

18. Tateyama (立山) [Kurobe Dam \(黒部ダム\)](#) [Alpen route \(multilingual\) アルペンルート](#)

Tateyama is famous for snow, a lot of snow. It is usually open from mid-April to the end of November, after the roads are cleared of the snow.

Transportation Example:

Tokyo 6:16, 7:20, 8:36, 9:20, → (Shinkansen 2Hr30min) → Toyama (富山) Dentetsu Toyama (電鉄富山) 9:03, 9:58, 12:02 → (1Hr7min) → Tateyama

Tateyama (Hourly) :00, :20, :40 → (7min) → BijoDaira (美女平) 11:00, 12:00, 13:00 → (50min) → Murodo (室堂)

Murodo 14:15, 14:45, 15:15 → (10min) → Daikanbo (大観峰) → (7min) → Kurobedaira (黒部平) → (5min) → Lake Kurobe (黒部湖)... walk ...

Kurobe Dam (黒部ダム) 16:05, 16:35 → (16min) → Ogisawa (扇沢) 17:00 → 18:45 Nagano (長野) 19:04 → (Shinkansen) → 20:23 Tokyo

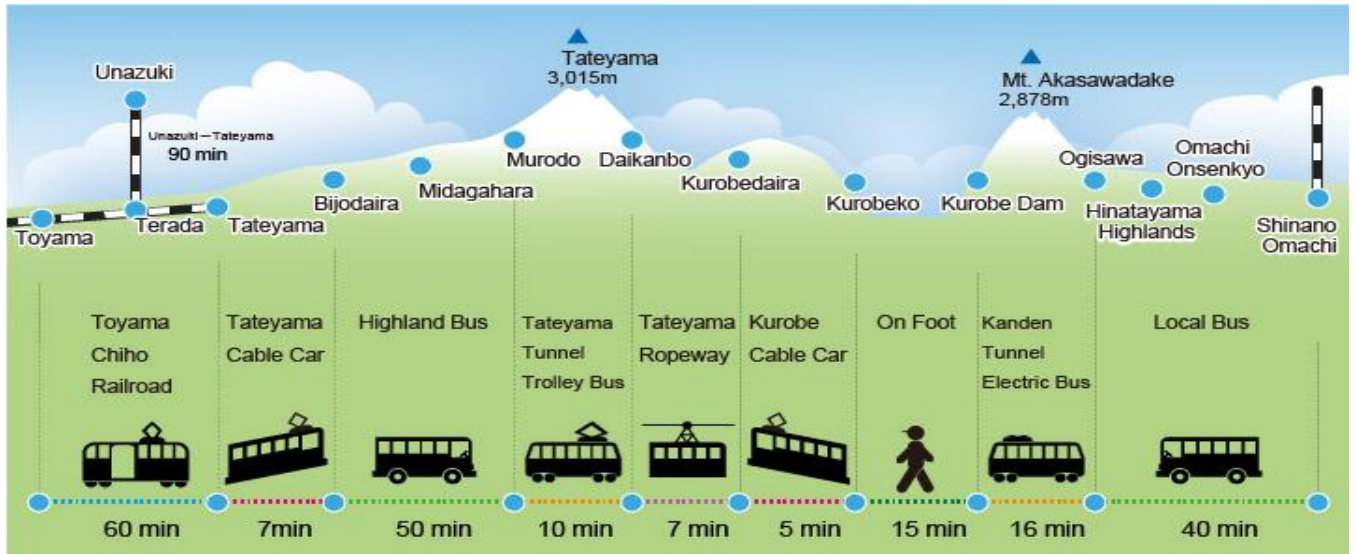
Fares: Tokyo ⇒ Toyama ¥12,760, Electric Railway Toyama → (Alpen route) → Nagano ¥13,630, Nagano ⇒ Tokyo ¥8,140 Total: ¥34,530

300 inches of annual snowfall is considered a good year for many ski resorts in the US. In Tateyama, they report over 300 feet of snowfall annually. This place is very popular for tourists. Due to limited transportation access, tickets are often sold out. Advance online reservation is recommended. While it's possible to complete this excursion as a day trip, we recommend staying overnight at Tateyama (Murodo). Rain gear is a must even during the summer as weather can be unpredictable. Blizzards are not unheard of during spring and autumn seasons. The road to Murodo is a sight not to miss. Up to 20 m of snow is piled high between the roads. There is a flat at the end of the road where you can walk and explore the area and enjoy the view of the valley.





Alpine route diagram



Kurobe Dam



Speaking of Toyama, their specialty souvenir is Masuzushi. It is a Japanese ekiben boxed meal sold on trains and train stations in Japan. Masuzushi is made of vinegared trout sashimi on top of vinegared rice and wrapped in bamboo leaves.