## **Excursion**

## The cherry blossom festival at Hirosaki Castle 2015

We are pleased to inform you that you will have an opportunity to visit the Cherry Blossom Festival at Hirosaki Castle, which is usually held every year from April 23 to May 5. It is one of the most famous and popular places for the tourists in Japan. There's nowhere else in the country where you can truly enjoy approximately 2,600 cherry trees of 50 different varieties in full bloom! The park also boasts Japan's oldest Somei Yoshino cherry tree, which is 120 years old! You can also enjoy the contrast of colors: the white snow-capped Mt. Iwaki, versus the pink cherry blossoms at Hirosaki Castle. Come and join us!



Fig. 1 Map of Aomori-Prefecure Map data ©2015 Google



**Fig. 2 View of Hirosaki-jyo castle from kajyo bridge** © 2012-2015 Hirosakipark.jp City



**Fig. 3 Mt. Iwaki (Tsugaru Fuji)** © 2012-2015 Hirosakipark.jp City



Fig. 4 Tunnel of cherry blossom (West moat) © 2012-2015 Hirosakipark.jp City

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