



Akanko Onsen

# あかん湖温泉

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To have your heart gently touched...





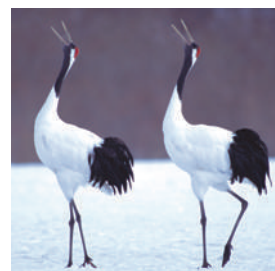
# Feel the power of nature with your Nature

## Mountains nearby Lake Akan

Akan-Mashu National Park is designated as the number two national park in Japan. With the topographical foundation of a caldera, the park has magnificent scenery which is made up of volcanoes, forests, and lakes. Known as one of Japan's one-hundred famous mountains, Mt. Meakan and Mt. Oakan gather attention from climbers all over the world. In addition, families can easily climb up the simple course to the Mt. Hakuto observatory.

## The vast outdoors: a magnificent canvas.

With nature untouched, the expression of mountains and lakes change throughout the year. Please enjoy the scenery of the vast outdoors which has been painted on canvas when touring Lake Akan, Lake Taro, Lake Jiro, and Lake Onneto. You may be lucky to meet many kinds of animals such as Hokkaido deer, North foxes, Hokkaido squirrels, and swans. Also, in the summer you can go camping, hiking, and fishing. In the winter, you can go skiing and enjoy the festival on ice at Lake Akan. One can simply take pleasure in the outdoors.



▲ Red-crowned crane (right picture above) and Marimo (left picture above) at Lake Akan are designated as National Special Natural Monument.



### Mt. Oakan

A 1,371m cone shaped dormant volcano towers and commands a view over Lake Akan. At the base of the mountain lies a protected primeval forest that is considered rare in Japan. At the summit lies a garden of alpine plants.



### Mt. Meakan

Located southwest of Lake Akan, this active volcano is to be seen with a height of 1,449m, making it the tallest peak in the Akan region. The base of the mountain is covered with forest, however, there is a wealth of alpine plants at the seventh station of the mountain.



### Lake Akan Takiguchi

The water from Lake Akan and Lake Taro merge into the Akan River and provides picturesque scenery. In the fall, you can enjoy the foliage consisting of yellow, red, and orange leaves. This is the trailhead for Mt. Oakan, Lake Taro, and Lake Jiro.



### Bokke (mud volcano)

There is a walking trail with the starting point being the Eco-Museum Center which is nearby Lake Akan. The origin of Bokke in the Ainu language is Bofuke and means "to boil". The eruption of the underground gas enables boiling and in the winter snow does not accumulate.



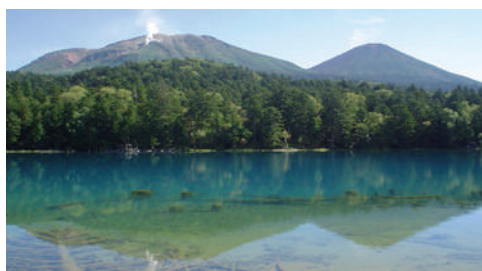
### Lake Taro

There is a small lake the size of a school ground encompassed by a primeval forest at the base of Mt. Oakan. Water flows with a soft, refreshing murmur from Lake Akan to this small lake. (A ten minute walk from the Mt. Oakan Trailhead)



### Lake Jiro

Located ten minutes from Lake Taro by a hiking trail, Lake Jiro is about the same size as Lake Taro. On days when it is quiet and there is no wind, the lake reflects an image of the forest and sky on its surface (A twenty minute walk from the Mt. Oakan Trailhead).



### Lake Onneto

It is a lake with a 3km circumference at the west base of Mt. Meakan. The color of the lake surface changes beautifully with time and each season. This lake has another name, the five colored swamps. On days where there is no wind, the lake surface reflects an image of Mt. Meakan and Mt. Akanfuji.



### Sogakudai Viewpoint

Route241 connects the bank of Lake Akan and Teshikaga Town. On the way, one commands a view of Mt. Oakan and Mt. Meakan from the Sogakudai Viewpoint. Also, one can see Lake Penketo and Lake Panketo from the Sogakudai Viewpoint.



### Mt. Hakuto Observatory

It is possible to reach the 950m tall Mt. Hakuto Observatory within approximately an hour one way from the Ankankohan National Ski Area by a hiking trail. Along the way, one can see Onsen in the river as well as Bokke (mud volcano).



# Play admist nature. Activity

## Canoeing

The lake's reflection of the Akan scenery is like a whole new world. Please experience the feeling of melting into nature. One can do this at the Akan Nature Center. Period: May to October

## Satisfaction playing in summery summer fun and wintry winter pleasure.

Lake Akan's charm points include being able to experience many different experiences throughout each season. In the summer, one can enjoy roaming in the outdoors by hiking, sports fishing, and canoeing. In the winter, one can enjoy the snowy world skiing and snowboarding while viewing the magnificent outdoors. There are many activities lined up such as skiing and snowshoeing in the forest as well as walking, smelt fishing, snowmobiling, and bugging on top of Lake Akan.



## Trekkiing

Would you like to gently trek the beautiful and rich Akan area? One can heal from being immersed in a plentitude of minus ion particles. Period: All year round.



## Hiking

Known as popular hiking spots, Mt. Oakan and Mt. Meakan are classified within Japan's one hundred famous mountains. Mt. Hakuto is also recommended. Period: Early June to late October.



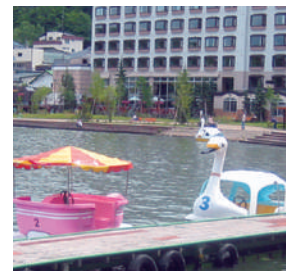
## Sightseeing boat

Some of Lake Akan's pleasures include touring Lake Akan's picturesque scenery and Marimo Exhibition Center. Period: May to November



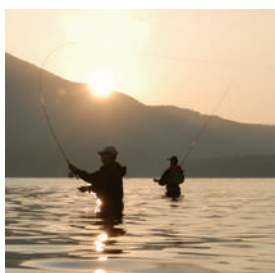
## Motor boating

There are six courses setup five to forty minutes each. You can enjoy cruising Lake Akan without worrying about the time. Period: May to November



## Pedalling boat

You can enjoy Lake Akan casually and privately with a pedalling boat. The three person boat is enjoyable for a family. Period: May to August.



## Fishing

LakeAkan is a fisherman's sanctuary. One can enjoy popular White-spotted char fishing as well as winter smelt fishing. Period: May to November / January to March ( smelt fishing).



## Star gazing

The entire night sky is made up of air that is serene and beautiful.The starry sky is something which cannot be seen in the city. Period: May to December



## Bicycle rentals

If you want to visit around the edges of the lake, renting a bike (500 yen) will vastly and conveniently increase the range of where you want to go. Period: June to October



## Golf

One can enjoy magnificent Hokkaido-like golfing while viewing Mt. Meakan and Mt.Oakan. Period: April to November



## Camping

Akanko Onsen is encompassed by natural forest. There is a campsite that is equipped with facilities. Period:June to September.



## Skiing and snowboarding

While viewing the magnificent panorama below at Akankohan National Ski Area, you can enjoy the aspirin snow to your heart's content. A selection of rentals is fully in place. In addition, a children's park is established within the ski area. A tiny tots sledding course which encompasses a snow statue is popular. Period:Mid December to late March



## Cross-country skis and snowshoes

These are handy for the snow-covered trail. In the winter, you can experience the mysterious nature of Akan efficiently. Period: Early January to late March.



## Activities at the Iceland Akan Venue.

Iceland Akan is winter limited leisure land in which one can fully enjoy playing on the frozen over Lake Akan.There are a lot of fun attractions in cluding skating,riding a four wheel buggy,snowmobiling,banana boating,and smelt fishing. Period:January to late March



A stroll around Lake Akan and  
the forest.

# GuideTour

Roam the vast outdoors.

A well-knowledged guide concerning the vast outdoors of Lake Akan and its counterparts will introduce you to plants, wild animals, and Marimo of the Akan region in this charming nature tour.

## Guide Tour Introduction



### Marimo Story Cruise & Walk

Green  
Season

We offer a themed tour of Lake Akan's symbol, "Marimo". One can ride a sightseeing boat, and take a stroll on the "Bokke" walking trail. Also, Marimo will be fully covered in the guided tour. One can enjoy 180 minutes traveling Lake Akan.  
Period: May to October (until the end of the sightseeing boat operation).  
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TEL: 0154-67-3200



### Canadian Canoeing Adventure Course

Green  
Season

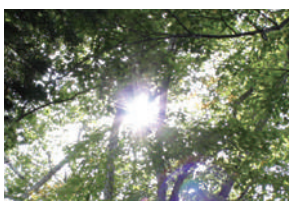
Travel down the river full of reeds and maneuver under the fallen trees, in a two-person canoe that you navigate yourself. Canoeing on Lake Akan provides visitors with many enchanting experiences, such as exploring the forest and much more. A guide will accompany the tour, so even beginners can rest assured that they will enjoy a safe and fun tour. Private, early morning tours are also available.  
Period: May - October  
Akan Nature Center : TEL:0154-67-2801 【<http://www.akan.co.jp>】



### Trekking around Lake Onneto and the virgin forest

Green  
Season

Numerous stands of Picea glehnii can be found in the primary forests surrounding Lake Onneto. Alpine vegetation, and various types of mushrooms can be found within this wilderness, which offers something to see in every season. Lake Onneto is also famous for its fall colors which create a gorgeous contrast to the blue of the lake.  
Period: May - October  
Akan Nature Center : TEL:0154-67-2801 【<http://www.akan.co.jp>】



### "Hikari-no-mori" Walk (trail in sunlight filtering down through the trees)

All  
Season

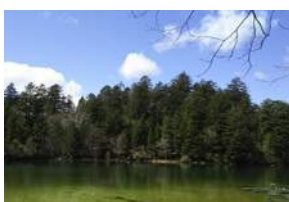
The nicknamed "Hikari-no-mori" lies a few kilometers from Akanko Onsen. One can walk the forest which has a towering, approximately eight-hundred year old giant Katsura Tree. Wouldn't you like to turn your thoughts to the many years passed, silently standing trees? It is obligatory to have a "forest guide" approved by the Maeda Ippo Foundation.  
Period: All year round  
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### Akan River Exploration Walk

All  
Season

The Akan River is the sole river which flows out from Lake Akan. From summer to fall, put on waders and walk through clear streams, and wander through old growth forests. In winter, you can walk along the frozen, snow-covered river, and through the forest in search of dynamic hot springs.  
Period: All year round  
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### Twin Lakes Walk

All  
Season

Akanko Onsen area is mainly on the south side of the lake. This tour will take to the east side, where there is untouched wilderness and forests to be explored. We will start from Takiguchi, the only mouth that leads into Lake Akan. From here, we will listen to the songs of birds and bubbling river as we head toward "Lake Taro," and "Lake Jiro." The guide will explain the geography of Lake Akan as well as the wildlife and vegetation that inhabits the area.



### Fat Bike Tour at Lake Akan-Forests, Volcano and Lake Course

All  
Season

Get on a fat bike and tour the great outdoors surrounding Lake Akan. When there is no snow, you will explore the forest and volcano, and in the winter you will ride across the frozen Lake Akan. Fat bikes are stable even on unsavory road conditions, so you can thoroughly enjoy the beautiful nature in the area!  
Period: Open all year  
Guide Store: I Mo Si R



### Night Tour on Akan River

Winter  
Season

Gear up with headlamps and head for Onsen where the animals convene. Chances are the skies above will be filled with stars, and when the moon is out, you will be amazed at how it lights up the area. Though the nights are cold in Akan, there are amazing experiences that outweigh the cold! Dress warm and let's venture on an exciting tour!  
Period: January - March  
Akan Nature Center TEL:0154-67-2801 【<http://www.akan.co.jp>】



### Lake Akan Early morning walk

Winter  
Season

Enjoy exploring Lake Akan early in the morning with a guide who is well trained in the knowledge of nature surrounding the area. There you will find snowy fields ablaze with morning sun, frost flowers, diamond dust and so much more that can only be seen early in the morning.  
\* Frost flowers, diamond dust and other beautiful, natural phenomenon may not be visible, depending on the weather conditions.  
Period: Mid January - March  
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# Feel and touch Ainu Culture Experience

## Experience your own view of the world.

Ainu culture is brimming with its own worldview. Why not experience the heritage of the Ainu culture which has lasted for many years?

## Experience menu.

For inquiries concerning Ainu cultural activities, please call the  
Akan Ainu Crafts Cooperative Association. TEL:0154-67-2727



### Traditional Ainu Dance Experience.

Participate in some of the ancient dances

At Akanko Ainu Theater Ikor, you can see the "Traditional Ainu Dance," an Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property, and learn about the culture of the Ainu, who coexist with nature. Guests are invited to dance along with the Ainu on some of the dances, so be sure to take part in this amazing opportunity.



### Stitchery

Minimum of 5 or more persons Reservation necessary

From mother to child, the art of Ainu patterned stitchery has been passed down for generations. This activity allows you to learn how to stitch Ainu patterns, which have been used from long ago to ward off evil spirits. The ladies of the Ainu Kotan (village) will carefully instruct you in this beautiful art. You will be able to take home the completed project, a pretty original coaster.



### Making of a "Mukkuri", an Ainu mouth harp.

Minimum of 5 or more persons Reservation necessary

Mukkuri, a traditional musical instrument of the Ainu, was also known as a "Jew's harp." Make your very own "Mukkuri" from bamboo and string, then learn how to make music. The instructor will carefully show you how to make your Mukkuri, and how to play it.



### Wood carving experience.

Minimum of 5 or more persons Reservation necessary

Lake Akan has been the venue for the creation of traditional Ainu crafts, such as beautiful wood carvings, and other intricate crafts. Learn their techniques as you try your hand at making your very own crafts. Skilled sculptors from the Ainu Kotan (village) will instruct you every step of the way, so even if you have never carved wood before, you will be able to make your very own work of art.



### Making snow-shoes experience.

Minimum of 5 or more persons Reservation necessary

One can experience making "snow-shoes" which have been used for walking on snow and to avoid sinking into the snow. Once finished making them, one can go snow-trekking and experience the feeling of treading on snow. One can perhaps see activities of lively animals even in the winter.



### Tonkori (Ainu plucked string instrument) musical performance experience.

Minimum of 5 or more persons Reservation necessary

The Tonkori is somewhat similar to the 7-stringed zither which has been used by the Ainu people in the Sakhalin (Karafuto) region. When performing, hold the trunk of the instrument and snap your fingers onto the strings without pressing the strings. There are Tonkori instruments with five, three and six strings as well as others.



### Wear Ainu people's clothing...

Ainu Kotan (village) Craft Stores

Anyone can become like an Ainu woman or Ainu man with the unique design applied by the Ainu people's dress wear which takes shape of a Haori coat. Ainu clothing can be lent out for free at almost all Ainu village stores alongside the lake.



### Puppet Show

Groups Prior reservation necessary

At the Ainu Theater Ikor, groups can watch a Ainu puppet show based on the Ainu oral tradition (by reservation only). Large puppets and sound system provide a powerful visual, as the story brings to life the Ainu perspective of the world. People of all ages can thoroughly enjoy this inspirational play.



# To learn about Akan Learning Spot

## To feel Akan's culture.

On Lake Akan's border lies well-equipped facilities where you can learn more about traditional Ainu culture as well as for learning about the nature around the area. Wouldn't you like to learn more deeply about Lake Akan and the Ainu culture?



## Introduction to the learning spot.



### Traditional Ainu dance performance

Having coexisted with nature, the Ainu people through dancing give expression via animals, nature, hunting, play, joy and sadness.  
Akan Ainu Crafts Cooperative Association TEL:0154-67-2727



### Puppet Figure Drama

The puppet figure performance, "Stepping on and kicking the Bear God", has a main character the Bear God (narrative tale). In the Ainu world, bears living in the forest have a high rank among Gods, however, in this story, bears present themselves in a spaced out humorous existence. \*Groups Prior reservation necessary.  
Akan Ainu Crafts Cooperative Association TEL:0154-67-2727



### Ainu Life Memorial Museum

Daily tools, clothing and other artifacts are displayed inside the pon cise (small house), a reproduction of an ancient Ainu house, and now a lifestyle memorial museum. Learn about their lifestyles, and listen to stories from the ekasi (elder) and huci (old ladies).  
Akan Ainu Crafts Cooperative Association TEL:0154-67-2727



### Akankohan Eco-museum Center

This area is known to be one of the world's prominent caldera with primitive forests, lakes, and marshes. Also, organisms lead their lives in this rich environment. We present you with the nature that surrounds this Lake Akan area.  
Akankohan Eco-Museum Center TEL:0154-67-4100



### Marimo Exhibition Center

The center for Marimo (Algae ball) research and preservation is located on Churui Island in the middle of Lake Akan. Inside the center, encounters with the charming Marimo are staged according to theme. Watch the live feed on how the Marimo are living in their unique habitat.  
Akan Kanko Kisen Co. TEL:0154-67-2511



### Akan International Crane Center (GRUS)

This facility is to disseminate to the public the research results of the ecology and actions of the Red-crowned Crane. There is an exhibition and image corner and library. During winter, over 200 Red-crowned Cranes fly to this destination.  
Akan International Crane Center [GRUS] TEL:0154-66-4011



### Kushiro Crane Reserve

In 1958, this Crane Reserve was established due to the extinction crisis of the Red-crowned Crane which is now designated as National Special Natural Monument. With the incubation period from spring to early summer, it is possible to see the charming nurturing of young cranes by the creek.  
Kushiro Crane Reserve TEL:0154-56-2219

## Onsen

Hand and foot baths where water constantly gushes out from Akanko Onsen.

Akanko Onsen are known as a prominent Onsen area in Hokkaido. They are located where there are established Onsen hotels and inns. The outdoor baths known as Public bath "Marimo-Yu" and so forth are for common use. It is fun to look around for the "hand baths" and "foot baths" which started originally from the Akanko Onsen area. One can enjoy Onsen of a different quality from those of the border of Lake Akan. They are located at the "Akai Beret (Restaurant/Onsen)" which is on the popularly known name as Marimo National Highway (Route 240) which ties together Kushiro city and Akanko Onsen.

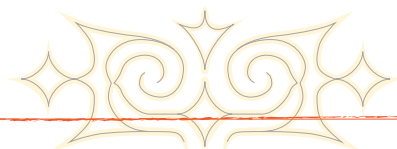


# Presents and gourmet dining. Shopping & Dining

## Smacking your lips to Lake Akan's specialties.

First, we offer Lake Akan's specialties which consist of smelt, kokanee (landlocked variety of sockeye salmon), and lake lobster cuisine. In addition, one can enjoy various other gourmet dishes including Hokkaido deer and other mountain products. You will be very satisfied physically and mentally as well as with your stomach, if you come to Lake Akan!

## Lake Akan's specialties.



### Kokanee (landlocked variety of sockeye Salmon) cuisine

Kokanee is found in the Akan habitat and is known to be beautiful and tasty. It is known all throughout Japan. A long time ago, the sockeye salmon climbed up to Lake Akan and eventually changed into what is known today as Kokanee.



### Lake Akan's smelt fish specialty

The freshly and crisply fried smelt tempura has a sweetness which is popular from children to adults. Also, preserved smelt boiled in soy is a most suitable souvenir.



### Lake lobster cuisine

The natural Uchidazarigani Crawfish which has been brought up in the clean waters of Lake Akan is used in local hotels as well as hotels and restaurants all throughout Japan. As a high quality ingredient, it has a top-notch reputation. It is possible to taste this crab at local restaurants.



### Ainu cuisine

Ainu people do not forget to give appreciation to the forest when going out to collect edible wild plants. Ainu cuisine with its simple tastiness does not waste any ingredients and is packed full with Ainu heart and culture.



### Marimo Man(meat buns)

Meat company Yoshiyasu meets  
"let's stimulate Kushiro with Marimo" meets  
Akan Local Gourmet Food Revitalization Association

This meat bun was made in the image of Special Natural Heritage Marimo. Its green coloring comes from sasa bamboo, native to Hokkaido, and is filled with piping hot and juicy Ezo venison, cooked in tomato sauce. Enjoy the juicy rich flavor of meat in our specially-created meat "marimo man" buns.



### Lake Akan Sweets Present

When thinking of Akanko Onsen, one recalls the famous "Marimo Youkan" (sweet bean paste). There are also many other gifts with the Marimo motif. Also, another popular gift is the "Marimo Pudding" with its mild sweetness.



**Five Kinds of Happiness  
Hot Springs**  
(in front of Pan de Pan)



**Marimo hand bath**  
(next to Katori)



**Yota-chan's hand bath**  
(in front of Fujisawa  
folkcrafts souvenir shop)



**Owl Hand Bath**  
(in front of Kankou Dou)



**Benkei Foot Bath**  
(inside the Lake Akan  
hotel manor house)



**Yukku Onsen**  
(within the camp area nearby  
Lake Akan's border)

### Type of hot springs.

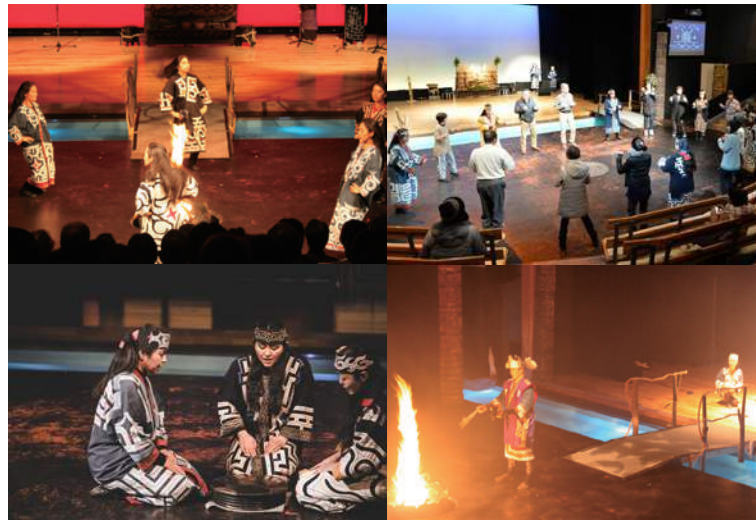
Natural, simple hot springs/ Sulphur springs/Temperature of the source: 50 - 80°C /Weak alkaline to alkaline/non-colored, clear, yellow and brown colored.



# Introduction to Events at Lake Akan Event

The Gods descend down to the forest of Akan.

More beautiful, more solemn. Giving expression and dancing in the forest of Gods. The Ekashi Elder prays for peace by spreading his arms wide open and praying by looking up to the heavens. The sounds from "Mukkuri" and "Tonkuri" become clear and blows through like the wind.



## Iomante Fire Festival

### Period:

Spring performance: April 21st-June 30th

Summer performance: July 1st-August 31st

Fall performance: September 1st-November 30th

Performance hall: Akanko Ainu Theater Ikor

\*A performance from 9:00pm

### Entrance fee:

Adults (junior high school level and above) 1080 yen

Elementary school level 540yen

\*Closed period:

Marimo Festival Period is on October 9th

"Iomante Fire Festival" is in a setting where one prays quietly (to the village Guardian Deity) and is in an illusionary setting where there is singing and dancing like flames of a fire. This setting is narrated by the Kotankorokamui (Blakiston's Owl). Also, the "Tonkori" which has been handed down mainly throughout Sakhalin Ainu has a tranquil tone which envelops the hall. Please enjoy the illusionary performance of the traditional Ainu dance lit up by the flames. Traditional Ainu dance has been registered as a Unesco Intangible Cultural Heritage in September, 2009.



Akan  
Ainu Theater  
[Ikor].

Traditional Ainu dance performances and puppet shows are held regularly at Akanko Ainu Theater [Ikor].

The dances that have been passed down for generations by the Ainu who respect and revere nature, while coexisting with nature express animals, nature, hunting, play, joy and sadness. The puppet show is a story from bear's perspective and offers an understanding of the relationship between "kamui" or gods, and "Ainu", which is humans.

Period: All year



Iomante Fire Festival



Unesco Intangible Cultural Heritage.Traditional Ainu dance Tsuru-no-Mai (Crane Dance)

[Tiny Kamui and Slow Kamui] Puppet Show  
\*For Group reservations only





## Lake Akan Opening Events

This is the opening event for Akan in the spring and tourist season. There are many attractions including ceremonies, raffles and so forth. In the spring, one can enjoy riding on the ice breaking sightseeing boat. Breaking the ice on Lake Akan, the boat advances in an exciting manner.

April 29th



## Opening event for Mt.Oakan

Let's sweat comfortably in the full-blown summer season of Mt. Oakan.

Mid June



Lake Akan "Natsukito" is a summer night event where Lake Akan is illuminated by Marimo lights.

Awarded the 21st Furusato Event [Excellent Award]

## Lake Akan"Natsukito" is a summer night event where Lake Akan is illuminated by Marimo lights.

Lake Akan, the mystical lake and habitat of the "marimo", the only kind of sphere moss found in the world. Globe lights made to resemble the Marimo with messages inside are floated onto the surface of the lake to make wishes. Enjoy your summer evening in Akan by viewing this fantastic scenery from the cruise boat

Period: June 1st-August 31st



## One thousand torches

A prayer lamp exists for protecting the nurturement of Marimo in the rich nature of Lake Akan. We dedicate appreciation to the Ainu people's fire God (Apekamui) and the vast lands of the North. There are countless flames which flicker in the Akanko Onsen which light up the pathways of the Gods.

Period: September 1st-Early October(scheduled)



A ritual to see off Marimo to the lake.

An event and project to protect and return the Marimio to Lake Akan has begun.

## Marimo Festival

One can greet Marimo by Ainu people and enjoy the parade with torches as well as enjoy the Marimo dancing event and so forth.

Day One of the Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●A talk on Marimo development</li> <li>●Gathering for observing Marimo habitat</li> </ul>
Day Two of the Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Marimo Dancing Parade/Marimo Portable Shrine</li> <li>●A ritual to welcome Marimo</li> <li>●A ritual to protect Marimo</li> </ul>
Day Three of the Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●A ritual to bid farewell to Marimo.</li> <li>●A ritual to see off Marimo to the lake.</li> <li>●Attraction (Lakeside garden)</li> </ul>

Period: October 8th-October 10th



# What's Happening on Lake Akan Event(winter)

Typical Lake Akan Ice Festival on the lake that can only be experienced by visitors.

As you set foot onto the frozen Lake Akan on a cold winter's night, you enter a world of crisp cold air and pure white serenity. During the period, various attractions and events are held nightly to provide winter experiences. The finale is a special fireworks display staged in the freezing cold, something that is saved for winter visitors.

## Lake Akan Ice Festival ICE. Aisu. Akan

**Period:**  
Early February-Early March(scheduled)

Open 7:40 P.M. - Ceremony of Flames  
8:10 P.M. Winter Fireworks

\*Period and time schedule is subject to change depending on the weather.



## Ceremony of Flames

The Ainu servant of the fire gods appears and ignites the main fire with sacred fire, welcoming all who are visiting. It is a ceremony that draws people into a solemn atmosphere as they gaze at the flames.



Fuyu Hanabi (Winter Fireworks)



## Thrilling nighttime activities

How about an exhilarating race across the dark lake on a snow mobile? Instructors are there to aid and teach each guest how to safely enjoy the experience. The curves the banana boat rounds as it is pulled by the snow mobile is absolutely thrilling.



## Winter on the mysterious Lake Akan





Winter extreme cold activities on Lake Akan

# Ice Land Akan

Period Everyday between Jan. 1 - Mar. 31(scheduled)



## Lake Akan is a leisure land on ice during winter

Ice Land Akan is a winter only leisure land which appears on the frozen lake. Enjoy skating, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, 4 wheel buggies, snow mobile and banana boat rides, smelt fishing and much more!

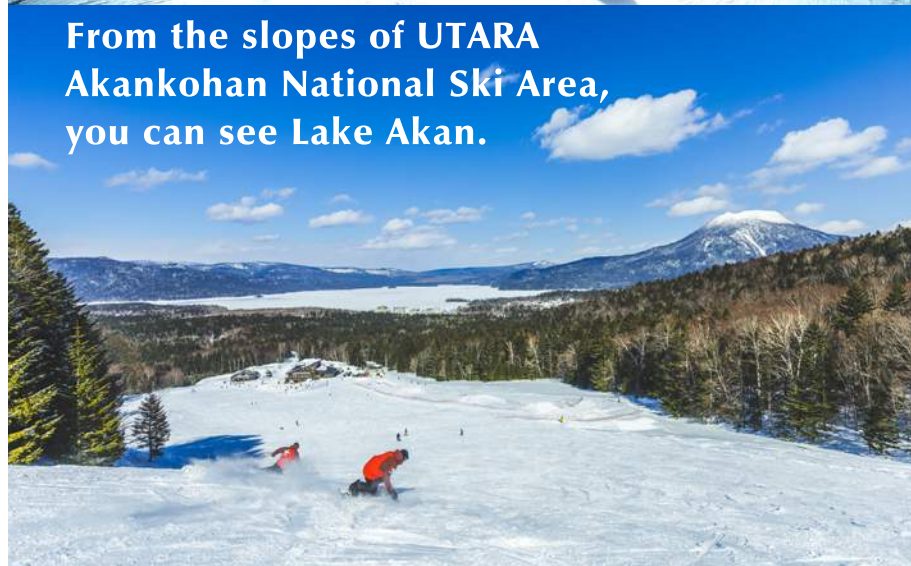


## Skating

The frozen lake becomes a natural skating rink. The ice is as thick as 80 cm in some areas, guaranteeing great skating. The natural rink surrounded by mountains is so much fun.



From the slopes of UTARA Akankohan National Ski Area, you can see Lake Akan.



**Kids Park where families and small children can play.**

Small sleigh course designed with cute little snow sculptures.



## Four-wheel buggies

The four-wheel buggies racing across the lake can be enjoyed even by elementary school children. A great family activity.



## Snow Mobiles

This is an activity that can be enjoyed even by beginners. It takes about 5 minutes to cover the 2000 meter course. Enjoy an exhilarating run across the vast Lake Akan.



## Banana Boat Rides

Everyone from children to adults (max 8 persons per time) can enjoy this activity. Hang on tight as the boat rounds each corner and gives you a thrill.



## Cross-country skiing and Snowshoeing

As long as you have a pair of these, you can go anywhere, whether its over the frozen lake or on the trail. Take in the gorgeous view of this mysterious lake and vast scenery.



## Smelt Fishing

Smelt fishing is enjoyed by drilling a hole into the frozen lake. All equipment can be rented, so just bring yourself! Enjoy the great taste of natural Lake Akan smelt.



## Quality snow is a signature feature of Lake Akan

Akankohan National Ski Area is known for its powder, not to mention the commanding view of the lake and Scandinavian ski slopes embrace by conifer forests. The longest run is 1.2 km taking skiers through the middle of Mt. Hakuto. Fully equipped with pair lifts.

For families with small children there is a "Kids Park" located right in front of the lodge. There are plenty of offers for discounts on lift tickets and restaurants inside the lodge to take advantage of. Please see website for details.

## Equipped with snowboard park popular among snowboarders!



Straight rail, corner rail, drum cans, 4m kicker, 6m kicker, 3m kicker, BOX, FAT BOX, Rainbow rail and much more to satisfy any snowboarder!





From Akanko Onsen  
 Kushiro-----75km  
 Akan Urban Area-----44km  
 Kitami-----65km  
 Teshikaga (Kawayu Onsen)----57km

From Kushiro Airport  
 Michi-no-Eki  
 (Akan Tancoyo-no-Sato)-----17km  
 Akanko Onsen-----60km

Expressways  
 National Highways  
 Hokkaido Highways  
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Time required to get from each airport to Akanko Onsen (National Highway)

Tanchou Kushiro Airport	Shin Chitose Airport	Memanbetsu Airport	Tokachi Obihiro Airport	Nemuro Nakashibetsu Airport
About 60 minutes	About 5 hours	About 1 hour and 20 minutes	About 2 hours and 30 minutes	About 1 hour and 40 minutes

## Akanko Onsen Traffic Map

●Paid Chartered Bus Completeness Reservation-based system

Akanko Onsen ↔ Sapporo

■Period: May 1, 2015 to October 31, 2015  
 —Every day operation schedule—

■Price/One Way: Adults 3,500 yen (7,000 yen round-trip)

Completeness Reservation-based system Please make reservations at your hotel 5 days in advance.  
**TEL.0154-67-4000**

Depart from Sapporo							
10:00	11:00			14:05	14:25	15:25	16:35
Century Royal Hotel	Shin-Chitose Airport	Kiusu PA	Shimukappu PA	Obihiro Tokachi Plaza	Tokachigawa Onsen	Michi-no-Eki Ashoro	Akanko Onsen
Return from Lake Akan							
10:00	11:20	12:10	12:30	13:25		15:40	16:40
Akanko Onsen	Michi-no-Eki Ashoro	Tokachigawa Onsen	Obihiro Tokachi Plaza	Ryugetsu sweet Pia-Garden	Shimukappu PA	Kiusu PA	Shin-Chitose Airport Century Royal Hotel

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