

Gourmet Spots

How about stopping by a cafe, sweets shop or a restaurant serving western-style meals on the way to visit shrines and temples? There are many old mochi (Japanese rice cakes), dango (Japanese sweet dumplings) and Japanese confectionary shops located near shrines and temples.

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Cotton Cloth

A cozy restaurant serving western style meals that is a local favorite. It has been loved for many years as their dishes use carefully selected ingredients and have a gentle flavor that you never get tired of.

🏠 4-18-3 Hanazono 🕒 11:30-14:30, 18:00-20:00
☎ +81-134-27-2959 ※Reservations required for dinner
📅 Mondays, Tuesdays one day in advance



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Kameju Bakery

A long-established bakery founded in 1949 that opens at 4 am. The most popular item is their "thick-slice cream" featuring a 6cm thick slice of bread slathered with plenty of buttercream that is sure to fill you up.

🏠 1-5-11 Irifune 🕒 4:00-17:30 (Closed when sold out)
☎ +81-134-33-8044 📅 Sundays, Holidays

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Ramen Mikan

A ramen restaurant where people wait in line that is located next to Nantaru Market's on National Route. The menu is simple, consisting of miso, shio (salt) and shoyu (soy sauce). Each flavor is unique and leaves a lasting impression that is loved by locals.

🏠 13-13 Shintomi-cho 🕒 11:00-16:00
☎ +81-134-22-1221 ※Closed when sold out
📅 Wednesdays, Thursdays

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Former OKAGAWA PHARMACY Cafe White

Located within Otaru's 32nd municipally-designated historic building, this stylish cafe is decorated in tones of white. Menu includes roux curry, souffle omelette rice, etc.

🏠 1-7-7 Wakamatsu 🕒 11:30-21:00 (Sundays: 11:30-18:00)
☎ +81-134-64-1086 📅 Mondays, Thursdays
(open if Monday and Thursday is a public holiday)

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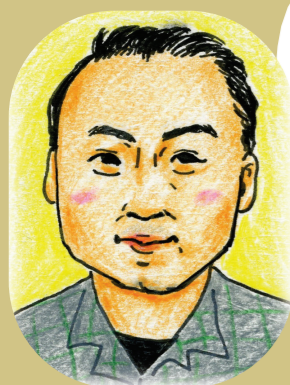
Cafe-Kiaro

Cafe located across from Nantaru Market. Take away is available. Enjoy our specialty drinks such as cappuccino.

🏠 2-13 Shintomi-cho 🕒 10:00-17:30
☎ +81-134-23-5225 📅 Sundays (& Irregular holidays)

[Symbol explanation] 🏠 Address ☎ Tel. 🕒 Business hours 📅 Regular holidays

Your guides on this course



"Otaru Annainin (guide)" Meister Mr. Tsuchiyama

After walking the recommended Shrines and Temples Course, how about extending your walk by going a little further to the Otaru Museum to learn about the history of the railroad that opened in order to transport coal and to the Bank of Japan Otaru Museum where you can find out about the history of Otaru's rapid development through shipping and finance.



"Otaru Annainin (guide)" Meister Mr. Narita

Visit peaceful shrines and temples while enjoying the mountain views of Otaru. I highly recommend the shortcut through the hills above National Route 5 from Tenjoji Temple to Sumiyoshi Shrine and the view overlooking the port after climbing the hill at Gohyaku Rakan Soenji Temple. It is naturally a dieting and trekking course. Feel free to stop by a mochi shop if you get hungry. This is somewhat different from your average course.

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Otaru walking trails
recommended
by Otaru Annainin

Places You Want to Visit, Shrines & Temples Course

Otaru contributed greatly to the development, history, culture and economy of Hokkaido. A large number of people migrated to Otaru seeking work. Many shrines and temples were built as the people who played an active role in Otaru wanted to pray for prosperity, commemorate their hometown and honor their ancestors. The shrines and temples each have their own unique characteristics. Additionally, the mansions built by people who played an active role in Otaru and historic buildings remain to this day.

Recommended Spots [Access Information]

City Line Bus

Buses run from Otaru Station Terminal in all directions on over 20 routes, with many bus stops, making it a very convenient means of transportation.

To go to spot ③ board the bus bound for "24 Otaru Ekimae" (weekdays only) and get off at "Kitagasmae" and to go to spots ④~⑥ board the bus bound for "2 Sakuramachi", "3 Shinko 2 Chome", or "6 Boyodai" from the bus stop in front of Nagasakiya.

There are also buses headed from Otaru Canal Terminal to Mt. Tenguyama and Shukutsu. There is also a reasonable one day pass for the city tour.

Contact : Chuo Bus Otaru Station Terminal ☎ +81-134-25-3333

As the mansions are spread around a large area, we recommend using public transportation when taking the Shrines & Temples Course.



Tourist Information Center

There are three tourist information centers in Otaru. When in trouble, please contact us.

- Otaru International Information Center
☎ +81-134-33-1661
- Otaru Canal & Asakusa Bridge Tourist Information Center
☎ +81-134-23-7740
- Otaru Station Tourist Information Center
☎ +81-134-29-1333

Tourist Spot Information



MAP 1 Ryugu Shrine (established in its present location in 1876)

Takeaki Enomoto, who was active as a Hokkaido pioneer, erected the shrine in honor of Emperor Kanmu at the sacred site that used to be an Ainu festival site. The "Ryuseito" sword made from a meteorite and a handwritten plaque or "Hokkai Chingo" are dedicated. The "Ryujin (Dragon God) Statue" carved with a single sword inside the shrine and bronze statue of Takeaki on the grounds of the shrine are believed to bring blessings for success in life, increased fortune, and maritime safety.

- Reitaisai (Annual Grand Festival): June 20-22
- Address: 3-22-11 Inaho
- TEL: +81-134-22-4268
- Access from Otaru Station 4 minutes walk

550m



MAP 2 Nikkoin Temple (Koyasan Shingon Sect)

This temple stands on a hill and is one of the thirty-three sacred sites in Hokkaido. There are sessions to read Buddhist scriptures and Terakoya (temple elementary school) lectures.

- Visiting Hours: 9:00-17:00
- Address: 2-22-22 Tomioka
- TEL: +81-134-22-2989

3.3km



MAP 3 Tenjoji Temple (Pure Land Sect)

This temple is famous as a popular spot where you can feel the four seasons, cherry blossoms in spring and fall foliage in autumn. There are many sights to see around the temple, such as Buddha statues.

- Visiting Hours: 9:00-17:00 (Advance Notice Required)
- Address: 4-32-1 Irifune
- TEL: +81-34-23-0975

1.2km



MAP 4 Sumiyoshi Shrine (established in 1868)

An annual grand festival called Otaru Matsuri is held here. There are 5 mikoshis (portable shrines), including the hyakkan-mikoshi which is one of the three largest mikoshis in Hokkaido. (Hyakkan is a unit of weight equivalent to approximately 375 kg)

- Reitaisai (Annual Grand Festival): July 14-16
- Address: 2-5-1 Suminoe
- TEL: +81-134-23-0785

700m



MAP 5 Ryutokuji Temple (Soto Sect)

There is an enormous wooden fish, the largest in Japan weighing 330 kg that was made out of a single piece of cypress wood. In addition, there are ginkgo trees on the grounds that turn a vibrant yellow color in the fall.

- Visiting Hours: 8:00-16:00 (varies depending on season)
- Address: 1-3-8 Masakae
- TEL: +81-134-22-0523

650m



MAP 6 Soenji Temple (Soto Sect)

Gohyaku Rakan Temple is a Tangible Cultural Property of Hokkaido. Gohyaku Rakan refers to the 500 statues of Buddha's disciples that represent Buddhist scriptures so as not to forget the teachings of Buddha.

- Visiting Hours: 9:00-16:00 (1st and 15th of April to October)
- Address: 1-19-10 Shiomidai
- TEL: +81-134-22-7772



Mochi Trivia

Why are there so many long established mochi shops in Otaru?

The unique confectionary culture of mochi, dango and Japanese confectionaries developed even during a time when rice could not be harvested in Hokkaido because rice, flour and sugar came into Otaru as it was flourishing as a trading port. In the past, they fulfilled the stomachs of the workers at the port and the unchanging taste passed down through many generations of craftsmen has been loved by Otaru locals.

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| 1 Yamasho Kaifuku-mochi | 21-9 Nishikimachi | +81-134-23-1729 | 休 Wednesdays, Thursdays |
| 2 Minato Mochi | 4-10-13 Hanazono | +81-134-23-2555 | 休 Sundays, Holidays |
| 3 Keisei-beikasho | 2-4-7 Irifune | +81-134-22-0157 | 休 Tuesdays, Wednesdays |
| 4 Kaminariyokeshinko | 1-5-13 Wakamatsu | +81-134-22-5516 | 休 Sundays, Holidays |

Recommended Mansion

MAP A Former Endoh Residence (Current: Rissho Koseikai Otaru Church)

Matabei Endoh accumulated his fortune as a seafood wholesaler and built this mansion in 1902. At first glance, the gate and wall are those of a samurai residence.

- Opening period: Open to the general public for a limited time.
- Entrance Fee: Free ○Address: 1-9-4 Tomioka
- TEL: +81-134-23-7266 (Rissho Koseikai Otaru Church)



MAP B Otaru Civic Auditorium, Noh Stage (former Otaru district meeting hall and former Okazaki Noh Stage) Closed

The Auditorium was built by donation of maritime traffic merchant Fujiyama Yokichi in 1911, as accommodation for the Crown Prince (later Taisho Emperor). The Noh stage was built by Ken Okazaki, who made a fortune as a general goods merchant, in 1926, in the courtyard of his family residence in Irifune-cho. The stage was donated to Otaru city in 1954, and it was moved to the current location when the Auditorium was relocated in 1961.

- Opening period: Civic Auditorium is closed from June 23 to the end of October 2024 for tile roof renovations. The Noh Theater is closed to the public in 2024.
- Address: 5-2-1 Hanazono ○TEL: +81-134-22-2796



MAP C Tanaka Sake Brewing Kikkogura (Former Okazaki Warehouse)

This warehouse is composed of three interconnected structures built in 1905 and 1906. The distinctive "rafter roof trussing" consists only of rafters connecting from the roof ridge to the pole plate. Currently this is the only sake brewery in Otaru. Tasting and visiting the factory are available for free.

- Business hours: 9:05-17:55 ○Entrance Fee: Free
- Address: 2-2 Nobuka-cho
- TEL: +81-134-21-2390



About Japan Heritage

In Otaru City, the following cultural stories have been approved (certified as candidate areas).

Merchant Ships Carrying Goods, Culture, and Big Dreams

(Additional certification in 2008)

Indicated by ◆ on the map.

Otaru, the City Called the "Heart" of Hokkaido: A Northern Mercantile City Revitalized by the Power of the People

(Approved as a candidate area in 2021)

Indicated by ♥ on the map.

The shaded areas represent areas of the cultural properties included in "Otaru, the Town Called the 'Heart' of Hokkaido."

- Kitahama District Warehouses
- Stores on Ironaidori Street and Sakaimachidori Street
- Ironai Banking District

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