

# Voice of Tohoku Gakuin Podcast

## Episode 7: Tourist Sights in Miyagi

Miyabi: Hello! Welcome to the voice of Tohoku Gakuin. This podcast is produced by the students at Tohoku Gakuin University. My name is Miyabi and I'm a 3rd year student in the English Department.

Mako: I'm Mako also a 3rd year student in the English Department.

Riho: And I'm Riho also 3rd year student in English Department. We're your presenters and we have a lot of things for you to listen to today, but before we start I think we should introduce ourselves.

Mako: So tell me about yourself, Miyabi.

Miyabi: I was born and grew up in Sendai so I know many tourist sights. My favorite sight is Sendai castle. The building of Sendai castle was burned down by lightning and the Sendai air raid during World War II, so you cannot see the castle, but it has a great view and you can see the whole of Sendai city from there. Next is Mako!

Mako: I grew up in Miyagi! My favorite place in Miyagi is "Matsushima". In Matsushima, you can eat a lot of fresh and delicious seafood because there are many seafood shops. If you go there, you will be at a loss to choose what you eat. And Matsushima has a very famous temple called "Entsu-in". In the fall, you can see the autumn leaves light up at night. You should go to Matsushima. It's your turn, Riho!

Riho: Okay! I'm from Fukushima. I have lived alone in Miyagi since I entered Tohoku Gakuin University. I like to go sightseeing in various places during the holidays and I like eating delicious foods in the places I visit.

Riho: Okay, let's move on to a today's topic: Tourist sights in Miyagi.

Miyabi: There are a lot of sightseeing spots in Miyagi. Such as Yagiyama zoo, Sendai Umino-Mori Aquarium, and hot springs such as Naruko and Akiu.

Miyabi: I visited Zaou when I was child. Zaou has “Okama” which is a famous crater lake.

Mako: I have heard of “Okama” before. Um, it is an interesting name! Why is it called “Okama”?

Miyabi: Yeah, I think so too. It is said that the shape of the crater lake looks like a pot and “Okama” means pot in Japanese.

Miyabi: Let me introduce “Okama” in more detail. “Okama” is a crater lake which is located on top of the mountain. You can see a beautiful emerald green lake if you climb to the top.

Riho: I’ve been to Zaou recently!

Mako: Really? What did you do?

Riho: I didn’t climb mount Zaou, but I ate pizza at a restaurant. It was very delicious! The pizza was shaped like “Okama”. So it was called Okama pizza. It also is used a lot of cheese.

Mako: I love cheese very much.

Riho: This cheese is produced in Zaou. And the salt is made in Oshima.

Miyabi: Oshima! It is an island in Miyagi.

Riho: Yes! So like this, Okama pizza uses ingredients from Miyagi. And the restaurant is built in an old school house.

Miyabi: Wow! That’s interesting, isn’t it?

Mako: Yeah, I think so, too.

Riho: Chairs and desks in the restaurant are made of wood. I felt like I was a child again. It was very comfortable for me.

Mako: Sounds good!

Riho: If you go there, you can eat delicious pizza and experience your childhood. It is worth going there.

Mako: I want to go there. Thank you Riho!

Miyabi: And there is another tourist's spot near Zaou. It is called "Heart Land".

Mako: What can you do there?

Miyabi: You can experience milking cows and touching animals, for example, sheep, cows, rabbits and goats.

Mako: Wow.

Miyabi: You can also barbecue if you feel hungry.

Riho: Is it difficult for us to barbecue?

Miyabi: No! We can barbecue there because "Hart Land" prepares everything you need.

Riho: That's great!

Miyabi: So if you go there, you may have a good experience sightseeing.

Mako: Okay! That's all for this episode.

Riho: Thank you for listening!

Mako: Good bye!!