

Practical Travel Guide - 101

SAPPORO, OTARU and NOBORIBETSU



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SAPPORO & VICINITY

Sapporo (札幌), pop. 1,969,619 (as of Sep. 2019), the capital of Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost prefecture, functions efficiently as the hub of the island in the fields of politics, culture and economy. Located in the scenic central part of Hokkaido, the nation's 5th largest city also boasts an abundance of tourist attractions, enticing millions of visitors all year round. Sapporo is a relatively newly developed city. Its full-scale development, along with that of the vast island itself, began in 1869 when the Japanese government established the Hokkaido Colonization Office.

Unlike any other city in Japan, it forms a vast green land of many parks. The streets are laid out in checkerboard fashion and are also named and numbered consecutively. Sapporo's lifestyle is also very unique, as the citizenry evokes a pioneer spirit, rather than being bound by centuries of tradition.

Sapporo is the air gateway to Hokkaido, a starting point for a tour of the island. With its two airports—New Chitose and Okadama—the capital city is conveniently connected to Honshu, the main island, as well as to the main cities of Hokkaido. The city is also linked with Hakodate, a major gateway to Hokkaido, by limited express trains that take about 3 hrs. 40 min.

Access:

By Air

From	To	Operated by	Approx. Travel Time	Access from / to downtown
Haneda (Tokyo)	New Chitose (Sapporo)	JAL, ANA, ADO, SKY	1 hr. 30 min.	[To Sapporo Sta.] -By JR rapid Train "Airport" 35 min, ¥1,150 -By AirPort Bus 80 min. ¥1,100
Kansai/Itami (Osaka)		JAL, ANA, JJP, APJ, IBX	1 hr. 45 min.	
Chubu* (Nagoya)		JAL, ANA, JJP, SKY	1 hr. 35 min.	

*Chubu Int'l Airport (Centrair).

By Rail (JR)

(reserved seat)

From	To	By	Approx. Travel Time	Price*
Tokyo Sta.	Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Sta.	Tohoku & Hokkaido Shinkansen "Hayabusa"	4 hrs. 15 min.	¥23,430
Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Sta.	Sapporo Sta.	Limited Express "Super Hokuto"	3hrs. 20 min.	¥9,440
Hakodate Sta.			3hrs. 40 min.	

*If you buy 2 tickets together (Tokyo to Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Sta. and Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto to Sapporo Sta.), the fare is ¥27,760

Recommended Sightseeing Route:

Sapporo Sta. (札幌駅) — 22 min. walk — Hokkaido University (北海道大学) — 23 min. walk — Botanic Garden, Hokkaido University (北海道大学植物園) — 6 min. walk — Former Hokkaido Government Office Building (赤レンガ庁舎/北海道庁旧本庁舎) — 5 min. walk — Clock Tower (時計台) — 10 min. walk — Odori Park (大通公園) — 7 min. walk — Tanukikoji Shopping Arcade (狸小路) — 5 min. walk — Susukino Entertainment District (すすきの) — 8 min. by subway — Nakajima Park (中島公園)

Sightseeing bus:

Various types of tours, including full day, morning, afternoon, nighttime and special interests, are offered by Hokkaido Chuo Bus.

<http://teikan.chuo-bus.co.jp/en/>

*See p. 7 for admission and opening times.

Places of Interest:

1 Hokkaido University (北海道大学), 500 m north of Sapporo Sta., began in 1876 as the Sapporo Agricultural College to train youths for the colonization and development of Hokkaido. Dr. William S. Clark was invited from the United States by the Japanese Government to teach there for a year. His bust on the campus of the Agriculture Faculty of the University on which are inscribed his final parting words, "Boys, be Ambitious!"

2 Botanic Garden, Hokkaido University (北海道大学植物園), lies just minutes from the Prefectural Government Bldg., 500 m southwest of the station. The precincts, 13.3 ha. in area, retain some sections of virgin forest and contains some 4,000 varieties of plants. Hours: 9:00–16:30 (Apr. 29–Sep. 30), –16:00 (Oct. 1–Nov. 3). Closed: Mon. (on the following day after the holiday[s] when Mon. falls on a national holiday). Admission: ¥420. From Nov. 4 to Apr. 28, only the greenhouse is open from 10:00–15:30 (Mon.–Fri.), –12:30 (Sat.). Closed: Sun., national holidays & New Year Holiday. Admission: ¥120.

3 Former Hokkaido Government Office Building (赤レンガ庁舎/北海道庁旧本庁舎), 500 m southwest of Sapporo Sta., is a stately red brick ("Akarenga" in Japanese, also called as its nickname) structure designed to house the Colonization Commission. The building, constructed at its present site in 1888, now contains documents concerned with Hokkaido's early development. It is designated as an important cultural property.

4 Clock Tower (時計台), 400 m south of Sapporo Sta., is a symbol of its history. This time-honored building, built in 1878, was once the military exercise hall of the Sapporo Agricultural College, the predecessor of Hokkaido University. The clock tower, which caps the structure, has continued to chime the hour since 1881, hence the name of the building. It is registered as an Important Cultural Property. Hours: 8:45–17:10. Closed: Jan. 1–Jan. 3. Admission: ¥200.

5 Odori Park (大通公園), 15 min. walk from Sapporo Sta., is a 1.5-km-long promenade stretching from east to west. in the city center. It is a year-round oasis for the citizens. At the eastern end of the park is a TV tower that has an observation platform 90.38 m above the base, while at the western end stands Sapporo Archives Museum. The Sapporo Snow Festival is held at the park early in Feb., turning it into a wonderland featuring hundreds of snow and ice sculptures made by volunteers and amateur artists.

6 Tanukikoji Shopping Arcade (狸小路), 5 min. walk from Subway Odori Sta., is an arcade extending seven blocks from east to west, with about 200 gaily decorated shops.

7 Nakajima Park (中島公園), 2.5 km south of Sapporo Sta., or short walk from Subway Nakajima Koen Sta., contains Nakajima Sports Center, Japanese garden, and other facilities. It also contains two important cultural properties. One is a historical tea house called "Hasso-an" moved to its present site from Nagahama (Shiga Pref.) in 1919, originally designed in the 17th century by Kobori Enshu, a noted master of tea ceremony. And the other one is a guest house named "Hoheikan," which was once used to receive Imperial Family members and other distinguished guests.

8 Sapporo Beer Museum (サッポロビール博物館), 15 min. by bus from Sapporo Sta., 1.7 km east of Sapporo Sta., is the first beer brewery by Japanese, set up in 1876. It is open to visitors for a look around. Tel. (011) 748-1876. Hours: 11:00–20:00. Closed: Mon. (on the following day after the holiday[s] when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & New Year Holiday.

9 Maruyama Park (円山公園), 5 min. walk from Subway Maruyamakoen Sta., contains Hokkaido Shrine, zoo, sports facilities and some of Sapporo's finest cherry trees.

10 Susukino Entertainment District (すすきの), 1 min. walk from Subway Susukino Sta., is the city's nightlife amusement area accommodating numerous number of restaurants, bars, cabarets and nightclubs.

11 Sapporo Underground Shopping Arcade (さっぽろ地下街) is divided by a concourse into two sections—Pole Town and Aurora Town. Pole Town stretches 400 m from Subway Odori Sta. to Subway Susukino Sta., while Aurora Town extends 300 m from Odori-Sanchoe to the TV Tower.

Okurayama Jump Stadium (大倉山ジャンプ競技場), 5.5 km west of Sapporo Sta., is a 90-m jump hill commanding a panoramic view of the city and its surroundings, is accessible in about 10 min. by bus from Subway Maruyamakoen Sta. Built adjacent to this ski jump is SAPPORO OLYMPIC MUSEUM, which exhibits historical records of the Olympic Games and other winter competitions. In this museum there are also various displays including try-out booths. [Okurayama Jump Stadium] Open: 9:00–17:00 (Nov. 5 – Apr. 26), 8:30–18:00 (Apr. 27 – Nov. 4). Admission: ¥500. [SAPPORO OLYMPIC MUSEUM] Hours: 9:00–18:00 (Apr.27 – Nov.4), 9:30–17:00 (Nov.5 – Apr.26). Admission: ¥600.

Mt. Moiwa (藻岩山), 5.6 km southwest of Sapporo Sta, is an ideal hiking and skiing ground for the citizens. The summit, accessible by ropeway and cablecar from Moiwa Sanroku Sta.; ¥900 (one-way) and ¥1,700 (round trip), commands a panoramic view of Sapporo and the vicinity.

Other Places to Visit in the Vicinity:

Hokkaido Museum (北海道博物館) offers good exhibitions to understand the nature, history and culture of Hokkaido with various collections in total 3,000 m² exhibition halls. Hours: 9:00–16:30 (Oct.–Apr.), –17:00 (May–Sep.). Closed: Mon. (or the following day after the holiday when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 29–Jan. 3.

Historical Village of Hokkaido (北海道開拓の村), where historical buildings originally built in early 20th century have been restored as the cultural and historical heritage of Hokkaido in 54.2 ha of premise. Hours: 9:00–16:30 (Oct.–Apr.), –17:00 (May–Sep.). Closed: [Oct.–Apr.] Mon. (or the following day after the holiday when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & Dec. 29–Jan. 3. [May–Sep.] No closure. Admission: ¥800.

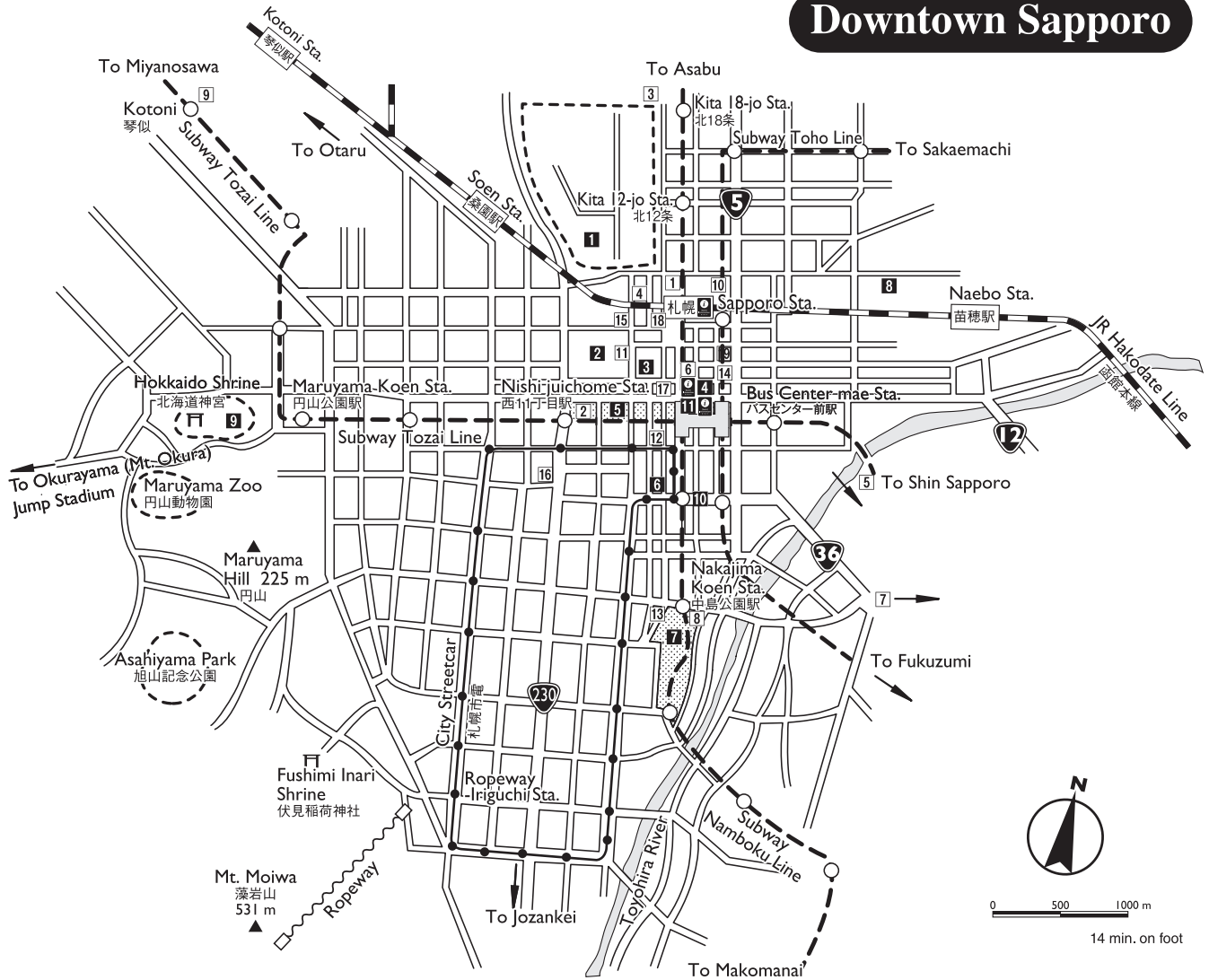
Both museums above are connected by a local bus with JR Shinrinkoen Sta. (within 10 min. ride) and Shin-Sapporo Sta. (within 20 min. ride).

Jozankei Onsen (定山溪温泉), 1 hr. by bus from Sapporo Sta., is located on the upper reaches of Toyohira River, hemmed in between the high cliffs. Because of the superb natural scenery surrounding it and a rich yield of hot spring water gushing out at many places, the spa is used for the recreation and relaxation of Sapporo's citizens. It teems with ryokan or Japanese-style inns, restaurants and souvenir shops, yearly attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors. It also serves as the base for trips to scenic Lake Toya and other tourist spots in southern Hokkaido.

URL: <http://jozankei.jp/en/>

*See p. 7 for admission and opening times.

Downtown Sapporo



- 9** Tourist Information Center 観光案内所
- 1** Hokkaido University 北海道大学
- 2** Botanic Garden 北海道大学植物園
- 3** Akarenga/Former Hokkaido Government Office Bldg. 赤レンガ庁舎/北海道庁旧本庁舎

- 4** Clock Tower 時計台
- 5** Odori Park 大通公園
- 6** Tanukikoji Shopping Arcade 狸小路
- 7** Nakajima Park 中島公園

- 8** Sapporo Beer Museum サッポロビール博物館
- 9** Maruyama Park 円山公園
- 10** Susukino Entertainment District すすきの
- 11** Sapporo Underground Shopping Arcade 札幌地下街

Numbers **11** - **11** correspond to those on page 2/7

Numbers **1** - **20** correspond to those on the Accommodations list on page 7/7

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OTARU

Central Otaru (population 114,919: Sep 2019) faces the Sea of Japan on one side and is surrounded by mountains on the others. When development of Hokkaido began in earnest during the Meiji Period (beginning in 1868), Otaru grew into the island's

main port of entry. With its many historic buildings, Otaru has become a highly popular tourist destination. Travel to neighboring Sapporo takes about 30 min. by JR rapid train.

Places of Interest:

① **Otaru Canal and Otaru Canal Plaza** (小樽運河と運河プラザ): 8 min. walk from Otaru Sta. This area is Otaru's most popular tourist spot. Along the canal is a collection of stone warehouses that retain their original appearance. Many have been made into restaurants and other establishments. In the evening the buildings are lit up and present a scene completely unlike that enjoyed during the daytime. Canal Plaza is a converted warehouse that houses souvenir shops, a tourist information center, and cafés. Hours: 9:00–18:00, –19:00 (Jul. & Aug.) Closed: Jan. 1

② **Sushiya-dori Street (Sushi Restaurant Street)** (寿司屋通り): Otaru is a city famous for its Sushi. Over 100 Sushi restaurants can be found within it. Sushiya-dori Street, a collection of some 20 sushi restaurants, is reached by walking toward the canal from National Route 5. It is a 10-minute walk from Otaru Sta.

③ **Otaru Music Box Museum** (小樽オルゴール堂本館): This museum dedicated to music boxes is a 7-min. walk from Minami Otaru Sta. or 25 min. from Otaru Sta. It features a collection of some 3,400 music boxes from around the world. The building was constructed in 1912 and presents a grand appearance. The Museum's Hall No. 2 is an antique museum in which performances on an Aeolian Pipe Organ are given six times a day. "You-kobo", a music box and handicrafts studio, lets visitors make their own music boxes (cost: ¥1,500–; Time required: a little over an hour, Reservations are required Tel. 0134-21-3101). The Main Building is open from 9:00 to 18:00.

Historical buildings (歴史的建造物): A large number of stone warehouses and stately buildings were constructed during Otaru's economic heyday in the early 20th century (around 1900 to 1930). These buildings retain their original appearance today. Many incorporate Greek and Roman architectural styles.

④ **Former Hokkaido Bank, Head Office** (旧北海道銀行本店), built in 1912. Now Otaru Bine (wine shop and café).

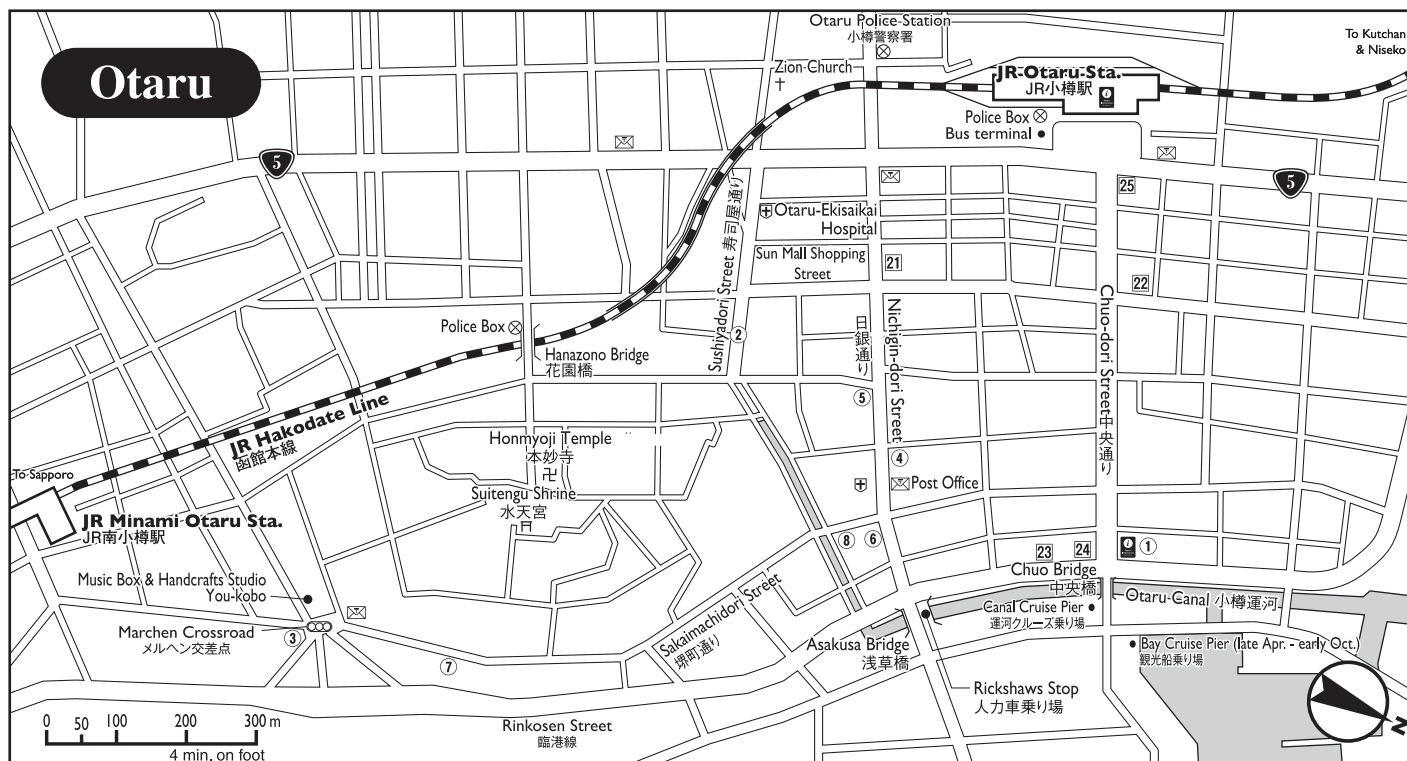
⑤ **The Bank of Japan Otaru Museum** (日本銀行旧小樽支店), built in 1912.

⑥ **Former Mitsubishi Bank, Otaru Branch** (旧三菱銀行小樽支店), built in 1922. Now Chuo Bus Otaru Canal Terminal.

Otaru Glass (小樽ガラス): Otaru is a city also famous for its glass. There are a lot of glass factories such as,

⑦ **Kitaichi Glass** (北一硝子): 30 min. walk from Otaru Sta. or 10 min. walk from Minami Otaru Sta. Established in 1901, Kitaichi Glass is an originator of Otaru glass. Hours: 8:45–18:00

⑧ **Otaru Taisho Glass Palace** (小樽大正硝子館): 20 min. walk from Otaru Sta. Hours: 9:00–19:00 (in summer).



Numbers ① – ⑧ correspond to those on page 4/7

Numbers ㉑ – ㉕ correspond to those on the Accommodations list on page 7/7

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Transportation:

From	To	By	Approx. Travel Time	Price
Sapporo Sta.	Toya Sta.	JR Limited Express "Super Hokuto"	1 hr. 50 min.	¥5,830 (Non reserved)
Toya Sta.	Toyako-onsen	Donan Bus	20 min.	¥340
Sapporo Sta. Terminal		*Donan Bus	2 hrs. 30 min.	¥2,830
New Chitose Airport	Noboribetsu-onsen	Donan Bus	1 hr. 5 min.	¥1,400
Sapporo Sta. Terminal		Donan Bus / Hokkaido Chuo Bus	1 hr. 40 min.	¥1,990
Noboribetsu Sta.		Donan Bus	15 min.	¥350
Sapporo Sta.	Noboribetsu Sta.	JR Limited Express "Super Hokuto" / "Suzuran"	1 hr. 15 min.	¥4,250 (Non reserved)
New Chitose Airport	Shikotsu-ko Terminal	Hokkaido Chuo Bus	50 min.	¥1,050

Buses marked with * need reservations.

Buses marked with ** operate between Jun. and Mid Oct.

Donan Bus: Tel. (011)865-5511 (Sapporo office), Tel. (0142)75-2351 (Toya office)

Hokkaido Chuo Bus: Tel. (011)231-0500

Noboribetsu Onsen (登別温泉) is considered to be one of the most preeminent hot-spring resorts in Japan. It lies at an altitude of 200 m and is surrounded by mountains on all sides. There are various springs of sulfur, alum, radium, etc. which gush out of Jigokudani, a site where a volcanic eruption once took place. Jigokudani is within easy walking distance from hotels in the crowded quarter. Dai-ichi Takimotokan (Ryokan) features a mammoth-bath accommodating 1,600 people, with seven varied springs. URL: <http://www.noboribetsu-spa.jp/?lang=en>

Noboribetsu Bear Park (のぼりべつクマ牧場), is located on Mt. Shihorei (Mt. Kuma), ascended by a ropeway from Noboribetsu Onsen. It's a sanctuary for about 100 brown bears. Hours: 8:30–17:00 (Jul.–Aug.), 8:30–16:30 (Jan.–Jun. & Sep.–Dec.). Closed: Mar. 2-19, 2020. Admission: ¥2,650 (entrance fee and round-trip ropeway ticket)

Noboribetsu Marine Park Nixe (登別マリンパークニクス) is short walk from JR Noboribetsu Sta. Nixe Castle, the symbol of the park, is modeled after a castle in Denmark. A giant shark tank and ten thousand sardines, and a parade of penguins are popular attractions. Hours: 9:00–17:00 Admission: ¥2,500
URL: <http://www.nixe.co.jp>

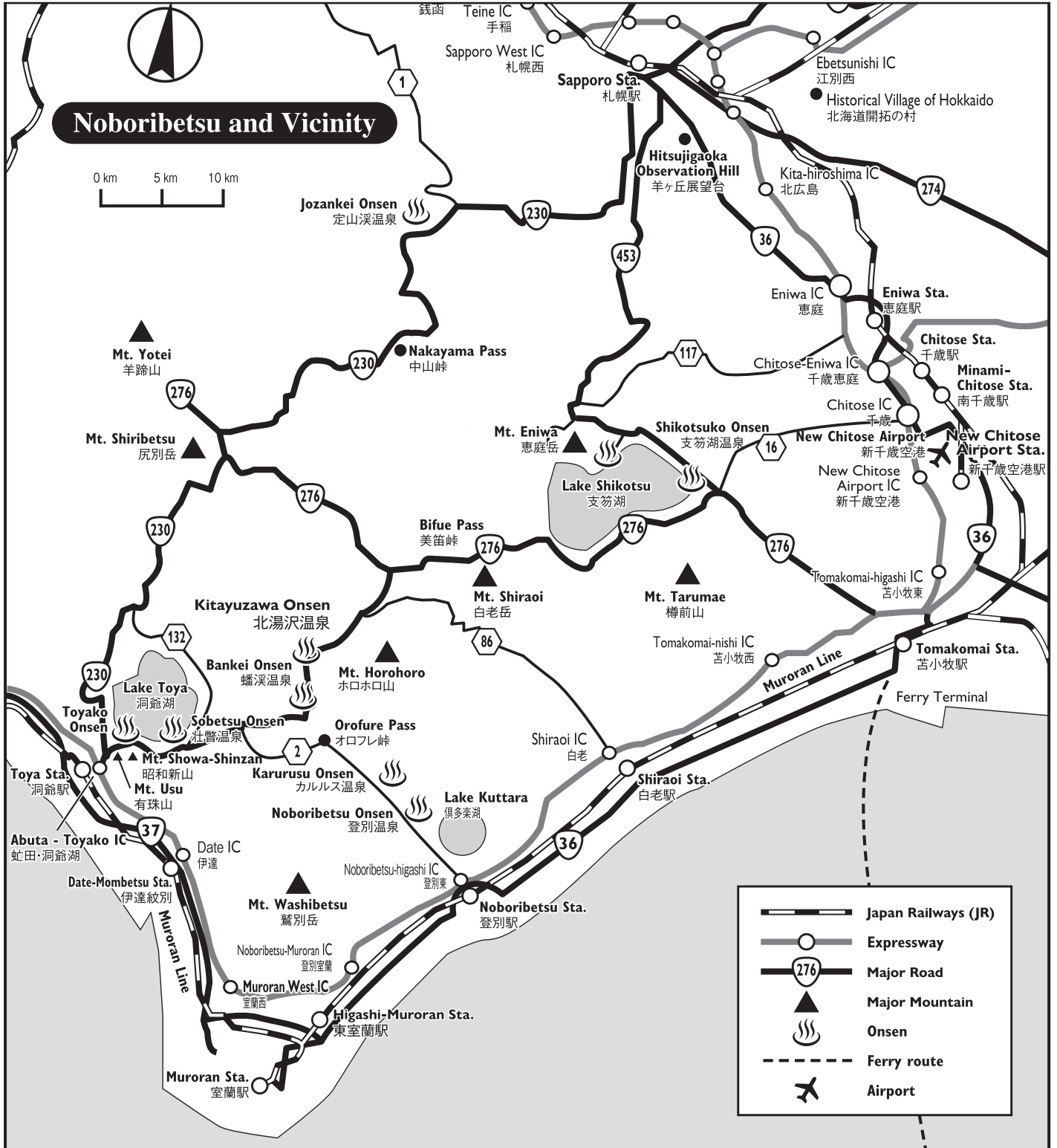
Noboribetsu Date Jidaimura (登別伊達時代村) is a historical theme park where both kids and grown-ups can enjoy a time-travel experience including Ninja and Samurai shows. Hours: 9:00–17:00 (Apr.–Oct.), –16:00 (Nov.–Mar.) Admission: ¥2,900. URL: <http://www.edo-trip.jp/en/>

Lake Toya (洞爺湖), a caldera lake, about 7 km northeast of Toya Sta., is circular with a maximum depth of 180 m. It abounds with fish (especially kokanee salmon) and has a magnificent view. The four various-sized islets called Nakajima are most picturesque. In general, the climate around this place is mild and the lake never freezes over. The tourist season continues from Apr. until the end of Oct. Toyako Onsen, with abundant hot water, is known as one of the largest hot-spring resorts in Hokkaido. Toyako Onsen is also the largest base for accommodation facilities in the area. Mt. Usu billows with vapor in front of the Spa.

Oyunuma Brook Natural Foot-bath (大湯沼川天然足湯) flows from Oyunuma, a hot spring lake. It's a peaceful oasis in the primitive forest, where tourists can enjoy soaking their feet in the 100% natural hot spring surrounded by nature.

Lake Shikotsu (支笏湖), a volcanic caldera lake, is surrounded by mountain peaks—Mt. Eniwadake on its north and Mt. Tarumae and Mt. Fuppushi on its south—which are beautifully reflected in the lake. One can enjoy sightseeing by boat on the lake available daily from around early Apr.–early Nov. Cruise boats going halfway around. You can also enjoy scuba diving. There are two camping grounds, six ryokan, a youth hostel and some minshuku on the eastern shore of the lake. A rent-a-bicycle service is also available and is operated by visitor's center and Youth Hostel situated along the lake. The famous Moss-Draped Cave can be seen just from the observatory. Hours: 9:00–17:00 (enter by 16:00) Jun.–Oct. Access: 20 min. drive from Shikotsu lakeside and 20 min. walk from the parking.

*See p. 7 for admission and opening times.



(Timetables, Prices and other conditions may vary according to the seasons.)

From	To	Approx. Travel Time	Price	Ticketing & Operator	
Hachinohe (Aomori)	Tomakomai (West Port)	7 hrs.★ Daily	From ¥5,100	Silver Ferry	
Oarai (Ibaraki)		19 hrs.★ Daily	From ¥10,080	MOL Ferry	
Sendai (Miyagi)		16 hrs. 40 min.★ Daily	From ¥8,500	Taiheiy Ferry	
Nagoya (Aichi)		40 hrs. (via Sendai)★ Irregularly	From ¥11,000		
Akita	Tomakomai (East Port)	10 hrs. 30 min. Irregularly	From ¥4,820	Shin Nihonkai Ferry	
Niigata		40 min. by bus from Tomakomai Sta. or shuttle bus from Minami-chitose Sta.	18 hrs. 15 min. (via Akita)★ Irregularly		From ¥6,800
Tsuruga new port (Fukui)		20 hrs. (direct)★ Daily	From ¥10,150		

★: Overnight service available. *: Via Hachinohe from Muroran bound for Miyako. Note: Reservation required for all ferry, express & shuttle bus services.

Accommodations:

Name of facilities	Tel.	Fax.	Room rate (¥)	Name of facilities	Tel.	Fax.	Room rate (¥)
Sapporo:				Noboribetsu Onsen:			
1 Hotel WBF Sapporo North Gate (H)	(011)757-2001	(011)757-2002	¥	Takimoto Inn (H)	(0143)84-2205	(0143)84-2645	¥
2 Sapporo View Hotel Oodori Kouen (H)	(011)261-0111	(011)261-5650	¥	Dai-ichi Takimotokan (R)	(0143)84-3322	(0143)84-2202	¥¥
3 Hotel Sapporo Met's (H)	(011)726-5511	(011)716-1082	¥	Noboribetsu Grand Hotel (H)	(0143)84-2101	(0143)84-2543	¥¥
4 Sapporo House Youth Hostel (Y)	(011)726-4235	(011)726-4236	¥	Noboribetsu Sekisuitei (R)	(0143)84-2255	(0143)84-3369	¥¥
5 Shin Sapporo ARC City Hotel (H)	(011)890-2525	(011)890-2520	¥	Kashoutei Hanaya (R)	(0413)84-2521	(0143)84-2240	¥¥
6 Hotel Hokke Club Sapporo (H)	(011)221-2141	(011)221-2145	¥	Kiyomizuya (R)	(0143)84-2145	(0143)84-2146	¥¥
7 Sapporo House (Y)	(011)726-4235	(011)726-4236	¥	Toyako Onsen:			
8 Backpackers Hostel Ino's Place (Y)	(011)832-1828	(011)814-9277	¥	Toya Kanko Hotel (R)	(0142)75-2111	(0142)75-3160	¥
9 Sapporo Park Hotel (H)	(011)511-3131	(011)531-8522	¥	Hotel New Toyako (R)	(0142)75-2818	(0142)75-4067	¥
10 Sapporo Hotel Yamachi (H)	(011)644-5555	(011)644-5744	¥	Toya Green Hotel (BH)	(0142)75-3030	(0142)75-4054	¥
11 Hotel Sunroute Sapporo (H)	(011)737-8111	(011)717-8946	¥	Hotel Lakeside Terrace (H)	(0142)73-3500	(0142)75-2271	¥
12 Ryokan Nakamura (R)	(011)241-2111	(011)241-2118	¥¥	Toya Sunpalace Resort & Spa (H)	(0142)75-1111	(0142)75-2875	¥¥
13 Hotel Okura Sapporo (H)	(011)221-2333	(011)221-0819	¥¥	The Windsor Hotel TOYA Resort & Spa (H)	(0142)73-1111	(0142)73-1191	¥¥¥
14 Premier Hotel Nakajima Park Sapporo (H)	(011)561-1000	(011)521-5522	¥¥	Sobetsu Onsen:			
15 New Otani Inn (H)	(011)222-1111	(011)222-5521	¥	Showa Shinzan YH (Y)	(0142)75-2283	(0142)75-2872	¥
16 Keio Plaza Hotel Sapporo (H)	(011)271-0111	(011)271-7943	¥¥	Lake Shikotsu:			
17 Sapporo Prince Hotel (H)	(011)241-1111	(011)231-5994	¥	Shikotsuko YH (Y)	(0123)25-2311	(0123)25-2312	¥
18 Sapporo Grand Hotel (H)	(011)261-3311	(011)231-0388	¥¥¥	Jozankei:			
19 Century Royal Hotel (H)	(011)221-2121	(011)210-9331	¥¥	Jozankei Grand Hotel Zuien (R)	(011)598-2211	(011)598-5211	¥
20 ANA Crowne Plaza (H)	(011)221-4411	(011)222-7624	¥	Jozankei Hotel (R)	(011)598-2111	(011)598-2110	¥¥
Otaru:				Shika-no-Yu Hana Momiji (R)	(011)598-2002	(011)598-2226	¥¥
21 Authent Hotel Otaru	(0134)27-8100	(0134)27-4404	¥¥	Shogetsu Grand Hotel (R)	(011)598-2231	(011)598-2359	¥¥¥
22 Smile Hotel Otaru	(0134)33-0333	(0134)33-6741	¥	Chitose:			
23 Hotel Sonia	(0134)23-2600	(0134)23-1001	¥	Hotel Grand Terrace Chitose (H)	(0123)22-1121	(0123)22-1153	¥
24 Hotel Nord Otaru	(0134)24-0500	(0134)24-1085	¥¥				
25 Premium Dormy Inn Otaru	(0134)21-5489	(0134)33-0103	¥				

Remarks:

1 - 25 correspond to those on page 3/7, 4/7. Rate per person.

H = Hotel R = Ryokan ¥¥¥ = more than 15,000 yen
 BH = Business Hotel ¥¥ = 8,001 yen - 15,000 yen
 Y = Youth Hotel ¥ = 8,000 yen or less





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 100-0005 Tel. 03-3201-3331 (in Japan)
 Open daily from 9:00 to 18:00 (Closed on Jan. 1)
<https://www.japan.travel/en/plan/tic/>



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JNTO Website
<https://www.japan.travel/en/plan/list-of-volunteer-guides/>

JNTO Website: <https://www.jnto.go.jp>

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[Good to know] Hiking / Trekking / Climbing safety:

- Most of the routes pass through habitats of bears and other wild animals.
- To ensure a safe visit for both you and the wildlife, please make an effort to prevent unwanted wild animal encounters.
- Stopping by the nearest tourist information center / a park visitor center is highly recommended to have the practical tips.

[Good to know] Admission and opening times at tourist attractions:

- Last entry to the most of attractions is 30 min. before the closing time.
- In general, if their weekly closing day (most are on Mon.) falls on a national holiday, they are open on the day and are closed on the following day after the holiday(s).
- Most are closed throughout / a part of New Year holiday period (especially Dec. 29-Jan. 3).
- Please visit the official website of each place / your nearest tourist information center for the updates.



TOURIST INFORMATION in the area

Hokkaido-Sapporo Tourist Information Center (JR Sapporo Sta.):

West Concourse North Exit, JR Sapporo Station, N6 W4, Kita-ku Sapporo city, Hokkaido
 Hours: 8:30-20:00

Tel. 011-213-5088

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