the evening, embark on a guided walking tour with a local expert to discover the city's scenic riverside views and the iconic Kaiunbashi Bridge. For dinner Savor Morioka's vibrant food scene, known for its unique food culture and renowned restaurants just steps away from the station.



## ► Spot Details & Charm

**\*Morioka Station Hub:** A vibrant district where traditional hospitality meets modern convenience, perfect for your first night in the host city.

**\*Kaiunbashi Bridge:** Enjoy a stroll across this iconic bridge, locally known as the “Bridge of Opening Fortune,” where you can take in views of Mount Iwate rising above the Kitakami River, one of Morioka’s most famous photo spots.

**\*Morioka Sansa Odori:** During the festival, enjoy rhythmic drum performances that often take place right outside the station to welcome visitors.

## ► Dining Focus

**\*Morioka Reimen:** Discover the legendary Morioka Reimen right outside the station. Whether you prefer it mild or spicy, enjoy this local soul food at top-rated spots just a short walk from your train.

Overnight: **Metropolitan Morioka or Art Hotel Morioka**

## May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 / Experience the Tohoku Kizuna Festival

Enjoy a relaxing morning in Morioka City, the honored host of the 2026 festival. Join our local guide for the grand spectacular "Tohoku Kizuna Festival Parade," where the six most renowned festivals of the region perform together in one vibrant venue. Wander through the lively streets and immerse yourself in the spirit of *kizuna*, the deep bonds and connections among people. Complete your experience with a specially curated lunch as you take in this powerful and unforgettable cultural performance.



### ► Spot Details & Charm

**\*Tohoku Kizuna Festival Parade:** A grand spectacular performance that brings together the six most renowned festivals of the Tohoku region into a single venue.

**\*Festival Atmosphere:** A vibrant experience where you can immerse yourself in the culture and energy of the Tohoku community.

### ► Dining Focus

**\*Festival Lunch with Local Guide:** During the festival, you'll be exploring the variety of food stalls representing all six prefectures of Tohoku. It's the perfect chance to pick and choose your favorite local specialties from across the region and enjoy them right in the heart of the festivities.

Overnight: **Metropolitan Morioka or Art Hotel Morioka**

## May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 / Check-Out and At leisure

Enjoy a relaxing breakfast at the hotel and complete your individual check-out process. Go at your own pace, as the morning is a perfect chance to recapture the festival atmosphere on the second day of the Tohoku Kizuna Festival Parade.

Soak in the vibrant energy and the collective spirit of the Tohoku community one last time before your departure.

In the afternoon explore on your own, for some last-minute souvenir shopping or discover Morioka's other local charms, such as the scenic riverside and its historic architecture. Before finally, transfer to Morioka Station for your departure, carrying with you the unforgettable spirit and deep bonds of "Kizuna."



### ► Spot Details & Charm

**\*The Spirit of Kizuna:** A final opportunity to witness the collective power and deep bonds of Tohoku's six major festivals performing together in unity.

**\*Morioka's Iconic Views:** Take a final stroll to the Kaiunbashi Bridge for a breathtaking last look at Mount Iwate, the perfect farewell to the host city.

## ➤ Dining Focus

**\*Farewell Flavor of Morioka:** A final chance to savor any of the legendary "Three Main Noodles" you may have missed—Wanko Soba, Morioka Reimen, or Jajamen—at top-rated restaurants near the station.

**\*Station-Side Delicacies:** Explore the vibrant food stalls and souvenir shops at Morioka Station to find a premium gourmet bento (Ekiben) featuring seasonal Iwate ingredients for your journey home.

## ➤ Disclaimer

Itinerary is subject to change due to weather conditions, local events, or operational requirements. All schedules and activities are approximate and may vary.

Please note that we are scheduled to attend the festival on May 23rd; however, in the event of inclement weather making it impossible to hold the festival on that day, the schedule will be flexibly adjusted to May 24th. The tour operator reserves the right to make adjustments without prior notice to ensure the safety and comfort of all participants.

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