

Tourism News from Toyama, Japan

○Spring News from Kurobe Gorge ~The Torokko Is Off and Running~

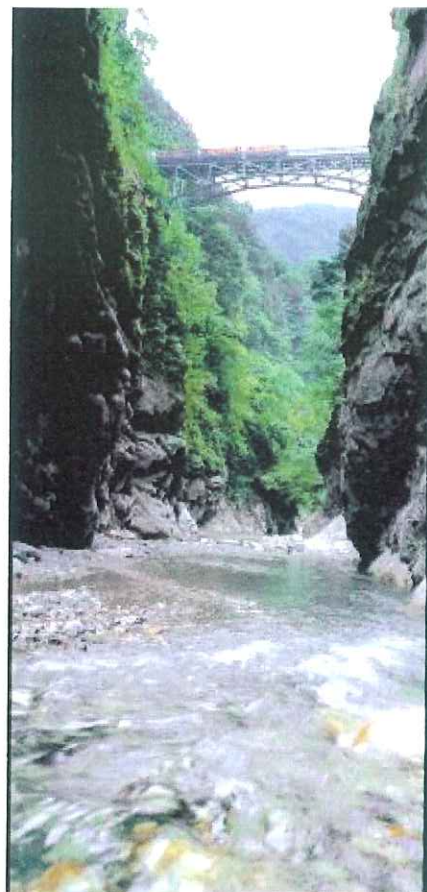
The Kurobe Gorge Railway is closed during winters due to snow, but all their lines are set to re-open May 1.

The Kurobe Gorge Railway, nicknamed the “Torokko Train” (Torokko is the Japanese pronunciation of the English word “truck”), sweeps through Japan’s deepest V-shaped gorge in an hour and twenty minutes at a top speed of 20.1 km/hr and average speed of 16 km/hr. Within the deepest area of the valley resides the 60 meter high Atobikibashi Bridge. The thrill and beauty of the surrounding scenery is overwhelming.

Unazuki, the starting point of the railway, is home to Toyama Prefecture’s most famous hot springs, distinguished for both its amount of hot water and its clear, weakly alkaline water. The water is said to be good for those with rheumatism and neurosis.

There is a charming walking path in the keyaki-daira area, the ending point of the ride. You will enjoy the approximately hour-long walk while viewing the Okukanebashi Bridge, perched directly above the main stream of the Kurobe River, and the *Hitokui-iwa* (“*Maneating Rock*”) hiking trails carved out in the cliffs. Depending on your stamina and schedule you can also enjoy viewing the mysterious Z-line of the Sarutobikyo (formed by a stretch of strong current), enjoy soaking in remote open-air onsens (hots springs), such as the Meiken-onsen and Babadani-onsen, and also enjoy light hiking through other walking trails in the area..

The deep green foliage of spring and summer give way to a vivid blend of colors in the fall. This is a place that should be visited during each season. The Torokko Trolley runs through the Kurobe Gorge until the end of November, when snow begins to accumulate.



【高さ 60m の後曳橋: 鐘釣付近】



【Unazuki Onsen Stn.】



【The Torokko Train】

【Access】

By Train: [Toyama Stn.](#) → Toyama Chiho Tetsudo railway: about 60 min. (When riding on the JR line you need to transfer at Uozu Stn, to Toyama Chiho Tetsudo)

→ [Unazuki Onsen Stn.](#) → By foot to → [Kurobe Gorge Railway Unazuki Stn.](#)

By Car: [Toyama Interchange](#) → Hokuriku Expressway: 30min. → [Kurobe Interchange](#) → Prefectural Highway (13km: 20min) → [Kurobe Gorge Railway Unazuki Stn.](#)

【Kurobe Gorge Railway Website】

Japanese : <http://www.kurotetu.co.jp>

English : <http://www.kurotetu.co.jp/en/>

Chinese(simplified characters) : <http://www.kurotetu.co.jp/cn/>

Chinese(traditional characters) : <http://www.kurotetu.co.jp/tw/>

Korean : <http://www.kurotetu.co.jp/kr/>