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HAKODATE

Hakodate (函館), pop. 255,919 (Oct. 2019), the third largest city in Hokkaido, spreads on Hakodate plain, like a fan from the foot of Mt. Hakodate on the southwest to the sandbar on the northeast of the Kameda Peninsula. Hakodate is a flourishing port as well as a gateway to Hokkaido, conveniently linked with Honshu by train via underwater tunnel, ferry and air.

The city of Hakodate is strongly influenced by the exchange of

cultures between Western countries and itself. It is one of the port cities, like Yokohama and Kobe, that was opened to foreign trade in 1859. Here you may feel an exotic atmosphere while you are strolling around Motomachi (元町) area where old Western-style red brick buildings, like warehouses or churches, can be seen. Also, you may enjoy breakfast and experience the variety of local specialties at the Morning Market (Asaichi 朝市; open every morning), located in front of Hakodate Station.

Access:
By Air

From	To	Operated by	Approx. Travel Time	Access to downtown
Haneda (Tokyo)	Hakodate	JAL, ANA, ADO	1 hr. 20 min.	[To Hakodate Sta.] - By Airport Bus (via Yunokawa Onsen hot spring) 20 min. ¥450
Itami (Osaka)		JAL, ANA	1 hr. 35 min.	
Chubu (Nagoya)*		ANA, ADO	1 hr. 30 min	
New Chitose (Sapporo)		ANA	40 min.	

*Chubu Int'l Airport (Centrair).

By Bus

From	To	Approx.Travel Time	Price	Ticketing & Operator
Sapporo Sta.	Hakodate Sta.	5 hrs. 40 min.	¥4,900	Japan Bus Online (Hokkaido Chuo Bus, Donan Bus and Hokuto Kotsu Bus / Hokkaido Bus)
	Yunokawa Onsen	6 hrs.		

By Rail (JR)

From	To	By	Approx. Travel Time	Price
Tokyo Sta.	Shin-Hakodate Hokuto Sta.	Shinkansen “Hayabusa”	4hrs. 20 min.	¥23,430
Sapporo Sta.	Hakodate Sta.	Limited Express “Super Hokuto”	3hrs. 40 min	¥9,440
Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Sta.	Hakodate Sta.	Hakodate Line Rapid “Hakodate Liner”	20 min.	¥440

Hakodate City Tram

Route 2: Yunokawa.....Goryokaku-koen-mae (Goryokaku Park).....Hakodate Ekimae (Sta.).....Jujigai.....Yachigashira

Route 5: Yunokawa.....Goryokaku-koen-mae (Goryokaku Park).....Hakodate Ekimae (Sta.).....Jujigai.....Hakodate Dock-mae

*Between ¥210 to ¥260 per ride (distance basis).

Tram One-day Pass (¥600) is available at Tourist Information Center in Hakodate Sta. (see p.5) and major hotels. Also available from the driver.

*See p. 5 for admission and opening times.

Places of Interest:

Mt. Hakodate (函館山), alt. 334 m, 2.5 km southwest of Hakodate Sta. can be ascended by bus (late Apr.–early Nov.) in 30 min. from the station or 3 min. by ropeway from the foot of the mountain. The summit commands a panoramic view of the city. Hakodate enjoys an established reputation for its splendid night view of the city. **The ropeway** is operated in every 5 to 10 minutes between 10:00–22:00 (Apr. 25–Oct. 15), and 10:00–21:00 (Oct. 16 - Apr. 24.), ¥1,000 (one-way) and ¥1,500 (round-trip). From mid Nov. to late Apr., only the ropeway is available as the road and the walking trail to the top are closed. From mid Apr. to mid Nov., the ropeway, the climbing Bus, the walking trail and private cars are available but private cars are prohibited in the evening.

Hakodate Orthodox Church (ハリストス正教会), a 10-min. walk from Jujigai tram stop, is located in Motomachi area at the northeast foot of Mt. Hakodate. The present church building with sublime facade influenced by Russian-byzantine style was reconstructed in 1916 after the original building was destroyed by a great fire in 1907.

Goryokaku (a five-cornered fort) (五稜郭), a 15-min. walk from Goryokaku-koen-mae tram stop, is the first Western-style fort in Japan. The fort was completed in 1864 after 7 years of hard work, and is constructed in the shape of a star. Now the premise is designated as a special historic site and is open to the public as **Goryokaku Park** (五稜郭公園), well-known for the gorgeous view of 1,600 beautiful cherry

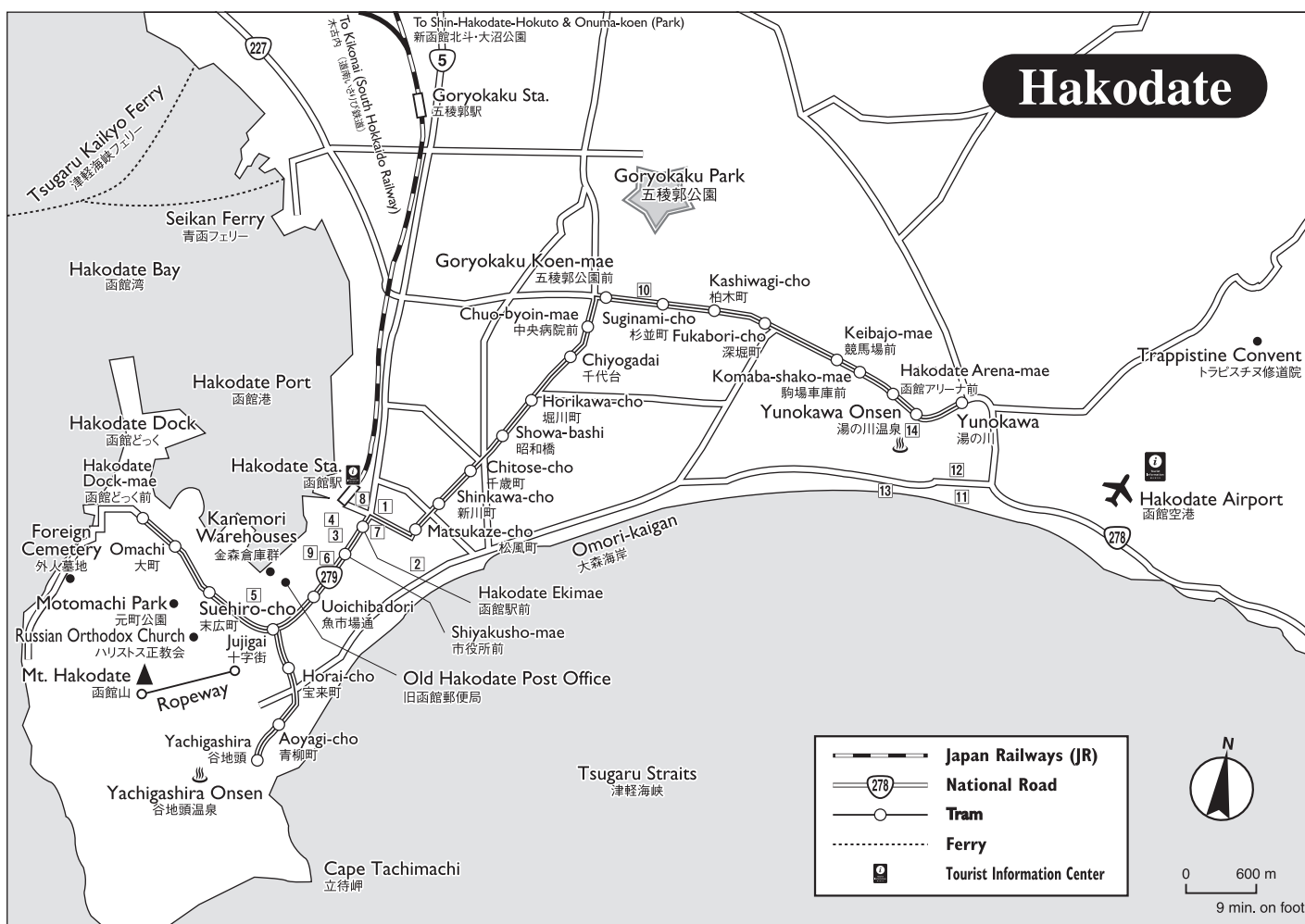
trees. From the observation deck at 90 m above ground of the Goryokaku Tower in the park, you can get a bird's-eye view of the Goryokaku and the surrounding area. The tower is opened daily 8:00–19:00 (Apr. 21–Oct. 20) / 9:00–18:00 (Oct. 21–Apr. 20). Admission: ¥900.

Cape Tachimachi (立待岬), 15 min. walk from Yachigashira tram stop, is famous for its panoramic view and splendid striped cliffs at the base of Mt. Hakodate.

Yachigashira Onsen (谷地頭温泉), 5 min. walk from the Yachigashira tram stop, is a public bathhouse using Onsen (natural hot spring) water. The bathhouse is quite popular not only with the locals but also with many visitors because of its convenient location between Mt. Hakodate and Cape Tachimachi. Hours: 6:00–22:00 (enter by 21:00). Closed: 2nd Tue. Admission: ¥430.

Yunokawa Onsen (湯の川温泉), one of major natural hot spring resorts in Hokkaido with a long history following the city, 7 km southeast of Hakodate Sta. is accessible in 30 min. by frequently-operated trams or by bus. There is a tranquil feeling in the town, although it is a prominent hot spring resort in Hakodate with about 20 accommodations in both Japanese and Western styles located on both sides of the Matsukura River, which flows through the town into the Tsugaru straits.

Trappistine Convent (トラピスチヌ修道院), founded in 1898, can be reached to the nearest bus stop ("Trappistine-iriguchi",



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10 min. walk from the convent) in 10 min. from Yunokawa Onsen or 50 min. from Hakodate Sta., both by bus. Founded in 1898. The convent admits visitors to the frontyard of the redbrick building, which is a lovely arrangement of flower-beds. “Madeleines” and other confectioneries, the sisters produce here and available at their shop, are nowadays well recognized as one

of the specialties of Hakodate. Open 8:00–17:00 (late Apr.–Oct.), –16:30 (Nov.–mid Apr.). Closed on Year-end and New Year holiday.

Recommended Strolling Route:
Hakodate Sta. (函館駅)Old Hakodate Post Office (旧函館郵便局)Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse (金森倉庫群)Motomachi Park (元町公園)
Time required for walking: about 1 hr.
*Please visit the following official websites for travel updates, practical travel tips and further information in the area.
<https://www.hakodate.travel/en/>

Accommodations:

Name of facilities	Tel.	Fax.	Room rate (¥)	Remarks:
Hakodate:				1 – 15 correspond to those on the map on page 2/4. Rate per person
1 Smile Hotel Hakodate (BH)	(0138)27-2700	(0138)27-2730	¥	H = Hotel
2 Hotel Hakodate Royal (H)	(0138)26-8181	(0138)27-4397	¥	R = Ryokan
3 Apa Hotel (BH)	(0138)23-2200		¥	M = Minshuku
4 Hotel Kikuya (BH)	(0138)26-1144	(0138)22-0867	¥	BH = Business Hotel
5 B & B Pension Hakodatemura (P)	(0138)22-8105	(0138)22-8925	¥	P = Pension
6 Nice Day Inn (M)	(0138)22-5919	–	¥	
7 Hotel RESOL Hakodate (H)	(0138)23-9269	(0138)23-5377	¥	
8 Hotel Grantia Hakodate Ekimae (BH)	(0138)21-4100	(0138)21-4101	¥	
9 Hakodate Kokusai Hotel (H)	(0138)23-5151	(0138)23-0239	¥¥	
10 Hotel Hokke Club Hakodate (H)	(0138)52-3121	(0138)56-5810	¥¥	
11 Imagine Hotel & Resort (H)	(0138)57-9161	(0138)57-9169	¥¥	
12 Yunokawa Kanko Hotel Shoen (R)	(0138)36-1000	(0138)57-4700	¥¥	
13 Yunohama Hotel (R)	(0138)59-2231	(0138)59-2237	¥¥¥	
14 Hanabishi Hotel (R)	(0138)57-0131	(0138)57-2272	¥¥¥	

¥¥¥ = more than 15,000 yen
¥¥ = 8,001 yen – 15,000 yen
¥ = 8,000 yen or less

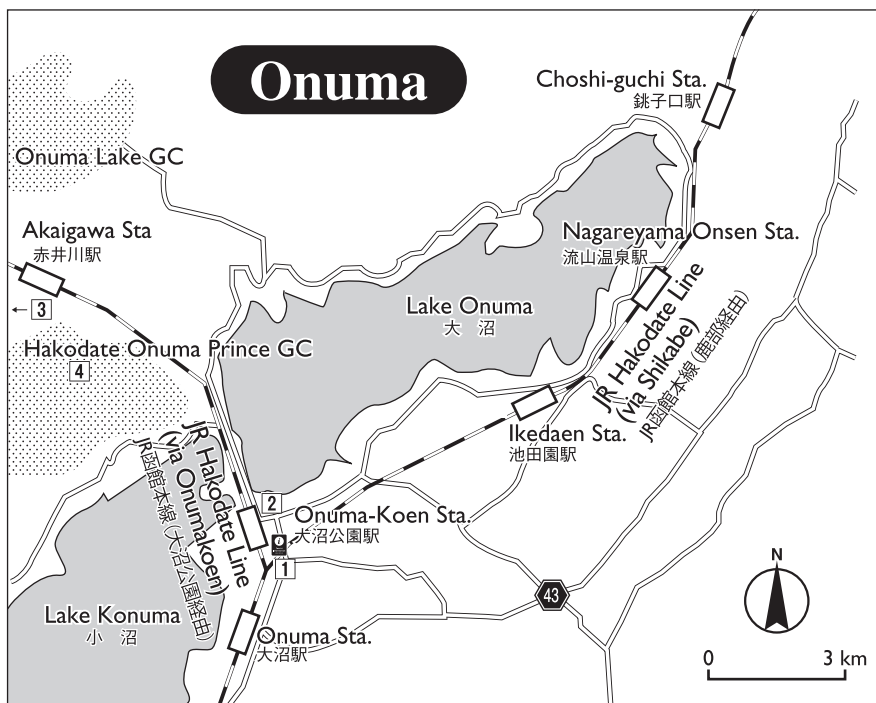
*See p. 5 for admission and opening times.

ONUMA

Onuma (大沼), a small town located just 16 km north of Hakodate, is the gateway to Onuma Quasi-National Park which contains a trio of lakes beneath Mt. Komagatake, the volcano that formed the lakes when it erupted. There are several camping grounds on the shores of the lakes, as well as a net-work of hiking trails. The main two lakes, Lake Onuma and Lake Konuma, meaning “big” lake and “little” lake respectively, are really one big lake separated by a road and a railway track.

Please visit the official website for travel updates, practical travel tips and further information in the park.

<http://onumakouen.com/en/>



Numbers 1 – 4 correspond to those in the “Accommodations” list on page 4/4

Accommodations:

Name of facilities	Tel.	Fax.	Room rate (¥)
1 Chairoi-tori (R)	(0138)67-2231	(0138)67-2231	¥
2 Station Hotel Asahiya (BH)	(0138)67-2654	(0138)67-3672	¥¥
3 Green Pia Onuma (H)	(01374)5-2277	(01374)5-2321	¥¥
4 Hakodate Onuma Prince Hotel (H)	(0138)67-1111	(0138)67-3660	¥¥¥

Remarks:

1 – 4 correspond to those on the map on page 3/4.

H = Hotel
BH = Buisness Hotel
R = Ryokan

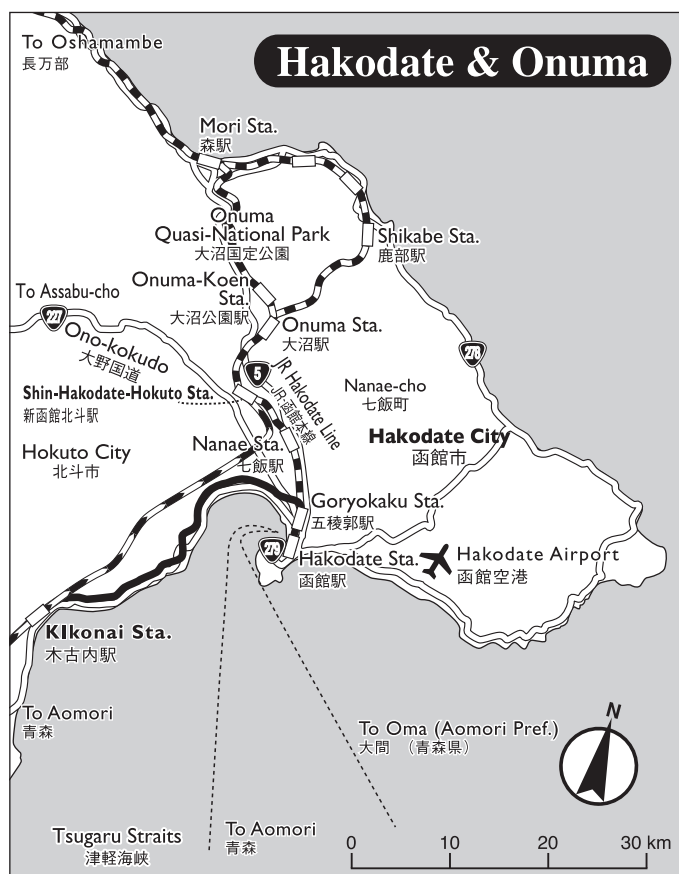
Rate per person.
¥¥¥ = more than 15,000 yen
¥¥ = 8,001 yen – 15,000 yen
¥ = 8,000 yen or less

Access:

40 min. to 1 hr. from Hakodate Sta. by local train to Onuma Koen Sta. Fare: ¥640. / 20 min. by Ltd. Exp. “Super Hokuto” to Onuma Koen Sta. Fare: ¥1,270. / 1 hr. from Hakodate Sta. by Bus.

Recommended Activities:

	Period	Fee (¥)
Pond smelt fishing	Jan. – Mar.	From ¥1,100
Snowmobile riding on ice	Jan. – Mar.	From ¥1,000
Snow hiking tour	Dec. – Mar.	From ¥2,500 / 90 min.
Conoeing tour	Summer	From ¥4,000 / 2 hrs.
Boat	mid-Apr. – Nov.	From ¥1,500 / 30 min.
Bicycle	Apr. – Nov.	¥500 / hr ¥1,000 / day
Observing big swans	Dec. – Early Apr.	Free (Watching spot “Sebatto”)



[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.

JNTO TIC (Tourist Information Center)

TIC of Japan National Tourism Organization is your helping hand while in Japan. Its main services are providing travel information and free literature on Japan such as tourist spots, transportation, and suggesting tour itineraries, etc.

1F, Shin-Tokyo Bldg., 3-3-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
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/>



Goodwill Guide Groups offer tourists from overseas local tours guided in English or other languages. The guides are registered with JNTO and display the badge shown. As they are volunteers, there is no charge for their service. You are only expected to pay for their transportation, admission to tourist facilities if you visit any and their meals if you eat with them.

JNTO Website

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



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**TOURIST INFORMATION
in the area**

Hakodate Tourist Information Center (JR Hakodate Sta.) :

12-13 Wakamatsu-cho, Hakodate city, Hokkaido

Hours: 9:00-19:00 (Apr. - Oct.), -17:00 (Nov. - Mar.)

Tel.: 0138-23-5440

To find
other Tourist Information Centers,
visit <https://tic.jnto.go.jp/>



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

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