

Annainin (Guide) Recommended

Gourmet Spots

In the North Canal area there are many shops, both long established and new, that are open in old buildings. Below are some of the shops on this route recommended by our guide.



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Soup Curry House CRAZY SPICE

Stylish soup curry restaurant.

🏠 3-3-14 Ironai 🕒 11:30-21:30 (Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays 11:30-22:30)
☎ +81-134-27-9048 📅 No holidays

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PRESSCAFÉ

A quiet, relaxing café in the corner of Former Shibusawa Warehouse.

🏠 3-3-21 Ironai 🕒 11:30-21:00 (L.O.20:30)
☎ +81-134-24-8028 📅 Thursdays, Fridays (Open if Thursdays, Fridays is a holiday)

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Ichinoya

Located inside Rinyu Morning Market. Popular for kaisen-don and tempura.

🏠 3-10-15 Ironai 🕒 5:00-14:00
☎ +81-134-32-7737 📅 Sundays

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Asaichi Shokudo

Located inside Rinyu morning market. It serves set meals, and rice & seafood bowls.

🏠 3-10-15 Ironai 🕒 4:00-14:00
☎ +81-134-24-0668 (Nov. to Mar.: 5:00-14:00)
📅 Sundays

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Ramen Appare Temiya Shop

Noodles in pork bone broth. Restaurant's recommendation is Ebishio (shrimp and salt).

🏠 1-1-3 Temiya 🕒 11:00-15:00
☎ +81-134-27-2325 17:00-21:00
📅 Tuesdays (Open if Tuesday is a holiday)

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Shimakage Liquor Store

Sells liquor during the day but turns into "Zakkasu", Japanese style pub in the evening.

🏠 13-10 Nishikimachi 🕒 9:30-18:00 and 18:00-23:00
☎ +81-134-23-3593 📅 First & Third Sundays

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STONE and IRON

Café & bar with good ambiance in a renovated stone warehouse.

🏠 2-2-8 Ironai 🕒 [Lunch] 11:30-15:00 [Dinner] 17:00-22:00
☎ +81-134-61-1214 (Thursday Dinner only,
Sunday 11:30-15:00, 17:00-21:00)
📅 Mondays

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

Your guides on this course



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This area is home to two national assets of culture. In addition, the area is also known for its earliest market in Otaru opening at 4 am, and the "Kimi-chan" family statue that became the model for the "Red shoes" nursery rhyme. There are many nice places to visit.



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The scenery in the North canal area is great for taking photos. The many old buildings built in the Meiji era will take you back to a time when Otaru flourished. Take a stroll along the canal in memory of those days.

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Otaru walking trails recommended by Otaru Annainin

The Romantic North Canal Course

Otaru canal is a harbor facility constructed in 1923. It was built landfilling the coast and has been playing the important role to connect the workboats and the warehouses to exchange cargoes. The north section called "North Canal" has 40 meters width and there're still many workboats moored even today. While in the Temiya area, there's a railway heritage which contributed to the development of Otaru in the past. You can feel the old days of the city walking along it. Please enjoy taking a stroll around the areas and think of Otaru of the good old days when the city prospered as a Hokkaido gateway.

How to Reach the Course Starting Point

There is also a rest area and a bar.

MAP ① LeTAO Canal plaza shop

LeTAO Canal plaza shop is located on the corner where Chuodori Street, which runs straight from the station to the sea, and the Hokkaido Prefectural Otaru Rinkosen Street meet.



🏠 2-1-20 Ironai
☎ +81-134-64-1001
🕒 10:00-22:00 (Hours subject to change depending on the area and season)
📅 No holidays

- Nearest Building : Hotel Nord Otaru, Otaru Museum (Annex)
- Nearest Station : Otaru Station (about 600m, 8-minute walk)

☆Access :

- ① Exit Otaru Station and take Chuodori Street towards the sea. Walk for 8 minutes.
- ② From Sakaimachidori Street where Kitaichi Glass is, walk about 7 minutes along the Otaru Canal and away from Sapporo.



↑ Chuodori Street as seen from the station

Tourist Spot Information



MAP ① LeTAO Canal plaza shop

LeTAO is located in the Former OTARU WAREHOUSE, the oldest commercial warehouse in Hokkaido. There is also a rest area and a bar. Also there's the statue of Bunko which was a mascot dog of the Otaru city fire department.

10-minute Walk



MAP ② Kitahama Bridge

A bridge known for the statue of "Girl calling the seagulls". You can see the classic scenery that many ships are moored in the side canal.

1-minute Walk



MAP ③ Former Shibusawa Warehouse

The warehouse on the right was built around 1892, and two more were added later. This warehouse is associated with Shibusawa Eiichi, who is on the 10,000 yen note. Currently a live house "GOLDSTONE" is open for business in it.

5-minute Walk



MAP ④ Canal Park

Park located in front of the Former Nippon Yusen K.K. Otaru Branch. There're statues of Isamu Hiroi and Choemon Ito who contributed to the development of Otaru port and the family featured in the nursery rhyme "Red Shoes".

2-minute Walk



MAP ⑤ Rinyu Morning Market

(4:00-14:00, Closed Sundays)
Opens at 4:00 which is the earliest open time in Otaru. A lot of fresh seafoods are on sale and the restaurant in the market are good for early breakfast.

8-minute Walk



MAP ⑥ Otaru Museum

(9:30-17:00, Close on Tuesdays or the next day when Tuesday is public holiday)
There's the starting point of the opening of Hokkaido railways. The Former Temiya Line in the museum is designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan. Annex museum located next to the LeTAO Canal plaza shop is also good to learn the Otaru history.

15-minute Walk



MAP ⑦ Former Otaru Branch of Nippon Yusen Co.

(Scheduled to reopen on April 25, 2025)
Designed by Shichijiro Satachi and built in 1906. This is one of the most famous stone made building in western style. It's designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan.

7-minute Walk



MAP ⑧ Tanaka Shuzo Head Store

Their sake is made in the shop whose building was built in 1927. This is the only sake brewery in Otaru. (Local sake tasting is available)
☎ +81-134-23-0390



View from Temiya Park & Temiya Botanical Gardens. You can see the ocean through the cherry blossom in spring.

The exterior of former Ukon warehouse. There's a sign on the top of the wall to indicate who owned the warehouse.

A factory which was built at the same time as the Otaru Canal.

The view of Otaru Canal from the Chuo Bridge is very beautiful.

Hokkaido's first railway line was opened in 1880, connecting Otaru/Temiya and Sapporo, and was used to transport coal and other materials. A walking path was constructed to preserve the original tracks after the railway line was discontinued in 1985. It takes about 25 minutes to walk from Sushiyadori Street to the Otaru Museum.

For 8 minutes on foot between ① and Otaru Station.

About Japan Heritage
In Otaru City, the following cultural stories have been approved.

- JAPAN HERITAGE 日本遺産**
- Merchant Ships Carrying Goods, Culture, and Big Dreams** (Additional certification in 2008)
Indicated by ◆ on the map.
- Powering Japan's Industrial Revolution** (Approved in 2019)
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 in 2025)
Indicated by ♥ on the map.

