

## Marimo and Ainu culture village

# Hokkaido LAKE AKAN

Fully enjoy Ainu culture and rich nature at Eastern Hokkaido's  
largest hot spring district that spreads across Lake Akan.



### Lake Akan's Marimo

A type of algae that lives underwater.  
This is the only place  
in the world where it grows  
in a beautiful spherical shape.

## What is Ainu culture

Indigenous people born in the harsh winter climate of Northern Japan who called themselves by a name that describes who they are. "Ainu means person, Ainu means us." They are the people who survived the harsh region by skillfully hunting wild game in deep forests, fishing in the middle of rapid currents, and gathering whatever was available from the land by hand. In such circumstances, they had history and traditions. They made descriptive epic poetry and oral legends that recorded lessons from life, and astonishingly deep culture such as imaginative and rich music, songs, and dances, and they built a foundation with deep faith in the spiritual world whose existence penetrated every corner.

## Come in contact with Ainu Culture

Number 1

### Lake Akan Ainu Kotan

Kotan means village or settlement in the Ainu language, and Hokkaido's largest Ainu Kotan is here at Lake Akan Onsen. Artistic woodwork folk crafts and first-class Ainu art souvenir shops and restaurants where you can taste Ainu cuisine line the streets. This is a place where you can experience the precious culture and daily lives of the Ainu people all at once.

Number 2

### Lake Akan Ainu Theatre Ikor

Japan's first exclusively Ainu Culture Theatre. Despite being indoors, the works performed using fire and water, which are indispensable for Ainu culture, are impressive! "Traditional Ainu Dance" has become a UNESCO World Intangible Cultural Heritage. Even at a glance, songs and dances born from the lives of the Ainu people who have coexisted with nature have great value.



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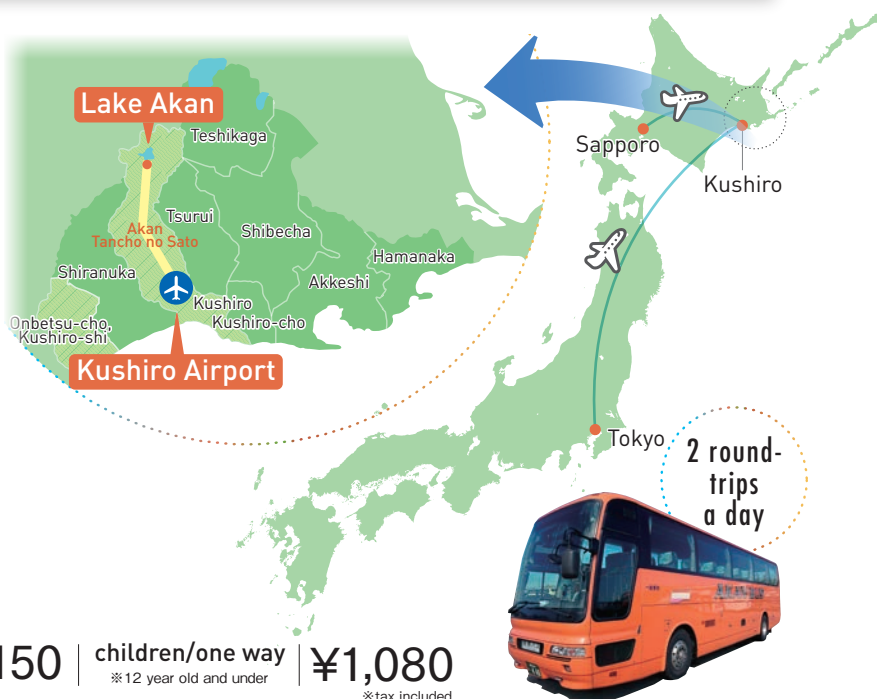
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Fare

adult/one way

¥2,150

children/one way

¥1,080

※12 year old and under

※tax included

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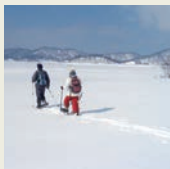


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Lake Akan in Winter



Pure white flowers blooming in Lake Akan's deep winter "Frost flowers"



Enjoy a snowy forest and river all at once. "Snowshoeing"

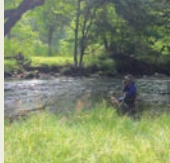


Winter tradition "Lake Akan Ice Festival"

Lake Akan in Summer



Lake Akan, introduced with three stars in the revised edition of Michelin Green Guide Japan



Frolic with a clear stream. Akan River exploration "River walk"

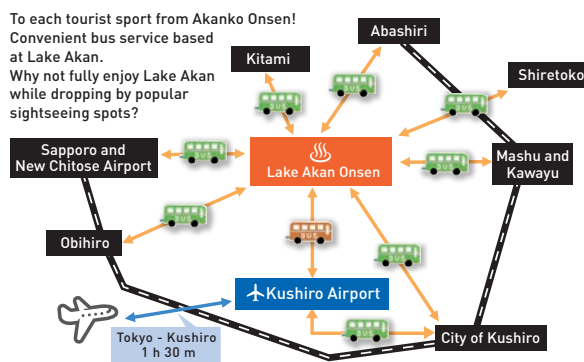


Summer tradition "Lake Akan Marimo Natsukito (Summer Lamp Festival)"

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