

Gourmet Spots

On the mountainside area you will find many Italian, French and other stylish Western-style restaurants. Below is information about restaurants you can find on this route recommended by our guide.

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Sankaku Market

Lcated very close to Otaru Station, the market has several slopes, just what you'd expect in a hilly town like this. The market restaurant is found here.

🏠 3-10-16 Inaho ☎ +81-134-31-5557 ⌚ 8:00-17:00 📅 Varies by store.

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Trattoria Confortevole

The restaurant offers pasta made of 100% Hokkaido wheat & homemade desserts.

🏠 1-20-1 Tomioka ☎ +81-134-22-1156 ⌚ [Lunch] 11:30-14:30 [Dinner] 17:30-21:00 📅 Thursdays

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Otaru Milk Plant

Well-known for its "soft cream" (soft serve). Ideal for a snack.

🏠 2-12-13 Hanazono ☎ +81-134-22-5192 ⌚ [early April-September] 11:00-18:00 [October-early November] 11:00-17:30 📅 No holidays (Open: early April-early November) ※Opens from 10:30 am on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays



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Otaru Muse

This beautifully candlelit, western-inspired restaurant is very popular for its signature dish, dry-aged beef hamburger steak simmered in a savoury sauce.

🏠 1-11-7 Inaho ☎ +81-134-31-6300 ⌚ [Lunch] 11:00-14:30 (L.O.14:00) [Dinner] 17:00-20:30 📅 Mondays (or Tuesday when Monday is a public holiday)

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Hachi's Home Roasted Coffee Shop

Popular for its fresh home roasted coffee, bread, and cakes.

🏠 12-1 Sumiyoshi ☎ +81-134-27-6408 ⌚ 11:00-17:30 📅 Wednesdays, Thursdays (open for business if a public holiday)

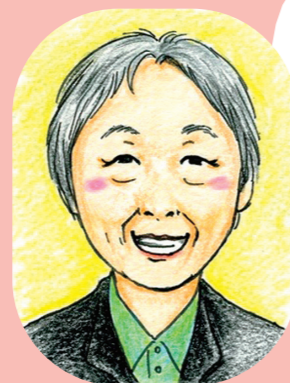
[Symbol explanation] 🏠 Address ☎ Tel. ⌚ Business hours 📅 Regular holidays

Your guides on this course



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The Jigokuzaka or "hell slope" found on this course is also known as a "gourmet slope". When you feel tired walking up the hill, take a break at one of the popular cafes here. When hungry, there's well-known restaurant waiting. The superb view great food will bring pleasure to both body and soul.



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When walking this course, you may encounter landscapes that resemble famous paintings of Zensaku Nakamura or Zen'yu Sato. Enjoy this beautiful scenery that many famous painters fell in love with, and try to find your favorite landscape.

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Otaru walking trails
recommended
by Otaru Annainin

Discover the Hills, Slow Walking Course

There're a lot of hills in Otaru because it's surrounded by mountains and sea. Let's say you go up a steep slope road then look back, you'll see beautiful sceneries such as sailing ships in the blue ocean or hazy Mashike mountain range. Also at the bottom of hills, you can enjoy the historic buildings which were built when Otaru prospered as a commercial city in Hokkaido.

Hill Course Starting Point and Access Information

MAP ① Otaru station

The entrance faces National Route 5, with a bus terminal and a taxi stand right in front. There is a tourist information center inside the station building where you can get tourist guide maps and information.

🏠 2-22-15 Inaho
☎ +81-134-22-0771 (Otaru Station)
+81-134-29-1333 (Otaru Station Tourist Information Center)

Line: JR Hakodate Line

- **First & Last Train for Sapporo:** First 5:38, Last 23:09 (as of March 1, 2025)
- **Nearest Building:** Nagasakiya Otaru Store, Sanbiru Square
- **Nearest Bus Stop:** Otaru Station, Otaru Ekimaedori

☆ **Access :**

- ① From JR New Chitose Airport Station, 1 hour 13 minutes at the shortest by Special Rapid Airport / Rapid Airport Train. 33 minutes at the shortest from JR Sapporo Station.
- ② From Sapporo Station, about 1 hour by Chuo-bus "Otaru Express".



There is a
tourist information center
here.

Tourist Spot Information



MAP ① JR Otaru Station

Built in 1934 as the first RC construction in Hokkaido.

5-minute Walk



MAP ② Funamizaka Slope

Funamizaka Slope which has 15% grade is one of the most steepest slope roads in Otaru.

20-minute Walk



MAP ③ Otaru Catholic Church

The church with a red spire on a sunny day looks like a fabulous painting.

20-minute Walk



MAP ④ Otaru University of Commerce

The only national university in Otaru and it's located on the top of Jigokuzaka slope. Famous novelist Sei Ito and Takiji Kobayashi learnt there.

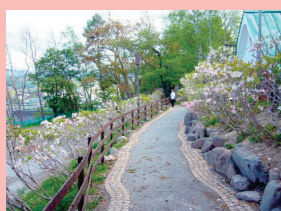
35-minute Walk



MAP ⑤ Otaru Civic Auditorium

Built in 1911 when the Japanese crown prince at the time visited to stay.

5-minute Walk



MAP ⑥ Otaru Park

Opened in 1893. It's a good place to enjoy cherry blossom and azalea in spring, wisteria trellis in the beginning of summer and red leaves in autumn.

20-minute Walk



MAP ⑦ Suitengu Shrine

It's located at the top of the hill and you can look over the Otaru harbor.

20-minute Walk



MAP ⑧ JR Minami Otaru Station

A station for Horonai Railway which was opened in 1880 as the first railway in Hokkaido. It was named Kaiuncho Station and changed to the current name Minami Otaru Station in 1920.



To Mt. Tenguyama

We recommend you to visit Mt. Tenguyama if you have time.
The night view from the top is very beautiful.

Slope Information

Dangozaka Slope

The slope was named Dangozaka slope (Dumpling slope) because it was a shorter way to a famous dango shop.

Gaijinzaka Slope

The slope was named Gaijinzaka slope (Foreigner slope) because a German family was living at somewhere close to the 123 stone steps between Suitengu shrine and Sakaimachi.

Shokuninzaka Slope

The slope was named Shokuninzaka slope (Craftsman slope) because there're many stores by craftsmen such as Buddhist altar builders, painters, metal artisans, woodwork joiners and frame builders.

Sanbongizaka Slope

The slope was named Sanbongizaka slope (Three trees slope) because there were 3 big Japanese elm trees in the middle of the slope. They are gone now but the sailors were using those huge trees as a landmark from the sea.

Designated as a Historic Building by Otaru City

Takuboku Ishikawa Monument

Optional route. Choose according to your mood.

Sumiyoshi Shrine



About Japan Heritage

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



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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)
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