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12-18 Motomachi, Hakodate
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INTERNET INFORMATION

Hakodate Official Travel Guide

<http://www.hakodate.travel/en/>

Hakodate and Southern Hokkaido Tourist Guide

<http://www.hakodate-kankou.com/en/>

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Welcome to Hakodate!

Hakodate is a fascinating city. From enthralling natural scenery and plentiful hot-spring spas to historic cityscapes and a priceless cultural heritage, Hakodate is richly blessed with tourist attractions.

We the residents of Hakodate are delighted to offer a warm and heartfelt welcome to people visiting from countries around the world.



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Japan Rail Pass

This is an excellent option for people who want to visit lots of places over a short period of time. For example, you can use it to go from Tokyo to Hakodate, and then other cities in Hokkaido. Please see the official website for more information.

www.japanrailpass.net

JR East-South Hokkaido Rail Pass

This pass lets you ride on the Shinkansen and limited express trains in the southern Hokkaido area (including Sapporo, Hakodate and New Chitose Airport) and the eastern Japan area (including the Tohoku region) as a joint product from JR EAST and JR HOKKAIDO.

www.jreasthokkaido.com/e/

A c c e s s



[By plane]

Tokyo (Haneda) to Hakodate 1hr. 20min.
Tokyo (Narita) to Hakodate 1hr. 40min.
Osaka (Itami) to Hakodate 1hr. 35min.
Nagoya (Chubu) to Hakodate 1hr. 30min.
Sapporo (New Chitose/Okadama) to Hakodate 40min.
Taipei (Taoyuan) to Hakodate Approx. 3hrs 10min.



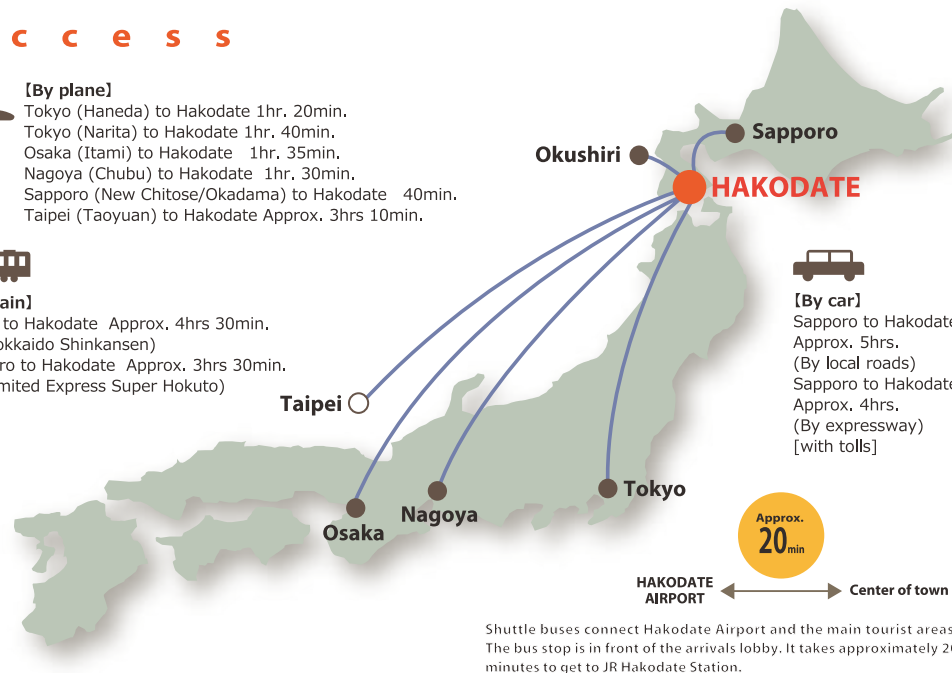
[By train]

Tokyo to Hakodate Approx. 4hrs 30min.
(By Hokkaido Shinkansen)
Sapporo to Hakodate Approx. 3hrs 30min.
(By Limited Express Super Hokuto)



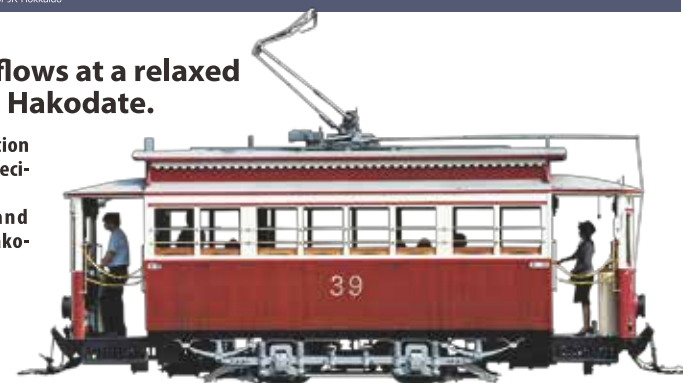
[By car]

Sapporo to Hakodate
Approx. 5hrs.
(By local roads)
Sapporo to Hakodate
Approx. 4hrs.
(By expressway)
[with tolls]



You will find that time flows at a relaxed pace once you arrive in Hakodate.

Hakodate's trams have been in operation for over a hundred years, and are appreciated by locals and visitors alike. We recommend them as a cheap and convenient way of getting around Hakodate.



Hakodate has as many stories as it has steep streets

The Motomachi area epitomises the romance and nostalgia of Hakodate. Sloping streets, each unique in character, are lined with beautiful churches and other historical buildings. No matter which hill you choose to walk, the landscape spreads out like a painting.

MOTOMACHI AREA



Motomachi Roman Catholic Church 1



Former British Consulate of Hakodate (Opening-Port Memorial Hall) 4



Hachiman-zaka Slope 7



Hakodate Orthodox Church 10

One of the 100 Soundscapes of Japan:
The peal of the bells of Gan-gan Temple. 10

M E M O

Hakodate Orthodox Church is where Orthodox Christianity first took root in Japan. The pealing of the bells of this church, onomatopoeically known as "Gan-gan Temple", is recognised as one of the 100 soundscapes of Japan.



Hakodate St. John's Church 2



Higashihongan-ji Temple Hakodate Branch (Otani sect of Shinshu Buddhism) 5



Old Russian Consulate 8



Koryu-ji Temple 3



Hakodate Museum and Municipal Archives (Old Kanemori Western Goods Store) 6



Foreigners' Cemetery 9



Old Public Hall of Hakodate Ward 11

From the foot of Mt. Hakodate, numerous roads lead to the city and its port. These roads are a living encyclopedia of Hakodate's history, speaking volumes about this city that prospered from the Edo period to the Meiji period and whose legacy continues to the present day. Ranks of historic buildings along each road symbolize Hakodate's prosperity. Broad, straight lines offer silent lessons about the dangers of great fires, while the steep lanes and thoroughfares of the Motomachi area preserve the shape of Hakodate's golden era.



[Recommended Walks]

Jujigai	300m (4 min.)	Nijukken-zaka Slope	650m (9 min.)	Churches of Motomachi	110m (2 min.)	7 Hachiman-zaka Slope
Omachi	450m (5 min.)	Moto-zaka Slope	350m (4 min.)	Motomachi Park	80m (1 min.)	11 Old Public Hall of Hakodate Ward

The sunlight glitters as it dances across the sea

The dazzle of sunlight on a shining city.
The faint fragrance of sea air. A soothing breeze.
The Bay Area of Hakodate, city of the sea, is to be savored with all five senses.

BAY AREA



Hakodate-Meijikan (Old Hakodate Post Office) 1



Hakodate City Museum of Northern Peoples 4



Monument to Commemorate the First Step onto Hokkaido 7



Tree Floating in the Sea

M E M O

One of the pleasures of visiting Hakodate in the winter is an enormous tree that appears over the water in front of the Kanamori warehouse district during the Christmas season. The tree is a gift from Hakodate's sister city, the Canadian city of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and every year it brightens Hakodate's winter evenings.



Monument to Commemorate Jo Niiijima's Going Abroad 2



Hakodate City Museum of Literature (Old Daiichi Bank Hakodate Branch) 5



Future Center Hakodate 8



Tachikawa Residence and Shop (Tachikawa Cafe) 3



Soma Company building 6



Kids Plaza Hakodate 9



Hakodate Morning Market 10



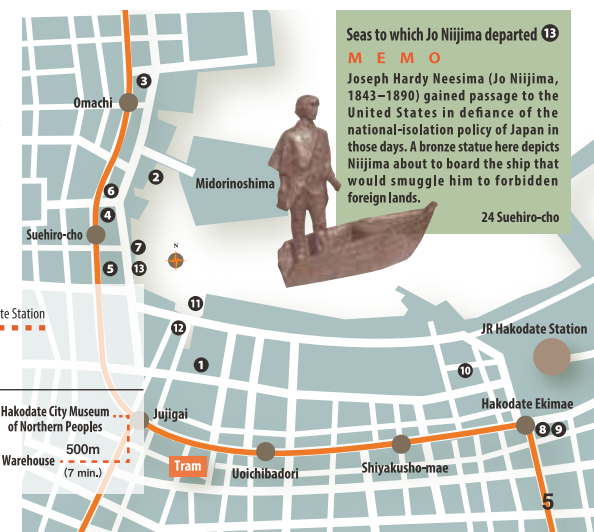
Kanamori Red Brick Warehouse

The Hakodate Morning Market, red-brick warehouses lining the Port of Hakodate and other attractions make the Bay Area a vibrant district full of things to see and great food to eat. If you come for the shopping and gourmet experiences, you'll stay for a stroll around the many historic buildings dating to the 19th and early 20th centuries. Serene in the morning, dramatically illuminated at night, the ever-changing face of the Bay Area offers scenery that is not to be missed.



[Recommended Walks]

Omachi	250m (3 min.)	3 Tachikawa Residence and Shop	400m (5 min.)	Midorinoshima	450m (5 min.)	4 Hakodate City Museum of Northern Peoples
Uoichibadori	550m (7 min.)	1 Hakodate-Meijikan	400m (5 min.)	12 Kanamori Red Brick Warehouse	500m (7 min.)	



Seas to which Jo Niiijima departed 13

M E M O

Joseph Hardy Neesima (Jo Niiijima, 1843-1890) gained passage to the United States in defiance of the national-isolation policy of Japan in those days. A bronze statue here depicts Niiijima about to board the ship that would smuggle him to forbidden foreign lands.



24 Suehiro-cho

The history of Hakodate is handed down from the stars

There is a place where ferocious battles once were fought. Over time it became a place of comfort, wearing a different beauty in each passing season. The Goryokaku area at the heart of Hakodate is steeped in the city's history and culture.



Goryokaku Tower 1



Hokkaido Hakodate Museum of Art 2



Hakodate City Northern Pacific Fishery's Document Museum 3



City of Hakodate Performing Arts Center 4



Hakodate Magistrate's Office 5



Hakodate City Central Library 6



Hijikata Toshizo

MEMO

The most famous man in the history of Goryokaku is surely Hijikata Toshizo. Known as the "Demon Vice-Commander" of the Shinsengumi, a paramilitary force of the Tokugawa Shogunate, Hijikata died in action at the Battle of Hakodate (1868-1869). This battle was the final act of the Boshin War, by which the new Imperial government defeated the remnants of the Shogunate army.



GORYOKAKU AREA

The Goryokaku area, which embraces Goryokaku Park and Goryokaku Tower, forms the heart of Hakodate. Arrayed in the shape of a five-pointed star, Goryokaku Park changes dynamically in aspect from season to season, from cherry blossoms in spring to illuminations in winter. In this area you'll find a host of venues where you can encounter and learn about the culture of this region, including a fine-art museum, a library and a performing-arts hall. Come and experience a Hakodate remarkably different from the western part of the city.



To Hakodate Station Chiyogadai Chuo-byoin-mae Goryokaku-koen-mae Suginami-cho To Yunokawa

[Recommended Walks]

Goryokaku-koen-mae	700m (8 min.)	1 Goryokaku Tower	200m (2 min.)	Goryokaku Park
Goryokaku-koen-mae	700m (8 min.)	2 Hakodate Museum of Art	600m (8 min.)	5 Hakodate Magistrate's Office



A house of prayer and a place of healing

Yunokawa (literally "hot water river") is named after the geothermal hot springs that were opened up in 1653. The Yunokawa area includes venerable institutions such as shrines and a convent, as well as new attractions such as a sports arena. The colors of Yunokawa are so richly diverse that it's impossible to encapsulate in a single phrase.



Hakodate Arena 1



Hakodate Tropical Botanical Garden 4



Yunokawa Onsen Footbath Retreat 2



Trappistine Convent 5



Yukura Shrine 3



Miharashi Park (Kosetsuen) 6



Takuboku Park 8



Yunokawa Hot Spring Resort 7

YUNOKAWA AREA

Yunokawa Hot Spring Resort is one of the pre-eminent hot spring areas in Hokkaido. Nearby is Japan's first Christian convent, the Trappistine Convent, established in 1898. You'll also find Yukura Shrine, a Shinto shrine with over 300 years of history. Yunokawa is richly endowed with historic locations of a strikingly different character than those of Hakodate's west side.

Yet this distinctive area is also dotted with new attractions. A notable example is Hakodate Arena, a large-scale civic facility opened in summer 2015.



To Goryokaku Komaba-shako-mae Hakodate arena-mae Yunokawa-onsen Yunokawa

[Recommended Walks]

Hakodate arena-mae	120m (1 min.)	1 Hakodate Arena	380m (5 min.)	2 Yunokawa Footbath	600m (8 min.)	3 Yukura Shrine
Yunokawa-onsen	1000m (14 min.)	4 Tropical Botanical Garden	800m (9 min.)	7 Hot spring resort	400m (5 min.)	



MEMO

At Hakodate Tropical Botanical Garden, from December to early May you can watch Japanese monkeys soaking contentedly in the hot springs. It is heart-warming to see the monkeys soak in the hot springs to withstand the cold and blowing snow of winter, just as humans do.



Along the shoreline, a dazzling scene unfolds

Hakodate has much more to offer than its city-based attractions. Get off the beaten path and take a road trip along Route 278.

Minamikayabe

Todohokke

Scattered along Route 278 are villages that have existed for centuries. Toi, off which some of Japan's finest tuna are caught; Esan and Todohokke, verdant communities designated as prefectural natural parks; and Minamikayabe, where the nation's best kombu is harvested and dried. Hemmed between sea and mountains, this region is the distilled essence of the charm of Hakodate.

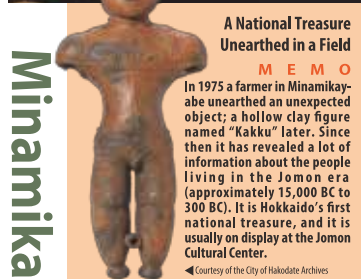


[By Car]
Hakodate to Toi Approx. 40min.
Hakodate to Esan Approx. 55min.
Hakodate to Todohokke Approx. 1hr.
Hakodate to Minamikayabe Approx. 35min.

- ① Shikubi Lighthouse and Arch Bridge
Along Route 278
- ② Cape Shikubi
Haraki-cho 285-1 Tel: 0138-82-2000
- ③ Toi Water Park
Haraki-cho 285-1 Tel: 0138-82-2000
- ④ Michi-no-Eki Natowa Esan
Hinohama-cho 3-12 Tel: 0138-85-4010

- ⑤ Esantsutsuji Park
Kashiwano-cho
- ⑥ Cape Esan Lighthouse
Esanmisaki-cho 80-9
- ⑦ Hotel Cape
Esanmisaki-cho 61-2 Tel: 0138-86-2121
- ⑧ Kakkumi Park

- ⑨ Hakodate Jomon Culture Center
Usujiri-cho 551-1 Tel: 0138-25-2030
- ⑩ Michi-no-Eki Jomon Roman Minamikayabe
Usujiri-cho 551-1 Tel: 0138-25-2030
- ⑪ Hotel Hiromeso
Ofune-cho 832-2 Tel: 0138-25-6111



A National Treasure Unearthed in a Field
M E M O
In 1975 a farmer in Minamikayabe unearthed an unexpected object; a hollow clay figure named "Kakku" later. Since then it has revealed a lot of information about the people living in the Jomon era (approximately 15,000 BC to 300 BC). It is Hokkaido's first national treasure, and it is usually on display at the Jomon Cultural Center.
◀ (Courtesy of the City of Hakodate Archives)

Hakodate Jomon Culture Center [Exhibition Room 2]

Esan



Cape Esan Lighthouse is one of the 50 Famous Lighthouses of Japan.

Toi



A short distance from the ocean and the mountains

With the opening of the Hokkaido Shinkansen, the city of Hokuto has become a gateway to southern Hokkaido and the rest of the island. Hokuto and nearby towns offer a wonderful range of attractions and experiences, including historical sites, beautiful scenery, fine dining and more.



Hokuto



The Trappist Monastery has a stately presence, especially when seen from the tree-lined road leading to its front gates. Hokuto's flat, fertile plain is perfect for growing rice. The lookout at Kijihiki is well worth a visit, as you can see many much of the Onuma and Hakodate area.

Nanae



The striking scenery of this town includes Onuma Quasi National Park and Shirotai Ranch. Nanae is a fertile agricultural area renowned in particular for its apples. Activities that await you here include cycling, canoeing, fruit picking and skiing, making Nanae an attractive destination year-round.

Matsumae



Perched on the southernmost tip of the island, Matsumae is Hokkaido's only castle town. Its park has some 10,000 cherry trees, which bloom spectacularly between the end of April and early May. If you want to escape from the hustle and bustle of city life, Matsumae is a great place to go!



[By Car]
Hakodate to Onuma
Approx. 40min.
Hakodate to Matsumae
Approx. 2hrs.
Hakodate to Esashi
Approx. 1hr. 30min.
Hakodate to Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto
Approx. 30min.
Hakodate to Shikabe
Approx. 1hr.
Hakodate to Okushiri
(By ferry from Esashi)
Approx. 2hrs. 20min.
(By plane from Hakodate)
Approx. 30min.

Kikonai



The opening of Kikonai Station on the Hokkaido Shinkansen has brought an air of excitement to Kikonai. Michi-no-Eki Misogi-no-Sato Kikonai, which opened at the same time, has grabbed attention as a new gourmet and shopping attraction.

Esashi



For a small, isolated town, Esashi has experienced periods of great prosperity and drama. It once hosted a thriving herring fishery, and the sinking of the warship Kaiyo Maru there marked its involvement in the Meiji Restoration. You can see and experience reminders of these times at Kamome-jima and in the town center.

Shikabe



The coastal waters of Shikabe are dotted with colorful buoys from which the finest kombu in Japan is cultivated. You might see some being dried on stony beds above the beach. Treat your feet to a warm bath while you wait for the geyser to erupt. There is a variety of accommodation options around Onuma.

EVENTS

You can enjoy various events in Hakodate throughout the year: hanami (cherry blossom viewing) in spring, festivals in summer and Christmas events in winter.



[Cherry blossoms]
[Late April – early May]



[Esan Azalea Festival]
[Late May to early June]

[Goryokaku Festival]
[Third Saturday and Sunday in May]



[Minamikayabe Hirome Boat Festival]
[Second Saturday in June]



[Hakodate Horse Racing]
[Every weekend in June and July]

[Hakodate Marathon]
[1st Sunday in July]

[Festival of Hakodate Hachimangu Shrine]
[Mid August]

[Hakodate Open-air Theater]
[Some weekends in July and August]



[World Music and Dance Festival]
[Early August]



Photo by Glaretone

[Hakodate Port Festival]
[From 1 to 5 on August]



[Hakodate Gourmet Circus]
[Early to mid September]



[Hakodate MOMI-G Festival (autumn leaves festival)]
[Mid October to early November]



[Hakodate Seibu chiku BAR-GAI]
[April and September]



Photo provided by Hakodate Seibu chiku BAR-GAI Executive Committee

[Hakodate Christmas Fantasy]
[From 1 to 25 on December]



[Hakodate offshore winter fireworks display]
[Early or mid February]



[Hakodate Station Square Illumination]
[December to February]



[The star illumination of Goryokaku]
[December to February]



[Mt. Hakodate Countdown Special]
[December 31]

[Hakodate Winter Festival]
[December to February]

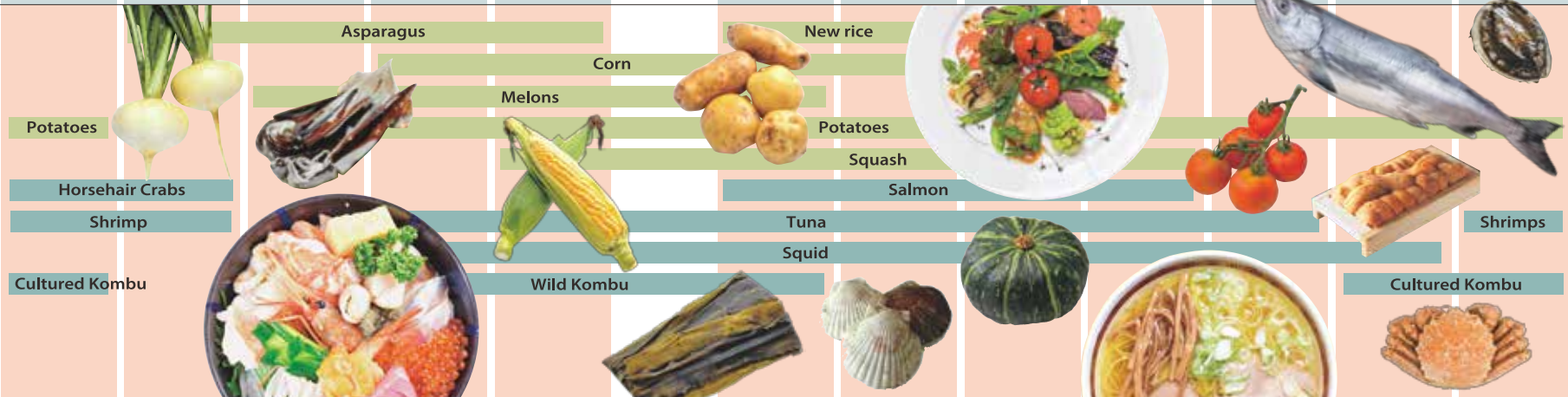
[Scenic de Night]
[Early to mid February]

[Esan Gokko Festival]
[Early February]

[Hakodate Gourmet Food Festival]
[February]

FOOD

Fertile soil, long hours of summer sunshine and plenty of rain allow Hakodate's farmers to grow some amazingly fresh produce. This, when combined with locally caught seafood, means that dining in Hakodate is a real gourmet experience.



Average maximum temperature (°C)	11.8	16.5	19.9	23.4	25.8	22.7	16.8	9.7	3.3	0.7	1.5	5.3
Average minimum temperature (°C)	2.6	7.5	12.1	16.6	18.7	14.1	7.4	1.4	-3.5	-6.2	-5.9	-2.6

Travel advice

Good weather for a road trip!

Favorable seasons for strolling around the town.

Relaxing in a hot spring on a cold winter's evening is hard to beat.

Try snowmobile, snowshoeing or ice fishing.

Hakodate Tourist Call Center

Free tourist information in English

0138-23-5440

When you call from outside Japan

+81-138-23-5440

9:00-19:00

E-mail form

<http://www.hakodate.travel/en/contact.html>



Facebook (Direct message only)

<https://www.facebook.com/Hakodate.TouristCallCenter/>



24 hours available

Please send a message in English or Chinese.

(Disclaimer) Please note that we only provide information.
We cannot assist in making reservations etc.

Tourist Information

There are two tourist information centers in Hakodate. Feel free to pick up a map or a brochure.

Hakodate Station

Location : JR Hakodate Station premises
(12-13 Wakamatsu-cho, Hakodate)
Open : 9:00-19:00
Phone : 0138-23-5440 (English spoken)

Motomachi

Location : In Motomachi Park
(12-18 Motomachi, Hakodate)
Open : 9:00-19:00
(To 17:00 from November to March)
Phone : 0138-27-3333 (Japanese only)

Help Desk

If you get sick or injured while traveling in Hakodate, an interpreter can visit you in hospital or in your hotel. (charges apply)

Phone: 090-2694-7985

24 hours / 365 days

Languages supported: English, Chinese, Taiwanese, Thai, Korean, Russian, French, Tagalog, Myanmar 6,000 yen for the first hour, and 3,000 yen per hour thereafter (separate transportation costs)



[By Ferry]
Aomori to Hakodate
Approx. 3hrs. 50min.
Oma to Hakodate
Approx. 1hr. 30min.

Hakodate Ferry Terminal

Hakodate Liner

JR Hakodate Main Line

BAY AREA

JR Hakodate Station

Hakodate Ekimae

Shiyakusho-mae

Uoichibadori

Jijigai

Horai-cho

Aoyagi-cho

Yachigashira

Hakodate Park

Ropeway

Mt. Hakodate

Mt. HAKODATE AREA

Hakodate Park

Yachigashira

Aoyagi-cho

Horai-cho

Jijigai

Uoichibadori

Shiyakusho-mae

Hakodate Ekimae

JR Hakodate Station

Hakodate Dock-mae

Omachi

GORYOKAKU AREA

Goryokaku Park



Goryokaku-koen-mae

Suginami-cho

Kashiwagi-cho

Fukabori-cho

Vhuo-byoin-mae

Chiyogadai

Horikawa-cho

Showa-bashi

Chitose-cho

Shinkawa-cho

Matsukaze-cho

Tram

Keirin Track

Racecourse

Yunokawa-onsen

Yunokawa

Hakodate arena-mae

Komaba-shako-mae

Keibajo-mae

Yunokawa-onsen

Yunokawa

Hakodate Airport

To Esan

To Sapporo

To Oshima & Sapporo

To Mitsumae

To Sapporo

To Sapporo

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Licensed Stores for Tax-Free Shopping

A list of souvenir shops, department stores and drugstores that don't charge consumption tax is available on Hakodate's official tourist information site.

http://www.hakodate.travel/en/information/tax_free



YUNOKAWA AREA



Hakodate Airport

To Esan

Tram/bus combination tickets

One-day combination ticket:
Adults ¥1,000 Children ¥500
One-day bus ticket:
Adults ¥600 Children ¥300

Two-day combination ticket:
Adults ¥1,700 Children ¥850
One-day bus ticket (Hakodate Bus):
Adults ¥800 Children ¥400

Inquiries about the tram: 0138-32-1730 (Japanese only)
Inquiries about buses: 0138-51-3137 (Japanese only)



Scheduled bus tours

Mt. Hakodate Romantic Night View Course (all year)
Adults ¥1,300 Children ¥750

One-day Best Sights Course (April 1 to October 31)
Adults ¥4,400 Children ¥2,300 (incl. admission fees)
*English, Chinese or Korean guidance are available only in this course.

Inquiries: 0138-57-4000 (Japanese only)

Motomachi / Bay Area Half-day Course (April 29 to October 31)
Adults ¥3,700 Children ¥1,900 (incl. admission fees)

Hakodate "Most Recommended" Half-day Course (April 29 to October 31)
Adults ¥3,600 Children ¥1,950 (incl. admission fees)

The above information is correct as of September 1, 2017

Common Admission Ticket

This ticket offers discounts to the Old Public Hall, the Opening-Port Memorial Hall and the Museum of Northern Peoples. It is sold at the above locations and Tourist Information Centers.



Hakodate Special Tickets

This consists of a "transportation ticket" for the tram and bus and some coupons that you can use at 23 attractions. This can be purchased for 2,500 yen from the Tourist Information Center in Hakodate Station.



* Participating facilities, prices and other information are subject to change.

HAKODATE FREE Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi is available in the major tourist areas of Hakodate.

Wi-Fi name: 00_HAKODATE_FREE_Wi-Fi

You can connect by registering Facebook, Twitter, Google account or receivable mail address.

Hakodate Transit System Map (English)

Are available from the Tourist Information Centers in Hakodate Station and Motomachi.



HAKODATE TOWN MAP