

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

Located 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 ☎ +81-134-23-2446
🕒 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
📅 Irregular 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



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Otaru Annainin
Otaru Kanko Daigakko

Otaru walking trails recommended by Otaru Annainin

Discover the Hills, Slow Walking Course

Your guides on this course



"Otaru Annainin (guide)" Meister Ms. Kondo

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.



"Otaru Annainin (guide)" Meister Mr. Iwasaki

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.

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 hazed Mashike mountain range. Also at the bottom of hills, you can enjoy the historic buildings which were built when Otaru was prospered as a commercial city in Hokkaido.

Hill Course Starting Point and Access Information

There is a tourist information center here.

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 ☎ +81-134-29-1333 (Otaru Station Tourist Information Center)

Line: JR Hakodate Line

- **First & Last Train for Sapporo:** First 5:38, Last 23:08 (as of December 1, 2025)
- **Nearest Building:** Nagasakiya Otaru Store, Sanbiru Square
- **Nearest Bus Stop:** Otaru Station

☆ **Access:**

- ① From JR New Chitose Airport Station, 1 hour 14 minutes at the shortest by Special Rapid Airport / Rapid Airport Train. 34 minutes at the shortest from JR Sapporo Station.
- ② From Sapporo Station, about 1 hour by Chuo-bus "Otaru Express".



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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 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.



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
Coop Sapporo Otaruminami Store
Otaru Kyokai Hospital
Otaru General Hospital
Otaru Futaba High School
JR Minami Otaru Station
Sanbongizaka Slope
Former Kaiyoutei
Marchen Crossroads
Sakaimachidori Street
The Former Kyosei Company (Otaru Orgel Doh Main Building)
Former Kyosei Company (Kitaichi Glass Sango-kan)

To Mt. Tenguyama

(Above) View from Momiji Bridge.
 (Below) The Noh stage inside the Otaru Civic Auditorium is open to the public from late May to mid-September.

Jigokuzaka Slope
 The slope was named Jigokuzaka slope (Hell slope) because students of Otaru University of Commerce had to go up the steep road on foot everyday because there were university and public transportation wasn't developed enough.



Asahi Scenic Observatory
Seiryu Junior High School
Koyasan Shingonshu Nikkoin Temple

Former Otaru Congregational Church
Inaho Elementary School
Former Headquarters of Otaru Mujin Co., Ltd.
National Route 5
Industrial Hall
Nagasakiya Otaru shop
Miyakodori Shopping Street
Otaru Municipal Museum of Literature & Art
Mitsui Trading Company, Otaru Branch
Otaru Bine
Otaru Art Base
Former Mitsui Bank Otaru Branch
Otaru Canal
Otaru Canal Terminal (Former Mitsubishi Bank, Otaru Branch)

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

- Japan Heritage** (Red circle icon)
- Merchant Ships Carrying Goods, Culture, and Big Dreams** (Additional certification in 2018) (Green circle icon)
- Powering Japan's Industrial Revolution** (Approved in 2019) (Blue circle icon)
- Otaru, the City Called the "Heart" of Hokkaido: A Northern Mercantile City Revitalized by the Power of the People** (Approved in 2025) (Red heart icon)

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